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The Valley Voice staff and volunteers wish everyone a peaceful, safe and happy holiday season.



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for the annual
Lions Club of
St Marys Christmas
Parade 2014, on
24 December 2014

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Break O'Day Council concerned over announcement made regarding job losses at Cornwall Coal 8 December 2014

The Break O'Day Council is concerned about the impact of recently announced job losses at Cornwall Coal, the major employer in the Fingal Valley.

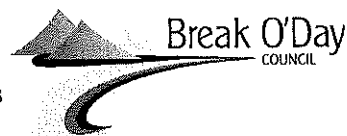
Mayor Mick Tucker said, "The Council heard indirectly that the Company would be reducing its workforce by approximately 22 employees with no timeframe being given".

"The Council has been in contact with Cornwall Coal and had hoped to have met with the General Manager to discuss the situation; the provision of support to the retrenched workers by the Company; and the long term future of the Company," Mayor Tucker explained. "The loss of these jobs will have a significant impact on our local communities which have the highest unemployment rate in the State, whilst the number may seem small to some, this would be the equivalent of an employer in Launceston shedding 250-300 employees," stated Mayor Tucker.

Mayor Tucker stated, "The Council will assist in any way possible and is focussed on turning the unemployment situation around, it will be calling on the State Government to work with the Council and the local community to strengthen the local economy across a range of sectors."

"The Council has recently completed an Economic Development Strategy for the area and is working proactively on a number of projects which would have significant economic benefits to the area and the region as a whole," Mayor Tucker said.

For further information please contact **Mayor Mick Tucker** on 0419 372 813.



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Christmas Carols in the Park, Avoca - 20 December 2014

Lions Club Christmas Parade St Helens/St Marys - 24 December 2014

St Marys Twilight Races - 1 January 2015

Oceania Orienteering Championships and World Cup Round One St Helens - 9-12 January 2015

St Helens Rotary Regatta and Wood Chopping Carnival - 24 January 2015

Once Upon A Stage - 31 January 2015

Community Groups

AA St Helens meet Wednesdays 8pm at St Paul's Anglican Church hall, St Helens. *Murdoch 6376 3335*

AA St Marys meet Fridays 7pm at Holy Trinity. *Mick / Shirl 6372 2909*

Al Anon St Helens (Family Group) meet 2pm Sundays at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall St Helens. *Anne/John 6376 4270 / Rose 6376 3335*

Beumaris Swap Markets are held monthly on the 1st Sundays at Beumaris Park from 11-1pm. Plastic bag free, gold coin donation per stall (bookings required). *Laura 6372 5687*

BINGO at the Cornwall Hall Mondays at 7pm, 2 jackpots each week. All welcome.

Break O'Day Regional Arts meet monthly on the 1st Thursday in the Supper Room at St Marys Community Hall, 5.30pm. (except for January which is the 2nd Thursday) **RAYC** Regional Arts Youth Company for school aged children is on Thursdays 3.30-5pm. Session cost \$5 or \$40 p/10 week term. All welcome. *Michelle 0407 046 865 e: bodregionalarts@gmail.com*

The B.O.D. Stitchers meet each Friday 10-3pm at the Neighbourhood House Bungalow in St Helens.

The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc. meet monthly on the last Thursday at 11am in the Goods Shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

The Chocolate Shop Singers meet Thursdays 5pm at the Mt Elephant Fudge shop St Marys for informal and fun singing. Everyone welcome.

The Cornwall Community Development Group Inc. hold their general meetings on the 1st Tuesday every month. Hall hire available. *Raz / Deb 6372 2261*

East Coast Community Transport, Community Hall, 23 Main Street, St Marys. *Jan Saunders 6372 2137*

The Falmouth Community Centre contact for booking club facilities is *Cherrie Schier 0417 887 941*

The FVNH Op Shop is happy to receive pre-loved clothing and goods weekdays 9-3. Donations can be collected on Mondays or items can be left at the Centre. Come along, check it out and pick up a bargain. *Deb Speers FVNH*

Greater Esk Tourism meet 7pm at Fingal Neighbourhood House on the 2nd Monday of each month, unless otherwise notified. *0412 425 666*

The Scamander and Beumaris Community Development Association meet monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 7pm in the Scamander Sports Complex.

Scamander Garden Club meet monthly on the 3rd Monday at 1.30pm in the Scamander Sports Complex. Enjoy sharing garden activities. *Val 6372 2762*

The St Helens Walking Group walk each Wednesday and 3rd Saturday monthly. New members are most welcome. *Healthy House 6376 5242 / Bryan Edhouse 6376 3439*

St Marys/Falmouth Playgroup is held 10:30-12:30 each Wednesday at the Falmouth Community Centre. Join us for only \$3 per family in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. *Tash Speers 0419 591 905 / Amy Faulkner 0417 152 337*

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary meet monthly on the 1st Monday at 2pm in the St Marys Community Health Centre.

St Marys Ladies' Midweek Tennis meet 9.30am each Wednesday. New players & beginners welcome. Child minding included - a lovely safe place to bring toddlers while you play. *Karon 6372 2382 / Dana 6372 2033*

St Marys Markets are held monthly on the 1st Saturday at the St Marys Community Hall 9-1pm. Christmas may see a second market in the month - stay tuned for updates.

Michael Smith (BODR Arts) 6372 2056 / 0407 046 865

St Marys Online Access Centre, 23b Main Road St Marys. Mon to Fri 9.30-4.30 Sat 11-2. *6372 2005*

The St Marys Op Shop (School Association) is open 10-4 weekdays and Market Saturdays 10-12.30. We are happy to receive ALL pre-loved items excluding electrical. SMALL donations can be left at the St Marys Newsagency. Please do not bring goods to the counter unless you intend to pay for them at that time. Check out the Facebook page.

Janet Drummond - Coordinator 0404 562 320

St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc. meets every 2nd month on the 3rd Wednesday, 3pm at various venues.

Barry 6372 2575 (aulich@bigpond.com)

Jim 6372 2127 (jimhaas@bigpond.com)

www.fingalvalleyhistory.com

Stallholders' Market Inc. is a nfp organisation that holds markets on Saturdays 8-12 in the Portland Hall St Helens. *e: sthelenmarket@yahoo.com.au*

Suncoast Singers meet every Friday, 10am in the Catholic Hall Cecilia Street, St Helens. New singers welcome ... if you can talk, you can sing.

Mary-Anne Wadsworth 6376 2969

The Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc meet monthly on the 3rd Monday at 10am in the St Marys Community Health Centre, Day Care Room.

Wanted

Someone to escort well behaved old gent from London to Melbourne c9th March 2015. Will pay part fare. *e: jackbforeman@gmail*

On this day in 1970 - Divorce became legal in Italy

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For Sale

Leather lounge includes 4 recliners, as new condition \$2,500 (paid \$5,000). **Coffee table** with decorative wooden base and glass top, as new condition \$250 (paid \$900). *Darlene 0438 534 763*

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Red leather **recliner chair** \$400. Single 6" foam mattress \$20. 3 **double doona covers** \$15. Single fitted sheets/p.cases \$10 the lot. **Lovely white tea for two set and tray** \$30. Beautiful **Billabong jacket** \$80. **Ironing board and cover** \$20. Blackwood dressing table, little damage \$150. *6372 2489*

The St Marys Sports and Social Club have **wooden dining room chairs** for sale. They have dark yellow vinyl padded seats and backs. \$2 each. *Jim on 6372 2441*

2 x metal-framed **loft beds with desks** (ex Harvey Norman), mattresses not included \$250 ea. Glen Air **portable air cooler** with fittings \$50. **Wooden carved chest** 34x16/20" high \$25. **Wooden carved chest** 27x11/13" high \$15. **Boys black and green Raleigh bike** 32", 20" tyres \$75. **Girls pink/grey Avanti bike** 32" 20" tyres (had a few problems) \$75. *6372 2112*

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Community Notices

The final **BODRA St Marys market** is on Saturday 20th December (9am to 1pm) ... come along and enjoy; relax with a cuppa and something to nibble on. Finish that last bit of Christmas shopping from our stallholders *Michael on 0407 046 865 / bodregionalarts@gmail.com*

Found in St Marys, purse. *Contact Editor or the St Marys Police.*

Thanks to Jim, Trevor, Alana, Bobby and Jacqui at the **St Marys Sports and Social Club** for a lovely luncheon for the Valley Voice crew. The food was lovely, service excellent and everyone had a great time. Editor.

INVITATION

Would you like to join
JAM (Jesus And Me)
this Friday night, 19 December at 7pm
at the Salvos (behind the Town Hall)
to celebrate with



CAROLS and a NATIVITY
the
BIRTH
of



JESUS - the REASON for the SEASON!

The **Rotary Aluminium Can** collecting bin has been moved from the porch at the St Marys Op Shop to Story Street, at the corner of **Riverwillow Artspace**. We have moved it due to the Op Shop being painted, and the upcoming Streetscape revamp in the New Year. Please don't forget about it - as a community we have done well and filled a few bins for Rotary. *Janet Drummond, St Marys*

The **Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House** will be holding a Special Meeting at the St Marys Hall on 7 January 2015 at 9:30 am.

The Agenda will consist of :

1. The adoption of the updated constitution
 2. The review of the Council lease on the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House and its adoption if accepted
- The updated constitution can be viewed at the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House notice board. All welcome.
The Management Committee

The Valley Voice thanks **Mark Westbrook** for his prodigious assistance in unloading tons of paper. Ye ar verra kin!

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary wish to advise that no meeting will be held in January.

Seasons greetings to all and a big "thanks" for your ongoing support.

Kevin Faulkner, Secretary

The President and members of the **Lions Club of St Marys** wish everyone a very Happy Xmas and a prosperous and successful 2015.

Our sincere thanks for your support throughout 2014, and our invitation to all to make this year's Xmas eve party a great success by your attendance.

Kevin Faulkner, President

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

The Stuff-up St Marys Project - oh sorry - The St Marys Streetscape Project

Can anyone please tell me, when our Break O'Day Council (plus the whole of Australia) is in so much debt, why is all this money being wasted on a Stuff-up Project?????

Time and time again this had been voted against!!!!!!

What part of 'voted against' does council not understand?

But still they are doing it, whilst St Marys Pass has gone through a truckload of band-aids to try and hold it together.

I'm not the brainiest person on the block, and I'm not ashamed to admit that, but even I can work out that you spend money on things that are broken, which is not the Main Street of St Marys.

When 99% of residents of St Marys, Fingal Valley, surrounding districts (even St Helens residents) and travellers to St Marys all say 'leave our road and parking alone', why won't our so-called council abide by what the MAJORITY OF PEOPLE want, instead of running with what a handful of people want.

I thought MAJORITY rules, or is that only when it comes to councillors and not the wishes of the people?

Isn't council supposed to be there for the people, and listen to the people, and help with what the majority of people want? Not to run with a project that only a handful of people instigated?

Why do we have to vote, and why worry about community consultation??? Why bother with either, when council does what it wants?

One more thing - a number of people have asked me if BODC are going to supply paint etc. so all the St Marys businesses can repaint their shop frontages, like BODC has done for the Op Shop. Forgive me if I'm wrong, but I honestly thought (along with many other people), the St Marys Op Shop is a part of the Education Department, not a BODC project...and is privately owned.

As the saying goes - What's good for the goose is good for the gander.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Kim Watkins, St Marys

Dear Editor

How lovely to see the Christmas trees lining the streets of St Marys, along with the bright coloured streamers hanging from the power poles! The efforts of those involved are much appreciated as it creates an atmosphere of celebration, community spirit and township pride. Well done to those involved, and a very lovely Christmas to everyone in our community.

Kind regards,

Hannah Rubenach, St Marys

Dear Editor

Like many others I think the biggest issue with the Main Street changes will be loss of parking spaces. Agree or disagree, this change will happen, so maybe trying to deal with what we will have may be the best thing to do. Freeing parking spaces seems to be the priority; shop owners and staff could maybe park off street where possible, there are parking facilities beside the Community Hall (this also

needs more signage for visitors). Also I am sure there is parking available at the rear of some shops that could be utilised, there are also parking spaces in side streets that are not that far from shops. I am sure that we are all on the same page and want all the businesses in our town to remain open and viable. One good thing is that there will no longer be a dangerous narrow step in front of some shops as the road will be raised to a safe level. Years ago when the angle parking was first put in, the same debate raged. We learned to live with it and get on, so let's accept what we can't change and all try to do what we can to help in this situation. Just for the record I do disagree with these changes.

Regards

Dana Smith, St Marys

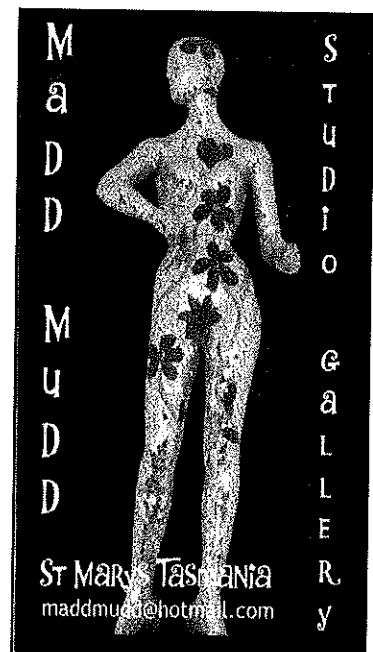
St Helens Walking Group

Saturday 15 November was the last walk of the year for the Saturday group. In ideal weather, 12 walkers set off for the Blue Tier, commencing their walk at the old township site of Poimena and following a track which winds its way through the bush, eventually dropping down to Weldborough. There were three creek crossings which required boots off and a wade through the water, or the donning of large garbage bags over footwear and legs - must say the latter looked rather comical but did the job nicely! The waratahs are now in flower and this area is always a beautiful spot to enjoy their attractive show. Several tiny pink orchids were spotted and a large tiger snake was disturbed, sunning on a sandy section of the track.

Whilst we didn't make it all the way to Weldborough we did reach a point which gave some good views across to farmlands beyond. Lunch was enjoyed and stories swapped in a cool, shady section - all sharing some delicious 'Judith' fruit cake before making our way back to the cars. It was disappointing to see the track had been cut up in several sections by the use of motor bikes, however it was also good to meet some polite young fellows out on their mountain bikes enjoying the bush as we were.

Unfortunately a report from the Wednesday group is unavailable this issue. Anyone wishing to join our walking group - either a short ramble every Wednesday or a more strenuous stroll every third Saturday of the month, please call either *Bryan* 6376 3439 or *Healthy House* 6376 2971. We'd love to see you!

*Wendy Milgate,
St Marys*

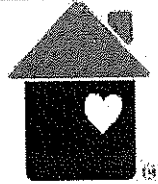


Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc.
will be closed for three weeks for the Christmas break

Closing 23 December 2014 until 12 January 2015

Bread will be available at the FVNH from 10-11am on:
Monday 29 December 2014 and 5 January 2015
Wednesday 24 December 2014, 31 December 2014 and 7 January 2015
SECOND BITE will resume 14th January, 2015

The committee, staff and volunteers would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a
happy and safe new year
Looking forward to seeing you all in 2015!



FINGAL VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC
Christmas Parade 2014

Tuesday 23 December 2014

We will be leaving the Fingal Town Hall at 6pm.

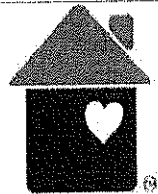
There will be a BBQ at the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House in the Garden Area.

A donation would be appreciated

There will be prizes for BEST DRESSED GIRLS and BOYS Under 3, 5, 10 and 12 years

Hope to see you all there

**The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Committee, Staff and Volunteers would like to wish you all a
WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

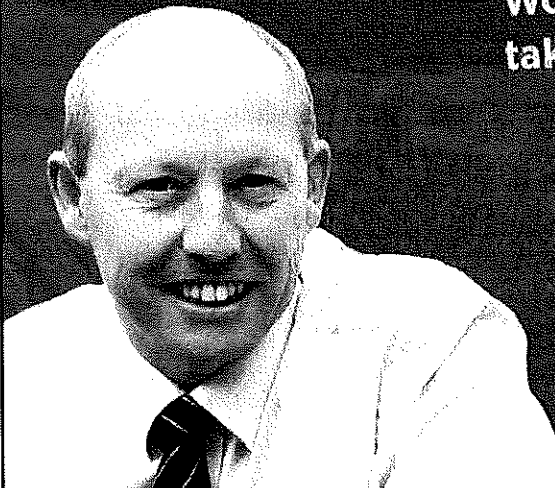


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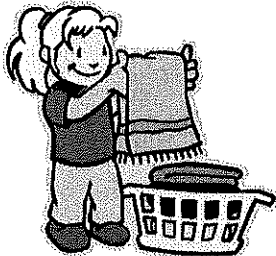
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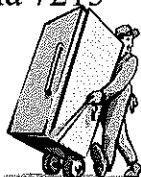


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Envoy Mel Norton, Corps Officer (Minister) of the St Marys Salvation Army, would like to extend heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the hardworking, loyal and fantastic friendship team of Stuart Kerr, Vicki Howard, St Marys Pharmacy, Felicity Spilsbury, Don and Val Brown, and all the JAM and JLT parents for their ongoing support. Special thanks to Michelle Menz, Bruce and Kaye Nailer and Hazel Jones for their continued support and kindness toward the team.



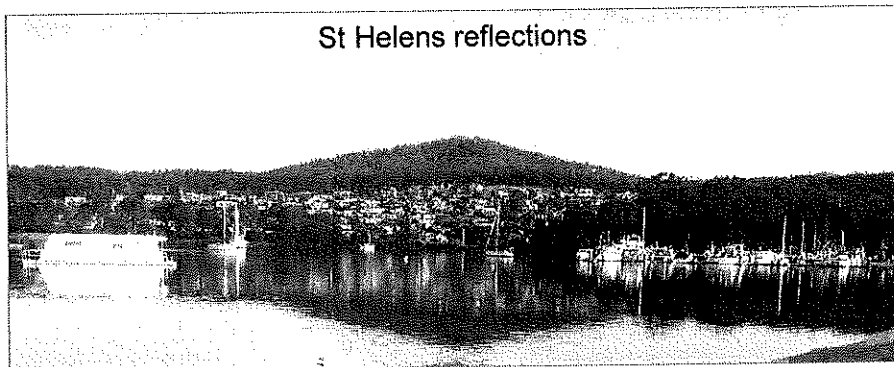
JAM, JLT, JOY and the overall work of the Salvos in St Marys remains afloat because of the generosity of such people. While our presence in the town, at our new location, is no longer as visible as before, I can assure readers that there is much that is positive, uplifting, beneficial, even sometimes surprising, occurring in our little building. To all the Valley Voice readers, I extend the warmest of wishes for a relaxed, contented Christmas season, full of tenderness and real caring for one another. Jesus came, after all, to show us a new way to live, and that pivots on true sacrificial love.

The **BODRA AGM** was held last Thursday with a good number of members present to vote in the new Committee of:

Chairperson: Margaret Osborne (OAM)
President: Wendy Fowler
Vice President: Barbara Longue
Junior Vice: Brittany Smith

Secretary: Michelle Kaal
Treasurer: Evelyn Hoogland
Markets: Michael Smith

General Committee - the largest we have had for three years!!! Sincere thanks extended to the outgoing Committee for all the hard work that has been done in the last year and best wishes to the new Committee. Our Patron – Margaret Osborne (OAM) stated that in all her years on various Committees in Break O'Day that she has never seen positions have to go to a vote. Very pleased to see the Arts being so well supported in our area. Special mention from Market Manager – Very Big Thank You extended to Wendy Fowler, Stuart Kerr, Glyn Johnson and Karl Balzer for their continued assistance with set up / pack up at markets and events.



Get ready for adventure with the Summer Reading Club!

Young Tasmanians are encouraged to read over the long summer break by joining the LINC Tasmania Summer Reading Club, which runs from 1 December 2014 until 31 January 2015.

Anette Casimaty of LINC Tasmania's Public Programs team, said today that, "it's a free holiday reading program and this year's Summer Reading Club is all about adventure, dodging danger and journeying beyond your wildest imagination".

"The Summer Reading Club is delivered nationally giving participants the chance to connect with other children across the country."

"LINC's and libraries throughout Tasmania will be holding adventure themed activities to tie in with the Summer Reading Club theme this year."

"Last year 34, 576 Australian children registered for the club, with more than 230,000 books read over the 2013/14 summer holidays," she said.

Ms Casimaty said the club is a fun way to keep kids engaged with reading over the summer break, and by registering online from 1 December children have the chance to win an iPod.

"There are lots of activities online and the opportunity to win great prizes," she said.

The Summer Reading Club is run in libraries and online in partnership with the State Library of Queensland and the Australian Library and Information Association.

For more details about the Summer Reading Club contact your local LINC or library, or visit the LINC Tasmania website at www.linc.tas.gov.au

For further information contact: Anette Casimaty, Librarian LINOnline and Public Programs on (03) 6165 5550 or anette.casimaty@education.tas.gov.au

The Teaspoon

When my brother and I were children we would often ask our mother to tell us the story of the teaspoon. This particular teaspoon has a plane engraved on it, and the words 'de Uiver' (the stork, in Dutch), 'London to Melbourne 1934'. On October 30th 1934, a gentleman named Sir Macpherson Robertson, of MacRobertson Chocolate Freddo Frog and Cherry Ripe fame, organised the biggest air race from Mildenhall in East Anglia, England, to Essendon Melbourne, to celebrate the Melbourne Centenary.



Crew of the Uiver at Mascot, 1934

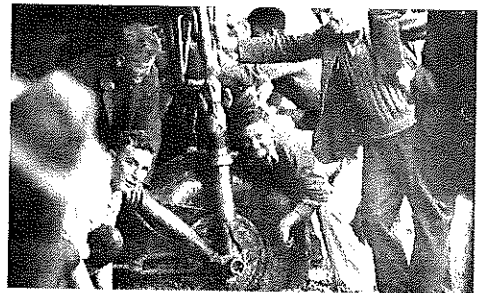
There were apparently 60 entries from many parts of the world, but they were quickly reduced to about 20 due to storms over the alps and deserts. KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines) president Albert Plesman entered one of their two DC2 all-metal fuselage aircraft, which flew weekly between Holland and Java, Dutch East Indies, with the words 'just make sure you get there'. Amy Johnson and Sir Charles Kingsford Smith also entered the race with new planes. This was a huge event and the world, through newspapers and wireless (radio), eagerly followed the 11,3000 miles over deserts, mountain ranges and oceans.

The Dutch crew, Dick Parmentier, JJ Moll, van Brugge and Prins were joined by one woman and two men as paying passengers. From Singapore to Darwin there were only three aircraft left, I believe, and de Uiver flew in second place. Interestingly, there were no radio coverage across Australia; they flew with RACV road maps and had to use Morse code to get to

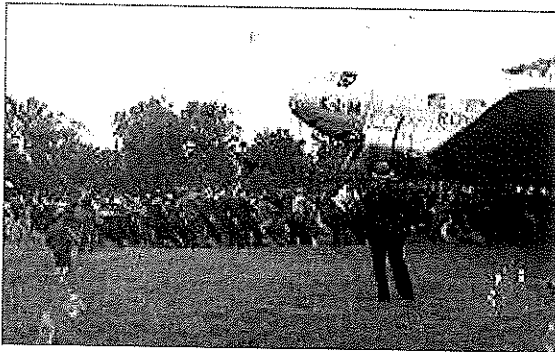
Charleville in Queensland.

From there the weather forecast looked ominous, with a massive storm front, huge clouds and no communication with the ground. The outside temperature was below freezing and ice formed on the wings. Turbulence, pitch black night and no radio. The pilots did not know where they were, they were running out of fuel and within minutes of crashing into the Australian Alps.

The people of Albury were listening to the ABC wireless race reports when they heard, through the storm, an engine a couple of thousand feet over houses. The far-thinking Arthur Newman from the ABC, and his friend Reg Turner who knew Morse code, used Albury's street lights to send a message to help the crew find the racetrack. Meanwhile, via the wireless, people were urged to drive their vehicles to the track and line up in parallel lines to create a landing strip. Cars rushed down, the plane dropped a flare, lowered it's undercarriage and de Uiver landed safely.



The wheel of KLM Douglas "de Uiver" in mud at Albury Racecourse - Albury, NSW



Uiver being pulled out of the mud by Albury residents

The world heard the news even before the propellers had stopped, just 22 minutes from Arthur Newman's call out. By morning, the whole of Albury was out at the race track with much excitement, but due to the very heavy rain the plane was now well and truly stuck in the mud. The people rushed into action again with ropes. 50-60 people on each rope pulled the plane free, and it took off for Melbourne an hour later; at 2.52pm they arrived, as second placegetters and winners of the handicap section, at Essendon.

Parmentier thanked the people of Albury, and Mayor Alf Waugh received a Dutch Knighthood in 1935. The people of Albury raised money for a monument in Holland, and now, 80 years later, an old DC2 is in Albury awaiting restoration. de Uiver crashed somewhere years ago (see postscript).

How did we get to have the teaspoon? Well, this commemorative piece of silverware was given to my mother in early 1935, because she happened to be on duty at the Amsterdam International telephone exchange and had connected the KLM president and the crews' wives with the men in Melbourne.

One of our favourite childhood adventure stories from the days when radio and flying were great adventures...

Jan Sparkes, St Marys

Postscript: A month after returning from Australia, de Uiver crashed in the Syrian desert in December 1934 during a mail flight from America to Jakarta, killing all on board. It was an extra flight for Christmas and there was 350 kg of mail on board. After a stop in Cairo, Wim Beekman decided not to leave because of bad weather, but KLM director Albert Plesman threatened to fire him. Following the tragedy, the people of Albury contributed to a memorial erected in Holland to honour those killed in the crash. The original de Uiver only flew for three months. Editor.

A British man changed his name to Tim Ppppppppprice to make it harder for telemarketers to pronounce.



Envoy Mel Norton, Corps Officer (Minister) of the St Marys Salvation Army, would like to extend heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the hardworking, loyal and fantastic friendship team of Stuart Kerr, Vicki Howard, St Marys Pharmacy, Felicity Spilsbury, Don and Val Brown, and all the JAM and JLT parents for their ongoing support. Special thanks to Michelle Menz, Bruce and Kaye Nailer and Hazel Jones for their continued support and kindness toward the team. JAM, JLT, JOY and the overall work of the Salvos in St Marys remains afloat because of the generosity of such people. While our presence in the town, at our new location, is no longer as visible as before, I can assure readers that there is much that is positive, uplifting, beneficial, even sometimes surprising, occurring in our little building. To all the Valley Voice readers, I extend the warmest of wishes for a relaxed, contented Christmas season, full of tenderness and real caring for one another. Jesus came, after all, to show us a new way to live, and that pivots on true sacrificial love.

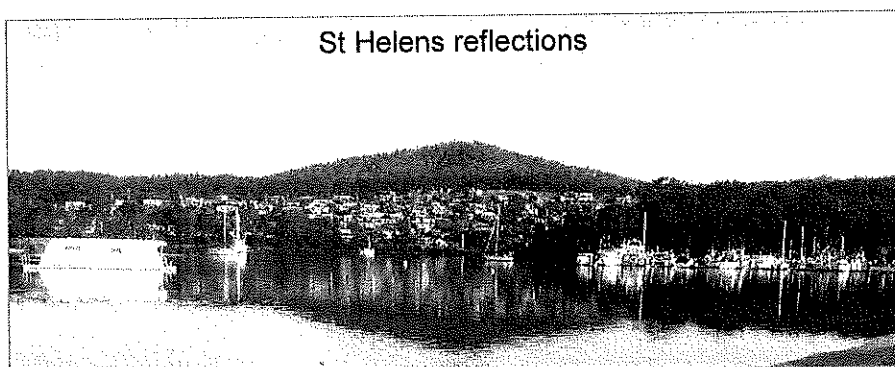
The **BODRA AGM** was held last Thursday with a good number of members present to vote in the new Committee of:

Chairperson: Margaret Osborne (OAM)
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General Committee - the largest we have had for three years!!! Sincere thanks extended to the outgoing Committee for all the hard work that has been done in the last year and best wishes to the new Committee.

Our Patron - Margaret Osborne (OAM) stated that in all her years on various Committees in Break O'Day that she has never seen positions have to go to a vote. Very pleased to see the Arts being so well supported in our area. Special mention from Market Manager - Very Big Thank You extended to Wendy Fowler, Stuart Kerr, Glyn Johnson and Karl Balzer for their continued assistance with set up / pack up at markets and events.



Get ready for adventure with the Summer Reading Club!

Young Tasmanians are encouraged to read over the long summer break by joining the LINC Tasmania Summer Reading Club, which runs from 1 December 2014 until 31 January 2015.

Anette Casimaty of LINC Tasmania's Public Programs team, said today that, "it's a free holiday reading program and this year's Summer Reading Club is all about adventure, dodging danger and journeying beyond your wildest imagination".

"The Summer Reading Club is delivered nationally giving participants the chance to connect with other children across the country."

"LINC's and libraries throughout Tasmania will be holding adventure themed activities to tie in with the Summer Reading Club theme this year."

"Last year 34, 576 Australian children registered for the club, with more than 230,000 books read over the 2013/14 summer holidays," she said.

Ms Casimaty said the club is a fun way to keep kids engaged with reading over the summer break, and by registering online from 1 December children have the chance to win an iPod.

"There are lots of activities online and the opportunity to win great prizes," she said.

The Summer Reading Club is run in libraries and online in partnership with the State Library of Queensland and the Australian Library and Information Association.

For more details about the Summer Reading Club contact your local LINC or library, or visit the LINC Tasmania website at www.linc.tas.gov.au

For further information contact: Anette Casimaty, Librarian LINCOline and Public Programs on (03) 6165 5550 or anette.casimaty@education.tas.gov.au

The Teaspoon

When my brother and I were children we would often ask our mother to tell us the story of the teaspoon. This particular teaspoon has a plane engraved on it, and the words 'de Uiver' (the stork, in Dutch), 'London to Melbourne 1934'. On October 30th 1934, a gentleman named Sir Macpherson Robertson, of MacRobertson Chocolate Freddo Frog and Cherry Ripe fame, organised the biggest air race from Mildenhall in East Anglia, England, to Essendon Melbourne, to celebrate the Melbourne Centenary.



Crew of the Uiver at Mascot, 1934

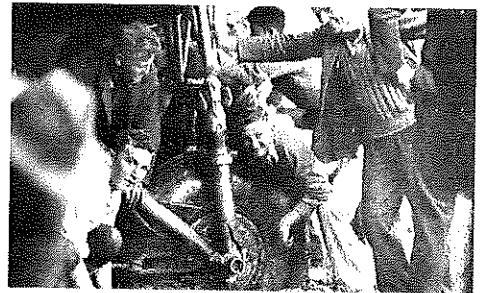
There were apparently 60 entries from many parts of the world, but they were quickly reduced to about 20 due to storms over the alps and deserts. KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines) president Albert Plesman entered one of their two DC2 all-metal fuselage aircraft, which flew weekly between Holland and Java, Dutch East Indies, with the words 'just make sure you get there'. Amy Johnson and Sir Charles Kingsford Smith also entered the race with new planes. This was a huge event and the world, through newspapers and wireless (radio), eagerly followed the 11,3000 miles over deserts, mountain ranges and oceans.

The Dutch crew, Dick Parmentier, JJ Moll, van Brugge and Prins were joined by one woman and two men as paying passengers. From Singapore to Darwin there were only three aircraft left, I believe, and de Uiver flew in second place. Interestingly, there were no radio coverage across Australia; they flew with RACV road maps and had to use Morse code to get to

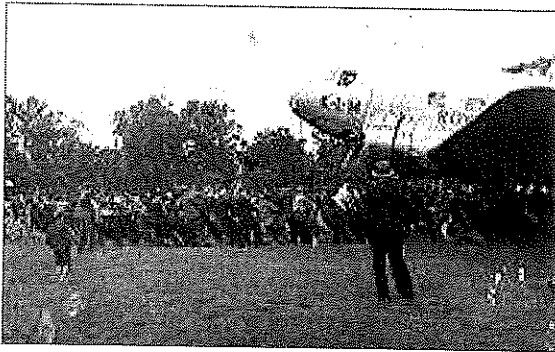
Charleville in Queensland.

From there the weather forecast looked ominous, with a massive storm front, huge clouds and no communication with the ground. The outside temperature was below freezing and ice formed on the wings. Turbulence, pitch black night and no radio. The pilots did not know where they were, they were running out of fuel and within minutes of crashing into the Australian Alps.

The people of Albury were listening to the ABC wireless race reports when they heard, through the storm, an engine a couple of thousand feet over houses. The far-thinking Arthur Newman from the ABC, and his friend Reg Turner who knew Morse code, used Albury's street lights to send a message to help the crew find the racetrack. Meanwhile, via the wireless, people were urged to drive their vehicles to the track and line up in parallel lines to create a landing strip. Cars rushed down, the plane dropped a flare, lowered it's undercarriage and de Uiver landed safely.



The wheel of KLM Douglas "de Uiver" in mud at Albury Racecourse - Albury, NSW



Uiver being pulled out of the mud by Albury residents

The world heard the news even before the propellers had stopped, just 22 minutes from Arthur Newman's call out. By morning, the whole of Albury was out at the race track with much excitement, but due to the very heavy rain the plane was now well and truly stuck in the mud. The people rushed into action again with ropes. 50-60 people on each rope pulled the plane free, and it took off for Melbourne an hour later; at 2.52pm they arrived, as second placegetters and winners of the handicap section, at Essendon.

Parmentier thanked the people of Albury, and Mayor Alf Waugh received a Dutch Knighthood in 1935. The people of Albury raised money for a monument in Holland, and now, 80 years later, an old DC2 is in Albury awaiting restoration. de Uiver crashed somewhere years ago (see postscript).

How did we get to have the teaspoon? Well, this commemorative piece of silverware was given to my mother in early 1935, because she happened to be on duty at the Amsterdam International telephone exchange and had connected the KLM president and the crews' wives with the men in Melbourne.

One of our favourite childhood adventure stories from the days when radio and flying were great adventures...

Jan Sparkes, St Marys

Postscript: A month after returning from Australia, de Uiver crashed in the Syrian desert in December 1934 during a mail flight from America to Jakarta, killing all on board. It was an extra flight for Christmas and there was 350 kg of mail on board. After a stop in Cairo, Wim Beekman decided not to leave because of bad weather, but KLM director Albert Plesman threatened to fire him. Following the tragedy, the people of Albury contributed to a memorial erected in Holland to honour those killed in the crash. The original de Uiver only flew for three months. Editor.

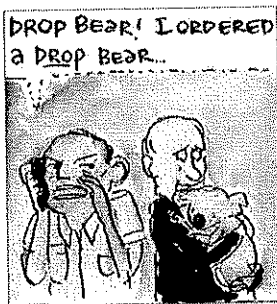
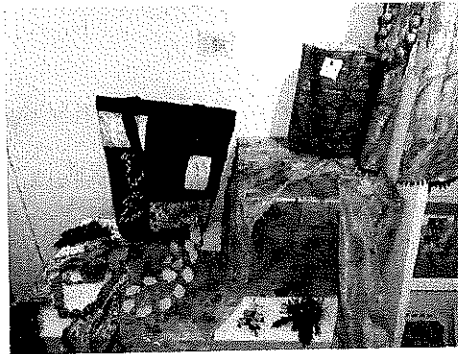
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News from the Suncoast Gallery 27b Quail St. St Helens

Merry Christmas and what a lovely year we've had with many 'oldies' and also some new members to swell the ranks, and offer an ever bright and joyful display of goods to catch your eye.

Quoting Robert D. Hales "The meaning of Christmas is a time to share our gifts, strengthen others ... Christmas is a time to express our love to others ... I hope each of us has the opportunity to give anonymously."

Suggested gifts for the festive season are captured in these photos. We also have leatherwork and woodwork in stock at The Suncoast Gallery. *Article and photos by Peggy Bogar*



At the height of Rin Tin Tin's fame, a chef prepared him a daily steak lunch. Classical musicians played to aid his digestion.



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Vending machines kill four times as many people as sharks do each year.

SURVIVE THE SILLY SEASON

TasNetworks is urging the Tasmanian community to be safe around electricity and to take care when erecting Christmas lights in their homes and gardens.

This festive season, TasNetworks will run a social media awareness campaign - "Survive the Silly Season" - to remind customers of the dangers faced when using Christmas lights.

TasNetworks CEO Lance Balcombe said people who were decorating their homes needed to be particularly careful when re-using Christmas lights.

"Lights and cords can deteriorate when they have been in storage for eleven months, so householders should carefully check them for cracking or other damage before they plug them in. Most importantly, if the cord is frayed or perished it should be replaced by a licensed electrician, or the set of lights should be discarded immediately," he said.
Mr Balcombe reminded householders wishing to install lights on home exteriors, and in gardens, to ensure they were labelled as suitable for outside use and to check extension cords were properly insulated.

Customers are encouraged to use common sense in order to enjoy the pleasure of seeing gardens and homes alight with festive colours, with complete safety.

Mr Balcombe said using common sense could help ensure a safe festive season.

Keep in mind the following tips:

- **Keep your Christmas lights well away from water** - If you've pulled out your old Christmas lights and they're a bit dusty, make sure you clean them before you plug them in. Remember, don't touch them if your hands are damp and always keep your lights well away from water - inside and outside.
- **Check your Christmas lights for damaged cords and cables** - Before you set up your Christmas lights, check them carefully for frayed, damaged or worn cords and cables. If they are damaged, you either need to get them fixed by a licensed electrician or throw them away. If everything's ok, unwind them fully before you plug them in to test them.
- **Never piggyback adaptors or powerboards** - When setting up your Christmas lights, please make sure you don't 'piggyback' double adaptors or powerboards. It's simple to stay safe this Christmas!
- **Always unwind your extension cords** - When hooking up your Christmas lights, make sure any extension cords are fully unwound. Extension cords that are tied or 'knotted' up can overheat and become a fire threat. It's simple to stay safe this Christmas!
- **Be careful near powerlines** - When carrying or using ladders, or installing Christmas lights near powerlines, make sure you stop, look up and look out. Touching, or even getting too close to powerlines can be fatal.

"If we all take these and other safety precautions we can enjoy the festive season in the knowledge that we are safe at the same time," Mr Balcombe said.

More information: *Luke Edmunds 0499 990 232*



The Say, by Cageattler

I love our Valley now more than ever, but I feel real fear for the future of this wonderful place. In the past few weeks, a major employer has found it necessary to curtail the employment of many of its workers and this must cause Fingal, St Marys and other places (not least Scamander) a lot of worry, where many good souls who now find themselves out of work. Mining is always a risky and uncertain thing; markets change and other external impacts can affect it so much. This said though, our local coal mines have been a strong link in the community and have been going pretty strong for a long time. In former times, farming and timber mills were also a huge component of employment but with their waning, coal has been even more important.

I hope that the decisions made in recent weeks, the loss of good people who now face an uncertain future, will help secure a sustainable industry for more than a token period of time. If not, what do we have left in the Valley to bring prosperity? How about our useless, egocentric politicians of both State and Federal persuasions and from all parties give up sniffing trees, counting their pensions and actually DO SOMETHING to secure the future of places just like ours.

We have a Federal Government that is embarrassingly snubbing its nose at the rest of the world with climate change - how can their ideology be believed? For all the mistakes of the former Labor Government, at least they tried with the Carbon Tax, the Mining Tax and so on. It's complicated, but surely the current crop are shamefully wrong. I'm not a huge fan of the Greens but I do respect their views on sticking up for legislation that will help combat climate change and due diligence of industry accountability. We must fight on with this, but we must also be sure we don't throw out the baby with the bath water ...there has to be a place for mining and forestry along with farming, and there HAS TO BE many more grounds for sensible concessions by all parties, so that an all or nothing mentality isn't the driving force for outcomes. It's too important for all of us not to ... God help our country and please send some sense to politicians. They need all the help they can get.

As this is the last edition of 2014, I'd like to thank everybody for allowing me to write my ramblings and a special thanks to Wendy (editor) of our dear old Valley Voice for letting me contribute these words - very much appreciated by me. Have a good Christmas/New Year...and hopefully hope to go again in 2015...Cheers.

What do you think?

Rod McGiveron, St Marys

**In the mid-1960s, Slumber Party Barbie came with
a book called *How to Lose Weight*.
One of the tips was *don't eat*.**

Some Thoughts by Mel Norton

Where were you born? In a hospital? At home? In a taxi? In a tent?

We often read reports of women giving birth in emergency situations - there was recently a story online about a lady who didn't make it in time to the hospital and her husband delivered their baby beside a busy freeway, while hundreds of cars whizzed by, the occupants unaware of the new life emerging on the edge of the road.

So where was your 'nativity' - the scene of your birth? Are you a *native* of a small town or big city?

There's another well-known birth event which many people celebrate at this time of year - the birth of JESUS.

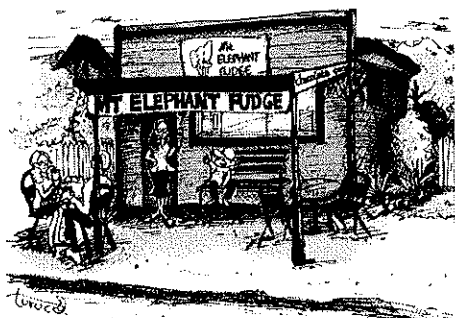
Joseph and Mary were caught out too. They had travelled a long distance to fulfil the law of the land, which required them to return to Joseph's home town in order that they be included in the census. So many people were on the move that by the time they reached Bethlehem, there was 'no room at the Inn.' But the Innkeeper was kind and offered them the use

of a small space, maybe a stable, where animals were kept. Thus the baby Jesus was placed in a manger, a feeding trough, no doubt full of smelly hay.

No fancy hotel, no gold lined crib, no sparkling clean instruments of delivery at this seemingly inauspicious birth. This child, Jesus, began life in poverty and humility. The scene of his birth, His NATIVITY, is often represented by a set of miniature figures, including the Holy Family, Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus, the Shepherds (Jesus' first visitors) some animals, and often the Magi - Wise Men from the East - delivering gifts.

This year as we consider Christmas, I wonder if we have room for Jesus.

Imagine, if we could make our hearts a stable, Jesus could be born again!



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very hot FN Queensland. 36 deg here Saturday,
quite a contrast to home, phew!!

Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes in the past
months. They are truly appreciated!

Enjoy Xmas everyone
Hoping to see you all soon
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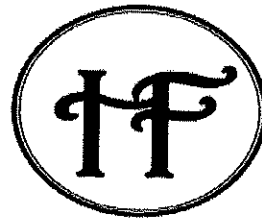
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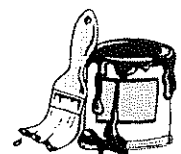
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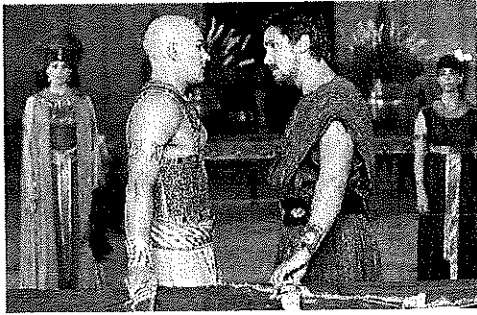
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Director Ridley Scott's *Exodus: Gods and Kings* is the second biblical epic to emerge from Hollywood this year involving furry-faced leaders and large bodies of water. In the battle of the beards, Russell Crowe won hands down. His society of jaw-devouring hair as Noah, in director Darren Aronofsky's soggy blockbuster of the same name, trumps Christian Bale's as Moses in Scott's flashily rendered but classically framed take on the story of the banished leader rebelling against Pharaoh Ramses (Joel Edgerton) and taking the Israelites out of Egypt.

While Aronofsky's film felt like a compromised work – an ambitious art project squeezed into the mould of a mega-budget spectacle, or vice versa – *Exodus* is tonally far more consistent, and Scott's approach a natural fit with the material. Spectacular state of the art special effects and a bulging sense of scale bring fresh largess and in both films invite new interpretations of familiar narratives: Noah as the first environmentalist and now Moses as the first heavyweight union boss.



With stories as well-known as this, the devil – or the divine, as the case may be – is in the detail. Surprises are scant but help keep the mothballs at bay. The burning bush is consumed of blue flame and in Moses' conversations with the big guy upstairs God has been replaced by a young blue-eyed boy – Caucasian, of course, because this is Hollywood, and Hollywood whitewashes.

Exodus: Gods and Kings could be read as one long and arduous procurement of an enterprise bargaining agreement, the final results literally carved in stone. When Moses returns to Ramses after being booted from the kingdom he requests his people be freed from the shackles of slavery. Ramses rejects the idea on the grounds it would hurt the economy.

Joel Edgerton, smoothly shaved and frocked up in an array of preposterous outfits, makes a bizarrely effective Pharaoh. His perception of a power mad spoiled brat is broadly pitched along the same lines as ball park equivalents – Joaquin Phoenix's protracted hissy fit as Commodus in Scott's *Gladiator*, say – but Edgerton tones back the iron fist dictator shtick just at the moments you expect him to boil over into vein-popping delirium. This lends his performance unpredictable menace, a pleasant surprise given the role is hardly conducive to wildly divergent interpretations.

Bale is given even less room to move, figuratively speaking; the beefed-up final act certainly involves a lot of walking. The film languishes, particularly in set up and conclusion, but when the juicy stuff hits – plagues of locusts, a river of blood, the parting of the red sea, Bale and Edgerton as small faces bobbing up in front of huge walls of CGI – Ridley Scott is clearly in his element. He serves up a mean dose of biblical disaster porn: God as the original screenwriter for Roland Emmerich. And while it's disappointing that long running times are as synonymous with biblical epics as beards and scandals, the veteran director is under no false assumption that his first commandment is to do anything less than entertain.

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Barry Manilow did not write his hit "I Write the Songs."

What's in a Window Display?

Every year, I put a lot of thought into how I will decorate the window of my business for Christmas. I want it to be stylish but simple, and also (of course) to look attractive to prospective customers.

However, there is more to it for me than just another festive display. The *meaning* of Christmas is something that I also want to convey, but not necessarily in an obvious manner.

As an artist, my work has (I hope) initial visual impact, but also an underlying emotional and often spiritual level of meaning. I try to do the same with my window display at Christmas time.

Since we have been house sitting for some months, most of our possessions (including our Christmas decorations) are in storage. As they say, necessity is the mother of invention! I decided to have a frugal display, using upcycled materials and things that were in the cupboards in my studio.

My husband collected some dry branches for me from the bush on our block. After some experimenting, I arranged a few of them in a very large old ceramic ginger pot, and arranged the rest around its base. Some weathered fence palings and 3 old tea chests formed a display 'table'.

Sheets of hymn music from a damaged church hymnal were repurposed into paper chains and hearts. For safety, the tea lights in the display are battery operated. Wine glasses turned upside down made great stands for them, with some small pine cones from my daughter inserted underneath in the part you usually drink from.

Today, I added some Christmas cards (also featuring old hymn music) to the mix.

So, what's really in *my* Christmas window display?

First, it was important to me to include lights. In this case, electric tea lights. These represent Jesus, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas and who is called the Light of the World. (John 8:12)

The chains made from paper represent freedom. As an old hymn says, 'my chains fell off; my heart was free!' (See also Isaiah 61:1).

The hearts are obvious – they represent love! Jesus said, 'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.' ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.' (John 15:13, 14)

The rustic wooden branches speak to me of both Jesus' humble birth and His ignominious death. He came to earth to be King, but not the kind of king everyone expected!

The wine glasses turned upside down make me think of wine poured out, just as Jesus' blood was poured out on our behalf (Luke 22:20).

The cones, or seeds, remind me of one of Jesus' parables, about the Word of God falling like seeds on fertile or infertile ground (Matthew 13:3-9; 18-23). His words can take root in our hearts and grow, or wither and die through our own inattention or rejection of them.

So if you get a chance, I invite you to come and have a look at my Christmas window display, and ponder the deeper meaning of the festive season. It is about so much more than giving or receiving gifts – it's about what each of us does when we are offered the greatest Gift of all!

Maybe we can try to remember this in the midst of all the commercialism and self-interest that has taken over our Christmas celebrations. Maybe we can share some of Christ's love to those around us, in gratitude for the undeserved grace we have received.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas,

Rita Summers, St Marys

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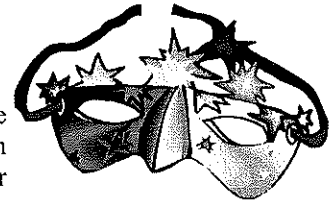
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Sean Connery turned down the Gandalf role in *Lord of the Rings*.
"I read the book. I read the script. I saw the movie. I still don't understand it."



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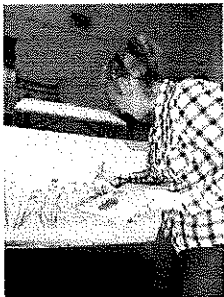


Markets – our monthly markets have run smoothly with an increase in bookings throughout the year!! Stall holders are happy and return regularly. A great group of members offer a huge variety of goods for sale; the atmosphere is friendly and effusive.

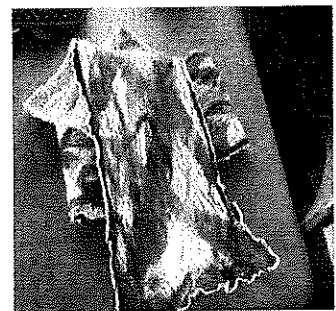
Workshops – now completed for 2014. Well received and with regular attendees from St Helens. Several workshops from this year have been requested for 2015 again.

This year's happenings have included: Calligraphy, Martial Arts, Chair Massage, Know your Camera, Tie Dyeing, Learn to Crochet, Felting, Papermaking, Fabric Painting, Hip Hop Dance, Christmas Card & Trinket Box Making, Spinning, Candle Making and Ferro Cement Sculpting. Tutoring for all these workshops were done by local resident artists.

We are currently putting our 2015 programme together and hope to include some tutoring in tatting, basic machine sewing, knitting socks on 4 needles, mosaics, creative writing, Photoshop, local history and research techniques, Smartphone photography



St Marys markets



Jane Austen Festival – Successful April 2014 event (even with no power in the Hall as the formal dance started). Costume workshops throughout the year were well supported; adults and children all looked great for the dance and church the next morning. Dance caller and harpists are pencilled in to do 2015 for us – looking at running in August for 2015, a week after the Hobart event.

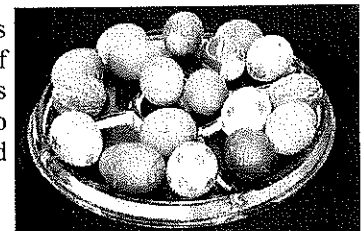
RAYC (Regional Arts Youth Company) – Quiet year but very enthusiastic small group. The youth have been heavily involved in the direction of group and have recently shown a desire to get back into drama; so they have started to develop some short skits. The group has enjoyed a lot of Art based activities and cooking throughout this year – probably more the eating!! All RAYC members submitted entries into this year's GET Photographic competition – this was first year with a junior section. They are all excited about restoration of the piano in the hall and will actively work with fundraising in 2015. Photographic and Film Making skills are to be part of 2015 activities and they wish to be part of the January "Once Upon a Star" event.

Festival of Voices – This year was the first time FOV Hobart has extended the event up the East Coast of Tassie - great night well supported by community and local artists. We were able to run the night on a shoestring budget thanks to volunteers, other community groups and local musicians who all gave their time freely. There were 106 persons in the Hall at the height of the night when Conceal were performing. As this was a free event total numbers are difficult to calculate; many people wandered in and out throughout the performances. Big thanks also to those who assisted with the workshops that were run during the day – the hall was busy from the time doors opened until they shut.

Wrapped in St Marys – BODRA again sponsored this local event. 2014 was the 3rd year of this being run in St Marys. Quilts entered into the competition are displayed "wrapped" around power poles in the centre of town allowing locals and tourists to wander at their leisure. In conjunction with this event, there was a knitted / crocheted Mug Cosy competition and a display of Antique Quilt Samplers.



National Volunteers Week 2014 – This event was held in May with the support of BODC. Light dinner of soup and chicken wings was put on for local volunteers and certificates were presented to them. We plan to continue supporting Volunteers Week for 2015 and beyond.



Continued overleaf...

Home is Where the Hall is - joint programme with Regional Arts Victorian (RAV). BODRA has joined the Project by sponsoring our monthly Markets and John McColl's Ferro Cement Workshop.

Restoration of hall piano – The original owner's family has confirmed they are very happy and honoured that this is being done for Maisie (she recently turned 100). Fundraising, donations and grants (?) to be reviewed and arranged through 2015. History and photo's to be gathered and presented. Plaque to be done on completion. Quote for repairs to be initiated.

Once Upon A Stage – January 31, 2015 Saturday Night "Impromptu" 7pm – 10pm.

River & Willow managing. 15 minute time limit for performers. \$20 Family \$10 single – light supper included. Willow to MC. Performers to get refund of 50% entry fee.

Swamp Juice Puppets – March 27, 2015 Friday Night / Portland Hall St Helens

This travelling show was negotiated with Regional Arts Victoria some twelve months ago and is now part of "10 Days on the Island" for 2015. Posters and tickets sales will be released to our communities just after Christmas.

Meetings for 2015 - Now moved to first Thursday of each month, 5.30pm in supper room at the back of St Marys Hall (except Thursday January 2nd).

St Marys Cricket Club

Match report 6/12/14

St Marys v Pyengana at Pyengana

Due to the wet weather this game was cancelled

Match report 13/12/14

St Marys v Scamander at St Marys.

Finally a game at home and the Tigers were ready to go after having two weeks without a game. Scamander won the toss and decided to bat. Our opening bowlers started well, restricting the batsmen from scoring freely. Jacob Spilsbury with a great 4 over spell of 1/9 got us off to a good start. Scamander at the 10 over mark had only scored 29 runs. After drinks Roger Salter 3/7 and Gary Cooper 2/21 kept the pressure on and at the end of the innings Scamander finished with 8/84. Our best bowling performance to date.

So the St Marys run chase started in a flurry with 15 runs off the first over due to opening batsmen Craig Freiboth. At the 10 over mark the Tigers were 1/59. That left 26 runs to get in the last 10. Our batsmen got on with the job and finished the chase in the 14th over scoring 2/85. Craig top scoring with 38, Bryn Norton 14, Josh Mathews 15 n/o and Chris Turner 10 n/o were the only batsmen needed.

A really good all-round performance and a very handy win. Well played fellas!

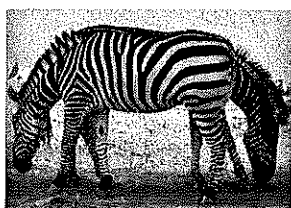
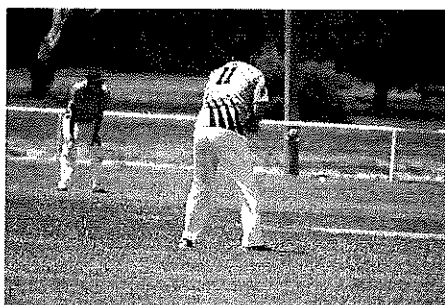
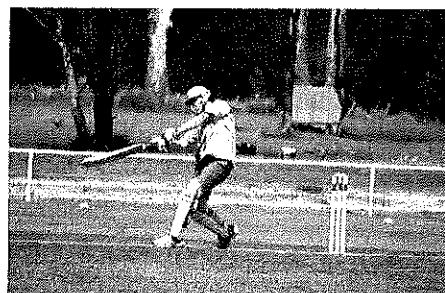
Club note: The St Marys Tigers Cricket Club would like to wish our sponsors St Marys Hotel, C&D Excavations, Caltex St Marys, our supporters and family's a very merry Christmas.

Date to remember: 14 February 2015

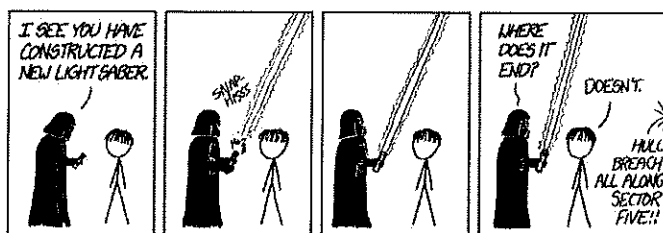
We are hosting another McGrath Foundation Pink Stumps day. More details later.

Chris Turner, Capt/coach

Photos by Alana Hendley



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St. Marys Pacing Club

Hello All

The St Marys Pacing Club is progressing well with all things in place for our race day, and we'll only be praying for good weather as the day grows near.

As you all may know, this year the race day is going to be a twilight meeting with the first race starting at approximately 4pm (depending on Sky Channel timeslots) and finishing around 8pm.

We would like to thank the loyal sponsors who have contributed towards our club once again. Without these loyal individuals and businesses our race club would find it difficult to survive.

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A big thank you to these wonderful loyal sponsors.

Cense consulting Group at St Helens has once again sponsored our Race Lady Competition with a \$200 first prize, St Marys Pharmacy will sponsor the most Sun Smart Lady, and Ana's Hair and Beauty St Marys sponsors for the Best Hair. The Tiny Tot event will be conducted for the junior boys and girls with great prizes as well.

The major raffle will be drawn on track after the running of the St Marys Cup. The first prize is a wheelbarrow of groceries' valued at \$200, second prize a toaster oven and third and fourth prizes are Bunning's gift vouchers.

Thanks to the wonderful sponsors who have donated to the club in support of a free jumping castle for the children to enjoy, as well as a free raffle for the children with a girl and boy prize drawn out.

On the horse racing front there will be a "Guaranteed Eight races", with six races totalling \$5000 in prize money. This is a bonus for all horse owners - the Bullock Consulting 3yo Guinness will be a \$7000 race, and the Southern Cross TV St Marys Cup worth \$10,000 will see some of Tasmania's best horses making their way to St Marys.

As usual I will request the aid of anyone who would like to help out in any way, either setting up the day before or on race day. Any help will be much appreciated to assist our hard-working, dwindling committee members.

Remember, the race day is a day that your family and fellow community members can enjoy, and if you'd like it to CONTINUE we require your help to make it happen. Any help, no matter how insignificant, is very much appreciated.

We are having afternoon teas, and any help with provisions towards this would be appreciated. If you would be kind enough, let me or one of our committee members know if you are able to help.

Have a safe and merry Christmas, and I look forward to catching up at the Races.

Thanks

Craig Woods Secretary STMPC 0437 742 351 / zugylarry@gmail.com



*Divas Delight winning the
128th St Marys Pacing Club Cup 2014*



**John Glenn...As I hurtled through space,
one thought kept crossing my mind -
every part of this rocket was supplied by
the lowest bidder.**

A famous ice hotel rebuilt every winter in northern Sweden will this year install fire alarms.

The Ice Hotel, located in the small Arctic town of Jukkasjarvi, is following a request by authorities to guarantee the safety of its guests. Hotel spokeswoman Beatrice Karlsson said the hotel was a little surprised at first, but understood as "there are things that can actually catch fire, like pillows, sleeping bags or reindeer skins. To us the most important concern is the safety of our clients, so we will comply," she said.

The hotel will open from December 6 to April 13, with prices ranging from \$368 for a single room to \$1452 for the most expensive suite. Tourists travel from across the globe to sleep on an ice bed in temperatures as low as -8°C. The alarms have made construction of the hotel, conceived as a work of art, even harder than before.

"The environment is humid, and ice and snow... move, so it had to be taken into account," Ms Karlsson said. "It's been a challenge for our building team, but it made us one experience richer."

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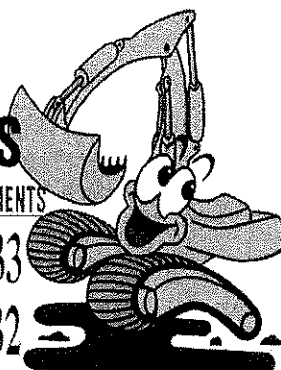
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When things come in threes...a Christmas story

Daisy Dell farm, Lower Germantown. December 1965

We held an all-night prayer vigil before our unlit fire. (No-one had the will or energy to light a fire that night). Early next morning, father rode to St Marys to try and get some news of mother's condition. The doctor had returned to St Marys at daybreak - the news was grim.

'Jack, prepare yourself and your children for the worst' he warned. 'I'll come with word one way or another as soon as I get it' he promised.

We all did our routine work in a trance-like state then three days later, the doctor came with word that there was a slight improvement but could be a possible relapse as the poison moved out of her body. For two and a half weeks, things remained virtually unchanged.

Then one day we heard the familiar rumble of the doctor's car. We had a seesawing emotions - fear and joy for what message he would deliver? We held our breath as he got out of the car but he didn't speak. Our hearts sank, was this bad news? He walked solemnly to the passenger door, opened it courteously and out stepped mother! She was thin, pale, weak and trembling, but her precious motherly smile was as strong as ever. She opened her arms for a welcoming embrace. What joy, as it was three days to Christmas day.

There were no presents that Christmas morning, for much money was needed to pay for the three weeks of medical expenses. The doctor refused payment of any kind, even a Christmas turkey.

'I'm thrilled with the outcome. Mary's recovery is my Christmas present as well as yours - I'm glad I could help. Christmas is the time of giving and rejoicing.'

How true! And how we thanked God for restoring to us the most precious person in the world. It was the best present we ever had!

Only one thing marred that Christmas morning of 1926 - the absence of Elsie and Doris. It was the first time our family had been separated for Christmas. Having our complete family would have been joy unspeakable but we counted our blessings.

The delectable aroma of roasting vegetables and turkey were beginning to waft on the late morning breeze when we heard a car coming. A car on Christmas day? Unthinkable! The car had no sooner pulled up when two young women jumped out, and in a very unladylike manner, climbed the gate and rushed to greet us.



Daisy Dell from Lower Germantown, 1955

'We're home' Elsie and Doris yelled, as we stood in open-mouthed awe.

'I'll pick you up about six o'clock' the driver called as he drove off.

'How? What?' we spluttered. 'Miss Thorold gave us time off work so we could be home for Christmas with you, mother dear' they explained as they showered her with kisses. As for the ride home, they told how Mr Lohrey from Falmouth was having Christmas dinner with his relatives in Germantown, hence he willingly provided transport.

What a Christmas! Elsie no longer appeared to me as Bossyboots - instead she was the supreme organizer of the delightful Christmas games she supplied. And how could I have ever thought Doris was Lazybones, for she willingly and vigorously washed the dishes.

Even squawky little Phyllis was a package of fun that day. For

certain, my family were the most wonderful people in the world.

As we stood in a circle, thanking god for his great blessing and bidding Elsie and Doris goodbye, father said 'Things have come in threes for us this year, but we know now good things can come out of bad things.'

Mother added her words of wisdom. 'No matter what comes - good or bad - we are overcomers in all situations, if we have three things. Faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is love' she concluded, kissing us all.'

By now mother and I had arrived back home with our swag of bark and sticks. I thought my mother had finished her narrative of 1926, but as we prepared the evening meal that day in 1956, she resumed her story.

'I knew that amazing Christmas that I belonged to an incredible family - a family that knew the true meaning of Christmas with joy, unity and fulfilment - but in spite of all that we were not the perfect family. Indeed, that Christmas afternoon I became extremely annoyed with my three older sisters. Traditionally, after the dishes were washed and games played, the entire family played rounders. But not that year.

'No way' the three said in unison. 'We have better things to do.'

They headed for the bedroom and shut the door. What could possibly be better than rounders, Gwen and I wondered, so we eavesdropped. How utterly disappointing and silly was the conversation and giggles that filtered through the door to our listening ears.

'Oh Clarice, you must come to Falmouth to work' Elsie insisted 'for then you will get to meet the most handsome, adorable young man in all the world. His name's Ted Singline.'



*Beverly with Sydney and Linda Mitchell,
Daisy Dell*



Ted and Elsie Singline's wedding

Doris interjected 'No don't believe all of that. His brother, Roy, is far superior, absolutely dreamy - oh Roy, Roy.'

Much giggling followed then Elsie said 'Well, to each her own' then added 'but Clarice, you will be interested to know they have a cousin who also works at Glencoe - Dick Singline. He's not half bad. In fact, all three are the bees



Ted and Elsie at Falmouth

knees. Dick is definitely your type, dear sister.'

And he proved to be so! Once again, things happened in threes - Elsie married Ted, Doris married Roy and Clarice married Dick.

'Yes' my mother concluded 'changes came to our family that year of 1926. 'Don't fret Linda' my mother told me kindly when I expressed my concerns to her of my silly sisters. 'That' she explained 'is called growing up. It is all part of the wonderful tapestry God weaves in all our lives. Remember, god changed things when he sent Jesus to earth and Jesus, the son of God, accepted the role becoming saviour of the world. If that had not happened, we would not even be celebrating Christmas today. And always remember, some things remain constant - God's joy, peace and love.'

'That ends my story' my mother smiled 'but Beverley, as you travel through the changing, exciting journey of life, remember those words of your grandmother and pass them on to generations to come, just as I pass them on to you - Know, above all the greatest things is love. Merry Christmas.'

*Beverley Rubenach, Gray
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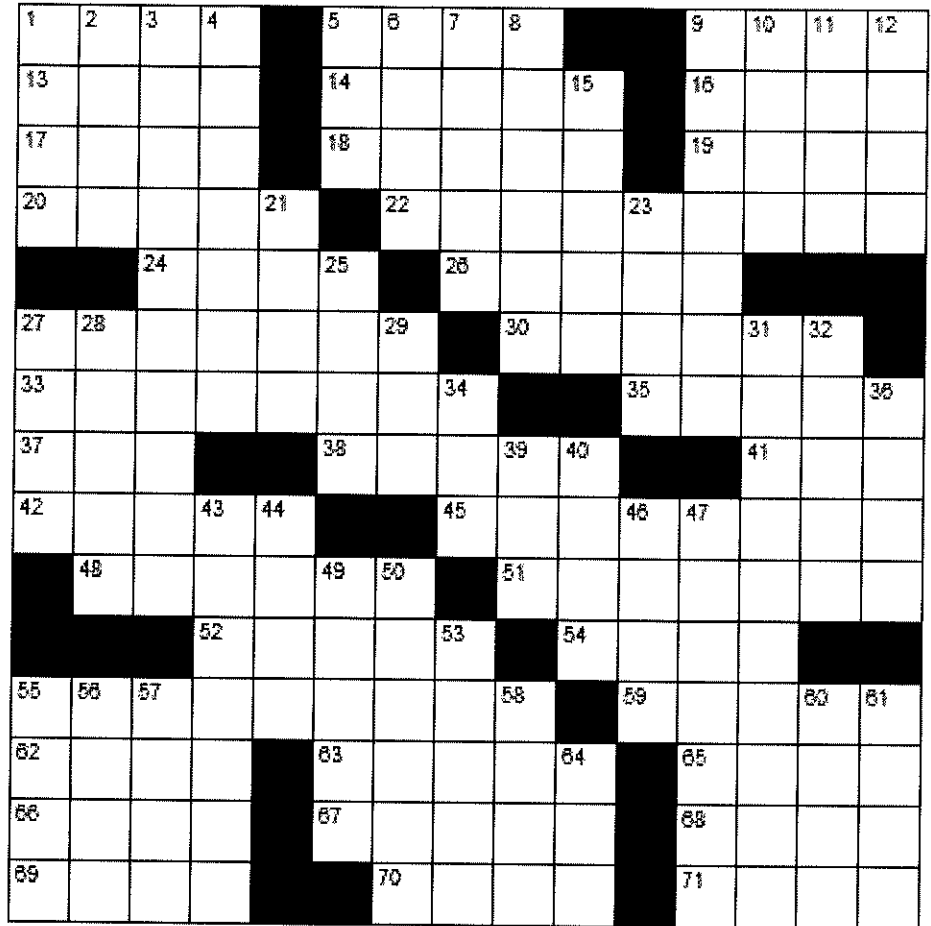
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5. As well
9. Midmonth date
13. Prospector's find
14. Water lily
16. Naked
17. Dwarf buffalo
18. Religious belief
19. Arab chieftain
20. Feel
22. Violate
24. A city in western Russia
26. Gave out
27. Panorama
30. Cliché
33. Loafing
35. Wand
37. Chief Executive Officer
38. A nymph of lakes
41. Regret
42. Keen
45. Underpants
48. Words to a song
51. Not strict
52. Leers
54. Dispatched
55. A small restaurant
59. Waste conduit
62. 53 in Roman numerals
63. Candle "strings"
65. Anger
66. Style of hairdo
67. Purposes
68. Requests
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70. Fail to win
71. In order to prevent

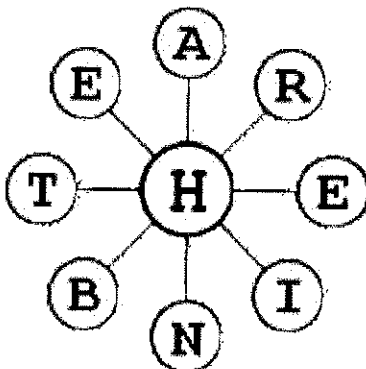


DOWN


1. "What a shame!"
2. Anagram of "Note"
3. Dental medicine
4. Quantify
5. Alien Life Form
6. Weight to be borne
7. Anagram of "Diets"
8. Beginning
9. Resistance to change
10. Russian parliament
11. Modify
12. Arid
15. Trim
21. Distinctive flair
23. Association
25. Ends a prayer
27. Cut into cubes
28. Something to shoot for
29. An Old Testament king
31. Urban smarts
32. Grieve
34. Bro or sis
36. Where a bird lives
39. Completely
40. Accomplishes
43. Ablation
44. Trailer trucks
46. 1 1 1 1
47. Inorganic
49. Balls of yarn
50. Periodical
53. Pervert
55. Whine with snuffling
56. Fully developed
57. Assistant
58. Anagram of "Seek"
60. Large North American deer (plural)
61. A musical pause
64. South southeast

Solutions next issue

How many words can you find? Each word must contain the central H and no letter can be used twice. The letters do not have to be connected. Proper nouns are not allowed, however, plurals are. Can you find the nine letter word? Excellent: 46 words. Good: 30 words. Average: 20 words



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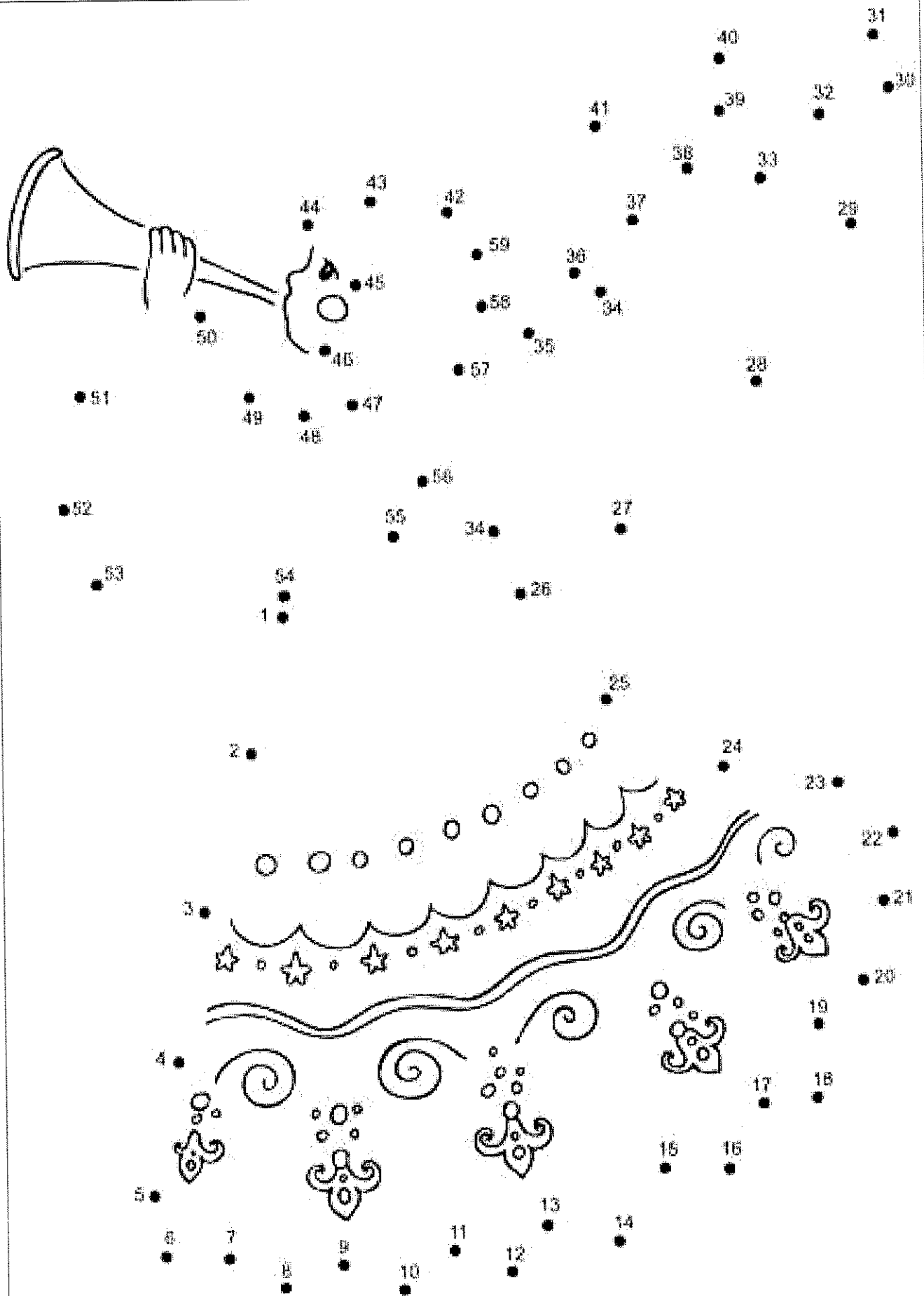
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| AURORA Emergency | 132004 |
| Carers for Wildlife St Marys | 6372 2973 0417 017 105 |
| Crimestoppers | 1800 333 000 |
| Poisons Information | 131126 |
| Police Emergency | 000 & Enq 131444 |
| SES Emergency | 132500 |
| TFS Emergency | 000 & Enq 1800 000 699 |

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr Lorraine Groves
6372 2252 / 0409 172 741

1st Sunday Mass
St Helens Vigil 6pm
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 11.30am

2nd Sunday Liturgy
St Helens Vigil 6pm
St Marys 9am
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 9.30am

3rd Sunday Mass
St Helens Vigil 6pm
St Marys 9am
Bicheno LWC 9am

4th Sunday Liturgy
St Helens Vigil 6pm
St Marys 9am
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 9.30am

5th Sunday Mass
St Helens Vigil 6pm
St Marys 11am
Bicheno 9am

Break O'Day Uniting Church

The Manse 6376 2405
St Helens 9am
Fingal 11.15 am

St Marys Salvation Army
Envoy M Norton 0409 838 816

Sunday Joy 9.30am

This is a bring-and-share lunch followed by a great time of friendship and fellowship. You are very welcome to join us and share our JOY!

Tuesday JAM 3-5pm
(except school holidays)

Break O'Day Anglican Parish POB 143, St Helens
Tas 7216 6372 1144

St Helens 9.30am
5th Sunday Combined Service with Uniting Church
10.30am

St Marys 10am
Pyengana Please phone for service times
[facebook.com/anglicanbod](https://www.facebook.com/anglicanbod)

Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands

Avoca 11am 2nd Sunday
Fingal 2pm 2nd Sunday
Mathinna 2.30pm 4th Sunday
Ross 10am 5th Sunday
Campbell Town 9am

Tip locations and opening hours

Ansons Bay

Long w/end Mon 12 - 4
Wed & Sun 12 - 4

Fingal, Mathinna Road

Tues & Thurs 10 - 4
Sun 2 - 5

Pyengana, Tasman Hwy

No builders' waste please
Wed 9 - 1
Sun 2 - 5

Scamander, Coach Street
Tues & Thurs 10 - 4
Sun 2 - 5

St Helens, Eagle Street.
Open 7 days 10 - 4

St Marys, Gray Road
Tues & Thurs 10 - 4
Sun 2 - 5

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ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

- 17 Dec **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**—Darren Veryard. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- Day Centre**— For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6387 5555. Last Day Centre for 2014. The group will resume on Wednesday 4/2/15.
- Physiotherapist**— Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- 18 Dec **Anglicare Drug & Alcohol Counsellor.** For appointments please see your GP for a referral.
- 19 Dec **Stepping Out Program** 10:00am-2:00pm. Please phone Fiona Watts at LINC for details on 6376 2742.
- 22 Dec **TML Psychologist**— Sam McCarthy. Please see your GP for a referral.
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**— Darren Veryard. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- 23 Dec **Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton every Tuesday— Appointments only. Please phone 0428 136 381
- Tom Bain, Rae & Partners Lawyers.** At the Community Health Centre Tuesday fortnights. For appointments please phone 6337 5555
- 29 Dec **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**— Darren Veryard. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- 30 Dec **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**— Darren Veryard. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton every Tuesday— Appointments only. Please phone 0428 136 381
- 31 Dec **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**— Darren Veryard. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- Physiotherapist**— Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE Continued...

- 5 Jan **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**— For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- Hospital Auxiliary Meeting.** 2:00pm in the Day Room. New faces welcome.
- 6 Jan **Tom Bain, Rae & Partners Lawyers.** At the Community Health Centre Tuesday fortnights. For appointments please phone 6337 5555
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**— Darren Veryard. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- 8 Jan **Relationships Australia**— Leanne McMurtie for appointments please phone 1300 364 277
- 12 Jan **TML Psychologist**— Sam McCarthy. Please see your GP for a referral.
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**— Darren Veryard. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- 13 Jan **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**— Darren Veryard. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- 14 Jan **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**— Darren Veryard. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- Physiotherapist**— Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- Podiatry North**— For appointments please phone 6336 5155
- 16 Jan **TML Diabetic Educator, Physiologist and Dietician.** Appointments available by referral from you GP.
- 19 Jan **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**— Darren Veryard. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- TML Psychologist**— Sam McCarthy. Please see your GP for a referral.
- TLC Meeting** (Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre) 10:00am in the Day Room.
- 20 Jan **Tom Bain, Rae & Partners Lawyers.** At the Community Health Centre Tuesday fortnights. For appointments please phone 6337 5555

Please contact the St Marys Community Health Centre on 6387 5555 for visiting services beyond 20/1/15.
Up to date room bookings as of: 16/12/14

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

St Marys Community Health Centre

GP Surgery Hours:

Monday—Friday

8:50am-10:00am

10:00am-10:30am— Reception Closed

10:30am- 12:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm— Lunch Reception Closed

1:30pm-2:45pm

2:45pm-3:15pm— Reception Closed

3:15pm- 4:30pm

AFTER HOURS CONTACT NUMBERS

Please phone

GP ASSIST ON- 1300 780 011

AMBULANCE 1800 008 008 or

EMERGENCY 000

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

6387 5555

Please RING before presenting after hours

Lifeline 131 114

Saving Lives, Crisis Support and Suicide Prevention

PATHOLOGY SERVICE-

NO PATHOLOGY SERVICE BETWEEN:

12:00-1:30pm or before 8:30am daily

If you require Pathology **before 8:30am an appointment must be made with the Nurses Station the day/night before** by phoning 6387 5555

SCRIPTS AND DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS

Please ensure doctors appointments are booked **PRIOR** to your medication/s running out or **IN ADVANCE** if you are attending this practice regularly.

PLEASE BE PATIENT waiting periods can apply to see the doctor. Scripts are unable to be done over the weekends, ensure you have enough medications in advance.

PHONE SCRIPTS

Please be aware **scripts are no longer able to be done over the phone.**

INR TESTS

A doctor's appointment is required if you are having an INR test. **Please let reception staff know when making your appointment that you are having an INR test.** This requires a 5 minute doctor consult.

DOCTORS ROSTER

Dr Cyril Latt

17/12/14—31/12/14

Dr K. Rawnsley

18/12, 22/12, 23/12, 30/12 2014

Dr L. Reeckman

18/12/14 & 19/12/14

For appointments phone: 6387 5555

PUBLIC HOLIDAY DATES—CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2015

Christmas Day 25/12/14

Boxing Day 26/12/14

New Years Day 1/1/15

& Australian Day 26/1/15

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PATIENTS

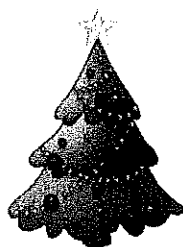
Please be aware that Dr Latt's Surgery is currently fully booked for appointments 1 week in advance as of 17/12/14

If you are unable to get a doctor's appointment at the time of ringing and you feel you need more urgent medical attention *please inform the reception staff* who will put you through to the Nurse on duty.

Daily Doctor appointments are not always available but if the need arises we can prioritise.

If in doubt— Call an Ambulance 000

Thank you for your cooperation



To Our Community,

Thank you for your continued support in 2014.

We wish you health, happiness and safe travels over the Christmas and New Year period and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2015.

From Dr Latt, Dr Nash-Rawnsley, Dr Reeckman, Management and all the staff at the St Marys Community Health Centre... Merry Christmas.

ST MARYS SPORTS (and SOCIAL) CLUB

Gray Road St Marys

Thursday 5.30 - 7.30 Friday 5.30 - 8.30.

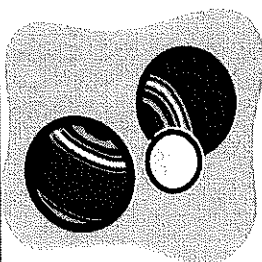
Sunday 1.30 - 4.30

Bowls News

A nice win against Bicheno last week,
followed by a bye.

No more pennants until early January,
however championships games have
been drawn, with names on the board.
Please utilise Thursday nights to get
these games moving along.

Good luck to all.



LIVE BAND 'The Rock Pigs'
will be at the club following the
Clive Berwick Bowls Day on
Saturday December 27th.

Members and their guests are
invited to attend. There will be a
small cover charge of \$5.

Drew Berwick has organised the
band, please come along and make
this evening a success.



GOLF NEWS

Ten men fronted up to play golf last Saturday in the blistering heat. (30 deg +)
Daffy & Speed made a clean sweep of the day, well done fella's.



Club Kitchen

Jacqui is now the co-ordinator of the kitchen. For any
bookings please call her on 0439 978 156

Renovations are due to be started after bowls finish in March, at
which time the kitchen will be closed.

For Sale

The club has a number of
wooden dining room chairs
for sale. They have dark
yellow vinyl padded seats
and backs. \$2 each.

Contact *Jim* on 6372 2441

FAREWELL

The committee would like to wish
Diane & Rod
a fond farewell.

We hope the move to FNQ
is all that you are looking for.
Thank you both for your support
over the years.

Do come back and visit
some time soon.



**Christmas Greetings to
all**

**.May you have a safe and
prosperous New Year**

Friday night is happy hour at the club.

Non members are most welcome.

Jag the Joker has reached a whopping \$900
so it's well worth a visit.

Plonk had the chance the week just gone,
but no cigars.

Club Membership is due. \$25pp
Sports Membership (those who participate
in bowls or golf comps) \$60pp
Junior Sports \$40 .
(Golf & Bowls State affiliation fee's extra)
ALL PENNANT PLAYERS SHOULD HAVE
PAID OR STARTED PAYING OFF THEIR
FEE'S BY NOW!

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| Coca Cola Varieties 1.25 lit | 2.00 |
| Arnott's Shapes | 1.99 |
| Kleenex 12 rolls | 4.99 |
| Arnott's Family Assorted 500g | 2.99 |
| Cottees Cordial 1 lit | 3.49 |
| Cadbury Chocolate Blocks | 2.99 |
| Palmolive Dishwashing Liquid 500ml | 2.25 |
| Golden Circle Juices 2 lit | 2.99 |
| Devondale Long Life Milk 1 lit | 1.35 |
| Natural Confectionery 180g | 1.69 |

From the Freezers

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| McCain Pizzas 500g | 5.69 |
| Peters Ice Cream 4 lit | 5.85 |
| Sara Lee Chocolate/Sticky Date Puddings 375g | 4.99 |
| McCain Beer Battered Chips 750g | 2.69 |
| Vanilla Drumsticks 24's | 19.99 |
| Pampas Puff Pastry 1.6kg | 5.99 |

From the Coolroom

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|----------------------------|------|
| Kraft Dips 185g | 1.99 |
| Olive Grove Spread | 3.49 |
| Tassal Smoked Salmon 100g | 4.99 |
| Cracker Barrel Cheese 250g | 4.55 |

*The Staff wish everyone a happy and safe
Christmas and New Year.*

*Thanks for your patronage in 2014, and don't forget to
enter the \$150 Xmas Grocery Grab. Just write your
name and phone number on your receipt to enter.
Good Luck!!*

A roaring Finn: Tim Finn returns to the Theatre and back in time by Georgia Westgarth

Songwriter extraordinaire and Kiwi icon Tim Finn is opening up his raw world of music and storytelling with his new opera *Star Navigator*, as part of New Zealand Opera's 'RAW' Workshops.



Finn, along with a cast of singers and musicians, will steer through musical excerpts from the work, as part of the development workshops. The opera is based on the true story of Tupaia, a Tahitian artist, priest and navigator, who sailed with James Cook on the Endeavour's maiden voyage.

"The idea of writing a large-scale work contrasting ancient Polynesian star navigation with the more scientific method used by Cook has been with me for some time," Finn said.

"I had realised that in the extreme confines of life aboard a sailing ship competing

realities could play out intensely as theatrical drama."

Star Navigator has been co-commissioned by Victorian Opera, New Zealand Opera and West Australian Opera.

The opera uses traditional Tahitian instruments, a chorus and seven principal singers, including the central tenor role of Tupaia himself.

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