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NUMBERS GAME

Portland Council's recent well publicised consideration of buying Lotto tickets to attempt to gain much needed revenue had some vocal critics.

George Shaw, MLC for Macquarie, rushed into press to condemn the proposal, as did his fellow MLC, Mac LeFevre. Nationwide, the ABC current affairs program, sent in a camera team and produced a whimsical account of an over aired Council idea. Other politicians, Jim Mooney excepted, remained quiet.

In the same week the gambling figures for Tasmania were released by the Racing and Gaming Commission, which showed that the gamblers of the State spent an amount equal to \$414 for every Tasmanian. The State's take from the \$171 million gambled was \$8.3 million, one million more than the previous year. Portland's \$1.00 a week seems insignificant amongst these figures.

Putting aside the ethical and moral considerations of Portland's proposal, there is one feature of the Council's plan that has not received comment. And that is why the Council even got around to thinking of such an extreme idea to raise finance for Local Government. It is because Local Government is a pauper!

Local Government is the very poor relation in the triumvirate of governments. It's ability to raise income sufficient to all that is needed or demanded is singularly restricted when compared to State and Federal opportunities for tax raising. And as the poor local Council is immediately visible and easily accessible it reacts more to community opinion and that opinion usually disfavours increases in local taxes.

Until Local Governments share of the National Income is increased to a fair and sensible amount, no-one should criticise Portland's effort to increase it's revenue without slugging the ratepayer for that increase. Instead, it should be recognised as a symbolic protest at the lamentable level of Council income.

MURPHY'S LAW

George Shaw writes about the recent amendments to potato marketing in this State. He says . . .

The 1977/78 Potato season was over supplied to the extent that many producers could not sell their crop. At that time the retail price varied tremendously - depending upon whether the potatoes were purchased at the farm gate where they were cheap, or through normal retail outlets where they were comparatively expensive.

To enable production to be sufficient for the local market, experience has shown that the grower must have a reasonable reward for his effort. The consumer also has a right to expect good quality potatoes at a reasonable price.

As potatoes (altho' very expensive), cost less than in other states, I believe they would have been more expensive if there had been no Authority at this time. The price is governed largely by the supply and demand for the product.

Mr. Shaw says he is very disappointed at the way the P.I.A. is going about it's task, however he concludes that the Authority cannot be fairly blamed for the present price of potatoes.

This paper does not support artificial regulation of markets such as the Potato Industry Authority or similar Statutory Marketing Boards. They take from us some of our personal freedoms, restrict the free movement of our economy and grant privileges to a few at the expense of the many. It is pleasing to note that the Legislative Council restricted the life of the P.I.A. to three years. Many other authorities would have been best served by similar 'sunset legislation'.

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THUMBS UP... to our contributors who help keep the paper going.

WHAT'S ONTHRIFT SHOP ROSTER

July 27 L. Faulkner, U. Camplin,
E. Wright.
Aug 3 U. Camplin, J. Barnes
AUG 10 G. Oliver,
AUG 17 Mrs. Toby Spilsbury, R. Summers

CHILD HEALTH SISTER will be in attendance on Friday, July 28 from 1pm to 3pm.

RETURN THANKS

I wish to thank all those kind people who sent and gave me beautiful cards and gifts for my 92nd birthday. Many thanks everyone for making it a lovely day.

Thank you,
Miss A Ronan. St. M. Hosp.

HMAS, Francis Charles.

The wife Fay, and the family would like to thank all relatives and friends for phone calls, cards and letters, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad and sudden bereavement. Would all please accept their most sincere thanks.

ST. MARYS HOSPITAL AUXILIARY will hold its next meeting on Monday, August 6 at 7.30pm. Business arising will be progressive dinner and the Annual Meeting. All members please try to attend.

THE ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER by the St. Marys District Hospital will be held on August 17. First course will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Clive St. Further details in this column next issue. Keep this night free.

THE NEXT L.A. MEETING will be held at the St. Marys Kindergarten on Thursday, August 16 at 7.30pm. Remember, it is manners to advise the leader if your child will be no longer attending meetings. There is a waiting list and others may be more eager.

AUCTION Lions Club of St. Helens will have an Auction on Saturday, July 28, Portland Hall, St. Helens.

St. MARYS LADIES FELLOWSHIP will meet at the Clinic on 30 July at 7.30 p.m. It is a biscuit and slice night.

COMMUNITY HALL KEY... Where is it? Anyone who has the key, please return it to the St. Marys Newsagency

MORNING TEA which was held for the Red Shield Appeal was most successful. Thanks to all who attended.

THUMBS UP

...to the Municipal Council for distributing free trees to keen gardeners to help beautify the townships of the valley.

LETTER

The Community Youth Support Scheme, CYSS, is just as the name suggests, a community thing. This means that it is the responsibility of everyone to firstly be aware that unemployment and the problems that go with it are here for a long while yet; and secondly, to see if there is any thing you can do to help.

This does not mean you have to become Florence Nightingales; merely show you are interested and concerned for your fellow citizens. You can do this by contacting me by letter or phone, or just stopping me in the street to talk. I shall be happy to explain what CYSS is all about and what it is trying to achieve.

This sort of approach will create a better understanding between the unemployed youth and everyone else.

Alan Beer
St. Marys
Ph. 722 329, evenings.

SPORT

FOOTBALL

Last Saturday the Tigers travelled to St. Helens for a do or die for a final four position. But the Tigers showed no bite and let the Swans mediocre side show them how to play the game. St. Marys lacked fitness and dedication and have left their supporters very disappointed. Williams, R. MacDonald, Cocke Bros, Newman and Semmens tried hard.

Campbelltown was too strong for Avoca who still have three on the injured list. The Robins appear as the team for the Flag. Swansea defeated Fingal in the last game.

This week the important game of the round is between Fingal and St. Helens as the winner, if Fingal, is assured of a finals berth; and if St. Helens their chances stay alive. I pick Fingal as I hear Marshall has returned from holidays. Avoca meets Swansea and should win at home. C'town comes to Tigerland and is sure of a win. St. Marys, even with a new coach, show no interest. I believe only one senior player turned up for a run at Tuesday training.

The St. Marys Seconds, under Mike Brown are finishing the season well and have a chance for the finals.

The Thirds, with Rocky West, are going well and could finish in second place.

The ladder for the teams...

1sts	Swansea	38	2nds.	32
	C'town	36		32
	Avoca	32		24
	Fingal	16		8
	St. Marys	12		24
	St. Helens	10		24

RE-ELECT

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MENS VOLLEYBALL

Meeting in Football Rooms 7.30, Monday 6 August. Team nominations will be taken at this meeting, for the roster beginning 30 August.

It appears there will be two teams from St. Helens.

Any person not attached to a team who would like a game should come to the meeting as not all teams are filled.

Any previous player not playing again, or who is transferring teams, please hand back your T-Shirt to Stan Hardcastle.

CHURCH NEWS

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA, FINGAL, PORTLAND PARISH

Sunday July 29

9.30am	Fingal	Petrie Communion
11.00am	St. Marys	Petrie "
5.00pm	St. Helens	Petrie "

August 5

9.30am	Fingal	Vincent
11.00am	St. Marys	Vincent
5.00pm	St. Helens	Vincent

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

St. Marys - St. Marys of the Assumption
Sundays July 29 and August 5 9.00am

St. Helens - SS Helena & Stanislaus
Vigil Mass Saturdays July 28 and August 4
5.30pm

Fingal - St. Joseph
Sundays August 5th 10.30am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Sunday July 29th 10.30am

Bichenô - Community Church
Sunday August 5th 4.00pm

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THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF FINGAL, AVOCA, CULL-ENSWOOD with ST. HELENS

Sunday July 29

Fingal	11.00am	Parish service and luncheon
St. Helens	8.00am	Rev. L. Daniels
St. Helens	11.00am	H.C.

Sunday August 5

8.00am	St. Helens	H.C.	Rector
9.15am	Falmouth	H.C.	Rector
10.00am	Sunday School		
11.00am	St. Helens	M.P.	K. Viney
2.30pm	Pyengana	H.C.	Rector
9.00am	Avoca	M.P.	R. Mellows
10.00am	Mathinna	M.P.	Deaconess
10.30am	St. Marys	H.C.	Rector
5.00pm	Fingal	H.P.	Sunday School

GUIDES AND BROWNIES

The Brownies and Guides are appealing for more mothers to support the two Leaders. All such efforts usually end revolving around a handful of generous people and it is hoped this will not happen to Brownies.

The next meeting is on August 16 at the St. Marys Kindergarten. Mothers of Brownies, and other interested people, are invited to attend.

MEALS ON WHEELS

<u>JULY/AUGUST</u>	<u>ST. MARYS</u>	<u>FINGAL</u>	<u>MANGANA</u>
Sunday 29	Kevin Faulkner	B. Saunders	
Monday 30	Ruth McGiveron	Mrs. M. Francis	Mrs. M. Francis
Tuesday 31	Yvonne Salter	Mrs. W. Davenport	Mrs. Sweeney
Wednesday 1	CYSS		
Thursday 2	Jean Freeman		
Sunday 5	Keith Cook		
Monday 6	Alf Faulkner		
Tuesday 7	Val Leedham	Sorry, no August roster for Fingal or Mangana yet received.	
Wednesday 8	CYSS		
Thursday 9	Judy Aulich		

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INVASION

Tasmania has taken over from Queensland as the most popular tourist destination in Australia, by Australian travellers, that is.

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ELECTORS OF WILMOT

I believe one of the Tasmanian Government's priorities should be to investigate alternative power sources.

The establishment of a thermal power station using Fingal Valley coal would appear a logical step and I commit myself to work towards the establishment of this scheme.

VOTE

SALTER, Stephen

liberal

authorised by Paul Ashley, avoca.

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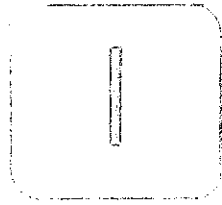
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SPORT

FISH TALK

Angler's diary: Sunday August 12 - Scamander Angling Club surf contest at Four Mile from 11am to 3pm. Saturday August 18 - St. Helens Game Fishing Club annual Meeting and Dinner at Boyside Inn.

Some weeks ago, Scamander Angling Club held their Annual Meeting and Dinner. All office bearers were re-elected, including President G.A. Luck, Secretary M.R. Jackson and Treasurer W.J. Stone. The annual subscription remains at \$1.00 per year but contest entry fees were raised to 80 cents due to the rising costs of trophies. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and no one was reported for misconduct. Club champion for the 1978/79 season was Cyril Turner who caught the winning fish at the last contest - just to make sure he landed a double with both fish weighing more than the previous best.

Last Saturday night, St. Helens Surf Angling Club held their annual Meeting and Dinner. President Alma Tucker and Secretary Norm Hollingsworth were both re-elected. The date for the annual Swimcart event is unchanged from last year. The Club will be conducting two bream contests this season with fishing permitted between Scamander and Anson's Bay. Further details will be published in this column in due course.

Scamander Angling Club held a surf contest on July 15 at Wrinklers Beach. More than twenty anglers fished for four hours but not one fish was caught. After the finish, Wayne Richards sent his son to fetch a bucket of salt water and he came back with a baby flathead swimming around - it was under-size, so no trophy.

It's pleasing to see our fishing correspondent amongst 'em again. -Ed.

SHOOT TALLIES

Shoot held on July 15

15 target D.B. II'cap

Shared by B. Wright, D. Freeman, H. Thomas, A. Tucker, T. Singline, W.

Kerrison 15/15

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A. Tucker 10/10

20 target S.B. C'ship

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B Grade R. Groves 20/21

C Grade R. Suitor 18/20

D Grade K. Hudson 13/20

10 prs Deauville Doubles

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"A Step Back"

T. Singline

High Gun

T. Singline 47/51

LADIES VOLLEYBALL

ROUND 5 - 17 July Game 1.

Bankcard won this game 3-1. Best players weren't recorded for this game.

Game 2. It was a great game between Kiwis and Blackwood Hodge even though Kiwis won 3-0. Best for Kiwis: Team effort. Best for Blackwood Hodge: Pam Gillies, Cindy Williams and Janine Harris.

Game 3. Trendsetta played a much better game this week and defeated Targett's Garage 3-0. Best for Trendsetta: Better performance by all girls. Targett's Garage: Maree Targett and T. Leedham.

ROUND 6 - 24 July Game 1.

Bankcard defeated Blackwood Hodge 3-1 and are now equal second on the ladder. All played well for Bankcard and J. Williams and J. Harris were best for Blackwood Hodge.

Game 2. Kiwis suffered their first defeat this season! Trendsetta won the game 3-1. Best for Trendsetta: H. Stuart and J. Wright and for Kiwis: J. Lynch.

Game 3. Toby's Team have really improved this season and are now in equal second position on the ladder. They defeated Targett's Team 3-1. Best for Toby's: K. Bean, Judy Aulich, T. Gillies. Best for Targett's: T. Streets, Maree Targett and J. Pitt.

ROUND 7

31.7.79

Kiwis	Tobys Team
Bankcard	Targetts Garage
Blackwood Hodge	Trendsetta

ROUND 8

7.8.79

Kiwis	Targett's Garage
Bankcard	Trendsetta
Blackwood Hodge	Toby's Team

LADDER:

Kiwis	20
Toby's Team	16
Bankcard	16
Trendsetta	12
Targett's Team	4
Blackwood Hodge	4

On the 14 August the Preliminary Finals will be played. This will be between the first and second team on the ladder and the third and fourth team.

On the 21 August the semi final will be played and on Wednesday 22 August the Grand Final.

HELPFUL HINT

To give mobility to an invalid who cannot walk or stand much, attach strong castors to the legs of an ordinary chair and keep them well oiled. By using the feet as though walking, whilst sitting on the chair, the invalid can move around a lot more easily

CASEYS COLUMN

Tomorrows election will use a voting system known as 'proportional representation', or as we call it, the Hare-Clarke system.

There is no argument that the method is the fairest vote counting system in the country, probably in the world. It seems complicated upon first acquaintance but on a second look it becomes understandable.

Many people, not understanding the method, ask "Why dont we use first past the post voting. It seems fair enough to me." And so it is if there are only two candidates to vote for. When there are more than two it is unfair to the majority of voters most of the time, as this example will show...

Suppose there are three candidates, whom we shall call Black, White and Green in an electorate of 10,000 voters. The election might give this result: Black 3450, White 3350 and Green 5200. Black would be elected although 6550 of the 10,000 voters voted against him. That is obviously not fair as the majority of voters did not want Black. This silly system is still used in British elections despite great opposition to it.

In multi-member electorates such as we use for our State election, the ordinary preferential method gives some groups more representation than the electoral support should allow. So, the fairest method has been chosen, the Hare-Clarke proportional representation.

To be elected under this system a candidate has to gain a quota of votes. This quota is a simple mathematically found amount of first preference votes. It is found by taking the number of formal votes cast and dividing it by the number of candidates to be elected, plus one. Therefore in Wilmot, with say 40,000 voters and seven candidates to be elected, the quota would be:

$$\frac{40,000}{7 + 1} = 5,000$$

Any candidate getting 5000 number one votes would be elected. When a candidate wins more votes than the quota, his surplus votes are transferred according to their second preferences. Now of course it would be wrong to only distribute those votes being counted after the first 5000. It may not be a fair representation of second preferences.

All the first preference ballot papers of the elected candidates are sorted into bundles according to the second preferences shown on them. Then another little mathematical exercise is applied, quite accurately, to these bundles. A 'fraction' is obtained by dividing the elected candidates

total surplus votes by the number of his first preference votes. If he had a surplus of 1000 votes over his quota of 5000, the sum would be $\frac{1000}{6000} = \frac{1}{6}$

The total of each parcel of second preference votes is now multiplied by this new fraction and the number gained is added to the second preference candidates total of first votes, increasing his total. As a candidate by this process gains enough preferences to make a quota, he gets elected. Any surplus he picks up is passed on in the same way.

If, after all the surplus votes have been distributed and the required number of candidates has not been elected, the one with the fewest votes is eliminated and his preferences are distributed, each one this time counting as a full vote. And so it goes on until the required number of members have been elected.

That's basically it. You may see why your preferences in the Proportional Representation system are very important. You may also see why you dont have to vote the full card unless you want to. You only have to number up to the number of candidates to be elected, in this election, seven.

" Casey "

THUMBS DOWN

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LEO: July 24 - August 23

Writers & artists have an excellent opportunity to capitalize on one of the most fortunate trends of the year & gain special recognition. There is a good chance for financial remuneration in a recent investment. BEST DAYS: 29, 1, 2.

VIRGO: August 24 - September 23

Your fortunes in financial deals are mixed - so be wary at all times. If you anticipate changing your employment this year, make your move soon while good influences exist. Travel with the utmost caution. BEST DAYS: 31, 1, 5.

LIBRA: September 24 - October 23

An excellent time now to advance your vocational position - possibly helped by a valuable friend. It's expected that you will be very popular. You may experience minor problems at home & in finances. BEST DAYS: 27, 2, 6.

SCORPIO: October 24 - November 22

Good opportunities to make improvements in money matters - don't go on any wild spending spree just yet though. You will need to treat partners with kid gloves to prevent friction. Indulge the family now. BEST DAYS: 31, 3, 8.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - December 21

Personal projects are enjoying good fortune now. You may find it difficult to get the co-operation you require from partners. This may be the time to receive special recognition for your creative & artistic efforts. BEST DAYS: 28, 2, 3.

CAPRICORN: December 22 - January 20

You have the chance of increasing joint finances & improving future security matters - time to put into action the plans you have been discussing for the past few months. You can look forward to interesting new tasks. BEST DAYS: 30, 4, 5.

AQUARIUS: January 21 - February 19

Take advantage of the best chance this year to make progress in financial matters. It may help to have the assistance of friends & partners in all your endeavours. An ideal time for travel & further education. BEST DAYS: 30, 31, 7.

PISCES: February 20 - March 20

Your career & vocational matters get the biggest boost of the year - this is a sign of promotion at work & added prestige. Give a thought to your new financial structure - you could get a pleasant surprise. BEST DAYS: 27, 1, 9.

APIES: March 21 - April 20

Budding artists & writers are highly favoured by a fortunate trend which should bring them much favourable publicity. With the right kind of effort you might turn the 4th into a memorable day for romance. BEST DAYS: 29, 7, 8.

TAURUS: April 21 - May 21

Keep alert to make the best of any financial opportunity that develops. You should make good progress with your projects - try to involve the family as much as possible. Travel shows interesting possibilities. BEST DAYS: 27, 3, 6.

GEMINI: May 22 - June 21

Your partnerships & joint projects come in for favourable attention. "Keep your cool" if some of your personal plans go awry. You become extravagant again & must strive to curb your spending. BEST DAYS: 1, 5, 9.

CANCER: June 22 - July 23

Do your best to improve your position at work & increase your earnings. It is the time of the year to strike while the iron is hot. Keep down overconfidence & avoid becoming aggressive. Remain alert for accidents. BEST DAYS: 30, 2, 4.

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