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ANZAC HONOUR FOR ST MARYS

Monday's ANZAC Day service at St Marys was highlighted by the sprinkling of soil from the beach at Gallipoli upon the wreaths placed minutes earlier at the cenotaph during the 11am community service.

Special dispensation from the State Headquarters of the RSL was received and at the time of going to print it is believed that St Marys was the only place in Australia where this ceremony occurred.

The honour of sprinkling the sand was carried out jointly by a "Legacy Boy" Mr Ian Summers representing both the Fallen and those who suffered, and St Marys District High School student Miss Jenna Ward representing our youth, the future of Australia.

In one of the best attended ANZAC Days for many years over 60 people attended the Dawn Service and more than 170 were at the Morning Service. It was especially pleasing to see the large numbers of children and young families present, many of whom were proudly wearing medals earned by their predecessors - a fact that couldn't have been missed by the old diggers present.

Stirring addresses were given by Alan James at the Dawn Service, and by Tim McManus and Councilor Vic Cato at 11am. Jenna Ward read her winning entry in the St Marys RSL essay competition, Don Ives contributed by providing the musical accompaniment, the prayers were led by Reverend Mike Wakefield, and Phillip Corby yet again provided the sound equipment.

An increased number of wreaths were laid this year, with the Ambulance Support Group, Girl Guides and St Marys Tennis Club all participating for the first time.

In St Marys as throughout Australia, an awareness of the importance of ANZAC Day is growing, with each year increasing numbers attending services.

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Three years down the track

What started out as just a bit of weeding at the bridge end of Wombat Walk has now extended to the length of the walk as well as along the riverbank.

The small group of volunteers still turn up Wednesday mornings to continue the constant maintenance of the gardens which have now been planted along the steep bank below the street.

Some of the improvements made over the past three years include the planting of the terraced bank, gravelled footpath, small bridge over the former unsightly broken concrete area, planting of a group of tree ferns, clearing blackberry and gorse along the river edge and gradual replanting of native species.

In 2003 and 2004 the Wombat Walk Landscaping Group won Major Environmental Project Awards for ongoing restoration and revegetation of St Marys Rivulet through the Tidy Towns Tasmania Program.

New volunteers are always welcome to join the group on Wednesday mornings.



Out of the woodwork

by Reon Johns President 6372 2094

The dawn ANZAC service was a credit to the local RSL sub branch. They captured the spirit of this special day, then provided an enjoyable 'gunfire' breakfast in the Escape Café. The Escape staff made sure that it was a memorable event with extra attention to the ex-service people.

The Exeter Wood show and Expo was very well put together. The Guild members who attended were impressed, especially with the ladies making lace.

All the exhibits were of a high quality and were selling for a very reasonable price. We met the members of the Tamar Wood Guild and Northwest Woodcraft Guild. I feel that we forged some friendships and connections with both the Guild members and the machinery exhibitors.

Karl has done a fabulous job on making the Mt Elephant fudge boxes and these should be in the local shops soon. Good luck Liz and we hope you sell plenty.

Ratha B'zar Gallery grand opening on Saturday was well attended with wine and cheese platters aplenty. The standard of artwork was very high and some Guild members had work on display.

A big thank you to the Valley Voice for their donation to the Guild of a photocopier and to Alan James for his donation of a refrigerator. The next meeting is this Saturday at 4 pm at the Railway Goods Shed.

St Marys Playgroup

We meet every Friday 10-12 pm (school term only), in the school Kindy Room. Cost \$2 and fruit to share. New Families always welcome. **Reminder:** Membership fees are due. \$23 / \$16 conc. This enables you to visit any playgroup in the State.

Activities coming up:

Puppet theatre and music day. Mothers Day activities (photo frame). Visit from Playgroup Association
More info: Tanya 6372 2534 or Cate 6372 2320

Thumbs Down

To the person who stole three garden lights from our garden during the ANZAC long weekend, if you come back and ring the door-bell, you may like the one you left behind. I expect it was because it was under the security light.

After living here for 28 years, it is a very sudden shock to realise we have these kind of people in our quiet area. The lights were a Christmas present from members of our family, and have worked well for four months in our yard. I hope they fail to shine in yours.

Val and John McDonald 48 Gray Road, St Marys

Thank you

The family of the late dearly loved Jessie May Barr would like to thank Dr Singh and Staff for the kindness and support given during her stay and her passing in the St Marys Community Health Centre, also to the many who visited her, and who helped us in many ways. Thank you.



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North East Bioregional Network meetings: Tuesday 17th May at St Marys.

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Scary Hairy Dance Party to follow.

Tickets \$15 includes both movies, party, wine and cheese.

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Migratory Birds

Mr Jim Napier, an authority on migratory birds and Tasmanian bird life, will be presenting a slide film evening on Thursday the 5th May, beginning at 7.30 pm at the St Helens Uniting Church Reception Room.

Supper will be served. Donation of \$5 to raise funds for Medea Park Residential Care.

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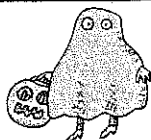
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The Fingal Neighbourhood House INC. is holding a

Spooks Night

Friday 13th May

Cost of \$10 for adults and \$1 for children will give you

BBQ tea with salad starting at 5.30 pm and entry for the evening

music starting at 6 pm to 8 pm - music for underage children

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Halloween fancy dress prizes to be won, best male & best female.

We also have prizes for the children.

Come and view and vote on the posters presented from the 6th to 13th May by Fingal Primary, St Marys Primary, Avoca Primary and St Marys

High School. A winner from each school will receive \$20.

Lots of fun to be had, so come along and make this a great night.

Thumbs down to the morons who stole battery garden lights from two homes in Gray Road. We can certainly do without these people in our town.

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Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

Winter Solstice is nearing and GBRA have been busy with preparations. Our next meeting is 10 am Friday May 6th at the Scamander Mouth Café and is a special winter solstice meeting. If you are interested in becoming involved come along or if you have some time to volunteer on the night of June 18th please call Robyn on 6372 2309 or Mark on 6376 3707. Next General meeting is 10 am Friday May 13th at the Mouth Café

Wanted : We are looking for 44's suitable for fire drums. If you can help please phone Mark on 6376 3707. We are also looking for old flannelette sheets. If you have any that are no longer of use to you please call Robyn on 6372 2309 or you can drop them off at Ratha B'zar.

Costume making: Costumes and masquerade is traditionally an integral part of winter solstice celebrations. If you are interested in designing, making, or would like to volunteer to wear a costume for winter solstice please contact Eo on 0438 571 291

Computers for Community Groups

A St Marys Community Group has won a free computer, courtesy of a State Government initiative of handing computers to community groups. The North East Wildlife Carers run a small, remotely based organisation caring for orphaned and injured wildlife.

It is one of 25 community groups around the State to benefit from the latest round of allocations under the program, with a further 125 computers to be delivered each year through the program over the next three years.

Michael Polley, Labor Member for Lyons, says the program ensures that surplus Government computers are put to good use in the community. Through a range of programs such as this, we are working together with communities around the State to make life better for people everywhere. The program takes computers no longer needed in the State Public Service and allocates them to community groups to help improve the services they offer.

The computer will improve record keeping and assist members of the North East Wildlife Carers. to meet business needs and maintain statistics.

A Mathinna Community Group is another successful group to receive a computer. The Miners Cottage Cooperative Society Ltd runs a service which works to increase economic development and employment in an isolated area. The historic miners cottage has been redeveloped to provide local artists and crafts people with an outlet to display and sell their work. The organisation was previously using an outdated typewriter for correspondence and having to travel to Fingal Access Centre to photocopy minutes and financial records.

Crime report 27 April 2005

There have been further reports of garden lights stolen in the St Marys area. We would appreciate it if anybody with any information relating to this could contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 055 555 or contact the St Marys Police Station. If anybody has any concerns regarding any police matter feel free to contact me at the St Marys Police Station.

As of 2nd May 2005 Linda Faulkner will recommence duties as a Customer Service Officer at St Marys Police Station and listed here are the new office hours.

Constable Cameron Tanner

New office hours commencing Monday 2nd May '05

Monday	9.00 am to 12.00 midday 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm
Tuesday	8.30 am to 12.30 pm 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Wednesday	8.30 am to 12.30 pm 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm
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Third group to benefit through computer program

The Break O'Day Community Enterprise Cooperative Society Ltd, a group who run a service established to administer new community enterprises aimed at creating employment opportunities, has also won a computer, which will allow the group to increase their efficiency and productivity on a daily basis.

This program ensures that surplus Government used computers are put to good use in the community, by non-profit organisations.

Labor Members for Lyons, David Llewellyn announced that due to a State Government used computer give away initiative, three Break O'Day Community Groups have won a computer.

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RSL Essay competition

This year, as part of the 90th Anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli, the St Marys RSL sub-branch ran an essay competition for students at St Marys District High School. It was divided into two sections, grades 9/10, and 6 to 8. Over 60 entries were received, all of the highest caliber, and the judges spent several days agonizing on their decisions such was the evenness of the competition.

The quality of the presentation, the amount of research undertaken, and the imagination shown was astounding and resulted in the awarding of an extra ten encouragement awards (two for each year) on top of the two main prizes. A cross-section of the entries will be displayed on the notice board inside the Post Office and are well worthwhile reading.

The works presented were not only a credit to the students, their teachers and their families but should be a source of pride to our entire community. Jenna Ward's winning grade 9/10 essay and Emma Cooke's grade 6 to 8 essays are published.

The ANZAC Spirit by Jenna Ward

The ANZAC spirit is a spirit of dedication, bravery, endurance and resourcefulness in battle. It's an unquenchable thirst for justice and freedom. It's a tradition of strength of character, and of personal and national pride. But there is no better example of the true ANZAC spirit than Gallipoli, WW1.

During the 8 month battle for Gallipoli the ANZACs defined themselves as men of courage, fighting nobly and never relinquishing from battle. Great examples of this ANZAC courage on Gallipoli were Private Albert Jacka, the first Australian recipient of the Victoria Cross and Major A.W Murdoch.

A party of nine Turkish soldiers were holding a bay they had taken in the Australian trench line, despite Australian attempts to remove them. Albert Jacka crossed the bay whilst his mates distracted the Turkish soldiers. Jacka overcame the soldiers and retook position.

Major A W Murdock took the initiative in disobeying orders from the highest levels to rescue those injured and stranded in front of his division's line. Carrying the Red Cross flag, he crossed No Mans Land and offered himself as a hostage whilst the injured were collected.

Even without the protection of a truce, small parties of ANZACs and even individuals would venture out to collect the injured, driven by their devotion to the cause and to the men they fought alongside. It was this sort of courage ANZACs became famous for.

The ANZAC tradition is commemorated every year on April 25th, the date of the Gallipoli landing. Australians come out in force to attend marches and services around the country. ANZAC Day is more than just paying respect to those who fought and sacrificed their lives to save our nation. It's also about acknowledging those who shaped our country and gave us our identity.

The ANZAC spirit is something that will always be relevant to Australians. It's not confined to the battlefield; it lives on in schools, on sport fields, all over Australia. The sun invades our bodies and makes us mad for freedom – freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom to live and think as we will.

The spirit of ANZAC is invincible. It's a flame that burns forevermore in the hearts of every true Australian. Today we stand safe and free, clothed with all the rights and privileges we have in our great free country. It's all these things we owe to those men who fought, endured, suffered and died for us and their country.

It's to them we owe the spirit of ANZAC.

The ANZAC Spirit by Ella Cooke

All the men and women hold their loved ones in their arms promising they will return, but deep inside, they are in agony, trying to smile but this will probably be the last time they will ever meet each other's eyes again! Tears roll down the long, sad faces, trickling down, starting to form a small puddle on the floor. All the tears could break a drought.

Then the moment comes. They have to leave but they just can't seem to let each other go. The sobs become cries and the cries become unbearable hysterics. Finger by finger they let go, then it comes to the last one, a long pause taking this moment into their hearts forever, the memory that will keep them going on their long journey ahead. Taking one last look into each other's eyes they let go. Their hearts sink as the men walk ever so slowly to the ship that will lead some to their deaths.

Then they put their heads up high and say "I'm doing this for Australia, I'm fighting for my country. Now I'm going to get on that ship and win that war! I'm proud of myself and I'm glad of what I'm doing."

Then they get on the boat and take one last glimpse at the Australian soil and one last wave and then their long journey had begun. The ANZACs had joined the war.

Their first plan was to sneak up in the dark and row their boats into shore and run, run for their lives inland as

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The ANZAC Spirit *continued*

far as they could go, but they were sprung. A flare went up and machine guns were fired.

Many ANZACs lost their lives that day. They died in the spirit, they died for their country, and the ones still alive willing to do the same, fought on. Day in day out they lay in ditches on the Turkey soil, starving, missing and wishing they were somewhere peaceful.

There were many more tragic days ahead like the Nek. They knew they were going to die but did they lie in the ditch and refuse to go and get killed? No! They had seen their friends and family before them go out in so much pride to their death.

Finally, after eight long months of crying, dying, the long restless nights of the sound of machine guns going off and the bad dreams of the day that had just passed, the survivors came home.

Families, friends, girlfriends and boyfriends gather at the docks, waiting restlessly to see their loved one return. Then all the soldiers topple off, injured and limping.

The area just fills with loud cries once again, some happy, some sad. Some people lying on the ground with their heart broken, and in tears, their loved one hadn't returned. Others crying in utter amazement, squeezing their soldiers and saying that they will never ever let them go again. Those days were to remember and other days they wish they had never sacrificed.

Now every year all over Australia, we join together as a nation in the Australian spirit on the 25th April, to grieve for the ones who lost their lives, we congratulate the heroes that returned, and my tears are cried every year for everyone that put their lives on the line for our nation.

So once again this year we will all stand in the streets and watch our veterans walk the streets in pride. We will stand in silence for a minute, and shed our tears for our loved ones who died, and finally we all show the spirit of being a true Australian.

ANZAC Day address at Mathinna

President and members of the Fingal RSL, ladies gentlemen and children. Thank you for inviting me to speak on behalf of our community, and to be present at the first Anzac Service to be held at the Mathinna Wall of Remembrance. It is certainly special for me.

I would like to congratulate all who made a contribution in the construction of this memorial. It is certainly a wonderful way to acknowledge the contribution of people from this area.

It is interesting to note prior to ANZAC Day, there are often controversial issues raised, and this year has been no exception. There was the flying of the Swastika flag. A lady wishing to march with her German shepherd dogs. The Latrobe early march and of course, the construction of the new road at Gallipoli.

Whatever your opinion on matters such as these, it does highlight the significance of the day. It is the day that we gather not only to acknowledge those who laid down their lives, but also thank those who have returned.

We should individually and collectively pledge our commitment to Anzac Day, to ensure it does not just become a holiday.

There were 606 killed in the Boer War, World War 1, 61919, World War 2, 39366, Korea 339, Vietnam 520, Timor ? A total of 102,750. Couple this with our allies losses and those we were fighting against, plus hundreds and thousands of civilians and we are remembering millions of people.

To ensure a safe future, it is vitally important to remember the past. The turn-up at ANZAC Services, and increasing interest, should ensure we do not forget or become blasé.

The recent events in Iraq, when the horrors of war can be seen in our lounge rooms, should remain with us forever. The small boy who not only lost his parents, his sister and brother, but also his arms and legs, will remain in my memory forever.

I would like to conclude by saying that we all have a dream of what we would like to see in this world. I would like to see the next war to be against poverty, disease, to be about caring rather than killing. I believe the people who we are honouring here today would be happy if we could achieve a result such as this.

Mayor Stephen Salter, Break O'Day Municipality



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DISTRIBUTION OF GST REVENUE TO COUNCILS

Break O'Day Mayor Stephen Salter said that he will be seeking the support of all Tasmanian Councils regarding the distribution of a percentage of GST revenue to councils.

He said that it was an opportune time to pursue this issue as the State and Federal Governments don't appear to have reached an agreement in relation to GST funding

"The direct funding from the Federal Government to councils for projects such as the Minor Capital Works Program and the very successful Roads to Recovery Programs are perfect examples of a direct relationship between the Federal Government and councils. This is exactly what I am proposing", he said

If the funding bypasses the State, there is a significant saving to administration costs which would leave councils with an opportunity to make their own decisions on roads and infrastructure with funding sourced from the GST revenue raised in Tasmania.

There is no doubt that Local Government is the level with the greatest knowledge of its infrastructure requirements and many are finding it particularly difficult to meet community and State Government requirements. The State Government should find it particularly attractive to support this concept as the Tasmanian rate payers and tax payers would appreciate the significant benefits that would flow to their communities.

It would provide all Local Government areas in Tasmania and Australia with major financial benefits which in the long term will reduce councils' reliance on hand outs.

Mayor Salter has written to the Prime Minister, the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition, as well as the President of the Local Government Association and all the 29 councils about this proposition.

ANZAC DAY THANK YOU

The St Marys RSL Sub-Branch would like to alphabetically thank the following organisations, businesses and individuals for their unflinching support and invaluable assistance in this year's ANZAC Day Services. Without their support the Services would not have occurred.

Break O'Day Council, Break O'Day Woodworking Guild, Councillor Vic Cato, e.ScApe Café, Phillip Corby, Don Ives, Ian Faulkner, JAM- Jesus and Me, Ian Kennett State President RSL, Barry LeFevre, Tim McManus Barbara McAllister, Charlotte Marshall St Marys Ambulance Support Group St Marys Catholic Community St Marys District High School Association St Marys District High School Students and Teachers, St Marys Girl Guides, St Marys Hospital Auxiliary, St Marys Lions Club, St Marys Post Office, St Marys RSL Sub-Branch Ladies Auxiliary, St Marys Tennis Club, Ian Summers, The Valley Voice Newspaper WAGS- Women's Action Group Supporting the Community, Mike Wakefield, Jenna Ward Fran Williams.

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LEST WE FORGET by Rod McGiveron

In unprecedented numbers again today Australians and New Zealanders paid tribute to an indomitable spirit that was born that fateful day and that has become synonymous of both our Pacific Nations.

Either by way of attending ANZAC Day Services all across the country, or other parts of the world, or by taking in the comprehensive television, radio or newspaper coverage, you are clearly reminded that even after the best part of a century, this brave and ceaseless spirit and respect has never been stronger. Far from dying off with the loss of those diggers as time passes, it has in no small way moulded our nature as nations today.

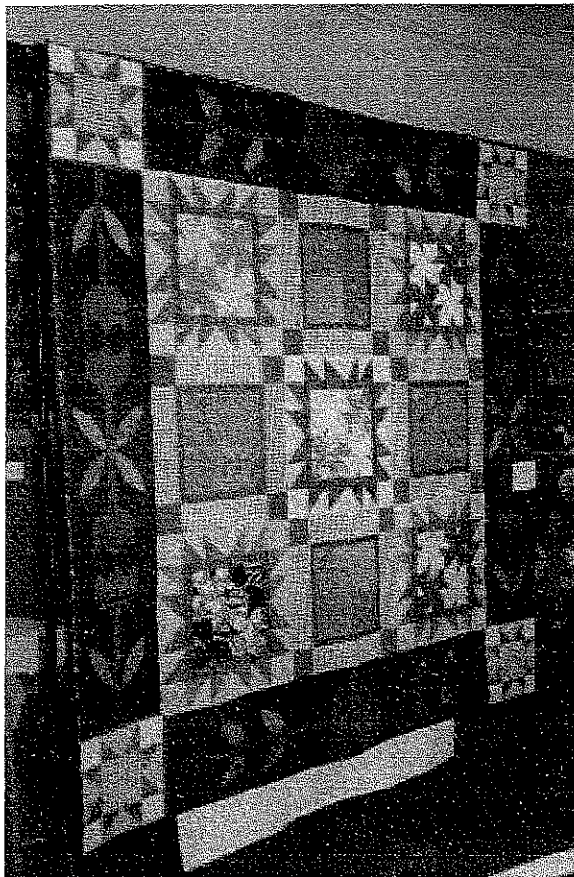
At St Marys, a keynote speaker this year Mr Tim McManus, summed this up perfectly for those who heard his message. In every conflict that ANZACs have been part of, those service men and women have willingly put their own lives on the line to help out a mate in their time of need. They've done this for freedom, for democracy and to overcome oppression and hardship of all.

So many never returned from those battlefields or many others came home with injuries and memories that made life difficult to bear. They did all this because it was the right thing to do. That was all.

Perhaps this is why ANZAC Day has never or will ever be seen as glorifying war. Nothing could ever be further from the truth. It's just a way that proper respect can be given by all to the sacrifices made at Gallipoli, and since in several conflicts, all with the hope of peace.

This special commemoration helps us portray our thanks to these unselfish people with gratitude, and it's uplifting that with every ANZAC Day the thanks and respect grows increasingly.

Lest we forget



"Friendship Flowers", designed and made by Rita Summers using tessellated flower blocks made by Barbara McAllister, Viv Young, Bronwyn Fidler, Sue Briginshaw and Susie Pike; quilted by Pam Jarman.

St Marys and Fingal well represented

Colour, artistry, originality, quality – these are some of the words which can only begin to describe the two major quilting and needlework exhibitions which took place in March and April this year.

Even better, the Fingal Valley area was very well represented, submitting 21 entries for the Break O' day Stitchers Exhibition in St Helens, and 5 for the Tasmanian Quilting Guild Inc's display at the Craft Fair in the Derwent Entertainment Centre, Hobart.

Items ranged from small items such as wallhangings and table runners, through to large, queens-sized quilts. They were made in every imaginable colour and style, from subtle to bright, traditional to contemporary, hand stitched to machine sewn.

In addition, our local contributors showed flair for original design and workmanship, with a number of them being first time exhibitors (in the St Helens exhibition). A total of 9 items, including the 5 mentioned earlier, were contributed from the Break O'Day region for the state quilt display in Hobart – only one less than the number entered from the northern region!

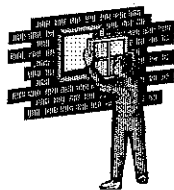
Needlework skills, particularly in relation to quilt making, seem to be flourishing in this neck of the woods. Who knows, this year Tasmania, next year, the world.....

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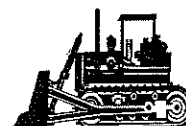
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Breast Screen will be in St Marys, behind the centre, from 9—13th May. So if your female and over 40 you are entitled to a free breast screen every two years. Please phone 132050 to book an appointment.

'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

- 29 April **St Helens Carers Group Meeting**
1800 242 636 for further details.
- 2 May **Hospital Auxilliary Meeting**, Day Room of the CHC.
- 2 May **Weight Class** 10am CHC. Meetings will be weekly on Mondays. Phone 6372 2111 for further details.
- 3 May **Health Promotion Course**
10.30—1.30 with Fiona Watts
- 4 May **Alcoholics Anon & Al anon (AA)**
Anglican Church St Helens @ 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details.
- Al Anon meet Sunday's at 2pm.
- 4 May **Lightfoot Podiatry** with Perry Daly
- 5 May **Child Health Centre** with Lorraine McGee 9am-12noon. Afternoon appoint are available by phoning 0428 136 381
- 6 May **Alcoholics Anon St Marys**
- 9 May **Weight Class** 10am CHC. Meetings will be weekly on Mondays. Phone 6372 2111 for further details.
- 10 May **Australian Hearing Services** All day
- 10 May **Health Promotion Course**
10.30—1.30 with Fiona Watts
- 11 May **Alcoholics Anon & Al anon (AA)**
Anglican Church St Helens @ 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details.
- Al Anon meet Sunday's at 2pm.
- 11 May **Anglicare Financial Counselling**
For appointments please phone 1800 240 101.
- 13 May **Women's Health Clinic** with Dr Libby Reekman. Phone 6372 2111 for appointments.

Information from this page was submitted by:

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STUDENT LEADERS



The Student Leader Team

Billy Singline, Daniel Cooke, Rebecca Holmes, Miranda Franklin, Alicia RossKelly
Jessie Bates, Jadis Peacock, Jenna Ward, Jenelle Speers, Jenna Goss

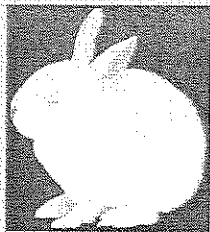
Hi, my name is Jessie Bates and I am the secretary of the Student Leaders for 2005. This year our president is Jenna Goss. We have two treasurers which are Jenelle Speers and Billy Singline. Alicia RossKelly is our primary liaison. The rest of the Student Leader Team is Miranda Franklin, Jadis Peacock, Jenna Ward, Daniel Cooke, and Rebecca Holmes.

We have started the year with enthusiasm and commitment, just recently we had a conference with the St Helens District High School Student Leaders and organised a few fundraising events and other exciting activities that we are looking forward to this year. We are looking into doing a Relay For Life fundraiser which raises money for people suffering from cancer.

Well I think that just about wraps it up, we would just like to thank Mrs Marshall for being a great inspiration to the Student Leader Team.

Jessie Bates (Secretary)

Jenna Goss (President)



Helen Wright

Exhibitionists

The art of art teachers

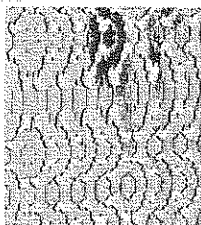


David Keeling

29 April - 13 May 2005
St Marys District High School

St Marys District High School Students will be involved in an exciting project, presenting an exhibition of contemporary work by Tasmanian Art Teachers.

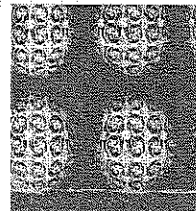
Students and teachers will carry out all aspects of the management of the exhibition including unpacking the artwork, installing the exhibition and promoting it within the community. The exhibition will provide an excellent educational vehicle for students to develop both their conceptual ideas and their understanding of contemporary art practice and presentation.



David Hawley



Louise Davidson



Katy Woodroffe

APRIL/MAY 2005



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
25th April ANZAC DAY	26th April	27th April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Sports Day Secondary Assembly Soccer 3pm 	28th April	29th April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Exhibition
2nd May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Exhibition K-6 Assembly - 11am Dental Service 	3rd May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Exhibition Dental Service 	4th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Exhibition Soccer 3pm Secondary Sports Exchange 	5th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Exhibition Primary Sports Day 	6th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Exhibition Big Newsletter
9th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Exhibition 	10th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Exhibition Primary Sports Day 	11th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Exhibition Soccer 3pm 	12th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Exhibition 	13th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Exhibition
16th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-6 Assembly - 11am 	17th May	18th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary Assembly Soccer 3pm U/16 Football Launceston Game 1 	19th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Sports Day 	20th May
23rd May	24th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter High Cross Country 	25th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathinna Primary Cross Country 	26th May	27th May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Term 1 Small Newsletter

Meals on Wheels Roster

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Tue 3rd	Dawn Lodge	Susan Woods
Wed 4th	B & B McAllister	Barbara Saunders
Thu 5th	Kaye Nailer	Jan Marshall
Fri 6th	Claire Bean	Malcolm Saunders
Mon 9th	Hannah Rubenach	Sharon Hall
Tue 10th	M & P Berwick	Robyn Holder
Wed 11th	C & G Dawson	Belinda Byard
Thu 12th	D & V Rice	Patsy Death
Fri 13th	Jeff Herrmann	Robyn Miller

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Sun Mass: Bicheno 2 pm

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Sun. St Marys 9am

Sun. Fingal 10.30 am

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Thursday. St Helens 10 am

Friday. Fingal 10 am

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Daily Office Reading

Avoca Tuesdays 10am

Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon

Ross Wednesdays 10am

Cornwall News by Jim Haas

The Miners' Heritage Wall, planned for Cornwall, came a step closer last week when I had a meeting with the Management of Cornwall Coal Co. Bryn Morrell and Terry Miller both of whom demonstrated a keen interest in the project, so much so that they have undertaken to supply and lay the bricks needed to build the Wall.

A submission is now on its way to Break O'Day Council, through Councillor John McGiveron for Council's contribution to put in the required cement footings. Hopefully, with the sixteen hundred dollars already allocated by Council and in-kind work promised, this should be achievable.

This will leave the lettering, fencing and landscaping, all of which should be covered by promised funding from C.F.M.E.U., Tasmanian Government and private donations.

The Wall will be located on the eastern side of the existing park, facing Alexander St.. The basic plan is to have a centre piece of three metres wide by two metres high featuring coal mining history, a plaque recognising all who have contributed to the project, a memorial plaque for those who have died in the industry and a wooden carved statue of a miner with his pick and shovel and carbine lamp standing beside him, we hope to include a pit pony also carved in wood.

Protruding from either side of the centre will be two sections set on a slight angle, each section will be 1.5 metres wide by 2 metres high, giving an overall length of 9 metres. The six hundred or so names collected will be placed on the four protruding wings. To complete the project the area will be fenced and landscaped.

Finally, bit by bit, Mrs Camplin's long time dream has reached a stage where we can see light at the end of the tunnel, and I'm confident the "Back to Cornwall Day" planned for the opening will happen by the end of the year.

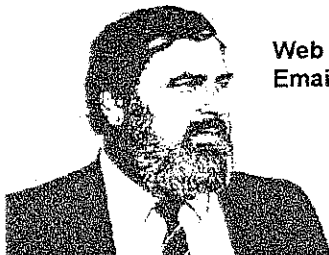
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Time to apply for Federal Tourism Grants

Senator Guy Barnett has urged local tourism operators to apply for funding under Australian Government tourism grants. The Government has called for applications under Round 2 of the *Australian Tourism Development Program*, which supports initiatives aimed at tourism promotion and development in regional and rural Australia. This Program is part of the Government's Tourism White Paper, which has allocated more than \$31 million for grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

In many instances tourist attractions are a prominent asset in many communities. The grants provide local tourism operators with the opportunity to develop, expand and promote the attractions on offer in the area.

Interested tourism operators and owners are encouraged to contact AusIndustry Customer Service Managers via the AusIndustry Hotline before submitting an application. The Hotline will be able to refer them to the appropriate local office for advice and assistance.

Applications for Round 2 will close on Wednesday 15 June 2005, while further information on the ATDP can be found at the AusIndustry website at www.ausindustry.gov.au or obtained from the AusIndustry Hotline on 13 28 46

The \$73 billion tourism industry contributes up to 5.7 per cent of Australia's employment, providing work for more than half a million people.

It is also a significant export earner, and importantly, about 48 cents in every tourism dollar is spent in regional Australia. *The Australian Tourism Development Program* is a highly competitive merit-based grants program. A total of \$9.5 million is available for funding this round.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Re: St Helens Water Quality

In reply to the article in the Valley Voice of 14th April, 2005. "Me thinks that they doesn't protest too much." It is a most interesting scenario that for some eight years now I have been lobbying Governments of all levels from top to bottom and have continually been told how safe the Agricultural Chemicals are and there are no risks to the public health. (I wonder has our Chemical Registrar done any health assessments in regards to agricultural chemicals being sprayed onto we humans?), much of these statements stem from ignorance of the subject and I guess most of those in official positions do not take the time nor the trouble to find out the true position for themselves, all the scientific data is available for those who care to take the time and trouble to look.

I guess the contract fencer together with the Carpenters were also given the same information as myself, not to worry, 'these chemicals are perfectly safe' yet now when a forestry worker is involved with the very same chemicals and from aerial spraying there is to be an investigation into the hows and whys and wherefores, and he/they are to receive help with future medical expenses.

Can someone tell me why these chemicals are safe for the general public, to be sprayed in and around residential areas and public places by ground and/or aerial spraying continuously and yet they are not safe for forestry workers?

This brings me to the matter of the water, whether it be St Helens or anywhere else in the State of Tasmania. With all the chemicals being sprayed from the air it would be impossible for all our waterways to be safe and not to be contaminated. It is most illogical indeed to say otherwise, also someone out there may have the secret of the buffer zones. How is the chemical/s to be intelligent enough to know where the buffer zone is and not to cross it.

Spray does drift even on calm days so what is the correct position of where the chemicals end up when a wind is blowing? We have all heard of how the droplets are increased etc. etc. and who, may I ask polices these practices? Do our local Council under their Duty of Care? Do our local Council have and keep an up to date register of all the chemicals being distributed over the municipality, the places, times and dates, the company doing the spraying, whether it be ground or air and what the mixtures consist of, one chemical or many? Oversight and unaccountability create a lethal situation indeed. It is time that all levels of government come clean on this issue of agricultural chemicals and the on-going effects they will have in the long term. There are three 'commons' and they are AIR, WATER and SOIL. These should be for the common good not to be destroyed for the profits of big companies.

Patricia O'Donnell, St Marys

Have a splash *by Cagerattler*

In the most recent issue of the Suncoast News which is the local Examiner newspaper supplement for our area, I noticed a piece that confirmed the outcome of a recent feasibility study into an indoor pool facility for the municipality.

The main reason for rejection outlined in the article was that it had been identified that a financial break-even point in regards to population would be 20,000. Unfortunately Break O'Day has scarcely more than a quarter of that figure needed to sustain a continuous service. I'd suspect however, that it would be viable in holiday periods, when the influx of tourists hit the area.

Also in the article it was mentioned that the committee would look out for options, given that the Council could not commit further resources at the moment other than assistance to identify suitable locations.

St Helens is the commercial centre of the east coast, and even given the fact of the beaches and bay areas to swim in, pool access is somewhat limited for the population, particularly for controlled supervision and training purposes. The smallish school pool is the closest that currently exists.

Perhaps if the outright option of an indoor facility falls through, it might be time for St Helens to do what the St Marys Swimming Pool Committee did in the late 1980's to the early 1990's. At the time a concerned but dedicated group of people identified a need for a full scale pool to make a real difference.

As I understand, they began an exhaustive process that formulated fundraising activities, drove everyone mad with raffles, wrote to suppliers, and fought long and hard, tripping over red tape, to raise the necessary funds to begin the project. Testament to their ongoing efforts the pool was finally commissioned and built. They began with the basic 25 metre pool plus an equipment shed, filler pumps and heat pump building, a toilet, and safety fence in the first year or so.

A few years later a brand new Fibertech surface for the pool walls and floor was completed then soon after a fantastic pool shelter building was designed and built.

Currently in process through the auspices of the School Association (formerly Parents and Friends) the school itself, generous community groups, and State Government grants, pool users will see the completion of a new change room facility, and eventually new toilets with disabled access as a feature.

As you can see, all this is done in stages, and by today's standards, in affordable methods. Provided council can identify a suitable venue for the St Helens area, there is no reason why the St Helens community, with a permanent population of at least 2500, couldn't at least have a decent 25 metre heated outdoor pool for public use fairly soon, with design to allow for gradual upgrades over the years.

Critics of these projects need only to come along to St Marys during the summer, to see how much our young peoples' (and older ones in some cases) skills have improved with water safety and survival, thanks in the main to a good pool, a brilliant learn to swim campaign, and now squad training opportunities all linked together with a great bunch of people involved with the groups named above and of course Austswim as a peak body.

Fight hard for a good basic pool, it's worth it.

What do you think?

St Marys Tennis Club News

ANZAC Day-Fun Day

A big field of 20 players participated in our Annual ANZAC Day Fun Day and had a most enjoyable day using the new 'paddle-pop' system suggested by Gary Townsend. Each player received a Paddle-pop icecream as part of their entry fee. The players and their families marked their respect on this day by attending the 11 am ANZAC Day service and the laying of the St Marys Tennis Club wreath. Congratulations to the Mens winner Jack Foreman and the Ladies winner, Jill Faulkner.

Coaching

Michelle Rowell will be providing tennis coaching at the Club on Saturday 30th April for juniors and adults. If you are interested in arranging a lesson on an individual or small group basis please contact Michelle for a booking on 0408 832 075.

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th April 2005 at 7.30 pm.

Sports news continued:

Mark Carrick's tipping is going exceptionally well. It's going a thousand percent better than his footy team!

Commiserations to all the Darts team who missed out by the narrowest possible margin on winning the Grand Final. Oh so close, but what a terrific season, and your support to the club is fantastic.

A very special congratulations to Peter and Yvonne Davern on your recent 50th Wedding Anniversary. Absolutely marvelous Pete and Von on half a century together, and being such great supporters to the club. We hope you have many more years together as a couple and of course as members of the club.

Anyway until next time good hitting and rolling

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St Marys Sports Centre News by Kackhander

The bowls season officially wound up on Friday April 22nd with a terrific dinner and trophy presentation night. The soups, mains and desserts were scrumptious, enjoyed by around 50 people. Break O'Day Our new Patron Mayor Stephen Salter and Mrs Salter attended, and Mr Salter then assisted with the presentations and congratulated the club on its efforts.

Special thanks to Club President Rex, and Tina Floyed, Jack and Janice Viney, and new Bowls President Mark Birch for their great help, as well as a number of others who did something to make it a top night all round. Thanks especially to Trevor Viney for organising the funds.

The club also wishes to pay tribute to Valda McDonald, Janice Viney, Leanne McDonald, and all the other ladies during the season, who proved that our club are the best caterers. Thank you all.

Congratulations to Jack Viney for winning his first club championship in grand style, Peter Singline and Peter Davern for taking out the pairs championship for the first time playing together, and after a terrific Brownlow Medal style Best and Fairest count, a huge congratulations to Mark Birch who just edged out Graham Hayes and Trevor Viney.

Thanks especially to Jim Rankin who conducted and organised this during the year. The skips award was won by John McDonald, with a 75% strike rate over Tony Blake with a 62½ % ratio with a minimum of 6 games to qualify. Congratulations John. All in all it was a great night.

Finally for the year, the last notice is for a top dressing working bee this Sunday May 1st, to prepare the green for winter. Let's hope for a great turnout.

Golf: We would like to remind everyone that golf is happening every Saturday and Sunday. The new calendar is available and will hopefully be supported.

The 2005 Pennant Competition is a little disjointed due to 6 clubs in A Grade and only 4 in A Reserve. Because of this one of the A Reserve games has to be played on its own this Sunday May 1st, versus Scamander. Club Captain Mark Birch wishes all members to try and help us fill two strong teams once again this season.

On Saturday April 30 (this week) we will pick the A Reserve team from the Monthly Trophy event conducted that day. It's important to get off to a good start.

All members please be aware that some major work to our new watering system, greens work and tree trimming will soon be commencing, so any assistance and support will be appreciated.

Several new events will be included in the 2005 calendar along with old favourites. Make sure you grab a calendar so you know what's happening.

In general club news thanks go to all the donors of equipment, materials and time to carry out the renovations, painting and improvements to the clubhouse, that should encourage much more activity and participation. Everyone has been complimentary of the work, and the transformation of a few hundred dollars expense is amazing.

Get your teams organised for the winter indoor bowls comp commencing in June, will be heaps of fun. You need 4 or 5 players to make up your team. We're taking sides all through May. You don't have to be a member to play either. *Continued inside*



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