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EDITORIAL

RESPONSIBILITY - Part I

A lot has been said over the past years about Road Safety. The road toll in Australia is one of our biggest killers. Year after year we proclaim new laws, new restrictions and new ideas on how this scourge can be alleviated. How successful has it been? Judging by the results, not very successful.

Individually we desire such a state to exist, but how far are we prepared to go? Sooner or later, the authorities and the public will have to accept the fact that some of us are psychologically unsuited to hold a driving licence. Do we then make sure these people don't drive or do we accept this fact as being part and parcel of our way of life, hazardous or not?

Undoubtedly the major cause of road accidents is the driver. No one can doubt that a responsible, experienced driver should be able to cope with bad roads, poor visibility, heavy traffic etc. For instance, rarely does a good driver drive faster than desirable, speed restrictions or not - he is aware instinctively of the consequences of reckless action. This coupled with the fact he is generally aware of the amount of his technical ability, makes him an ideal road user.

It is ironical to note that it is the responsible person that responds best to official road education and laws; e.g. public viewing of accident "horror" films, youth driving schools, speed limits etc. The remainder, the irresponsible, the immature, the selfish and the down-right stupid are mostly ineducable when it comes to appeals for social responsibility. Thus it becomes necessary for more positive restrictions to be placed on this section of road users and the most efficient way to do this must be in the initial issue of licences. No doubt the provisional licence does help but it seems quite ridiculous that theoretically a completely irresponsible schizophrenic can obtain a drivers licence as long as he can answer a set of road rules and handle a car to a required standard. Why is it that no hint of a psychological or responsibility test was ever envisaged in the procuring of a licence? A responsible driver, even if he has a physical disability, is vastly more desirable than a technically perfect mug, who because of his skill will get out of some close cent.



"YOU DID SAY FOUR, SIR?"

Editorial cont.

scrapes and because of his mental approach, will have a lot of scrapes to get out of. Any anti-social, mentally immature, or aggressive road user is a very poor bet. Is it not time the authorities took a good hard look at this anomaly in our licencing system?

Next issue Part II - A Way of Life.

TOUCHÉ!

In spite of recent fire disasters mainland visitors are still appalled to see the apathy and carelessness of local Tasmanians towards fires. Forestry officials say the only people reporting fires are visitors from the mainland. Surely we should practise more care this year with so much dry bushland.

Hear the "In Decor" at Mathinna this month is either in Pin Ups or Possum Skin Walls. The latter can end up a little expensive.

A St. Marys man who has given up smoking already has plans for the \$3 he will save. He will invest it with a company manufacturing womens' paper pants. Seems like the \$3 is destined to go up in smoke one way or another.

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LETTERS

Sir,
In answer to Councillor Hind's letter of Sept. 6th.

My letter of 23rd. Aug. was the only one written to The Valley Voice to date and I suggest my criticism was constructive. As regards the water petition to the Council I realised there was not enough support at present; but the only communication received was a receipt of the petition, saying an investigation would be made. I consider some details of the investigation should have been given in writing. This matter was not included in my previous letter and I did not expect Councillor Hinds to give an explanation in The Valley Voice.

Referring to the signs mentioned, I was under the impression that Municipal Councils applied to the P.W.D. who supplied signboards, and Council employees erected them. If this is beyond the Council finances, I am prepared to erect any signs supplied for roads in the St. Marys, Scamander and Falmouth area and I am sure other people would do the same in other Wards.

As for writing to the Council, I have written twice and the Chamber of Commerce once in the last two years on the sign position. In the September issue of the R.A.C.T. Motor News, the Editor had a full front page with photographs and an article by the President, Mr. G.P. Fitzgerald featuring the lack of suitable signs in many areas of the State.

If Councillors have the interest of their district at heart, one would expect them to take a lead in this matter.

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To L.M.C. Student,

We like your drawings, but in view of the fact there may be publication rights from your College magazine to consider, we are unable to print them without further details. We would like to point out, even though we would need identification to print them, it can still be done under the strictest confidence.

Editors.

Sir,

I would like to congratulate Rossarden on such a wonderful victory over St. Marys on Saturday, and also St. Marys for their performance in keeping the game open.

I would also like to congratulate T. Targett and T. Wardlaw. These two players shared a trophy donated by a Swansea supporter for Best and Fairest on the ground. Also young Benny who travelled all the way from Perth and only got a run in the last quarter. He went very well considering his long journey in the morning. He might have made a difference to the team.

St. Marys have done very well to get as far as they have but Rossarden had just that little over them.

B.R., FINGAL.

Dear Sir,

I was most interested in the Donald Duck article, also the letter from Donald Duck Fan. I think both journalist and correspondent have overlooked quite a lot of rather immoral goings on in other comic strips. What about Mandrake and Narda? Surely this liason is most improper. It has been going on for years, and one can not suppose they are just good friends. There has never been any talk of marriage, as far as I am aware.

What an example to our children. Surely there must be comic strips without sexual overtones.

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HERITAGE CORNER

It is of interest to think of the health of the community in the early days of colonisation. In the first 50 years, 1800 - 1850 there was no organised Public Health or Nursing Services as we know it today.

The Hospitals were military establishments serviced by orderlies and female attendants. Patients received rations of food similar to the soldiers.

Among the first orderlies of the Hobart Hospital were William Buckley an ex escaped convict who had previously spent 30 years with a native tribe in Port Phillip Bay, and Wainwright the convict artist who had been transported on a charge of murder.

Most settlers preferred to be nursed at home, and the early pioneer women were skilled home nurses. Most gardens grew a collection of herbs and from these many cures were dispensed. One of the practised cures to stop haemorrhage was the application of cobweb.

The mortality rate was high. Half the population died before the age of 8 years, the main causes of death being Malnutrition, Dysentery and Scarlet Fever.

The work of Florence Nightingale brought a change in hospital standards, and this was felt in Australia when in 1868 Miss Lucy Osborne arrived in Sydney with 5 Sisters to establish the Nightingale system of nursing.

NEWS ITEM FROM SCAMANDER

There were 30 members present at the September meeting of the Scamander Progress Association. A volunteer Fire Brigade was formed and the following officers elected:- Messrs. D. Smith, J. Kelloway, D. Pesscott, A. White, A. Bennett, Plumstead.

The meeting to spend \$700 on toilets for the reserve, and a similar amount for toilets at Wrinklers Beach. Every effort will be made to have these completed by Christmas. We are endeavouring to obtain some financial assistance from Government and Councils, but it is proving an uphill battle. The reserve has been cleaned and sown with grass and clover. A credit balance of \$1,580.41 was reported by the Treasurer. The report of a \$2,000 credit in a recent Valley Voice issue was incorrect.

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SEEDLINGS

This district has been settled for approximately one hundred and forty years and much of the history of the district has been lost, simply because most of it has been handed down by word of mouth.

One has only to go to the graveyard at Cullenswood Church to realize that whole families have either died out or left the district.

How many of our young people have heard of such colourful characters as Teddy Binns, Bob Cannon or Tam the Hunter?

There must be a rich fund of stories in this district and this paper would be interested to hear from anyone who can either remember or know stories of the early days.

Q. What is black and yellow and dangerous?
A. St. Marys Seconds.

CHESS PLAYERS

I am a keen chess player and would like to contact chess players near St. Helens for occasional games. I spend about two months of the year in St. Helens.

PLEASE WRITE TO --

E. SKABO, 41 DERWENT AVE., LINDISFARNE.

DID YOU EVER THINK...about hats?...

Headwear, on the whole, is pretty well universal. We find it easy to recognise a man's nationality, or a woman's (sometimes), by the headwear of their country. Let us take a few examples that will prove this point and also prove educational to some of our readers.

One can always tell an Egyptian by his Fez. For those of our readers who have never met a Fez, let me describe it as a cylindrical type of hat, rather like an up-turned 'billy', only it has a tassel issuing from the top so that an Egyptian can always tell which way the wind is blowing. It is the best type of hat to have for scooping up water at desert oases, if they can be found in time.

Now the Indian from India wears a turban round his head, and folded into this is his money. This is one way of having a price on your head! Bear it in mind, you ladies who are frightened of hand-bag snatchers. Whoever heard of a turban snatcher?

Of course the all-American American (this means white American) is recognised from any distance by the famous Ten Gallon Hat. Perhaps if the Fingal Valley people were to adopt this head gear, it would not only boost their morale and give them headaches; but would aid water conservation enormously.

P.S. You must be over five feet tall or you will lose your balance.

It is interesting to note that nearly all native tribes of the warmer climates like to wear brightly coloured elaborate feather head-dresses...Only the men that is.

The Frenchman wears his beret at a slant so that you cannot tell the drunk ones from the sober. But the Scotsman wears his tammy (or Tam o' Shanter) at a slant to cover the cauliflower ear he got the night before.

One foreign visitor thought the Dinkum Aussie wore corks around the brim of his hat as a type of 'life-pr server'; from the water that is, not the beer.

So you can see, readers, that there is more to a hat than the appearance. It may be for decoration, protection, distinction or duty; but it is what lies beneath it that counts. Who was it said, "If you want to get ahead, get a hat"?

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Q. Where is a cat's favourite holiday resort?

A. The Canary Islands.

PREVENT BURNS

One way your child learns about his world is by TOUCHING, SO...What could be more fascinating to him than a leaping fire, a burning radiator, glowing heater, or a back-yard rubbish fire?

He needs your PROTECTION while he is little - He needs your PROTECTION and YOUR TRAINING for safety from burns, as he grows older. SO...You need to remember THE GOLDEN RULE-A YOUNG CHILD CAN NEVER BE LEFT ALONE NEAR FIRES OR HEATERS because ---

HE LEARNS BY TOUCHING.

If he places his hand on the fire or stove ... HE DOES NOT ALWAYS PULL HIS HAND AWAY IMMEDIATELY.

If he walks into the embers of a fire ... HE DOES NOT ALWAYS JUMP OUT QUICKLY AS ADULTS WOULD.

This is because the shock of the pain slows his movements so that the longer he takes to move his hand from the stove or to walk out of the embers the more severely he can be injured.

If he is dressed in cotton, wincy or flannelette he is in danger. One spark can ignite these highly flammable materials and they will BURN COMPLETELY in 90 seconds. Even if laws are made to compel manufacturers to produce flame-proof children's clothing, he still cannot be left alone near heat..

Because ----

Flame-proof does NOT mean fire-proof and because ---

Your child's skin and hair is not protected from fire.

It is not enough ---

To tell your little child to "keep away from the fire" or to say "don't touch". Such teaching needs to be repeated until he learns.

If he has burned himself by TOUCHING something hot he will most likely remember this quickly enough, but if you are teaching him by telling, then your telling will need to be repeated many times ... YOU STILL CANNOT LEAVE HIM ALONE NEAR FIRE because he is still LEARNING BY TOUCH.

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 3rd. Mrs. T. Webb

- BEST FRUIT - 1st. Mrs. B. Saunders
 2nd. Mrs. D. Parsons
 3rd. Mrs. I. Francis

- BEST VEGETABLE - 1st. Mrs. I. Francis
 2nd. Mrs. I. Francis
 3rd. Mrs. R. Wise

ST. MARYS GARDEN CLUB NOTES - Sept. 18th.

Mrs. Austie gave a very interesting talk on planting shrubs and trees, and brought along some very interesting shrubs and rock plants and answered quite a lot of questions from members.

PRIZEWINNERS

Mrs. Rattray, Mrs. C. Royle, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Lehner and Mrs. H. Aulich.

We had a very interesting meeting. Something to look forward to is an evening's demonstration by Mrs. Austie and Mr. Hinton Lloyd at a later date.

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CLUES TO THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

ACROSS. 1.Attractive 5.Household pest
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 mark 12.Sufficient 13.Weaving machine
 15.Accept 17.Period of time 18.Begins
 21.Exclamation 22.Source 24.Fate 26.Throw
 27.Equal.
 DOWN. 1.Student 2.Stray 3.Idol 4.Prepare
 6.Suds 8.Garden pest 10.Vessels 11.Monster
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It has been observed that there is an increasing number of dogs wandering at large in the district, and not kept under proper control. In this respect, we would like to bring to your attention the provisions of the Police Offences Act which states "No person shall, being the owner of a dog, fail to prevent its being at large unless it is under the immediate custody and control of some competent person.

Do not make the mistake of believing that your dog would not attack sheep, because any dog is liable to do so when the temptation arises, and quite often the "house pet" can be the offender.

It is well to remember that not only is the owner liable for prosecution, but he can also be liable for substantial monetary damages under civil law.

DO YOU OWN A DOG? If so, is it always kept under proper control? Is it licenced? If the first answer is 'Yes', then so should be the other two.

A STORY FOR CHILDREN.

BUNYIP

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived a huge Bunyip in a great rocky cave. The cave was on top of a high hill where no-one ever came and the only company the Bunyip had were two eagles, who also lived there.

The Bunyip longed to talk to the eagles, because although he looked terribly fierce, he was really quite gentle. His appearance was certainly disturbing. He was covered with large grey warts and had a bald head and rather sad, red eyes. His tail was losing its hair, probably because he only ate gum leaves and little black ants. He didn't really like ants, but they were easy to catch.

One day, as the Bunyip sat on his favourite rock, blinking his red eyes, he saw a funny sight. Six strange creatures, who walked upright and had smooth skins and spoke in loud voices, were toiling over the rocks, carrying a large shiny thing. They sweated and puffed, stopped to rest frequently and puffed smoke from their mouths.

Although the Bunyip didn't know it, they were men and they were coming with their strange cargo to erect a television tower on top of the Bunyip's hill.

All day, the Bunyip watched enthralled as the men worked. The men didn't see him, as he hid himself behind a rock, but so interested did he become, he forgot to eat any ants.

At night they went off down the hill, leaving everything behind them. The Bunyip had a lovely time inspecting all their things. He felt very lonely after the men had gone.

In the morning they returned and every day for three weeks they came early and left late at night. During this time a large, shining tower gradually grew higher each day on top of the biggest rock.

The gentle Bunyip, without knowing what the tower was or why it was there, grew less lonely each day. He took to eating the cigarette butts the men threw away and grew so fond of them, he forgot to eat any more ants.

When the men came no longer the Bunyip climbed all over the tower and sometimes when your television flickers children, it's probably the Bunyip upon the South Sister Hill, fiddling with a valve and hoping the men will come again.

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BADMINTON By Flight

The combination of the St.Marys and Campbelltown Badminton Associations for the 1968 season proved most successful. The Association named "The Midlands" regained the shield from the Lower Midlands Association and went on to win the Country Week Shield in Launceston.

In the Association now consisting of seven teams namely Campbelltown, Avoca, Rossarden, Fingal (Blues), Fingal (Green), Robins (St.Marys) and Bicheno, Fingal Green proved far too strong for old rivals Campbelltown in the Grand Final, by winning nine games to three with a 48 Ace margin. This gave Fingal the honour of holding the Charlie Edie Perpetual Shield for one year. The Fingal Premiership consisted of the following players----

M.Bush Capt.	L.Gatty
J.Hall	J.Smith
B.McCarthy	B.Hughes
M.Sutton	P.Mills Vice Capt.
H.Kirby	R.Bush
R.Smith	A.Stone
J.Howe Emerg.	R.Bean Emerg.

H. O'Donnell Cheer Squad

Mr. C. R. Barnfield's co-operation in making the Area School Hall available for the final series was appreciated by all clubs.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF ST.MARYS BOWLS SUNDAY 20th. OCTOBER

The Committee have decided to hold two open weekends before the opening day. i.e. Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th. Saturday and Sunday 12th and 13th. To allow new players to have a little practice before opening day. Everyone very welcome - Men and Women - The more the better. Suitable shoes must be worn. Tennis shoes or any with flat soles.

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FOOTBALL By Observer

Avoca or Rossarden! That's the big question being debated by all football followers at present. Both sides have strong claims for this years top team. Rossarden finished the season at the top of the Premiership ladder, and although their form during the latter part of the roster was a little inconsistent, their comfortable win over St.Marys in the Preliminary Final last Saturday has given the team the confidence needed to go into this Grand Final. Add to this the fact that they are title-holders and won't relinquish their crown without a fight, plus the St.Marys ground, which is well liked by the Rossarden team, because the wide spaces suit their style of fast open football, give the red and whites a real chance to retain the title.

Avoca on the other hand have done everything right in recent weeks in their bid to win the Premiership. Their 28 point win over Rossarden in the 2nd.Semi left little to be desired by all who witnessed that match as to who was the best side on the day. They will start favourites to repeat their Semi-Final win, and thus take another flag away from Rossarden who have had a mortgage on them in recent years.

Both teams have many top players with plenty of experience gained over many years of football. Some of the great clashes well worth seeing include D.Williams Avoca, pitted against B.Lowe Rossarden, R.Johnstone Avoca, opposed to L.Kitchen Rossarden in the centre, M.Johns Full Forward for Avoca against the reliable D.Sheehan, and so we could go on. Ruck duels will be interesting, and the outcome of these battles could decide the influence Rossarden Rovers will have on the game. Congratulations to both teams in reaching the Final - may the best side win. My tip - Avoca by approximately 7 points.

The Seconds Grand Final between St.Marys and Swansea should be close, with St.Marys striving to win their third title in a row. The tigers have youth well blended with experience and are chosen to finish in front after an interesting encounter.

Fingal v St.Marys in the thirds final commencing at 10 am., will draw many supporters to witness the schoolboys battle for honours. Fingal won narrowly in the 2nd. Semi Final, but the result this time could go to St.Marys, particularly as the game is to be played on the St.Marys ground.

The mini - league will be held again this week during the half time interval of the senior game. Spectators have thoroughly enjoyed watching these boys do battle.

This is one day in the year you must not miss - GRAND FINAL DAY.

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