

St Patricks Head Photo Competition – Eyes Locals!

The number and quality of entries in the 2nd St Patricks Head Festival Photography Competition have astounded the organizers.

The competition’s closing date was extended by a week due to the response. This has given organisers a short time frame to get the photographs professionally developed by FUJIFILM Australia.

Coordinator Anthony White said the response was fantastic and will make the judging very difficult.

On offer is over \$700 worth of prizes thanks to Ratha B’zar, St Marys Newsagency, Rainbow Retreat, St Marys Hotel, St Marys Post Office, Designer Hair Studio, the Top Shop Supermarket, Coachhouse Takeaway, St Marys Value Plus, SMACD and the major sponsors Philcam, e.ScApe Café/Gallery, Fujifilm Australia, and the Lions Club St Marys.

An exhibition of ALL entries will open on St Patricks Day in the e.ScApe Gallery. The 1st, 2nd and Sponsors Prizes will be announced at the St Patricks Head Festival Bush Dance at 9pm in the St Marys Town Hall.

The Lions Club of St Marys Peoples Choice Award will be announced at the close of the exhibition at 11am on Monday the 10th of April. This gives you 3 weeks to call in and vote for your favourite local identities photograph.

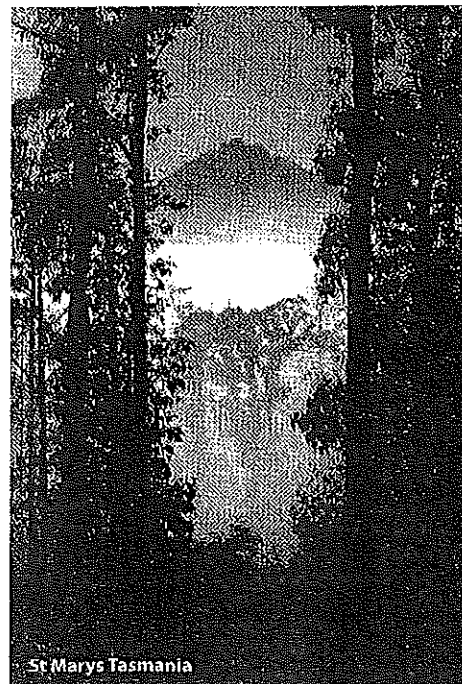
The Top 24 finalists in the Lions Club of St Marys People Choice will also feature in a ‘Back to St Marys’ calendar to be produced by SMACD for our town’s sesquicentennial (150 years).

Meanwhile, the preparation for the 2nd St Patricks Head Festival has almost? finished.

Organisers are hoping all the locals will come along to the St Marys Town Hall from 5pm and enjoy the potato throwing competition, school kids footpath art, adults boot throwing, and from 8pm the Bush Dance with music from **BOTTOM PUB CEILIDH BAND**.

St Patricks Day
St Patricks Head Festival
 and
BUSH DANCE!!!!
Friday 17th March
St Marys Town Hall

- ❖ 5.00 - Kids Potato Tossing Competition
- ❖ 5.25 - Footpath Art Awards
- ❖ 5.30 - Boot Throwing (adults)
- ❖ 6.00 - Photo Competition Winners announced in e.ScApe gallery
- ❖ 7.00 - Bush Dance in St Marys Town Hall
- ❖ 8.30 – supper – please bring a plate!!!!



St Marys Tasmania

Last year's winning entry in the competition which was won by Giles Clement.

For those of you who study statistics and all things true and correct, may I point out that I have made a mistake in the issue numbers. I inadvertently printed two number 16 issues. The mistake has just been pointed out to me. Consequently, to correct the problem, there will be no issue 19. Apologies. Ed.

Community news

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary meets the first Monday of every month at 2pm at the **St Marys Community Health Centre**.

The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc. meets every 4th Saturday at 4pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts are holding General meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at the **e.ScApe Café** at 6.30pm. Come along to share your creative ideas and help Grassy Bottom maintain an artistic culture in our community.

The next meeting of **SMACD** will be held on Friday, March 31st at 5pm at the St Marys Online Access Centre.

North East Bioregional Network Inc. will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday, March 21st at the St Helens Neighbour House at 4pm.

Break O'Day Stitchers are holding their Quilt & Embroidery Exhibition at the Portland Memorial Hall Cecilia St, St Helens on the **15th to 19th April** at 10am to 4pm daily. 10 Prize categories to enter into and everyone welcome. **Contact:** Marj 6372 5752 Irene 6376 3103 or Elsie 6376 1663

DID YOU MISS THE LIONS BACK TO CORNWALLDAY?

If so, or if you want something to remember it by, for a donation of \$10 (\$13 if postage is required) a DVD with the entire event recorded, plus some thirty still photos all put together by **Greg Cruse** is available at the **St.Marys Online Centre** or by contacting **Jim Haas** on 6372 2127.

Please note:

Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is 5 pm **Tuesday**, March 28, 2006.

Annie's Mobile Shop-TODAY at Gone Rustic Quilt Studio and Gallery! Drop in and indulge yourself in fabrics, threads, ribbon, gift items and more. Find what you need for your current craft or sewing project, or for a special person or event. For details, phone Rita on **0409 289 997** or call in to 37 Main St. St Marys.

Beautiful Handstitched Cards, using metallic threads, beads and a range of lovely designs – learn the art with tutor Anne Wakefield at Gone Rustic Quilt Studio and Gallery from 10 – 3pm **this Saturday**, 18th March.

Cost of \$15 includes all your materials, tutoring and tea and coffee. Please bring a plate of lunch to share.

St Marys Playgroup will recommence on Friday 24th March.

Time: 10am – 12pm
Where: STMDHS kindy room
Cost: \$2 – plus fruit to share
Fees: Playgroup Association Memberships due.
\$25 family \$18 concession

New families always welcome.

Membership entitles you to visit any playgroup in Australia, a discount card, and access to the toy library in Launceston.

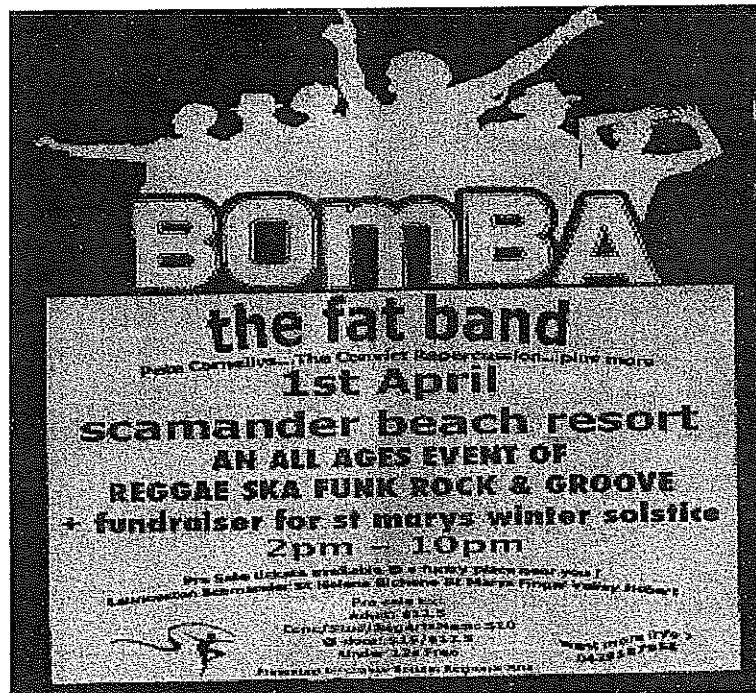
AGM, Friday, 31st March.

All committee positions are vacant; President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Playgroup can't continue without your help! If you would like to be involved or want some more info, contact:

Janelle (President) 6372 5297
Tanya (Treasurer) 6372 2534

GRASSY BOTTOM REGIONAL ARTS PRESENTS.....



'BOMBA' is a reggae/ska. party band who have just toured nationally, and have recently supported VB40 and Spearhead.

'The Fat Band': formerly known as 'Nelly & the Fat Band', are Tassie's own funk rock seven piece band, with a horn section that will blow your mind!

Pete Cornelius: St Marys' very own blues legend.

'The Convict Repercussion': young local 3 member band that rocks.

Want more info? **0429 187 958**

Classifieds

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also in good condition. \$45.
Medicine cabinet. \$10.
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remote \$200. 1 TV/ video stand, as
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PH: 6372 2176

1 Victa Viking '96 model MT412T
ride-on mower with catcher. Goes
well. \$1700. ono.
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Large collection of Grass Roots
magazines. \$100. **PH: 0428 399 375**

FOR SALE Storage shelves to fit
Pajero. \$50

PH: 6372 2846 or 0400 512 845



Classifieds in the Valley Voice are free of
charge.

If your articles are not sold after the first
entry, we will repeat the ad in the next
issue.

Please inform us if your items are sold.

More items for sale

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Also matching 4 drawer bedside
cupboard. \$30.

White 3 drawer bedside cupboard.
\$30.

Bedside glass top table \$25.
Dressing table with attached
mirror/ 2 glass shelves. \$40.

Also matching stool. \$25.

Large cobalt blue floor mat. \$30.

Akai 51cm Black TV. \$70.

Mens Malvern Star 24" bike. \$70.

Contact: **Karen Polden.**

Ph: 6372 2438.

Mob: 0437 463 370

Suzuki JR 80 K2, 2002 model
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In the St Marys area - automatic
washing machine and 2 door
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The Committee of the Fingal
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positions; expressions of interest
are again being called and we
envisage the positions being filled
by the end of April.

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basis. Financial payment for this
position will be an Honorarium of
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or weekend casual employment.
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For further information on these
vacancies, contact either the
FVNH Office: **B.H. 6374 2344**
A.H. 6374 2235 or the FVNH
President on **0419 500 847**

The Fingal Valley Neighbour-
hood House Inc. is an Equal
Opportunity Employer, which is
funded through the Department of
Health & Human Services.

THANK YOU

Val and Ken Anderson would like
to thank everyone who gave us
their love and care during the 7
days we spent on the Mainland,
after the recent peaceful death of
Val's Dad.

A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: by Jim Haas

In the 1960s when the coal mines in the Fingal Valley all but closed, a campaign was launched by the Coalmining Unions, Cornwall Coal Company, Fingal Council and the general community to have the Government build a coal fired thermal power station in Tasmania. The argument was not only to save an industry, but to utilize the huge coal reserves we have in Tasmania, mainly in the Fingal Valley and East Coast areas.

A great deal of money, time and energy was spent on research for this venture, all of which covered the economic, environmental and social impact such a project would have, not only on the Fingal Valley, but Tasmania in general.

A number of sites were looked at. The first, of course, was in the valley close to the Mt. Foster and Mt. Nicholas coal reserves. This was ruled out, because for one, it was thought the smoke from the stacks would hang in the valley causing smog and secondly, although the South Esk River runs through Fingal, it was thought the amount of water required would cause huge problems, particularly for farmers and towns downstream. A site high above the valley on top of Mt. Foster where the wind would blow the smoke away into the atmosphere looked like a good idea. But again, where would the water come from?

Seymour was the next proposal, where sea water could be treated to handle the water problem and the Dalmaine coal reserves would be close at hand for fuel back up, if needed.

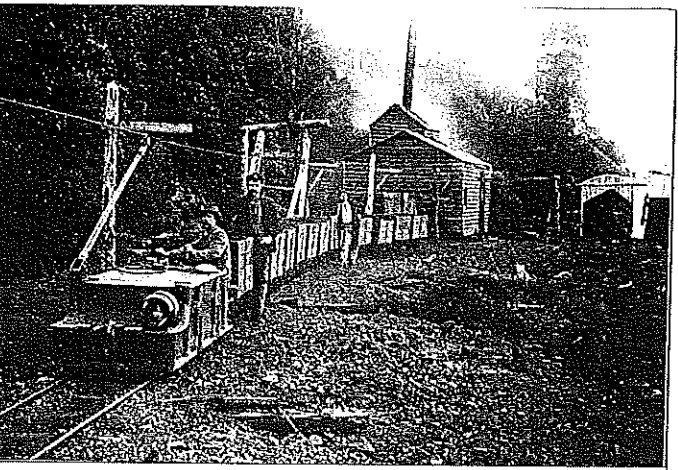
The final, and what appeared to be the most preferred site, was Bell Bay, close to the northern industrial areas of Tasmania. And although some time later the Government did build an oil fired Thermal Power plant at Bell Bay, the Eric Reece led Parliament of the 60's, appeared hell bent on maintaining Tasmania as a Hydro State and the campaign to save the coal industry and boost the Fingal Valley Community was canned.

The sweetener by the Government was to start pine plantations in the surrounding hills and send miners into a work environment they knew nothing about and in most cases did not want to know about. But if they wanted to stay in the valley, and with real-estate being at its lowest ebb, they had little choice.

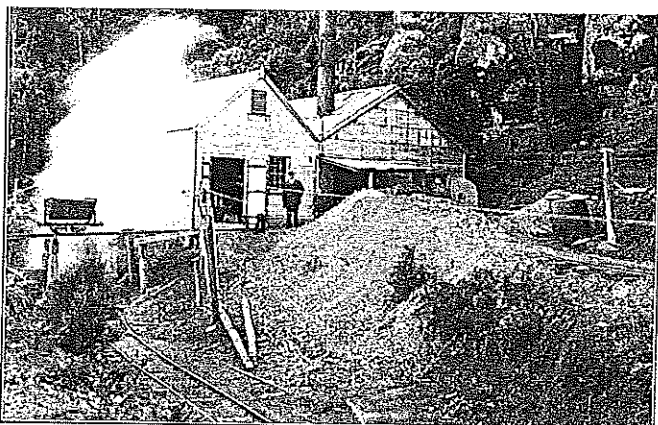
Coal fired power plants, however, were not new to the Valley. Indeed, in 1902 Mt. Nicholas coal mine was one of the first industries to produce electricity with a coal fired boiler driving a turbine to supply power to drive locos, lights and other machinery. Cornwall and Jubilee mines followed Mt. Nicholas and put in similar plants soon after. In fact, one of the Jubilee turbines still rests amongst the old mine site relics today.

In 1930, Mr. Hood, the then superintendent of Cornwall Coal Co, built quite a sophisticated coal fired power station at Cornwall with the intention of supplying not only the mine with electricity, but the townships of Cornwall, St. Marys and Mt. Nicholas. The Government, however, would not allow it and instead brought their own hydro generated power to the Valley and Mr. Hood's plant never reached its potential.

Fortunately the coal industry recovered from the doldrums of the sixties without a coal fired power station, and today we can only sit back and contemplate what our valley would be like if the campaign had been successful. Would our mountains be ripped apart by now? Would our valley be full of smog from the million or so tonnes of coal it would have consumed each year? How much would our lifestyle have changed with such a monster in our midst?



Electric locomotive—Circa 1904, Arthur Wells, Bill Brough, Covey Nichols. Bill was the son of Mr Dan Brough, Mine Manager.



Power house and Winch House. Mr C. S. F. Hood, Mine Manager—Circa 1930. Outcrop of sandstone at rear, marks original mine entry.

Whilst the majority of the community was caught up in the 1960s crusade and quite disappointed with its failure, perhaps in hindsight, it was a Godsend that the fight of our forefathers was in vain and our valley has remained a peaceful, clean, relaxed environment, that the might of a power station would have changed forever.





What's On In St Marys

Contact Rod on 6372 2444 or SMACD to add your event to the calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time/s</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Who</i>
17/3/06	7am – 8.30am	Business Breakfast	St Marys Recreation Ground	SMACD
17/3/06	5pm – 11pm	St Patricks Head Festival & Bush Dance	St Marys Town Hall	SMACD
25/3/06	All day	The Ruth and Geoff Gill Perpetual Trophy	St Marys Golf Club	St Marys Golf Club
25/3/05	(evening)	Karaoke	St Marys Hotel	The Pub
1/4/06	10am - onwards	Family Fun Golf Day	St Marys Golf Club	Community Health Centre
14/4/06	4.30pm – 10pm	Exhibition Opening	e.ScApe	John McColl
25/4/06	Dawn & 11am	ANZAC Day Services	St Marys Cenotaph	St Marys RSL
27/4/06	10am – 2pm	Classic Car Show (Targa)	Main St St Marys	SMACD
17/6/06 Saturday	(evening)	Winter Solstice	St Marys	Grassy Bottom Arts
November	(afternoon)	Maypole Festival	Faulkner's Green	Grassy Bottom Arts
24/12/06	(evening)	Lions Christmas Parade	Main St St Marys	St Marys Lions
31/12/06	(afternoon)	St Marys Pacing Cup	St Marys Race-course	St Marys Pacing Club



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Letter to the Editor

Response to "The Say by Cagerattler"

What does an Information Officer do? Let me suggest you don't have enough room to give justification to this question, however, let me enlighten your obviously uneducated mind with an educated response.

An overarching explanation: A field of **management** responsible for the efficient and systematic control of the creation, receipt, maintenance, use and disposition of records, including processes for capturing and maintaining evidence of and information about business activities and transactions in the form of records.

More detailed activities included: Management, HR, financial considerations, development, planning, programs, organizing, directing and control, program implementation, legal considerations, ethics and ethical responsibilities, global concerns, records creation, documentation of business transactions, correspondence management, documentation of policies and procedures, forms management, mail management, reports management, reprographics management, document control, legal compliance, filing systems, information retrieval, active file systems, active file operations, records centres, special storage requirements, file conversions, records inventory, records appraisal, retention schedules, vital records program, business contingency planning, disposition, archives, active file facilities, archive facilities, micrographics, ergonomics, telecommunications, IT, imaging systems, preservation, recovery and destruction techniques (I could provide more, but need to keep the article to 1 page).

If you want your Council to conduct business in an orderly, efficient and accountable manner; deliver services in a consistent and equitable manner; support and document policy formation and managerial decision making; provide consistency, continuity and productivity; facilitate effective performance; provide continuity in the event of a disaster, meet legislative and regulatory requirements, provide, protect and support; protect the interests of community and other stakeholders, support and document current and future research and development activities, provide evidence of business, maintain corporate, personal or collective memory...THEN TRUE RIGHT YOU NEED AN INFORMATION OFFICER! They actually save you money.

This is a specialised field which has a professional regulated Association (RMAA) that requires qualifications and experience to be called a professional in this field. You wouldn't trust your \$'s with just anyone, so why would you do that with all your information?

Ever heard of the Enron or British American Tobacco incidents (as an example) – well, they didn't have good information officers and now they're up for \$Millions.

Oh, and as for your potholes, as Council doesn't need an Information Officer, your request obviously got "lost" as there was no efficient nor systematic control of the record.

A simple phone call to Council would have rewarded you with a response, however, with your obvious ignorance and what appears to be a sarcastic attack on Council, many people will now benefit from an educated response.

Kate Walker MRMA MAICD AMIM
MBA, BSc (BAdm), AdvDipBus (Rkg), DipBus(Adm)
Chief Executive Officer
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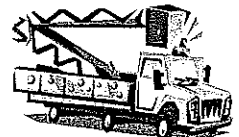
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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

March	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 13th	Debbie Barnes	Sharon Hall
Tues 14th	D & K Floyed	Robyn Holder
Wed 15th	B & B McAllister	Christine Woods (P)
Thurs 16th	Yvonne Salter	Lynda Bean
Fri 17th	Geoff Herrmann	Mim Woods
Mon 20th	Trish Pike	Kaylene Sutton
Tues 21st	Dawn Lodge	Debbie Speers (N)
Wed 22nd	Ruth McGiveron	Alana Johns
Thurs 23rd	D & V Rice	Prev Mills
Fri 24th	G & M Derbyshire	Robyn Miller

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Helen Hickey,

Parish House. Ph: 6372 2252
Mob: 0427 055 963

1st Week: **MASS**

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
St Marys 11.00am
Campbell Town 5.00pm

2nd Week **LITURGY**

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 9.30am

3rd Week: **MASS**

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Swansea 11.00am
Campbell Town 5.00pm
Bicheno LITURGY 9.00am

4th Week: **LITURGY**

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
St Marys 9.00am
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 9.30am

5th Week: **MASS**

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 11.00am
Ross 5.00pm

Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

Services each Sunday

Avoca 8 am
Fingal 10 am
Mathinna 2nd & 4th
Sunday monthly at 11.30am

Daily Office Reading

Avoca Tuesdays 10 am
Fingal Tuesdays 12 noon
Ross Wednesdays 10 am

Anglican Parish - St Helens

Ph: 6376 1144

St Helens Every Sunday
8 am and 10.30 am

Kanga Sunday School

10.30 am - 12 noon every
Sunday for children 5 - 12
yrs

St Marys 10 am

(No service 5th Sunday)

Pyengana 7.30 pm

5th Sunday months only

Break O'Day Uniting Church

The Manse St Helens
Ph: 6376 2405

St Helens 9.00 am
Fingal 11.15 am

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander
Sabbath School 10 am
Divine Service 11 am

Police report

It is pleasing to report that we have been crime free in the Valley for the past month.

Several weeks ago local children spray painted graffiti on the walls of the public toilets behind the Library.

Enquiries made by police saw three offenders spoken to and the parents are now responsible for the clean up costs.

Little heed of the warning was paid to this ongoing petty vandalism by our local children, and a week later saw further graffiti placed on the toilet walls with texta pen.

There is no need for this to occur as this graffiti has a detrimental effect on the community, especially to the township of St Marys.

Imagine what tourists stopping at and using the public facilities must think of the behaviour of our local children.

This is also a message to parents who are aware of their children playing in the park. Speak to them about graffiti, as this is injury to property which can result in a court appearance and the cost of a clean up.

Walk into the toilets every now and then and see if you can recognise the handiwork.

A local resident has asked for clarification on continuous white centre lines painted on the roadway as is on Main Street outside the Supermarket and Post Office.

The only time a vehicle may cross these lines is to turn left or right to enter or leave a driveway or entrance. These lines also forbid vehicles that are angle parked outside the businesses, from reversing across them to travel east towards Scamander.

Those vehicles outside the businesses are only allowed to reverse out into the west bound lane and then drive off in the west bound lane (i.e. towards Fingal).

Any clarification on this road rule or others you are not sure of can be explained by calling into the police station.

A complaint has been received from a local resident concerned as to the number of young cyclists riding on the wrong side of the road and cutting corners into the path of motor vehicles.

Cyclists of any age are governed by road rules and are required to ride with helmets, with flow of traffic on the roadway. Persons under 12 years are approved to ride on footpaths. Parents please advise your children on the road rules for their safety.

Sergeant Mike Davis
St Marys Police Station.

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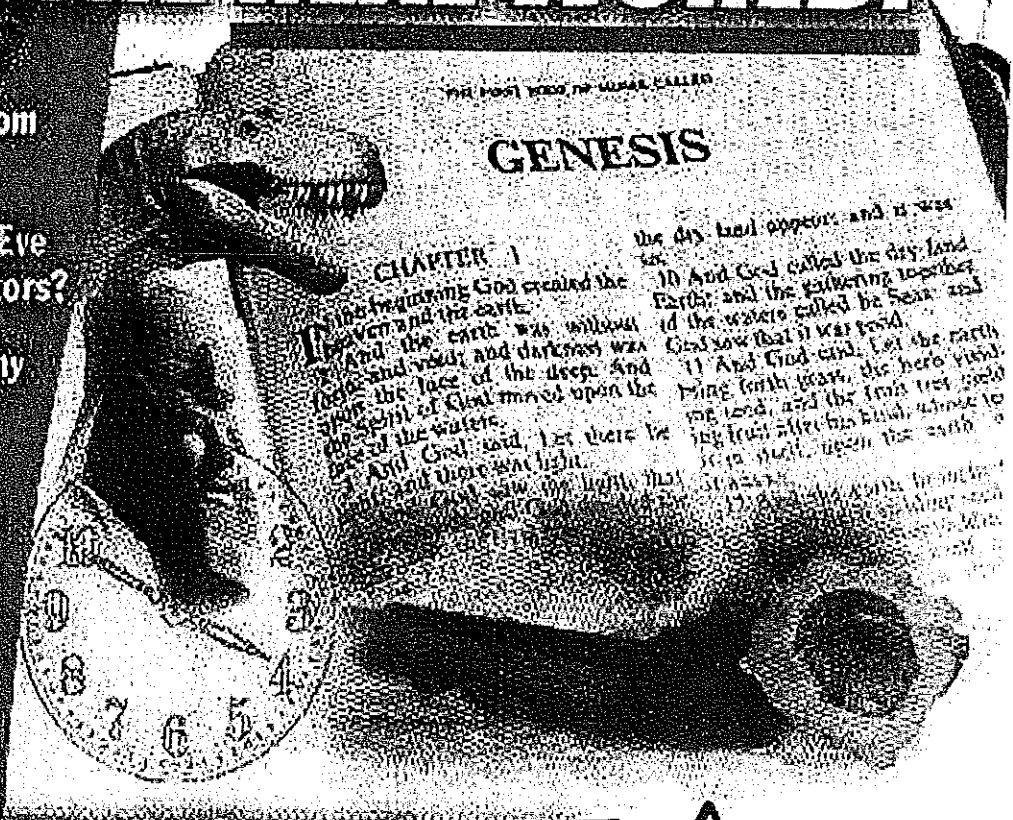
Did we evolve from pond scum?

Were Adam and Eve really our ancestors?

If God is love, why do bad things happen?

What's the point of life anyway?

Hasn't science disproved parts of the Bible?



WWW.AnswersInGenesis.com



hear Peter Sparrow of *The Creation Bus* ...

Wednesday 22 March 2006 at 7:00pm

Dynamic Answers from Genesis

JAM (Jesus & Me)
Storey St, St Marys

Enquiries: Phone Melanie on 6372 2099
Admission free - donations accepted. Creation resources available.

A little taste of JAM (Jesus And Me)

The New Year is well and truly underway at JAM! At the end of 2005 we were very sad to say "Goodbye" to our 12 year old leavers, but this year, we have been thrilled to welcome all the new JAMmers and their families.

We have had a tremendous start to term one. Our unit of work for this term is called "Totally Hooked".....on JESUS! In our first three weeks of JAM, we have already learned some great new songs, completed craft, played games, discovered previously unknown Bible stories and always had a fabulous afternoon tea! (A BIG thank you here to our supportive parents)

Also continuing this year, on Thursday afternoon, are the Discipleship classes for the children who, last year, made decisions to become Christians.

So it has been wonderful to watch the growth of both JAM and the discipling group, as together, we are all learning to be more like JESUS.

We would like to invite everyone to feel free to call in and visit us at JAM. We're always there on Monday and Thursday, and very often on other days too, so please know that you would be made very welcome to share in a cuppa and a look around at our new home!

We might even see you at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd of this month, for the visit of the Creation Bus! (See the full page ad in this edition of the VV.)



St Helens Special Children's Fund.
will be holding a
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Doherty's



on

St Patrick's Day Friday 17th March

starting at **7pm**

\$25 per ticket:

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There will also be lucky door prizes on the night.

There will be a limited selection of masks available for sale on the night for \$3.00.

A bus service will be operating from Fingal, St Marys, Falmouth and Scamander for the low cost of \$5.00 per person return trip!!!!

Tickets are on sale now at The Carlyle, Doherty's and T-Lissa Hair and Nails in St Helens.

Any enquiries:

please call **Rachael** on 63725304 after 6pm or **Kim** on 63761150 or 63761355 (w).

We encourage people to pay and book for the bus when collecting their tickets. **We would like to take this opportunity to thank Doherty's, Callows Coaches and Gypsy Rose for their involvement in this fundraiser.**

Please come along and support this worthwhile charity and help us keep helping families within our Community.

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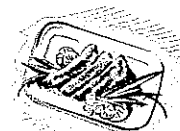
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Just a few of the many specials available in March



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AT THE FRONT by Slouch Hat

The St Marys R.S.L sub branch had its first meeting with the new committee this year and we are pleased to announce that we have enlarged our membership by six new recruits. Our future is looking bright.

The sub branch is going to embark on a few new activities in the hope of lifting our profile and raise some much needed funds. We look forward to the community support.

We have already donated money to Graeme Milburn for the cancer council of Tasmania and other non profit community organisations. Wendy was on hand to personally present our cheque.

Although, Graeme was unaware that St Marys had a sub branch he thought it was commendable that such a small community had one. Graeme wished the members well and said to say a big thank you for their generosity.

Plans are well under way for ANZAC day and we are hoping for a large turnout. We have engaged a guest speaker. All the usual protocols will be in place.

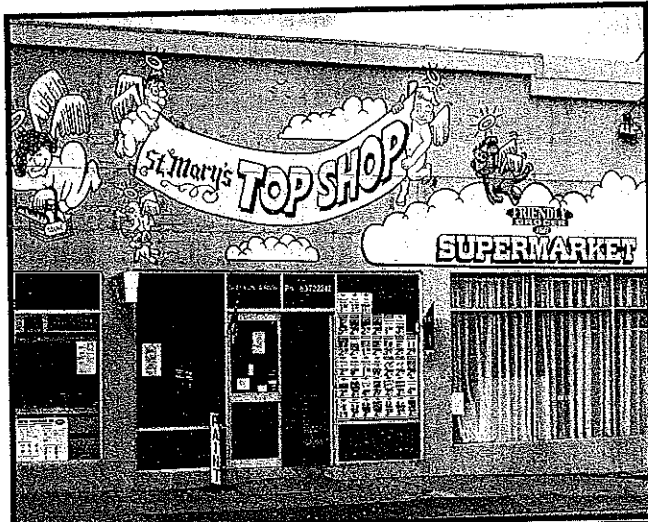
We would like to wish Leo Barnes all the best and we hope that by the time this goes to print he has made a full and speedy recovery.

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Graeme Milburn's 25th Cancer Ride

Alderman Graeme Milburn AM, O.A.M, cyclist from Devonport, is on his twenty-fifth ride around Tasmania, in a continuing effort to raise funds for cancer research here in Tasmania.

Statistics show that nearly every family has in one way or another, been touched by cancer, either through family or a friend. It is therefore vital that research continues if we are to halt this dreaded disease. The target this year is \$25,000 and to date around \$500,000 has been raised by this annual event.

The Lions Club of St Marys, The RSL, SMACD, and the Woodcraft Guild Inc., all made donations to Graeme last Thursday when he arrived in St Marys.

A sausage sizzle was arranged and administered by the Woodcraft Guild, proceeds being donated to the ride.



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The say by Cagerattler

Just about every day I walk across the St Marys Rivulet bridge near the pub. Just about every day I have failed to notice something I'm almost ashamed to admit.

Where have all our famous 'Tame Trout' gone? Remember the days, not all that far back, when the tourists (and many locals) took great joy in watching the trout feed ravenously on bread obtained from the bakery. Some of those trout were huge, and went crazy when the bread hit the water. As a kid I can recall almost being able to touch those beautiful fish. Why can't we re-establish this unique attraction for future generations to enjoy?

I'd say the main reason the fish cannot be seen, particularly on the southern side of the bridge, is the build up of sand, rock and sediment that takes the place of what used to be a deepish water channel. If they can't swim close to the bridge under the trees, then it would make it difficult to build up a feeding regime with them. On the library side it would be easier I expect.

Why don't we ask SMACD, The Lions Club, our intrepid band of Wombat Weeders, Council, and any interested locals, to help find ways and means of encouraging the trout back to the town bridge area. Would it be possible to remove some of that rubbish to allow better water flow again? Maybe then one day that sign that stood for years, adjacent to the bridge could be re-erected. "Come and feed the tame trout of St Marys", which is really unique.

I'm gobsmacked by the interest shown by a raft of new residents in St Marys. So many new families from interstate, moving to join us at the moment is incredible. The best part is that a couple of these families have chosen to continue a wonderful postal service here for us, and another one or two have begun new businesses, and deserve our full support in showing great faith in this community, famous for its spirit. It is truly exciting times for us.

Whilst on the virtues of St Marys, we have a once in a lifetime chance in 2007, to celebrate this town. Next year we have our 150th birthday, and it will be a great opportunity to show everyone what a fantastic place it is to live.

To do this justice though, we need to be organised and coordinated well in advance, so the year is fully utilised.

Through the auspices of some community leaders, I suggest it's time to organise a meeting of interested people to start coordinating these events for the year. Let's get going, eh?

What do you think?

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Mayor calls for percentage of GST, direct to Local Government.

Stephen Salter, Mayor of Break O'Day Council, calls on the two major political parties and the Greens to support the distribution of a percentage of the GST,

direct to Local Government.

Mayor Salter said there would be many advantages to Local Government and Tasmania generally if this proposal was to be accepted.

"Direct payment would also assist the State Government as there would be virtually no cost with the distribution of funding. The Federal Government distributes straight to Local Government, with the Roads to Recovery Program being a perfect example of how it could be handled.

"The State Government would not be accused of supporting poor management decisions. The money should be linked to infrastructure improvements only. Tourism, sea and tree change, resettlement and all the business opportunities that have been generated, have been a great advantage to Break O'Day, and other Municipal areas. However, there is a constant demand for improved services and most councils recognise that their ratepayers do not have the financial capacity for ever increasing rates and services charges.

"The distribution of a percentage of GST would benefit every Tasmanian surely not just a practical common sense solution., but politically an opportune time for some new initiatives."

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1:30pm-5:00pm

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For appointment please phone the Community Health Centre on 6372 2111.

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Private Podiatry Bookings **are not taken** through the St Marys Community Health Centre.

To make an appointment a **referral is required from your Doctor to Lightfoot Podiatry** then you must contact Lightfoot Podiatry on 6331 9568 for your appointment time.

29 March 2006 next session

10th May 2006

21st June 2006



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Experience enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it. — Franklin. P. Jones

'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

- 16 March Weight Loss with Laughter Therapy
2pm-4pm, please phone Helen Jennings for further details on 6372 2111
- 17 March Physiotherapist, Diane Seeney
- 17 March Alcoholics Anon (AA) Holy Trinity Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please phone 6372 2725 for details.
- 20 March TLC (Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre) meeting 10am Day Room.
- 21 March Women Get Active Program. Facilitator Fiona Watts phone 6376 5242 for further details. - 11 week Course. In the Day Room.
- 21 March Laurel House Counsellor Marg 10:30am-3:00pm. For appointments phone 6334 2740
- 22 March Day Centre Mini Back to Cornwall Day with Day Centre. Phone Hayley on 6372 2111 for details.
- 22 March Alcoholics Anon (AA). Anglican Church St Helens at 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details.
- 23 March Laugh It Off Weight Loss Course with Helen Jennings. 2-4pm Fees apply. Please phone Helen on 6372 2111 for further details.
- 24 March Physiotherapist, Diane Seeney
- 24 March Alcoholics Anon (AA) Holy Trinity Church St Marys at 8:00pm. Please phone 6372 2725 for further details.
- 28 March Child Health Clinic 9am-12noon, with Bernice Kelly. Afternoon appointments are available by arrangement.
- 29 March Alcoholics Anon (AA). Anglican Church St Helens at 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details.
- 29 March Podiatry, Lightfoot Podiatry with Perry Daly. *Appointments by referral.*

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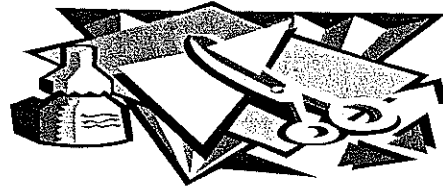
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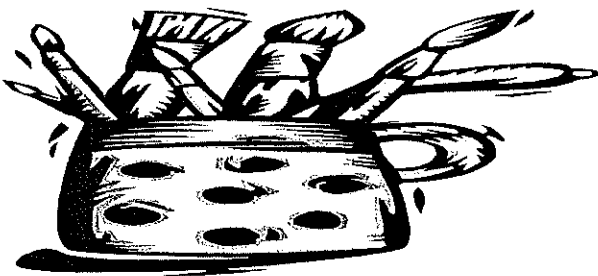
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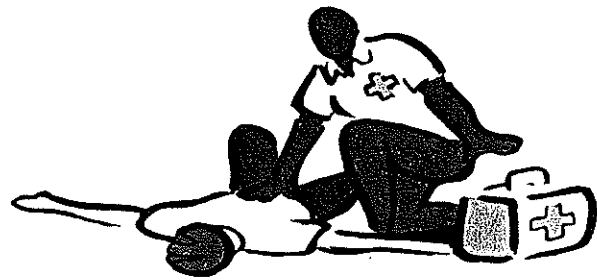
Basic Scrap Booking

With Elaine Hannan
Starting Tuesday 28th of March
10 am to noon
Cost \$10



Art Lessons

With Judith Woods
Wednesdays noon to 3 pm
Cost \$15



First Aid annual refresher For certificate 2

With St Johns Ambulance
6th of April
9 am to 4 pm
Cost \$60



Eating with Friends
With an Easter theme
On the 12th of April
noon for a 12:30 start
Cost \$10

The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House

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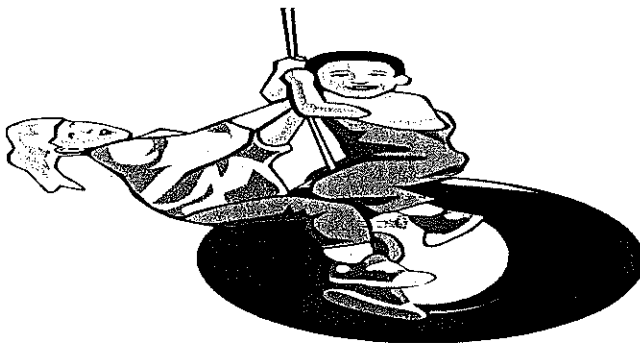
Library

9 am to 3 pm
Monday to Thursday
we would appreciate some
More Volunteers



Line Dancing

Tuesday nights
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Play Centre

Mondays
9:30 am to 1:30 pm
For children
3 to 5 years



Play Group

Mondays
1:30 to 3 pm
For children
Birth to school age

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		15th Mar. • Grade 7 Camp 	16th Mar. • Grade 7 Camp 	17th Mar. • Grade 7 Camp 
20th Mar. • Primary Assembly 11am • Parent/Child session 1.30-3pm	21st Mar. • Dental Service 	22nd Mar. • St Marys Secondary Swimming Carnival 	23rd Mar •	24th Mar • Dental Service • Soccer training 
27th Mar •	28th Mar. • Inter-high Swimming 	29th Mar • Combined ENE Swimming - Scottsdale 	30th Mar. •	31st Mar. •



SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

• Tuesday 21st March

• Friday 24th March

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St Helens Dental Unit	63 761713
Kelham Street Dental Unit	63 634100

St Marys Playgroup

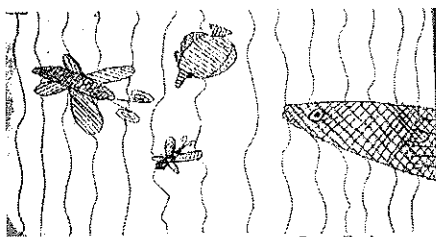
Starting Friday 24th March 10 - 12pm in the Kindergarten Room
Cost \$2.00 each and some fruit to share.



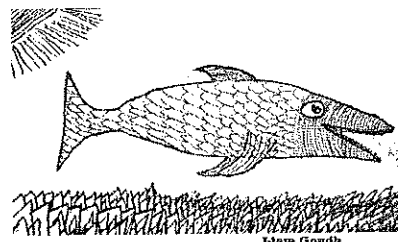
AGM
Friday 31st March

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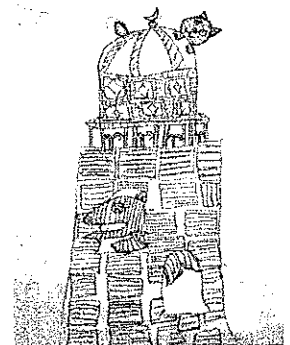
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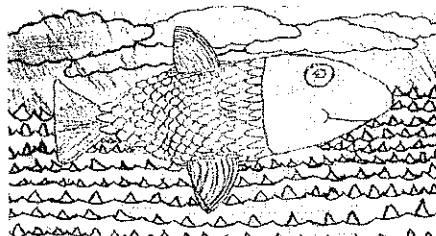
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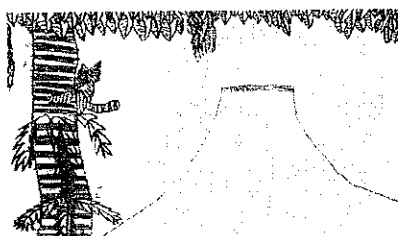
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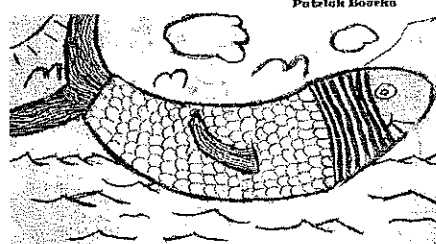
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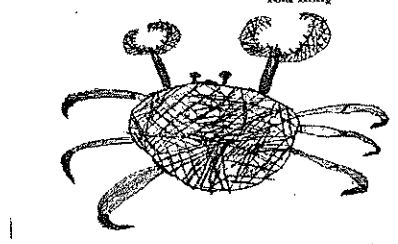
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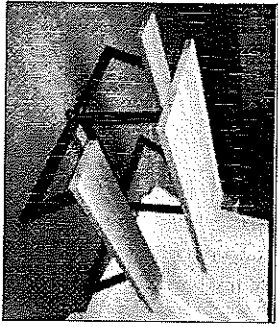


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STUDENT WORKS 2006

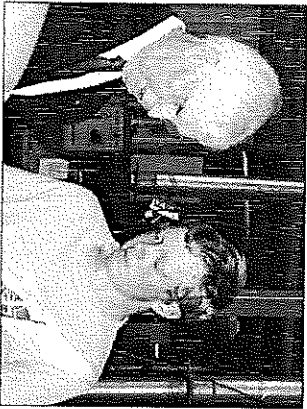


2005 was a highly successful year for Student Works with several of our year 10 students gaining apprenticeship. In 2005, Student Works decided to make a babies cot for Princess Mary's new baby, because Student Works is the only enterprise commercially manufacturing cots in Tasmania. It was an obvious choice to offer their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark a uniquely Tasmanian gift of a specially hand made version of the Student Works "Traditional cot" made from Tasmanian Oak. Every student contributed to the preparation of the cot whether it was docking the timber, sanding the components, assembly, testing or finishing.

(Georgie Death, Allen Caulfield Aedan Pentelow and Tyrel Targett) We thought that the Royal baby would be sleeping on a family heirloom that had been the legacy of the Danish Royal family heritage. We never dreamed that the baby Prince would actually sleep in the cot, rather that the cot could symbolize the connection between our great State of Tasmania and the Royal throne and that it would showcase the skills of our young people as well as the uniqueness of our Tasmanian timbers. We had suggested that the cot could be raffled and the proceeds donated to charity, but imagine our surprise when we received notification from the palace at Amalienberg that



"Their Royal Highnesses The Crown Prince and Crown Princess would be pleased to accept your kind offer for the unique cot made from Tasmanian oak timber. However, Their Royal Highnesses would prefer to use the cot for the baby Prince, so the idea of raffling the cot will therefore not be actual."



This year we have 6 students participating in this fantastic program and already Aedan Pentelow has hosted the Governor General on his visit to Student Works. We also have Georgie Death and Aedan Pentelow travelling to Brisbane to participate in the Dusseldorp Skills Forum, to showcase the great things that they are doing. St Mary's District High has always tried to create flexible educational programs to meet the needs of our community and Student Works is continuing to be a great success, enabling students to gain TAFE equivalent certificates and great opportunities for apprenticeships and further training at the end of year 10.

Playground



Last year our school was successful in gaining a \$13,800 grant from the State Government to enable us to provide improved play

opportunities for students through the purchase of new equipment. This is in line with the government's push to create healthy communities and increase physical activity. After much discussion with students and staff it was decided to purchase sets of swings, as we had no swings in our grounds at all. These swings were purchased and installed at the end of last year. They were officially opened by Mrs Heather Butler, MHA, last week. Students were able to show Mrs Butler how much they enjoyed the swings, and explain that we have to use a timer to ensure that everyone who wants to gets a turn.



On behalf of the Premier, Mrs Heather Butler, MHA, also presented a cheque for \$900 to the St Mary's District High School under 16 Netball and Football Teams to help with transport costs. This donation will allow our teams to participate in the Northern High Schools Sports Program.

Mrs Heather Butler presenting cheque to members of the U16 Football Team - Nic Child, Aaron Midson, Corey Bosworth.



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Garry Walker 0417 331 536 – Marcus Walker 0439 697 222



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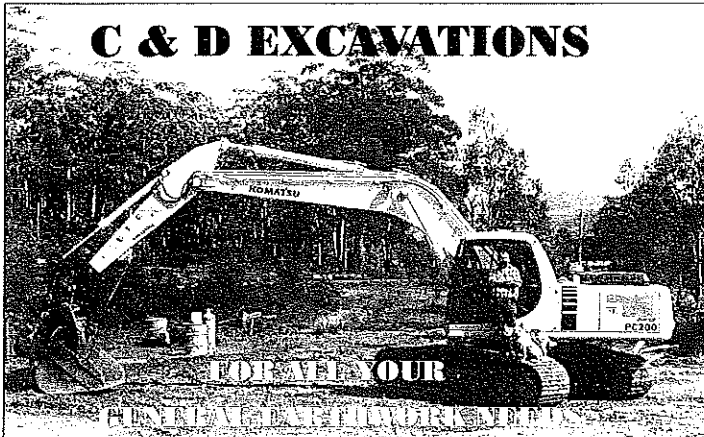
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- Companionship
- Emotional Support with compassion, comfort and understanding

We are currently seeking committed people in the **Break O' Day** region including **St Helens, Bicheno, St Marys, Avoca and Fingal.**

Successful participants will be required to provide a satisfactory good character check. Men are particularly encouraged to apply.

Commitment

An induction program will be held on the **East Coast** at the **Chancellor Inn, Scamander** commencing on **Thursday, 30th March** and **Friday 31st March.** There will be an **Information Session** and opportunity to meet the **Coordinator** on the afternoon of **Wednesday, 29th March.**

The full program will be a total of 7 days over a seven week period.

All participants will receive a certificate on completion.

There is a commitment for all volunteers to attend ongoing education offered in the ensuing 12 month period.

If you are interested in participating please contact Leanne Preston, Coordinator Volunteer Support Service on Telephone: 63 365544 by Tuesday, 22 March to register.

Our Vision

To enhance quality of life by ensuring that every person affected by a life limiting illness has the knowledge, capacity and right to access quality palliative care appropriate to their needs.

SAVE OUR SISTERS

“Would you allow Mt Wellington to be logged for \$27,000 ?”

On the 3rd Jan 2006, the following letter was sent to Bryan Green, Minister for Forests. Ten (10) weeks later he had **NOT REPLIED**. On 16th Feb I asked the 5 MHAs for Lyons to ask him to reply. He has **STILL NOT REPLIED**. I also asked them to respond to the letter. At 15 March, the response has been:-

NO REPLY David Llewellyn, Michael Polley, Heather Butler
REPLIED Rene Hidding, Tim Morris

Rene Hidding responded as Leader of the Liberal Party and MHA for Lyons. The response on behalf Tim Morris was from Peg Putt as leader of the Greens.

D W CLEMENT for Save Our Sisters 11 Gray Road ST MARYS 7215

Dear Minister,

SOUTH SISTER - FORESTRY TASMANIA- FPP PWJ 0010

You are aware of the withdrawal by residents of St Marys of their application to RMPAT for an Order to require Forestry Tasmania to delay forest operations on the above coupe until it had commissioned independent studies into the potential impact of those operations on the hydrology and land stability of the coupe and surrounding area.

The proceedings before RMPAT focussed attention on legal definitions of environmental harm and nuisance under EMPCA, which has diverted attention from other issues. I write to draw these issues to your attention, and to ask that you weigh community concerns about the non-wood values of the coupe in the balance against the financial returns estimated to be obtained from logging this coupe.

If, after weighing these in the balance, you form the opinion that the benefits to the St Marys community from not logging the coupe are of a higher order than the benefits to the Tasmanian community at large from logging the coupe, I ask that you instruct Forestry Tasmania to remove the coupe from its harvest schedule, revoke the dedication of the coupe as State Forest, and create it a Forest Reserve to meet the Objectives of Schedule 3 of the Forestry Act 1920, a Reserve requested unanimously at a Public Meeting called by the Break O' Day Council on 15th December 2004.

In asking you to weigh these issues in the balance, I refer you to Sec 7 of the Forestry Act 1920 which sets out the Objectives of Forestry Tasmania

“As a manager of forest land with a commitment to multiple use, the objectives of the corporation are to optimise-

(a) the economic returns from its wood production activities

(b) the benefits to the public and the State of the non-wood value of forests.

In considering the non-wood values of South Sister, which include its water values, it needs to be recognised that South Sister is to St Marys as Mount Wellington is to Hobart. Residents at St Marys ask, “Would you authorise the logging of Mount Wellington, at any level, whether 50% or otherwise?”

Opposition to the proposed forestry operations has not been opposition to forest operations per se. The issue with regard to South Sister has always been the potential impact of industrial operations of whatever degree or nature on a forested mountain of special significance to the local community, concern about a change to the existing equilibrium of the natural values of the area, about the need for protection of the values of a forested mountain with a unique combination of hydrological, geological, ecological, cultural, social, economic and visual factors, forming an integral part of the townscape of a town within its shadow, a significant asset to the economy of the town, a source of water to residents, and which occupies a significant place in the history, present life and future of the district.

ECONOMIC RETURNS FROM WOOD PRODUCTION

What are the economic returns from the wood production operations planned for Coupe NI114A, and what are the factors determining those returns?

(1) The coupe covers a gross area of 163ha, of which 108ha are planned to be harvested, for an output of 8600 tonne of product, namely 7000 tonne of pulpwood, 800 m³ of Category 1 sawlogs and 800m³ of Category 8 sawlog. Over a 30 year harvest cycle, the proposed harvest would represent a total output of 287 tonnes per year, or some 1.76 tonnes per hectare, about two ute loads.

The proposed output from South Sister would represent approximately 0.24% of the annual production of Forestry Tasmania of Sawlog, Veneer and Peeler production, and also 0.24% of annual hardwood pulpwood production.

(2) Forestry Tasmania will derive royalties from the sale of the timber, contractors will be paid for harvest and carting, and their customers will apply a mark-up to the mill door price to them to cover their chipping and milling costs, contribute to their overhead recovery and generate their profit.

Mr John Gay, CEO of Gunns Ltd, indicated (Examiner 3/12/2002) that royalty rate varies, "we pay on average between \$30-\$40 M³ for veneer and sawlogs, and \$14-\$16 per tonne for pulp logs" In September 2004, Mr Andy Corbould, Bass Acting District Forest Manager, provided written advice that the final product value of the timber to be logged at South Sister would average \$217 per m³ of sawlog and \$80 per tonne of pulpwood, representing the final sale value of the milled and chipped timber products. Subsequent advice by Forestry Tasmania was that the total value of the product from South Sister would be \$800,000.

(3) In its advice of September 24, 2004, Forestry Tasmania stated that the sale value of the final milled timber products provided the true indication of the total income generated into the Tasmanian economy by the coupe. The following table shows the make-up of the final product value of Coupe NI114A. It is emphasised that the sale price is a one-off return achieved only once every (say) 30 years

SALE VALUE OF COUPE NI114A

Category 1 sawlogs	800M ³	@ \$35M ³	\$28,000	(3.5%)
Category 8 sawlogs	800M ³	@ \$15M ³	\$12,000	(1.5%)
Total Sawlog	1600M ³		\$40,000	(5.0%)
Pulpwood	7000tonne	@ \$13M ³	\$91,000	(11.3%)
Total Royalties	8600tonne		\$131,000	(16.3%)
Contractor Cost	8600 tonne	@ \$36 tonne	\$310,000	(38.8%)
Delivered Mill Door	8600 tonne		\$441,000	(55.1%)
81% Mark-up to cover Milling cost, overhead Contribution and Profit	8600 tonne		\$359,000	(44.9%)
Final Product Sale value	8600 tonne		\$800,000	(100.0%)

Over a 30 year harvest cycle, the average value of goods and services generated by logging South Sister would be \$26,666 per year.

What would be the long term economic benefit to the residents of St Marys of logging this coupe? Harvesting and carting is scheduled to be completed within 9-10 weeks at a rate of 120-150 tonnes per day. The proposed operation is a Potential Sawlog Retention and Shelterwood system, which would involve minimal activity on completion of logging. There is no continuing or long-term economic benefit to St Marys from logging this coupe.

What is the short term economic benefit to St Marys in terms of additional employment or income generation? Royalties for South Sister trees will go to Forestry Tasmania, roading for the coupe was carried out by contractors from Scottsdale, harvesting and carting is to be carried out by Taslog from Lilydale, and the majority of the product will be delivered to the Tamar Valley. Apart from a few nights accommodation of contractors at the local hotel, the felling and removal of timber from South Sister will generate no income or additional employment for the town or surrounding district.

Logging South Sister has no short-term, continuing or long term economic benefit to the local community, and the income generated from the timber taken from South Sister will generate an annual income for the wider Tasmanian community of only \$26,666, less than 20% of your own Ministerial Salary and Allowance. Would you allow Mt Wellington to be logged for \$27,000 a year?

NON-WOOD VALUES

What are the social and community values to St Marys of not logging South Sister what is the economic value to St Marys of South Sister unlogged?

St Marys was surveyed in 1857. It is a small country town in a remote area. It is a service centre for the surrounding District, providing retail, service station, hairdressing, newsagent, banking and eating facilities, school, police, hospital, post office, internet and library services, but with no manufacturing or wholesale activities since the closure of the cheese factory and a local sawmill. Traditionally it was the centre for local grazing and farming properties, and for 100 years from 1886 it was a railway town. Coal mining still provides local employment. However in today's global economy it possesses no comparative economic advantages that will sustain viable long term businesses or industries that will generate employment, income or wealth for the community in general, except for its location, its sense of place, and its environmental values.

It is the location and unique sense of place of St Marys, engendered by the natural values of the suite of surrounding forested mountains, that is the economic asset of the community, the economic flywheel which represent the economic future of the town and surrounding district in the 21st Century, the asset which is generating settlement and tourism, which is increasing the population, the rate base, and establishing tourist based businesses. A conservative estimate by a qualified economist has indicated an increased contribution to the local economy from tourism and increased settlement over 30 years of \$14.4m at present day prices.

The location and sense of place of St Marys is the future of the town, recognised by the Town Signs at the 3 entrances to the town, which proclaim

" St Marys –Town of the Eastern Highlands and Break O' Day Plains"

described in the Tourism North East Tasmania website as

"A small country town in a highland setting surrounded by pristine forests. Forests, waterfalls and magnificent lookouts are what you will find if you visit St Marys"

and described in the Landscape evaluation Sheet for coupe NI114A as

"Largely undisturbed forest and mountain scenery from all viewpoints with South Sister outcrop as the major focal point behind coupe"

On Jan 4th 1896, "The Australasian" newspaper wrote in an article on "Picturesque Tasmania"

"St Marys is well worth the attention of the Victorian and New South Wales tourist...the hill scenery of the district is its chief attraction"

In describing the hill scenery, the tourist was referred to the "romantically situated mountain hamlets of Germantown and Dublin Town, and to the highest hill in the district, "The Sister", sometime called Mt Mary, and advised that there is a steep track, feasible for horsemen which leads over Mt Nicholas to the Cornwall Colliery, but that the lover of mountain prospects should not leave without ascending the mountain, the foot of the rocky summit of which can be reached on horseback. A climb of 20mins will take him to the summit, 2900ft above sea level.

The unique combination of non-wood values of this particular coupe may be summarised by reference to Schedule 3 of the Forestry Act, " Objectives of the Management of Forest reserves "

"conserve natural biological and geological diversity, protect water catchments, conserve areas of cultural significance, encourage appropriate tourism, recreational use and enjoyment "

South Sister is an easily accessible tourist destination 10 mins from the town centre, it is a significant rock climbing site in Tasmania, it is recognised by Birds Australia as an outstanding bird habitat, it is the habitat of a number of listed endangered species, recent scientific investigations by experts in varied fields has found it to be a biodiversity hotspot, containing fungi, lichens, moths of outstanding value and rarity, indicating an unresearched site with a potential to be a major ecological treasure house, it is used by locals for recreational walking, riding and simply enjoying the rich diversity of the natural values of the area, it is a part of the cultural history and early German settlement of the area, including the Derricks Marsh droving track, it forms an integral historical precinct together with the Jubilee and Cardiff Coal Mine, including examples of early small scale logging practices used in cutting timber for the mines and railway, it has the potential to be integrated with a network of local walking tracks being developed within the heritage coal mining area of the district, it is an integral part of the St Marys townscape - it is St Marys' Mount Wellington.

CONCLUSION

This is a special mountain to St Marys, containing a unique combination of values. It is appreciated that from the point of view of Forestry Tasmania that this is just another wood source, and that its system of evaluation indicates that logging is compatible with these values. However, even a selective advanced shelterwood system with wildlife habitat clump will be unable to avoid substantially damaging the fabric of the area, the existing natural system of the place, the equilibrium and interconnectivity of the different values, the essential sense of the place.

A decision not to log this coupe, to declare it a reserve, would not set a precedent, because the combination of factors involved in this particular location is unique.

It would represent a monumental public relations "win" for Forestry Tasmania to demonstrate corporate social awareness, to say

"We believe that our evaluation of the coupe conforms to our obligations under the Forest Practices Code, we believe that the scientific evidence we have sought and obtained as a result of the proceedings before RMPAT justifies the certification of the Forest Practices Plan for the coupe, and we believe the withdrawal by the Save Our Sisters group from those proceedings indicates that there was no legal grounds under EMPCA for opposing selective logging of the area. There is no impediment to Forestry Tasmania proceeding to log Coupe N1114A. However, the combination of the economic, cultural, social and other values of South Sister to St Marys is an issue to which we are sympathetic. We recognise that they are so unique to this particular location as to justify a decision in accordance with Sec 7(b) of the Forestry Act not to proceed with forest operations on the coupe. Accordingly Forestry Tasmania will recommend that the coupe be declared a Forest Reserve."

That would be a real win for Forestry Tasmania.

Hon M. T. (Rene) Hidding MHA

Leader of the State Opposition
Member for Lyons

As State Liberal Leader and Member for Lyons I recognise the concerns of affected landowners at the prospect of harvesting a coupe of regrowth timber at South Sister.

This area was not pushed for inclusion into a reserve by the Greens or anyone else during the construction of the RFA. As such, it is zoned as part of the forest cover in the State available for harvesting to sustain the timber industry in Tasmania.

Tasmania has by far the most comprehensive forest management regime in the world and the system is currently being tested by various appeals and lobbying action.

Whatever any lawful action achieves is fine by me, that's the system at work.

BREAK O' DAY COUNCIL MEETING 13th FEB 2006

"Council

1) reaffirms to Minister Bryan Green DIER the view expressed by the Mayor to him on 4 Nov 2004 "Council has currently two bores in St Marys which access different water supplies from the faults in the area. It is extremely important to Council and to the community that these water supplies are not contaminated or jeopardised"

2) asks the Minister to provide the necessary resources to Mineral Resources Tasmania and instruct MRT to carry out the necessary programme of investigation, testing and monitoring of the groundwater system of the South Sister area to determine whether forest operations on Coupe N1114A may have an adverse impact on the supply of water to the St Marys bore which supplies the town water, and that he instructs Forestry Tasmania not to proceed with any harvest operations on the coupe until the programme has been completed and the results have been assessed."

Wednesday, 8 March 2006



Peg Putt MHA
Greens Opposition Leader
Member for Denison
Tasmanian Greens

We are in agreement with: the Break O'Day Council's 13th February request to Minister Green not to proceed with the logging of South Sister and requesting independent evaluation of the potential impacts of logging on groundwater systems essential to the St Marys water supply; all the proposals in Motion 2 of the Council meetings of 17th and 20th of January 2006.



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St Marys Businesses Want Tourists To Stop In Town

A breakfast meeting was recently held by SMACD (*St Marys Association for Community Development*) for the business owners and operators of St Marys.

The aim of the meeting was to develop further the spirit of cooperation and enterprise within St Marys, and to encourage employment opportunities particularly within the booming Tourism sector.

SMACD President Reon Johns asked the meeting to consider two questions.

1. Do the businesses and locals of St Marys want tourists to stop in the town?
2. And if they do... what needs to be done to get tourists to stop?

The unanimous answer to question one was... YES...

With many ideas to encourage visitors to stop and stay longer...

- **The establishment of camping facilities at the recreation ground**
- **Beautification of the town**
 - parks and gardens better maintained
 - footpaths made uniform and safer!!
 - welcoming signage
 - screening of the sewage pond from view
 - development of walk / hiking / bike tracks
 - hanging baskets and flower pots around the town
- **Covering of the ST Marys swimming pool**
- **Development of a new St Marys and Fingal Valley brochure**

The next breakfast meeting will be held : 7.00am for 7.30am start -finish 8.30am
DATE : Friday 17th March, 2006
VENUE : Show ground, ST.MARYS
 To book /rsvp Patricia O'Donnell 63722418

SMACD is a non-political organisation pursuing the best interests of St Marys.

If you wish to join SMACD, fill in the below form and bring it with you on the morning.

**St.Marys Association for Community Development
 Member Application Form**

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Joining Fee \$5 per Annum

I will agree to abide by the rules of incorporation of SMACD



Soccer news

The soccer season will make an early start in St Marys this season. Soccer Tasmania is sending one of its youth development coaches to introduce the Hot Skills training programme.

Juniors who are interested can come along after school on Thursday March 23rd at the school oval.

Regular junior soccer practice will commence again immediately after school on Wednesday April 5th. All new and old players are very welcome to come and play.

As well as Wednesday soccer, we have arranged some Saturday games with St Helens and we hope to be organising some extra events this year.

We are always looking for new coaches or parent help to assist with our junior programme, so please let yourself be known if you can help out on Wednesday afternoons.

It is a very exciting time to be an Australian soccer fan. In the last year the Australian Federation has moved from the Oceania Confederation into the Asian one; this means far more meaningful games for the 'Socceroos'.

The first year of the A-League has been a great success, with the grand final won by Sydney Football Club in a packed stadium. And of course, Australia has qualified for its first World Cup since 1974. The World Cup action starts on June 9th. *Jack Foreman - 6372 2034*

St Marys Soccer Club Committee

President: Jack Foreman
Vice President: Polly Buchhorn
Secretary: Dave Morris
Treasurer: Tanya Greenwood

Junior Soccer Days

Thursday 24th March: 3pm
Hot Skills session with Tasmania Coach.

Wednesday 5th April 3pm
Soccer practice commences.

Saturday 27th May: 11am
St Marys Soccer Day

Saturday 24th June 10am
St Helens Soccer Day

Saturday 29th July 11am
St Marys Soccer Day

Saturday 26th August 10am
St Helens Soccer Day



OUT OF THE WOODWORK by Reon Johns President 63722094

The St Pat's Day festival is on again.

Winners in the photo competition can be well pleased with their efforts and good luck to all the winners. The Guild will be running the refreshment stall at the dance so come along and enjoy yourself and help the Guild.

We received a surprise from the St Marys RSL Sub Branch, with a donation of \$100.00. This is welcome, as we are in the middle of connecting the sewerage, water and electric. Thanks again to the members of the local RSL.

Jim Haas is planning to erect the notice board that the Guild built soon, and he is going to stock it with memorabilia from Cornwall's early days. This should prove popular with the locals and tourist along with the miner's wall.

The Guild raised \$45.00 for Cancer research. We sold sausage sandwiches and pies. This money was handed over to Graham Milburn and he was impressed by the reception he received and is looking forward to coming to St Marys again. Thank you to all the people who brought a snag, pie, toy bear, chocolate bar or just donated a few gold coins.

Here are the rules again for the Guild's logo competition.

1. The design must be on A4 paper.
2. Must be in black and white.
3. Must contain the words "Break'O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc."
4. The Guild reserves the right to change or alter the winning design.
5. All entries remain the property of the Guild.
6. The competition is open to anyone.
7. You can enter as many times as you like.

All entries can be lodged at the e.Scape Café. Make sure that you have your name, address and telephone number on each entry.

The next meeting is Saturday 25 March at 4.00pm in the Goods Shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

REMEMBER START TIME IS 4 pm

Reon and I would like to extend a big thank you to Reanne and Ian, who are the wildlife carers in St Marys, for having no hesitation in looking after the injured Corella we found on the side of the highway near Scamander.

We both feel that all carers are a valued part of any community.

Thank you again.

Wendy & Reon.



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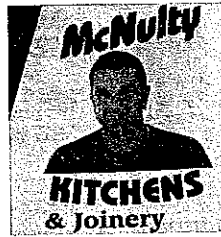
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A WIN TO ST MARYS.

East Coast Cricket Association's under 14 Grand Final was won by St Marys.

It was an excellent effort, going through the year undefeated.

A big thank you must go to Craig Freiboth for his coaching and commitment to the boys.

The Grand Final was between St Marys and St Helens, and was held at the Scamander Sports Complex, with St Marys winning comfortably.



THE TEAM PHOTO (right)

BACK: JOHN MCGEE, CAMERON GILLIES, KODEY DONALD, CRAIG FREIBOTH, AARON WEBB, JOHN WEBB, LIAM NORTON, JACOB SPILSBURY.
FRONT: BRODY MITCHELL, ZAC MCDONALD, BRODY RICKMAN, BRYN NORTON, BRODY BARNES, DUNCAN GILLIES.

St Marys Sports Centre news by Kackhander

First of all to golf, and a reminder to all that the main season is about to commence. This week though, March 18/19, is basically left free for the Scamander Tournament, and the agreement between the clubs is that we all leave their protected tournaments clear to allow players to go if they wish. Hopefully a few are going on one or both days.

The following weekend, March 25/26, is a big one, as is the next week. March 25th (10am) is our Opening Day event for men and women from any club. It is the Ruth and Geoff Gill Memorial Trophy. The club has decided it's to become our Annual Opening Day. Ruth and Geoff Gill were loved and respected all over the place, so it's fitting that this event (previously played exclusively for St Marys) becomes our Opening Day event. It is 18 holes stroke for men and women. The main event is nett score, but gross and best nine's putting etc. will also be conducted. We need at least 30 players for a great day.

The next day is the first game of the new pennant season. (Sunday March 26th) where the boys will be keen to remain the premier men's pennant team on the coast, and win an incredible 5th consecutive flag. As well as hopefully going a long way after that. That first week the game is at St Helens.

We definitely need a captain and vice captain to do it properly this year and make it into a really top season. Try to make it on Ruth and Geoff Gill's day so we can have a bit of a meeting about it. That would be great. Let's do it right.

Macca, Trev, Birchy, Roger and the sub-committee are working very hard to organise a diverse and interesting year of events. Included is the attendance/consistency award, best gross round, best nett round, putting, and other extras on comp days. Let's make winter golf a big winner.

On Saturday April 1st, it's the St Marys Community Health Centre Fun Day, with heaps of events organised for the day. Thanks so much to Julie Gunton and Macca for doing the lion's share of the organising. This is a perfect opportunity for you to try golf, as there is no requirement to be an actual golfer as such. Just contact the club or the Centre if you'd like to play. The money raised is going toward new Centre equipment, but the emphasis is for it to be a genuine Family Fun Day. Bring your whole crew along. It's a four person Ambrose. Cost is \$10 per player, with lunch. Pennant against Malahide, at St Marys is the next day.

Now to bowls, and keep in mind Saturday April 8th for a morning working bee to top dress the green for winter. Andrew Baird from Launceston plans to be there to help us.

As this edition of the Valley Voice comes out, a meeting to organise next year's host club responsibilities will be conducted, and to find a date for the club Annual Bowls Dinner etc. If you read this before 7pm, please try to be there. It would be appreciated.

Bicheno is holding a carnival at Easter time, and we usually try and send at least a couple of teams down. Let's try and do this again.

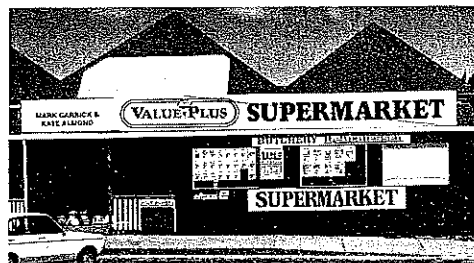
Special mention to our darts team who are going into the finals this year with a fair bit of confidence. They finished in 2nd spot after the roster season, I think. Good luck to you all.

Another must is Mark Carrick's Footy Tipping, commencing a couple of weeks into the season. It's a fabulous format, and has become very popular indeed. We need some initial rounds for it to work, hence the couple of weeks results before beginning. The prize money is pretty good too.

Finally, our sincerest condolences go to May Cook, who lost Leo last week. Leo, quite apart from being one of Tasmania's best Landscape painters ever, was also a great bloke, a friend to all, a fine committee person, and a pretty handy golfer, bowler and motorcyclist.

He was awarded (along with May) life membership a year or two back, for his contribution to the club, and finally, all those years of patient, quiet illness, has come to an end. We will all miss him too, May.

Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.



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