

# The Valley & East Coast Voice



**Celebrating St Marys Sesquicentennial Year**



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## St Marys Reunion Weekend Post Mortem

- Was it a success?** The wedding dress fashion parade was outstanding, the girls were beautiful and you could see many a teary eye in the hall.
- Was it a success?** So many times I saw people recognise someone they knew from the past that led to a hug, a handshake and even the odd tear.
- Was it a success?** How many people did you see wandering around the town looking at all the photos?
- Was it a success?** I, like so many others felt like I belonged to a close and caring community that pulled together for an important and memorable event.
- Was it a success?** There is a pretty special lasting monument that celebrates a significant landmark in the town's history.
- Was it a success?** I ate some of the best cakes I've ever tasted and the savoury tarts were spectacular. I'm pretty sure no-one went hungry or thirsty.
- Was it a success?** I didn't hear one single complaint.
- Was it a success?** How many great memories came flooding back at the High School?
- Was it a success?** By all accounts the businesses that opened did well on the day and the Hospital Auxiliary made a few dollars.
- Was it a success?** Late in the afternoon Jack Bullock offered me his hand and despite him not being well still gave me a hearty handshake and said, "Great day Harry, it was a great Day."

**That'll do me.**

**Pat yourself on the back St Marys.**

Harry Veldums  
Event Coordinator

Pictured below: All the local youth who modeled in the wedding parade on Saturday.



*Photo courtesy Peter Troode.*

**Please note:** Deadline for articles to be included in the next Valley Voice is: 5 pm Tuesday, December 18, 2007.  
New email address: [judith.spilbury@bigpond.com](mailto:judith.spilbury@bigpond.com)

## Community news

### **St Marys Hospital Auxiliary**

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

**The Break O'Day Woodcraft Guild Inc.** meets the last Saturday of the month at 4pm at the goods shed behind the St Marys Railway Station.

**Grassy Bottom Regional Arts** are holding General meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 2 Story St, St Marys at 6pm. Come along to share your creative ideas and help Grassy Bottom maintain an artistic culture in our community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Spinning, etc.** - last session for 2007 will be held 10-3 on *Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December* at Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St. Marys. Bring along whatever you're working on - not only spinning! Tapestry, weaving, knitting, crochet, etc. are all legitimate pursuits! For more details, contact Rita on 6372 2724 (Tues-Fri, 11-4) or 0409 289 997.

**Champagne Breakfast – Christmas Break-up** on 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8 am: for Rustic Ragamuffins, Break O'Day Sew n Sews & Scrapbooking group, plus members & local community! \$5 (food and drink provided) RSVP – 13<sup>th</sup> December, for catering purposes.

Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street, St. Marys; contact Rita on 6372 2724 (Tues-Fri, 11-4) or 0409 289 997.

### **GET READY FOR NEXT YEAR'S**

#### **Break O' Day Stitchers Easter Exhibition.**

Finish all those projects you have been doing in Patchwork, Quilting, Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Tapestry, Dolls, Teddies, Knitting, Basketry and Weaving. There is also our theme challenge "Fishes and Shells by the Sea". We would love to see entrants in our Novice Class – a first attempt in any category.

#### **There are prizes to win.**

If you only want to exhibit your creations they are all welcome.

We would particularly like to encourage entrants into the two junior sections, Ages 10 and under, Ages 11-16.

## **WANTED**

### **People interested in having a Saturday Market Stall.**

**Next market is December 15, 2007.**

**Grass area, outside Town Hall.**

#### **Clean up time.**

**Time to clean out your house & garage & sell excess goods, tools, vegies or anything of interest & saleable.**

**Ph; Lesley 6372 2818**

**Organised by**

**Grassy Bottom Regional Arts.**

### **THANK YOU**

We are one of the many people who lost all our possessions and our home on the 11 December 2006 in the east coast bushfires and would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

Thank you to all the people who offered donations, to the firefighters, emergency services, police and the various organisations who participated in the recovery process, your courageous efforts and your kindness can never be repaid except by knowing we are grateful to all who helped us through that difficult period to those who are anonymous we thank you.

Thank you to a community who came together and to the schools, both St. Helens District High and the NEET Centre and St. Marys students and staff for all their support.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

The King Family, Scamander 7215.

### **Bicheno Market News & Dates**

**The next markets will be held on December 9th, December 23rd, January 6th & January 27th.**

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

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

Don't worry about having breakfast before you come, you will also find hot bacon & egg rolls and a sausage sizzle. Be early to grab a bargain.

If you would like to have a stall or would like more information, please call Suzanne or Paul Whytcross:

**6375 1651. \$10 per stall.**

## Classifieds

### FOR SALE

**Angus x lowline bull calf. Offers???**  
0409 802 536 or 0419 003 103.

**Fresh bunches of flowers. \$3.50.**  
Order at Purple Possum or call Mila:  
6372 2314.

**1 Wood lathe.** Wood tools, plus extras.  
Welder. Windows suitable for hothouse.  
Ph: 6372 2723.

**Mitsubishi Magna station wagon.** 1990  
Auto, 7 months rego. Good tyres. Running  
well. \$1,700.00. Ph: 0427 603 488.

**Franklin caravan, 12'.** Annex, dual  
fridge, TV. Good condition. Sleeps 4.  
\$4,500. Firm. Mountain bike, mens  
12 gears, helmet.\$60. ono.  
Telephone table with built-in red plush  
seat and drawer. \$50. Firm.  
Phone Pete 6372 2398. 8 Grant St.

**Wood Heater** Inbuilt. Red Embers.  
\$200.  
Free standing Saxon Rosewood. \$400.  
Electric Speedy space heater. \$40.  
Ph: 6372 5192.

**\*1988 Volvo760 GLE 6cl.\***  
Leather seats that heat up. Power steering,  
Electric windows.Great stereo. Automatic,  
Great condition, near new tyres.  
Lot's of rego. Inspection a must  
\*Fast sale at \$2,950.00 ono  
Ph:0417 017 105.

**Single bed sheet sets** with doona cover  
& pillow case:  
Beauty & the beast, My Little Pony, Little  
Puppies in the Clouds. Plus Fairy doona  
cover with pillow case & Little flowers  
doona cover with pillow case.\$60 the lot.  
Ph: 6372 2357

**Cream leather look lounge.** Excellent  
condition. \$550. ono.  
**Double beige wool sofabed.** \$250.  
**Double floral pastel sofabed.** \$750.  
**Hedge trimmer.** \$100.  
**Ryobi Vac blower.** \$175.  
Ph: Tom or Coral Brady. 6374 2285.

**Be prepared for this hot summer.**  
Firefighting pumps, 5.5hp, \$500. 6.5hp,  
\$550. Hose kits, \$185. Free delivery,  
statewide. Ph:0429 694 634.

**1977 Toyota utility.** 4 cylinder. Rusty  
bonnet, cab ok. Motor great, drives great.  
Large bull bar, leather bench seat,  
drop sides and back, new rear lights,  
4 new brake cylinders, new water pump,  
new battery and terminals.  
Registered till 21.12.07.  
Price: \$900 or \$1,100 with 6 months rego.  
Ph; Kim 6372 2267.

### FOR SALE

**Restoring a tractor?** We have new  
and used parts to suit Allis Chalmers,  
MF, Ferguson, Case, Oliver, Massey  
Horn's Farmall, International, etc.  
Ph: (03) 62 72 4278 (Hbt)

**Timber four-shaft table loom.**  
(\$350 ono). Ph: 6372 2724 or  
0409 289 997.

**2 yearlings.** 1 Angus, 1 Galaway &  
Angus cross. \$300 each.  
Ph: 6372 2234.

**Honda XR 600R 1998 Model  
Road Trail Motorbike**

- White and red  
In excellent condition
  - Registered until 24/12/07
  - Odometer 6400kms
- Included in price is - bike lift stand,  
owners manual and some accessories.  
\$5000 Phone: 0438 536 067

**Tennis Racquets:** 1 Dunlop Max  
4000 Pro with case \$50. 1 Pro Kennex  
Diamond Ace with case \$50.

**Industrial Overlocker:** Brown Hat,  
safety stitch overlocker with manual  
and extra needles - on bench with  
clutch motor.\$400.ono.

**Various Wooden Hat blocks** for  
sale, used for felting or hat making:  
Priced from \$30. Ph: 6372 2022.

Stereo speaker stands (2), black metal  
- \$50. Ph: 6372 2686.

**Cottage garden plants** for sale.  
\$2 each.  
50 St Patricks Head Road. St Marys.  
Ph: 6372 2512.

**Holden Automatic Camira station  
wagon.** As is, where is. Cheap.  
Ph: 0439 378 747.

**Single mattress for sale.** Cost  
\$380, sell for \$120. Excellent condi-  
tion. Ph: 6372 2634.

**2 piece wall unit** with end pieces.  
Excellent condition. \$300. Will sell  
separately. Ph: 6372 2164.

**Tennis Racquet.** Max lite Dunlop.  
11 years & under. Child's first rac-  
quet, with cover. \$10. Ph: 6372 2357.

**anyone want some egg cartons?**  
swap for a couple dozen eggs call Sue  
6372 2273.



### FOR SALE

**Tractor slashing available.**  
Ph: 6372 2762.

**"Moo-Poo".** Finely screened. Any  
amounts. See Norm. Ph: 6372 2380.

**Boat Stacer.** 3.9 metre aluminium.  
Near new 30HP Yamaha, carpeted  
full floor, removable bimini canopy,  
registered trailer, many extras. Very  
good condition. \$6,700. Ph: 6372  
5486 or 0408 519 373.

**Fisher & Paykel chest freezer.**  
As new. \$275. Contact Karen Polden.  
Ph: 6372 2438. or  
Mob: 0439 333 398.

**8 tonne Hino ex refrigerator truck.**  
6 cylinder, just passed inspection,  
4.5 x 2.4 x 2mt high pan interior  
dimensions, manual 53,000 on recon  
motor \$7000. ono. Ph Jim 6372 2273.

**Young nanny goats** Very quiet.  
\$35. ea Ph: 6372 2357.

**Tabletop sawbench. \$100.**  
Ph: 6372 2762.

### WANTED TO BUY

**Box trailer** 6x4/7x4, all steel. Good  
condition. Ph: 6372 2813

**All 2nd hand building material.**  
Ph: Gary 6372 2736.

**Farm Machinery** to suit hobby  
farmer.  
Ph: 6372 2762.

### GIVEAWAY

**10 year old Angus x cow.**  
**1 Sheep. To use as lawnmower.**  
Ph: 0409 802 536 or 0419 003 103

### WANTED TO RENT

Mature person looking for 2/3 br  
house on acreage. Furnished or  
unfurnished. No children or pets.  
Ph: 0438 430 109

**Wide Span Sheds – available NOW  
through your new local agents, Ian  
& Rita Summers!** For a free  
catalogue and more information, visit  
Gone Rustic, 37 Main Street,  
St. Marys (Tues – Fri, 11-4). Phone:  
6372 2724 or 0409 289 997.

**Swap n Go gas cylinders** now  
available from Gone Rustic, 37 main  
Street, St Marys or call 0409 289 997  
for opening hours.

## A LITTLE BIT OF HERITAGE: Jim Haas

*Due to popular demand the following article is a repeat from a couple of years back.*

### *"The Dalmayne Fiasco" Part One*

The Dalmayne coal beds were found in 1861. They are situated eleven kilometres south of St Marys and are an extension of the Fingal Valley coal fields. In 1901 two short exploration tunnels were driven and it was discovered, after tests on Tasmanian Railway's stream trains, that the coal was of a much higher quality than what was being mined in the Mt Nicholas Range at that time.

However, because of the isolation of the coal seam no more was done until 1914 when a Victorian company, after a feasibility study where they claimed the seam had accessible reserves of some 28 million tonnes, made an application to the Tasmanian Government to mine coal at Dalmayne and export it to Victoria from the existing wharf on the Southern side of Seymour Point.

In the mean time, an English company tendered to build a five kilometre self acting aerial ropeway from the mine to Picaninny Point. It was to be constructed with 42 pylons using local iron bark and blue gum and capable of carrying 50 tonnes an hour. Also in the tender was a 1,000 tonne hopper and a new wharf at the end of Picaninny Point, which would be in a direct line with the mine.

Despite warnings from locals and outside engineers that Picaninny was too open to the sea, the mine management accepted the English company's tender and went ahead with construction. But due to hold ups in construction and machinery for the aerial ropeway not arriving from England on time, it was 1917 before the entire infrastructure was completed and the mine was ready for production. By this time a thirteen foot seam of high quality coal had been opened up giving the mine an expected yearly output of 120,000 tonnes.

Finally in early August 1917 the first of the coal was carried by the sophisticated aerial ropeway to the hopper at Picaninny. Then on the 17<sup>th</sup> of that month Sir Elliot Lewis, Tasmanian Minister for Mines at that time, travelled to St Marys by night train. Sir Elliot and his official party arrived in town for breakfast, after which they travelled to the Dalmayne mine site by motor car and officially opened the mine. After the opening the party had lunch on the beach at Picaninny and arrived back at St Marys in time for dinner which was attended by several hundred people and hosted by Dalmayne Collieries.

But someone had made a terrible blunder; the water at the end of the wharf was too shallow for the larger ships needed to carry the coal to the Mainland. In desperation the company looked at the Hobart market, and a smaller ship called the "Wiena" was called in. But halfway through loading a storm came up from the south, buffeted her against the wharf and bounced her onto the sea floor. She was forced to leave with extensive damage to her bottom that was causing water to leak into the engine room.



*Sir Elliot Lewis, Minister for Mines, and his entourage at the opening of the Dalmayne Coal Mine on the 17th August 1917.*



*Dalmayne hopper and wharf at Picaninny Point 1917.*

The "Wiena" did manage to load 30 tonnes of coal, but by the time she reached Maria Island her engines had failed and she was under sail. Another storm hit and forced her onto a reef where she was completely wrecked.

Dalmayne Collieries immediately went about extending the wharf, but it was August 1918 before the "S.S Hillmeads" was able to birth and load 200 tonnes of coal and head off to begin supplying the Victorian railways.

The Company was delighted. After four years of planning and construction they were finally on their way; at last the future looked rosy. But alas, their celebrations were short lived, only a few days after the departure of "S.S. Hillmeads" a south easterly storm of "unabated ferocity" blew up lasting for several days and completely wrecked their new wharf.

Dalmayne Collieries capital was exhausted. In four years they had only produced 1,530 tonnes, of which less than half had been sold. Consequently, in September 1918 the mine was shut down until more suitable transport options could be found and 100 men lost their jobs.

**Next issue: part two "The Coles Bay Railway" saga.**



## Lions Club of St Marys report on the Sesquicentenary weekend.

We think most people would say that the Reunion Weekend went pretty well. One thing we are particularly proud of is that the weekend was largely self-funding and we managed to do it all without having to go, cap in hand, to squeeze anything out of the local businesses.

There are many people to thank – The Honourable David Llewellyn, MHA, Our Patron, who graciously consented to open our brilliant Heritage Walk, St Marys Association for Community Development for their financial assistance and support on their web site; Judy Spilsbury and all at the Valley Voice for their support and help with printing; to Chris Hughes and all the Break O’Day council staff for their assistance and labour; Calow’s Coaches for their generous donation of the shuttle-bus; Dave and Liz Mallet for their tireless efforts ferrying elderly and disabled people about in the Community Bus (special people who despite their own tragedy still lend a helping hand to others); to everyone who gave us photos and press clippings – they really created great interest; to the beautiful girls who modelled the wedding dresses – outstanding! Also a big thank you to the mums etc. who helped with hair and make-up and helping to get the girls ready and all the other helpers who contributed to a most magnificent event; to everyone that helped decorate the hall; to the St Marys Hospital Auxiliary who took on the difficult task of putting on morning and afternoon teas in the hall and the Cornwall Community Association for helping with the bar at the Supper Dance (what a glorious sight to see the hall full of couples gliding around the floor), thanks to Don Ives and his wonderful band, and to all the volunteers who helped out; to the Wombat Walk weeders who spruced up the town; to Pete Cornelius, Ross Harrop and the Grassy Bottom singers; to the North-East Land Trust for their fabulous curries and all the market stall holders; to Brian Shephard at the High School and staff and students who put on a fabulous display and the School Association helpers who put on morning tea; to the girls who painted the mural outside the Bank; to all concerned at the Catholic Church for their efforts and for organising the Church service on the Sunday; all at the Golf Club; to Eric Bean and all at the St Marys Pacing Club for the splendid job they did with the breakfast on Sunday – if you missed it you missed out. To all the trainers, owners, drivers etc. who put their horses through their paces and what a great show Michael Williams, Darcy Williams and Tim Aulich put on with the Yard Dog Trial demonstration – what an entertainer Tim Aulich is – he had the small crowd in stitches. It was a pity that not more people stayed to watch this but maybe the Lions Club can organise a repeat performance in the not too distant future.

Still we go on – to all the businesses that allowed us to put up photos etc. they all worked pretty hard on Saturday and were probably glad to put their feet up on Saturday night but theirs was a mighty contribution – the town was alive and it was fabulous that all the businesses stayed open; to the Bullock family for their generous assistance in getting the cook book printed (and to all the other sponsors who are mentioned in the cook book); to people that provided recipes and helped with typing etc; to all the people who entered cakes in the Bake-Off (congratulations to “Grand Champion” Hannah Rubenach); to Ken Stonehouse and his students for judging the Bake-Off and a huge thank you to all at The Examiner, the only media outlet (aside from the Valley Voice of course), that despite numerous and repeated approaches, provided any real support and such valuable promotion and reporting.

When you start to think about everyone who helped, you realise that it really was a community effort – if we have missed anyone we genuinely apologise but we have done this quickly to meet the Valley Voice deadline. We are sure that there will be a reasonable degree of satisfaction for all concerned about a job well done.

The St Marys Lions Club is only a small group of committed volunteers and we simply could not have done it without all your help – a big thank you to one and all, now we start on the annual Christmas celebrations.

Finally, all the sport and wedding photos have been removed from the hall; if anyone wishes to have any of these photos call into the Post Office and help yourselves (first in, best dressed). Also if anyone would like any of the other photos or laminated posters around town please let us know and we will do what we can to meet your requirements. The scanned image of every photo will be burnt to disc and donated to the History Room at the Railway Station who we gather will classify, name and categorise them for posterity.

### St Marys Lions Club

**Pictured right:** The oldest wedding dress at the Sesquicentenary, which had an 18" waist.

It was worn by Elizabeth Berwick when she married William Lohrey on the 15th April, 1901.

The dress was on loan from Adrian and Ruth Spencer. Adrian is the son of Gwentyth Lohrey, Elizabeth’s daughter and Tom Spencer, and is Elizabeth’s grandson.



The Honourable David Llewellyn, MHA, officially opening the Heritage Walk.

## St Marys Sesquicentenary

**What a wonderful weekend.** Congratulations to all concerned for a great couple of days' entertainment, that went off exceptionally well.

The Lions Club for their street decorations, the dance Saturday night was fabulous, bringing back many happy memories to us older people. What a shame no more old time dances are held.

Getting around the various locations, looking at all the wonderful photos and memorabilia, meeting people we had not seen for many years, was a great experience, and one we will never forget.

Special mention, I think, goes to Harry and Kerry, for a terrific effort doing photographs for the exhibition, and everyone involved.

Nearly forgot! The Bridal Presentation. What a great display put on by some of our lovely younger generation, in modeling all the bridal gowns for us all to enjoy. I believe this event was organised by Ruth McGiveron, who is to be royally congratulated, along with the models for putting on such a great spectacle.

Also a big thank you to the local council and its employees, for the wonderful clean-up job of the town, and the recreation ground. It was a credit to them and would be nice if it was this way always.

The Pacing Club would like to thank everyone who attended our breakfast on Sunday morning. In our wildest dreams we did not expect so many turning up. Thank you one and all.

Special thanks to our hard working cooks and kitchen staff who managed to cook up three boxes of bacon, three of sausages and about 26 dozen eggs!

Also to our terrific Fingal horse trainers, who arrived with thirteen horses to work on the track, thus providing a bit of entertainment. Thanks to Michael Williams and Tim Aulich for their part of the morning, working their sheepdogs. It all helped to finish off a great weekend.

Once again congratulations to all concerned for their contributions to a couple of very memorable days.

Thanks again.

Eric and Claire Bean.

### **DON'T FORGET NEW YEAR'S DAY RACES. January 1st, 2008**

## **The Say. Cagerattler**

Just the other day a friend of mine who knows that I write Cagerattler, intimated that "Gee you haven't rattled the cage much lately". (expletives deleted of course). In actual fact he was right. This said however, the really good thing is that we are able to talk about many positive or constructive things these days, which is a far cry from a few years ago. Maybe a decade back this community used to be quite apathetic and insular about change and comment. The catalyst was perhaps the hospital closure that helped fire up many of our long term residents. Since then a common term is demographic. Without understanding the complete dissection of demographic, I'm sure this demographic has changed. This change has perhaps allowed many of our newer local the chance to become very involved in our community, which we may have suggested before is a really good thing.

Our kids are still finding it hard to stay here all the time if they wish, and that's a negative. But in most other cases, hard times, difficult decisions and new challenges, have made this community one that now sticks up for itself and displays all sorts of hidden talents to the rest.

In the past few weeks proof of this has never been more evident, than in the launching and availability of two new books that are outlets for how we see our lives. At the St Marys District High School and encompassing our young people across the municipality, "OUTLOUD '07" has recently been launched.

This book has totally fascinated me since I saw it just the other day. To borrow a phrase we've heard before, but very apt in this situation, "it's a window to the soul" for its contributors. The contributions are totally candid, witty, fun, yet extremely thought provoking, even controversial in some cases. Isn't that what a good book should do to you? The kids not only did the writing, but also organised the publishing funds, did much of the layouts, and all the linking, to put this insightful publication out to us. Any money raised goes back for future such projects. It's a must read, if you have genuine interest in our youth, and shows talent far beyond their years.

Another publication is the **Regener8** book which gives many and varied insights and accounts of the December 2006 east coast fires as they occurred, and the aftermath. This compilation encompasses around sixty contributors, from all walks of life, and from different perspectives, and is a valuable tool for a lot of people to have their say on those scary times a year ago.

It's also a tribute and a personal thank you from many, to the incredible volunteers, fire crews, emergency services, and utility providers, whose efforts have now become part of our history.

To the facilitators of this book, a genuine and special congratulations for your genius, on providing us with such a book and your forethought in dedicating this book to the memory of the forestry worker who lost his life, just doing his job.



Pacers being put through their paces last Sunday, adding a spectacle to the Sesquicentenary Breakfast, and helping the horses and trainers prepare for New Year's Day.

What do you think?

## Letters to the editor.

Sir,

For and on behalf of all nine of the Wombat Walk Weeders group, we wish to say how much we have appreciated the time and efforts which Scott Park has made for, and on our behalf, in our Volunteer work in our association with Council, and that we wish him well for the future, and also in his new position with the Tamar Council. A Big Thank You Scott.

We also wish to say that it was a great boost to our morale that the Council attended to making the retaining wall below the Town Bridge on the Western side, where we had been clearing away blackberries, gorse, willows etc., which had remained after the "Work for the Dole" folks from Launceston had given us a day to get the clearing underway about a month ago. Many thanks go to Council and Greg Stewart, Weed Management Control NRM, for organising this working bee. It was, and is much appreciated.

Wombat Walk Weeders.

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The Editor  
Valley Voice  
Mon Dec 3,

The weekend regarding St Marys Sesquicentennial events has been an experience of friendship & pride in events, which formed this district over the years.

The local populace have every reason to celebrate the accomplishments which evolved, and I congratulate the planners & businesses & the population & visitors too.

The highlight of my personal experience was the ecumenical church service conducted in the local Catholic church on Sunday morning, where religion took a step back & worship of the Almighty Triune God took its rightful place for this very special weekend.

Thank you.  
Merv Rohrlach

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Letter to the editor

What a great year St Marys has had for its sesquicentenary celebrations. To start, the St Marys Pacing club held a New Year's Race meeting that was well attended despite the bush fires.

SMACD's Back to St Marys Day and the opening of the Railway Station, two calendars, History of Transport in St Marys and train expo that ran for a month, St Marys flag competition, two car shows, a bike race, oldest man and woman in St Marys.

Grassy Bottoms Regional Arts with the monthly markets, Winter Solstice and the Maypole. All were well attended.

The Valley Voice and Jim Haas both producing some splendid publications, along with Jan Sparkes with the Regener8 book. Targa stop over.

The St Marys RSL planning of the ANZAC and Remembrance Days, probably the best services for a long time.

The Mothers Day morning tea hosted by Tasmanian Lymphedema and Laser centre.

Last but not least the December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend planned by Harry and Kerry of the Loins Club. The whole town was certainly spoilt for choice and a great big round of applause for all the people who gave up their time to organise and promote these events.

Clr Reon Johns  
St Marys

Letter to the Editor

It is with pride beyond belief that I write this letter to thank the many people who helped make the 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations of St Marys a resounding success.

The people that came from far and wide was unbelievable the faces one had not seen for many years brought back memories that had been forgotten and rekindled the cherished moments that happened many years ago.

The stories of growing up in the country with the self achievement of local entertainment and amusement are unbelievable to the younger generation; these stories should be written down before they are lost.

The members of St Marys Lions club are to be congratulated for achieving the distinction of producing the biggest and greatest party this town has seen. The effort by so few was certainly evident when one spoke to the many people who attended the big breakfast under the grand stand on Sunday morning.

The remembrance of the fires just twelve months ago at the old railway station and the production of the regener8 book is a typical example of how a small group of people can achieve the unachievable.

The piece of art that George Keri made shows again the sense of pride that the local people have. It was unfortunate that it was not unveiled on Saturday but it will hold pride of place on Wednesday afternoon when it will be unveiled with pride.

Very special thanks goes to the Council workforce from Fingal who put their hearts into making sure that the town was spotless for this celebration. Here the locals thank the locals for their dedication.

To the many people who helped in any way at all my very sincere thanks for a brilliant job well done.

The cook book that the Lions club produced was eagerly sought after and I know that there are many famous recipes between the covers.

St Marys has been around for 150 years it has seen some disasters and many good times it is still here and will be here in another 150 years. So don't let any one think that we are a backwater, we are a community and a very proud one at that.

Happy 150<sup>th</sup> St Marys, and thanks to all those that came and enjoyed.

Robert Legge,  
Mayor.

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To the Editor,

What a wonderful weekend of celebrations we have had.

I would like to say thank you to all who helped put this together, to all those behind the scenes who do so much, quietly and often unnoticed. I loved every minute of it.

The 'Bridal Parade' stole the show, and brought tears to my eyes, they were so beautiful. The wonderful display of old photos, the lovely bricks with all our names on. The art work at the school and e.ScApe, the quilts, and the display at the Catholic church.

Then breakfast on Sunday at the recreation ground, the lovely horses and sheep dogs. To top it all off, a beautiful church service, all denominations combined., then morning tea at the Parish House.

What a weekend to remember.  
Maisie Finney.

## Letters to the editor

I would like to congratulate all the persons responsible for the great weekend which I enjoyed in St Marys.

However, although I don't want to put a damper on the celebrations, I felt I just had to mention the lack of interest in George Keri's sculpture which was not ceremoniously unwrapped and given the recognition which it deserves.

George is not only a doer for St Marys, but a giver as well, and deserves more respect.

He donated this work of art for the St Marys community to enjoy. Last time I drove past it was still covered in the plastic wrapping.

George has worked on this piece for over a year. I can forgive the fact that there was no community consultation on its location, but I cannot excuse the lack of appreciation for this man's unselfish efforts in creating a monument to St Marys that will outlast this generation, and most likely the next.

(Name Supplied)

The Sesquicentenary weekend at St Marys must be acclaimed as a roaring success. A big thank you to the Lions Members, the volunteers, shop owners and the total organisation associated with the success. The photo donors also require a thank you and it was a brilliant idea to display them in businesses in the streets. This in my view put the visitors on the street where everyone met anyone known or visiting.

I spent two and a half days at home and did not hear one complaint about the weekend or the organising. The food was easily obtainable and the entertainment was continuous. Also a big congratulations to the public, as observation shows no rubbish was evident on the street after such a crowd. My association with Peter Troode concerning pavers and their positioning into our family group must be applauded. I'm sure he was sick of my calls before Saturday arrived.

I'm sure also many memory buttons were being pressed as the crowds intermingled and reintroduced themselves, I know mine certainly was. On behalf of our family who moved to St Marys in 1924 and one still remains there, thank you all for a wonderful, memorable weekend.

Dot French.

## "Christmas Raffle"

The annual Hospital Auxiliary

Xmas raffle

will be launched within the next week  
and will consist of 4 prizes.

Please support.

Kevin Faulkner. Sec

### Notice of Meeting.

The next official meeting of the

"Hospital Auxiliary"

will be held on 5th February 2008.

We wish every one a  
very Merry Xmas and Prosperous New year.

Take care and enjoy the  
"Festive season" with family and friends.

## "Carols by candlelight"

The Hospital Auxiliary, together with the St Marys Lions Club invite and welcome everyone to the annual "Carols by candlelight" to be held in the Community Hall on **Sunday 16th December at 7-30 for 8 o'clock.**

As is the accepted policy that no naked flame candles shall be used, for those who have mislaid their light, or flickered their flame from last year, and wish to purchase the 'Electric' version, they will be available from "The Post Office" [hopefully, because I haven't asked, but they're such nice people, aren't they? "whew"] and on the night. An invitation is extended to anyone who may wish to participate by the rendering of an item on the night to contact Len Miles, President, on 6372 2285 or Kevin Faulkner, Secretary on 6372 2196. Any participation is most welcome.



### Hospital Auxiliary letter of thanks.

On behalf of the Hospital Auxiliary I would like to thank the members and community for the support and donations of, cakes, time and effort in our endeavour, during the weekend of sesquicentenary celebrations, to raise funds for the ongoing provision of services to our local "Hospital" which, without such support would encounter difficulties in maintaining that, which, in the past has been so fervently worked for. Once again, "thanks", and our hope that such support will continue into the future. K. Faulkner.



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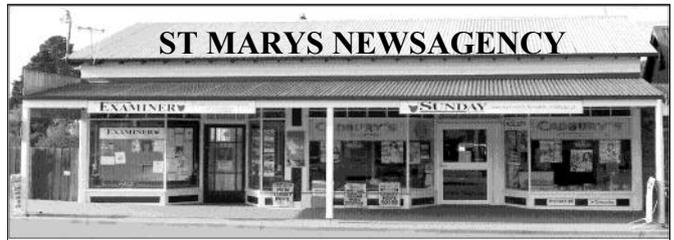
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### THUMBS DOWN

To those people who continually take flowers from the graves at the St Marys Cemetery. It is heartbreaking enough to lose a loved one, without visiting their resting place to find it desecrated. Rita Mitchell.

# Santa's Mail Box

will be at the

St Marys Post Office next week.

St Marys Lions Club have an arrangement with Santa.

ALL letters will be answered.

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# Lions Club of St Marys Inc. Christmas Party.

**The Annual Christmas Party & Parade  
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**Christmas Eve, December 24th, 2007.**



This is a party for the whole community.

3.00pm: Children's Party with free prizes for 6 different age groups,  
(to be held on Faulkner's Green).

3.00 to 6.45pm :Free Jumping Castle for the children

3.30pm: Santa arrives with sweets and balloons

4.00pm to 6.45pm: Live Music



5.00pm: Christmas Parade starts **IN** Newman Street, decorated bikes to join parade at the Library, down Main Street, past the Post Office, around the square, finishing at the Hotel corner where parade will disperse. Please register your intention to have a float at the PO.

6.30pm: Lions Christmas Stocking drawn

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CHRISTMAS PARADE  
FLOATS AND PRIZES FOR  
THE DECORATED BIKES.**

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CHRISTMAS HOUSE LIGHTS.**



## Police report

There has been a report of a trailer with a ride on lawn mower stolen from a yard at St Marys overnight Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

The lawn mower is valued at around \$4000. We would appreciate information from anyone that may have seen a vehicle leaving the St Marys area towing a white trailer with the lawn mower on it.

The town had a huge weekend with the celebration of the Sesquicentenary. Police are unaware of any problems and all the feedback to us is that it was enjoyed by one and all. A big congratulations to the community and a thanks to all those involved in the organising and running of such a huge event.

With plenty of xmas parties and events coming up, we urge people to be careful and not to drink drive. With all these events police numbers are generally increased to keep the roads safe and let every one enjoy the festive season.

We would also like to welcome our new Division Inspector, Inspector Shane LeFEVRE. the Inspector has recently been transferred as the Officer in Charge of the St Helens Division. Welcome Inspector.

**Michael SPAULDING  
Constable**

**St Marys Police Phone Number 63721010  
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Urgent and Life threatening 000**



### St Marys Child Care Centre News

What a fantastic year we have had at our centre in 2007. Children at the centre have participated in a range of fun and educational programs, in a caring environment. They have grown and developed a range of skills, while making friends and experiencing new things.

Our staff; Judi, Felicity, Rebecca and Tania have all undertaken further training through VET and TAFE. This has ensured that they deliver the best quality care for all of the children attending.

We have completed the National Accreditation Quality Assurance process, being rated as a high quality centre – a wonderful achievement for such a small centre. The centre has also had praise and support from the State Child Care Licensing Unit. NCN has given the St Marys community a boost by agreeing to support the centre's operation for a further year into 2008.

I would urge all families who are looking to give their children the best possible start, to come up and visit the centre. You may be working, training or interested in supporting your child's development and social interactions. Bookings may be for one morning a week or more, as needed.

**We are now taking bookings for 2008.**

For an enrolment pack, further information on our reasonable fees, and applying for child care benefit, please contact our friendly staff.

**Telephone: 6372 2187 or 6341 1555**

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**5.00 pm – 6.00 pm**

**Contact: Donna Gough**  
**Phone: 6372 2767**  
**Email: [pdgough@activ8.net.au](mailto:pdgough@activ8.net.au)**



## **On Saturday December 8th**

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## OUT OF THE WOODWORK

Reon Johns. President 63722094

***Congratulations to Harry and Kerry for all their hard work on the Reunite, Reminisce and Reflect celebrations. A job well done.***

The Guild has held its last meeting for the year. We have decided to have a Xmas party at the pub on the 18 December at 7:00 pm. Order off the menu, all members and partners welcome. Please call Reon and advise if you are attending. The Guild has reviewed plans for the workshop extension and these have been submitted to Council.

The members have been busy of late with the FRRR classes and making a few items for local community groups and we are just about on top of it all. We would like to thank Dale of Scamander for the donation of a timber table. It now sits in the lunch room and many a member has had a cuppa and biscuit in some comfort. Also a thanks to Murray from Falmouth for his donation of timber. All good stuff.

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

The FRRR courses are mostly for seniors and they will be given first choice. They will take place from 10:00am till 2:00pm every Tuesday.

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

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

### **Coach House Restaurant**

Ross & Tracy wish to advise opening times for Christmas.

**Christmas Eve—close 7pm.**

**Christmas Day—closed.**

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**Ross, Tracy & staff.**

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### **Community Event of the Year**

Presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

### **Award for Outstanding Volunteer Effort (individual)**

This award is for a volunteer who has demonstrated a strong commitment and dedication by contributing their time and skills to our community.

### **Award for Outstanding Volunteer Achievement (organisation)**

This award will be presented to an organisation that has made a valuable contribution and can demonstrate their dedication and achievements to the general community.

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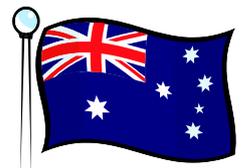
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All nominations must be received by  
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## **Janeil's**

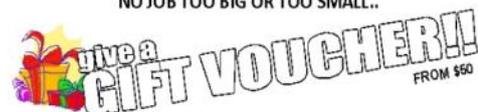
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2nd Prize: \$50 Meal Voucher, White Sands Resort —  
**Margaret Wilson.**

3rd Prize: Wine pack from “Big bargain Bottleshop” —  
**Alan Gordon.**

4th Prize: \$40 lunch for 2 at “Pub in the Paddock” —  
**Nigel Claridge.**

## **Tasmanian Lymphoedema Centre**

### **Annual General Meeting**

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Len Miles, Jack Bullock, Charlie Hersey.



**A second meeting has been called to receive a report from the Municipal Engineer and also to discuss the pros and cons of forming a St Marys Main Street Makeover Committee.**

**The meeting will be held in the supper room at the St Marys Town Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2007.**



Heritage Walk pavers.

### APOLOGY

For some reason or reasons, the unveiling of the commemorative sculpture next to the Railway Station was not eventuated on the first of December as planned.

My most humble apology to the community for my part of the unfortunate outcome.

Many thanks to those whom inspired and encouraged me with the project.

#### Special thanks to:

- Break O'Day Council
- D Buchanan
- R Bushing
- S Goss
- S Gray
- C Kohl
- G Laycock

Sincerely,  
George Keri.



Zoe, Bonnie & Linda Faulkner.  
Pictured with the wedding cake Linda made.



Top & left: Art work on display at the St Marys District High School.

# JEAN SCHIER: 1926 - 2007

**She was a remarkable woman really.**

She wasn't always easy to get on with  
She'd have a go at you  
as quick as you could bat an eyelid  
voice quavering, top lip trembling  
if you'd done the wrong thing.

*You knew where you stood alright.*

On Falmouth beach one morning  
"You must be Jean's daughter  
. . . . . we love your mother  
She's so good with the kids  
. . . do anything for you"

There wasn't a lot to go round  
when she was young  
Nine Connelley kids in that old house  
at Sunnyside, Pyengana  
in the depression years  
her father riding off on his bike  
to the Anchor mine.

She milked 13 cows, by hand,  
morning and night  
Crunching past the walnut tree  
and over the creek  
on those cold, frosty mornings.

*And then the war came.*

She was a laundress  
at the hospital at St Marys  
when she met Gilbert Schier  
Tall, dark and handsome he swept her off  
on his Harley  
down the pass to Falmouth  
and the sunshine coast she grew to love

*How did she find time to do it all?*

Six kids  
Lighting the copper to wash every week  
Making butter  
Bottling fruit  
Filling the cake tins  
Knitting jumpers  
Exhibiting in the St Marys show  
Looking after animals:  
Lambs, chooks, ducks,  
Wombie, Swanee, Cockie, Kookie  
Fishing for bream in the Scamander River  
Keeping the combustion stove going,  
the kettle boiling for a cuppa  
and the Post office  
and the vegie garden  
and all those flowers!

*Later, when the kids moved off  
she finally got a drivers' licence.*

After the mail was done it was:  
delivering Meals on wheels  
making sandwiches at the school canteen  
fundraising for the Falmouth Community Centre  
attending parents and friends meetings  
fighting for the St Marys hospital  
making sweets for the church fetes.

*She knew you had to work to build a community.*

It doesn't happen if you just sit back and watch.

And you've got to look after the environment too.

They never should've allowed Binns' creek to be dammed  
Or all that good agricultural land to be lost to wood chips.  
And she'd tell Bobby Legge when she saw him too . . . my  
oath she would.

This last year or so was hard.  
Things started to go wrong.  
Michael had his awful stroke . . .  
her legs went on her.  
"I'm riddled with cancer,"  
she said to a neighbour.  
And the doctor said, "She probably is  
but she doesn't want any tests;  
no interventions"  
And it took all her will to keep on going  
Keep that smile on her face  
Not let on to anyone else  
Do all the things that needed to be done.

Last Saturday she spoke to Helen and Kate  
"I'm dying: first my body, then my mind,  
and now my spirit is going too . . ."

But her spirit hasn't gone.  
It lives on within us all.  
She wasn't just remarkable.  
You were an inspiration mum.

Val Schier.



## Thank you

Michael, David, Val, John, Murray and Rob Schier would like to thank all of the friends, relatives and community members who helped us and provided support for our mother - Jean Schier - who died on 13 November 2007, aged 81 years.

Dr Libby Reeckman, Kate Williams and new community nurse, Helen, provided compassion, kindness and friendship as well as professional help in managing Jean's pain in the last few weeks.

Annette French gave Jean personal support and Reverend Mike Wakefield, having known Jean for 30 years, brought a personal touch to the funeral service.

Len Miles helped out by regularly visiting Michael and phoning mum when he knew that she was not up to driving to St Helens to visit him in Medea Park.

Funeral directors Lindsey and Diane Harris made funeral organisation easier, the Anglican Church women did a great job with refreshments and Falmouth Community Centre members provided flowers, food, drinks and friendship at a BBQ to celebrate Jean's life.

We sincerely thank all of you.

## MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Dec	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 10th	Debbie Barnes	Susan Woods
Tues 11th	Pam Lynch	Susan Woods
Wed 12th	Wendy Aulich	Alana Johns
Thurs 13th	Kaye Nailer	Lynda Bean
Fri 14th	Jeff Herrmann	Robyn Miller
Mon 17th	Trish Pike	Susan Woods
Tues 18th	Dawn Lodge	Debbie Speers (N)
Wed 19th	Ruth McGiveron	Christine Woods (P)
Thurs 20th	Heather Griffiths	Maureen Hall
Fri 21st	Claire Bean	Julie-Ann Claridge

### Church Services

#### Catholic Parish of St Marys

Sr. Lorraine Groves

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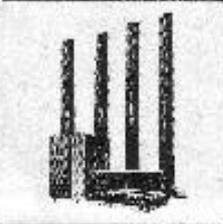
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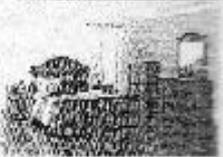
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**continuing Sports Centre news...**

In the East Coast Fours, Janice Viney's rink has won through to the final this upcoming Sunday, and we wish them all well to bring home their first championship from Bicheno.

In the Men's Fours last week Peter Singline's team won a hard fought semi-final against a very strong Bicheno side, but just couldn't get a run on in the final versus Scamander. It was just one of those games, as it happened. Congratulations to the Scamander team for their win.

Just a reminder that the popular Clive Berwick Memorial Triples are on December 30th at the club. This event is an absolute ripper, very well attended and we will need plenty of local support here to boost numbers. Please try to enter your team soon at the club.

Similarly, try to enter the remaining East Coast Singles and Pairs in the New Year, so we give the club a chance of bringing home a champion.

Anyway, until next time, good hitting and rolling.

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"Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein." (Mick Malthouse - Collingwood)

"I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes." (Peter Bell - Fremantle, on his University Law studies.)

"You guys line up alphabetically by height," and "you guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle." (Barry Hall, Sydney Captain at training.)

Brock Maclean (Melbourne) on whether he had visited the Pyramids during his visit to Egypt: "I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to."

"He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is." Kevin Sheedy on James Hird.

Jonathan Brown, on night Grand Finals vs Day Games "It's basically the same, just darker."

Ron Barassi talking about Gary Cowton "I told him, 'Son, what is it with you. Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'Barass, I don't know and I don't care.'"

"Strangely, in slow motion replay, the ball seemed to hang in the air for even longer." (Dermott Brereton)

Garry Lyon: "Have you ever thought of writing your autobiography?"

David Swartz: "On what?"

Barry Hall (Sydney) when asked about the upcoming season: "I want to kick 70 or 80 goals this season, whichever comes first."

"Luke Hodge - the 21 year old, who turned 22 a few weeks ago." (Dermott Brereton)

"Chad had done a bit of mental arithmetic with a calculator." (Mark Williams)

"He scored that goal after only 22 seconds - totally against the run of play." (Dermott Brereton)

"We actually got the winning goal three minutes from the end but then they scored." (Ben Cousins, West Coast Eagles)

"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body." (Luke Darcy)

"That kick was absolutely unique, except for the one before it which was identical." (Dermott Brereton)

"Sure there have been injuries and deaths in football - but none of them serious." (Adrian Anderson)

"If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again." (Andrew Demetriou)

"I would not say he (Chris Judd) is the best centreman in the AFL, but there are none better." (Dermott Brereton)

"I never comment on umpires and I'm not going to break the habit of a lifetime for that prat." (Terry Wallace)

"Well, either side could win it, or it could be a draw." (Dermott Brereton)



## St. Marys Sports Centre news. Kackhander.

First to golf, and a special thanks to Bob and the crew for being involved in the Sesquicentenary Golf event last weekend. Although the numbers were relatively small for various reasons, those who did play enjoyed the concept and perhaps with a milestone anniversary of the club coming up fairly soon, we could revisit it as a great event. Thank you also to Trevor Viney, Col Payne and the irrepressible Macca for all your efforts at the weekend. It is always greatly appreciated.

The previous week the Tote Day Heart Foundation event missed out on big entries, but again those who took part really enjoyed a very social and fun day, also raising money for a worthwhile cause. A monumental thank you here must again go to Macca, whose efforts were legendary, making the most of the small entries this year. He has already come up with a much better timetable for it next year, which will be a great boon for everyone, and will warrant a lot of support as it surely deserves.

The club is currently doing it tough, with golf numbers, the continuing drought conditions and the like, making organising big days extremely difficult. People like Macca, Trev, Bob, Col, Roger, Jack, Damon, Bobbie H, Jim Haas, really deserve our support when and if it can be given, for golf to continue to grow at the club. So, as a request (Kackhander included) we must try to support all these special days, before it is too late. Don't forget chicken runs on Fridays too. All are most welcome to get 9 holes in and all entries will be greatly appreciated.

A special thanks must also go to St Marys Lions Club who donated commemorative medallions to the club for the Sesquicentenary Day. Thanks to all involved there.

### LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Bobby Harwood for retaining her title as club champion and to Maryanne Ennis as runner-up.

B Grade Champion is Maryanne Ennis, with the Handicap title going to Carole Gunson in that division. Runner-up nett in B Grade was May Cook.

Well done to Lesley Kellaway for taking out the putting trophy this year, with Beth Haas runner-up. Several players broke their handicaps during the 4 rounds. Well done to Lesley Kellaway, Liz Clayton, Maryanne Ennis, Carole Gunson and May Cook in this regard. All in all, a terrific event.

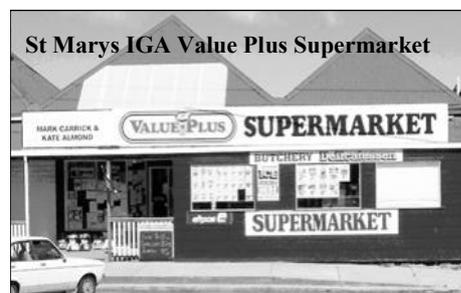
It's been a tough scheduling year for golf, with several date changes due to low numbers, unfortunate circumstances and other reasons, as per men's and women's championships for example. We still have the mixed foursomes to play yet, and hopefully a date for the next issue (last one for 2007) will be available. Let's hope so anyway.

Last year, due to the east coast bush fires, we needed to carry over the Trophy Presentation night to mid-January to get away from that horrible time. As it turned out, it proved very popular because the traditional time for same is approaching Christmas, with so many things all happening at once, which is a hassle. By having it in January, it's past all that and allows lots of flexibility and relaxation. To that end, its anticipated that we will have our 2007 presentations during the January holiday period, so please keep an eye out for dates and times for that.

To bowls now, and great news all round... In the pennant it has been a solid fortnight for both the men's and women's teams. Although desperately short of players against Scamander the week before last, the team only went down by a dozen shots or so, with close games occurring. Then last week, a big win happened against Swansea, with large margins being the case on two rinks. St Marys as defending champs will be going into the summer break in a fortnight, most likely in top spot, which sets up a great chance to retain the pennant in February. Let's hope so anyway.

In ladies pennant the girls have had a fantastic first win since reforming . This was against a strong Swansea team last Saturday week. This young enthusiastic side is going to take a lot of stopping in the next few years, and should set the benchmark. All they need is a little experience, and with no lack of talent, this won't take long. Congrats girls.

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