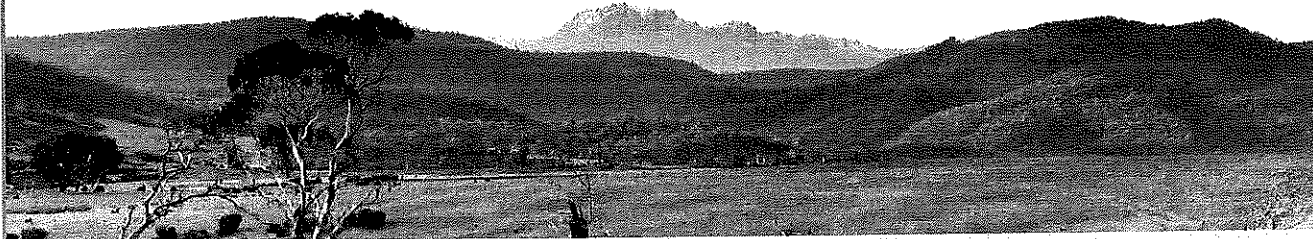


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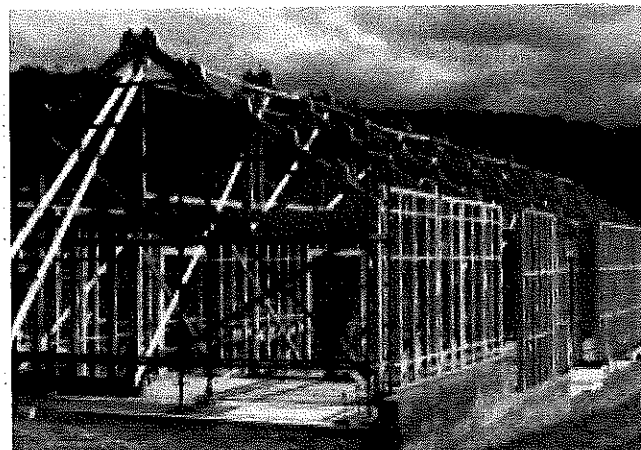
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East Coast Whale Trail opened in Break O'Day

Whales and visitors to the East Coast will get closer together with a series of new whale viewing sites created between Larapuna/Bay of Fires and the Tasman Peninsula. along our Tasman Sea coastline. More on p6



The Farm Shed is taking shape -
by the time you read this we will
have a roofline and walls!
Update p7

Olympic Rider to be one of the first to experience the new Blue Derby Mountain Bike trail

When the Blue Tier Trail (part of the Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trail Network) opens on October 7, Tasmanian Olympic Mountain Bike Rider Scott Bowden will join the first group of riders to experience the trail.

Bowden and a group of nearly a dozen VIPS will be the very first to tackle the brand new Blue Tier Trail which is set to be the jewel in the crown of the Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trail Network. Bowden, who returned from the Olympic Games in Rio a few weeks ago, said he had ridden a couple of the Blue Derby Trails but was itching to tackle the Blue Tier.

"I'm super excited and feel honoured and privileged to be included in the first riders group," Bowden said.

Bowden said he has been discussing Tasmania's potential as a mountain bike destination with international riders, and said they are struck by the stunning beauty of the Tasmanian trail scenery which will certainly be a star of the Blue Tier Trail. "The existing trails already offer a really unique experience from the beauty and diversity of the landscape and the close proximity to the airport and the East Coast," he said. "International riders are really keen to get over here and experience the trails and the Tasmanian landscape themselves."

Break O'Day Mayor Mick Tucker said having Bowden at the opening was a real coup for the trails. "We are really excited that a rider of Bowden's skill and experience will be there at our opening and will be amongst the first riders to experience the trail," Cr Tucker said. "We hope that he will share his experience with International Riders and be a real ambassador for the Blue Derby Trails."

For further information please contact Break O'Day Communications Coordinator Jayne Richardson on 6376 7900 or 0400 454 089.

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Community Notices

Meals on Wheels Annual General Meeting will be held on November 17

Lundy Vosper, St Marys

BODRA AGM Please set aside a small amount of time on Thursday October 13, 2016 from 5.30 - 6.15pm to come along and have your say. New Committee to be selected, future meetings to be set and outlines for next year's events to be formed. Current paid-up Members have voting rights; all welcome.

Michelle Kaal (Secretary) 0407 046 865

Cornwall Community Development Group Inc. are holding Christmas Carols on December 18, 2016.

If anyone would like to perform a carol for us could you please contact **Debbie or Raz on 6372 2261**.

Bingo is held every Monday, doors open at 6pm eyes down at 7pm in the Cornwall Hall. **2 jackpots** - come and enjoy a friendly night out with a free cuppa and cake at half time. All welcome.

Cornwall Community Development Group Inc.

We are searching the family history of **Emma Walker** (born 25-6-1851) who married **Charles Henry Oliver** on 30-6-1867. Charles died in 1898, in St Marys. Emma died on 12th May 1942, in St Marys.

I am also trying to track descendants of **Hannah (Annie) Walker** - born 1861, in St Marys - who married **Charles Richards** in 1877 at the Cullenswood Church, St Marys. Annie lived to 100, and lived in St Helens in later years. She died in 1961.

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Twilight Market & Car Boot Sale Fingal Park Friday November 4 at 4pm. If you would like a stall contact the On Line Centre (6374 2222) or the House.

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Woolmers Estate Festival of Roses Sunday November 13, bus leaving 8am. Bus \$10 p/p. Entry \$10 adult, \$15 two adults, children under 16 free.

Committee Meeting Wednesday October 26, 7pm at the House. Community and Members welcomed.

We have a new Facebook page which is our main communication tool for what is happening at the FVNH. Like our page to keep up to date.

Contact the FVNH on 6374 2344 or call into the office for more information on these trips and the AGM

The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc. is funded by the Crown through the Department of Health and Human Services

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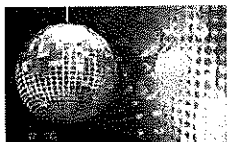
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Annual General Meeting

November 10, 5pm at the
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Email the secretary for nomination form to be filled and
returned 14 days prior to the AGM.

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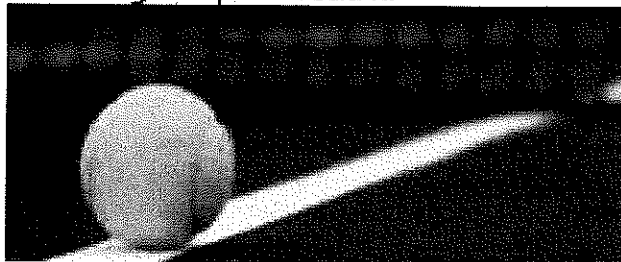
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

A certain Kon Karapanagiotidis, writing from Melbourne, reckons national Treasurer Scott Morrison is cruelly saying older people like his Greek-born migrant parents are a 'burden' on society. I can't see why a Melbourne political activist's complaints rated an article in the Valley Voice but anyhow, Kon got Morrison's meaning totally wrong. Our retiring workers, whether or not they migrated here, will be the very ones to suffer if newcomers get to import elderly parents under a proposed new scheme. It's being promoted as allowing those foreign citizens to "spend their final years watching their Australian grandchildren grow up in Australia." A pretty picture, but in reality it means elders who never worked a day here would get to share our limited pension funds and hospital facilities. Morrison sees this as a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul, and its advocates trying to buy the ethnic vote with benefits to be taken away from locals. What concerns Morrison is being fair to the Australian majority whose hard work paid for those services, not to be racist as Kon unfairly claims.

Currently about 7000 grandparents live here with their migrant families, entering on short-term 'contributing visas' that required a \$47,000 bond to cover costs to get them home if they develop an expensive illness while here. That \$47,000 wouldn't begin to cover costs of an age pension or free Medicare, as the 'compassion' lobby wants for them. The Productivity Commission warns that Canberra would have to find an extra \$3.2 billion in budget savings, or borrow that amount annually, to pay for this new 'kindness.'

In only ten short years we've gone from balanced budgets to having the government stuck with deficits costing over a billion dollars a month just for interest payments. Any new initiatives, whether compassionate or just plain crazy, will force even more borrowing while so many new polities refuse to allow the federal government to live within its income. If this new proposal passes, it likely means cutting existing disability and age pensions, hospital budgets etc, to support other people's grandparents. Who thinks these budgets are adequately funded now? What 'compassion' makes life worse for people who've paid into the system on the basis that its benefits wouldn't then be handed on to strangers from abroad? Of course some argue that all Canberra needs to do is tax the 'big enda town' more heavily and then everyone can have all the free stuff they want. But Kevin Rudd tried that one on, and not only did it gain little revenue but we quickly lost over a \$100 billion in new projects when global mining giants decided their shareholders' assets were safer if spent in Africa or South America. Turns out it's not as easy to rob Peter a second time to pay Paul even more, if Peter decides not to cooperate in being robbed. Who'd have guessed?

If anyone wants to make life easier for old folks living overseas, there are worthwhile charities for that. No need to import more financial obligations here when we're struggling to pay for ones imported over the last decade. Soft-hearted Aussies should whip out their cheque books and make their own donations, rather than expect Canberra to borrow even more to burden our future generations. That may make them feel less guilty about being well off. In any case they won't any longer be called racist in some "Kon job" designed to separate fools from their money.

Lew Bretz, St Marys

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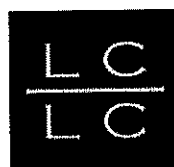
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There will be another talk at the St Helens Neighbourhood House on **Wednesday October 12, 2016** at 11am on "Consumer Law and you" dealing with contracts, rights, pitfalls and solutions.

These talks are invaluable and everyone who attends them learns something useful. This is a great opportunity for the community to get good information direct from a lawyer, and we look forward to seeing many people there on the day.

Launceston Community Legal Centre solicitors are available to give talks on a range of community and personal issues to any group.

For more information and to book a solicitor to talk to your group please phone 6334 1577

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Six new 'East Coast Whale Trail' sites in the Break O'Day municipality were opened by Break O'Day Council and the Parks and Wildlife Service on Friday.

Mayor Mick Tucker said six new signs with information about whales are located at The Gardens, Binalong Bay, St Helens and Shelly points and Four Mile Creek.

"People often see whales along the East Coast during their annual migrations and these new information sites will help residents, visitors and tourists and the boating community from Larapuna / Bay of Fires to the Tasman Peninsula, get to know whales as they pass by," Mick said.

The different East Coast Whale Trail sites in the Break O'Day provide information and stories about the whales commonly sighted along the coast, including the humpback and southern right whales and orcas, whaling history, migration and how to view whales safely on the water.

To help people scan the Tasman Sea for whales the East Coast Whale Trail includes outdoor binoculars installed at Shelly Point north of Scamander and at Cape Tourville east of Coles Bay in the Freycinet National Park.

Natural Resource Management Facilitator with Break O'Day Council and NRM North, Polly Buchhorn, says the string of whale viewing sites with information signs aims to raise awareness of whale conservation and get people whale watching.

"It will help people learn about these majestic animals and watch whales safely, bringing whales and people closer together in terms of care and respect, so management and protection of these incredible and significant marine mammal species will continue to improve," he said. "It is important to not harm whales or put yourself at risk when approaching them on the water. All the sites on the Trail provide information on safe whale viewing from recognised guidelines," Polly said.

Dr Kris Carlyon of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment's Marine Conservation Program says the East Coast Whale Trail will help people appreciate the whales and dolphins.



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Hub4Health Walking Group- A Quirky Update: Beach Walk & Coffee at Scamander

Lead by Rod Niven

Damn and blast. Just sat down after a hectic day, with a gin and tonic, for a last look at the dying sun when the phone rang. I mean, there are limits to what can be asked.

Call from GHQ. A new leader had to be found to lead tomorrow's march. I mean, a reconnaissance mission to check for damage to the trail and seek shelter at Position 00. This was normally shown as PO on the map. Small chance for action on this one.

All present and accounted for on the morrow, 9.15 sharp, we set off. We were a small group of eight, my second in command x-man was there. Of course our map-reader was present.



I had doubts on this one, I had heard a rumour that they had once read the map backwards leading to all sorts of trouble. Private was there, always at the centre but not sure if they were coming or going. There were two bright brains in the group, though some may say this was a bit much. I was glad to see Lever was there, not shy in coming forward that one. Lastly was Private Coffee, someone who really likes it when things get hot.

Contrary to the weather reports, the sky was fine and clear, a cool breeze was there but not uncomfortable. We marched on to Shelley Point and proceeded to the sentry position to get a good look at the topography. Magnificent area if somewhat dangerous. Could be seen for miles from up here. On

to the new bridge construction at Wrinklers. Fine work the sappers were doing.

It was here that a problem arose. One of the brains pointed out to me the logistics would just not work. Transport from PO could not be arranged without direct intervention from a senior officer.

Blast and blast again. There was nothing for it. Brain and myself would have to turn back to arrange it while the others ventured on. I could see no other way around it and I had faith in my little group.

We parted company and my second in command strode off into the distance with my exhortations of care especially about the old run-down bridge across the river ringing in his ears.

After a nervous wait at PO they emerged from the distance. Seems a delay was caused when they ran into a group looking for information on the water situation. Calm was restored when the new-comers found out we were on their side.

All in all, I think the mission was a success. Next week of course there will be another mission undertaken by the Hub-for-Health walkers, why not join us?

Article by Rod Niven

Continued from front page:

No-one is yet game to state a date for moving in but it will be December/January, when The Farm Shed East Coast Wine Centre commences operation.

At the same time, the Post Office will relocate to this multi-functional building. As you will be aware, use of post offices is diminishing due to a decline in the sending of letters and digital disruption (e.g. bills paid on line.)

In response to this, once in The Farm Shed the Post Office will operate 10am - 4pm Monday to Friday.

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Any questions or concerns - please talk to us.

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Golf news Due to rain nothing much happening.

Trivia Night held on September 10. Well done Bluey Spilsbury for leading your team to victory. Liam and Steve - thanks for making up the numbers. Thanks also Macca and Blackie.

AFL Grand Final was celebrated on Saturday October 1. Good crowd. The curried scallop pies went down well. The Bulldogs' determination saw them defeat the Swans.

Pick the Pen has replaced Jag the Joker due to lawful regulations. So you can now win a pen and have a pick.

Club Christmas Raffle changed - 3 prizes now. Raffle books available soon.

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Bowls news The green is open and practice commences Thursday October 6 at 6pm. Nan Stuart Memorial Trophy was won by Scamander at Scamander, 2/10/16. St Marys played in mixed teams. Very good sportsmanship. The new East Coast roster is not yet available as St Helens has withdrawn from the competition.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tuesday November 1, 2016 Changers & Cocktail Party for the ladies and partners. \$15 covers entry, 1 drink & 1 plate of Cup dainties. Starts 2pm, group bookings welcome. Neat dress, dress up or get the Cup clothes on.



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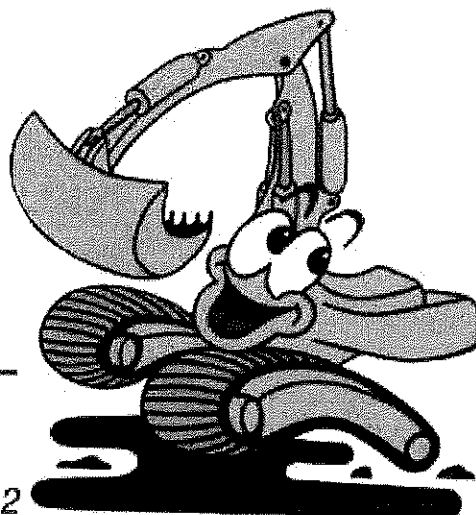


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Fact sheet: Early years education in Tasmania

What will happen now and why? The Government proposal to lower the school starting age for Prep by six months, to four years and six months, will no longer be compulsory. This decision has been made in response to the wide range of views across the community. The Government has listened and adjusted its proposal accordingly.

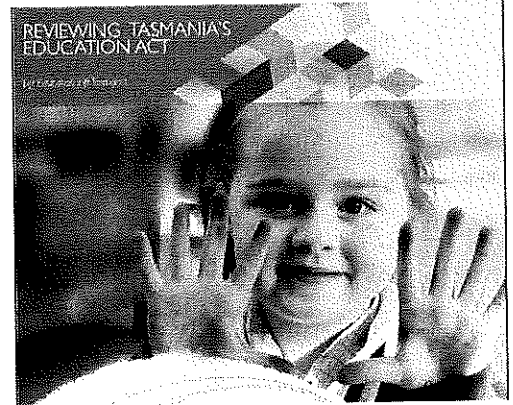
Further, the government has committed additional resources of up to \$22m per year from 2020 into the early years, and up to \$18m in infrastructure funding. This will ensure more teachers, teacher assistants in the Prep year, other support staff and infrastructure upgrades where required are available from 2020 to support this change.

In recognition that parents and carers are best placed to decide when their child should start school, the Government has agreed that, although the age at which a child can commence in Prep will be lowered to four and a half, the compulsory school starting age will remain at five. This will provide access to quality early learning sooner for all children in Tasmania and at the same time, provides parents with choice.

This is not just about lowering the starting age. It's about a new approach to the early years of education – building on what we already have in Kindergartens, Child and Family Centres and the Launching into Learning and Learning in Families Together (LIFT) programs.

Why is this change important? Evidence shows that quality early learning has significant benefits for our children that flow throughout their schooling years and later life. While the research is clear that all children benefit from quality early learning experiences, this is especially so for those from a low socio-economic background. Providing more options for families in rural and remote areas who currently may have limited or no access to early learning or education is also important. Simply – this change is about equity in education and creating more options and choice for families by offering every Tasmanian child access to quality early learning sooner.

What choices will be available for my child in the year before prep? Changes to the school starting age will provide you with greater choice for early learning options for your children. You may choose for your child to be enrolled in Kindergarten or remain in an education and care setting/service or remain at home, or a combination. These changes result in an optional Kindergarten starting age of three years and six months, but you can decide on what suits your child best. Many families find that participating in Kindergarten helps their child with the transition to school. The Early Years Learning Framework is the main approved framework used across the nation in both education and care (child care) and early learning settings in Kindergarten for this age group



Adam Brancher, the Managing Director and Principal Marine Surveyor of the Sandy Bay based marine survey company Kedge Pty Ltd (Marine Surveyors) recently became the first Australian to be elected President of the International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS). October 1, 2016

The IIMS has over 1,000 marine surveyor members in over 90 countries worldwide.

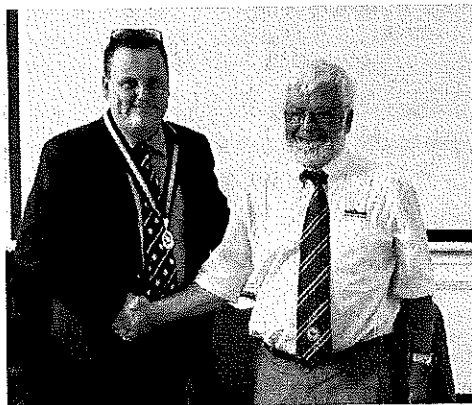
"I'm proud and humbled to be selected by the members of the IIMS to be their President in this, the Institute's 25th Year. The Institute is evolving to meet emerging challenges in new technology and I'm

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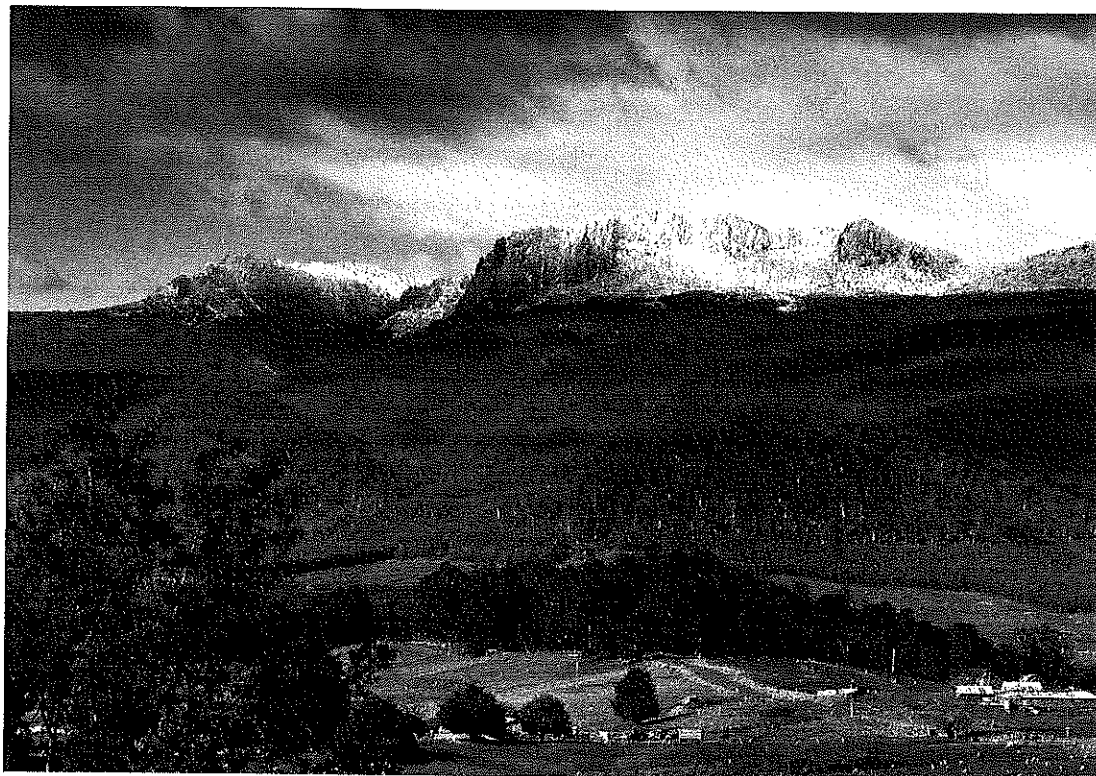
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Adam Brancher (left) takes over from Cpt Bertrand as IIMS President

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If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Adam Brancher at 1300 89 95 96 or email at adambrancher@kedge.com.au.



ST&G's Marvellous Maps Best Tassie Photo Competition.
Congratulations to Glyn Johnson of St Marys for winning the Judges Prize with this fabulous (black and white) photo of Ben Lomond.

"Some bugger nicked me pluggers."

A Darwin fisherman who crowdfunded for a new pair of shoes is set to donate the money to those less fortunate, after raising \$69 to replace his "good" thongs.

"I didn't think it would go that far," Clancy Whalan said.

Earlier this month, Mr Whalan headed out one morning to Buffalo Creek for a spot of fishing with three mates - Soddy, Big Hands and Hot Beers.

"They don't like thongs on the boat. They consider it bad luck, so I decided to leave them next to a rock on the boat ramp. I came back about eight hours later — and I wasn't as sober as when I'd left — and the thongs are gone."

Mr Whalan said after an exhaustive five-minute search, and confirming he and his mates were indeed at the right ramp, the thongs were declared lost with suspicions of daylight robbery. Unfortunately these were not any \$4 cheap thongs and were actually a prized pair.

"These ones have bottle openers on the bottom of them.

They're good," Mr Whalan said. "I'd had them for at least two years. They were actually my backup thongs as I lost my new thongs a few weeks earlier. I'd left them on a mate's boat on Beer Can Regatta Day."

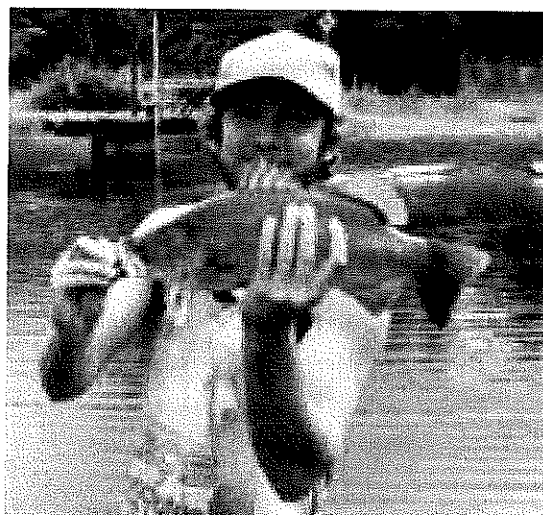
On his way home Mr Whalan at first felt that he "didn't know what to do", until he remembered something about online crowdfunding.

"To be honest, I've never used it before. It's not something I do often," he said. "I thought it would be a bit of a laugh. I didn't think anyone would put any money towards it, but \$69 has been raised."

Mr Whalan said the surprising string of donations — nine people over 10 days — would now be put towards charity.

"There's a story I read the other day about a young family who lost their mother to a spider bite," he said. "I think they're more needing of the money than me, so I'll give it to them. As soon as I figure out how the site works, I'll pass the money on."

Mr Whalan said he would probably buy himself a pair of cheap thongs for future fishing trips.



Mr Clancy Whalan, in happier days with his prized thong.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-08-30/man-to-donate-money-after-crowdfunding-for-lost-thongs/7797576>



Out of the Woodwork

I have been asked by numerous people who is Buddy Springer our new member and is he related to Jeff Springer?

The answer is yes he is a member of Jeff's family, albeit, not a blood relative. I will keep you in suspense no longer ... below is a picture of "Buddy".



You have to agree he is a very handsome chap and a delight to be around.

Many thanks to the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association who approved our grant for \$5,000 - it will be put towards more woodworking tools.

Members would like to express gratitude to Marcia who donated to the Guild an established clematis (pictured below), it will be trained to grow around the wooden arbor which embraces our croquet court.

Finally all members send their heartfelt good wishes to Beverley Rubenach for a speedy recovery.



Guilds Home Hint. If you have sealed an envelope and then realised you left something out; place envelope in freezer for a hour or two and voila! The envelope will open without a trace.

Article and photographs by Wendy Brennan, Secretary 6372 2094

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The Say, by Cagerattler

What's the definition of agony? Some might say the rack, others might say teeth marks on the toilet door and others still might recount watching their team lose a Grand Final. Mine is ... daytime commercial television. They must be joking! On Thursday I was home, it was raining so no grass cutting as I'd hoped. It was too wet to do much else so I flicked on the TV to find my Foxtel service was off-line. For a couple of hours I flicked between the moronic commercial channels and it went like infotainment, trashy entertainment show, mind numbing breakfast shows full of garbage to try and tempt you to buy. Re-run on re-run of old thick as a brick American sitcoms ... oh yes and more infotainment rubbish.

Good job televisions have off buttons - although ABC turned out to be much more interesting.

What's wrong with a good doco, some kids shows, a decent movie or two? This is a sad state of affairs.

Then of an evening it ain't much better. Nowadays we have weeks of night after night desert or cake making, bloody cooking shows, dating shows, sensationalist current affairs and supposedly human interest fare - oh yes, and ongoing silly soap operas.

Honest injun, what's wrong with a proper mini series, some decent documentaries and a worthwhile movie interspersed among the news and obligatory game shows?

About a decade ago when I decided to hook up to Austar (as it was then) I was wondering whether it was a good choice. Now I know it is - National Geographic, History Channel, Discovery Channel, Science Channel, several movie channels, CNN, News 24, a plethora of sports channels, music channels etc. etc., leaves commercial television so far behind it's almost unbelievable. The choices for decent shows is near endless.

Television has a big influence on us all and my latest attempt to find something that is worthwhile on free to air commercial TV leaves me disappointed to say the least. Dear old Auntie and some stuff on SBS remains the exception. I feel genuinely sorry for those who like to enjoy TV if commercial stuff is all they can get. Thankfully by that evening Foxtel was operating again ... What do you think?

Rod McGiveron, St Marys

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**Several years ago I wrote an article for the Valley and East Coast Voice Inc. called
'A Glimpse into Tim's World'.**

Again, I'm attempting to understand some of my 30 year old son's perspective of living with the disability of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and severe epilepsy - of his worries, frustrations and fears of being totally dependant upon others for all his daily life needs, safety and protection - especially as he is largely non-verbal. I know that whatever I write will be inadequate. I'll never truly understand, or be able to capture, the extent of his worries, frustrations and fears. I'll never fully understand what his heart's desire, dreams or goals are.

What I do know for certain? I am Tim's mother, carer and advocate. I love him and he loves his family, so I will fight for and pursue anything and everything to give him some quality of life. This is his right!

Beverley Rubenach, Gray

Tim's say.

I really don't understand time, but I do know when it is spring time. I know it is spring because I hear the little lambs in Mr Denney's paddocks, calling to their mothers to feed them. I love hearing the mother sheep say baa baa, and lambs stop crying because they have found their mothers. They are happy, just as I am happy to have my mother comfort and care for me.

I know it is spring when I see lots of beautiful blue wrens come to feast on the crumbs my parents put on the wood pile. 'Those wrens need a bit of extra help from us,' my parents tell me. 'Those wrens are nesting, and soon they will bring all their little baby birds here for us to see,' they explain. How wonderful! The wrens are so trusting - because of our kindness they hop onto our shoes and knees to say thank you. I wish everyone was kind.

I know it is spring when father says 'I'll take you for a walk in the garden Tim, so you can see the new leaves and blossoms on the trees and bushes.' He takes me firmly but gently by my arms so I can walk without falling and hurting myself.

'See the flowers, Tim,' father explains 'They will turn into fruit for us.'

Yum. I like baked apples and homemade berry juices. My family sure look after me.

I know it is spring when I see the bees busy making honey. When I see the busy bees I think of Hannah (they are her bees) and how she is always busy caring for me. All my sisters and brothers are good to me. Esther comes home from King Island to help us all. She is amazing. Even my Labrador dog, Firey, cares for me.

I love spring but this spring I am sad and so very afraid. You see, everything changed on Father's Day when my mother slipped and broke her ankle. She is in hospital. I am so concerned and confused. My family think I'm not listening as I pretend to be asleep, but I hear the worry in their voices. I hear them say 'Whatever are we going to do? The government won't give money for support workers. We don't want to put Tim in respite because trauma causes him to have more seizures.' I don't want that. I want to be able to cry, I want to be able to talk and tell them how terrible and scared I feel but I can't.

I heard mother say before she went to hospital that she has let her family down and causing great burden to everyone because she can't be my carer until her leg is better. Please can there be money to support workers to replace my mother for a while, and give my family a break? All my family are so tired and weary, doing the work mother usually does.

Father is so tired. He sleeps in a bed beside me to make sure I keep my blankets on me and tend me when I have seizures. Hannah and Ross and Esther are tired. They are trying to take mother's place.

I need two people all of the time, day and night, to do things for me - help me sit and rise, walk, go to the toilet, bath me, prepare my food and drinks and feed me. I can not be left alone even for a second because I could fall and injure myself.

Mother and father need some rest - a holiday would be wonderful. In all their 30 years of caring for me they have only been away from me a few times. The longest time away was a day and a half when they went to my brother's uni graduation. They know how much I need them, and my home.

My family know how much I love home, so they sacrifice much to keep me at home

where I am happy. They know that any changes in my life can upset me and this makes me have more seizures than normal. This makes me very sick, and I can end up in ICU or AMU. That is scary for everyone.

Being in my own home keeps us all happy. I hear my family say that if the government would only fast track the National Disability Insurance Scheme I would be able to stay at home where I am happy and content. *Continued next page*



I would have two carers all of the time, day and night. That would give my family a rest, and they would be with me. We could all live happily ever after. How I want that, but for now I'm not able to get the NDIS because I'm the wrong age, I can't help my age! I wish I could change things to help myself and my family.

I hear my family say the NDIS should be given according to needs, not age. If this was so, I would get it and we could all be happy. We can't wait until 2018 for it to happen! Mother says it is discrimination that I miss out because of age. (I think discrimination means unfair and unjust.)

Please someone, anyone, everyone help me and my family get the support we need. Let us all be able to live in the home we love. Then, as a family, we can listen to the bleating of the lambs and sheep; have the blue wrens come and hop on our shoes and knees; enjoy our bees and garden; Firey can be with us and be happy too.

Help us now please, so spring can be a season of delight and not dread for me and my family.

Help secure my future, please!

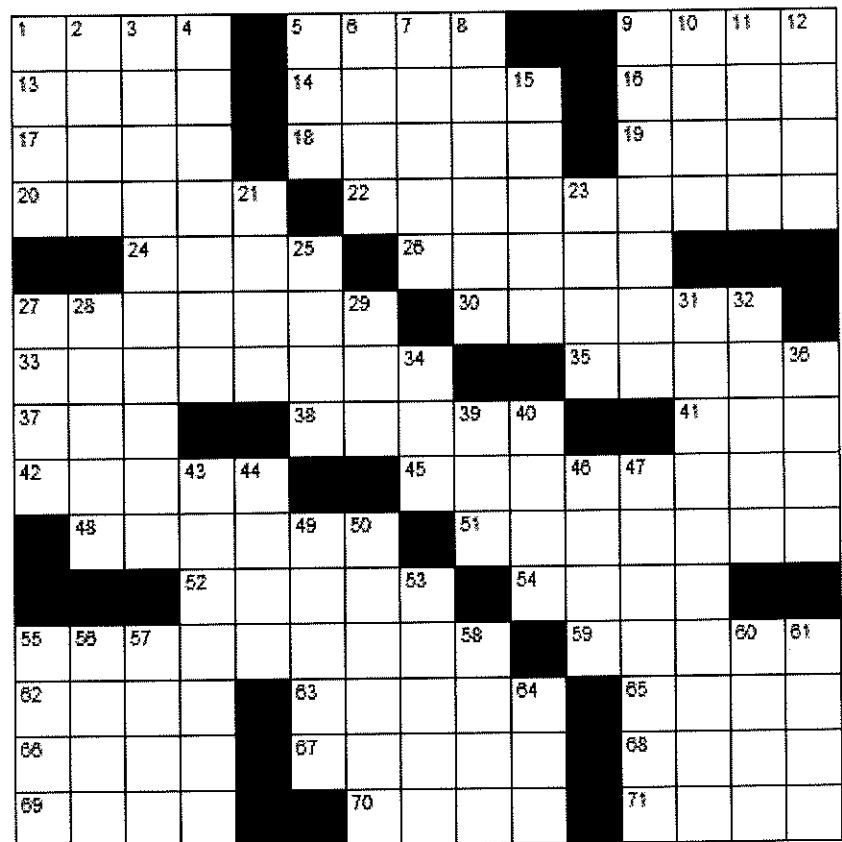
Thank you.

From Tim Rubenach, Gray.

Written by Beverley Rubenach, Tim's mother, carer and advocate. September 18, 2016

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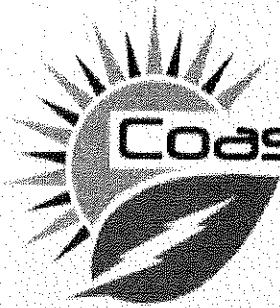
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16. A single time
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19. Former Italian currency
20. Dispatches
22. Argumentative
24. Flying saucers
26. Having three dimensions
27. Joking
30. Silicon dioxide
33. Formal written defense
35. Coral island
37. Yes (slang)
38. Enlighten
41. 52 in Roman numerals
42. A small cut
45. Bounces
48. Highly seasoned fatty sausage
51. Luxurious
52. Express a thought
54. Strike heavily
55. Any unsafe structure
59. African antelope
62. Skin irritation
63. Synagogue scroll
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69. Fastens
70. Not the original color
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2. Wings
3. Horn of plenty
4. Attentive
5. Genus of macaws
6. Shopping centre
7. Loft
8. Gap
9. Accost
10. Pearly-shelled mus-
sel
11. Beige
12. Oceans
15. Small African ante-
lope
21. Alone
23. Arizona river
25. Wise one
27. Blue birds
28. Unlocks
29. Disencumber
31. Resembling a col-
lege
32. Extraterrestrial
34. Assist
36. Enumerate
39. To and ____
40. Puppy sounds
43. What we wear
44. 11th Hebrew letter
46. Electric light
47. A blue woolen bon-
net
49. Gloves
50. Encroachment
53. Not late
55. Soil
56. Decorative case
57. Skin disease
58. Cover with asphalt
60. Plod along
61. Charity
64. A box for bricks or
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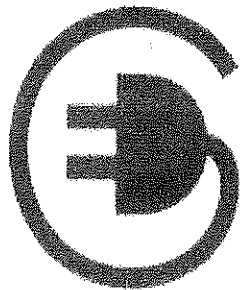
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Al Anon (Family Group) meets Sunday 2-3.30pm at St Helens Neighbourhood House. Please call (in order) *Rose 0456 063 943 / Ann 0409 763 270*

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

Break O'Day Council St Helens 6376 7900

Break O'Day Regional Arts meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 5.30pm in the St Marys Hotel. **The BOD Stitchers** meet Friday 10-3pm at the

Neighbourhood House Bungalow in St Helens.

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

Carers for Wildlife Tas Inc.

St Marys 6372 2973 / 0417 017 105

The Combined Probus Club of Scamander Inc meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Scamander Beach Resort, 10am. Contact **Lorraine on 6376 2185** for further information - new members welcomed

The Cornwall Community Development Group Inc. hold their general meetings on the 1st Tuesday 7pm monthly. *Raz / Deb 6372 2261*

East Coast Community Transport, Community Hall, 23 Main Street, St Marys.

Jan Saunders 6372 4415

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

The FVNH Op Shop is happy to receive pre-loved clothing & 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 on the 2nd Monday 7pm at Fingal Neighbourhood House monthly. *0412 425 666*

Hospitals Circassian Street St Helens 6387 5570
Community Health Centre St Marys 6387 5555

Hub4Health, St Helens, 6376 2971

JAM (Jesus And Me) Every Tuesday 3 - 5pm for children 5-12 years (except school hols).
Phone Mel on 0409 838 816 .

Justice of the Peace K Faulkner 6372 2196

Libraries St Marys 6372 2114, St Helens 6387 5530

Meals on Wheels St Marys 0488 384 344

Museum Cranks & Tinkerers St Marys 0417 648 845

Online Access Centres Fingal 6374 2222, St Marys 6372 2005, St Helens 6376 1116

The Scamander and Beaumaris Community Development Association meets monthly on the

3rd Wednesday at 7pm in the Scamander Sports Complex.

Scamander Garden Club meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at 1.30pm in the Scamander Sports Complex. *Val 6372 2762*

Schools - *District High Schools*, St Helens 6376 7100. *St Marys 6372 3900 Primary Schools*, Avoca 6384 2117, Fingal 6374 2197

The St Helens Walking Group walk each Wednesday and 3rd Saturday monthly. New members are most welcome. *Hub4Health 6376 2971 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. *Bec Mason 0409 253 504*

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 Wednesday. New players & beginners welcome. Child minding included - a lovely safe place to bring toddlers while you play. *Karon 0419 722 390 / Dana 6372 2033*

St Marys Markets are held monthly on the 1st Saturday 9-1pm at the St Marys Community Hall. *Michelle (BODRArts) 6372 2056 / 0407 046 865*

St Marys Online Access Centre, Main Road St Marys. Monday to Friday 9.30-4.30 Sat 11-2. *6372 2005*

St Marys School Association Op Shop 25a Main Street (Behind the Town Hall), St Marys. Weekdays 9 - 4pm. Saturday 9.30 - 12.30pm. *Janet Drummond 0404 562 320*

St Marys Sports & Social Centre Inc 6372 2177
St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc. meets every 2nd month on the 3rd Wednesday at 3pm.

Jim 6372 2127 (jimhaas@bigpond.com)
www.fingalvalleyhistory.com

Stallholders' Market Inc. markets are held Saturday 8-12pm in the Portland Hall St Helens.
e:sthelemarket@yahoo.com.au

Suncoast Singers meet Friday at 10am in the Catholic Hall Cecilia Street, St Helens.

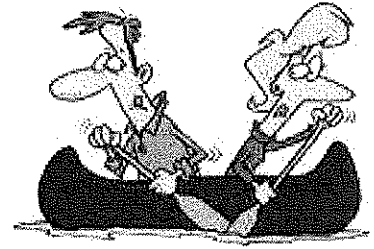
Mary-Anne Wadsworth 6376 2969

The Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc meet monthly on the 3rd Monday 5pm in the St Marys Community Health Centre, Day Care Room.

WOW, a fun social group for ladies of all ages, meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday from 6.30 - 8.30pm (February to December 2016). Contact *Christine 0410 441 558 for further details.*

OUT OF THE BLUE by Anne Collins ©

Set in the 1960s, Tom Campbell, husband of Vi, father of Meg and Rose, builds a ferro-cement boat in his Canley Vale back yard. The story tells of how this project takes over his life and the effect it has on his family. Told from Tom's point of view, the story's humorous edge captures the mood of a time when Sydney's suburbs were littered with the dreams of those whose ferro-cement hulls stood landlocked in small yards towering over modest houses.



Tom tried once again, the next morning, to strike up some talk with Vi. He wanted the score settled but she was refusing to speak to him.

"Eighteen months Frank reckons, that's all and we'll have it on the water."

"Water - we're two hours from the nearest puddle and you know it! Don't talk to me about what Frank reckons. It's drink that got you into this."

The cost of delivery was a subject they hadn't broached yet, but he knew it was on the boil. She'll get over it, he thought, as if casual optimism was all that was needed to win Vi's support.

Tom had sprung out of bed that morning, the first time in ages he'd woken without a hangover. He felt younger and less weighed down, and saw himself sailing magnificently away, far away from everything that made him feel tired.

The weekend after the hull had arrived, Tom and Den meticulously examined every square foot. It was far from perfect, and from the books and the talk with some of the other blokes who knew about boats, it seemed that Frank had tried a few short cuts. For one thing, Frank had not used a full-sized pattern and now they could see the resulting distortion in its shape and angles. Tom was also able to figure out, from the dusty surface and the cracks, that the mortar had been too dry. The curved areas were covered in trowel marks. Frank certainly wasn't the expert he made out to be, but rather than all this deterring Tom, it fired his enthusiasm. He was learning something new every day and he drew up a long list of things to do.

Men have been absorbed by boats since the dawn of civilisation. It opens the door to lasting friendships, to the pleasures of the outdoor life and to the exhilaration of a good wind over water. Tom read this in a book he'd borrowed from Frank and looked fondly out the window at the grey hulk.

Most of Tom's spare time became devoted to the boat and Den joined him as much as he could. Tom knew that Frank had underestimated the finishing time, but it didn't matter. Tom was in no hurry, he hadn't felt this satisfied in years. Thinking about the boat made his days at the factory breeze by, and when Tom got home and climbed inside the hull or up onto its platform, he felt a million miles away.

Sometimes Meg and Vi would come out of the house and stand together looking up, like they were examining him, saying nothing, their faces sully. At those times he knew they'd been talking about him and he noticed, more than at other times, how alike they were, Meg at sixteen now a right little madam. A son would understand.

"Like a big kid," he heard Vi say sarcastically to Meg one day. But it was too easy to think he just wanted to be a boy again. For Tom a whole new world had opened up. They couldn't see it. He thought Vi would be pleased with him for not going to the pub as much, but even that didn't seem to count.

Out on the boat Tom's mind drifted to the places he'd go when it was finished: down to Tasmania, maybe even across to New Zealand. He imagined the blokes at the pub, how they'd come to admire him once he got the thing going. Learning to sail was a detail along the way. He'd have the biggest bottle of champers that day, he could almost see Vi all dressed up, smashing it against the bow, though he'd never think of suggesting it yet. One Sunday, when he was out there fiddling with his radio dial, he accidentally came across a 2FC feature on Sir Francis Chichester. Tom turned up the volume and put down his tools. He lit a cigarette and became absorbed in the story of the epic voyage with its accompanying sound effects: the clang of the ship's rigging and the crash of waves breaking onto its deck.

Harry next door called out "Aye, aye Captain" over the fence and saluted Tom with a laugh. Tom held up his thumb to Harry in a gesture of mateship.

"Don't be getting any daft ideas," Vi interrupted. She had been listening at the back door.

The months passed by and soon it was winter. The frosty nights kept Tom inside, so he used the time after tea to catch up on his reading, his books spread out all over the table.

"Making Bulkheads," Vi read out loud one evening, over the clatter of plates as she cleared the dishes around him. "We're in for another exciting weekend," she called out to Meg who was glued to the TV in the lounge-room, "whatever the dickens bulkheads are." Tom went into the kitchen a few minutes later to examine the plumbing under the sink and measure the size of the cupboards. He'd just read: Women should be consulted in the design of the galley, and was about to ask Vi a few kitchen-type questions but she got in first.

"If you're going to get in my way, grab a tea-towel."

"I'm studying the kitchen."

"And I'm studying the dirty dishes. Are you hindering or helping?"

"I was just wondering . . . well, say you were to have a small kitchen on this boat, a galley, what would you say the best lay-out would be? Say we had a space this size . . ." and Tom indicated a length with his arm.

These days Vi's anger had more or less retreated to the background, but every now and then it flared up like a storm.

"You stand there Tom Campbell and dare ask me a question like that?" She was nearly shouting. "If you think I'm going anywhere near that boat, kitchen or no kitchen -

Tom put up his hands as if to surrender. "Keep y' hat on woman!"

"Well here's a question for you - what's happened to our new room? Our sunroom." Vi was looking squarely at him, her wet hands on her hips, the soap suds dripping onto the floor.

Tom felt caught and wished he'd stayed in the dining room. The long promised sunroom was meant to be this year's project.

"Well, there's hardly the need these days," he responded, referring to the fact that they were now a household of three. Their eldest daughter Rose, at Teacher's College in Bathurst, only came home for the holidays. They had plenty of room now.

"You mean there's hardly the space outside for it anymore. That blasted boat of yours is eating into our savings, which I never agreed to, you know that."

Vi had a point of course, a very big point, but nothing he'd say would calm her down. The less said the better, that was his motto these days. Tom went back to his books.

This kind of sparring continued on and off for the rest of the year, but Tom didn't take it too seriously.

"Move that boat, then I'll be happy," she said to him on another occasion.

"It'll move one day. You watch, she'll practically fly."

Vi came back at him with unmistakable glee. "It'll sink before it does anything. You know what they call those things? Floating footpaths!"

"Is that so? And where did you hear that then?"

"Joe, as a matter of fact."

Rose's boyfriend Joe, another student teacher, was overly confident at twenty and did not impress Tom in the slightest.

"A few big words under his belt and he thinks he knows everything." Tom knew his tone was sharp, but it ended the match.

During the second year of the boat project, Tom as absorbed as ever, started collecting bits and pieces, and Saturdays became the time for bargain hunting. He'd scour the 'For Sale' columns at the breakfast bar, circling possible buys, while Vi cooked his bacon and eggs.

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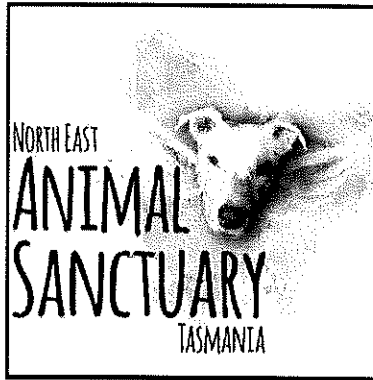


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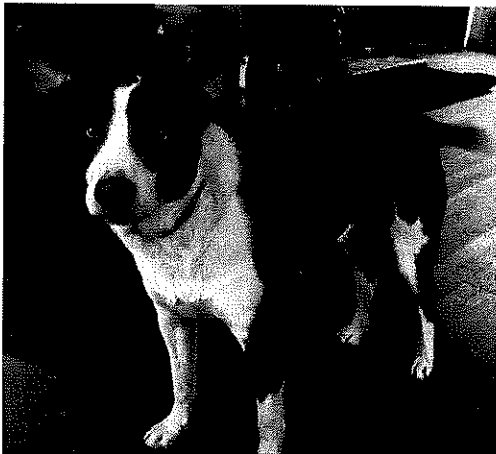
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Zac loves humans there is no doubt about that!! Zac would benefit from a family or companion who is with him more often than not and as with all of our dogs we require the homes they go to, to have a secure yard. He loves the water and has great recall. If you think Zac could be your perfect match please contact us for more information.

0457 081 533 / michelle.jesson@bigpond.com



The Cornwall Miners Rifle Club 1945

Phone survey to check state's health pulse

A phone health-check of 15,000 Tasmanian households over the next two weeks will gauge the health, lifestyles and wellbeing pulse of individuals across the state.

Department of Health and Human Services' Public Health CEO Siobhan Harpur said the Population Health Survey results would help inform the \$6.4 million A Healthy Tasmania preventive health plan.

"I strongly urge Tasmanians to take the short survey because it will help us achieve our aim to make Tasmanians the healthiest population in Australia by 2025," Ms Harpur said. "The survey will include detailed questions around diet, physical activity and oral health, and on how well Tasmanians understand information they receive from health professionals. The health survey is also the only source of regional chronic disease and lifestyle risk factor data available to Tasmania."

Ms Harpur said other questions included environmental health and bushfire preparedness.

The randomly selected survey participants will receive a letter in the mail in the next few days inviting them to participate in the survey.


Ms Harpur said she could assure all participants their personal details would be kept confidential and not shared with other agencies.

The Social Research Centre will conduct the survey on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services.

For more information about the survey call Tasmanian Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

Dart Calcutta

WINNER TAKES ALL



UNION HOTEL - AVOCA
FRIDAY 14th October
7pm START
COMPETITION ENTRY \$5.00
SUPPER \$5.00

RSVP 12th Oct
Helen 64842101

Kaye Lee October 2, 2016

Australia is one of only three countries in the world where even the commercial enterprises of religious organisations are granted tax concessions. They are not required to report the breakdown of their charitable, business or investment activities.

Federally, these apply to income tax, fringe benefits tax, and the goods and services tax. State government exemptions cover land tax, payroll tax, stamp duties and car registration fees. Local governments provide exemptions from municipal rates. Concessions may also be granted for some water and power charges.

In 2008, the Secular Party of Australia made a submission to Treasury where they estimated the government's financial assistance to religious institutions to be in the order of \$31 billion annually.

As the FBT is exempt to employees who are religious practitioners, eligible employers can provide remuneration packages that are biased wholly in terms of fringe benefits, thereby avoiding any income tax. This device can also create an unwarranted entitlement to social security benefits.

In relation to the GST, an anomaly occurs in relation to ceremonies for weddings and funerals. If performed by a civil celebrant, GST is payable, whereas if done in a church, it is not.

Apart from being grossly inequitable, the situation is of doubtful legality in the light of equal opportunity laws that prohibit discrimination on the grounds of religion.

From 2008 ... (they name their sources if you look at the link)

Table 2 – Estimates of Cost to Taxpayers

Income tax lost (at corporate rate) \$15.122 billion

Capital gains tax lost (corporate rate) \$6.529 billion

Grants for family counselling \$64 million

Chaplains in schools programme \$30 million

Grants to religious schools (from Commonwealth) \$5.63 billion

Grants to religious schools (from states) \$1.8 billion

Grants for abortion counselling \$20 million

Grant for interfaith convention Melbourne \$2 million

Grant for Catholic World Youth Day (state & federal) \$140 million

http://www.taxreview.treasury.gov.au/content/submissions/pre_14_november_2008/Secular_Party_of_Australia.pdf

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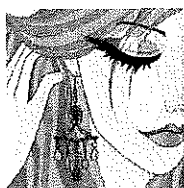
Vince Rugari
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melbourne: i'm an intolerable hipster
perth: (inaudible)
brisbane: bloody what's garn on
adelaide: dunno aye

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— Bill Bryson, *I'm a Stranger Here Myself: Notes on Returning to America after Twenty Years Away*

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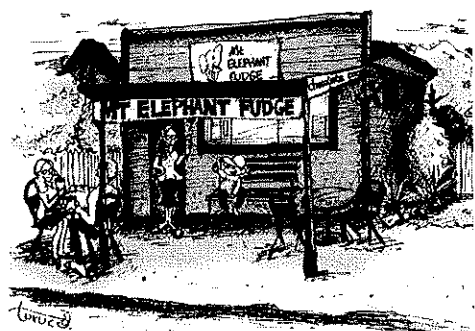
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6387 5555

GP Surgery Hours

Monday - Friday

8:50 - 10am

(10 -10:30am reception closed)

10:30am - 12.30pm

(12:30 - 1:30pm reception closed)

1:30 - 2:45pm

(2:45 - 3:15pm Reception closed)

3:15 - 4:30pm

Pathology Service – Bloods

There is no pathology service prior to 8.30am. If you require pathology prior to 8.30am, i.e. urgent blood test and / or a fasting test, an appointment must be made at the Nurses' Station the day / evening before on 6387 5555

Pathology hours: Monday-Friday

8:30 -11am & 2 - 4pm

Scripts and Doctors appointments

Please ensure doctors appointments are booked **PRIOR** to your medications running out, or **IN ADVANCE** if you attend this practice regularly.

Please be patient

Waiting periods to see your doctor may be experienced. We are not able to issue scripts during the weekends, please ensure you have enough in advance.

Please be aware we are not able to issue scripts by phone

**Non-attendance of
Doctor's Appointments**

Please be aware there is a non attendance policy at this practice. If you miss three appointments you will be sent an account.

If you miss a fourth appointment you may be referred to another Medical Practice.

Due to demand, doctor's appointments need to be booked at least **two weeks in advance**.

Waiting periods can apply.

Doctors Roster

Dr C. Latt

7/10/16– 21/10/16

Dr K. Nash-Rawnsley

7/10, 11/10, 14/10, 18/10 & 21/10 2016

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday October 6, 2016

Please see after hours contact numbers for during this time. Normal Doctor Surgery hours will resume on Friday 7/10/16

ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE?

Do you have a new address / phone number?

Do you have a new Centrelink / Medicare card?

Have you updated these details with us?

You may also be charged for some medical services if your Centrelink / Medicare cards are not current. If any of your details have changed, please contact us on 6387 5555 or call in and see our friendly reception staff for assistance.

St Marys Medical Practice reminder

Dr Latt wishes to remind the community of the following exceptions to bulk billing at SMCHC:

<i>Driving licence renewals</i>	<i>Insurance medicals Harness medicals</i>
<i>Requested medical reports</i>	<i>Pre-employment checks</i>

The above are NOT covered by Medicare and may incur cost. Please discuss this with reception when making your appointment. If you have any concerns, please contact us and we will try and address them.

A.H. contact numbers

GP Assist 1300 780 011

Ambulance or Emergency 1800 008 008

Lifeline - Saving lives, crisis support and suicide prevention 131 114

**St Marys Community Health
Centre - please ring before 6387 5555
presenting after hours**

INR tests require a five minute doctors consultation. Please inform reception when booking

Information on this page supplied by St Marys Community Health Centre, Gardiners Creek Rd St Marys Tasmania 7215

St Marys Community Health Centre

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What's on at the Centre

October 6 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY Launceston Show Day**
Please see after hours contact numbers during this time. Normal Doctor Surgery hours will resume on Friday 7/10/16

October 7 **Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide appts by referral from your Health Professional

Social Worker Shan Williams
Ph 6387 5555 for appointments.

October 10 **Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide appts by referral from your Health Professional

October 11 **Child Health Session** with Mary Mumford
Tuesday fortnights, by appointment only.
Ph 0428 136 381

Rae & Partners Lawyers consult
fortnightly at the SMCHC. Ph 6337 5555
for appointments

Occupational Therapist Danyelle Briggs
by referral from your Health Professional

Max Solution 8:30am-5pm downstairs

Physiotherapist Naomi Ide appts by referral from your Health Professional

October 12 **Day Centre** Ph Hayley Gilbert on 6387 5555 for information on the group

Outreach Health Solutions Grant Todd
Exercise Physiologist. Ph 0428 491 621

October 13 **Social Worker** Shan Williams for appts
please phone 6387 5555

Physiotherapist Naomi Ide appts by referral from your Health Professional

October 14 **Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide appts by referral from your Health Professional

Social Worker Shan Williams
Ph 6387 5555 for appointments.

October 17 **Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide appts by referral from your Health Professional

TLC Meeting (Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre) 5pm in the Day Room

October 18 **Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide appts by referral from your Health Professional

October 19 **Outreach Health Solutions** Grant Todd
Exercise Physiologist. Ph 0428 491 621

Social Worker Shan Williams for appts
please phone 6387 5555

Consumer & Carer Advocacy Group 12—
2pm downstairs at the SMCHC.
Ph Shan on 6387 5555

Day Centre Ph Hayley Gilbert on 6387 5555 for information on the group

October 20 **Social Worker** Shan Williams for appts
please phone 6387 5555

Outreach Health Solutions Grant Todd
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October 21 **Social Worker** Shan Williams for appts
please phone 6387 5555

Physiotherapist Naomi Ide appts by referral from your Health Professional

Dietician Diabetes Tasmania— Melanie Hortle please see your GP for a referral

SMCHC Teaching Site

We are a UTAS teaching site. We regularly host students from various health faculties, who attend our site to participate in training placement.

If you are attending this practice and would prefer the students do not sit in on your consultation, please inform reception prior to your appointment.

These placements are very important for the students, so your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

There will be a Medical Student and two Nursing Students on placement during the month of October 2016

Community Transport St Marys
Phone Jan or Colin for Community Transport bookings on 6372 4415



Tish

"It was a big change to go from primary school teaching in The Hague, one of the most populated cities in Holland, to working in a butchers shop in Rossarden, Tasmania. It was a big move, to go and live at the bottom of the world. But I had my sister there. And we had already lived through hell.

Tasmania has given me nothing but peace and happiness. I could move on, you know"?

"I was born in 1936 . So I'm 80 now. I can remember a great deal about my younger life. I am lucky. A lot of people in here do not have that luxury. Growing older can be lonely. If you do not have your memories, it would be even more so.

At the end of the war, most of the people in Northern Holland were starving. The Germans successfully cut off all the supply chains and nobody had any food. It was very bad. My father was a pastry baker so we were lucky that he was given flour and such, so we never were starving. But we were in danger there always. And life was getting

desperate.

My parents knew that if we were to stay there with them, we would not live . When I was, I think 7 or 8 years old, my dad organised for us children to escape on a ship from The Hague to the Province of Friesland. My sisters and I were put into a boat in the dark of the night with my parents crying and I will never forget their faces. You see, we sailed to Friesland on a cattle boat to escape the Germans. There were dozens of people hiding in the hull of the ship. During the journey, we were stopped by a German war boat, so to avoid detection they had to close the hatches of the boat and told us to be quiet. It was dark and soon no air. Well, people kept talking, and crying and I was so scared. I remember yelling out in anger "Please be quiet"!! It was very scary for an eight year old. My sisters were crying for our parents. I will never forget it. But at least I had my sisters. I was luckier than some. My father told us before we left on the ship, to go to the police station in Friesland, as it is a public place and we will be safe there. And that is what we did, and we slept in the police station on the floor.

I do not recall what happened then, but we ended up being looked after by an Aunty. And getting parcels from America, from the C.W.A, and other charities, and they have food and hair ribbons and clothing and such things like that. Our teacher, she say " Write down in a letter what you need". Most wrote lollies or toys you know, and I wrote down 'underwear'. You could not buy anything you see and I had no underwear. The parcels meant so much to us. Years later, I see that teacher. She said to me "I still have your letter. It makes me cry happy tears ". And of course, I do remember being reunited with our parents and brothers when the war finished. It was an unforgettable moment I tell you".

"The Germans had what was known as razzia, which is where they would come and just take people from the street to be taken to Germany to work in factories for their war effort, you know. I have two brothers and one was at the age that was ok for him to be taken. He had to hide in our bakehouse but he was so frightened because he know, that if he were found he would be shot on the spot, you see. We had a hole where we take the floorboards out and he sat in there. But he was so scared, he gave himself up and was sent to Germany. He must have had a terrible time you know, as he has never spoken about it. Ever.

It was by then, January 1945, and the Germans could see the writing on the wall as far as the war ending, and they were also running out of food, so they opened the gates and let them free.

It was a bad situation as the Dutch people did not know if they were all going to be killed.

Upon release, my brother did not know his own name or where he was from. The Red Cross stepped in and they asked a Dutch newspaper to do a story on him. My Aunty saw him in the story and filled in the gaps. He was a skeleton. Yet for some reason they sent him back to The Hague where there was no food. But at least my parents were there. My family came to join us in Friesland and it was time to rebuild our lives".

My sister had moved to Tasmania in the 1950's and married a lovely man named Kees, who owned the butcher shop in Rossarden. They had 2 children and my mother had visited them for a few weeks. Mum came home and told me how beautiful Tasmania was.

I sailed on the ship 'Orania' and it stopped at Southampton and hundreds of the '10 pound Poms' boarded. Which was great for me as I knew some English and translated for a lot of passengers to chat to each other. I flew into Tasmania. My first time on a plane. What a thrill it was.

In Rossarden, I knew nobody, but this was of no importance. It was a lovely little town. I really liked it straight away. The air was so clean and the people were so very nice.

"Although I was a primary school teacher, my English was not good enough to start teaching yet, so my brother in law offered me a job in his butcher shop. I said to him, "But I don't know meat and, you know, money, weights. He smiled and said to me 'You will learn Titia, just come and have a go. Just wrap meat up and smile'. And it was the best thing I could have done.

Within a fortnight, I was quite fluent in English, and I had met most of the townsfolk who christened me Tish. Of course being a mining town, some of the language was quite colourful, so I learnt some new swear words

too.....hahaha. In Holland, my name was Titia, but Australians like to, you know, shorten all their names hahaha. So in Rossarden, I was Tish and I lived with my sister and brother in law for a year. I met a local man named Bundy Oliver. He was a miner. Tough as nails. A kind and respectable man he was. He worked at the mine mill as a supervisor. Bundy, which is a nickname (real name Bernard) became my husband in 1960.

I used to come home from work and say to him, some times a swear word I had learnt that day, like the b word or the s.h word and he would smile and shake his head and say 'Oh no Tish, you can't use that word hahaha'. Bundy and I had 4 children together.

"We moved to Launceston when our kids were ready for high school and we bought a home in Malabar Street, Newstead.

Our house was built before the first world war. We lived at number 1, so I avoided the big hill thank god. Bundy would take our car to work at the mine and be home on the weekends. So we walked everywhere".

"Life in Launceston was always busy but trouble free. I love living here. Our kids did Little Athletics and other sports and we were always going to different places for picnics.

So many beautiful places around here for that. When you have so much trauma in your young life, it makes you appreciate the peacefulness and quiet beauty of Tasmania. It was, and still is, a fantastic place to raise children. Our youngest boys were aged 12 & 15 when Bundy died. I miss him still to this day. But his memory lives on through our 4 fantastic kids. After he died, I went back to relief teaching but I had lost interest in it after so long not doing it. I am always so proud of our children and I see Bundy in our boys, always.

I have been in here for 7 months. It's nice but it's not home of course. But age has led me here.

It's too hard on my own at home. I have told you a little bit about me. Now, tell me a little bit about you. They tell me you are a singer. So come on, you can sing me a song, hahaha".

<https://www.facebook.com/humansoflaunceston/posts/243051482763015:0>

Dick bought a puppy. Dick didn't pay any attention to his puppy or take the time to train or exercise him. The puppy became destructive and made messes in the house. Dick took his puppy to a shelter because he was a bad puppy. Dick was the problem, not the puppy.

DON'T BE A DICK



"In France, a chemist named Pilatre de Rozier tested the flammability of hydrogen by gulping a mouthful and blowing across an open flame, proving at a stroke that hydrogen is indeed explosively combustible and that eyebrows are not necessarily a permanent feature of one's face." Bill Bryson, A Short History of Nearly Everything

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Hey Everybody, greetings from southeast Baltimore, Maryland, USA - the birthplace of our national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner.

To the Crazy Loud Minority of My Fellow Americans

I wanted to share this with my friends in Tasmania, I thought you might be interested. I posted the following on my Facebook page this morning. I will follow up with their responses, if there are any or you can add me as a friend and see for yourself.

Find me on Facebook; Louis Bruette Baltimore, Maryland.

I am hearing and reading all kinds of crazy nonsense about this election. "Don't be gullible"; code for: ignore the facts. Emails, Benghazi and other witch hunts. You name it, there is a conspiracy theory or two to go along with it. I don't know if it was racism and now sexism or just a fear of the changing world we live in. It's ok, the bogeyman is not going to get you when Hillary wins.

Now that Trump has failed miserably in the debate it's a conspiracy of the press aiding Hillary. She did not need any help beating Trump in the debate, he did that all by himself. Open your eyes, the man is an egotistical fraud. Of course he won't release his tax returns. They would only prove he is a fraud.

When Hillary wins the election the next cry will be "election fraud" - how else could the old rich white guy lose, again!? This is not a third world country or Russia. We have a free press, the "black car" will not come in the night to sweep away dissent.

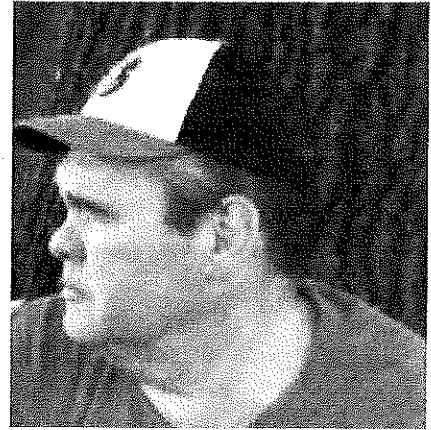
If the country was half as bad as some of the crazies think, the government they fear in their demented minds would have made them disappear long ago.

The Black guy did not ruin the country. He did an amazing job despite the mess he inherited. He did not instill Shira law or take away your guns. The median income is up and poverty is down. The stock market is fluctuating at an all-time high. The percentage of uninsured Americans is at an all-time low. Crime is at a 20 year low. The country is not bankrupt; the Dollar is as strong as ever.

I believe we could print all the money we want and the Dollar would not suffer because the world sees us as we are; the greatest nation in the world.

The nice intelligent lady is going to make everything even better, don't worry. She won't take your guns away unless you are as crazy as some of the things you say and believe. Sleep with your gun if it makes you feel better, just don't shoot yourself.

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Tip locations and opening hours

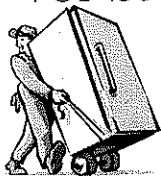
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Butchery specials October 12—18

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Two week specials October 5 - 18

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