

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

Volume 36 No. 9

Thursday 28 August 2003

50 cents

Blues in the States

Playing at the Prairie Dog Blues Festival in Wisconsin, staying and playing at the Wildman Whitewater Ranch on the Peshtigo River, a stopover with a 'friend of a friend' at Denver in the Rocky Mountains Colorado, is all more than a dream come true and more than their wildest expectations.

For Pete and Bruce Cornelius of St Marys and Phil Wilson, the three members of Tasmanian Blues band the DeVilles, their six week tour in the States has so far been more than they could ever have wished for.

Playing at Blues Festivals, Eddy Clearwater's Reservation with Steve Arvey in Chicago Illinois, at Famous Dave's in Minnesota, at City Hall Milwaukee, Blues on Grand Iowa, at Rods & Wheels in El Paso Texas as part of the big Harley Davidson celebrations, Railroad Blues Alpine Texas, a Jam Session in Austin Texas, then travelling to Chicago before returning to Australia.

In calls home, sounds like Pete could easily take more of the excitement of being over there, their appearances and music sales are going well and they are being given great friendly hospitality wherever they go.

All the same he says it will be great to get back to St Marys and family again.

Funding for East Coast Councils

East Coast councils in Tasmania will receive almost \$3 million in Australian Government assistance in 2003-04 for local roads and the provision of other local government services.

"These Local Government Financial Assistance Grants help councils to provide the high quality services that local communities need and expect of their local council" Senator Guy Barnett said.

The grants are untied, this means that the councils can allocate the funds according to local priorities. Funds are used by councils to provide a range of health, community, recreational, cultural, and environmental services and to provide and maintain vital infrastructure such as roads.

Break O'Day is allocated: general purpose \$761,912 and roads \$1,060,202, a total of \$1.822 million (up 2.71%).

Glamorgan-Spring Bay, general purpose \$509,075 and roads \$519,065, a total of \$1.028 million (up 4.36%).

"The grants are part of the ongoing assistance the Australian Government has provided to local communities for almost 30 years. This is a vital part-and in some ways the vital part of the three tiers of government." Senator Barnett said.

In addition to these grants, councils in Tasmania will receive \$10 million this year for local roads under the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery Program.

Please!

Deadline for next issue of the Valley Voice is
Tuesday 9th September '03.

Rae & Partners Lawyers Barristers & Solicitors

93 York St Launceston
Ph 6337 5555

Visiting St Marys Community
Health Centre

Alternate Tues. 9 am -10 am

For all legal matters
Appointments:
St Marys Health & Beauty Centre
6372 2172

J R & M C Faulkner Pty Ltd



41 Main Street
St Marys

Serving the Valley
& East Coast since 1972

Caltex bulk Fuel
& Oil Distributor

Mobile 0419 308 205
Fax 6372 2822
AH 6372 2277

Ransleys Appliance Services

P.O. Box 54 St Helens 7216

- * Washing Machine noisy?
- * Refrigerator runs too long?
- * Clothes Dryer blows cold air?

Then you need the service
of our technicians

Ring us on: 6376 1811
Mobile 0428 761 811

Coming events & Community notices

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary

Next meeting 2 pm Monday 1st September at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

Blooming Women!! At the St Marys Community Health Centre Thursday 4th September 9 am to 2.30 pm.

RSVP 6372 2111 by 1st Sept.

Spring Fair - Meeting Saturday 6th September at 10 am in Jack's Shop.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts General Meeting Monday 8th September at 12 noon in Jack's Shop.

Brackets & Jam next at St Marys Hotel Friday 12th September at 8 pm.

'The Getaway Bus' is coming. St Marys Town Hall Wednesday 24th September, more info later.

St Marys Tennis Club Annual General Meeting will be held **TODAY**, Thursday 28th August at 7.30 pm at the Clubroom. This will be followed by a General Meeting.

Contacts for Valley Voice

Ron: 6372 2105

Audrey: 6372 2337

Fax: 6372 2172

Leave written material with Kathryn, St Marys Health & Beauty Centre, or Post Office St Marys Tas 7215

Valley Voice Advertising

Rates:

Classifieds, (25 words or less) free.

Small ad. \$6. ¼ page \$15.

½ page \$25 Full page \$40

Redline deliver this paper.

Statewide passenger & parcel service . 6372 2142

Australian of the Year Award 2004

The National Australia Day Council is seeking nominations in the following categories for the Australian of the Year Awards 2004.

**Australian of the Year
Young Australian of the Year
Senior Australian of the Year
Local Hero**

This is an opportunity for everyone to highlight an Australian they believe deserves recognition. If you know someone who is making an outstanding contribution to the community, consider nominating them for these prestigious awards.

Nomination forms are available from:

www.australianoftheyear.gov.au or from Commonwealth Bank branches.

Nominations close Friday 29th August 2003

The St Marys Coach House will close at 7 pm on Sunday 31st August for stocktaking, due to the sale of the business.

We wish new owners Ross and Tracy success and thank our customers of the past 4½ years for their patronage.
The Marginson family.



JAM IS TWO !!!

Wow ! Who can believe it ?

We always wonder where time has gone, don't we, but at **JAM** (Jesus And Me), it seems too amazing to believe!

Two years ago this week, **JAM** started with 9 children, a sausage sizzle, a great deal of enthusiasm and love for Jesus, and of course a vision to *share* that love with the children and families of St Marys.

Currently there are 26 children attending **JAM** and 8 on the waiting list!

Thankyou to all our supporters and friends.

PAINTER

Tradesman of 20 years. No job too big or small. Living in St Marys.
Ray Rosskelly Phone 6372 2218

St Marys Child Health Centre

Regional Office 6336 2130

Ah 1800 808 178

Mobile: 0409 361 005

Lorraine McGee RN.

Appointments: 6372 2111

Open Sessions

1st & 3rd Thurs. 9 am to 12 noon

Next Session: 4th Sept. '03

ST MARYS NEWSAGENCY

Storey Street St Marys

Ph 6372 2143

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

Fathers Day

Sunday 7th September

CLASSIFIEDS

Items for Sale

Tucker box freezer 200 litres
\$130 o.n.o. 6372 2398

Construction steel mesh F92 for
slabs, 50 sheets, \$80 a sheet or
\$3,800 the lot. Can be used for
garden arches. 6372 2287

Raymond Sports 26 " Road Bike
10 speed, alloy rims, light
weight, good condition \$80.

Set 4 Falcon Mags \$50.

Tartan Lounge Suite (3 seater
couch & 2 chairs) Excellent con-
dition \$500.

Paul Aulich 6372 2573

Fly rod, reel, line backing etc.
\$120 ono.

Mens bike. Needs some 'TLC'
but in running order \$40 ono.
Phone 6372 2398

Tapestry fabric sofa \$150.

Tapestry fabric sofa with fold-
away steel framed sofa bed
\$200.

Foam single bed mattress \$30

Chaise Lounge \$80

Kleenmaid commercial heavy
duty washing machine \$200

Ph. 6372 2601 or 6372 2274

2 Security Boxes. 4 mm plate
steel, locking devices.

1 box, L. 930 mm x W. 570 mm
x D. 500 mm.

1 box, L. 700 mm x W. 500 mm
x D. 600 mm.

Ideal for Tradesman's tools.

Make an offer. Ph 6372 2337

Missing Goats, reward offered.

8 Females (in kid) & 1 Male

All with white collars.

Terry 0419 694 815 or

Mick 0427 721 001



Ring Benjamin for all
your mowing jobs.
6372 2514 after 4 pm

Cultural mapping workshop

S.M.A.C.D. is hosting a Cultural Mapping Workshop that will be held in St Marys on Monday September 15th (time and venue to be advised).

Cultural mapping is a strong, potent, powerful, visual art form that identifies who and what you are in light of traditions and culture.

This involves painting or drawing a map of our region including cultural, historical and existing landmarks, what came before, what has changed, what is missing and what has been gained. It has been suggested this workshop paint the mural on the blank wall of the Hairdresser's building as we have the skill and direction of muralist Paul Wood.

Anyone interested please contact Keri Webb at the St Marys Online Centre, 6372 2005

A great suggestion

I would like to thank Cage Rattler for the kind words about the St Helens History Room. Cage Rattler has made a great suggestion about having a history room in the Valley.

They are great for research and educational resources and people are interested in an area's history and how it came to be.

The St Helens History Room would be very happy to give help if needed.

Gloria Andrews

St Helens History Room & Visitor Information Centre

School visit

On behalf of myself and my sister Mrs Bushing, and I am sure the rest of those who attended, I would like to thank the teachers and children who participated for the wonderful couple of hours spent at the school on Wednesday 6th August, the hours talk with the children and morning tea afterwards.

Thank you Mrs Marshall for talking me into going, I enjoyed it immensely.

Thanks to all. Jeff Morris

Adult Education Hinduism - an overview

This class, given by Samuel Chidamber, explores the origins of Hinduism, gurus and gods as well as the social aspects of Hinduism adopted by western cultures.

Saturday 4th October

1 pm - 5 pm

At St Helens

Fee: \$28.60 (no conc.)

Enrol now by calling:

6336 2666 or visit the website:

www.tafe.tas.edu.au

Harris Funerals



Lindsay & Diane

(D.Bailey & Son) A.F.D.A

Ph/Fax 6376 1153 0418 133 420

Office & Residence:

114 Cecilia St. St. Helens

Chapel: 46 Tully Street St Helens

*We are here when you need us to
arrange Burial or Cremation.
Pre-paid and pre-arranged
funeral plans are available.*

VALUE PLUS

ST MARYS SUPERMARKET

38 Main Road St Marys

Mark Kate John Roseanne

Mon- Fri. 8am - 6pm Sat 8am - 12

Phone/Fax 6372 2240 Butcher Ph. 6372 2274

Meatballs in rich mushroom sauce

- 300g minced steak
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon dark soya sauce
- ½ cup stale breadcrumbs
- 1 bacon rasher finely chopped
- 250 g mushrooms thinly sliced
- 2 teaspoons oil
- 2 teaspoons cornflour
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 beef stock cube crumbled
- ¼ teaspoon dried basil leaves

Combine mince, onion, garlic, sauces and breadcrumbs in bowl. Shape tablespoon of mixture into balls, place on tray in single layer, refrigerate 30 minutes. Heat oil in frying pan, add meatballs, cook gently until well browned all over and cooked through. Remove meatballs from pan and keep warm while making sauce.

Sauce

Add bacon and mushrooms to pan in which meatballs were cooked, stir constantly over heat until mushrooms are tender, stir in blended cornflour and water, stock cube and basil. Stir constantly over heat until sauce boils and thickens, add meatballs to sauce, simmer uncovered until heated through. Serves 4.

NEW FREEZER LINES

Weight Watchers Icecream Cups

\$3.59

Pampas Pie Flans

\$2.12

P & S RAWNSLEY

Building & Concreting Contractors

Excavator, Backhoe & Truck Hire

9 TONNE EXCAVATOR,

OFFSET BOOM, ROADS & DRIVEWAYS,

LASER LEVELLING, SAND SOIL & GRAVEL,

HOUSE & DRAINAGE EXCAVATIONS

SERVING EAST COAST & FINGAL VALLEY

Ph: 6372 5627 0419 376 747

Fax: 6372 5613



Crime report

Offenders entered the St Marys Department of Civil Construction Depot on the evening of Sunday 24 August 2003 for the second time in five weeks. Stolen was a chainsaw, UHF and a First Aid Kit. It would appear the offenders were aware of the Civil Construction employee's movements on this occasion.

The theft of this equipment affects the ability of the Department of Civil Construction employees to perform their functions. As it was, the Civil Construction Department was activated on the night of the burglary to clear trees and debris from the roadways and to erect warning signs.

Police are requesting assistance from the public in apprehending these offenders. I have no doubt someone out there has information that could assist Police.

Robert Baker

Sergeant St Marys Police

Tasmania benefits from Australian Government support for Local Government online services

Tasmanians will benefit from improved access to online Government services, with the introduction of a new website management system by the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

\$169,000 has been provided through the Networking the Nation program (NTN) to install enhanced website management tools within Tasmania's local government networks.

"The new systems will enhance existing website capabilities, providing improved access to online Government services for local residents across Tasmania," Liberal Senator Richard Colbeck said.

"The Local Government Association of Tasmania will install a South Australian developed content management system (CMS) and website management tools in the networks of Tasmania's small and medium Councils."

Networking the Nation (NTN) is an Australian Government program designed to assist the economic and social development of rural Australia.

Over \$350 million has been allocated under the program to support projects that:

- ♦ enhance telecommunications infrastructure and services;
- ♦ increase access to, and promote use of, services available through telecommunications networks; and
- ♦ reduce disparities in access to such services and facilities.

To date, NTN has funded nearly 800 projects around the country to help meet the telecommunications needs of regional, rural and remote Australia.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts News Spring Faire

With Spring fair bloomin' in, we are beginning preparations for what will be our 4th annual Spring Faire. Those of you who are new to the area may have noticed a pole standing proudly on the Green opposite the Pub corner, thanks to the generosity of the Faulkners who own the block, in allowing us to leave the pole in place, we are possibly the only town in Tasmania with a permanent Maypole. The Maypole Dance is a traditional spring celebration, all about coming together and the twining of disparate energies and I must say that as Maypoles go, ours is a particularly splendid example.

But obviously a pole does not make a spring celebration by itself and we are hoping to involve the community in making the Spring Faire bigger and better than ever.

Our theme this year will be 'Celebration of the New' with the idea that it will be an opportunity to welcome all the new people to the town at the same time as we honour the tradition of welcoming Spring with celebration. We will be holding the market, cake bake and flower arrangement competitions, the Maypole of course and are looking for interesting ideas for additional activities.

- *Anyone who would like to get involved, please come to a Spring Faire meeting on Saturday September 6 at 10 am in Jack's Shop) next to the Purple Possum in Storey Street).*
- *If you would like to come along to a Grassy Bottom General Meeting which will be held on Monday September 8 at 12 noon, also at Jack's Shop.*

If you would like to have a market stall at the Spring Faire, please phone Terese on 6372 2846. Happy Spring !

"Brackets & Jam Goes Off"

On Friday 15th August GBRA held our monthly Brackets & Jam session at Surfside Motor Inn Beaumaris. Many people came, much noise was made and much fun was had by all. It blows me away how much talent we have in the Break O'Day community and it does my heart good to see them supported and encouraged. Money was raised for the Break O'Day Aquatic Centre and GBRA also accepted donations. I would like to thank the Management and Staff of Surfside for being such wonderful hosts, Louise Bovin for being her wonderful self and supplying the PA and everyone who performed or made up the crowd and restored my faith.

The next 'B & J' will be held at the **St Marys Hotel Friday 12th September at 8 pm** so come along and show support and have yourself a fine time. All entertainers welcome.

Cheers, Terese Tanner GBRA

Miller's Skid Steer Earthmoving General Earthworks

- ◆ Driveways graded & rubbled
- ◆ Trenches back filled
- ◆ Rubbish removal
- ◆ Shed sites cut
- ◆ Landscaping
- ◆ Site cleans



George Miller
44 Elizabeth St.
Managana
Ph. 6374 1024

St Marys Health & Beauty Centre

42 Main Road St Marys
Phone 6372 2172

Aches 'n Pains
Spray away relief for arthritic,
muscular & joint pain
Now available & selling fast
\$19.95

Just in time for Fathers Day
Pierre Cardin after shave
only \$14.95

Other new stock includes:

Vanilla Musk fragrance by Coty
\$19.95

Jovan White Musk gift set
\$29.95

Elizabeth Arden Green Tea gift
set \$65 (a delightful fragrance).

Decorative Gel Candles \$9.95
Timber photo frames \$7.95

Some new teddy bears to warm
your heart !!

Funky girls toilet bags \$10.95

Gainsborough gift pack (oval
toilet bag & cosmetic purse) 4
assorted colours, great buy at
\$15.95



The Historic St Marys Hotel

Ph 6372 2181 Fax 6372 2184
Coffee Shop - Meals - Accommodation
Warm fires Tote & Keno

Coffee Shop

Light meals, Toasted Sandwiches, Focaccia etc
Variety of special teas
Latte, Cappuccino, Hot Chocolate

Dining Room available for special bookings

New display of quilts -
beautifully crafted by
Rita Summers

OPEN INVITATION

Ever noticed that those who have most to say on certain subjects—in this case the local unemployment situation—are loath to come forward and give constructive input when offered the opportunity.

Despite a specific invitation to come along and be part of an organisation specifically set up to address the long-term unemployment issue, the Co-op's last get-together was not graced by their presence. Obviously all words and no action.

A positive and active approach is what the Co-op is about and we are keen to hear your ideas on potential solutions or enterprises that can get up and running in the region.

At our last meeting we discussed the community garden at the High School and a plan of action for the gardeners plus a wish list of equipment is currently being put together. Ross Quinn has kindly taken on the role of co-ordinator of this project so see Ross with any ideas, help or equipment you can offer.

Also on the agenda is the idea of an eco-tourism camping ground on Irishtown Road with a couple of off-shoot enterprises that would provide steady jobs for some locals. It sounds very promising and the idea will be surveyed in the area in the not too distant future. If you have any suggestions on this project then the person to speak with is Eo Greensticks.

See our announcement for our next get-together—love to see you there.

Break O'Day

Community Enterprise Co-operative

Break O'Day
Community Enterprise Co-operative

Next get together
2 pm on Thursday Sept 11
NEW VENUE
Coffee Shop at the St Marys Hotel
more info from
Marion on 6374 1009

Designer Hair

St Marys 6372 2108

Monday	Lyn	10 - 8
Tuesday	Lyn	10 - 8
Wednesday	Kelly	9 - 5
Thursday	Kelly	9 - 5
Friday	Kelly	9 - 5
	Fran	10 - 1
	Lyn	2 - 8
		(by app)

East Coast Glass

Falmouth 6372 5361

- * Glass repairs
 - * Security doors
 - * Shower screens
 - * Wardrobe doors
 - * Double glazing
 - * Aluminium windows
- Locally owned and servicing the East Coast for over 10 years. Call David and Anne Cannon for prompt and reliable service.

All community members are invited to a
PUBLIC MEETING
to discuss logging in the St Marys area

Wednesday 3rd September 5 pm
St Marys Community Hall

Speakers to include Dr David Leaman (Geohydrologist)
Council members invited.

Issues for discussion include;

- Impact on local business and tourism
- Water catchment
- Road safety
- Community relations
- Environmental concerns

Come and share your views. Meeting called by concerned local residents. For more info telephone Terese Tanner 6372 2846 or see Tanya Greenwood

ST MARYS ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE



23b Main Road
St Marys Tas 7215
Ph/Fax 03 6372 2005

HOURS OPEN:

Monday to Friday: 9 am - 3 pm
Saturday: 11 am - 2 pm



Internet
Publishing
Training

Letter to The Editor;

Dear Sir

I have read with interest the many articles and letters submitted to your paper over recent issues from the group calling themselves TownSafe St Marys . It seems to me however, that these people are a bunch of conservationists hiding behind safety issues to enable them to draw more public support to stop logging. Whilst I fully support freedom of speech and I respect the views of the Green Lobby, I really think they should stand on their own platform and leave safety issues to the experts.

Why are they so concerned with Irishtown Road and it's entrance to the Esk Highway at this time?, when for many years Council, D.M.R. and private contractors, most towing pig trailers, have been carting gravel from the Irishtown pits and travelling through our towns and down our passes. As well, only a few years ago, we saw the Aulich family literally cart thousands of tonnes of logs from the Irishtown -Four Mile Creek area, most of which were carted on Irishtown Road and through our towns. What about the huge trucks we see every day passing through St Marys ? Are we to stop them as well ?.

Having two sons working in the timber industry I know first hand how much training and awareness is put on safety these days. Truck drivers are no exception, they are highly trained in all aspects of safety and, I believe, they are extremely safety conscious at all times. Every day they travel all kinds of roads and drive through all kinds of towns in the course of earning an honest living. If it's not St Marys it is somewhere else. What right does this small group of people have to stop people working in a government sanctioned industry and paying taxes ? A good deal of which is channelled back into this community.

I was talking to a couple of our town greenies a little while back and I mentioned a private coup between Cornwall and St Marys that had been select logged about three years ago. This coup is in plain view of the Esk Highway, indeed parts of it can be seen from the township of St Marys. The trucks came out onto the Esk Highway and travelled on down the Valley, through Fingal and Avoca and on to Longreach. Yet not one of my audience at that time even knew this section had been logged.

I am supportive of anyone who is working towards a safer town and roads to travel on, however I believe, TownSafe St Marys would be much better off channeling their energies towards lobbying State and Local Governments to make our roads better and safer, than to target one industry, who I believe, is doing the right thing and providing a livelihood for a large number of Tasmanians many of whom live in St Marys and the Fingal Valley.

Jim Haas, Cornwall.

Grandparents who parent full time

Parenting is fraught with problems, rewarding though it can be. It is a job very few of us have training to do and can be an awesome task. But at least we start with a newborn baby to care for. At least we are young and usually at the peak of our energy, within the right age range and able to deal with the task. If we fall in the single parent category there are some benefits to be had from the Commonwealth.

The grandparent role should be one of giving some support to the parents, baby-sitting occasionally, spoiling, pampering, giving treats, having fun and playing and then 'handing back'.

Grandparents who parent full time have none of the above advantages. Much as they love and feel responsible for the children, it can be a decided handicap in more ways than one to take on the role of full time parent to grandchildren. Apart from a myriad of issues with which to deal, it can be simply a drain to finances as well as energy.

If you are a full time caring grandparent contact us - we need to get a support group together in this area to give voice to your needs, to lobby politicians, to encourage each other, to share difficulties in the role, to find ways and means of getting some respite and rest and to get information on what works.

You can get in touch with Julia, Shan or Betsy on 6372 2111



The Golden Gate Gallery

47 High Street Mathinna
Linda Burns 6377 1132 or
Carlene Simpson 6377 1143

We can offer an outlet for local artists and craftspeople to sell their work. We are looking for high quality art and craft and interesting items to sell on a commission basis through our newly built premises

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Priest: Father Bill Egan 6372 2252

Fingal

Every Friday Mass 10am

1st and 3rd Sunday Mass

10.30am

St Marys

Every Sunday Mass 9am

Bicheno

Every Sunday Mass 3pm

St Helens

Every Saturday

Vigil Mass 5pm

Mangana

5th Sunday Mass 11am

Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

Services each Sunday

Avoca 8.00am

Fingal 10.00am

Mathinna: 2nd & 4th Sunday
monthly at 11.30 am

Daily Office Reading

Avoca Tuesdays 10am

Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

Ross Wednesdays 10am

Anglican Parish - St Helens

6376 1144

St Helens

8am and 10.30am

Every Sunday

St Marys 10am

No service 5th Sunday

Monday JAM:

3.15 pm to 5 pm
for children 5-12 yrs

Pyengana 11am

2nd and 4th Sunday

Break O'Day Uniting Church

Fingal 9.00am

St Helens 11am and 7pm

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander

Sabbath School 10am

Divine Service 11am

New Beginnings Church

Every Sunday at 10.30 with
children's time, tea and coffee
afterwards.

Last Sunday of month we will
share lunch together.

108 High St Mathinna

Ph 6377 1234

New Beginnings Church is a
branch of The Vine Church A.
O.G Launceston

TownSafe

TownSafe St Marys has received a report from the Transport Workers Union, titled "Report on St Marys Irishtown Road Intersection" :-

"The road condition of this intersection is of a very poor standard. The most alarming aspect is the lack of visibility for all traffic, particularly the log truck leaving the intersection. When loaded, taking into account his speed from a dead stop, if a vehicle arrives from the east, with the log truck turning onto the road on a perfect day, one could assume that car and truck could safely miss each other, but this road is subject to rain, fog, and is a major tourist road to the East Coast. The intersection is not of a standard to deal with fully laden log trucks. The road markings do not coordinate with the angle of the road, there is no drainage, hence the pot holes and puddles in the middle of the road. With log trucks coming and going the intersection will quickly deteriorate.

There is no curbing and the shoulders are not built up at the edges of the road. This all adds up to a very serious matter. I believe the town and TownSafe have every right to be concerned about the introduction of extra heavy vehicles in the area (and) we as an organisation committed to the safety of our members can add some weight to this issue".

D W Clement

For TownSafe St Marys

Meals on Wheels Roster

September	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 1st	Sally Spiisbury	Carole Woods
Tues 2nd	Mick Sharman	Simone Walker
Wed 3rd	Ath. Greenwood	Wendy Blair
Thurs 4th	Yvonne Salter	Debbie Speers N
Fri 5th	Tracy Bean	Mal. Saunders
Mon 8th	Debbie Barnes	Joan Lowe
Tues 9th	M & P Berwick	Cheryl Rankin
Wed 10th	Glen Lodge	Jacqui Death
Thurs 11th	Kaye Nailer	Rhonda Hoskinson
Fri 12th	Trish Pike	Bob Yates

C.D.D.M EXCAVATIONS

St Marys

Earthmoving Contractors - - owner operators

Craig: 0439 722 032 6372 2033 or Des: 6372 5441

- ✓ 20 ton Excavator with: -
 - quick hitch, buckets, ripper, log forks, rock grab
- ✓ Dozer.
- ✓ Track Loader—forks root-rake.
- ✓ Wheel Loader— forks, bucket
- ✓ 4 WD Tractor & Slasher.
- ✓ Compact Roller, Tipppers & Water-cart
- ✓ Firewood
- ✓ Land clearing
- ✓ Water holes
- ✓ Dams
- ✓ Roothing



Principal's News

Nothing exciting ever happens at St Marys!!

One of our Grade 10 students said this to me last year, and I must say I disagree strongly. This is an example of 'cultural cringe.' Just as so many people all over Australia are now realising that Tasmania is a well kept secret, the things that happen in the St Marys community and at our school never cease to amaze me. Look at some of the exciting events that have taken place this term. Two actors from 'The Bill', the TV program that so many of us are addicted to, dropped in and talked about their support for Bluey Day and about their work on 'The Bill.' They were so natural, and the questions that the students asked were amazing.

We have just held the East North East Gymnastics competition, with 216 students competing in a range of gymnastics events. The support for and organisation of this event is exceptional. This week a group of Primary netballers, footballers and hockey players are off to compete in the Country Gold competitions. These people have been training really hard for weeks, and we wish them every success. The experience of competing at an elite level and meeting new people is wonderful for our students.

A bus load of Grade 9 and 10 students have left this morning to take part in the AMC dash, a challenge where students design, make and race a boat. Last year we came second Statewide, so the students have high hopes for this year. I hear from reliable sources that 'girl power' may see us star. This challenge makes students realise that science is a real life subject with many practical applications.

Yesterday, as part of National Science Week, a large group of grade 7 and 8 students ran a Science Fair for all our Primary classes. The day was a huge success, with 7/8 students responsible for planning all the activities and the Primary students thoroughly engrossed. Thankyou Grade 7/8 students and Miss Broomhall.

Next week a group of Grade 9 and 10 students, with Miss Hickey and Mr Wardlaw, are setting off on 'Arts on Tour', where we take a drama and music presentation around the primary schools in the North East of the state. The principal of Bridport Primary School says that this performance is the best one they have each year.

All this must surely convey a picture of a rich and vibrant learning environment, where students are able to extend themselves, and feel engaged and connected to school.

All the best, Charlotte Marshall
Acting Principal.

COMPUTERS FOR SALE BY TENDER

St Marys District High School has a number of computers surplus to requirements, which are available for sale by tender. They range from Pentium II 233MMX to Celeron 333Mhz processors.

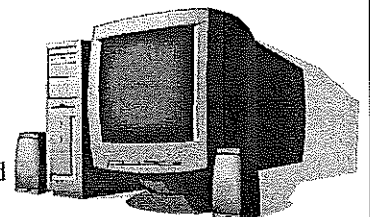
All machines have Windows 98SE installed, keyboard, mouse and 15" colour monitor and will be sold on an "as is" basis without warranty.

Any enquiries should be directed to Maureen Bushing on 6372 3900.

More details are available from Maureen Bushing.

All tenders should be in writing and marked "TENDER - COMPUTERS" on the envelope and addressed to:

School Executive Officer
St Marys District High School
13 Gray Road
St Marys 7215



Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders close on Friday 5 September at 12 noon.



THOUGHT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

Would you like to do something new and different?

Help others or give something back to your community? Or gain new skills.

Perhaps we have the role for you!

Volunteering Tasmania Northern Office can assist you in obtaining an enjoyable and satisfying volunteer role. Volunteers are needed in a wide range of community based organisations with many different roles: arts, cultural, environmental, health, welfare, sport and recreation, and many more.

If you have an interest and some time, whether it be 1 hour, a couple of days, a week, or longer - you are needed.

For further information please call into the Volunteering Tasmania Northern Office, 72 Tamar Street, Launceston, 9am- 4pm, Monday - Thursday (closed for lunch 12.30-1.30pm) or phone 6331 1567.

You will be glad you did!

TAFF School holiday program

Schoolchicks COOL CHICKS

Make them notice you!

Looking good is easy, learn how to:

- get the hair you want
- apply makeup
- accessorise

FREE

showbag of hair care and beauty samples and a 'how to' booklet

Where:

When:

TAFF Hair & Beauty
Alanya Camille & Black
Tuesday 9th September
9am - 2pm or 10am - 1pm
Wednesday 10th September
9am - 2pm or 10am - 1pm

Bookings Essential

ph: 6336 2705

\$38.50
(incGST) per person

Image supplied by TAFF



SEPTEMBER 2003



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 September	2nd September	3rd September  Big Newsletter home	4th September	5th September School Finishes
8th September	9th September	10th September	11th September	12th September
15th September	16th September	17th September	18th September	19th September
22nd September School Resumes	23rd September	24th September	25th September	26th September

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

GP ROSTER— ON CALL:

DR SHAH Sat 30th—Sun 31st

DR GENIOLA Sat 6th – Sun 7th

DR SHAH Sat 13th—Sun 14th

Dr Geniola on call phone: 6374 2288

Dr Shah on call phone: 63722311

Medical Emergencies phone:

000 or

The Ambulance on:

1800 008 008

000 works on Mobile Telephones.

SANDRA OLIVER IS RETIRING

This Friday 29th August 2003 is Sandra Oliver's last day as our receptionist at The St Marys Community Health Centre.

After many tireless years of dedication to our community Sandra is retiring. All the staff at the Community Health Centre wish you all the best and hope you have many years of quality time with Ronnie and the Grandchildren. You definitely deserve it!

Sandra has worked on and off as a member of the team for 40 years this month.

ANY DRIVERS OUT THERE????

The Community Health Centre *URGENTLY* need drivers for the *HACC Bus* and *Meals On Wheels Drivers*, especially in the St Marys area. If you can spare some time to help your local community please phone Sophie Legge at the Health Centre on 63722 111.

'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

28th/Aug **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm
in Day Centre Room \$5.00

28th/Aug **Living Longer Living Stronger.**
With Jacquie Geniola 1pm-2pm in DC.

4th/Sep **Blooming Women's Day** 9am-
3:30pm in Day Centre Room. More
Info in Valley Voice.

4th/Sep **Child Health Clinic** with Lorraine
McGee. 9am-12noon. Afternoon
appoints available by calling
0409 361 005

5th/Sep **Diabetic Clinic**, with Sue Hayes.

8th/Sep Medical Students Arrive x2.

10th/Sep Day Centre Raffle Drawn. *BIG PRIZES*

11th/Sep **Living Longer Living Stronger.**
With Jacquie Geniola 1pm-2pm in DC

11th/Sep **Tai Chi** 6:30pm-7:30pm
in Day Centre Room. \$5.00

DON'T MISS THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES:

'BLOOMING WOMENS DAY'

September 4th 2003

9am-3:30pm

'BIG EXHIBITION'

23rd Sept– 7th October 2003

'DAY CENTRE HAMPER RAFFLE'

Drawn 10th September

BIG PRIZES TO BE WON!

\$1.00 ticket or 3 for \$2.00

Information from this page was submitted by:

The St Marys Community Health Centre, Gardiners Creek Rd, St Marys, TASMANIA. 7215

**Arthritis Tas
and
"Whose health is it anyway" Project**
are proud to present

TAI CHI with Dawn Denholm
at
St Marys Community Health Centre Day Care Room
each Thursday 6.30 - 7.30 pm
\$5.00 per session
Register with Hayley Gilbert on 6372 2111

or at
St Helens Day Care Centre St Helens Hospital Circassian St
each Wednesday 12 - 1.00 pm
from Wednesday 11th June
\$5.00 per session
Register with Rowena Leitch 6376 2975

Living Longer Living Stronger and Tai Chi

with
Cameron Blight Dawn Denholm Jacque Geniola

Living Longer program

St Helens

Vietnam Veterans Information Centre
Quail Street
Tuesday 10 am Thursday 11 am

St Marys

Community Health Centre
Day Care room Thursday 1 pm
Old Physiotherapy room
Tuesday 12 midday

Fingal

Family Based Care Talbot Street
Tuesday 1.30 pm

Tai Chi program

St Helens

St Helens District Hospital
Circassian Street
Wednesday 12—1 pm

St Marys

Community Health Centre
Day Care room
Thursday 6.30—7.30 pm

Fingal

Venue & time to be advised
by Dawn Denholm

All sessions are one hour.

Free tea/coffee served.

Tai Chi:

\$5 per session casual rate

Contact details:

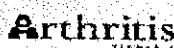
Cameron Blight
0407 827 331

Dawn Denholm
6377 1252

Jacqui Geniola
6374 2288

Rowena Leitch
6376 2975

Payment options	To be discussed with either Cameron, Dawn or Jacque
1. \$100	8 weeks Cota Strength training & Tai Chi 2 sessions of strength training per week & 1 session of Tai Chi per week
2. \$75	8 weeks Cota Strength training. 2 sessions / week
3. \$40	8 weeks Cota Strength training. 1 session / week
4. \$75	8 weeks Cota Strength training & Tai Chi 1 session of each / week



Interested in showing your
artistic talents & skills
in the
BIG EXHIBITION ?

at the
St Marys Community Health Centre

We will be making available our walls &
spaces as an opportunity for two weeks
for anyone to showcase their work or
craft for display or sale.

Commences Tuesday 23rd September
to Tuesday 7th October 2003
*(So get busy, or name a friend
who is clever but too shy!!)*

Contact Ann or Sophie on 6372 2111

GET TOGETHER
with Doris and Keith Bullock
prior to their move to
Launceston

Sunday 31st August at 12 noon
Community Hall St Marys

All welcome !!

Please bring a casserole,
finger food or sweet.

Contacts:

Eric & Claire Bean 6372 2136
Gerald & Wendy Aulich 6372 2283

Addlestone House B & B

19 Gray Road St Marys 7215



Your hosts:
Bob and Charlie (Charmaine)

★★★★½ Accommodation
at very reasonable rates

Ph. 03 6372 2783

Fax. 03 6372 2889

E-mail: addlestone@bigpond.com

Community groups meet

Attendance at St Marys Hotel on Thursday August 14th for the gathering to discuss community projects, needs and priorities was most encouraging with twenty people representing ideas, actions and concerns regarding the St Marys area.

Issues discussed and those acting on them:

- **Playground equipment:** The Lions Club of St Marys is at present arranging to replace playground equipment at the park beside the Library and have undertaken fund-raising. There was also discussion regarding a plan for the area surrounding the library / public toilets to maximise community benefit. > St Marys Association for Community Development to raise with Council.
- **Recreation Ground Public Amenities:** At this stage to repair the toilet block to a safe standard. The Pacing Club is working with Council on present developments. It was agreed that funding for an upgrade be sought for the near future (3-6 months) for a facility that would serve current and future needs. > Tas Tourism a possible avenue.
- **Railway Station:** Council are considering locating a pump out station for mobile homes (logistically convenient). Concern was expressed at this and it was resolved that SMACD write a letter to Council proposing to make the recreation ground a 48 hour stop-over for campers and tourers.
- **Community Hall:** Grassy Bottom Regional Arts has suggested that new curtains in the hall would greatly improve the quality of sound and appearance and have been assured by the Council that money will be spent in this area. Funding is still being sought by GBRA to purchase cinema equipment with the assistance of SMACD.
- **Town murals:** SMACD is at present looking into murals being painted on St Marys 'Blank Canvas' such as the Newsagency and Hairdresser's walls. Suggestions for content are being requested from the community and can be forwarded to SMACD.
- **Completion of the 'information corner** and follow on with townscape objectives also to be pursued by SMACD and the Wombat Walk Landscaping Group.

Those in attendance agreed to the value of gatherings such as this and shall continue each quarter.

Already on the agenda for the next meeting are:

- Stone murals commemorating heritage on St Marys Pass
- Township funding
- Markets
- Cinema
- Douglas Apsley

Any expressions of interest in the above matters can be taken up with the respective groups mentioned (C/- of St Marys Post Office) and other matters brought to the next meeting (date to be advised) or forwarded to SMACD.

Greg Loudon SMACD.

The Say by Cage Rattler

Barking up the wrong tree?

In recent months we have heard ever growing debate within our local community of the proposed movement of timber in and around St Marys.

Initially I was 100% against this happening purely on a safety perspective. Some of these roads are at the best, mediocre for the purpose. Another issue is of course disruption to residents on those routes in that late night or early morning movements could impinge on sleeping and child safety among other things.

In the past couple of weeks though I have started to think more laterally about this whole matter. While the above concerns are extremely important, so is liveliness. The timber industry particularly in regard to renewable resources is important to us all and to that end surely we must explore such undertakings here in the Valley. People have to work and provided the contractors are prepared to guarantee local employment and sustainability, surely it cannot be totally discouraged in this current economic backwater.

Some of our roads are pretty average, not least great chunks of the main road to Conara. In regard to the lesser roads including the ones that may be used to cart logs this is also true as we all can see.

What if a proviso of the logs trucks using these secondary roads was that contractors must put up or shut up. If they want to conduct major cartage they must stringently adhere to two things.

1. Paying a levy that is to be used for continual maintenance and improvement of the stretches of road in question.

2. Truck movements that minimise to their fullest extents any disruptions to residents quality of life.

The State Government must also become involved and should unequivocally guarantee us that all safety standards as laid down by law are met. This is particularly important for traffic merging at intersections and truck turning at corners as outlined by recent Valley Voice writers.

Whilst I sympathise with a number of Valley Voice correspondents who have voiced serious concerns in those issues, we also have to look at the people involved in the timber industry who are also trying to survive, some of whom are also members of this community.

A friend of mine recently assured me of an important fact. His son works in the timber industry and he told me that they risk huge crippling fines and penalties if they breach Forest Practice or public safety rules so disregard for these rules is not an option for them.

Provided the rhetoric is put aside and lingering concerns can be allayed, we must investigate this whole issue on both sides. After all we all live here.

What do you think ?

Giant chocolate fundraiser

The Aquatic Centre Committee has been busy raising money whilst waiting for commencement of a feasibility study into the proposal of a 25 metre indoor heated pool with multicourt and dry areas. The feasibility study is to be conducted by a consultant overseen by the Break O'Day Council with input from the Aquatic Centre Committee.

Recently Robert Luckel from the Quail Street Emporium donated a 20 kg chocolate to be raffled and this was won by Jean Tucker from St Helens. The raffle was drawn at a recent fundraising event held by Grassy Bottom Regional Arts in a 'Brackets and Jam' session at Surfside. Interestingly, the generosity of the Luckel family in donating this huge chocolate has spread to Jean who will be donating it to Camp Quality. Over \$300 has been raised thanks to the generosity of the ticket buyers and the help of volunteers.

Another Cadbury fundraiser is being run around businesses at present. If you would like to have a box of fundraising chocolates on your counter, please call Allison Graham on 6376 8123 who will deliver these delicious chocolate bars.

Another event on the agenda is a walkathon to celebrate Recreation Day on Monday 3rd November followed by a sausage sizzle and Monster Auction. Glenn McGuinness from LJ Hooker has generously offered to donate his auctioneering talents to this event. It will be a great day for all the family and disabled people are encouraged to attend as the walkathon has varying lengths. It will start at the St Helens Foreshore, follow the walking track to the Sea Scouts shed and back.


All people are welcome to attend.

<http://dickadams.vision.net.au>
email: D.Adams.MP@aph.gov.au

St Marys
The gem of the East Coast

*"Tasmania is going to be the tourist destination of Australia.
The East Coast has got all the best of Tasmania. lets make the most of our great community."*

SUPPORTING COUNTRY COMMUNITIES



Dick Adams MP

Fax 03 6398 1120 Federal Member for Lyons PO Box 50, Perth, Tas. 7300 Freecall 1800 811 134

Progress report on the Irishtown Road Campground proposal

On the 14th August I took the Irishtown Rd Campground proposal to the Break O'Day Community Enterprise Initiative Co-op meeting. Seven people attended and in the discussion many suggestions, concerns and useful pieces of information were presented.

It seems that the public liability insurance will be a hurdle but then challenges are part of what keeps life interesting. A representative for tourism was concerned about what the campground would 'look like' and I understand that some of the neighbours on Irishtown were concerned about traffic and privacy.

As far as what it might look like, the idea is to blend into the natural setting as much as possible with a minimum of disturbance. With regard to traffic, it is already happening!

There are almost daily tour busses who 'do' St Patricks Head and for most it is apparently a high point of their tour. It seems to me that the townspeople of St Marys should get some benefit from what is an already existing traffic flow. As well, I think that we would be wise to put some thought now into insuring that what is probably an inevitable tourist trade is sustainable and does not threaten either our environment or our community.

I, for one, would not like to see St Marys become a 'tourist town' but I would like to see employment for local people. I also think that visitors need to be aware of the particular sensitivities of our bush and that understanding how the eco-system works is a first step towards treating it respectfully.

What I am proposing is a community-owned business, a small scale development that gives visitors the opportunity to experience the bush at a personal level, being 'in the trees', observing wildlife, the night sky, the frog song, the dawn chorus—by it's nature not a noisy or disruptive interaction—certainly not invading the privacy of the neighbours. An information centre would provide the bush 'savoir-faire' and bicycle rental would facilitate non-motorised exploration of the area. As a 'catered' facility, we could realise a reasonable amount of employment as well as giving the tourists something to do! The potential for bicycle tracks is fantastic and something that visitors and residents alike would benefit from. One suggestion was for a Two Passes Bike Race!

Todd Dudley who is a 'Land for Wildlife' assessor, walked the block with me. He is preparing a report on the conservation value of the block. I am hoping it is recreation status obviously!

Although Todd was not keen on the idea of infrastructure, he did say it was ultimately up to the neighbours. My thought was to leave the most undisturbed areas as they are and confine development to the more degraded areas with the aim of restoring them in the process.

Marissa Walker from the Council is currently looking up relevant parts of the Planning Scheme and Licencing Board information. In the meantime I have written up a first draft of the proposal. I am interested in any input, positive or otherwise, in order to address concerns and make appropriate amendments. Anyone interested in being part of the project is most welcome as a community owned business definitely needs a community to own it. Any ideas about the economic structure would be appreciated.

If you are interested in having a look at the proposal, please phone me and I will forward a copy to you.

Thank you. Eo Greenstick 0438 571 291



SUPERMARKET / HARDWARE

56 Main Street
St Marys 7215

Graham & Karen Saunders
Phone 6372 2242

[www.vision.net.au/
~saunderswiz](http://www.vision.net.au/~saunderswiz)

- ◆ Steggles frozen chickens size 15. \$5.49 **super special**
- ◆ Autumn Soft toilet rolls 6 pk \$1.99
- ◆ Carpet mats. New stock assorted colours & sizes. Prices start \$2. Car mats – great for **Fathers Day**.
- ◆ Beef & Vegetable Rissoles on tray-very popular- **just like home made**.
- ◆ Trents Crackers-varieties \$1.39-New line.
- ◆ Fresh Ingham & Nichols chicken products, Streets & Blue Ribbon Smallgoods, Midland Meat Supply.
- ◆ **Plus much much more- Not your Average Supermarket BUT your Top Supermarket**

Scamander Beach Surf Shop

6 Lagoon Esplanade Scamander
Ph 6372 5529
scamandersurf.com



Bay Surf

Shop 2
2 Pendrigh Place
St Helens
Ph 6376 1755



Sports Centre News *by Kackhander*

Course under water

Last Sunday we changed our name for a few hours. Yes we became the St Marys Yacht Club and thought long and hard to offering the Swiss our course for the defense of the America Cup. At the windward mark (otherwise known as the third fairway) we had a massive expanse of water 80-90 metres wide. On the reach (8th) it was much the same.

After a fantastic first round of the Mens Foursomes Championships where almost everyone was in the hunt for at least the handicap title on Saturday, we copped a 120 mm deluge. Unfortunately the second round had to be postponed until next Saturday.

Gross is being led by Chris Davern and Umesh Pratap with a terrific 75 while Jack Viney and Andrew Webb lead the Handicap with 64½ nett. It was great to see Umesh up from Hobart and he still remains a strong member. A full update of the winners in the next column. The previous week we had a hidden nine holes which was won by Rex Floyed.

The Bowls season is just around the corner and very soon important working bees will be needed to finish off some necessary work so we ask for support there.

In the next issue we will list a full agenda for this years Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday October 3rd. It is good to report that nominations for positions are being received which is a positive thing for the club.

The upcoming year is going to be an expensive one mainly involving the installation of the irrigation, re-roofing the clubhouse and other maintenance matters, so increasing membership is crucial to the club.

It's great news to be able to welcome new members Alan James, Mark Birch and Corey Floyed into the club and hope they enjoy many years with us.

Finally a special thanks to Roger Donald and Trevor Viney for improving the front door situation. It is much better now.

Anyway until next time Good hitting and rolling

St Marys High School Under 16 Football

The boys have been presented with their jumpers in school colours - they look fantastic. We would like to thank Cornwall Coal and Leigh Spilsbury for their donation which funded the jumpers.

Last Saturday we played Campbell Town in an Elimination Final which was a daunting task as they beat us by about 60 points the last time we met.

With a large home crowd supporting the boys from the Valley, they were fantastic, winning by 1 point in a heart stopper.

Brock Leedham kicked two goals. Best players in a great team effort were Ben Miller, Ben Oates, "Billy no fear" Singline, Richard Howe, Darren Jones and Daniel Cooke.

This Saturday we play St Pats at Longford in the Preliminary Final.

Bus leaves:

7.00 am Scamander

7.15 am St Marys

7.30 am Fingal

Good luck boys



The Historic St Marys Hotel

Main Street St Marys

Ph 6372 2181 Fax 6372 2184

Coffee Shop - Meals -
Accommodation
Warm fires, Tote & Keno

Specials:

Hahn Ice
30 Can Block \$29.95

Old Crow & Cola 440 ml
4 pack \$9.95

In stock:

Canadian Club & Cola Cans
Bailey Mini's (70 ml) 4 pack

A member of
United Cellars
Discount Liquor

Happy Hour TONIGHT

Thursday 28th Aug

6 to 7 pm

followed by

Ray Singline

from 7 to 9 pm

Happy Hour coming events :

11th Sept: Joff & Ted
25th Sept; Pete & Bruce

Watch out for the
BONDI CIGARS

Nibbles & Meat trays
Friday evenings

AFL GRAND FINAL
Come watch on the BIG screen