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PRESENTATION TO HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

On Monday June 25th, 4 staff members from Rio Tinto at Bell Bay visited our Hospital to present a cheque for \$2000 to the Auxiliary assisting their project to provide a new "Heart Monitor" for use at our Centre.

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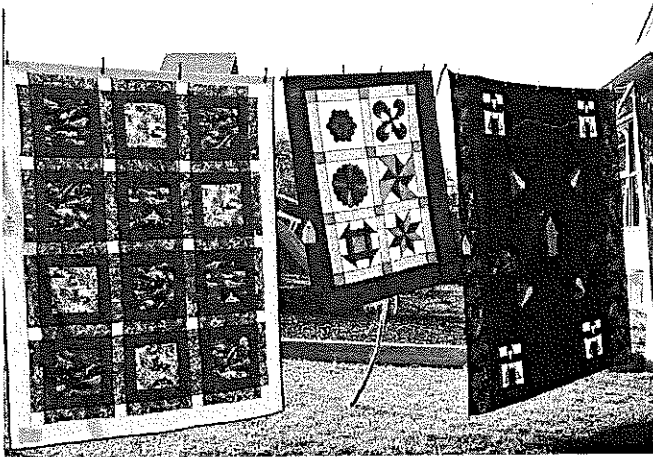
Pictured l/r: Kevin Faulkner, Karen O'Shea [Centre Manager], Matt West, Brett Maurer, Ricky Sherriff, (all from Rio Tinto) Jill Faulkner, John McGiveron [Councillor], Len Miles.

Sitting l/r: Heather Lodge, Shirley Munday, Marj Spilsbury, Colleen McGee.

Photo taken by Amy Grover. [Rio Tinto]

INSIDE TODAY:

REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES FROM
LAST WEEKEND'S
CAR SHOW AND AIRING THE QUILTS.



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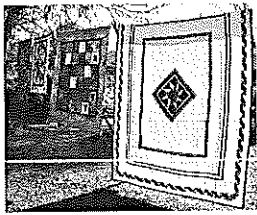
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Airing of the Quilts

Two intrepid quilters and their husbands braved the fog colourful outdoor display of quilts, organised by *& Gallery, St. Marys*. Twenty-five works of art in fabric in the Lions Park which was clearly visible from the



Many traditional patterns were snowball, puss-in-the-corner, Some original designs were on show, too, with "Oriental" by St. Marys quilter Barb McAllister attracting much favourable comment. Some bright quilts had been designed especially for babies or children (e.g. "Katy's Quilt" by Cornwall resident Kim Chappell); others featured more masculine designs. Several quilts were made with family members in mind, such as "Holden On" and "Lilac That" by Elizabeth Death of Fingal and the "Fish Design" quilt by Marj Aulich of Scamander.

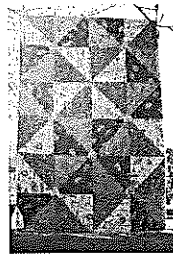
A wallhanging made by Susie Pike of St. Helens, entitled "Mariner's Compass", celebrated her family's sea-going traditions. There was even a quilt made from old jeans by Ali Kettle, who recently left St. Marys for the UK.

Most of the quilts were machine-stitched, although two quilts by Rita Summers ("Pizzazz" and "Folk Art Quilt") incorporated hand quilting and handstitched appliqué, as did the "Down Sized" quilt by Barb McAllister. Some quilters, such as Ruth Spencer and Liz Rice (both of St. Marys), displayed their very first quilts, showing that even beginners can achieve beautiful results! A very large quilt featuring lovely machine quilting was a white and black quilt made by Barbara Mellor of St. Helens.

At lunchtime, the fog lifted and the sun shone, which warmed the chilled volunteers considerably! Many people came to see the quilts, which were pegged out on old-fashioned clothes lines held up with bush poles. The park, with its lovely trees, lush grass and flowing rivulet, made an ideal setting for the event. Many people lingered to chat and enjoy the long-awaited sunshine.

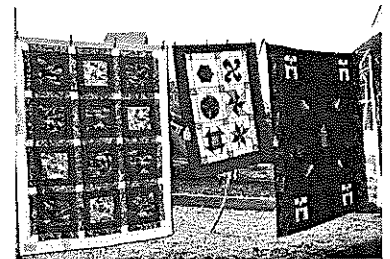
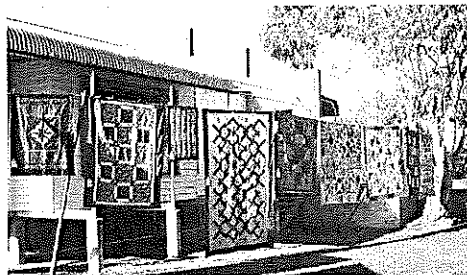
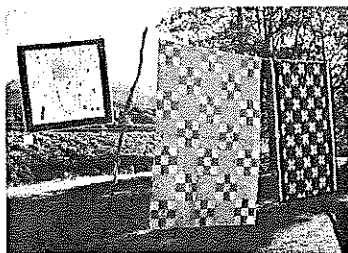
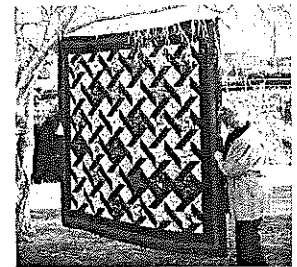
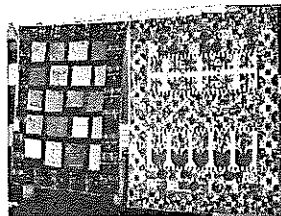
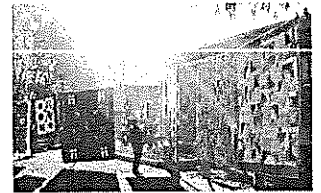
Many thanks to the volunteer quilters who helped out on the day: Barbara Mellor, Liz Rice, Ruth Spencer, Annette Lutherus and Marj Aulich. To the men who assisted, thank you also! The "airing" could not have occurred without the valuable assistance of Ian, Alan, Reon and Neil.

Plans are already underway for another *Airing of the Quilts* in 2008. More news on that in the not-too-distant future ...



and frost early on Sunday, 24th June to set up a Rita Summers of *Gone Rustic Quilt Studio* were hung that day, providing a splash of colour Main Street.

represented in the quilts, such as log cabin, friendship star, evening star and more.



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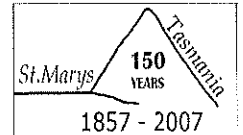
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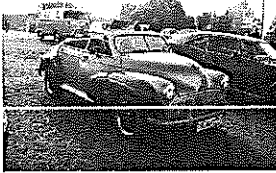
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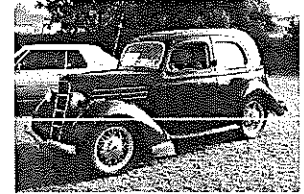
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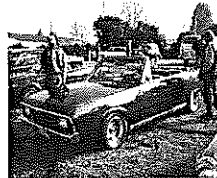
The History of Transport in St Marys closed on the 24th of June. It was a big job both in the set up and break down, but well worth it. Especially with the added bonus of the beautiful display of all the handmade quilts.



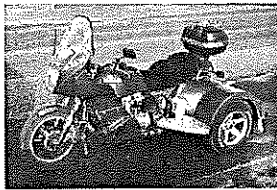
Over the course of June, SMACD made a profit of \$296.00 after expenses. This was from the donations of patrons who viewed the display. We have estimated that in excess of 400 people visited the hall. However, only a very small percentage not make a donation and one foreign currency would



event is only made possible by the kind donations from to continue, small contributions are an enormous help.



felt that they need visitor decided that suffice. This type of people who view the display and realise that for it



As we all know, money is and there are always eg insurance, advertising, organising costs etc. Most of this is met by the rganisers whose pay back is not monetary, but satisfaction from a job well done.

not in abundance expenses to be paid,



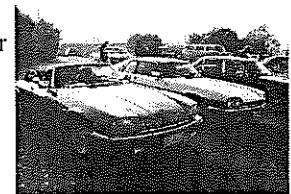
The big winners are the town, and local businesses who benefit by increased patronage and the spread by word of mouth of our great little town. The feedback from this month long event was great and a number of car clubs who could not attend have sent word that they are interested in coming next year.

SMACD would like to thank all the volunteers and the Woodcraft Guild for the donation of the two trophies.



Already there are plans for next year.

Reon Johns,
 President.



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The Say. by Cagerattler

First up, a special thank you to the Valley Voice for the 40th Anniversary issue just released. Our editor's countless long hours to put it all together, and for all those who assisted made it a very enjoyable read, and will certainly be looked at time and time again. Now just imagine what 50 years might bring.

It seems that our Council is about to introduce tip fees in the near future. This will of course take a bit of getting used to. One council staff member told me that the costs will be reasonable and effective.

I truly hope that she is right, and that we accept them in the correct way. Fair and equitable fees also, hopefully, will not be too hard on frequent users of the tip, such as those in business who have to dispose of more than usual rubbish. Cardboard (etc) in particular.

Perhaps our council should consider a year-round weekly wheelie bin collection to offset the need to use local tips as much, unless of course you have green waste, car bodies or white goods to dispose of.

Maybe council has already considered this as well.

What worries me, and most responsible residents alike, is that even small user fees might encourage some people to find alternative ways of disposing of their rubbish when their bin is already full.

Anyone walking in our bushland reserves regularly, would have seen unlawful dumping of rubbish here and there. It is not a pretty sight.

We definitely don't want this to become an even more regular practice, just to save a dollar or two here and there. Let's keep it cheap and affordable for all.

What do you think?

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Letters to the editor.

It appears that the hospital is under threat yet again. Just when this community was getting over the recent fires we are hit with this nonsense.

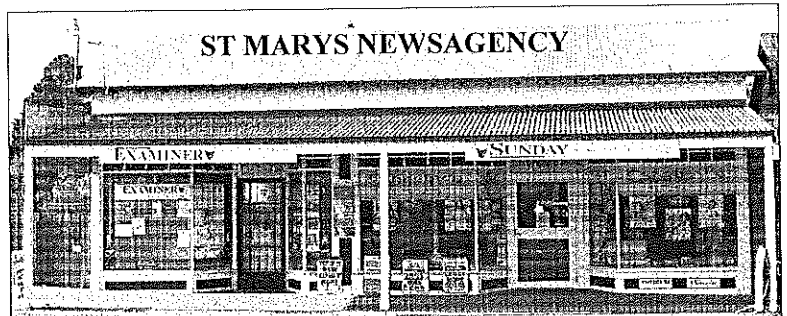
The staff and doctors are doing a great job, and under stressful conditions. All praise to them. However, the Minister for Health has seen fit to cast a shadow over this facility. We have been advised that there would be community consultation about the Hospital, but when ?????

The new medical centre in St Helens is a step in the right direction and I am sure that it will ease the pressure on the coast.

But the question of the Valley and surrounding areas remains. If the St Marys Hospital should be down graded, St Marys is still a half hour run to St Helens and if you live past St Marys then you can add on an extra minute a kilometre travel time. A long time to wait for treatment if you are in a critical state.

I think that this is an issue that NEEDS attention now.

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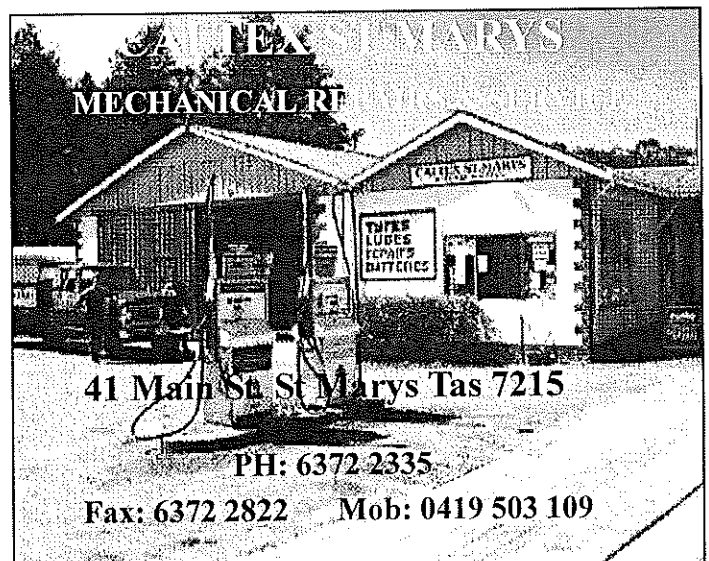
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Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. 'Wet your whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.



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I am developing a register of local artists to participate in activities like: Handmade in St Marys markets; brochures; giving art and craft courses; or even a book showcasing local talent (*Handmade in Melbourne*, a book on the same theme recently sold out).



LLEWELLYN INCAPABLE OF ANSWERING VITAL CHEMICAL QUESTIONS

No Action on Atrazine & Simazine Despite Science

The Tasmanian Greens today slammed the Minister for Water, David Llewellyn for failing to act to eliminate chemical contamination of Tasmania's water supplies, despite Atrazine having been found in the Duck, Jordan and Rubicon Rivers and the Launceston water supply, and Simazine having been detected in the Brid, Montague, Prosser, Rubicon and South Esk Rivers, as well as being detected in the Launceston water supply on four separate occasions since 2001, and called on the Minister to ban outright Atrazine and Simazine immediately.

Greens Shadow Water spokesperson Tim Morris MHA said that Professor Hayes, who recently spoke in Tasmania, said that his research had shown that Atrazine and Simazine are the most dangerous chemicals he had studied, based on their potency and prevalence in the environment, citing that Atrazine had been found to cause chemical castration in frogs even in circumstances where the chemical was in the environment at 400 times below the level set by the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

"It is glaringly obvious and frightening that Minister Llewellyn does not have an acceptable grasp on the critical issue of the ongoing contamination of Tasmania's rivers by Atrazine and Simazine, members of the Triazine group of chemicals that are not permitted to be used in Europe and have been shown to have serious consequences once in the environment even when it has been in the environment in low levels, such as recent evidence that the chemicals can cause chemical castration in frogs," Mr Morris said.

"Instead of answering my serious question about these two dangerous chemicals the Minister chose to waste Parliament's time talking about the Government's Sewerage and Water Taskforce; in order to avoid to address this serious public health issue."

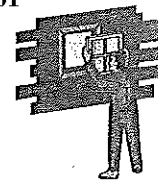
"The Government's own testing continues to show that Atrazine and Simazine are being found in a number of our rivers, and tests by Esk Water also reveals that these chemicals are showing up in the Launceston water supply."
"These chemicals should not be detected in our water supplies at any level."

"I call on the Tasmanian Government to move to have these two unsafe chemicals banned immediately in Tasmania, across both public and private lands, or Tasmanians will continue to be exposed to risks associated with these chemicals, because clearly they cannot be kept out of our drinking water," Mr Morris said.

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Dick Adams, Federal Member for Lyons, and Senator Stephen Conroy, Shadow Minister for Communication and Information Technology today held a number of public forums about the lack of broadband services in regional Tasmania.

The forums were part of an Australia wide series being held by Labor to highlight the problems that people right across the country are having accessing reliable, fast broadband.

"I'm receiving an increasing number of calls and visits from people who just can't access proper, fast broadband, or in some cases any broadband at all, Dick Adams said.

Senator Conroy used the forums to hear concerns from local residents about the issues they are having in accessing broadband, and to discuss how Labor's policy on broadband, as unveiled by Kevin Rudd several months ago, would make a benefit them.

One resident sent a written submission, explaining that he had been talking to Telstra on a monthly basis for 5 years about the lack of broadband in his area, and that although the staff had always been very courteous, they have not been able to do anything about the problem. He has been told that the copper wire technology in the area is too old, and there is no commercially viable reason to replace it.

"These sorts of issues are common right across the electorate, Mr Adams said, members of the community are also being told that there is not enough demand in their area to warrant upgrading the facilities, this is blatantly unfair, and puts regional Tasmania at a disadvantage.

"I am constantly receiving information from people, right across the state, about how they have been told that broadband will be available in their area, only to find on calling Telstra, that this information is not correct, or that there is not enough demand in their area," said Dick Adams.

Stephen Conroy was able to explain to people exactly how superfast fibre to the node broadband would help them in their daily lives.

The nation-building policy will deliver a national broadband network over the next five years. It will connect 98 per cent of Australian homes and businesses to a high speed broadband internet service at speeds over 40 times faster than most current speeds.

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9th July ⇒ Student Free Day ⇒ Dental Service	10th July ⇒ Dental Service	11th July	12th July	13th July
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SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

Next in St Marys:

- ☺ Wednesday 4th July
- ☺ Thursday 5th July
- ☺ Friday 6th July
- ☺ Monday 9th July
- ☺ Tuesday 10th July
- ☺ Wednesday 18th July

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

St Marys Dental Unit 6372 2488

St Helens Dental Unit 6376 1713

Kelham Street Dental Unit 6336 4100

Student Free Day Monday 9th July

Should any parent require supervision for their child/children on this day please advise the school and arrangements will be made on your behalf.

HORSE RIDING IN ST HELENS:



Once a fortnight, a small group of students attend horse riding in St Helens. They have been learning to trot, walk and turn their horses. The students have been playing fun games to develop a good sense of balance. These games include, riding with their arms up and out, playing Simon Says, riding relays with batons, balls, cups of water and pretend swords, follow the leader and spelling games. Everyone has made great progress with their riding skills, while having fantastic fun at the same time!





St Marys Lions Club

St Marys Sesquicentenary 1857-2007
Reunion Weekend 1&2 December 2007
Reminisce, Reunite, Reflect

WANTED

Photos – Weddings, anything to do with sport in St Marys, group photos that bring back memories (particularly those including ex-residents who may return for the reunion), houses, shops any other buildings. It looks like the High School will be coming on board and, amongst other things, be including a school reunion on the same weekend so any old school photos would also be welcome. Drop them off at the Post Office and we will copy them and return the originals.

Addresses – Any addresses of family, friends, ex-residents or anyone you think might like to attend the reunion – drop off your list to the Post Office and we will make sure they get an invitation;

Ideas/Suggestions – got an idea for something we should include? What about an idea for a lasting monument? Let us know – drop off a note or chat to Harry or Kerry at the Post Office.

What Else?

Get out those old tried and tested cake and scone recipes and prepare for the **Great St Marys Bake Off** to be held on this weekend. Also dust off the dancing shoes and practice your old moves ~~so you can dance the night away at the Great St Marys Dinner Dance to be held at the~~ Community Hall on Saturday night, 1 December. Look out for notices about dancing lessons.

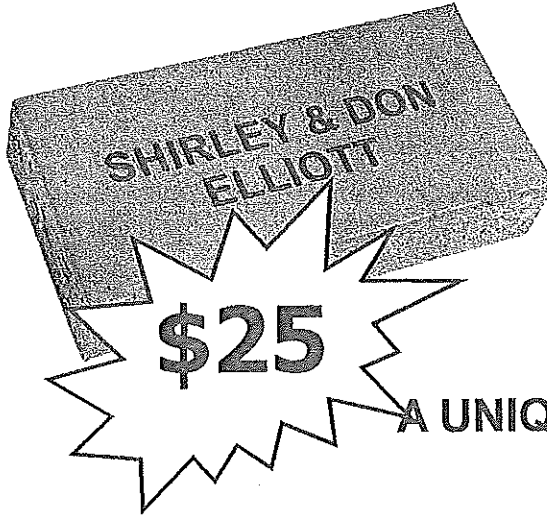
Finally any volunteer and community groups should give some thought to participating in some way (catering, stalls or whatever) as a means of fundraising or raising your profile within the local community – the Lions Club does not propose charging for participation, but rather looks forward to getting help in feeding and entertaining the big crowd of people expected in the town over the weekend.

If we work together we can make this weekend the biggest event in St Marys for 150 years.

2007 - St Marys Sesquicentennial Commemorative Paving

St Marys & Districts Families, School Classes, Individuals, Former Residents, Clubs, Interest Groups, Businesses, etc.

YOUR NAME/S WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY



SINGLE PAVER

For just \$25 you can have your name/s engraved onto a **SINGLE** paver as a record of St Marys' 150th Birthday celebrations. The paver will be permanently installed within the Main Street of St Marys for all to see for generations to come.

A UNIQUE AND HISTORICAL OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF ST MARYS' 150TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

ENGRAVING DETAILS: Print clearly in block letters. One square for each letter, number, space or punctuation mark and you can use "&" instead of "and". Maximum of 32 letters.

Simply fill out this form and return with full payment of \$25 cash, cheque or money order to:

**St Marys Lions' Club
C/o St Marys Post Office
St Marys 7215**

**For further information contact:
Peter Troode on 6372 2783 or 0412 245 666
email: addestone@bigpond.com**

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone:

Opportunity closes on the 30th September 2007
To ensure no one misses out, please tell all your friends and business associates or photocopy this form and pass it on to them.