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## COURTESY AND THE HANDICAPPED

This article was taken from the May Issue of the Lions Magazine, because we thought it worthy of a reprint.

COURTESY IS THE KEY

The complaint is a common one: a sight-handicapped person says that in trying to carry on a conversation with a sighted person, voice levels may reach decibels of ear-damaging proportions.

A blind person will not be able to see friendly gestures and arm-waving but nothing is impairing his ability to hear. In truth, the hearing of a blind individual is generally much more finely-tuned than that of a sighted person. Well-meaning persons often tend to raise their voices, as if talking more loudly will compensate for the lack of eye contact.

hat will be "Seen" by the blind is the warmth in a person's voice, the courtesy of taking the time to really listen to what someone says-in short, the same qualities of conversation that are valued by the sighted.

In trying to deal courteously with the handicapped, we sometimes create unintended problems. A friendly pat to a guide dog is distracting; so are the tidbits that some well-intentioned people try to feed the dog. A blind person's guide dog has one sole purpose: to guide.

Distractions pose problems, and problems can pose grave dangers to a person without sight.

Representing another problem to the sight-handicapped are those who grab their arms or shoulders to point them in some direction. Pulling or pushing the blind is not only confusing to them, but can dangerously undo their sometimes fragile sense of balance. Mobility is a hard-earned victory for many sight-impaired; ask them if they want or need your assistance before assuming they do.

Hearing disabilities pose problems of another sort. Shouting to make oneself heard only serves to draw attention to the hearing-disabled person, resulting in drawing undue attention to him. Speaking slowly and distinctly is much more effective.

A severe hearing disability will often mean that the speaker suffers from a speech problem, also. In this case, patience and compassion may be the best tools for communication.

The National Easter Seal Society publishes a booklet called, hat DO I Do When I Meet a Person in a Wheelchair? Several excerpts follow;

*Don't discourage children from asking questions about the wheelchair. Open communication helps overcome fear and misleading attitudes.

*When a wheelchair user transfers out of a wheelchair to a chair, toilet, tub or bed, do not move the wheelchair out of reach.

*Give clear directions, including distance, weather conditions and physical obstacles that may hinder the wheelchair user's travel.

*If the conversation lags for more than a few minutes, consider sitting down or kneeling to get yourself on the same level as the wheelchair user.

*Don't demean or patronize the wheelchair user by patting him or her on the head or shoulders.

*Don't hang or lean on a person's wheelchair. It is part of the wheelchair user's personal body space.

*Always ask the wheel-chair user if he or she would like assistance before you help. Your help may not be wanted or needed.

*Be aware of the wheelchair user's capabilities. Some user's can walk without assistance. They use wheelchairs to conserve energy and move about more quickly.

ll people of humanity want to be of the greatest service they can be to persons in need. In our haste to be helpful, however, what can be intended as a helpful act may go awry if not performed properly or is done unnecessarily.

The same courtesy we expect in our dealing with others should be afforded to those who are handicapped.

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WHAT'S ON!

SILVER JUBILLEE TO THE PRIESTHOOD.
Members of The Parish, and all friends everywhere would like to congratulate our Parish Priest, Rev. Father Joseph Medwin on his Silver Jubilee which will be May 26th, 1985, Penticost Sunday. Father, may your Silver Jubilee turn to Golden and you can be assured we will remember you in our Prayers and especially our Masses at the weekend, and hope your celebrations will be a day to remember and thanks. Gods abundant blessings to You.

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WHAT'S ON cont...

THANKYOU. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make my afternoon tea (to raise money for the VHF repeater 3) a sucess and special thanks for the helpers who helped on the day of the afternoon tea. We cleared $335.00.
Winners of the raffle were:
Dressed Sheep(CWS) C/- St. Helens Fisheries.
CHICKEN: A. Warldon,Tunbridge.
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# WHATS ON

SILVER JUBILEE Father Joseph Medwin will mark 25 years as a priest this month. Archbishop Young and priests from all parts of the State will celebrate a special Mass with Father Medwin at St. Marys to commemorate his silver jubilee, Monday May 27th at 11.00am. Sunday May 26th Mass, 11.00am at St. Marys followed by a light luncheon in the R.S.L. Hall. All welcome.

BROWNIES Thanks to everyone for supporting the raffle and biscuit selling, especially Mrs. Denise Brown. We raised $50 for the raffle. Winners were:-
Gift voucher: Tim Mason
Soft Toy C. Johnson
Also thanks to Mr. Alan Beer who gave up his Sunday to take the Brownies to St. Columbia Falls.

FINGAL VALLEY POLICE & CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB As Cracker Night is on Friday night this year and coincides with other events we will be having our bonfire at Cullenswood at 6pm on Thursday 23rd.
Soup will be provided by the club. We will supply the pot. Bring your own saveloys, bread and sauce etc. Children must be accompanied by an adult and supply their own crackers. Family and friends may also attend. This will be our final event for this term. Youth Club will start the first Monday night after school goes back.
Next term we will be going Ten Pin Bowling and Roller Skating and Saturday or Sunday, also Air Rifle shooting will start.
The Cross Country is at Longford in June, date to be confirmed so kids get your running shoes on and start training because we want to bring home the shield this year.
The next meeting is on Thursday 6th June at the St. Marys Hotel at 7pm. This meeting is to plan next terms roster and we would like as many intending supervisors as possible to attend with their ideas.

R.A.F.T. The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th May in the Fingal Uniting Church Hall. All Welcome.

ST. MARYS DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the Hospital Recreation Room on Monday May 27th at 7.30pm. Please note change of date owing to unforseen circumstances. The meeting has been brought forward one week. All members please try and be present.

ST. MARYS LADIES FELLOWSHIP
Will meet Thursday 23 May 7.30pm at Clinic. We are going to see how lamp shade making is done. All welcome.

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PRESS RELEASE - Max Burr Member for Lyons.

The Poultry Industry Levy is about to be axed.
"In the last twenty years anyone keeping more than 20 hens has been liable to pay the hen levy which was introduced in 1965 to assist the poultry industry in meeting trading losses," Mr. Max Burr, Member for Lyons, said.
"In excess of $260 million has been collected by the levy and returned to the States to help the industry.
"A number of recent reviews of the egg marketing system in Australia have shown that there is little need for such assistance now.
"With the new system that has been adopted by State governments to reduce egg production by July 1987 governments have agreed that the old levy can be phased out."
Mr. Burr said that the levy will be abolished as from July 1, 1987.
It will not be repealed until all outstanding payments have been collected.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US. VALLEY VOICE IS NOW ENTERING ITS' EIGHTEENTH YEAR.

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## FINGAL-PORTLAND UNITING CHURCH

Sunday May 26

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| Fingal | 9.30am |
| St. Marys | 11.00am |
| St. Helens | 7.00pm |

Sunday June 2

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| Fingal | 9.30am |
| St. Marys | 11.00am |
| St. Helens | 7.00pm |

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## ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. HELENS

St. Pauls Church

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| 8.00am | Eucharist every Sunday |
| 11.00am | Every Sunday |
| 7.00pm | Every Sunday |

St. Michael's and All Angels Church - Pyengana

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| 9.30am | 2nd and 4th Sunday |

Falmouth Church

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| 9.30am | 1st & 3rd Sunday of month |

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## THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF THE FINGAL VALLEY

Sunday May 26

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| 9.00am | H.C. | Fingal |
| 10.30am | H.C. | St. Marys |
| 3.00pm | H.C. | Mathinna |
| 7.00pm | H.C. | Avoca |

Sunday June 2

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| 9.00am | H.C. | Fingal |
| 10.30am | F.S. | St. Marys |
| 7.00pm | E.P. | Royal George |

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## ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS 1985/86

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## CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

St. Marys - St. Mary of the Assumption - Sunday May 26, June 2 9.00am

St. Helens - SS Helena & Stanislaus
Vigil Mass - Saturdays May 25, June 1 6.30pm/5.30p

Fingal - St. Joseph
Sunday May 26, June 2 10.30am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart - 3rd Sunday each month 10.30am

Bicheno - Community Church
Sunday June 2 4.00pm

PARISH PRIEST: Father Joe Medwin, The Presbytery, St. Marys 7215. Phone 722252.

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## MEALS ON WHEELS FINGAL VALLEY ANNUAL REPORT

Ladies & Gentlemen,
It is my pleasure to present to you a short but sincere Annual Report to this meeting.
There have been five meetings held during the year, that have been well attended by Committee Members.
The number of meals served during the year from March, 1984 to February 1985 was 2,871 which showed a decline compared to the previous year.
During the year the cost of meals to recipients was raised by 10c to $1.30 but it is still considered to be good value for money, but then it is difficult to put a money value on a good nutritious meal which means so much to health and well being of those receiving meals.
I would like to thank our Secretary, Jack Miller and Treasurer, Les Rubenach for untiring efforts in seeing to the day to day running of the service. The St. Marys Hospital, Matron and Staff for co-operation in meals preparation and emergency action required when drivers fail to appear. Also to Sister Burgess.

R.H. Yates

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| MAY/JUNE | | ST. MARYS | FINGAL |
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| Sunday | 26 | Kerin Glatte | Mrs. C. Rankin |
| Monday | 27 | Kerry Webb | Mrs. I. Legro |
| Tuesday | 28 | Wendy Haas | Mrs. R. Miller/P. Hamill |
| Wednesday | 29 | Pat Thomas | Mrs. J. Burbury |
| Thursday | 30 | Jack McGee | Mrs. I. Francis |
| Sunday | 2 | | Mr. R. Saunders |
| Monday | 3 | | Mrs. R. Saunders |
| Tuesday | 4 | | Mrs. K. Francis |
| Wednesday | 5 | | Mr. R. McGee |
| Thursday | 6 | | Mr. J. Woods |

## ST. MARYS VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION LADIES AND MENS GRAND FINAL

LADIES: Kiwis d Top Flites 3-2
MENS Rams d Warriors 3-1

The S.M.V.A. wish to thank the following people. Alan Beach, Stephen Cooke, Phillip Moore for the umpiring of the finals and to the large amount of spectators who came to watch the finals. Thanks also to Mr. G. Tapp, family and staff for providing the lounge-room at the hotel for our Best & Fairest count and Trophy Presentations.

Gymnasium Fund Raising Committee
The fund raising committee have nearly $700 in the bank thanks to the efforts of Sue Fisher, Sandra Gillies, Jos Lynch, Ricky Madden, Nikki Fisher, Adrain Donker, Helen Fisher, Andrew Madden, Bonita Hayes, Graham Gillies, Jill Scott and to anyone who helped to raise money.

Ian Bradbury.

At the volleyball grand final we had a spectator from L.V.A. He was impressed by the size of the crowd, the standard of play and umpiring and in the men's game where each player was able to serve, retrieve, set, spike and block unlike L.V.A. where players are on the court for a set purpose. So well done everybody concerned.

The 3 Pick A No. Cards sold were all won by Alan Beach.

Some of the Rams players could have used a vet on Friday morning as there were a few rather sick ones around the next day as well as a few spectators. A few players even made it to work. Also a few of Kiwis didn't look so well Friday morning.

## LADIES VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

ROSTER GAME 30.4.85
Mafia d Dropouts 3-1 (2,15,15.10, 15.2,15.8) Debbie Dawson best for Dropouts.
Smurfs d Nitwits 3-0 (15.2,15.0, 15.5)
Kiwis d Top Flites 3-2 (8.15,7.15, 15.10,15.7,15.12) Team effort by Kiwis. Kath Blair, Tania Goss best for Top Flites.

PRELIMINARY FINAL 6.5.85
Smurfs d Tigers 3-1 (15.8,15.0, 13.15,15.7. Team Effort by Smurfs. Helen Fisher and Melissa Aulich best for Tigers.
Top Flites d Kiwis 3-0 (15.7,15.10, 15.11) Team efforts by both teams.

## LADIES VOLLEYBALL NOTES CONT.

SEMI FINAL
Kiwis d Smurfs 3-2 (15.6,15.2,9.15, 13.15,15.11) Jos Lynch and Simone Lynch best for Kiwis. Di Smith and Mary Targett best for Smurfs.

GRAND FINAL 9.5.85
Kiwis d Top Flites 3-2 (10.15, 15.7,15.8,15.17,15.12) Teams effort both sides.

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## NETBALL NEWS by "ON-COURT"

The last game of the first round saw another win to St. Marys. The Tigers defeated Swansea by 4 goals in a closely fought game. The out-come of which was still undecided with only a few minutes to go. St. Marys scored a few quick goals in the closing moments of play to clinch the game. The ladder at the end of the round is:-

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|---|---|
| Campbelltown | 18 |
| St. Helens | 17 |
| Fingal | 14 |
| St. Marys | 11 |
| Swansea | 6 |
| Avoca | 4 |

The second round started off with a defeat at the hands of St. Helens. Although the Swans played mediocre netball up until halftime they resumed after the break with a more determined and stronger side. The Tigers defence seemed to fall down as they ran out of go, which allowed the Swans to run out eventual winners by 13 goals. Un-fitness played a big part in their defeat.

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# ST. MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

## THE FUTURE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION:

Here are some questions which secondary schools will be considering during this centenary year of the Education Department.

- How should we provide secondary education if the proportion of the age groups staying on in school continues to rise? For instance, if 70 per cent of sixteen to seventeen year olds stay on in school, as is the case in many other countries overseas, what should we do for them?

- In such circumstances should we redefine secondary education? How long should it extend? For whom should it be provided? Should its special characteristics make it different from primary and further education?

- In what terms should we write our guidelines for secondary education to convey a sense of purpose to students, teachers, school managers, parents and other members of the community?

- How do we maintain rigour while providing for a wider range of abilities?

- In a time of almost continuous change (especially technological change in the work place), what should we do to provide vocational and general education?

- What should be the elements of a curriculum that will be of most value to the graduates from year 12 in 1997, who entered our kindergartens this year?

- Should all students be required to study any core units, or year long courses, or longer courses?

- How can we encourage the innovatory and entrepreneurial spirit that will be needed in many of our young people if the state and the nation are to prosper?

- How should we assess students' achievements, and how should we provide students and others with records of students' achievements?

These are just samples of the questions that must be asked and answered by us all as we seek to maintain the quality and relevance of schooling in a time of uncertainty and rapid change.

## QUIZ QUEST:

This Friday's Quiz Quest will feature our Primary team of Mathew Rawnsley, Suntheran Naidoo and Peter Hayes competing successfully against Somerset School. The programme begins at 4.30 p.m.

## CURIOSITY SHOW:

The Curiosity Show which is shown at 4.30 on Thursdays is often a worthwhile educational programme for children.

Next week's programme (30th May) includes -

* an explanation of perspective and depth
* comparing different volumes
* making bird mobiles
* photo essays, maths and word puzzles

## STUDENTS' WORK:

I am a brown bird and all of the birds fly away to a warm country and leave the brown bird behind and the little brown bird started to cry. Then something happened, a boy said, "I will cuddle you up."

Gerard Horsman, Grade 1

The wind blows the leaves down from the trees. The wind blows the leaves everywhere. Also when they fall sometimes the wind blows them through the air. Sometimes they fall funny and I try to catch the leaves. Sometimes the wind blows the leaves high in the sky so I can not catch the leaves. The wind is too smart for me.

Jason Madden, Grade 2

## WORMS

The worms felt sloshy and the worms felt ticklish and soft. They eat through the soil and they eat through the mud. They have hairs on them. They have a red ring around them and don't forget my name. Oh! I have not told my name, it is Willie the worm.

Peter Johnson, Grade 1

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In reply to the letter from the lady living at Cornwall who supports the establishment of a Thermal Power Station in the Fingal Valley.
I must point out that I am not a "Trendy Greenie", or Wealthy farmer, but an ordinary person.
In the past 25 years I have travelled to most of the major industrial areas of the world. Not once but several times. In every country that uses Coal Fired Thermal Power stations one enormous problem in regard to pollution, irrespective of the size of the facility. The longer the life of the facility, the greater the damage, and it must be understood that the damage is total and irreversible. In regards to some of the statements in the letter, I can answer that:-
The land is not lost by pollution. It is poisoned to such an extent that the same land cannot be used for any natural purpose; and it will not only be the farmers who are affected, it will be your own backyard gardens as well. It will not be a case of a few less trout in the rivers, rivers polluted result in NO fish at all and that usually includes from the start of the pollution to the length of the rivers downstream. The fact that all Coal Fired Thermal Power stations cause pollution, is just that, a scientific fact that cannot be disputed. Coal burnt in an open fire by the householder cannot create the same problems as the furnace of a Thermal Power Station unless one had literally thousands of houses burning coal non-stop 24 hours a day. If there is any doubt in the readers mind about this statement one should read facts contained in the British Clean Air Act.
In regards to the question of cancer I am sure that any sane person would sooner be unemployed than dying of cancer. I do agree with the lady that a United stand by all parties concerned on the question of unemployment in the Fingal Valley should be implemented. It seems incredible to me that the State Government is prepared to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on a hazardous Power facility, when the state is allegedly already overpowered, but cannot find two hundred thousand dollars to charter the Empress of Australia and help the Tasmanian Tourist Industry.
Signed. John E. Furlow.

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