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## EDITORIAL

### "BE READY - 'M DAY' IS COMING!"

From next Monday, 1st July, a dramatic change will take place on Australian roads; the changeover to metrics. Will it be as difficult as many of us fear? Certainly not, if we have done our 'Homework'.

So let's make like Boy Scouts and 'Be Prepared'. This, like 1966's change to decimal currency, will be largely one of common sense. It needn't be painful. Metrication for the road needs to be singled out as the most important at this stage and its most critical aspect appears to be the change from m.p.h. to km/h for lives will depend on our understanding of it. For example:- A motorist approaches a bend in the highway, which has a speed advisory sign indicating 45 km/h (that's only 28 m.p.h.), and without thinking he ploughs into the corner at the old familiar 45 m.p.h. -- he probably won't live to tell the sorry tale!

The motorist faces not only metric numbers but a range of completely new road signs and this, thankfully, will mean the first real uniformity between the states. The most important to watch out for are the regulatory signs indicating maximum speeds. They will have black numbers inside a red circle on a white background.

The maximum highway speed in Tasmania will be 110 km/h and the general maximum in built-up areas will be 60 km/h. Both these speeds will be slightly higher than the old 65 and 35.

THE SPEED ADVISORY SIGNS, as now will display black figures on a yellow background, BUT figures will be metric, with "km/h" appearing under the figure. Kilometre posts will replace mile posts.

Patience and understanding will be required when it comes to refuelling the car because the conversion of petrol pumps will take time. Drivers will need to be familiar with their conversion during the changeover. E.g. 50 litres = 11 gallons. All fuel and oil for the car will be bought by the litre. Tyre pressures will be in kilopascals (kPa) and one unit is equal to almost 7 pounds per square inch, thus 22 psi = 150 kPa. When it comes to checking the car's fuel economy we won't be looking for m.p.g. not even kilometres per litre but 'litres per

100 kilometres' (l/100 km) "To calculate, take the litres used, multiply by 100, then divide by the kilometres travelled. Simple and fun! If your car now does 20 m.p.g, that will be 14.1 l/100km in future. Incidentally kilometre is pronounced "KILL-OF-metre" not as in "speedometer".

Horsepower will give way to kilowatts (kW) E.g. a 135 h.p. Holden "202" motor will be rated at 100 kW.

So "metrication" need not be "METRICKation", it can be fun; the change need not be traumatic and full benefit will be clearly seen in the days ahead. The transition will be a "breeze" for those who are prepared to apply a little commonsense and do their homework now. Wiser, still, the motorist who rather than taking our word [for all the professionally prepared guides to the use of metrics on our roads]

(Correction below)

It is not our intention here to go into details in depth but to get you thinking metric. It cannot be ignored; it is a fact of life that we must accept. Our willing acceptance of it will ensure a safe and smooth transition.

Our closing word of advice is:- Learn to THINK METRIC and FORGET the old imperial. It could well be that in twelve months' time, many will be laughing at the old imperial as we do now with £.s.d. ! £.s.d. ??? What on earth is that???

### HAPPY METRIC MOTORING

CORRECTION: For all the foregoing, gets his hands on all the professionally prepared guides to the use of metrics on our roads

## ST MARYS BAKERY



(J & R Owens)

BREAD PIES PASTIES

BUNS FRUITCAKES  
AND SPONGES

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

An idea has been put forward by a new member of the Hobart City Council - Dr. Susanne Atkins - which I would like to see adopted by our Fingal Council. This is a newsletter to the ratepayers of the Municipality, in which they would be kept in touch with the day-to-day business and plans for the future - and also the difficulties of their Council.

A Short summary, by one of the Councillors, printed in the Valley Voice every month or so, should be sufficient. This need not necessarily lead to criticism of the Council (though ratepayers are, of course, entitled to air their views) - it could mean increased co-operation and understanding, if people were better informed.

E. Thorold.  
(Falmouth)

## RETURN THANKS

Mrs. M. Death and step-son Fred and Mrs. Hayes and family wish to thank sincerely their many friends for their cards, floral tributes and words of comfort following the death of our loved one, Harry. Would all accept our heart felt thanks. Special thanks to Sen. Constable C. D. Cornelius, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hinds, Mr. & Mrs. S. K. Hayes, Mrs. E. Herring and Mrs. Lucy Gatty.

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### TOUCHE'

It is good to hear that St. Marys' lovable bearded school teacher, Ian Summers is soon to return after his serious motor accident. Ian is a connoisseur of old cars and owns eight or nine (give or take a dozen) He was frequently seen around the town in an old tourer with the roof down before the accident. He claimed a comfortable cruising speed of 40 m.p.h., but this could easily be raised to 50 if he were to hack off his long beard (Evidently Ian has not heard of 'profile drag'.

His latest purchase is an old hearse. Local residents are 'dying' to have a ride in it. Ian hopes to use it for fishing. Two people could easily sleep in it - head to toe for it is so long. Recently an 80 odd year old fisherman quipped "At least you will be able to rest in peace."

### CLASSIFIED CONT.

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Mr. Piffle

WHATSON

St. Marys welcomes a new Police Inspector, Inspector H. F. Alomes, formerly of New Norfolk. He has now settled into the Groom Street residence with Mrs. Alomes. Sergeant Smith, who was relieving at St. Marys has now returned we believe, to Hobart.

Friday 28th June and July 5th & 12th 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class at St. Pauls Church, St. Helens.

Fingal Buffalo Lodge meet Friday 12th July, Date changed from July 19th.

Mrs. Amy Jarvis of St. Marys is in hospital in Launceston. Her friends wish her well.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce annual dinner will be held at St. Helens Hotel-Motel, Saturday evening June 29th.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Bailey of St. Helens welcome a new Baby son, to their family of boys.

St. Helens Lions Club are having their change over dinner at St. Helens Hotel-Motel on July 9th.

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CENT. EVENING - 3rd July. 7.30 p.m.  
At the home of Mr. & Mrs. R. Stuart.

Thursday July 4th Parish Council 8.00 p.m. in St. Helens Parish Hall.

THURSDAY, JULY 4th.

BESSEMERWARE EVENING.

All interested are invited to attend. Commencing at 8.00 p.m. At the home of Mr. & Mrs. R. Stuart.

Working Bee at the St. Marys Methodist Church tomorrow from 10.00a.m.

In aid of Junior Queen Quest Entrant Roberta Stuart.

Next St. Marys Junior Youth Club, Friday 5th July 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. at the Methodist Hall.

Monday July 1st 2.00 p.m. Bible Study Circle at Rectory, St. Helens.

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BEAUTY

S.T.P.S. Journal

The hours when the mind is absorbed by beauty are the only hours when we really live. So much the longer we can stay among such things, so much the more is snatched from inevitable time - these are the only hours that are not wasted - these hours that absorb the soul and fill it with beauty.

ANNUAL MEETING - The Annual Meeting of the St. Marys Branch, Red Cross Society, will be held in the Institute, St. Marys on Monday 1st July 1974, at 7.30 p.m. Presidents Annual Report & Election of Officers. All interested are cordially invited to attend. The General Secretary of Red Cross in Tasmania, Mr. G. Rhee will address the meeting. Ladies a plate please.

St. Helens Church of England Guild Tuesday July 9th at 2.30 p.m. in Church and hall.

WHICH HALF?

Ken Walsh

I must concentrate  
On the half of my argument  
That is right,  
And the half of his argument  
That is wrong,  
And so we can argue  
For ever -  
But if I could add  
The half of his argument  
That is right,  
To the half of my argument  
That is right,  
We could move towards a solution.

Next St. Marys Senior Youth Club will be on Wednesday, July 5th at the High School hall from 7 till 9 pm

The Annual Meeting of the St. Marys' Child Health Clinic will be held on the 10th July, 1974 at 8.00pm in the Nurses' Recreation Room at the St. Marys District Hospital

The meeting will be followed by a buffet supper - members a plate, please. All mothers are welcome to attend this meeting and to bring a friend

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TODAY - Street Stall, Hotel Verandah. Commencing at 10.00 a.m.

TONIGHT - Teenage Dance commencing 8.00 p.m. AT Football Club Rooms. Admission 50cents. Everyone Welcome.

CABARET - St. Marys Hotel. Saturday night, June 29th.

CARNIVAL DAY - Sunday 30th June. Starting 1.00 p.m. with wheelbarrow race from Community Hall to Recreation Ground, 40¢ admission. Prize for first barrow. Frog jumping contest, Kite Flying, Buried Treasure, Football kicking contest, 10¢ entry fee. In aid of Roberta Stuart Junior Queen Quest Entrant

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## EARLY FALMOUTH

Dr. Henderson had 2650 acres located to him in 1829, but he returned to India the following year leaving David Stead to manage his property and the present "Glencoe".

When Backhouse and Walker visited Stead in 1831, they mentioned there was a flag staff on the Blow Hole point, which he called "Cape Henderson". Our Lagoon also bears the name of Henderson.

The Tasmanian Gazette of 1877 refers to Falmouth as a postal and telegraphic township. I suspect the first Post Master would have been William Lade when he had his store at Mariposa. I have some dates for subsequent post masters, but not for the beginning and termination of office for the earlier incumbents.

Archibald McIntyre who had bought "Glencoe" from Dr. Henderson in 1838 was the post master in 1849; William Lade in 1860; Mary Holland in 1887; Miss Nell Wardlaw from 1899 - 1958 (surely a record) and finally Mrs. Schier from 1958 until our post office was lost to us this year.

## PRESS STATEMENT

Conflicting statements have arisen over the availability of Government finances for the repair of municipal flood-damaged roads in the St. Marys area. Comments have been made by some Councillors that the Council does not have "virtually a blank cheque" to do the work.

Mr. Andrew Lohrey M.H.A. has said that the necessary Government money to do the repairs is available, and has been available for some time to the Fingal Council.

Mr. Lohrey has also criticised the Council for not getting on with the jobs of repairing the flood-damaged roads more quickly.

The Minister for Lands and Works, Mr. Michael Barnard and Mr. Andrew Lohrey will meet the Fingal Council at their next meeting 8th July, to clarify this matter.

PORTLAND COUNCIL - The Portland Council is seeking Mr. Lance Barnard's support in making further submission for a letter-receiver North of the Scamander bridge, Mr. Jackson, District Postal Manager, thinks at this present time this is not warranted.

## PORTLAND AMBULANCE SOCIETY -

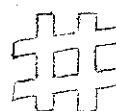
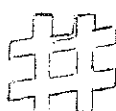
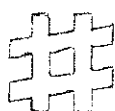
Portland Council has decided to join Tasmanian Ambulance Services. Council wants to know if the Commission will allow them to raise \$1200 by a sub of \$3.00 per member as before.

## NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION

A successful morning tea was held at the Bay View Hotel, St. Helens on June 12th. This was arranged by the office bearers of the St. Helens area. Mrs. C. P. Fysh President, Mrs. J. Lawler Secretary, and Mrs. N Suter Treasurer, wish to thank all the people who helped to make the function the success it was, the stall and other donations made \$217.00. Mrs. A. R. M. Jackson, President of the Eastern Group of the Foundation was present. The Group has raised \$400.00 over the year with morning teas.

## GARDENING NOTES

For those who havn't the space or are feeling that hard gardening is beyond them, but like a green plant or two, what about container gardening? This way you can change your pots around to suit the weather, or perhaps the plant is dying down for its annual rest, so one can put a new one in its place. Quite a large range of plants can be grown in container, but to choose the plant and containers to go together. Some plants have deep roots, so need a deep pot others like Azaleas have shallow, but wide spreading roots, so they do best in a shallow pot. Hydrangeas look lovely in pots and one can get them the soil they like. Petunias, and nasturtiums are very colourful on steps. Fushsias and Ivy look lovely in hanging baskets. There are hundreds of plants which grow well in pots or baskets. Now for soil :- You can buy good potting soil from nurseries, but its fun to make your own, besides you know if your plants want acid or not. Get a large box and measure with one bucket or container, 4 parts (or buckets) good crumbly medium loam, 2 parts coarse gritty sand, 1 part moistened peatmoss, 1 part rotted cow manure, or compost, or leafmold, of planting Azaleas, ericas, pieris etc. don't like lime. Hydrangeas, lime soil for pink flowers, acid soil for blues. If your soil is heavy and inclined to cake them add an extra part of peatmoss and leave out the sand. I have found the soil under the wood heap very good for pots, its crumbly and the wood makes a good compost, enriching the soil. Pots and containers are heavy and a good way to move them is to work a shovel under the pot, then pull steadily using the back of the shovel as a sled; look out though, should it suddenly come out, you will be flat on the ground.



By A.E.K.

For fisherman who do not often go the the Central Highlands, the expedition can be a major operation.

As no shack was available we hired a 6 berth caravan with gas fridge and stove for \$15 for three days. We three were very comfortable. However, one night there was a severe frost. I was in the top bunk near the ceiling and the cold came through so that I nearly caught the flu. Arthur's Lake is about 4,000 ft. up.

After obtaining provisions we picked up the van in Launceston and set out for the lakes, stopping only at the last tackle store in civilization to check our fly supplies.

I was aghast when Allan asked the lady for a B-----Mary, but she never turned a hair. I didn't know it was a kind of fly. However, she only had one of this popular type and I had to settle for a "Mrs. Simpson" to join me on my honeymoon in the highlands. True to form, all she did was divorce me from all the fish in the place when we got there. I never even saw one the first day.

Primarily I am a spinnerman. I tried practically all the spinners and wobblers I had but all I brought up was another wobbler that some unfortunate had lost. I came to the conclusion that the only way to get a fish with a spinner in that lake was to select a heavy wobbler, ambush your fish from behind a big rock and dong him on the head as he goes by.

It was an exciting moment when I saw the first fish caught. Allan had him on newt. Careful manouvering is necessary when bringing in a fish that has taken a fly. He may be hanging only on the skin of his lip and a bit of pressure at the wrong moment will break the skin and he is off home. This one was netted after a patient ten minutes. We were all present for the post mortum. There is a careful examination of his guts to see what he has been eating of late, so we will know what to tempt his brothers with. This fish was full of beetles - the sort that fly around the light in your home on a warm night. It didn't take long to work out that these beetles were being blown off the lake-side trees onto the water where the fish were waiting to pounce.

Up to this moment we had thought that DUNS might have been the done thing up here because there were so many about. For the uninitiated let me explain that a newt comes up from the logs and rocks at the bottom of the lake and sits on the water like a pyramid. At that stage he is a DUN, and at this stage he is likely to be sucked in - by a fish. If he survives long enough he completes the hatching and spreads his new wings and off he goes as a mayfly, and if he dares too close to the water again a fish will jump out and nab him. However, now that we knew they were after beetles we started to cast beetles out on to the waters. It paid off for my companions but for a tryer like me there was nothing doing.

It is all very well for the experts to say, "It all depends on the way you present the fly to the fish - ". Casting a fly should have been easy for me - after all my father was a bullock driver and very good with the whip. I know some fishermen are ambidextrous but I am not even dextrous.

After attaching the reel to the rod, you pull enough line through top ring so that the spring in the rest of the line - the thick part does not drag it back before you can get the fly tied on.

"First of all," they said, "Find your fish." farcical I thought. When you cannot tell the swirl of a fish from a wave caused by the wind, you are at a disadvantage. At last I felt sure I had sighted a fish moving around so I clambered down over the logs and stones till I was over knee deep in the lake. Yes, there was certainly a fish there. Not only did he swim around in front of me, the little show-off jumped clean out of the water to prove it.

"Place your fly in front of the fish," they said. But how do you know which way a fish is going to take off. I probably would hit him in the tail. Trying to be mindful of the dead trees around me, I carefully worked that line out to a spot where I had last seen the fish and made my cast. The fly went out alright but alas, the top section of the rod went with it. What a mess!

So I had to pull it all in and start over again, goodness knows where the fish had gone by that time. As luck would have it he was not deterred by my clumsiness; he was still there looking for beetles. Quickly I re-arranged my line and cast out the fly again quite close to the fish really; and I stood and watched closely. At this point I nearly fell over in the water. I looked down at the uneven bottom to see what was going on. When I looked up again the fly was no where to be seen and there was a ring on the water where the fish had been. As instructed I counted "One..Two" then struck, but I had too much slack line and when I pulled it in the fly came but the fish, oh no! He had had too much time, and he said "your old fly is not as tasty as some around; you can have it back".

He came again but this time further out. As I tried hard to get my line out just a little further I over did it and the fly got stuck in the long grass on the bank. As I stood there getting untangled, there was a mighty splash behind me. I looked round in time to see that fish re-entering the water and I could swear he was wearing a grin from fin to fin.

That was enough insult for one day. I packed up in disgust and telling the others where the fish had been playing, I sneaked off.

FISHING NEWS

Scamander Angling Club held their Annual General Meeting and Dinner at the Scamander Hotel-Motel last Saturday. Office bearers elected were:- Patron: D.E.C. Scott, President: G.R. Gadsby, Vice President: G. Luck, Secretary: A.R. Jackson, Treasurer: W.J. Stone, Committee: Messrs H. Gratzner, C. Brown, F. Hayes. Members decided to raise the annual subscription to \$1.00 and the entry fees for contests to 60 cents for members, 20 cents for juniors and 80 cents for visitors. After the meeting was concluded, 62 members and wives enjoyed a smorgasbord dinner. The annual trophies were presented and dancing followed.

This reporter is not qualified to comment on the general attractive attire of the ladies. A copy of the annual report presented by the secretary follows:-

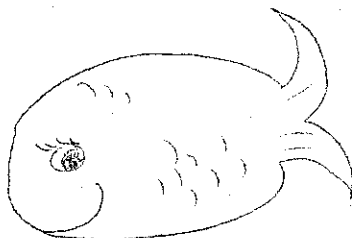
ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR  
1973/74

The Club has experienced another successful year despite adverse weather conditions. Membership stands at 96, this being a slight increase over last year.

During the year, ten surf and three bream contests were held with a total entry of 331 i.e. an average of 26 per contest. In addition, one scheduled surf contest had to be cancelled due to bad weather. A total of 47 trophies were presented, not including those to be awarded tonight at our dinner. Catches were somewhat disappointing due to the continual Easterly winds - in fact on 30th December when a combined surf and bream contest was held, no fish were landed on the beach. However, the heaviest scale fish caught during this season, is the heaviest weighed-in since the Club was re-activated in 1971.

The Committee was grateful for the support given by members and their friends at the various contests. We also appreciate the donation of trophies by several members and supporters. Special mention should be made of the following: Mrs. Reynolds for the doll which will be raffled tonight - Mr. Don Smith for the loan of scales for the last three years - the "Valley Voice" for printing our fishing news - Mr. John Skoda and his staff for their interest in our annual dinner.

The Committee look forward to another happy year for 1974/75 and the season will start with a surf contest at Four Mile Beach on Sunday 28th July from 12 noon to 4pm.

ST. MARYS GARDEN CLUB

The Monthly Meeting of the St. Marys Garden Club held on June 30th had a good attendance. The floral art and other exhibits were judged by Mrs. Colleen Barnes. Results as follows: Floral Art A: 1st, Mrs. A. Llewellyn, 2nd, Mrs. M. Royle, 3rd, Mrs. Llewellyn.

Floral Art B: Mrs. K. Lohrey 1st, & 3rd, Mrs. L. Mitchell 2nd.

Single Bloom: 1st, Mrs. M. Aulich, 2nd Mrs. Rattray, 3rd Mrs. Llewellyn.

Extra Competition (Arrangement with 3 articles only): 1st Mrs. M. Royle, 2nd Mrs. A. Llewellyn, 3rd Mrs. M. Oliver.

Home Products: 1st, Mrs. M. Royle 2nd & 3rd.

Vegetable (Turnip) 1st & 2nd Mr. P. Llewellyn, 3rd Mrs. L. Rattray.

Any other Vegetable: 1st Mrs. Rattray, 2nd Mrs. M. Royle, 3rd Mr. P. Llewellyn.

Next month's meeting will again be held at 2.30pm in the afternoon July 18th. Competitions are: Single Bloom: Marigold, Special Arrangement: Winter Scene, Vegetable: Carrot, Home Products: Pumpkin Scones.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOC. MEETING

This month's meeting of the St. Marys District School P & F. Assoc. was held at Fingal.

At the meeting the Principal, Mr. D. Williams, expressed appreciation to the P & F on its provision of equipment to the school in the last year. Items included a Super 8 camera, editor, projector, dress-making models, books and games, electric power drill, stage lights, photocopying machine, and the sealing of basketball and tennis court areas.

Consideration was given at the meeting to the School Fair. It was decided that this year it should be held in the Community Hall instead of the School Hall. The date selected was October 18th and it was proposed that each area should provide a stall at the Fair.

FINGAL A. L. P. BRANCH

The Fingal Branch of the A.L.P. was asked by the Minister for Housing to conduct a survey of houses required for the 75 - 76 programme. This was done and the result was sent in by the 31st May as requested.

The Branch is now in receipt of a letter from Mr. Lowe, stating that the result of the survey has been passed on to the Director of Housing for full consideration.

J. Macrostie

Hon. Secretary



# STARPROBE

By Pegasus

Fortnight beginning June 28th.

ARIES March 21 - April 20

Make it a point to be friendly with work associates. Try to remain calm and objective during an argument. You can win your point by being quiet. Best days 29th, 30th & 3rd.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Be careful to give others the opportunity of speaking their minds to you after you finish speaking your mind to them. Depend on no-one at this stage. Best days 28th, 4th & 10th.

TAURUS April 21 - May 20

A restless mood which seizes you will have to be squelched or you may end up behind the financial and emotional 8 ball. An excellent time for holidays. Best days 1st, 5th & 6th.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 22

More or less a quiet month with business receding into the background. Much time is spent out of doors and there is emphasis on romance, courtship and excursions. Best days 2nd, 6th & 7th.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Emotional happiness is indicated during July. Work takes a back seat to romance and travel. You sense that you are closely associated with worthwhile people. Best days 28th, 1st & 2nd.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

A month for romance, opportunities, courtship and renewed self-confidence. Harmony and co-operation will serve you better now than they have in the past. Best days 29th, 30th & 4th.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

For the best results in connection with your work, organize your time so that you can concentrate on the completion of one task at a time. Best days 29th, 4th & 5th.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan 19

You could be called upon to assume new business obligations. Money can materialize unexpectedly when you need it most. Have more confidence in yourself. Best days 2nd, 3rd & 6th.

LEO July 23 - Aug. 22

Achieve in personality, employment and friendship matters during July by developing assets and learning how to offset liabilities in your way. Best days 6th, 8th & 9th.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Don't be a wet blanket if somebody else needs cheering up. What intrudes from the outside into your domestic life seems a nuisance now. Best days 29th, 1st & 5th.

VIRGO Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

The urge to force others to do your bidding can be strong and there can be some dissatisfaction over people and events. Best days 5th, 7th & 11th.

PISCES Fe. 19 - March 20

Action is the keynote this month. There can be conflicts between business and pleasure but nothing for you to worry about. Originality can work wonders this month. Best days 2nd, 6th & 7th.

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