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 Celebrating St Marys Sesquicentennial Year 

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George Keri's contribution to our 150 years of Heritage.

Report by: Jim Haas.

Many people in the community would know George Keri as the man with the camera, who is seen at every community event clicking away taking photos he donates back to the event organisers.

But for those of us who know George personally, we are entranced by his energy, enthusiasm, and genuine love for this area and its people.

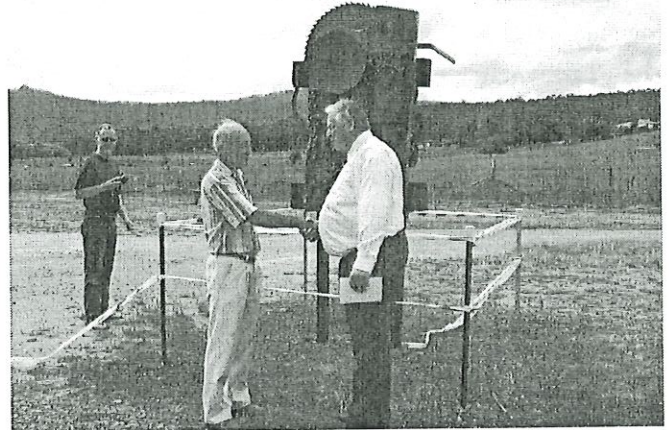
Over the years George has photographed community events throughout the Fingal Valley and East Coast, plus every old building he could find in the area. Indeed he reckons he has traveled every dirt road from Royal George to Gray and beyond in pursuit of his passion for local history.

George's collection of old buildings he has photographed can be seen as part of the historical display at the St Marys Railway Station, all of which he donated as his part in compiling and preserving the history of the valley.

But I believe George's greatest contribution to St Marys history is his sculpture, now standing on the western side of the Railway Station yard.

The sculpture, which has taken George twelve months to complete, is a display of artifacts from the three major industries; mining, timber and farming, which have been so important to the economy of St Marys and its surrounding communities.

On Wednesday December 5th, 2007, a small group of enthusiastic locals gathered at the station as George, accompanied by Mayor Robert Legge, unveiled this beautiful work of art. It was a touching moment; the only disappointment however, was that so few were there to be part of this momentous moment in our history.



George Keri is congratulated by Mayor Legge at the unveiling of the 150 years of industry sculpture at the St Mary Railway Station on the 5th December.



The sculpture by artist George Keri which is made up of artifacts from the mining, timber and farming industries, all of which played an important role in the St Marys economy over the past 150 years.



FINAL EDITION FOR 2007

As 2007 draws to a close, the volunteers of the Valley and East Coast Voice are taking a well deserved break.

We will resume publication on the 14th February, 2008.

We always thank all our volunteers, advertisers, contributors, distributors, collators, compliers, etc. and this year is no exception. This community paper needs the help of all these people to continue each year. We receive a lot of encouragement in the form of letters, e-mails and chance encounters on the street. This is good news for us, to know that all our work in keeping this paper going every year is appreciated.

This year has seen many momentous occasions both sad and joyous. The highlight of 2007 being in my own opinion, the December 1 / 2 Sesquicentenary celebrations. It was a mammoth task to pull it all together, and congratulations to one and all for achieving such a successful outcome. The next publication of the Valley Voice will be on February 14 as stated above, with a deadline for articles of February 12, 2008.

 The editor and volunteers would like to wish all our readers a safe and happy Christmas, and may you have a peaceful and productive 2008. 

Please note: Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday, February 12, 2008.
New email address: judith.spilsbury@bigpond.com

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 the last Saturday of the month 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 2 Story St, St Marys at 6pm. Come along to share your creative ideas and help Grassy Bottom maintain an artistic culture in our community.

The Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc., holds meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at 10 am at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

St Marys Ladies Midweek Tennis 9.30am each wed. Need new players - of any standard-beginners welcome-childminding included - lovely safe place to bring toddlers while you play. Ring Annette-6372 2224

St Marys Playgroup meets each Friday 10ish at the kindergarten. All preschool aged kids welcome to bring a carer/parent/granny/pa for a play and morning tea. Very chilled relaxed group of all ages - we love new members. Contact Jane 6372 5060

WOMBAT WALK WEEDERS meet every Wednesday 9am to 12 Noon (weather permitting) at St Marys Musical Playground area to plant and maintain the rivulet park and flower bank - anyone interested in joining us - please come along and meet our group. Contact - Robina 6372 2022.

Break O'Day Wine & Food Appreciation Society meets once a month on the last Sunday. Ph: Jan 6376 1661 or Leanne Ph: 6372 5291.

The Scamander and Beaumaris Community Development Association meets at 7 pm at the Fire Station Scamander every third Wednesday of the month. New members are most welcome.

St Marys Pacing Club Inc. New Year's Day race meeting. January 1st 2008. Come along and enjoy a great day.

Bicheno Market News & Dates

The next markets will be held on
December 23rd, January 6th & January 27th.

The markets are now attracting arts and crafts from far and wide & as the weather warms up, the more stalls we see. Last week we saw some beautiful Tasmanian woodwork & some big pieces of outdoor furniture at very reasonable prices.

There are antiques & collectables, patchwork & quilting, local photography, books, fresh fruit & veg, homemade jams & sauces, plants, clothing, whole foods, jewellery, bric a brac & more.

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Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre



Annual General Meeting

will be held in the Day Room at
St Marys Community Health Centre
on Monday 18th Feb. 2008 at 10am.

New members most welcome.
Jan Sparkes, President.

Congratulations to the 'Wombat Walk Weeders'.
You have transformed our rivulet into a thing of beauty.

We are indeed very fortunate to have this rivulet running through our town, and now, due to your hard work it is a peaceful and pretty place.

Wishing you luck with your work in the new year.

Maisie Finney.

THANK YOU

Drew, Cindy and Pauline Berwick
would like to thank their many friends
who sent beautiful cards and gifts
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A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas
“The Dalmayne fiasco” Part Two: The Coles Bay Railway

Following the destruction of the Picaninny wharf and the closure of the Dalmayne mine in 1918, Dalmayne Collieries continued to search for markets. Finally, in 1920 they were able to get the South Australian Government interested in importing coal for their rail system and domestic use. A proposed contract of 150,000 tonnes per annum was discussed, pending the company finding suitable wharf facilities.

Two proposals were put forward: one was to build a giant break-water at Picaninny; the other was to build an island wharf some two hundred metres off shore. Both proposals were rejected because Dalmayne Collieries were out of funds and the South Australian Government, or anyone else, would not back either proposal because of the uncertainty of their success.

They would, on the other hand, provided the Tasmanian Government gave funding, give support towards a railway to Coles Bay, 61 kilometres to the south. Here, they believed, a safe wharf could be built, capable of birthing steamers of 3,000 tonnes, or larger.

In December 1922 the Tasmanian Parliament passed what they called the East Coast Development Act, part of which was to give funding to the Dalmayne Collieries to build a 3ft 6 inch gauge railway from Picaninny point to Coles Bay, construct a wharf and hopper at Coles Bay as well as provide 780 acres of land near the wharf for a town site.

In November 1923 Dalmayne Collieries formed a new company, which they also called East Coast Development, and appointed a former Public Works engineer, E. J. Bingham, to supervise their operations. Early in 1924 he organized the purchase of twelve hundred pounds worth of hand tools and wheel barrows from the Public Works Department, and work on the Coles Bay railway began with some one hundred men being employed.

By June 1926 the wharf and hopper had been completed at Coles Bay, a 35 metre bridge at Salt Water Creek had been built as well as 27 kilometres of formation and culverts reaching as far west as the Apsley River.

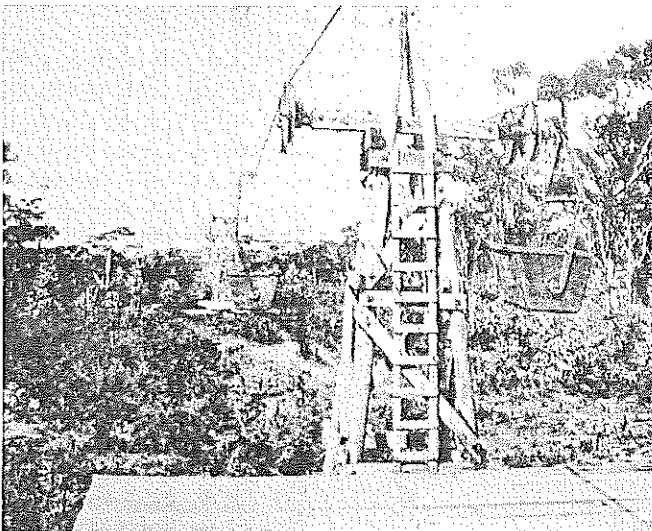
But the coffers were running low. Investors, including the Tasmanian Government, were not prepared to give any more money to the project. The cost had escalated to almost double the initial budget. Consequently, Dalmayne Collieries tried desperately over the next few months to raise funds, even going as far as the United States and London, but it was all to no avail. In March 1927, after the engineer resigned because he was not being paid, the Coles Bay Railway was aborted without one piece of ballast, sleeper, or rail being laid.

Dalmayne Collieries, along with their subsidiary, was in serious financial trouble and to top it all off the 1929 floods washed most of the railway formation away. The Dalmayne mine and aerial rope-way, however, was maintained until a bush fire in the early 1930s wiped out many of the rope-way towers and it was subsequently dismantled. Some of the metal went for scrap during World War Two, Cornwall Coal Company salvaged what was left and the steel rope was used for safety ropes on St Marys and Elephant Passes. All that remains today are a few small remnants at the mine site, along the rope-way track and among the rocks at Picaninny Point.

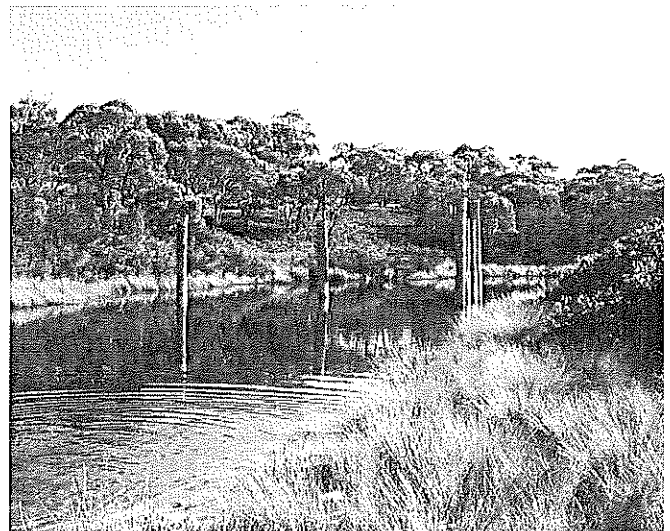
Not one tonne of coal was produced at Dalmayne mine from 1918 to 1939 when the Chapman Brothers of St Marys, with a crew of six men, reopened the mine and carted the coal out to the railway at St Marys via Dalmayne Road. They used a 5 tonne truck and the coal was purchased by Tasmanian Railways for their steam trains. However, due to a series of faults in the main seam, coupled with high transport costs, the Dalmayne mine closed for good in 1953.

Mines Department drilling over many years has revealed reserves of some 160 million tonnes in the Dalmayne-Seymour area, but whether this coal will ever be mined, or whether future mining operations would be as ill-fated as their predecessors, one can only assume.

Compliments of the season to all Valley Voice readers from Jim and Beth Haas.



The Dalmayne aerial rope-way in 1918.



The remains of the 35 metre railway bridge built in 1926 at Salt Water Creek near Coles Bay.

CONCRET BUILDING BLOCKS MAKE A STATEMENT

It was with interest I read David Clement's article in the V & ECV, Volume 40, #14 regarding the construction of buildings using hand made concrete bricks.

Mr. Clement states that Halley Freeman's abode at 11 Gray Road seemed to have been among the first in 1951.

My father Louis Gilbert Schier commenced concrete brick making at Falmouth in 1947/8. After being married to Jean at St. Marys in 1946 he began construction of the house in 1948/49 on land given to them by Gilbert's parents, Ludie and Edith as a wedding present. It is believed the cost of the land was 5 pounds. That sounds like a bargain, but most considered Gilbert to be quite mad as it was swampy and had to be drained and was covered with gorse, as well as being such a long way up and down the pass from St. Marys!

We have photos of the move into the house in February 1951 and Jean could remember my then 10 month old sister Val pulling things out of the boxes as she packed. We believe the house was completed late 1951.

Gilbert was ably assisted by Jean and some of his mates in constructing the bricks after work and on weekends, and although I don't have any idea as to how many bricks were made, he also constructed a garage, laundry, a dairy complete with two cow bales and a smokehouse all with cement bricks.

Gilbert and Jean rented Ken and Kath Lohrey's house at Falmouth whilst clearing the several metres-high gorse from the block and proceeding to build the four bed roomed home.

The garage served as a popular place for many, mostly St. Marys and Scamander residents who brought their cars to Gilbert to maintain as he had built-up a clientele whilst working at Thorold's and Browns garages at St. Marys.

Many cold nights were spent in the 'pit' earning extra revenue or more likely doing someone a favour! He had a knack of solving mechanical problems and locating 'mystery' noises and I know people who have driven from Launceston to get Gilbert to listen to an annoying noise.

The original moulds, one 'smooth' corner mould and one "rough" straight mould and many of the small wooden boards used to place the bricks on, are still at Falmouth, although many of the boards were 'used' by some of the five sons for various wood working projects in the construction of cricket stumps, rafts etc, much to Gilbert's chagrin! In actual fact brother Rob has just recently re-located the boards to the wood pile whilst clearing-out the sheds.

I was born in 1952 and I can remember the bricks being made for several years afterwards with the cement mixer manufactured from a 44 gallon drum during the war. I am sure bricks were made for several of Gilberts mates and carted away. The remains of the cement mixer are still behind the shed at Falmouth. The white gravelly type sand was shoveled by hand into a ute and in later years onto a truck from various unofficial pits in the Upper Scamander area.

Reinforcing for the foundation and for a cement tank was any spare steel sourced from St Marys residents, as raw materials were scarce during and post-war as mentioned by David Clement. The main items donated were metal bed ends and a 14 inch bike frame was also given, but Gilbert put this to much better use by eventually acquiring wheels and a seat which became the first bike all six of us learnt to ride, a necessity for the 3 mile ride to and from the "Pig & Whistle" at the Tasman Highway to catch Tony Davis' school bus!

The say. Cagerattler

Where has 2007 gone? I don't know. It's just flashed past. So many things have happened in our community, and some of those we have touched on in the Valley Voice in this column.

The absolute highlight of this year was how well the Sesquicentenary finally all came together, and a very special mention to the local Lions Club, who added some memorable touches to the finale in particular, with the Heritage Walk and other events tied into the year.

It is not often that an event such as the Back to St Marys weekend on December 1 and 2, can go so well, be immensely well attended and occur within zero negative comments, to speak of.

Nothing important was overlooked to my knowledge. That was fabulous. The theme of reunion and reminiscing was pure and simple genius, and encompassed the whole thing perfectly, didn't it? It was great to see old friends reunite, share tons of memories, and see how the town has progressed since they were a part of it. So many former residents returned and were a huge part of this historic day. Thank you so much to every single person who took part in the weekend in whatever capacity. You all made it a very special time in our history.

Other things that affected us in 2007, which we touched on in this column included the St Marys Pass issues, youth employment opportunities, hospital matters, trail bike safety, clever kids, ongoing bushfire concerns, book launches, and even our dwindling trout fishery worries. Other things too, of course.

I'd like to take this opportunity to pay a special thank you to our Editor in Chief (JS) for her remarkable work every fortnight getting this fantastic little paper out to us. She is just amazing. One of her incredible skills is being able to decipher my scribble (and I mean scribble) to indulge me with space for Cagerattler. Thanks JS.

Her crowing achievement was the Anniversary Valley Voice that she conceived, and the editor and crew voluntarily put out this special edition to us a few months ago. It was a monumental task and was greatly appreciated by us all. This 40th year of the Valley Voice needed that sort of acknowledgement, and it was delivered.

To every reader and contributor to our Valley Voice, have a very happy and safe festive season, and thanks for your ideas for subjects to Cagerattler this year. I do enjoy prattling on in these pages on many of those things.

Hopefully, see you in 2008, when the paper returns.

What do you think?

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from Cagerattler



I agree with David Clement that this innovation has left a significant legacy in the construction and design of our community buildings.

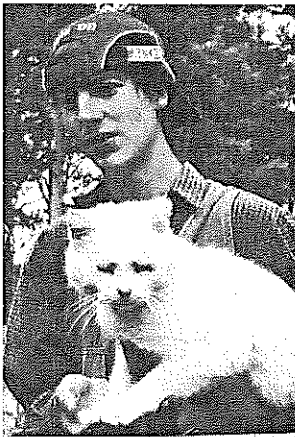
I would like to commend and encourage David, Jim Haas, Jeff Morris and others in continuing to stroll down memory lane. Keep up the good work!

John Schier,
Darwin. NT.

A glimpse into Tim's World.

I am attempting an almost impossible task—A glimpse into Tim's world. No-one can really understand the world of the intellectually disabled. However, Peter and I have some insight into their world, as our son Tim has suffered from severe epilepsy and an intellectual disability since he contracted meningitis when he was 5 months old. During the past 21 years we, as a couple, have only been away from Tim for one night. This constant closeness and completeness of care has given us a "tip of the iceberg" understanding of epilepsy, with its many forms of seizures and the complex behavioural problems suffered by epileptics between seizures. I'm writing this on Tim's behalf—how I think he views the world. It is just a glimpse, but I pray it will help create an awareness of the difficulties people like Tim face daily. Tim, and all those like him, are truly special people—enriching the lives of those around them—enriching people by drawing out true love, compassion and understanding.

Come into my world - Tim's story.



There are only two really important things in my life—my family, and celebrating special events with my family. You know what special events I mean—birthdays, Easter and Christmas. My mothers says we celebrate them in a traditional Christian way, whatever that means. All I know is that at Easter we have a Passover meal and feet washing, and on Easter Sunday out-in-the-garden-lots-of-fun treasure hunts. Christmas is extra, extra special, but I don't have to tell you about Christmas. Christmas is special to everyone, isn't it?

Mother has just said, "Tim, it is only that many sleeps to Christmas Day." She holds up her fingers. Why does she forget things? She must remember I can't count. I know what two things mean, and that there are sometimes a few things and there are sometimes lots of things. The fingers she is holding up look like lots to me. I hope there are not lots of sleeps to Christmas.

I don't know what people mean when they talk about "time". I think it means how things change around us. Like when I get out of bed in the morning and my feet don't get all cold, and the birds are singing, "have a good day Tim" song, in a specially happy way. That's when Father says, "We can start planting seeds and plants now, Tim. It's springtime." I like that. Or when the sun starts beaming nice and warm on my skin and Mother says, "Tim, you can soon start having water

fights, summer is here." I like that.

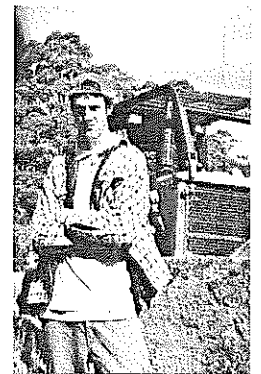
Why does Christmas not happen when it should? After Easter I started searching for the packed away Christmas decorations, played Christmas carols on my CD player and moved furniture to make room for the Christmas tree. Why did everyone say, "Tim, you can't make Christmas happen just because you want it"? I really, really wanted it to be Christmas, because last Christmas was scary—we had bush fires. Why couldn't we have Christmas after Easter while there were no bush fires? Why couldn't my family see we needed Christmas then, when it was cold and rainy and safe?

One day I went outside to check to make sure there was no smoke on Mt Elephant. Everything was clear so I decided it would be a good time to have Christmas. I went and found a pair of fire overalls, and one of my little toy fire trucks. I put them where the Nativity scene always goes for Christmas. "What are you doing, Tim?" Mother asked me. How could she be such a drongo? "I'm making sure everything will be safe for Christmas so the fires won't come," I had to explain to her. "These will stop the fire," I said, patting the toy fire truck and fire overalls. I felt safe. I felt good. "That's great Tim," Mother said and smiled, but when I came back later she had packed the fire overalls away. I was very upset and angry and scared. Now the fires might come and we wouldn't be able to have Christmas. Hannah came in and said, "Don't worry, Tim, we shouldn't have any bush fires this Christmas time. Everything is alright." I didn't worry so much then, for Hannah is a fire fighter you know.

Finally it must be Christmas time, for the Nativity scene and the Christmas tree and all the lovely decorations are in place. Yummy smells of special cooking are coming from the kitchen. I'm listening to Christmas carols on my CD player. I'm happy most of the time, but I'm scared too. I go outside lots of times and look at the hills. When Esther sees me she comes to comfort me. "It's ok Tim. That's fog, not smoke that you can see," she tells me. I trust Esther, she understands those things about fog and smoke. She understands me.

My head goes crazy a real lot, and I feel sick lots of the time. Mother says, "Tim, two or three times a year when you tell me, 'I don't feel sick now', are the happiest moments of the year."

Sometimes, lots of times really, I look and see someone in my family hurt—sometimes it's Esther, sometimes it's Hannah, sometimes mother and even sometimes it is father. They have sore arms or legs or backs or heads. I ask, "What's wrong?" They say I attacked them and hit and twisted them. They say I did it so suddenly they did not know I would do it or that I was attacking someone and they came to their rescue. I am so sad then. I wouldn't want to hurt my family. I sometime see bruises and bites on my family. I ask, "What's wrong?" They say, "Oh you did that when you were having a partial complex seizure." I am so sad. I wouldn't hurt my family. Sometimes I cry when I see them hurt. I love my family. My family loves me. They always say, "It's all ok Tim. Everything is alright. You didn't mean to hurt anyone. Your head just went crazy for a bit. You will feel better when you have a tonic clonic seizure." I do feel better sometimes, and my family says I am gentle. Sometimes I wake up on the floor, or out in the garden, or even on the side of the road on the way to Launceston. This confuses me, but my family are always there and they comfort me. "It's ok Tim. Everything is alright. You had a seizure, that is all."



Continuing Tim's story.....

One day I told my Mother how my head goes crazy sometimes, and it makes me feel angry. I told Mother this made me very sad, because I don't want to be an angry person. I want to be a peaceful person. Mother understood. She put her arms around me and smiled. "It's so good you want to be a peaceful person Tim, and you are." I felt good then.

I think of the bush fires a lot, and I dream about them a lot. It makes me scared—what if they come back and we can't really have Christmas? Last year we had the Nativity scene, the Christmas tree, and all the lights and decorations up for Christmas, but we had to leave them all and go to Launceston, far away from the fires. Mother and Esther took me. They said it was called evacuating.

My head went crazy all the time in Launceston. Mother said even having tonic clonic seizures didn't help me much. I heard her and Esther talking lots about probably having to call an ambulance so I could be sedated, whatever that meant.

I don't like ambulances, even though Esther is a volunteer ambulance officer and drives the ambulance. I've been in ambulances lots and lots of times. Once I woke up as I was being wheeled along our verandah on a stretcher. I sat up and clung to a verandah post. I wouldn't let go! At last Father said, "It's ok Tim, everything is alright. I'll carry you back inside the house." He did. I love my Father. He cares for me lots and lots.

We went to Launceston and bought all our Christmas presents. They are not under the tree yet. (They are hidden away where I can't find them). As we were leaving Launceston my sister Sarah, and my big brothers Andrew and James all said, "See you for Christmas, Tim." I guess that makes everything alright.

It is ok—everyone will have a happy Christmas.
Beverley Rubenach.



Last Wednesday, Michael Polley MHA, was in St Marys to present a cheque for \$1,000 to Jan Sparkes, (right) compiler of the book 'Regener8' and editor Rosa McManamey, to help towards the printing costs of this excellent publication. The presentation was made at e.ScApe Wilderness Café & Gallery, witnessed by a small group of business people who were unable to attend the official book launch on Saturday December 1, 2007, due to work commitments.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Sir,

I recently joined with officials from Volunteering Tasmania in Launceston to honour our volunteers with certificates of appreciation and to mark *International Volunteers Day, December 5*.

Volunteering is worth \$42 billion a year to our national economy and in Tasmania the value is estimated to be \$1 billion each year. Tasmania has an estimated 115,000 volunteers and amongst the highest rates of participation in Australia. Research shows that 41% of the adult population in Australia volunteer. There are 700,000 not for profit organisations nationally and an estimated 4,718 in Tasmania.

Volunteering is in our blood. It is part of what makes Australia a great country. Within all cities and towns in Tasmania there is a silent army reaching out daily to help their fellow Tasmanians and saving the State up to \$3 million a day.

Volunteers are under-recognised and undervalued in our community. We can all do more to honour them. We could honour them with some form of national or state recognition, such as a special medal or a special Australian event.

Yours sincerely,

GUY BARNETT

Liberal Senator for Tasmania

The Editor,
Valley Voice,

When I was young, I would pick fruit for my mother to make jam and the jam was very good.

Now I am not so young, I am aware of a different type of jam. It consists of about 20 to 30 children on stage, with a Salvation Army Band to supply music—known as a jam session.

The children act and sing, apart from parents and friends. God, too, is there, smiling and enjoying this jam session.

Can you, the reader, imagine God's delight and his outpouring of love on this assembly? I can.

Merv (Rohrlach)

Dick Adams MP

Federal Member for Lyons

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Written and Authorized By Dick Adams, 538 Main Road, Perth, Tas 7200

MESSAGE FROM DICK ADAMS, FEDERAL MEMBER FOR LYONS

The last month has been very hectic, with the election going on, and I have been travelling all over the State, talking to people about the things that matter to them.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support over this time, and say that I'm honoured to be able to continue to represent the interests of the people of Lyons in the Federal Government. I look forward to working with you in the future.

The holiday season will soon be upon us, so I hope that everyone has a good Christmas and New Year. It's important to remember to be safe during the holiday break, so please keep safe on the roads and remember that it's important to get to your destination safely, not always quickly. If you are driving a long way, take a break and have a rest wherever possible.

Summer is coming on, and people will be swimming in lakes and dams, as well as at beaches and in pools, please take care and keep an eye out for each other. Always let someone know where you will be and when you are expecting to be back, and remember not to dive into the water without first checking that it's deep enough.

If you are going away, remember to lock the shed, burglars can use ladders and tools in the shed to make breaking in easier, and ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your house and report any suspicious activity.

Best Wishes to all for a great 2008.

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3.00 to 6.45pm :Free Jumping Castle for the children

3.30pm: Santa arrives with sweets and balloons

4.00pm to 6.45pm: Live Music

5.00pm: Christmas Parade starts IN Newman Street, decorated bikes to
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6.30pm: Lions Christmas Stocking drawn.



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Farewell

Shirley and Gary Munday, pictured right, after attending the St Marys Community Health Centre's Day Care Christmas Dinner.

Shirley is leaving St Marys to live in St Helens, where Gary is a resident of Medea Park.

Both Shirley and Gary would like to thank the generous people of St Marys for accepting them into the community.

They have thoroughly enjoyed living here in St Marys and would like to say thank you one and all.

Other photos on this page were taken at the Community Health Centre's Christmas Dinner.



Santa arrived to help Hayley pass out the Christmas gifts.

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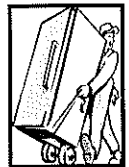
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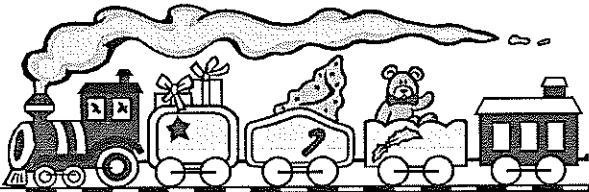
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Police report

It has been a busy period for local police recently. Unfortunately there have been a number of assaults, two of which were very serious, resulting in several arrests. There have also been a number of locals arrested for drink/driving offences. It should be of no surprise to see police out and about conducting random breath tests, especially over the Christmas/New Year period.

Over the Christmas/New Year period extra police have been Seconded to work at St Marys. So you may see some new faces around.

We will be paying attention to trail bike riders committing offences like unregistered, uninsured and hooning offences.

The Police Station will be open normal business hours over the festive period. Obviously it will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

Keep in mind we will be patrolling over the Christmas period and all police cars are equipped with alcohol and drug testing devices.

Hope you have a Happy Christmas and a Safe 2008.

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Tony ROUGHAN

Sergeant 2274

St Marys Police

OUT OF THE WOODWORK

Reon Johns, President: 63722094

The Falmouth Community Centre is now the proud owner of a new bar. Some Guild members spent a few hours installing the bar and I am sure that it has been christened by now. All good stuff.

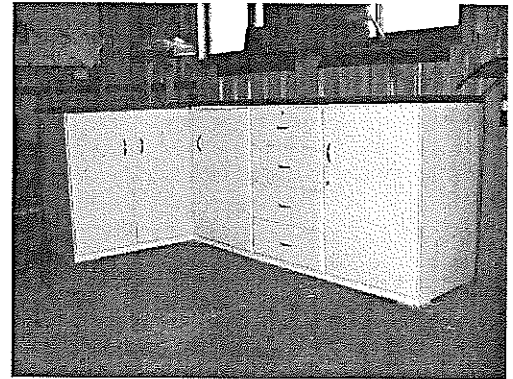
It appears that the bushfire money we applied for will not be enough to fund the extension, so we are looking elsewhere. I am sure that we will come up with a grant and work can begin. As Xmas is just around the corner the workshop is not as busy as usual, but things will start to pickup in the New Year so see you at the Xmas parade. Come a buy a snag and help the Guild raise a few bob.

The members of the Guild wish a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all.

The Guild meets on the last Saturday of the month in the Goods Shed behind the St Marys Railway Station, at 4pm.

The Woodcraft Guild workshop is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday from 10:00 till 4:00. Other times by arrangement.

Pictured right: the New Falmouth Community Centre Bar.



DOING THE ROUNDS

By Clr Reon Johns 0429 722 091

As part of my election campaign one of my platforms was communication and a monthly newsletter. I have noticed that the Mayor is very busy and I felt that he would not have adequate time to write on a regular basis. So I decided to just do it myself and keep you updated.

The last few weeks since I was elected have been pretty full on, and I am finding that representing the electorate is a lot more time consuming than I first thought. I am sure that I have been a source of amusement to the more experienced Councillors, but as a wise man once said "It's the question you don't ask that is the stupid one." In time I will gain the necessary insight and knowledge.

The Natural Resource Management (NRM) facilitator conducted a tour of the on-going ground work that has been achieved over the last 12 months. The tour took in sites in the George Catchment and coastal sites from the Bay of Fires to Scamander.

This is a worthwhile project and will benefit the Break O'Day in the future, through the protection of the catchment areas by fencing and the planting of river banks with stabilising native plants. The use of different types of trees for different uses e.g. planting of nitens to act as wind breaks as well as a source of income in the future. This is a well balanced outcome for all.

At the Mayor's suggestion I attended a tourism meeting on changes to the area. It was well attended by tourism operators and conducted by NTD and a firm from the mainland. The out come was both surprising and helpful. I am sure that we all learnt a lot about ourselves and where to make improvements.

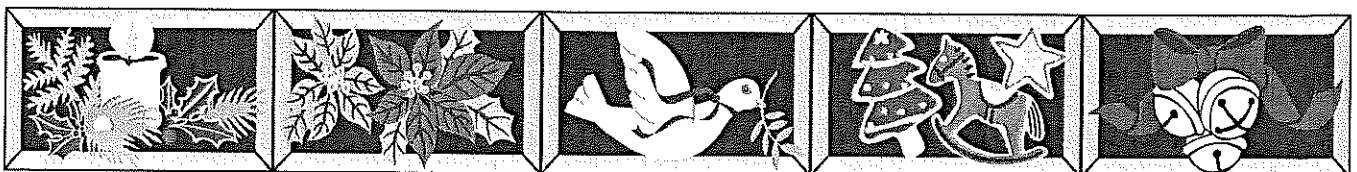
To date I have managed to have successfully moved a motion to hard seal a path from Main Street to the hospital included in the budget deliberations for next year. At present I am working on a few projects that have been suggested by people and I will do my best to have these started or completed in the near future.

These include:-

- A sunscreen over the picnic table in the Old Post Office park
- A skate park for St Marys
- The Main street makeover, I have asked the following business to display the 3 different proposals in their windows.
The Top Shop, IGA and the Health and Beauty.
- Baby change tables in St Marys and Fingal toilets
- Improving the drainage in some parts of Talbot Street Fingal.

I would like to invite any other Councillor to share this article with me and help keep the Break O'Day informed.

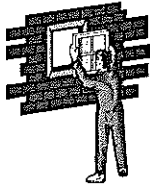
If anyone would like to raise an issue with me please feel free to contact me on mobile 0429 722 091. I plan to have a regular "office" in some areas of the Break O'Day. I am still working this out, but it will start in the New Year.



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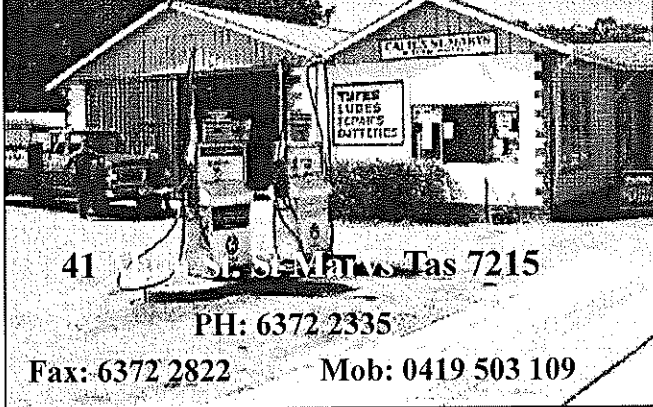
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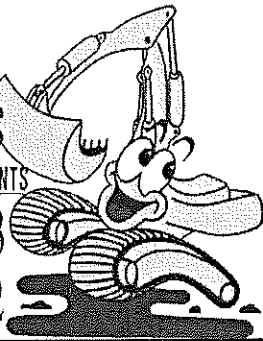
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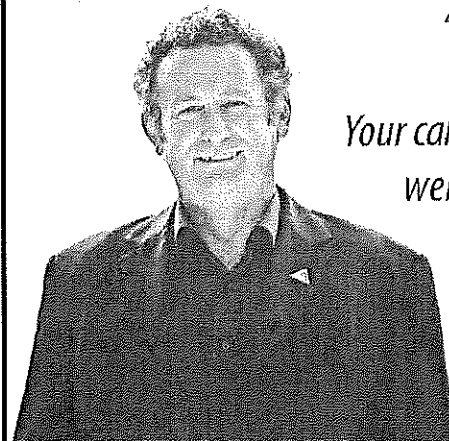


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DEAR GOD

Dear God, I've never spoken to you,
But now I desperately want to know you, too.
You see God, they told me you didn't exist.
And like a fool, I believed all this.
Last night from a shell-hole I saw your sky;
I figured right then they'd told me a lie.
Had I taken time to see things you had made
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.
I wonder, God, if you'd take my hand;
Somehow I feel that you will understand.
Strange I had to come to this hellish place
Before I had time to see your face.
Well, I guess there isn't much more to say,
But I'm glad, Lord, you opened the way.
I guess zero hour will soon be here,
But I'm not afraid since I know you are near.
The signal! Well, God, I guess I'll have to go.
I love you Lord,- this I want you to know.
Look now, this will be a horrible fight!
Who knows, I may come to your house tonight.
Though I wasn't friends with you before,
I wonder, Christ, if You'd wait at Your door?
Look, I'm crying— me, shedding tears.
How I wish I'd known You these many years!
Well, I have to go now, God. Goodbye.
Strange, since I met You, I'm not afraid to die.

(Poem found on the body of an unknown soldier)



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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Dec/Jan	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 24th	Audrey Wright	Mim Woods
Tues 25th	Christmas Day	Christmas Day
Wed 26th	D & V Rice	Sharon Hall
Thurs 27th	Yvonne Salter	Christine Woods (S)
Fri 28th	Hannah Rubenach	Shirleen Woods
Mon 31st	Pam Gillies	Cheryl Rankin
Tues 1st	Ruth Aulich	June Hall
Wed 2nd	Liz Rice	Patsy Death
Thurs 3rd	Gail Gamble	Jan Marshall
Fri 4th	G & M Derbyshire	Joan Lowe

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Lorraine Groves

Parish House. Ph: 6372 2252
Mob: 0409 172 741

1st Week: MASS

St Helens Vigil 6.00pm
Bicheno 9.00am
Fingal 11.30am
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 11.30am
Campbell Town 5.00pm
Bicheno Liturgy 9.00am

Week 4 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
St Marys 11.00am
Ross 5.00pm

Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands

Avoca: 11am 2nd/4th Sundays
Fingal: 3 pm 1st/3rd Sundays
Mathinna: 3pm 2nd/4th Sundays
Ross: 11am 1st/3rd Sundays
Campbell Town: 9am every Sun.
(3rd Sunday - Family Service)

Anglican Parish of Break O'Day

Ph: 6376 1144

Christmas week services

23/12 7.30pm Pyengana
7.30pm St Helens
9 Lessons & Carols
24/12 11.15pm St Helens
Christmas Eve
25/12 9.00am St Marys & St Helens
Christmas Day

Salvation Army

Monday JAM

3-5pm every Monday,
except school holidays.

Sunday JOY

2pm - 3pm every Sunday.
Salvation Army Headquarters.

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

St Marys Online Access Centre Opening Hours:

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Tuesday 10 am - 4pm Friday 10 am - 3 pm
Wednesday 10am - 4 pm Saturday 11 am - 2 pm

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email: judith.spilsbury@bigpond.com
Accounts: Mary: 6372 2328

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St Marys Health & Beauty Centre,
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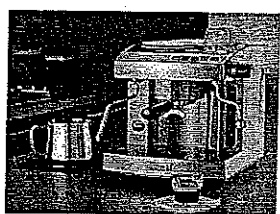
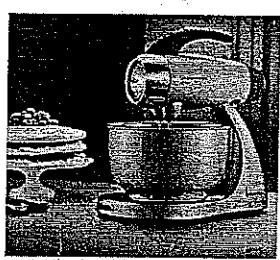
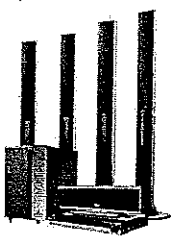
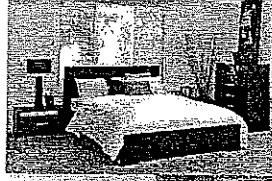
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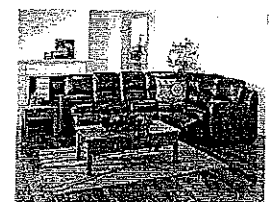
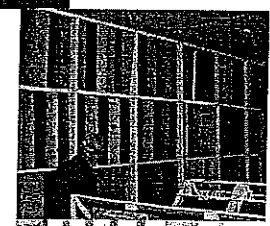
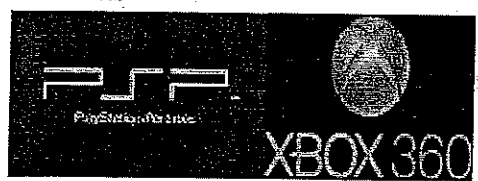
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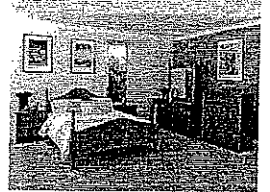
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Booklists are due back to the school office **before the end** of the 2007 school year.

Late returns of forms will result in delays while your order is made up at book sales.

Booksale Dates and Times as follow:

Surnames A-K	Tuesday 5th February	9.30am - 2.30pm
Surnames L-Z	Wednesday 6th February	9.30am - 2.30pm
Any who cannot attend on February 5th or 6th	Thursday 7th February	9.30am - 2.30pm

**** Uniforms ordered in October of last year should be available for payment and collection at book sales. Limited items will be available for purchase on the day!**

ATTENTION

POOL KEY 

HOLDERS

The pool will be unavailable for use from Monday 7th January to Friday 18th January between the hours of 9am - 12noon for the Learn to Swim Programme.

Thank you and sorry for the inconvenience.

Anyone interested in joining the Learn to Swim there are still places available -

please call Sandra Cooke on 63722002 or 0417 140 710



**SCHOOL DENTAL
SERVICE**

ST HELENS CLINIC ONLY!!

- ☉ Thursday 10th January
- ☉ Friday 11th January
- ☉ Monday 21st January
- ☉ Tuesday 22nd January
- ☉ Tuesday 29th January
- ☉ Wednesday 30th January

Please feel free to contact them regarding your child's dental health on the numbers below :

St Helens Dental Unit 6376 5208
Kelham Street Dental Unit 6336 4100

PRIZE WINNERS 2007

2007 GRADE 10 AWARDS

PRIMARY AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARD
 GRADE 3 Anthony Wolf
 GRADE 4 Ebony Bennett
 GRADE 5 Tom Kelly
 GRADE 6 Grace Ennis

MERT CERTIFICATES

GRADE 3 BOON Christopher Arratta
 Nathan Dawson

GRADE 3 MACKENZIE Britney Griffiths
 Annie Evelyn
 Jacinta Kiringle

GRADE 4/5 WARDLAW Blake Polden
 Avalon Chippindale
 Luke Graham

GRADE 4/5 FISHER Finn Buchhorn
 Jesse McColl
 Lance Walsh

GRADE 6 MACGREGOR Mason Pilstock
 Sam Neighbour
 April Bosworth

GRADE 6 HUNTERGORGAN Shantelle Arratta
 Georgina Williams
 Billy Harris

SPORTSPERSONS AWARD
 Emily Miles
 David Nickson

CITIZENSHIP AWARD
 Stuart Wright

SECONDARY AWARDS

GRADE 7 ACADEMIC AWARD
 Karly Graham
 Bradley Mitchell

GRADE 8 ACADEMIC AWARD
 Joel Bennett
 Elise Wright

MERT CERTIFICATES

GRADE 7 David McCormack
 Mollie Bartick
 Emily Quinn
 Jacob Spilsbury

GRADE 8 Bronti Cooke
 Jemma Davern
 Shannon Rosskelly
 Elizabeth Jones
 Astleigh Corbett
 Ellis Johns

GRADE 9 ACADEMIC AWARD
 Christa McColl

GRADE 9 MERT CERTIFICATES
 Luke Neighbour
 Brody Rickman
 Allie Spilsbury
 James Douglas
 Cameron Jones
 Cameron Gillies
 Rebecca King
 Fern Menogue
 Rebecca McDonald
 Samantha Bates

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 Max Turner

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 Nathan O'Shea

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GRADE 11/12

ACADEMIC AWARD
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MERT CERTIFICATES
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 Melissa Nelson
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 Christie Dawson

RICOH AWARD FOR ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENT
 Christie Dawson

VET PRIZE
 Rebecca Barnes

PRINCIPAL'S CHOICE

ART AWARD
 Carmen Cole



Dux of the School
 2007
 Hazel Buchhorn

SUBJECT PRIZES

HEALTH/PE	Ruby Wallace
VISUAL ART	Jessica Panoff
DESIGN GRAPHICS	Oliver Micek
MUSIC	Reece Maher
ENGLISH	Hazel Buchhorn
ICT	Oliver Micek
INTEGRATED	Mackenzie Seddon
MATHEMATICS	Ella Cooke
MATHEMATICS METHOD	Hazel Buchhorn
SCIENCE	Hazel Buchhorn
SPEECH & DRAMA	Ella Cooke
FOODS	Mackenzie Seddon
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY	Henry Dawson
AUTO	Blake Greaves
FLEXIBLE PROGRAMMES	Aainn Simpson

SPECIAL AWARDS

MERT CERTIFICATES

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 Mackenzie Seddon

PRIZES

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FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

CITIZENSHIP - "PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL"

DICK ADAMS AWARD FOR

PERSEVERANCE

LIONS CLUB AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

TODD'S HALL DRAMA AWARD

CALTEX ALL ROUND AWARD

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

TEACHERS' CHOICE AWARD

DAVID LLEWELLYN AWARD FOR

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

NEWSTEAD COLLEGE AWARD

LAUNGESTON COLLEGE AWARD

UNIVERSITY AWARD

RICOH AWARD FOR ALL ROUND

ACHIEVEMENT

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DUX OF THE SCHOOL

HAZEL BUCHHORN

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ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

DOCTORS on ROSTER

Please see reverse of this page for the Doctors Roster over the Christmas period.

AFTER HOURS SERVICE

PLEASE PHONE GP ASSIST ON 1300 780 011
AMBULANCE 1800 008 008 or
EMERGENCY 000

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE 6372 2111
BEFORE PRESENTING AFTER HOURS.

St Marys Community Health Centre

GP Surgery Hours:

8:50am-12:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm LUNCH

Please do not phone during lunchtime as appointments can not be taken by the nursing staff
1:30pm-5:00pm

SCRIPTS AND DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS

Please ensure doctors appointments are booked **prior** to your medication/s running out or **in advance** if you are attending this practise regularly. Patients can not request scripts over the phone.

PLEASE BE PATIENT

Please be aware that **waiting periods can apply. Phoning in advance may save you a wait. Please be patient**, we are doing our very best and your cooperation is appreciated. Everyone's health is

REPEAT SCRIPTS

Due to reduced Medical Coverage over the Christmas period please ensure you have your medication scripts up to date before the Christmas/ New Year period.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICES

The Community Transport Bus
Will be unavailable from:
21/12/07- 3/1/07

Please note that the contact number for Community Transport Bookings is:
Dave Mallett 0409 802 536
Home number will be available soon.

DAY CENTRE CHRISTMAS DATES

The St Marys Day Centre will be closed the weeks of:
26/12/07 and 2/1/08

We will resume as normal on Wednesday 9/1/07.
Wishing you all a very safe and happy Christmas

PODIATRY SERVICES 2008

Perry Daly from Lightfoot Podiatry Services will be in St Marys again on:
Wednesday 6th February 2008
Please phone 6331 9568 for appointments.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

- 24 Nov **Relationships Australia** 10:00am-4pm.
Lyn Marie phone 1300 364 277 for appointments.
- 25 Nov **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- 26 Nov **BOXING DAY**
- 9 Jan **Day Centre Resumes** as normal
- 15 Jan **Jobfind**, Ambulance Training Room downstairs
- 28 Jan **AUSTRALIA DAY**

Please abide by the **SPEED LIMITS** and **ENTRY** and **EXIT SIGNS** set in and around the Community Health Centre. Some access ways are **ONE WAY ONLY**.

ARTHRITIS TASMANIA

ST MARYS SUPPORT GROUP

Heather Donaldson from Arthritis Tasmania is interested in starting up an Arthritis Support Group for people living in St Marys.

A group currently exists at St Helens and they meet once every six weeks to discuss treatments and exercise options, laughter therapy, review new products and heaps more.

If you are interested in attending the St Marys Group Heather Donaldson will be in St Marys on Friday 14th March 2008 for our first session.

Please call Hayley on 6372 211 to register your interest. Meetings will be held at the St Marys Community Health Centre. 10:30am- 12 noon.

EMERGENCY PHONE

The phone located on the side of the Community Health Centre building near the ambulance bay is for communication with 000 services **ONLY**.

THIS IS NOT A PUBLIC PHONE

This initiative was on review on the strategies used in the Bushfire Management when the Community Health Centre was relocated to Fingal last year.

On behalf of the staff at the St Marys Community Health Centre thank you for your ongoing support this year. We wish you all a healthy and prosperous 2008.

- Nature, time and patience are the three great physicians. Proverb.

St Marys Community Health Centre

Opening hours over Christmas.

We apologise for any inconvenience to the community, unfortunately we have a shortage of nursing staff to cover **Christmas and Boxing Day** and as a result there will be temporary changes to opening hours at St Marys Community Health Centre.

December 2007	Centre hours of operation	Doctor in St Marys	Nursing Cover	Community Nursing
Sunday 23	Open 24 hrs	On call in St Marys	24 hrs	-----
Monday 24	Open until 5pm	Surgery hours 8.30am to 5pm	Until 5pm	Service as usual
Christmas Day 25	Closed Public Holiday	On call in St Marys	Closed Public Holiday	Closed Public Holiday
Boxing Day 26	Open 8.30am to 4.30pm	On call in St Marys	8.30am to 4.30pm	Closed Public Holiday
Thursday 27	Open 24 hrs	Surgery hours 8.30am to 5pm	24 hrs	Service as usual
Friday 28	Open 24hrs	Surgery hours 8.30am to 5pm	24 hrs	Service as usual

Dr Latt (Locum GP)
General Practice hours
St Marys Community Health Centre
Monday, Thursday and Friday
8.30am to 5pm.
Call 63722 111 for appointment.

Dr Latt will be available on call for medical advice or treatment over the Christmas period in St Marys
Call 63722 111

For emergencies CALL 000

Dr Latt arrives on the 23 December until the 28 December 2007.
 Dr Tymms will arrive on the 28 December until 7 January 2008.
 Dr Ottosen will return from leave on the 7 January 2008.

St Marys Sports Centre news. Kackhander.

First to bowls and a very narrow loss at St Helens occurred last week on two rinks. Allowing for score adjustments, the result was even closer. In recent times, playing St Helens at St Helens is not as daunting as it used to be, and such results prove that with our best team in, we are still going to be very hard to beat in the finals. Now that the Christmas—New Year break is upon us, it gives us a chance to recharge the batteries, ready for mid-January and the recommencement of the last 6 games, before finals commence.

In the ladies game St Helens won quite comfortably, but once again our girls were not at all disgraced, and will be a much bigger prospect in the finals as well.

A couple of important notices. The Clive Berwick Memorial Triples are on Sunday December 30. So if you haven't got your team organised, do it before this weekend please, as the draw is done then.

Also the team going to Longford need to be finalised then to ensure a chance of entry. In January, St Helens are hosting a carnival of note as well.

To golf, and don't forget this weekend is an 18 hole Ham run (2 Person Ambrose) with any and all welcome. Check out the board for details.

There are also other summer golf events to be played, if sufficient numbers turn up.

The 2007 championship presentation dinner will be in late January, so without the Valley Voice you will need to check with the club or shop fronts, to find out which actual date is to be used for this event. We just have to secure a suitable date to suit most.

- DON'T FORGET:**
- * Clive Berwick Triples
 - * Annual presentation golf night
 - * Summer golf events

OH YES, and chicken runs are still happening on Fridays.

From the club, have a terrific Christmas/New Year and thank you to the Valley Voice for letting us have this page all the time, and we'll see you again next year.

Good hitting and rolling.

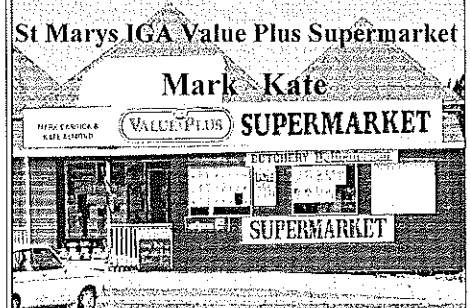


"Christmas Raffle"

The annual Hospital Auxiliary Xmas raffle tickets are available now around town, and consists of 4 prizes.

Please support. Kevin Faulkner. Sec

38 Main Street
St Marys
Phone/Fax
6372 2240
Butcher
Ph: 6372 2274
Mon – Fri
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Sat
8am 12 noon



SNOW FLECKED BROWNIES



Nigella Lawson, Queen of comfort food.

Ingredients.

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375g butter
6 eggs
250g chopped white chocolate
350g castor sugar
225g plain flour
1 tablespoon real vanilla extract
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons icing sugar for dusting.



Method.

Preheat oven to 180c. Line sides and base of a 33x23x5.5cm baking tin with foil or baking paper. Melt butter and dark chocolate together in a large heavy based pan over low heat. In a bowl, beat eggs together with castor sugar and vanilla extract. Allow chocolate mix to cool slightly, then add eggs and sugar mix and beat well. Fold in flour and salt then stir in white chopped chocolate. Beat to combine, then scrape and pour brownie mix into prepared tin. Bake for about 25 minutes. Brownies are ready when top dries slightly paler brown speckle, while middle remains dark, dense and gooey. (Keep checking, because the difference between gungy and dry brownies is only a few minutes.) They will keep cooking as they cool. Cut into squares while still warm.

Pile on large plate, sprinkle with icing sugar, pushed through small sieve. Dot with some birthday candles, set them alight and enjoy the festive scene.

Mark, Kate and staff wish you a happy, peaceful and safe holiday season, and a very prosperous 2008



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