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Vale Eric Bean



Well known and popular St Marys resident Eric Bean passed away on October 1st 2013 aged 79, after a long illness. He was one of the most liked and respected harness racing personalities in the region.

Eric Bean's interest in harness racing began in the early 1950s when he and Claire Bullock married. The Bullocks owned and trained pacers, and after Claire's father passed away Eric took over the training of two horses. He was a licensed driver from 1959 to 1974 and retained his trainer's licence until 2006.



Claire and Eric Bean.

His best horses were Chamfers Return, which won 12 races in Tasmania and many more after being sold to WA, and Karen Cross, a winner of 7 races. His last winner was Zoeana at Scottsdale in 1990.

Eric joined the St Marys Trotting Club committee in 1958 and accepted an interim position as Secretary in 1960; he held the position for 52 consecutive years.

His outstanding contribution to Tasmanian harness racing was acknowledged in 2008 when he was awarded the Edgar Tatlow Medal. Eric was quick to acknowledge the assistance he received from Claire and his extended family from a personal and club perspective. He was selfless in his willingness to share his extensive knowledge, and always ready to help others.



Eric was awarded Life Membership of the St Marys Trotting Club in 1982 and received the Meritorious Service Award from Harness Racing Tasmania in 1991.

Eric Bean will be sadly missed by all who had the honour of knowing him.

Editor.

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Community Announcements

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary meet monthly on the first Monday at 2pm in the St Marys Community Health Centre.

The **Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc** meet monthly on the last Thursday at 11am in the Goods Shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

The **Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre Inc** meet monthly on the 3rd Monday at 10am in the St Marys Community Health Centre, Day Care room.

St Marys Ladies' Midweek Tennis meet at 9.30am each Wednesday. New players of any standard and beginners welcome. Child minding included – a lovely safe place to bring toddlers while you play. Ph Karon 6372 2382 or Dana 6372 2033.

Suncoast Singers meet every Friday, 10am in the Catholic Hall Cecilia Street, St Helens. New singers are always welcome... if you can yawn - you can sing. Mary-Anne Wadsworth. 6376 2969.

St Helens Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meet every Wednesday 8pm at St Pauls Anglican Church Hall, St Helens. Ph Murdoch 6376 3335.

The **Scamander and Beaumaris Community Development Association** meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 7pm in the Scamander Sports Complex. New members are most welcome.

St Patricks Head & Esk Valley Historical Society Inc meet every second month on the third Wednesday at 3pm at various venues throughout the valley. Ph Barry 6372 5752 (aulich@bigpond.com) or Jim 6372 2127. (jimhaas@bigpond.com) www.fingalvalleyhistory.com

The **Falmouth Community Centre** contact for booking club facilities is Cherrie Schier on 0417 887 941.

The **Break O'Day Stitchers** meet each Friday in the Bungalow at Neighbourhood House in St Helens from 10 – 3. Participants are welcome to stay for as long or short a time as they choose and the choice of projects to work on is also optional - either bring your own or join in and assist on a group project.

BINGO at the Cornwall Hall every Monday at 7pm, 2 jackpots each week. All welcome.

The **Chocolate Shop Singers** meet at the Mt Elephant Fudge shop St Marys every Thursday at 5pm for informal and fun singing. Everyone welcome.

The **St Marys School Association Op Shop** opens Mon-Fri, 11-3 and market Saturdays 10-12.30. Pre-loved items will be gratefully received during these hours or can be left at the St Marys Newsagency.

St Marys Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meet every Friday 8pm at Holy Trinity. Mick & Shiril 6372 2909.

The **Cornwall Community Development Group** meet monthly on the first Tuesday at 7pm in the Cornwall Hall. All welcome.

The next meeting is 14th October 2013. Enquiries to the president on 0412 425 666.



St Marys Community Market. 1st Saturday of the Month - 9am to 1pm in the St Marys Community Hall. Ph Robina 6372 2022.



Scamander Garden Club meet monthly on the 3rd Monday at 1.30pm in the Scamander Sports Complex. Enjoy sharing garden activities. Ph Val 6372 2762.

Break O'Day Regional Arts general meetings are held on the first Tuesday of March, June, September and December at 4pm in the Supper Room of the St Marys Community Hall. All welcome. Michelle 6372 2056.

ST MARYS / FALMOUTH PLAYGROUP

Wednesday 10:30 – 12:30 at the Falmouth Community Centre

Does your child/children enjoy

- Painting and arts & crafts activities
- Riding bikes
- Playground play
- Exciting activities & celebrations
- Interacting with others?



Join us at Play Group for only a small charge of \$3 per family in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for children, mums & dads. Contact Tash Speers 0419 591 905 or Amy Faulkner 0417 152 337.

St Helens Al-Anon Family Group (Al Anon) helps families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with the problem drinking of someone close. 2pm Sunday at St Pauls Anglican Church Hall St Helens. Ph Anne or John on 6376 4270 or Rose on 6376 3335.

The **Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Op Shop** is happy to receive your preloved clothing and goods Monday to Friday 9 - 3. Donations can be collected on Mondays or items can be dropped off at the Centre. Come along, check it out and pick up a bargain. Deb Speers, Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House.

Stallholders Market Inc is a non profit organisation that holds markets every Saturday from 8-12 noon in the Portland Hall St Helens. For bookings please email sthelensmarket@yahoo.com.au

The September **Community Dinner @** the Anglican Church St Marys raised \$74.00 for the Scamander Life Saving Club. Thanks to all who attended. Spring is here and summer is on its way...Our next dinner will be a BBQ on the 19th October; arrive @ 5.30 for 6pm serving. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the food, fun and fantastic company. RSVP Kevin on 0427 062 406

The **Woodcraft Guild Meat Safe** was won by Graham Derbyshire. Graham kindly donated the prize back to the Guild for another raffle. Many thanks Graham for your generosity from all members.

Community Announcements

The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc. appreciates the time and effort that our Board of Management donates to our centre. It is a pleasure to announce our new members and to welcome back existing members.

COMMITTEE:

President: John Vincent
Vice President: Shelly Carin
Secretary: Kerry McCormick
Financial Manager: Emma Tamiaans
Public Officer: Louisa Rhodes
Kaye Johnston
Ray Syles
Peter O'Malley
David Reece
Rebecca Tuck
Gary Barnes
Wendy Brennan

STAFF MEMBERS:

Debbie Speers
Shirley Lowe
Vicky Howard
Council present with Reon Johns
Looking forward to an exciting, productive 12 months.



Combined Garage sale @ 109 Irishtown Road St Marys 12/10/2013 9am. Household/workshop/garden clearance. Brewing equipment, irrigation hose, fittings, bargain priced useful stuff. (If weather is bad it will be cancelled until the following Saturday, 19th.) Ph

A huge **'Thumbs Up'** to the lanky good Samaritan, seen last Wednesday morning picking up all the wheelie bins in Gardeners Creek Road, which were scattered every which way after all the wild weather. Good work Leigh!

For Sale

Excellent dry firewood available for \$120 per trailer load. Ph Chris 63722128. Please leave a message if no answer and we will return your call.

Atomic Industries solid copper hot water cylinder, low pressure 60 gallons, electric with heater and fireplace outlets, \$100. Ph Chris Trotter 6372 2107.

Moo poo, any quantity, finely screened - trailer load \$40, large trailer loads \$50-\$60, truck loads delivered. Ph Norm on 6372 2380.

Old 1940s style furniture, tatty but would suit serious restorer, pieces @ \$5 each. Ozito Thicknesser, has done less than an hours work, \$100. Large metal storage box 1.8x50cmx50cm, hinged lid, lockable, suitable tool box for back of ute/truck, \$50. Ph 6385 2114.

1998 Hyundai Sonata V6. One owner only. Colour: Sea Foam. Registered until November. \$5,000. Ph 6372 2155.

For Sale

1 set 2 drawers (thatched style drawers) small \$10. 1 large black computer desk with shelves & drawer \$40. 1 large white trestle table \$20. 2 small white trestle tables \$30 for both. 1 large TV unit (dark wood) 3 shelves down centre, 2 doors beside that & 2 slide out doors for DVDs \$300. 1 large cane hutch (4 shelves, 2 drawers) \$40. 1 ladies mountain bike \$20. 1 large patio gas heater (gas bottle type) \$100. 1 house gas heater \$20. 1 Original Cornwall Coal mine wagon wheel \$135.
Ph Claire 0439 654 209.

Wanted

Two 4x4 all terrain tyres 205 R16 50% + tread, and 175, 65, R14 50% + tread. Ph 6372 2584.

House cleaner, experienced lady with references \$16 p/h. Ph 6372 2584.

Gardening, odd jobs, family man \$15 p/h. Ph 6372 2584.

Condolence Notices

On behalf of the Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild and its members, we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Bean, Tracy, Ross and family on the loss of Eric... one of "Life's Real Gentlemen".

Reon Johns, President
Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild
St Marys.

The staff and editor of the Valley and East Coast Voice extend their deepest sympathies to Mrs Claire Bean, Ross and Tracy, Lee-Anne and Wayne (dec) Morris, Karon and Stephen Brown and Scott and Melissa on the loss of Eric Bean. R.I.P.

ST MARYS PASS: DIER have contacted Council to advise that St Marys Pass will be closed for a two week period (subject to confirmation) from 9 am to 3 pm – weekdays from Wednesday 6th November to Friday 22nd November for repairs. It is hoped the work will be completed before the 22nd but will be weather dependant. Elephant Pass will be open.

On this day in 1913: The Panama Canal officially joined the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific ocean when the Gamboa dike was demolished with charges of dynamite.

Community notices are free. Classified ads of 25 words or fewer are free for two issues. Advertising space is available from \$12 to \$50. Annual posted subscription is \$50.60. Articles for publication may be left at the St Marys Pharmacy, emailed to vvoicerevisited@gmail.com or posted to 12 Groom Street St Marys 7215.

Dear Editor and Readers.

Re: Article by Lynne Dawes 'Inquest and Hearing of the Death of Mary Connolly continued', Valley Voice Volume 46 No. 11 of 26/9/13, penultimate and last paragraphs, page 25, referring to a 'Dr Story'.

I am the Story family historian of the Storys who settled at the 'House of Chimneys', 'Henbury', Lena Road via Avoca, and were prominent in the Fingal Valley from 1837-1952. They gave their name to Storys Creek (via Rossarden), Storys Creek Road (via Avoca), Story Street (St Marys), Storys Road (Lebrina), Storys Road (central Castra) and also Groom and Harefield Streets St Marys (through the related family the Grooms of Harefield, 1872).

The Dr Story referred to by Lynne Dawes is most likely Dr George Fordyce Storey (with an 'e') of 'Dr Storyses' Baby' notoriety, from a foetus in a jar still at the Tasmanian University Medical Faculty. Dr Storey, according to a Peter Mercer, was a lifelong friend of Francis and Anna Maria Cotton who lived with them, possibly at 'Kelvedon', and who is buried beside them at the Swansea cemetery, although I could not find their headstones and have not yet researched his information.

This Dr George Fordyce Storey is probably the same doctor, a Quaker, who did some work with our aboriginal brothers and sisters at Wybalena in 1823, at age 23, concerning infertility caused by venereal disease. He gave his name to Mount Storey on Schouten Island and is related to the probably Scottish and Catholic Storeys related to a J.W. Storey from Colebrook and Oatlands, though initially from North-Eastern Tasmania, who gave their name to Storey Street of Oatlands.

This Dr G.F. Storey is also distinct from another Dr Story, also a 'much loved pioneer doctor from the East Coast' who leased 'Highfield' in the North-West c.1880s, i.e. Dr William Story.

In contrast, my mob of Storys from 'Henbury' are, although well-connected Anglicans and Royalists, only descended from a long line of dairy farmers (re: John Storys' famous Double Gloucester Best Cheese 13/4/1867 Launceston Show).

Whilst my Storys are probably related to Dr William Story through business and familial associates the Ford family, they are not directly related to the Dr G.F. Storeys and J.W. Storeys - even though one of us was, in fact, a J.W. Story (without the 'e', of course).

Confused? I certainly still am, and doubly so given the profusion of John and Thomas Storys thus far researched back consecutively to 1665 in Somerset.

Of course, if I were to complete the research further back I would find that all Storys, Storeys, Storrs and Stories are, in fact, related prior to 1200 in Northumberland and Yorkshire: the name Story being a Viking word meaning 'big, strong man'.

I hope my historical account has been of some interest, particularly concerning the Cottons, and all the coincidences concerning early gynaecological research.

N.B. Fungus Ergot of Rye is, of course, the base substance for making D-Lysergic acid Thalidomide -25 or L.S.D. and formerly known as 'St Anthonys' Fire'

(c.c.claviceps purpurea).

A full list of sources can be found at the Avoca Post Office and the Avoca History Museum in 'The Story Family of "Henbury" in Avoca, St Pauls Plains' © 23/4/2012 or by contacting me, the author.

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'Lewis Hill'

Royal George.

Letter to the Editor.

I reply to Councillor Johns answer to Frank Giles in the Valley voice 11/9/2013.

I find that your broad consensus of the community was of little value as you did not consult the farming community as seen at the Council meeting farmers attended.

You stated that you wanted the farming sector to pay the same as the commercial sector (9¢ in the rateable dollar), too bad this is an untruth as the commercial rate was dropped from 7.5¢ in the dollar to 6.8¢ in the dollar.

The commercial rateable value is less than the farming rateable value by about \$605,535.00 (amounts quoted from freedom of information request). By dropping the commercial rate to 6.8¢ in the dollar the Council dropped its revenue by nearly \$38,000.00; by raising the farming rate to 12.6¢ in the dollar Council would have gained \$309,699.00 extra revenue.

You seem to think that the commercial and residential ratepayers pay 85% of the bill towards Council spending, why don't you quote the amounts that Council gets from grants and assistance throughout the year - people may like to know that. There are farming sectors still paying 12.5¢ in the dollar today - why is this so?

You should also know that DIER is not responsible for lighting, Council pays the bill for street lighting.

You have been in Council long enough to know that very seldom or never does a rate increase ever get reduced in following years.

The last paragraph in your letter is nothing more than pie in the sky, nothing to do with the matter being referred to and a slur on people's intelligence.

Remember one thing, there is a limit to what people of all walks in life can pay. I was under the impression that the Council was trying to get people to come to this Municipality not drive them away.

Robert Legge St Marys

Half of all Tasmanians are functionally illiterate and innumerate.

The Director of the School Education program at the Grattan Institute, Ben Jensen, says literacy and numeracy problems in Tasmania have reached a critical point. Half of all Tasmanians between 15 and 74 are functionally illiterate and innumerate, which means their skills are below the level considered necessary for normal daily activities. The national average is about 40%. Mr Jensen says a few small schools should be closed.

"Move the students into better, larger schools then you could start to afford specialist literacy and numeracy teachers and that would benefit all students," he said.

Mr Jensen says the education system in Tasmania has a history of low expectations.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-22/>

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Food Safety Newsletter Spring 2013



SALE and USE of EGGS.

The purpose of this newsletter is to explain the new requirement for the retail sale and use of EGGS for catering purposes as stipulated by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Primary Industries (DPIPWE) and in accordance with the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code. For the purposes of Traceability as from the 26 November 2013 all eggs sold in Tasmania for retail and for catering purposes must be individually marked (stamped) with the egg producers or processors unique identification.

Please note: The term catering purposes includes food supplied to restaurants, take-aways, canteens, schools and hospitals where food is prepared or offered for immediate consumption. DPIPWE has advised that under the new Primary Produce (Egg) Regulations there will be no arbitrary threshold level for egg producer accreditation (the current Egg Industry Act provisions require a commercial producer of eggs to be accredited if they have in excess of 20 hens). So from the 26 November 2013 anyone producing or processing eggs for sale (including to markets, corner shops and roadside etc.) will need to be accredited and will need to stamp their eggs.

If you have any queries in respect to this requirement please call either Stewart Quinn (DHHS) on 62227775 or Stephen Hall (DPIPWE) on 62336883.

Phil Bingley

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

After reading the story of badminton recollections from Margaret Forsyth last issue, it also brought to mind a story, about the time Bruce and I also played badminton. Our team was called the Robins, and we were hosting an 'end of season' barbeque at our home.

We set up the back yard with tarpaulin windbreaks, seating, trestles, barbeques, eskys, etc., on the day, ready for the night time function, which was for 50 plus players and partners.

A new laundry and toilet in an out-building had been under construction for the past month, and happened to be finished that day, just in time for the barbeque.

It was a lovely evening and the party went well with lots of lovely food and drinks, continuing into the night with much merriment.

At around 2am I needed to go to the toilet, and once there, realised that there was no toilet paper.

Horror of horrors!! I now knew that I had not placed any in the recently finished building!

How embarrassing! I don't know why someone didn't tell me, or more to the point—what did they use?? It must have been drip dry for 50 or more people that night!

I don't recall what year it was, but it is probably more than 40 years ago and my face has been red ever since!

Have a laugh on me.

Judy Spilsbury.



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SCAMANDER RAMBLE

Rescheduled

Due to the last Scamander Ramble being postponed because of bad weather, it has been rescheduled for Sunday the 27th October.

The ramble will be a walk and historical study of the Old Coach Road. The old road ran from Falmouth to Scamander between Henderson Lagoon and the sand banks and has a very colourful history.

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the walk, a BYO lunch and learn about the great history of Scamander.

**Meeting place will be at the Upper Scamander
turn-off at 10:00 am For more details phone Barry
on 6372 5752 or Henry on 6372 5464**

RAE & PARTNERS

Lawyers, barristers & solicitors of
113 Cimitiere St. Launceston
visit the

St Marys Community Health Centre
every second Tuesday from 9-10 a.m.
Ph 6337 5555 for appointments.



St Marys Cricket Club A Grade T20

The T20 A grade team this year will be under a new coach, Chris Turner (myself), taking over from Craig Freiboth.

I would like to thank Craig for his dedication to cricket in St Marys over the years, and also wish him well with the Milo Cricket.

The club is taking a new direction this year with the addition of coloured uniforms, and we would like to thank C & D Excavations, our first sponsor for the 2013-2014 season. We are looking forward to having more sponsors jump on board.

I would like to have a season launch on this Saturday 12th October at 1pm at the St Marys Recreation Ground, to be followed by a short meeting at the St Marys Hotel to discuss the year ahead. If you are interested in playing cricket this year, please try your hardest to attend or contact me on 6372 2393 / 0408 308 846.

Watch this space for updates and news throughout the year.

Chris Turner.

Robespierre.

I loved Canley Vale primary school (far south western suburb of Sydney). The teachers; the atmosphere; everything. Well, that may not be quite true because as the saying goes, “nostalgia is a seductive liar”. Nevertheless, there is no doubt they were halcyon days.

Never will I forget old Seedy, our headmaster of some generations. He was masterful (no pun) in organising the willing carpenters & electricians drawn from the local P&C to plan, construct and later dismantle the big outdoor wooden stage that was used year after year for Seedy’s initiated Xmas Eisteddfod. He both surprised and pleased everybody on one occasion, with his welcoming speech to a generous crowd of parents, by declaring that he knew his nickname was “Seedy” (C. D. King).

Aided and abetted by other fine teachers, he was credited for injecting some culture into generations of kids from our rather low socio-economic region. He wrote operettas in which he co-starred with his deep tenor voice, with one of the better girl student voices, and along with the offerings from the various other classes, were always appreciated and enjoyed by everybody. Ahead of its time, the Eisteddfod was really looked forward to as an end-of-year event.

Jacky German and I were jostling to be head of the class queue one day and it got out of hand with promises to finish it after school in the bush on the way home. By then we both had cooled off and were a bit scared, but other kids egged us on so we had to go. The whole thing was pretty even and farcical with just a few hits, but I (accidentally I think) gave him a bloody nose which ended it. Sneaky Teddy Smart was a willing onlooker, but next day he dobbed Jacky & I into the Head. We thought we were going to cop it. Always a quiet and serious presence Seedy instilled respect (and a little fear). He said to us “Well what was it about?” Neither of us wanted to admit to the stupidity of the matter and said we didn’t know. He said “What! You’re funny men aren’t you? not knowing what you were fighting about? Go on then, and don’t come before me again”.

The following, and last year at primary school, he was my class teacher. One day he must have been having a wearying time, I don’t know, but a repeat year pupil sitting at the back of the class had played up. Seedy stood up and roared Lunn! come out here! - went to the back of the blackboard and drew out a fair sized cane and flayed poor old Lunny two of the best. I’ve never seen Seedy upset about anything, but he was more upset than Lunn, I think, because he apologised to the class for having to do it and told us that he loved us all.

Mr Johnson, a big, portly man who taught us 16th century English songs like Strawberry Fair – (“rifol rifol, tol de riddle rifol, rifol rifol, tol de riddle dee”). Bored stiff with these dirges we would sing, (not too loud), “eyeful, eyeful, come and get your eyeful” to break the monotony. And “Trees”! “Why do we have to have songs like that” we thought. I still find myself singing them to myself, today. (I love ‘em). But old Johnno was a wonderful bloke. Girls and boys alike considered him number one. He called his cane “Excalibur”. Felt sorry for him later when the kids were trying to press Johnno into being sports master (making life difficult for him, too, as he made clear to us).

Names still in the memory bank - Miss Hartman (kindergarten), Miss Sturgess, Mrs Bogg - (I was perpetually late - “Oh, come on Pike. Better late than never”). On the way home from school at the Xmas break, I saw her give her own copy of the class photo to a kid that missed out, exemplifying the entrenched teacher standard – the kids first, us last. They were family.

And even the sports master Harper, the unpopular disciplinarian, showed me another side to him. One day in the playground - “Pike, do you like hundreds & thousands”? – I faltered on answer (had never heard the term) – and he presented me with a cup cake. The stupid little things that stick?

They were all pleasant, inspirational people.

The years 1947 – ’49 at Liverpool Technical High School might have been viewed as some sought of penance. I hated the place. My eldest brother who did some of his prac. teaching there, said that it was common belief of fellow teachers that the morale of students and teachers, alike, was abysmal. But the place had metal & woodwork. I enjoyed learning to do stopped tenon and dovetail joints and some basics in metalwork. The librarian taught us the Dewey system and attracted us to the world of books. I forgive him becoming exasperated with me with my turn at reading to the class. Coming to “plateau” – I struggled with the french word, with ‘plat – eh – ay - you’ and then “plat –ey – you” until the Librarian cut in with “plat-oh, boy!! Plat –oh” !! Well, it’s not my fault that the French muck around with bits of the old Gaul. Ridiculous language, the French think it’s all poetry and flowers but it can be just as silly as English, ay!

To be continued... The saga of teacher/brother kidnapping me to get my Intermediate and the world that opened up for me without it.

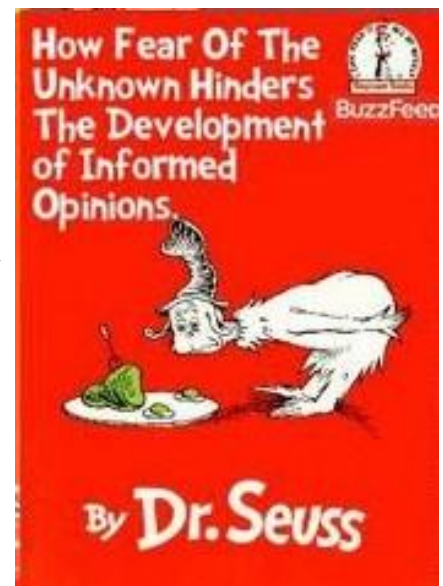
Don Pike, Four Mile Beach.

A Republican US senator has given a marathon 21-hour speech in Congress to protest against funding for president Barack Obama's signature healthcare law.

Texan senator Ted Cruz took to the senate floor in a bid to unite his party in opposition to a spending bill which will continue to fund the law, known as Obamacare.

Republicans have threatened to vote against key budget proposals and shut down the government unless the law is repealed.

The first-term senator held the senate floor well through the night, including a reading from a Dr Seuss children's book around his daughters' bedtime.



New Federal Member for Lyons Eric Hutchinson lends his support to the redevelopment of the St Helens Waterfront.



The newly elected Federal Member for Lyons Eric Hutchinson announced in early September that the upgrade of the St Helens foreshore was for him a priority under the Coalition's National Stronger Regions Fund.

The redevelopment and restoration of the foreshore in the heart of St Helens will be an attraction and provide a boost for tourism and business. The project includes the construction of a rock retaining wall and the reinstatement of a sandy beach, as well as an interactive playground and improved car parking, pathways, lighting, shade structure and barbecue area.

The total cost of the project is \$2,164,500, and if the application is successful the Federal Government would contribute 50%, with the Council contributing the other 50%.

"This fund will help communities in Lyons that are struggling with high unemployment. This includes St Helens and the Break O'Day municipality," Mr Hutchinson said. "Lyons contains some communities most impacted by the timber industry shutdown. It has some of the highest unemployment rates and lower than average wages."

Council envisages that the foreshore project would bring substantial economic benefit, as well as providing a place for locals and tourists alike to make the most of the beautiful environment that Break O'Day enjoys.

Indoor Ball Courts: Council has continued to liaise with the Federal Government in regard to the commitment provided by the outgoing Labor Government for a grant of \$500,000 to assist with the building of an indoor ball court facility at the St Helens Sport and Recreation Ground. Before the election, Council was advised that the funding was secured in the Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook which was published in early August 2013. However subsequent to this, Council received information indicating that the funding was not in fact secured and that the promise of the \$500,000 was not guaranteed under the new government. Council decided at its September meeting that if the application for \$500,000 is not successful that Council would provide an additional \$50,000 to the Netball Club to construct a new outdoor netball court and upgrade the existing courts and surrounds.

If you would like to get involved with Council's efforts to secure funding for important infrastructure projects, please write to your local member of Parliament.

Read the Briefs for Strategic Projects on Council's website at www.bodc.tas.gov.au to find out more about the projects.

Contact details for your local Members of Parliament

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Break O'Day Council meets with Rebecca White MP in pursuit of funding.



1 October 2013

Break O'Day Council met with Rebecca White MP in Hobart yesterday to discuss the next step in obtaining funding for key infrastructure projects that are needed to secure the economic future of the area. Ms White has made strong representations to the Minister for Infrastructure and the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources to ensure continued upgrades of St Marys Pass and the construction of slip lanes at the intersection of St Helens Point Road and Tasman Highway are considered as priority projects in the next round of the Community Roads Package.

In addition to the well documented sea access issues relating to the St Helens - Pelican Point and Barway Project, the condition of the wharf at St Helens is deteriorating and requires upgrading, a project that has been earmarked by State Government agency MAST (Marine and Safety Tasmania). Both these projects are priorities for Council, and Council is committed to pursuing and securing funding. Council is looking forward to working with the State Government to make an application for Federal funding for the major investment in marine infrastructure that the Barway project represents.

Ms White expressed support for the upgrading of the St Helens airstrip to benefit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the shellfish industry and to facilitate golf tourism in conjunction with the proposed Piano Coves resort and golf links to be developed south of St Helens.

Council indicated that it is preparing to engage a consultant to undertake a thorough business analysis of each infrastructure project to back up any application for funding. Council remains firm in its conviction that local infrastructure investment has been neglected for too long and maintains that sea and road access issues should be at the forefront of State and Federal priorities.

The Strategic Projects priority list and briefing documents are available for viewing on the Break O'Day Council website. For further comment please contact Mayor Sarah Schmerl on 0428 736 578

Church Ladies with Typewriters. The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours!'



Variety's Freedom Appeal granted six year old Sam a Dynamic Movement Orthosis suit. Sam has haemophilia and a spinal cord injury

resulting in paraplegia of the spine and loss of function in his abdominal and leg muscles. This provides challenges sitting, balancing and with upright movement tasks. The dynamic splint, or DMO, enables him to sit up straight allowing movements which are important for his continued physical development and everyday participation.

The suit also helps Sam on many other levels; improving posture, preventing spinal complications such as scoliosis, and aiding his digestive and respiratory systems. The DMO allows Sam greater stability, mobility and independence (a high priority on his list) by making it easier for him to manoeuvre in and out of his wheelchair, dress himself, concentrate at school and enjoy more of the things kids his own age do. He will be fitted for a new suit every 12-18 months as he grows and his posture improves.

Thank you from Lynne Dawes.

In Variety, milestones of 5, 10, 15 and 20 years service are recognised, and a 5 year service award is a commendable effort within any volunteer base. Cherie Plummer was a Variety recipient when she attended St Helens District High School 1996 and is about to participate in her 5th bash very soon.

I first started with Variety the Children's Charity 19 years ago, and have been actively involved since. On the 11th of October 2013 I will once again meet up with friends and acquaintances that like myself have experienced and have first hand knowledge of the world of disabilities.

Why do we do it? We do it for kids like Sam above. Unfortunately for these children government funding often doesn't cover the specialised equipment needed for their life quality, and their families are forced to self fund.

At Variety we understand the hardships and restrictions often faced by the families of these children so we beg, borrow and pester you to help us help them.

With Tasbash we also have the honour to interact with these children, we visit the schools, gifting various recipients, and spreading the word of Variety.

There is never enough we can do, there is always someone that has to wait, so my apologies if you've felt I've harassed you this year, but having the experience, seeing and living the reality - I am passionate for this cause. The money we raise in this state is spent on our children.

Tasmania has the smallest Tasbash fleet but this doesn't mean we have less children in need.

I would encourage everyone to come join us, the rewards are not monetary but are definitely life changing. If you're involved in a group - maybe a group of friends and ready to have a wonderful experience - please contact me or Variety and come join our little family of LIFE.

I would like to thank everyone on Cherie's behalf who have sent Variety Tasmania donations on Splash Tasbash. We look forward to reporting on our 2013 adventure!

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THE ASYLUM SEEKERS by Beverley Rubenach.

GRAY, JULY 1983 - NOT SO PLEASANT NEWS

Tuan comes to us with sadness on his face. He is reluctant to talk but honesty is the very fibre on his being. "We not plant garden anymore." We look surprised for their market garden is successful and popular. "Why?" we ask. "Two reasons," Tuan explains. "Ngoc want to go to Beaconsfield - fish processing plant near there. Much shift work there. Ngoc want to make much money to sponsor her father and brother to Australia." We could understand that, for even though Huong was set free it didn't mean he was safe from being arrested again. And as far as Ngoc's father is concerned if the authorities ever found out that he had known of Ngoc and Tuan's escape from Vietnam he too would be arrested.

"Also," Tuan continued, "Ngoc get very lonely for Vietnamese people. Other Vietnamese work at fish processing factory. I love here but love Ngoc more so we go soon."

I feel a rush of guilt. While we have included the Nguyens in all our social activities I have personally neglected social contact with Ngoc. Not from desire to be unfriendly but our fifth child was born in May and I'd been busy and tired. We know Tuan has loved the quiet peaceful life he has found here at Gray and he has felt totally at home - totally content - at one with nature and harmony with his garden but they will move on. We tell Tuan the house is theirs to sell but he is adamant. "No! It your house - I thank you but you use it to help anyone in need. You help us so much - we never forget." As Tuan turns and leaves Peter and I stare in silence at the unexpected news. Peter is the first to recover. "Remember when they wouldn't eat corn?"

Oh yes. The Vietnamese grew lots of corn for sale but we never saw them eat any. Even at social gatherings our other guests loved chomping on buttery corn on the cob but never the Nguyens. "Don't you like corn?" we finally asked them. Four heads nodded. Our friendship allowed us to be direct so we asked "Then why don't you eat corn?" Ngoc spoke first. "In Vietnam corn poor people's food. Now we in Australia we not poor people anymore!" We looked mystified so Tuan explained, "In countryside of Vietnam corn grow everywhere even along roadside. Even beggars can get corn to eat." He seemed embarrassed for Tuan wasn't a person influenced by status. We started laughing. "In Australia almost everyone eats corn - rich and poor people alike." Soon Ngoc and Tuan were laughing also. "Yes," they agreed. "Some of customers who buy corn are rich, some are poor - all like corn very much." With that revelation four pairs of hands grabbed the delicious butter-soaked cobs and munching began.

When we told people the Nguyen were leaving Gray most people were sorry to see this hard-working, gentle, friendly family leave the area. Some people were sorry for us - we had gone to so much effort to resettle them they should have stayed out of gratitude.

No! What we did we did out of love and the belief that every person has the right to freedom, we sent the Nguyen family forth on their new adventure with our love and blessings. We had done what God told us to do all those years ago - we gave a family a home, the dignity of work, the right to be who they were meant to be - the right of choice, of freedom, of life.

GRAY, AUGUST 2013

We have not heard from the Nguyens since mid 1986. Ngoc phoned to say they were now living in Melbourne. Vien and Thu were doing very well at school, Tuan was working in a post office and she was teaching Vietnamese in a private school. Sadly, her father died in Vietnam but they had saved enough money to sponsor her brother Huong to Australia. They had found the freedom they had risked their lives to find.

I am writing this without their permission but I'm sure these gracious, loving, wonderful people would sanction it in the hope that understanding, tolerance and love will prevail over ignorance, racism and fear of asylum seekers - boat people.

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I was in despair and you gave me hope.
I was afraid and you helped me find peace.
I was oppressed and you gave me freedom.*

Written by Beverley Rubenach of Gray.
6th August 2013

Many sincere thanks to Beverley Rubenach for sharing this account with the Valley and East Coast Voice readers.
Editor.



“The Much Maligned Leyland P76”.

I am sure that most people from around my vintage will remember the Leyland P76. There may have been others in the area but a couple that I can remember were a beautiful beige, top of the range V8 model that belonged to Geoff and Norma Adams and a royal blue one belonging to my ex boss, Peter Shennan, when he was the station master at the local railway depot. I believe Peter has since purchased another P76 but still owns the original car. There was certainly no denying the fact that when you saw one of these cars on the road, they were and still are one of the most easily recognised vehicles around. Originally produced to compete in the big car market against Holden and Ford, they were advertised with the boast that you could carry a 44 gallon drum in the boot. I don't know if this was a great selling point but it certainly contributed to the well known shape of the rear end of the vehicle.



In their own way they were a beautiful vehicle but had problems with the interior finish which led to cracking dashes, splitting upholstery and other bits and pieces flying off the vehicle at some point, unfortunately a famous Leyland trait. There was a lot of sarcasm, for want of a better word, about the newly released vehicle, some referring to it as a P38 as it was only half a car. Certainly an ugly duckling but there was just something about them.

Recently at a “Cranks and Tinkerers” meeting, someone mentioned that there was a rally being run to celebrate the 106th anniversary of the Peking to Paris Rally and there was a belief, or misbelief, that at one stage it was being led



by an 80 year old gentleman named Gerry Crown and his navigator Matt Bryson in a Leyland P76. A quick check on Blackie's Iphone produced the information that the intrepid couple and their car had actually won their section in the rally. The story reported that the event was taken out by the couple in the “much maligned Australian vehicle”. The report also contained references to the reliability of the car and its dominance in the off-road sections of the race. Not much of a surprise there, as the vehicle was designed for these type of conditions in Australia. There were certainly no slouches in the competition either - Mustangs, Mercedes, Volvos, Porches, Bentleys, Chevs, an FX and an EH Holden, a parade of prestige vehicles all beaten by the P76.

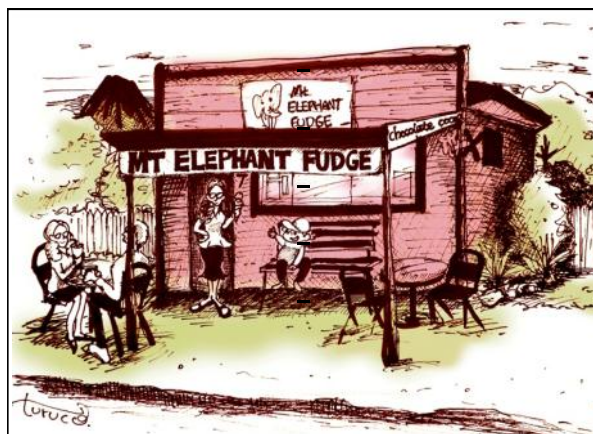
The first rally in 1907 from Peking (now Beijing) to Paris was run over a distance of 14,994km and had a field of 40 entrants but only 5 of them took up the challenge and started the race! First prize in those days was a magnum of champagne and the entire race was off road without maps or rules and not a passport in sight.

This year's event was run over 33 gruelling days with 100 entrants and 4 classes. It took the route of Peking, the Great Wall of China, Inner Mongolia, Ulaan Baatar, Telmen Lake, Russia, Novosibirsk, Omsk, Tyumen, Samara, Ukraine, Kiev, Lviu, Slovakia, Kosice, Bratislava, Austria, Schladming, Switzerland, Gstaad, France, Troyes and Paris. (Pronounce some of those after a few scotches!)

Not much was reported about the race and certainly no major headlines in the papers but what an incredible story and journey, congratulations to Gerry and Matt firstly for the win and also for restoring some pride in an Australian built vehicle, the “much maligned” Leyland P76.

By Glenn McDonald

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The bus was near the edge of the south bascule when it started to rise; driver Albert Gunter made a split-second decision to accelerate the bus, clearing a six-foot drop onto the north bascule, which had not started to rise.

The conductor broke his leg, and twelve of the twenty passengers aboard received minor injuries. The driver was later rewarded with a £10 bonus.



The Say, by Cagerattler...

At last there's been some announcements concerning the proposed Hard Rock Mine on ABC radio and in the newspaper and also the potential for some gold mining up around Mangana I believe. The new coal venture especially has the potential to create significant job prospects, has gone through final approvals and scrutiny and is slated to start within the next few months. The gold venture is a little less certain but exciting none the less.

Of course there is the direct issue of planning and implementation of the new mine/s and the people directly employed at that stage and within three years, when Hard Rock hope to be fully operational, but the bigger picture is the spin off to the whole area. Some sceptics seem to think that it might be a fly in/fly out type of operation although no-one from the company or those in the know have suggested this is the case. Last thing I heard via a local real estate agency radio interview was that housing was being sought for newcomers to the area to get the mine started and beyond.

How good would it be to see local business, property owners, schools, hospitals and supply and tender's interests getting a chance to be part of a long overdue new venture in the area?

It's also pretty clear that during the due diligence processes of environmental impact, protection for historic sites etc. little or any objection came forward which is pretty rare these days so hopefully quite soon the wheels will begin turning on either or both of these developments; maybe a fresh start for locals and newcomers alike and prosperity again to a Valley that has missed out on so much due to a lack of sustainable industry for decades. One day wouldn't it be awesome to see our young being born, educated, trained for careers and successfully employed, bringing up their own families in the area if they so desired - this might be a small step toward that.

What do you think? Rodney McGiveron.

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Dad's cars...by Grant



Mum's first and only pedal car, pictured in the early '40s.

Right; Mums' '53 100E Prefect; her first car, traded in '64 along with Dad's '59 Customline on the new XM. A family friend reckons the Prefect handled like a puppy on wet lino!



Mum and Dad with the 1953 'Cusso', pictured in the late '50s.



Mum and Dads' '64 falcon deluxe, pictured on holidays at East Devonport around 1966, traded in '67 on near new XR 500 289 sedan.



Dad and Mums' '64 XM with me on the hood! - picture probably taken soon after purchase.

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Art Party!

On 1st October 2013, Gone Rustic Studio and Gallery celebrated its 10th birthday by hosting an art party, followed by wine and cheese. About 20 guests enjoyed an afternoon of creativity and refreshments after Ian Summers ceremonially cut the ribbon across the entrance into the studio area. Guests were invited to insert a birthday message into a balloon, and the floor was soon awash with them, adding to the festive atmosphere.

The colour scheme for the afternoon was red and silver, and all the decorations followed this theme. Galvanized buckets stood ready filled with art materials, each one decorated with red and silver ribbons. Guests snacked on strawberry and cream sweets presented in red and white polka dot cups, and wine was served in matching paper tumblers. Eight prizes were given away during the proceedings, which were presented in red and white paper bags tied with red and silver ribbon. The balloons were also red and silver. The cheese platters featured Tasmanian cheeses and other delights (artfully arranged by Kevin Taylor).

Everyone was encouraged to revisit their kindergarten days, and just 'play' – and they did! A show and tell group photograph towards the end of the afternoon recorded everyone's efforts (and the occasion) for perpetuity.

In an emotional speech, Rita Summers expressed heartfelt gratitude to her husband Ian, and also to good friend Barbara McAllister. Without their support and practical assistance, she felt she would have given up many times. She also mentioned her deep appreciation for the support of the local community, especially those who attended her first workshop and have continued to participate over the years.

Rita shared that the arts-based enterprise would not have been able to keep afloat financially without taking on the Wide Span Sheds and Homes agency in 2007, which is the 'bread and butter' of the business. After some difficult years, 2013 has marked a turning point for Gone Rustic, achieving the position of second-highest seller in Australia for kit sales in March, and remaining in the top 20 nationally for several months. For a small town in the country's smallest state this is a real achievement.

For Rita, the business has been a place of restoration and healing, after suffering a breakdown exactly one year before opening the new business in 2003. Her father, the late John Niebuur, presented her with a gift of \$500 to help get it off the ground, and she initially rented the old Uniting Church in Storey Street. When that building was put up for sale, the heart-wrenching decision to move out was made – she and Ian could not afford the asking price.

When another building - the old BP garage - became available for a more affordable price, they purchased it. Ian replaced the roof; built an enclosing wall; gutted and rebuilt the old office, storeroom and bathroom; added extra windows; built a large storeroom - and made a beautiful space out of what was a very worn and tired building. He did all this while working full-time and on a shoestring budget. When he seriously injured his hand, friends stepped in and helped to complete the plastering. Other friends helped with the painting.

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Late in 2012, the garage and studio were given a facelift. A new ceiling was installed in the gallery area and both rooms were repainted, as well as the front facade. Future plans include finishing the bathroom, and repainting the remaining exterior walls. A new gallery hanging system has recently been installed along one wall, with the help of a \$100 donation from Break O'Day Regional Arts. More hanging space will be added as funds allow. To conclude, Rita shared some words of wisdom which encouraged her to continue with her and Ian's shared vision for the business, especially when times were tough:

Keep your eyes open, hold tight to your convictions, give it all you've got, be resolute, and love without stopping. Your heart's been in the right place all along. You've got what it takes to finish it up, so go to it. Once the commitment is clear, you do what you can, not what you can't. The heart regulates the hands. Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that ... take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life. My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: just go ahead with what you've been given. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

[from The Message, paraphrased by Eugene Peterson]



Ian and Rita Summers cutting the cake.



Andi and Sherryn inserting a birthday message into a ball.



Sue Weber at the sewing machine



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Rita with sister Jeanette and cousins Leonie and Joy



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If you believe news reports last week, **Iran plans to launch a Persian cat into space** in the next six months or so. What a good idea - how about launching Australia's whole cat population on a one-way mission to nowhere! It would save millions of native animals from ending up as catfood. That aside, sending a cat into space is not a novel idea. France planned to launch Felix the cat into space in 1963, but he escaped, so another cat - Félicette - got the gig.



And then there are dogs. The most famous dogonaut is Laika, pictured left. She became the first animal to orbit the Earth, aboard Sputnik 2 in 1957, but she died during the flight. Other Soviet dogonauts were luckier and returned safely to Earth. In 1960 Belka and Strelka spent a day in space accompanied by a rabbit, 42 mice, two rats and some flies. All survived. The longest space flight by dogs lasted 22 days when Veterok and Ugolyok were launched in 1966 on board Cosmos 110. China also launched two dogs in 1966 after sending up some mice and rats in 1964 and 1965.

Whole menageries of other animals have been launched towards space. The first were fruit flies aboard a US-launched captured German V-2 rocket in 1947. The US didn't have many V-2s so they also launched high-altitude

balloons carrying fruit flies, mice, hamsters, guinea pigs, cats, dogs, frogs, goldfish and monkeys to heights of up to 44km (strictly not space which can be defined as higher than 80km, but impressive nonetheless).

Australia got in on the act in 2003 when shuttle Columbia carried SpaceHab's Space Technology and Research Students (STARS) payload. Included was Australia's "Spiders in Space", a joint experiment between NASA, SpaceHab, RMIT, the Royal Melbourne Zoo and Glen Waverley Secondary College. The purpose of the experiment was to use golden orb weavers (*Eriophora biapicata*), to examine spider prey capture, web building and silk characteristics in a microgravity environment. It was also intended to foster interest in space exploration and scientific research, but ended in tragedy when Columbia broke up on re-entry.

In the early days of planning for manned space travel, experimenting with animals made good sense – but that was more than 50 years ago. Now space agencies experiment with people, with the main issues being muscle wastage, bone loss, exposure to cosmic radiation, the mental capacity to tolerate one's colleagues and so on. Even so, there will always be a place for a range of biological experiments in space.



Belka and Strelka.

Some recent experiments on the International Space Station (ISS) include:

- studying the immune systems of fruit flies and mice
- the effects of microgravity and radiation on rat thyroid cell cultures
- the lifecycle of the painted lady butterfly.

We still have a lot to learn about how life works. Whether launching a Persian cat has anything to do with science is another matter.

Some serious scientists contend that Nature herself experimented with life in space long ago. The idea is that life in our solar system arose first on Mars and was transported to Earth aboard rocks blasted off by the impact of an asteroid.

It is possible, but there is absolutely no evidence one way or the other. It seems inevitable that we will return to the moon, if only because of geopolitical

imperatives. Some of us might live to see astronauts on Mars, in which case we will look back on Laika and others as pioneers – man's best friend indeed. But can Persian cats be trusted? I doubt it.

By Malcolm Walter, Professor of Astrobiology at University of New South Wales

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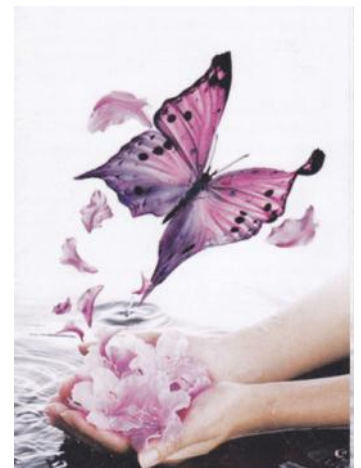
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The Bleat

This story is about an elderly couple and has been adapted to suit the local environment, and may I say is untrue. As far as I know.

It was peak time in the Coach House Restaurant when an elderly couple came in and sat at a table against the wall. The gent went to the counter and ordered a hamburger, minimum chips and a coffee then went and sat opposite his wife; pretty soon the order was delivered to the table. Customers noticed there was only one hamburger, one platter of chips and one coffee and some concern seemed to flow between them. One kind gent went over and offered to buy another hamburger for them, they obviously looked like pensioners but they thanked him and declined and said it was ok, they always shared everything. The old man cut the hamburger in half and proceeded to eat but the old lady just sat and occasionally took a sip of coffee.

The concerned customer again asked "Could I buy a hamburger for the Lady?" but again they said all was ok. The old man had just eaten half the 'burger and was wiping his mouth when the concerned customer came again to the table and tried to convince them to have a hamburger that he would buy for them. But again they said no, they always shared what they had. The chap smiled in resignation and asked why then was the old lady not eating? She replied "I'm waiting for the teeth."

Things are not always what they seem, make your assessments of others carefully or you could be embarrassed by your blunder. But never be too reserved to offer help to another.

I speak to the youngsters now and ask you to continue to be outgoing and polite, not be one who uses bad language, particularly in public. Find the good things in life and value them greatly because to do otherwise is foolishness and will only end in pain and suffering, maybe not yours but perhaps to someone you love. It is good to live in a community where youngsters are as good as the ones in the valley - keep up the good work gang!!!!

David Brewster Chain of Lagoons



Princess Elizabeth received this Shetland pony as a fourth birthday present.



UPDATE ON ST MARYS SALVATION ARMY.

Most people would already be aware that the St Marys Salvos has been able to take up residence in our new home, once called the 'St Marys Old Kindy'.

For the new people to the town, the 'Old Kindy' means the largest room beside the current St Marys Online Centre and behind the Town Hall.

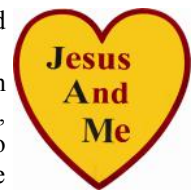
We would like to thank the St Marys District School for its wonderful support and trust in allowing the Salvation Army to rent its premises.

While we are sad to have lost the use of the beautiful 130 year old Church, we are excited about the prospects of a new beginning for all aspects of the St Marys ministry.

There are others to whom I am immensely grateful: my husband Roger, Don and Val Brown, Stuart Kerr, Peter Binns, Bruce Glatte, Lisa and Catherine Bean, Pamela Mayes, Paige Singline and Jeanette del Santo.

Please watch this space for an open invitation for all the JAM families, children and members of the public to attend a special opening occasion for the St Marys Salvation Army.

Melanie Norton



The Tasmanian Government admits it is struggling to control feral cat populations.

The Attorney-General Brian Wightman has told State Parliament he no longer knows how many feral cats there are in the state. He says the government is reviewing cat laws to work out how best to tackle the problem, but there will not be any changes during this term of Government.

"I must say that eradication is a very difficult task because of the numbers," he said. "Where we have been successful, working with NRM North for example, places like Bellingham, is being able to eradicate certain pockets of feral cats by catching them in cages. Obviously cat management and the Cat Management Act was a really positive and proactive step for dealing with particularly threatened species and wildlife in Tasmania. We know that have a feral cat problem, we have a serious feral cat issue in Tasmania, in fact, I couldn't give you an approximate estimate of the numbers here in Tasmania." Mr Wightman also told Parliament the growing problem of feral cats is affecting threatened native species.

Gisele Bündchen is the highest paid model of 2013 at \$42 million.

Her biggest source of income remains her merchandising partnerships, which include a lingerie line, multiple accessory collections and her Ipanema flip-flops collection.

This year, Bündchen also replaced Beyonce as the face of H&M, reportedly beat out Rihanna for Chanel and took over David Yurman from Kate Moss as a brand ambassador.



Correction to Part 5. The photo is of Dr Story, (1800- 1885), submitted in error when editing from my original family written version. Dr George Fordyce Story was a close friend of Francis Cotton, father of the accused. Dr Story was a fellow Quaker who emigrated with Francis Cotton and his family. He is influential on the medical panel that presents evidence to the death of Mary Connolly. He pays the bail for John Cotton. Dr J.F. Story was a respected doctor and pioneer to Tasmania. Later in life Dr Story loses his sight and lives at the Kelvedon property until his death, with the Cotton family. Dr Story is buried in the Cotton family cemetery at Kelvedon, alongside his long term friend Francis Cotton. In my family version I've looked at many of the individuals and in some cases I've tracked their family trees, and summarised a lot of information to create an understanding and background to the account...however, for the general reader without familial connections I've had to truncate the information to maintain interest and momentum.

Constable John Connolly, of Spring Bay, part 6... Inquest and Hearing of the death of Mary Connolly continued. Doctors differing opinions, by Lynne Dawes.

The Police Magistrate was quite prepared to admit with the counsel for the defense that there was no reason to suppose that the prisoner did anything in this matter without believing it was for the benefit of the girl. But that was not the point to be considered at the present time. The case was one which must of necessity rest on the medical testimony.

A panel of doctors were formed to discuss and examine the evidence to help reach a verdict. Drs Bright, Turner, Perkins and Turnley all presented opinions to the jury based on the evidence of the case. In that medical testimony the four witnesses examined agreed on certain points. They all agreed that death resulted from rupture of the womb and that the rupture did not occur on the Friday morning as the prisoner stated in his letter, but on the Saturday afternoon. They also agreed that the rupture was caused by the operation of the prisoner upon the girl.

But coming to the point, which was really the turning point of the whole case, as to whether the prisoner displayed gross want of caution or gross want of skill, the medical testimony differed; there was considerable discrepancy in the evidence of the different witnesses. Drs Bright and Perkins said there was a gross want of skill on the prisoner's part, while Drs Turnley and Turner did not think there was any very gross want of skill. Dr Turnley however seemed to qualify that he could not say what amount of force was used by the prisoner in the traction, which nevertheless was the cause of the injury. Dr Turnley said that if great force was used it was dangerous and likely to produce rupture, but the evidence did not show what force was used, and therefore there was no evidence to show that the prisoner was guilty of gross ignorance. Dr Turnley, therefore, might be said to be neutral on that point. Then there was the evidence of Dr Bright, and looking at that gentleman's high position in the profession and at the large experience in childbirths he had had, and looking at the fact that he was the only one who had ever seen a case of rupture of the walls of the uterus... Dr Bright stated that the mode of procedure was wholly unsurgical, and therefore he gave his opinion that the prisoner exhibited a gross want of skill in his treatment of the girl. They had therefore two witnesses on one side and two on the other, and looking at this diversity of opinion, he was not prepared to say that there was no probable presumption of the guilt of the prisoner.



Kelvedon graveyard - Francis, Anna and Maria Cotton, and Dr Story.

Mr Jackson for the Defendant "There was no doubt Cotton did possess a certain amount of knowledge. All the medical men agreed that, as the girl was treated on the Friday morning, nothing more could have been done. As usual, the medical testimony showed discrepancies. Dr Bright said it would have been wrong to have attempted to extract the foetus on the Friday; Drs Turnley and Perkins said they would have removed it on the Friday. As to the girl being about the house on that day, he would admit that, if she had been skipping about the house as stated there was no rupture then, but the fact was that the girl never left her room after 5 o'clock on Friday morning. That fairly cleared that way. It might be said that this was borne out by the evidence of Mrs. Arnold but he would submit that that evidence ought to be very carefully considered before it was accepted. He believed Mrs. Arnold desired to speak the truth but she was afflicted, and was incapable of giving a coherent account of the case. Reverting for a moment to the medical testimony, he submitted, from the evidence of Drs Turnley and Perkins, that this was not a case which should go to the grand jury. They both agreed that the rupture might have been caused even if a skilful person had been present. The prisoner had not displayed any gross neglect; he had done all that he could do. He (Mr. Jackson) trembled at the consequences if there was a committal or a conviction in this case. People in the country who had been in the habit of rendering medical assistance to their neighbours would, if asked to attend a case, put their hands in their pockets and decline to do so, because, they would say 'we render ourselves liable to the law should anything occur.' He would simply conclude by quoting the words of Lord Hagan, 'God forbid that mishaps of this sort should render a man guilty of manslaughter or murder.'"

The Coroner "The bottle from which the medicine was taken was full when it was used, it had Mr Hinsby's label on it, and another marked 'poison.' I believe Mrs Arnold, the nurse, was aware of it being given to deceased. It is not usual to keep such medicine in country houses, except persons who act as medical men in cases of emergency. I have attended, myself. But I never gave that medicine, and I never knew anyone to have it in their home before. I am aware that this is a very dangerous medicine in the hands of anybody, even in the hands of a medical man; it is a deadly poison. I concurred with Mr. Cotton in the administration of the medicine."

The Foreman "I believe if a similar case occurred in an establishment of mine I would have sent for a medical man at once. When the girl died, Mrs Cotton went into hysterics. Mr. Cotton sent for a doctor next morning. Mr. Cotton told me that he had sent for this medicine in anticipation of a case he was engaged to attend, and said if the medicine was no good the chemist deserved to be hanged as the lady might have saved her life through it."

Dr Turner was then recalled and said that after hearing Mr Allison's evidence he believed the woman had died through hard labour, in consequence of the child being dead.

The coroner then summed up, calling the attention of the jury to several remarkable things in the evidence. Mr Cotton saying so long before the event that the deceased would die at this particular time, and taking no precaution for her safety; and the medicine which, according to the medical testimony, is the only one that will produce the effects of which this girl died, is found to be in the hands of Mr Cotton and administered to the deceased. The evidence of Dr Turner was that Mary Connolly came by her death through protracted labour and this was caused by the child being dead.

Now the question for the jury was how did the fetus come by its death, for if it was by means of any medicine given to procure abortion, then the giving of that medicine would be the cause of the girl's death, but it was for them to say if they were satisfied with the evidence or would they wish for an adjournment; if so he would grant it to any day the jury wished. (This was declined by the jury.)

The Coroner "I leave the case now in your hands, and you will understand that you are here to inquire how Mary Connolly came by her death. You are to spare no man for fear, favour, or affection, and to present no man from malice or ill will."

After some time the jury brought in a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, that the deceased had died through hard labour, and attached the following rider: "The jury are of opinion that Mr Cotton's conduct in not attempting to procure a medical man is highly reprehensible, as had there been one in attendance, in all probability the life of Mary Connolly would have been saved."

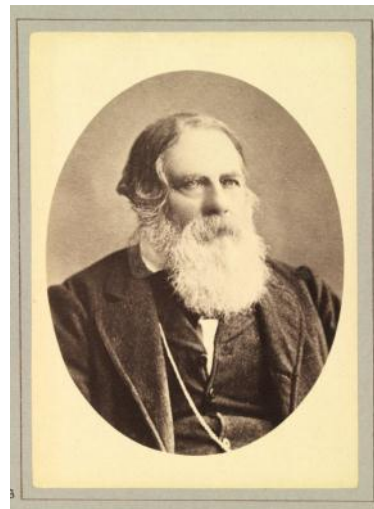
The Mercury reports "THE ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER CASE. We understand that the Attorney-General has found no bill against Mr John Cotton of Earlham, Swansea, who, after a protracted enquiry before the police magistrate, in which he was defended by Mr Jackson, was, on the 18th September committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter. The circumstances are fresh in the memory of the public, and need not be again opened up. Of the four medical gentlemen examined at the police office only one (Dr Bright), gave evidence which would have tended to distinctly support a charge of manslaughter against Cotton. In such circumstances the Attorney General, we understand, requested Drs Agnew and Smart whose obstetric practice is large, to go carefully through all the evidence, both medical and lay. These gentlemen have done so, and have made a most full and exhaustive report on the case. While differing in details, they concur in the opinion that the cause of the death of Mary Connolly (rupture of the uterus) was produced by natural action, and not by the manual violence that would have alone supported an Indictment for manslaughter."

To be concluded...



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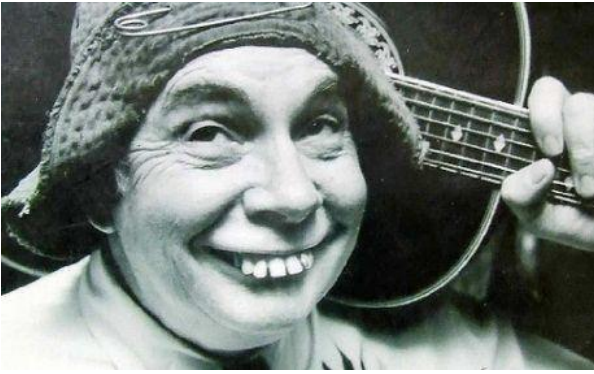
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Morgan was born in Wondai, Queensland and raised by his grandparents. He was discovered through Australia's Amateur Hour radio program and started recording with Regal Zonophone (a subsidiary of EMI) in 1952. His songs are peppered with Australian slang (one CD compilation is called *Sheilas, Drongos, Dills and Geezers*).

Morgan has toured extensively, including the Slim Dusty Show, the All Star Western Show and his own Chad Morgan Show. He has been prolific in his recorded output and live performances. He was inducted into the Australasian Country Music Roll of Renown in January 1987 and awarded an OAM in 2004.

Morgan has appeared in two films, *Newsfront* and *Dimboola*.

When Gordon Parsons wrote the song "Pub With No Beer", Morgan wrote the words down and wrote one verse of his own. He was dubbed the "clown prince of comedy" by Slim Dusty. He has recorded a duet with John Williamson, "A Country Balladeer". He has had platinum and gold album sales and is one of Australia's most popular country music artists. Morgan has played all over Australia in all manner of places from tents to trucks to clubs and pubs, festivals, the Sydney Opera House and even a circus. Among many others he has toured with Slim Dusty, Normie Rowe and Mental As Anything.

Artists who have impersonated Morgan in their shows include Col Elliott, John McSweeney and John Williamson.

Tex Morton once described Morgan as the only original country music artist in Australia.

While touring Australia Morgan made sure he had fun. If he wasn't racing cars off the highway, he was playing a modern game of William Tell with a .303. Morgan explains "Trevor Day & myself were travelling outback Queensland, we stopped beside a billabong for lunch. Well I had me .303, doing some roo shooting as we went. Trevor yells out "Hey Morgan, you reckon you're good, see if you can take this can off me head at 50 yards." I said "No, better not." Trevor said "You haven't got the guts, uh?" "Well, it was 50 yards off the shoulder, I took that bloody can off his head."

False rumours of his death began to surface after an announcement on radio station 4GY. The radio station later apologised for the rumour.

Morgan is one of the last pioneers of Australian country music and still very active, touring Australia bringing his comical songs to fans of three generations. He is a master of audience control and remains one of the biggest draw cards in the history of Australian country music. He was awarded a Lifetime Achievement award at the 2010 CMAA Awards, the first person to be honoured with this award.

Morgan has two sons (Chad Jr and Allan) and a daughter (Janelle).

The Sheik of Scrubby Creek was his debut album, below are the tracks:

1. "I'm the Sheik of Scrubby Creek" – 2:23
2. "You Can Have Your Women, I'll Stick to My Booze" – 2:17
3. "The Bachelor's Warning" – 2:27
4. "The Shotgun Wedding" – 2:27
5. "The Duckinwilla Dance" – 2:38
6. "The Answer to the Bachelor's Warning" – 2:26
7. "The Sheik Goes Courting" - 2:29
8. "The Dinkum Dill" – 2:11
9. "It's No Fun" - 2:19
10. "Chasing Sorts in Childers" - 2:20

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chad_Morgan

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Fallingwater is a house designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright in 1935 in rural southwestern Pennsylvania. The home was built partly over a waterfall on Bear Run in the Mill Run section of Stewart Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Hailed by *Time* shortly after its completion as Wright's "most beautiful job", it is listed among *Smithsonian's* Life List of 28 places "to visit before you die."

The Kaufmanns owned property outside Pittsburgh with a waterfall and cabins they used as a rural retreat. When the cabins deteriorated, Mr. Kaufmann contacted Wright. Wright decided on a cantilevered structure and in December 1935 an old rock quarry was reopened to the west of the site to provide the stones needed for the house's walls. The final working drawings were issued by Wright in March 1936 with work beginning on the bridge and main house in April 1936.

The construction was plagued by conflicts between Wright, Kaufmann, and the construction contractor. Uncomfortable with what he saw as Wright's insufficient experience using reinforced concrete, Kaufmann had the architect's daring cantilever design reviewed by a firm of consulting engineers. Upon receiving their report, Wright took offense and immediately requested Kaufmann to return his drawings and indicated he was withdrawing from the project. Kaufmann relented to Wright's gambit and the engineer's report was subsequently buried within a stone wall of the house. After a visit to the site in June 1936, Wright rejected the stonemasonry of the bridge, which had to be rebuilt.

For the cantilevered floors, Wright and his team used upside down T-shaped beams integrated into a monolithic concrete slab which both formed the ceiling of the space below and provided resistance against compression. The contractor, Walter Hall, also an engineer, produced independent computations and argued for increasing the reinforcing steel in the first floor's slab. Wright refused the suggestion. While some sources state that it was the contractor who quietly doubled the amount of reinforcement, according to others it was at Kaufmann's request that his consulting engineers redrew Wright's reinforcing drawings and doubled the amount of steel specified by Wright.

In October 1937 the main house was completed. The home and guest house cost US\$155,000, broken down as follows: house \$75,000; finishing and furnishing \$22,000; guest house, garage and servants' quarters \$50,000; architect's fee \$8,000. The total project price of \$155,000 and adjusted for inflation, is the equivalent of approximately \$2.6 million in 2012. A reflection of the relative cost of the project in its time is that the cost of restoration alone in 2009 was reported at \$11.4 million.

Fallingwater stands as one of Wright's greatest masterpieces both for its dynamism and for its integration with the striking natural surroundings. The extent of Wright's genius in integrating every detail of his design can only be hinted at in photographs.

The fireplace hearth in the living room integrates boulders found on the site and upon which the house was built — ledge rock which protrudes up to a foot through the living room floor was left in place to demonstrably link the outside with the inside. Wright had initially intended that the ledge be cut flush with the floor, but this had been one of the Kaufmann family's favorite sunning spots, so Mr. Kaufmann suggested that it be left as it was. The stone floors are waxed, while the hearth is left plain, giving the impression of dry rocks protruding from a stream. Integration with the setting extends even to small details. For example, where glass meets stone walls there is no metal frame; rather, the glass and its horizontal dividers were run into a caulked recess in the stonework so that the stone walls appear uninterrupted by glazing. From the cantilevered living room, a stairway leads directly down to the stream below, and in a connecting space which connects the main house with the guest and servant level, a natural spring drips water inside, which is then channelled back out.

Bear Run and the sound of its water permeate the house, especially during the spring when the snow is melting, and locally quarried stone walls and cantilevered terraces resembling the nearby rock formations are meant to be in harmony. The design incorporates broad expanses of windows and balconies which reach out into their surroundings. The staircase leading down from the living room to the stream is accessed via movable horizontal glass panes. In conformance with Wright's views, the main entry door is away from the falls. On the hillside above the main house stands a four-bay carport, servants' quarters, and a guest house. The guest quarters feature a spring-fed swimming pool which overflows and drains to the river below. After Fallingwater was deeded to the public, three carport bays were enclosed to be used by museum visitors to view a presentation at the end of their guided tours on the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (to which the home was entrusted).

Fallingwater inspired the fictional Vandamm residence at Mount Rushmore in the 1959 Alfred Hitchcock film *North by Northwest*.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuZ0x5Qkgzg>



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Francis Thorp (1789-1869)

As I researched this branch of my husband's family tree, I encountered some variations in the spelling of surnames across several generations of the Thorpe family (also known as Tharpe or Thorp). My guess is that the Tharpe variation came about because of the prevailing regional accent; the earliest ancestor on record I could find is Francis Tharpe, who married Anne Norman on 10th October, 1761 at North Mimms in Hertfordshire, England.



*St Marys Church, North Mimms,
Hertfordshire.*

As was the custom in many families, they named their eldest son Francis after his father. His surname is recorded as Thorpe at his marriage to Sarah Monty, which also took place at North Mimms. In those days, families often lived for generations in the same town or village, and this family seems to be no exception.

Their son, also called Francis (now with the surname Thorp, probably due to a clerical error), broke with tradition and left his home town to enlist when he was eighteen years old, travelling extensively in his rank as private in the British Army from 1807-1835.

Francis ultimately arrived in Sydney on 26 June, 1819 on the ship *The Baring* while he was a soldier in the 73rd Regiment. Francis' third wife, Sarah, travelled with him; their daughter, Elizabeth (this time registered as Thorpe), was born en route on 10th May 1819. *The Baring* was a convict

ship, having sailed from The Downs, Kent, England on 27 January that same year and spending a total of 150 days at sea. The number of males (mostly convicts) was 300 when the ship embarked; on arrival in Sydney they numbered 290. (This voyage was the ship's second trip to Australia; the first took place in 1815, also to convey convicts.)

David Reid was Surgeon Superintendent on board for both trips, and probably helped to deliver Elizabeth at her birth. He also served in this position on *Providence* in 1822. He later settled in the County of Argyle, where he was a magistrate and Justice of the Peace.

[An interesting sideline to the 1819 voyage is that *The Baring's* Captain Lamb was the subject of an investigation as a result of charges made by L. H. Halloran "re:- conduct of convict boys". (Reel 6048; 4/1742, pp. 113-123) Charges (perhaps counter-charges?) were also made against L. H. Halloran. (Reel 6048; 4/1742, pp. 1260137, 138-139, 144-145)]

In Tasmania, Francis served in the 63rd Regiment (as did his future son-in-law George Aram, mentioned in a previous article). Like George, he also opted to stay behind in Van Diemen's Land rather than leave with his regiment. His record of service states that he was a soldier for a total of 25 years and 95 days. His active service ended on 31 October 1835, when he was recommended "to be discharged in the Colony and placed on furlough with net pay on the 1st September 1835 in accordance with Article 55 of the Pension Regulations of the 14th November 1829." He was classified as 'invalid', or not valid, which meant that he was still on the payroll but not in active service. However, if any duty needed to be filled that was not covered for a time, 'invalid' personnel could be called in (eg. for guard duty in a garrison if there was a gap between the departure and arrival of changing regiments).

Francis' wife Sarah died in 1833, two years before he left the army and the same year their youngest child was born. Francis was now left to care for their family of eight children aged twelve years and under. He married Hannah Sullivan three years later, which would have eased his burden considerably. I wonder how much responsibility was carried by his eldest daughter Elizabeth in the intervening time, who was still a child herself when her mother died.



*73rd Regiment of
Foot uniform
early 1800s.*

Later, Francis is recorded as serving as a mounted trooper in and around Launceston. At that time, the Court and Police Offices were situated in Paterson Street, as was the Female Factory (on the site where Launceston College now stands). Some years earlier, Governor Lachlan Macquarie had given instructions to Captain John Murray of the 73rd Regiment to 'establish as good a police in the settlement as your means will permit', and started a Police Fund in 1810 to finance the project. The income for the fund came entirely from import duties on spirits, but did not include funding for wages. Consequently, free men were reluctant to join, as there was no pay and only a very basic issue of shoddy clothing and rations. The ranks had to be bolstered by ticket-of-leave men (such as James Gunyon, mentioned in a previous article in this publication).

In the 1848 Tasmanian Census, Francis Thorp (here listed as Thorpe) is noted as living in a brick cottage in Hadspen with a family of 7 people, including himself. The cottage was owned by William Dean. Francis is recorded as Householder, Employer of Servants, and Person in Charge.

His death notice, which appeared in "The Cornwall Chronicle", read:

"On 19th June, at *Entally*, Mr. Francis Thorpe, formerly of Her Majesty's 63rd Foot, aged 88 years."

Another source read:

"Death of a veteran, Mr. Francis Thorpe of *Entally*. Deceased entered the army when eighteen years of age, and continued in the service for upwards of thirty-three years. He was one of the daily diminishing few of the Peninsular

heroes, having amongst the numerous conflicts of the period been in the celebrated engagements of Ciudad-Rodrigo, Badajoz and Salamanca. Notwithstanding the almost unprecedented length in this colony, where, as time rolled on, he came surrounded by an interesting family of twenty-four children." (So far, records of fifteen of these children have been found.)

Francis' daughter Elizabeth had married George Aram in 1836, to whom she bore eight children. Their youngest child was less than a year old when George tragically died of dysentery in January 1854. Later that same year, Elizabeth married James Mager. There was no widow's pension in those days, and widows without an income (especially with children to rear) would have had few options open to them apart from marriage. [George died intestate, and in the documents relating to the allocation of his property, she is listed as a shopkeeper.]

However, the Cornwall Chronicle featured a notice from the Government Gazette of 21 March 1854, which stated that the Lieutenant-Governor had appointed Elizabeth to succeed her late first husband in the post office at Breadalbane, in the position of postmistress. So she would at least have had some financial independence.

In 1903, Elizabeth Mager was listed on the Federal Electoral Rolls as Elizabeth Major. Her address was given as Breadalbane and her occupation as domestic duties. (Roll No. 60; Division Wilmot). She died in 1906, in Brisbane, Queensland.



Shako, 73rd Regiment 1802

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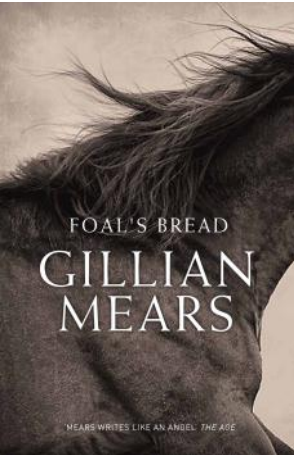
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Book Review

This month the Mt Elephant and Beyond Book Group read *Foal's Bread* by Australian writer Gillian Mears. This novel has won a number of awards including the 2012 Prime Minister's Literary Award.

The 'Preamble' introduces the landscape of the novel and soon reveals that *Foal's Bread* will be no romantic rural idyll. Making her way through this landscape is Noah Childs, and 'in her fourteen year-old womb [is] a dead uncle's baby.'

Foal's Bread is Noah's story. It is 1926 and she is droving pigs with her father, travelling from farm to farm in northern New South Wales. Barely aware that she is pregnant, she acts purely by instinct in delivering her child, alone one night in the camp.



Apparently to conceal the birth, she lays the baby in a butter box and floats him off down the creek, an action that is to haunt her for the rest of her life. Her baby, 'the little mister', is an unseen presence in the novel and readers constantly expect him to turn up alive and well. But this is not a predictable book and that is never going to happen.

Shortly after the birth, Noah meets Roley Nancarrow, a champion high jumper on the horse show circuit, and they are instantly drawn to each other. For luck he gives her a piece of dried foal's bread, a substance that is often found in the mouths of newborn foals and is thought to bring good fortune. The couple later marry and Noah goes to live on the Nancarrow property, One Tree Farm.

Initially, Noah and Roley are very happy together despite her tense relationship with her mother-in-law. Roley's mother is bitterly disappointed by his choice – Noah Childs of all people, with her brutal father, drunken aunts and Aboriginal heritage - Minna expected something better for her golden boy.

Work on the farm is hard and unrelenting but Noah is used to hard work and there is always the jumping. The exhilaration of sailing over the jumps at the various shows lifts Roley and Noah out of the tedium of their everyday life: they are champions. Both their children - Elaine, known as Lainey, and George, who has Down's Syndrome – have inherited their parents' love of horses and talent for riding. The foal's bread seems to bring the family luck in the jumps but not in life. After Roley is struck by lightning for the third time, he develops a creeping paralysis with an inevitable outcome. The end of Noah's story is stunning but its edge is blunted by the final chapter or 'Coda' when Lainey returns to the district decades later after a successful career as a show-jumper. For many readers this ending is clumsy and a disappointment after what has gone before.

The novel is heavily textured with many themes, some of which are handled with great skill. The topic of incest can be a difficult one but Mears weaves this subtly through the story. At the beginning of the novel Noah believes that she loved Uncle Nipper: he was kind to her and made her feel special. She represses the reality of the situation until much later when she admits to herself that she did not enjoy his 'games' and, when history looks like being repeated, she takes extraordinary action to protect her own daughter.

Roley's illness, described in the novel as a creeping paralysis, is informed by Gillian Mears' own experience of multiple sclerosis and his frustration as he loses his powers seems very real. Other themes are skipped over – some readers feel that more could have been made of contemporary attitudes to Aboriginality, for example.

There are many stories written of people struggling to survive on the land during the depression in Australia but the language and writing style put *Foal's Bread* in a class of its own. Mears has a great affinity for the land and its seasons, and her prose is quite lyrical. She also has an ear for the vernacular of the times: the characters' manner of speech is old-fashioned to modern ears but so evocative of the time and place. Her years of research on the high jumping competitions that were once a feature of shows and her own love of horses are very evident in her descriptions of the events.

There are many grim moments and for many readers it is a bleak novel, with its incestuous abuse, the lonely birth of the little mister, Roley's illness, the ill-treatment of the horses and Noah's struggle with alcoholism. There is a lot of shame and guilt and jealousy but there are also moments of joy and love - in Noah and Roley's early married life, the family's unconditional acceptance of George in the face of advice to put him in an institution, and of course the pure exhilaration of jumping.

The subject matter means that *Foal's Bread* is often a challenging read but it is so well written that it is worth the effort.

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6 ways to spend less at the Grocery Store

How many times do you go into a supermarket each week? Why do you go? Do you do a big shop and a little one? Do you forget things and then have to go back? Do you wait until you run out of food and then go in to buy a few meals worth? Do you shop every day for what you need that night?

You might not have thought about this, but let me tell you the big two supermarkets are onto it. If you go into a supermarket more than once a week without a clear plan, they LOVE you. The more trips you take through their doors, the more you are likely to spend at each shop. And they have perfected the art of getting you to spend. If you go in without a list, they love you more because you'll be open to all their promotions and suggestions. Supermarkets can offer great convenience but just because they open flexible hours and are a one-stop-shop for all the things you need, don't be fooled into thinking that their main game isn't taking as much of your money as they possibly can.

Never go into a grocery store hungry. Ever. You always buy more than you need. If necessary, buy a 50c bread roll from the bakery section first, take it outside and eat it before going back in to do the shop.

Always make menu plans. Take into account nights when there are more or less people around because of things like sport, late nights at work or visitors. Then plan for lunches and breakfasts. "Planning" doesn't mean intending to cook an elaborate meal three times a day - it

just means you are making sure you have enough weetbix in the house for breakfast all week and enough sandwich fillings for lunch. Then use this menu plan to make list. Remember to take a comprehensive list. When making the list, check through your pantry to make sure you are not double stocking. Try to include everything you need from spices to treats and then resolve only to buy things on the list...oh, and remember not to leave the list in the car.

Pay attention to the concept of S(O)ULE food. Seasonal, unprocessed eating really does save you money. Make as few trips to the supermarket as you can. Drop into a local greengrocer or butcher everyday if you must, but know that the more times you enter a supermarket the more chances they have to use their tricks to get your money. This might mean that you do a supermarket shop once a month but buy fresh food more often at smaller stores.

Be careful with rewards cards. I've written about how you can use the process of data-mining for good by showing a clear preference for local, ethical foods, but the big two are about to use the masses of information they are collecting every time you swipe your loyalty card to start advertising to you in a whole new way. And it won't be limited to groceries - it will be things like insurance, banking products, and whatever the hell else they can think of that you might hand over money for.

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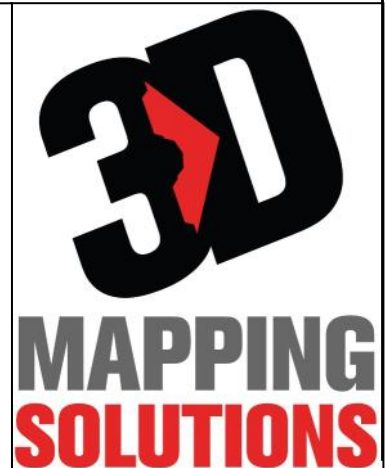
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The Lone Gunmen (TV series).

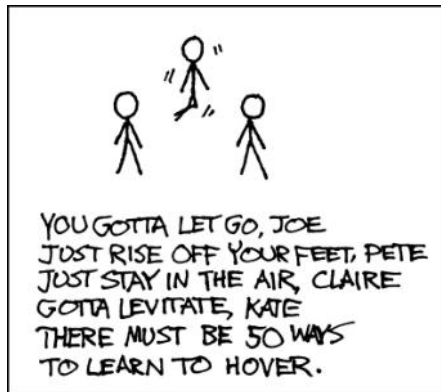
The plot of the first episode, aired March 4 2001, involves a US government conspiracy to hijack an airliner, fly it into the World Trade Centre and blame it on terrorists, thereby gaining support for a new profit-making war.

Parallels of this plotted scenario of government conspiracy to revitalize its war industry, to the events of 9/11 in this episode are noteworthy, if not uncanny, since the episode was aired six months prior to 9/11.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Lone_Gunmen_\(TV_series\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Lone_Gunmen_(TV_series))

Co-written by vince gilligan, who was responsible for creating, writing, directing, and producing 'Breaking Bad'.

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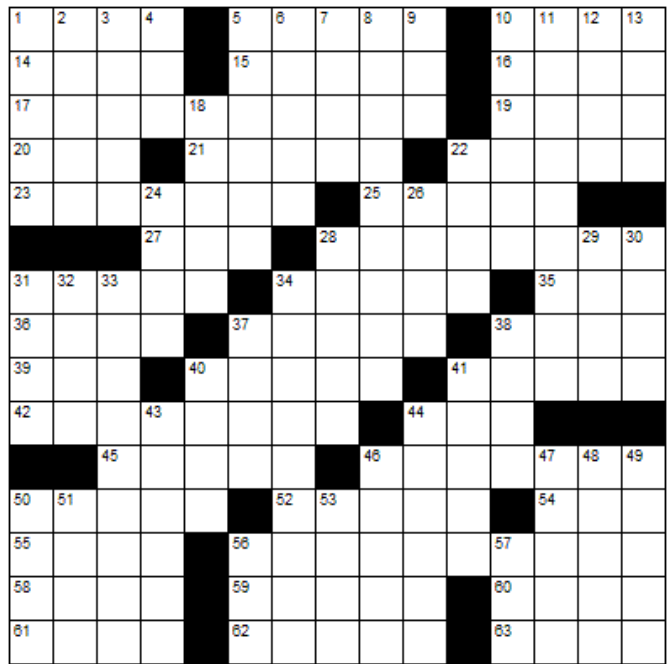
- 1. Cumberbund
- 5. Lifeboat crane
- 10. Impetuous
- 14. Diva's solo
- 15. Lacquer ingredient
- 16. Friend
- 17. Sore throat
- 19. Dour
- 20. Metric unit of area
- 21. Grain disease
- 22. Strict
- 23. Cocoyam
- 25. Fragrant oil
- 27. Citrus drink
- 28. Wander from a direct course
- 31. Dawdle
- 34. Aviator
- 35. Charged particle
- 36. Regretted
- 37. Go by car
- 38. Group of cattle
- 39. Genus of macaws
- 40. Unrefined
- 41. Thorny flowers
- 42. Insane asylum
- 44. .001 inch
- 45. Uncertainty
- 46. A cord worn around the neck
- 50. Thin piece of wood
- 52. Showers
- 54. Regret
- 55. Fastens
- 56. Controllable

58. At one time (archaic)

- 59. Redress
- 60. Verse
- 61. Nonvascular plant
- 62. Monetary unit of Macedonia
- 63. Makes a mistake

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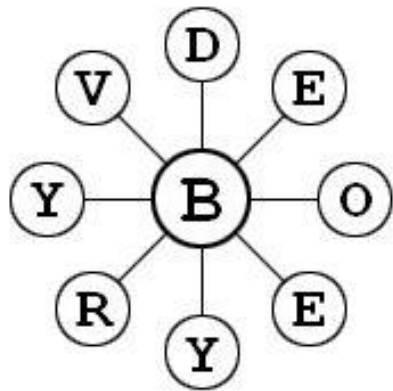
- 1. A dish of tomatoes and greens
- 2. A kind of macaw
- 3. Fathers
- 4. Fodder
- 5. A unit of temperature
- 6. Set straight
- 7. Quash
- 8. Pseudo
- 9. "___ the season to be jolly"
- 10. Shabby
- 11. Anagram of "Galleries"
- 12. Aspersion
- 13. Song of praise
- 18. Poverty-stricken
- 22. Sun
- 24. Not soft
- 26. Tall woody plant
- 28. Skid
- 29. Old stories
- 30. Terminates
- 31. Streetcar
- 32. Emanation
- 33. Put a new address on
- 34. Thwart



- 37. Defeat decisively
- 38. Sacred
- 40. Masterstroke
- 41. Washing machine cycle
- 43. Lifting devices
- 44. Feeding trough
- 46. Tropical vine
- 47. Leafy shelter
- 48. King
- 49. Considers
- 50. Flower stalk
- 51. Novice
- 53. Nameless
- 56. Angry
- 57. Gorilla

Solutions next issue.

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How many words can you find? Each word must contain the central letter B and no letter can be used twice. Proper nouns are not allowed but plurals are. There must be a nine letter word. Excellent 24, good 20, average 15.

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Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Lorraine Groves
Parish House 6372 2252 /
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1st Sunday MASS

St Helens Vigil 5pm
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 11.30am

2nd Sunday LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 5pm
St Marys 9am
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 9.30am

3rd Sunday MASS

St Helens Vigil 5pm
St Marys 9am
Fingal 9.30am
Bicheno LWC 9am

4th Sunday LITURGY

St Helens Vigil 5pm
St Marys 9am
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 9.30am

5th Sunday MASS

St Helens Vigil 5pm
St Marys 9am
Bicheno 9am
Fingal 9.30am

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgman Street Scamander
Sabbath School 10am
Divine Service 11am

Salvation Army

Sunday Joy 12.30pm

This is a bring-and-share lunch followed by a great time of friendship and fellowship. You are very welcome to join us and share our JOY! 0409 838 816

Anglican Parish of Northern Midlands

Avoca 11am 2nd Sundays
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Campbell Town 9am every Sunday.

Anglican Parish of Break

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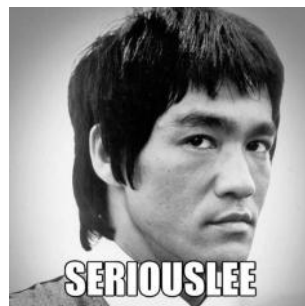
St Helens 8am
St Marys 10am
St Helens 10.30am
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3rd Saturday of each month
Community Dinner @ St Marys

Break O'Day Uniting Church

The Manse 6376 2405
St Helens 9am
Fingal 11.15 am

Cold September Rain by Reon Johns

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17th	19.4	
18th	20.+	
19th	20.+	
21st	Trace	Cloud
22nd	1.8	
23rd	1.4	
24th	3.0	
25th	5.0	
26th	8.2	
28th	1.0	
29th	2.6	



This year's runaway **First Place Stella Award** winner is Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her, are you sitting down? \$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.



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• **Dr L. Reeckman**
11/10/13 &
Women's Health Clinic 14/10/13

• **Dr Sewell**
14/10/13-25/10/13

PUBLIC HOLIDAY 10/10/13
Normal doctor's surgery hours
will resume on Friday 11/10/13

For appointments phone: 6372 2111
Please see After Hours Numbers
for during this time

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 practice regularly.

PLEASE BE PATIENT waiting periods can apply to see the doctor. Scripts are unable to be done over the weekends, ensure you have enough medications in advance.

PHONE SCRIPTS

Please be aware scripts are **no longer able to be done over the phone.**



AFTER HOURS CONTACT NUMBERS

Please phone
GP ASSIST ON- 1300 780 011

AMBULANCE 1800 008 008 or
EMERGENCY 000

ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
6372 2111

Please RING before presenting after hours

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PATIENTS

Please be aware that Dr Latt's Surgery is currently fully booked for appointments 1 week in advance as of 9/10/13

If you are unable to get a doctor's appointment at the time of ringing and you feel you need more urgent medical attention *please inform the reception staff* who will put you through to the Nurse on duty.

Daily Doctor appointments are not always available but if the need arises we can prioritise.

If in doubt- Call an Ambulance 000
Thank you for your cooperation

PATHOLOGY SERVICE

**No Pathology Service between
12:00-1:30pm or before 8:30am daily**

If you require Pathology before 8:30am an appointment **must be made with the Nurses Station the day/night before** by phoning 6372 2111

St Marys Community Health Centre

GP Surgery Hours:

Monday-Friday

8:50am-10:00am

10:00am-10:30am- Reception Closed

10:30am- 12:30pm

12:30pm-1:30pm- Lunch Reception Closed

1:30pm-2:45pm

2:45pm-3:15pm- Reception Closed

3:15pm- 4:30pm

For appointments please ring Reception during opening times. Appointments will not be taken at other times.

October's Health Promotion is:

SENIORS WEEK, BANDANNA DAY & MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Keep an eye out for upcoming events including the **FREE Outdoor cinema screening of 'UP'** on the St Marys Village Green, Carers Tasmanian's Expo at Tidal Waters St Helens and much more...

TML PSYCHOLOGIST

Monday weekly the St Marys Health Centre has a Psychologist available for consultations. If you require an appointment to see the Psychologist please see your GP and a referral will be lodged for you.

EYELINES

Visit the St Marys Health Centre every 6-8 weeks. For appointments please phone 1300 139 363.

All consultations Bulk Billed to Medicare

Next session: Thursday 17 October 2013



INR TESTS

A doctor's appointment is required if you are having an INR test. Please let reception staff know when making your appointment that you are having an INR test. This requires a 5 minute doctor consult.

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ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

- 9 Oct **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**– Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388
- Day Centre**– For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6372 2111
- 10 Oct **PUBLIC HOLIDAY.** Normal doctor's surgery hours will resume 11/10/13. Please phone after hours contact numbers for during this time.
- 11 Oct **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
- 14 Oct **Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**- Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- TML Psychologist**– Sam McCarthy. Please see your GP for a referral.
- 15 Oct **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**– Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton every Tuesday– Appointments only. Please phone 0428 136 381
- Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- Tom Bain, Rae & Partners Lawyers.** At the Community Health Centre Tuesday fortnights. For appointments please phone 6337 5555
- 16 Oct **Day Centre**– For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6372 2111
- Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 63722111 for appointments.
- Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide. Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- TAZREACH**– Antenatal Clinic with Katie. For appointments please see your GP.
- 17 Oct **Relationships Australia**– Leanne McMurtrie for appointments please phone 1300 364 277
- Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE Continued...

- Eyelines**- Phone 1300 139 363 for appointments. Consults Bulk billed.
- 18 Oct **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments
- 21 Oct **Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service.
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**– Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- TML Psychologist**– Sam McCarthy. Please see your GP for a referral.
- TLC Meeting** (Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre) 10:00am in the Day Room
- 22 Oct **Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**- Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- Child Health Session** with Sue Gofton every Tuesday– Appointments only. Please phone 0428 136 381
- Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide . Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral to the service
- Lightfoot Podiatry**– Perry Daly. Phone 6331 9568 for appointments
- 23 Oct **Day Centre**– For details on the group please contact Hayley Gilbert 6372 2111
- Mental Health Clinician/ Case Manager**– Faye Thordardottir. For appointments please phone 1800 332 388 where a referral will be lodged for you.
- Podiatry North**- For appointments please phone 6336 5155
- 24 Oct **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 63722111 for appointments
- 25 Oct **Social Worker**– Shan Williams. Please phone 6372 2111 for appointments

PODIATRY NORTH

Community Podiatry Service– FREE

At the St Marys Community Health Centre

Please see your Health Professional for a referral or call Podiatry North for appointments direct on: 6331 5155

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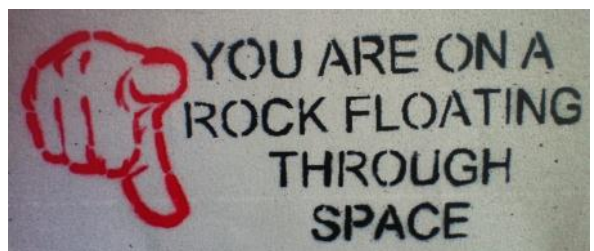
October		St Marys	Fingal
Monday	14th	Ruth Aulich	Neighbourhood House
Tuesday	15th	Karl Balzer	
Wednesday	16th	Lundy Vosper	
Thursday	17th	Yvonne Salter	
Friday	18th	Hannah Rubenach	Neighbourhood House
Monday	21st	Pam Lynch	Neighbourhood House
Tuesday	22nd	Valmai Spencer	
Wednesday	23rd	Trish Pike	
Thursday	24th	Lundy Vosper	
Friday	25th	Drew Adam	Neighbourhood House

Burger King announced a special summer menu that includes a **510-calorie bacon sundae** perfected in one of the most obesity-stricken states in America. The sweet and savoury dessert features the rich and creamy vanilla BK soft serve (ice cream), drizzled with chocolate fudge, caramel and topped with bacon crumbles, complete with a thick-cut, hardwood smoked bacon garnish. Its calorie count is within sight of Burger King's signature Whopper hamburger, which weighs in at 670 calories. Tennessee has the fourth-highest obesity rate in the United States at 31.9%, according to a report last year by the Trust for America's Health think tank. Last month an HBO television documentary cast a spotlight on local efforts in Nashville, the state capital and heart of the US country music industry, to reverse the trend. The bacon sundae has eight grams of fat and 61 grams of sugar.

Issue No. 11 solutions

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Whilst we value & welcome community input, the Valley & East Coast Voice does not provide specific feedback regarding any decision made not to publish a submission.

I recently attended a function at the St Marys Sports Complex. The residents of St Marys should be very proud of this wonderful facility and those who run it. The ladies who do the catering are to be congratulated for the wonderful job they do.

I spent many years at this club, playing golf and bowls, so I have many fond memories.

Yes, I did my time in the kitchen as well.

Let us be proud of this wonderful club.

Maisie Finney, St Marys.

Have you ever looked at people your own age and thought "Surely I can't look that old?"

I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma on the wall with his full name. Suddenly I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name in my high school class, 30 or so years ago. Could this be the guy I had a secret crush on, back in the day? Upon seeing him though I quickly discounted any such thought. This balding man with the deeply-lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended M..... Park High School. "Yes, yes I did." He gleamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

"75, why do you ask?" he said.

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed. He looked at me closely. Then that ugly, old, bald, wrinkle-faced, fat-arsed, grey-haired, decrepit son-of-a-b***h asked "What did you teach?"



Don't store tomatoes in plastic bags, the trapped ethylene will make them ripen faster. Unripe tomatoes should be kept stem side down, in a paper bag or single layer in a cardboard box in a cool area until they turn red in colour. To ripen faster, store with fruit. The gases emitted will help ripen the tomatoes.



Stop saying 'should of' instead of 'should have'!!! It's simple really: 'Should have' is shortened to should've, and the apostrophe replaces the 'ha' from the word 'have'.

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Gerello roast	7.99
Silverside	5.99
BBQ packs	9.99
Shelves	
Radiant 1 kg	3.99
Wonka Chocs	2.49
Nescafe Coffee Sachets 10pk	3.15
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Peters Drumsticks 24pk	19.99
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Promotions from 16th to 22nd October.

Butchery	Per Kg.
Mince	8.99
Forequarter chops	8.99
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Shelves	
Arnott's Shapes	1.42
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