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### Rossarden museum destroyed by fire

All that is left of years of work,  
thanks to one selfish person.

Photo courtesy of David Moss, Avoca crew



'A Sporting History of Avoca District' Exhibition, officially launched by Brian Mitchell MP at the Avoca Spring Festival, will be open for six months, so if you missed the opening day you can still visit this excellent exhibition.

Representatives from Tasmania's **Online Access Centres** have called on Education and Training Minister Jeremy Rockliff to meet with them and hear for himself how valuable the centres are in servicing the people in their communities. The future of the OACs is under threat as the Government looks to consolidate remaining centres into LINC. Of the 70 centres originally operating, only 20 remain. Pages 6, 7

Fingal centre co-ordinator **Kerri Webb** said people in her area would suffer, for instance those who used the services for online study purposes. "I'll lose my job but more than that, the town is also losing another service. You can place the computers elsewhere but a lot of people require my assistance to do their resumes or online study," she said.

"We seem to have no voice whatsoever in this decision, and yet again it is small towns which are affected."

<http://www.examiner.com.au/story/3408967/online-centres-in-jeopardy/>

### Fingal District Progress Committee Inc.

Invite you to the opening of

### The Fingal Railway Station

By the Hon. Rene Hidding MP on  
Saturday October 29, 2016, 11am

at the Fingal Railway Station

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### Community Notices

**Meals on Wheels Annual General Meeting** will be held on November 17

*Lundy Vosper, St Marys*

**Cornwall Community Development Group Inc.** are holding Christmas Carols on December 18, 2016.

If anyone would like to perform a carol for us could you please contact *Debbie or Raz on 6372 2261*

We are searching the family history of **Emma Walker** (born 25-6-1851) who married **Charles Henry Oliver** on 30-6-1867. Charles died in 1898, in St Marys. Emma died on 12th May 1942, in St Marys.

I am also trying to track descendants of **Hannah (Annie) Walker** - born 1861, in St Marys - who married **Charles Richards** in 1877 at the Cullenswood Church, St Marys. Annie lived to 100, and lived in St Helens in later years. She died in 1961.

Thanks.

**Gage Kidd, St Leonards** 29 Benvenue Rd, St Leonards, Tas 7250  
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### The results of the Valley and East Coast Voice Inc. Annual General Meeting

October 5, 2016

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*Committee members* Irene Smith, Sonya Allison,  
Lynne Dawes

### Esk Main Road - St Marys Pass Stabilisation Works 2016 - Notification of Contract Award

The Department of State Growth will soon commence stabilisation works on St Marys Pass on Esk Main Road. These works will commence in late-October 2016 and will cease in mid-December 2016.

Tasmanian company VEC Shaw Joint Venture has been awarded the construction contract for these works. It is expected that the contractor will commence on site from Monday, 24 October 2016.

**From Monday, 31 October 2016 until Monday, 16 December 2016, St Marys Pass will be closed to all traffic from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am and 2pm.**

Outside of these hours, works will continue under traffic management and motorists may experience short delays.

Access to the East Coast will be available via Elephant Pass Road at all times.

Variable Message Boards will soon be installed in the area to advise motorists of upcoming works and closures. Further information about the project can be found on the Department of State Growth website: [http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/road/projects/esk\\_main\\_road\\_-\\_st\\_marys\\_pass\\_stabilisation\\_works\\_2016](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/road/projects/esk_main_road_-_st_marys_pass_stabilisation_works_2016)

### Community Notices

#### Fingal Valley Neighbourhood

**House Inc.** Talbot St Fingal

6374 2344 / admin@fvnh.org.au

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**Twilight Market & Car Boot Sale Fingal Park**

Friday November 4 at 4pm. If you would like a stall contact the OnLine Centre (6374 2222) or the House.

#### BUS TRIPS

**Deloraine Craft Fair** Saturday November 5, bus leaving 7.30am. Bus \$10 p/p. There is an entry fee for the Fair.

**Woolmers Estate Festival of Roses** Sunday November 13, bus leaving 8am. Bus \$10 p/p. Entry \$10 adult, \$15 two adults, children under 16 free.

Committee Meeting Wednesday October 26, 7pm at the House. Community and Members welcomed.

We have a new Facebook page which is our main communication tool for what is happening at the FVNH. Like our page to keep up to date.

Contact the FVNH on 6374 2344 or call into the office for more information on these trips and the AGM.

*The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Inc. is funded by the Crown through the Department of Health and Human Services*

#### Avoca Market

will commence on November 3, 2016 from 9am to 2pm every 2nd Saturday of the month. \$10 per stall Stallholders welcome

Enquiries Shirley Freeman 6384 2129

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### Rossarden Museum deliberately burnt to the ground



Left and below are photos from the official opening



The Green Army project will still go ahead



Brand new kitchen, never used



Right: The remaining building of the old state school had been restored as the town's museum.



### The Say, by Cagerattler

I sat there the other night on a politics dedicated channel, replaying the second U.S. Presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. Now I see why Louis Bruette, my friend in Baltimore Maryland, is so embarrassed and was one of the topics of a Valley Voice contribution recently.

Donald Trump is beyond belief. This man has no scruples, is egotistical, doesn't know what sorry means, is sanctimonious and has scant manners to say the least. How can someone this insensitive and egocentric be even considered as a worthy candidate for the office of US President? Beggars belief. During this debate I was transfixed and wondering how his insults could have no bounds. No real policies, no real answers, no real substance. It was a hate session.

Hillary Clinton is by no means perfect - she's demonstrative and a bit loud - but in comparison she has vast experience and knows the system better than most new Presidential candidates. It seems one reason why some Americans are baulking at voting for her is because she is a woman, others because she's portrayed as being a little underhanded and loose on email securities, and oh yes her husband's former philandering.

Why am I writing this you may justifiably ask? The reason is this; whether you like it or not Australia is inexorably linked with the USA on trade, military and culturally, and things going bad for them means things going bad for us. Ever heard this phrase about the world's biggest economy? "If America catches a cold then everyone else gets the flu".

Imagine this - just say Trump wins. The maniacal Islamic extremist groups will lay claim to more terrorist activity because of his myriad of stupid rants. People will needlessly die, because this bloke will incite more hatred. There's already too much. Remember Salman Rushdie's book a few decades ago, and that was just a damn one opinion book the Satanic Verses referring to Islamic words and so on. If the world's perceived most powerful leader goes crazy wanting to go gung ho, then where will it end?

Guess what? This man is scarier than any terrorist. He is a very real threat for the rest of the world, not just the USA ... What do you think?

*Rod McGiveron, St Marys*

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**MEDIA RELEASE From OACs**

Representative of the Tasmanian Online Access Centres Bill Fry said it was important that the Minister took time to personally see how beneficial the OACs were to their communities.

"We would really appreciate an opportunity to meet with Mr Rockliff to discuss this vital issue and to ensure he supports the remaining OACs to serve their community," Mr Fry said. "Access to information is a major hindrance for some communities, this is why the role of Online Access Centres is so crucial in ensuring that people in smaller, more isolated communities remain connected. While data on the number of households connected to the internet does show it increasing, that is not necessarily the case in some communities."

Mr Fry also said "20% of our population is still without internet access, the majority of these are in areas serviced by community managed OACs. In Ouse for example only one in five households has the internet." Mr Fry has written to Mr Rockliff (attached) on behalf of the remaining OACs, seeking a meeting and urging Mr Rockliff to intervene and save the remaining 20 centres.

"It is economically counterproductive and a public relations nightmare for the State Government to continue with LINC service consolidation strategy," Mr Fry said in his letter. "Tasmanian communities are already unhappy with the loss of 50 OACs and the 50 Coordinator positions. The risk of losing the remaining 20 OACs and their Coordinators is too high a price to pay, for the many people who rely heavily on the presence of these centres."

Further details: Bill Fry ph: 0411 203 223

**5 October 2016**

**The Honourable Jeremy Rockliff MP  
Minister for Education & Training  
GPO Box 123 HOBART TAS 7001**

Dear Minister Rockliff,

I write to you representing the Coordinators and Volunteers of the remaining 20 community-managed Online Access Centres (OACs) in Tasmania.

We believe the case for further consolidating the remaining OACs with LINC service points is flawed. The remaining 20 OACs are vastly supported by their communities and exist due to need. There is no data indicating a consolidation strategy is effective, especially when it comes to maintaining and providing the much-needed specialist services that are currently offered by the State OACs.

In response to your correspondence addressed to the Honourable David Llewellyn AM MP, dated the 30th of June 2016 in relation to OACs and the imminent service consolidation strategy the information you provided was incorrect.

The correspondence refers to outdated Census data indicating internet access across Tasmania reaching four out of five homes. That means 20% of our population is still without internet access, the majority of these are in areas serviced by community managed OACs. The remaining OACs are all located in marginalised / regional areas of Tasmania with small populations and high disadvantage indicators. In fact locations such as Ouse have opposite statistics, with only one in five households having internet access. Many other areas are subject to coverage black spots and OACs provide vital infill for these areas.

I also wish to correct the statistic that over the last four years there has been a 21% reduction in visits to OACs across the state. This statistic does not provide a true representation of the remaining 20 OACs who generally reported an increase in attendance and services provided.

Your correspondence states that the consolidation of LINC with OACs across Tasmania will continue to provide support to community members wishing to access computers. This statement is also incorrect. Many LINC personnel report that they do not have the capacity, in their very limited hours, to provide effective and equivalent assistance to people wanting to access the varied services as provided by the OACs.

To date communities across Tasmania have lost 50 OACs and coordinator positions during the consolidation of services strategy, and then there is the planned termination of another 20 OAC Coordinator positions that would complete the strategy.

OACs provide access to information in areas of Tasmania with the highest social disadvantage indicators in Australia. OACs Coordinators and volunteers provide instruction and assistance for people with poor literacy, MyGov assistance, Census forms, Passport applications and TAFE courses- services which the current service consolidation strategy has not considered. Why consolidate an OAC that ultimately removes services a LINC centre cannot provide, when the OAC is both cost neutral and assisting a disadvantaged community?

The Dropping Off the Edge Report measures various disadvantage indicators including Access to Information. The 2015 report found that just six Tasmanian local government areas (21% of total) account for 80% of the most disadvantaged rank positions. Break O Day, Southern Midlands, Central Highlands, and the Derwent Valley areas make up the six most disadvantaged local government areas. These areas are where St Helens OAC, St Marys OAC, Fingal OAC, Bagdad OAC, Ouse OAC, Derwent Valley OAC and Glenora OAC are located. Internet access and accompanying services are unaffordable or inaccessible to many people in these communities. I recently requested all OACs to provide an updated account of the volunteer hours provided on a weekly basis by their communities.

Sixteen participating OACs reported 473 hours per week, or 23,650 hours per annum, were volunteered by community members. Using the Volunteering Tas 'Value of Volunteering Calculator' these volunteers deliver an estimated \$1,145,504 in value to the Tasmanian community each year.

As part of a cost benefit analysis, each remaining community-managed OAC provided an estimate of Grant Funding by the State Government. It was found that the State Government contributes an estimated \$466,725 to the remaining OACs. The correlation between volunteer contribution and actual state funding is cost effective. Volunteer contribution to the community-managed OACs outweighs State Grant funding. All OAC's report that funding has not increased in many years, despite increased costs due to CPI adjustments and inflation.

I would also like to draw your attention to the vast distribution reach of quality publications, gazettes, directories and papers which are produced through the OACs. Between the 20 remaining OACs, over 350,000 Tasmanians are reached on an annual basis. For example: The Highland Digest (100,000 readers), Meander Valley Gazette (200,000 readers), Great Oyster Bay News (60,000 readers), Fingal Focus (2,000 readers), Tresca Community Newsletter (800 homes), Tresca Sport & Recreation Staying Active Newsletter (3,000 readers) and The Derwent Valley Business Directory (7,500 homes). The current high quality publications of the community-based OACs attract significant public support. This support base, coupled with volunteer contribution hours donated by communities across Tasmania to OACs, is vindication of the importance of the centres.

It is economically counterproductive and a public relations nightmare for the State Government to continue with LINC service consolidation strategy. Tasmanian communities are already unhappy with the loss of 50 OACs and the 50 Coordinator positions. The risk of losing the remaining 20 OACs and their Coordinators is too high of a price to pay for the many people who heavily rely on the presence of these centres.

Rather than further compromise the small range of services left available to those of marginal means, a more prudent approach would be to recognise the vital roles provided by the remaining OACs and support that recognition with three year recurrent funding. This funding would enable the OAC Coordinators to maintain their positions, and would cover both present and future CPI adjustments and other inflation-related increases. OACs would continue to adhere to agreed operational delivery standards, as well as honouring employee conditions that meet modern award standards. I would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you to discuss this vital issue, and also look forward to your support to ensure the remaining OACs may continue to serve their communities.

Regards

**Bill Fry, Representative, Tasmanian Online Access Centres.**



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**Centre Christmas Raffle** We are in the process of distributing the books. We have been giving out books as people renew memberships. If you have not received a book I'm sure you will get one. We have not had a raffle like this for years, and we do appreciate all the public support. 1st Prize - Husqvarna 700 Series Lawnmower value \$750. 2nd Prize Ozito Pressure Cleaner value \$120. 3rd Prize carton of cheer. Tickets \$5 each, raffle drawn at the Centre on Friday December 23.

**Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tuesday November 1, 2016** Champers & Cocktail Celebration. Due to a good response (\$15 tickets) we have almost sold out. A few single tickets left, but only a few.

**Dining** Due to all our Centre activities, the dinners are on hold. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**The Sports Centre members** would like to extend their best wishes to Glenys Turner who is in hospital. Everyone wishes your recovery is speedy, and you are back at the club soon.

**Bowls news** The green looks great, especially with the carpet in place round the edge. The black seats are a credit to Steve. To the guys who have worked so hard to produce a good venue - congratulations! Saturday October 15 saw St Marys defeat Swansea in the first game of the season. St Marys is host team, and I'm pleased to say everyone came together to make the day a success.

**Golf news** The grass is still growing. The mowers keep mowing. We are now ready for the Chicken Runs - Sunday 10.30 start. Win a chook and be home for Sunday lunch. Wednesday Oct 26 will see approximately 16 golfers from Australia wide play a 9 hole round. The ladies who usually play Wednesday morning are invited to join this mixed group. Any golfer wanting to join in is welcome, so come on over - it's only for 2½ hours.

**Busy time at the Centre** Oct 1, AFL Grand Final. Oct 8, 40th birthday. Oct 9, Grand Prix. Oct 12, St Marys Day Centre Senior Week. Oct 25, hosting Football Reunion, bowls arvo and evening dinner. Oct 26, golf morning. Oct 31, School Teachers tipping.

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On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays we will be opening from 12.30pm until 4pm. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we will be opening from 10am until 12.45pm.

We welcome all of our regular clients and if you are not already a LINC Tasmania member we would love to talk with you about our services.

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Best Backman	Callan Leonard
Best Forward	Lewis Ritchie
Best in Finals	Michael Lynch
Coaches Trophy	Rowan Garth
Most improved	Kadem Frake-Whitla

### Reserves

Best & Fairest	Reece Tetlow
Runner Up	Chris Smithurst
Most Dedicated	Joe Rattray
Best Backman	Hayden Ihnen
Best Forward	Cobi Ponting
Best in Finals	Adam Breen
Coaches Trophy	Hayden Cook
Most Improved	Nathan Freeman

### General

Life Member	Betty Semmens
Best Clubperson	Stephanie Hall
Presidents Trophy	Cheryl Richards
Most Potential for the Club	Mitchell Graham
Rising Star	Kyle Chapple

Submitted by Matt Osborne, St Helens

**Contributed Article for Valley and East Coast Voice Inc.**

**TasWater investigates Cornwall's future drinking water supply 17 October 2016**

Options for an upgraded water system will be presented to residents of Cornwall before the end of the year as TasWater assesses opportunities to provide the community with a secure water supply that is safe to drink and meets current health standards. TasWater's CEO Michael Brewster and General Manager Corporate and Community Relations, Juliet Mercer, met with Council representatives and Cornwall residents on October 4.

Discussion at the meeting focused on TasWater's Small Towns Water Supply Strategy and progress being made on improvements to the town's water quality.

Cornwall is one of 24 towns across the state currently on a permanent Boil Water Alert or Do Not Consume Notice. TasWater has committed to the introduction of long-term solutions for all of these towns by August 2018.

Two options considered at the meeting include an upgrade of Cornwall's existing water supply system and the option of service replacement. Service replacement would involve the installation of individual tanks at each Cornwall property providing residents with rain water collected off the roof. This option would only proceed if it is supported by the majority of property owners in the community, with a nominal threshold of 80% support.

All options will be fully investigated and TasWater will be providing residents in Cornwall with more information before the end of the year in the form of a fact sheet. The fact sheet will provide information on both the upgrade of the town's existing water supply - drawn from a nearby mine shaft - and will also outline the process of service replacement.

TasWater hopes this will help inform the community as to the impact of future developments.

"While many residents are generally happy with the current water supply, TasWater has an obligation to comply with quite stringent health regulations in regard to water quality," TasWater CEO Michael Brewster said this week. "At present Cornwall's water fails to meet these standards hence its on-going Boil Water Alert."

TasWater unveiled plans in August this year to spend \$1.5 billion over the next 10 years addressing the state's long-standing water and sewerage issues, after failing to secure additional State or Federal Government funding.

TasWater is expecting to halve the number of towns on permanent health alerts by 30 June 2017 and then remove all remaining permanent alerts before the end of August 2018.

"Cornwall is central to this aim and as it has been on a permanent Boil Water Alert for a number of years, TasWater will be working very hard to achieve a significant improvement in the quality of the town's water supply," Mr Brewster said. A range of options will be considered for each of the 24 communities included in the Small Towns Water Supply Strategy. Mr Brewster said TasWater would be working to ensure that the solution chosen for each town is sustainable and affordable, and that it meets the needs of TasWater's customers.

"To achieve this TasWater will continue to consult with the Cornwall community and will keep residents informed of any progress," Mr Brewster said this week.

*Cornwall residents are advised the existing Boil Water Alert will remain in place until a long term solution has been implemented and TasWater has conducted a comprehensive water quality testing program. Residents will be notified in writing when the Boil Water Alert has been officially lifted by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).*

*Customers will continue to receive a 20% discount on their variable water charge until the Boil Water Alert has been lifted.*

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## Break O'Day Council encourages nature interaction with new playground

A new playground designed to encourage interaction and engagement with nature as well as foster a childlike sense of wonder, has been installed in St Helens. The Lions Club park on the corner of the Tasman Highway and St Helens Point Road Intersection until now had very little to offer families, so Break O'Day Council, after much research, decided to install a Nature Based playground.

"One of our area's biggest attractions is our natural environment so a playground of this nature seemed not only ideal but based on the developmental attributes, the perfect choice," Break O'Day Mayor Mick Tucker said.

Landscape Designer Karen Johnson was tasked with the job of masterminding the project which she said emulated the natural environment and incorporated elements to stimulate the senses. "I believe, and research shows, providing natural outdoor spaces for children is vital to their good health and the health of our planet," she said. "I've come to understand the wonderful learning and development opportunities these playgrounds provide, while encouraging exploration and creativity through the use of natural elements. Materials such as rocks, logs, water, soil and plants allow children to interact with nature and challenge themselves in a stimulating and safe environment as well as developing an appreciation for nature and learning about nurturing living things."

The playground has been designed to cater for wheel chair access with extra wide pathways and includes a basket swing which Ms Johnson said is suitable for all ages and abilities. Natural elements such as logs and rocks offer an opportunity to engage with nature but also provide developmental outcomes by encouraging balance and imagination as well as providing casual seating for carers, parents and guardians. Ms Johnson has included native plantings like She-Oak, Banksia, salt bushes and grasses which mimic the natural environment and create 'wild spaces' for children to enjoy.

"There is a real shift towards natural outdoor playspaces because these types of areas provide stimulating play, learning and development opportunities," Ms Johnson said. "We are very pleased with the playground and by the looks on the faces of the children who have been using the area, it's obvious they are enjoying the experience," Mayor Tucker added.

*For more information please contact Break O'Day Communications Coordinator, Jayne Richardson on 6376 7900*



*Local St Helens Children enjoying the new Nature based Playground in St Helens. (Permissions obtained)*



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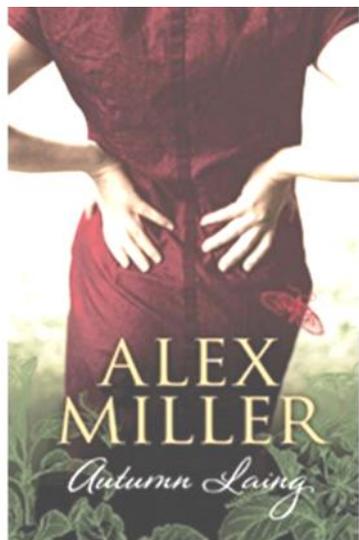


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## Mt Elephant and Beyond Book Club Review

Our Book Group read Alex Miller's novel, *Autumn Laing*, this month. In a type of postscript entitled "How I came to Write *Autumn Laing*" Miller says, "*Autumn Laing* is a story about the intimate lives of passionate, ambitious and gifted people, it is a story about their loves, their hates and their betrayals, but it is also a story about Australian art and culture and some of the questions and problems Australian art and culture have had to confront and which they continue to confront today." He claims to have come to this novel firstly through the work of Sidney Nolan, which represented the landscape familiar to Miller from working in outback Queensland when he came to Australia from England at the age of 16. However, as the idea for the novel grew, he found the voice of Autumn Laing taking over, till she became the focus of his story.



During the 1930s and 40s a community of artists, poets and writers gathered at the home of a wealthy, privileged and artistically passionate couple on the outskirts of Melbourne. The property was Heide and the couple were John and Sunday Reed. This novel takes aspects of, and incidents from, the lives of these real people and constructs an imagined version of parts of these lives. *Autumn Laing* is in some ways Sunday Reed, John Reed becomes Autumn's husband, Arthur, and Pat Donlon is Sidney Nolan.

It is a fiction within a fiction. Autumn is writing her memoir as a cantankerous, embittered woman of 85, looking back on her tempestuous affair 50 years before with the rebellious developing artist Pat Donlon. Eventually her story is edited and published by an American journalist and companion, Adele, who spends the last few months of Autumn's life living at Lost Farm (Heide) with her, researching the history of the group. Donlon rejects the conventions of the art world which until now have been European oriented, and, encouraged by Autumn, finds his inspiration and expression in the Australian outback landscape, firstly through delving through the accounts by the lost explorer Leichhardt and then actually spending time in the outback. Abandoning his pregnant wife, herself a talented artist but of the more conventional kind, he lives with Autumn and her husband, supported in a menage a trois at Heide until he abandons them too as his career takes off.

As an old woman Autumn is eaten up by guilt at her part in the betrayal of the wife and bitterness at her own abandonment by Donlon, and explores her memories and feelings in her writing.

There has been much criticism in recent years of what has become known as "faction", the re-imagining of the lives and motivations of real people now dead. This is another example of such writing. The fact that Sunday Reed died only 40 years ago may bring some readers to question the ethics of the venture, but Miller claims that these people were merely the inspiration for his exploration of the artistic drive. Miller is a gifted writer and he has certainly created vivid and memorable characters with very human vulnerabilities in this novel.

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*Just when things seem to be settling back to normal, down comes another deluge, the Bay fills with tea coloured water and fishing research goes out the window ...*

Spare a thought for our shellfish producers, when will they get a smooth run (and my thanks to Ian Coatsworth, the oysters in the nick of time were truly delicious)?. However, we do have some reports:

The salmon are still in the Bay and good Trevally have been taken off the jetties. I took some good fish exploring the edge of the coloured water, struggling with the wind and tide, in the channel off Akaroa. Squid are patrolling the seagrass flats and seem hungry, I caught one next to a visiting boater while it was trying to snack on its mate impaled on his jig and about to be netted (they're not team players). The King George Whiting are beginning to show, but not reliably yet and I was going to announce some good garfish schools, but the latest flood put paid to that. Bream in the estuaries are on the move, influenced by the rapid fluctuations in fresh water and there are salmon off the beaches.

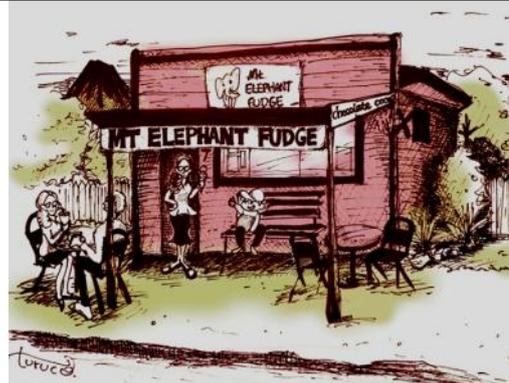
Outside, the flathead remain scarce and reports of night-time lights have led to the usual trawler accusations, particularly north of Binalong. I'm still awaiting news of king flathead, they're due. But, the tuna remain on the shelf - if the weather provides opportunity for smaller boats.

To the fresh: it's "a land of flooding rains" and club plans to seek trout chasing Mayflies on the Break O'Day may come to nought with rivers high and coloured, some remaining quite dangerous with undercut banks and significant debris. Members have been pushing farther afield with Lake Leake still fishing well as it spills, and there are good signs of Mayfly hatching on Four Springs. Highland Lakes are brimming and good fish have been spotted in Arthur's and lost in Penstock. Much access remains problematic with such an abundance of surface water, it portends a good season ahead.

So ... we'll focus on how far an angler will roam in pursuit of a fish; from The Flathead Classic, Gold Coast. QLD Barra and Cook Island Bonefish and Mahi Mahi.

I'm a bit envious of fellow members travelling to escape the cold. If you're interested in finding out more, Chris will be giving a presentation on his Aitutaki Pacific Islands experience at our January meeting, and Kev will report on the Gold Coast Flathead classic upon his return. Gavin might even let you into where he got that Barra. Should be motivating.

*Article and photographs by Howard Jones, Secretary*



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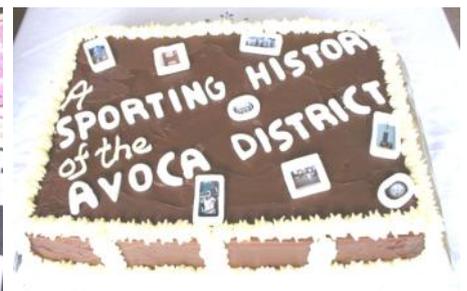
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It's an odd thing that every English speaker uses that list, but almost none of us could write it out. And as size comes before colour, green great dragons can't exist.



... Tolkien became sidetracked by an interest in the subtleties of language:

*'When I was about seven. It was about a dragon. I remember nothing about it except a philological fact. My mother said nothing about the dragon, but pointed out that one could not say "A green great dragon," but had to say "a great green dragon." I wondered why, and still do. The fact that I remember this is possibly significant, as I do not think I ever tried to write a story again for many years, and was taken up with language.*



### Fingal District Progress Committee Inc.

#### Invitation to the opening of The Fingal Railway Station

By the Hon. Rene Hidding MP on Saturday 29th October 2016, 11am at the Fingal Railway Station, Fingal

Thanks to the Tasmanian Community Fund, Break O'Day Council, Greater Esk Tourism and the Fingal District Progress Committee the Fingal Railway Station has been restored. The only other Federation Queen Anne style station building from this era is at St Marys

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### Out of the Woodwork

Thank you to Hub for Health for supplying the refreshments for our Seniors Open Day. The Guild was open for inspection and we were delighted to report that we had about ten visits from an enthusiastic group who will allways be welcomed for a return visit.

#### The results of the Guild’s Annual General Meeting was as follows.

President / Treasurer : Reon Johns

Secretary / Public Officer : Wendy Brennan

Committee members: Col Mackenzie, Ted Koops, Tom Brady, Jeff Springer and Chris Ogden.



Reon Johns, Tom Brady and Chris Ogden taken at the Tasmanian Men’s Shed Association. Photo taken by Paul Shaffer.

*Guilds Home Hint:* There is no need to pay for expensive exfoliates for your skin. Bi-Carb Soda works just as well. Place a small amount in your hands and make a paste. Gently rub over your face and then rinse.

**Wendy Brennan, Secretary 6372 2094**

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The Guild is open daily except Friday and Sunday (depending on volunteers). Other times by appointment

### Avoca water pipeline progressing well



Fully treated water for the Fingal Valley town of Avoca is getting closer every day.

The 29 kilometre pipeline which will supply treated water to Avoca from the Fingal water treatment plant is being laid in three stages alongside the Esk Highway.

The 110 millimetre diameter polyethylene pipeline is being laid from both the Avoca and Fingal ends with a third section of work dealing with more difficult terrain where the ground is rocky.

The bulk of the pipe line is being directionally drilled through the soil about a metre below ground.

First, the drill head and a series of metal rods, connected as they go, are drilled horizontally for about 140 metres. The pipe is then connected to the drill head and drawn back along the newly drilled section. Water is pumped through the pipe to assist the process. Each 140 metre section of pipe is then joined using electrofusion welding connectors.

The pipe laying project between Avoca and Fingal is being carried out by Tasmanian based company, Water Industry Solutions.

Most of the pipe is laid along the road reserve of the Esk Highway with workers on site reporting they have generally encountered good pipe installation conditions.

Water at Avoca will be stored in the existing town reservoir with the current equipment retained to boost chlorination levels in the water after arriving from Fingal.

TasWater CEO Michael Brewster says he is really pleased to see progress in water services to smaller communities in Tasmania.

“I am happy too, to use this year’s national water week (16-22 October) to highlight projects around the state aimed at improving water quality.”

“Avoca is just one of several towns where a significant amount of money is being invested, part of TasWater’s annual spend of around \$100 million on infrastructure upgrades.”

And our work isn’t going to ease up with plans to bring all our Tasmanian water supplies up to standard over the next two years so we can remove all existing boil water advisories.

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## OUT OF THE BLUE by Anne Collins ©

*Set in the 1960s, Tom Campbell, husband of Vi, father of Meg and Rose, builds a ferro-cement boat in his Canley Vale back yard. The story tells of how this project takes over his life and the effect it has on his family. Told from Tom's point of view, the story's humorous edge captures the mood of a time when Sydney's suburbs were littered with the dreams of those whose ferro-cement hulls stood landlocked in small yards towering over modest houses.*



What was left of the yard was now filling up quickly with a range of items: hand rails, bow fittings, ventilators, masthead fittings, a toilet bowl, some locker doors, a galley sink and a set of old washing-machine doors: would-be port holes. Tom and Den would be gone all day, driving from one suburb to another, collecting fittings and talk. There was always a boat enthusiast with a good story.

It was amazing, really, just to see how many hulls there were, spread across the suburbs, each at different stages of completion. Some were huge, much bigger than Tom's, towering over tiny fibro houses. Tom enjoyed these outings, it was like belonging to a new kind of club. It was good to yarn with those who understood, instead of having to explain all the time, why he was still not near finishing.

On one of these Saturdays Tom arrived home with a load of paint, a special offer which he said would save money in the future.

"For the trimmings," he explained, as Vi stood counting the number of tins in the boot of the car. "Three tins were for free - you've got to have special paint you know. "

"Trimmings!" Vi exclaimed with mock sarcasm. "So, you're on to the trimmings then?" She shook her head in disbelief. "What on earth did I do to deserve all this?"

Tom chuckled. Her humour caused a twinge of recognition in Tom's chest and he knew she was softening. Vi was still an attractive looking woman when she wasn't angry, her curly hair still that strong chestnut colour. Den admired her looks too, he didn't have a wife. "Did you go out looking like that?" she chided like a mother, nodding towards his crumpled shorts and thongs.

"I've got a name for her, Out of the Blue," Tom announced, and pointed to a paint tin, his source.

"Well, it was certainly that."

"Pure poetry, I reckon." Vi rolled her eyes. "Rub a dub dub, three men in a tub . . . you and poetry!"

On Sunday afternoons Vi began offering Tom and Den a cup of tea, and bringing them out a bit of cake. They tried to get her to come up and join them inside the hull.

"Just come across the plank," Tom directed. Vi was standing at the top of the back steps.

"If you think I'm doing some trapeze act with this tray -" Vi walked down the steps and over to the ladder at the side of the boat. When she reached the top she looked at Tom, then nodded back towards the tray she'd left near the door.

"Well?"

Tom scampered across the plank, remembering for the first time in ages what he'd always loved about Vi: her fighting spirit. Yet he rarely understood the depths to which it carried her, carried both of them in fact. This was the first time since the hull's arrival that she'd agreed to come on board and it eased Tom's conscience. "Thanks Mrs C.," Den raised his cup to her as if it were a glass of beer.

"Yeah thanks love," Tom added as he tucked into the fruit cake, slightly embarrassed at actually having Vi sitting there with them. At that moment he knew he didn't thank her enough - thank her for putting up with him. Most of the time something constrained him and any kindly thoughts he had towards her became stuck in his throat as soon as he tried to turn them into words.

"So what're you two working on today?" she asked, looking at the dense curve of the cement, wave-like at the back of her head. Tom looked over to Den.

"The hatches Mrs C," Den replied clearing his throat, "renovatin' the hatches." Vi frowned.

"The doors," Tom cut in, "for getting inside here. We picked them up last Saturday."

"I know what hatches are Tom Campbell, but you haven't done the roof yet," Vi noted looking up at the sky.

"The deck you mean - well, we've got to net that first . . . all in good time." Den nodded emphatically, as if trying to convince Vi it would all work out in the end. That evening Vi walked in on Tom in the bathroom. He'd been covering the wall above the mirror with photos of the boat, each taken from different viewpoints.

"For the life of me! I can't get away from the damn thing!" "It's for study purposes, while I'm shaving. It's suggested in one of my books."

"Eighteen months on and you're studying now. It was meant to be finished, remember? You've gone about this all wrong Tom Campbell, you're scattered! Junk all over the place - what's that latest rubbish in boxes?"

"Ballast." "What?"

"To keep her steady on the water." Vi turned back towards the hallway.

"You're the one who needs steadying."

There were days out there on his boat in the back yard at Canley Vale, when Tom imagined he could almost smell the sea air, feel his cheeks ruddy and delight in the imaginary whiff of coffee on the burner after a day out in the wind. He would take deep, calm breaths with these thoughts, and this made him more and more inclined to spend his evenings outside, especially once the weather started warming up again.

One night there was a heavy storm, the kind of occasional storm that sent down hail stones the size of golf balls, and Tom

decided the boat needed shelter. The winds had blown off the huge tarpaulin and twisted it around the scaffolding, while the hull had filled with several inches of water.

Over the following couple of weeks Tom and Den built a frame over the hull complete with corrugated roof. It was the fastest piece of work completed yet. Then a few weeks further on, Tom walled in some of the frame with more scrap tin. The new structure covered the boat more than adequately but blocked the afternoon sun from the laundry, kitchen and dining area. Vi exploded all over again, the growing moments of peace between them now shattered.

"I think you've gone a bit mad, Tom Campbell."

Not that Tom expected her to understand. "It's only temporary."

He kept his voice level, he preferred the rational approach.

"You're lucky no-one's gone to the council - now there's an idea! You call two years temporary? I can barely remember what our yard looked like - that's right I used to have flowers and a beautiful green lawn."

Tom's perseverance exceeded everyone's expectations. And for all Tom's fiddling about, as Vi like to put it, the spare parts he'd collected were now cleaned up and waiting in the shed. By autumn of the third year, the deck beams were up and Tom started covering them with the rolls of wire he'd collected. He was more or less on his own now, since Den's knee operation, but one Saturday while Joe was visiting with Rose, Tom got him to help tie the wires to the outside of the stringers.

After a few weeks the deck netting was completed and looked the right shape, square and firm around the beams. The next job would be to plaster it all. Tom went back to the books in order to estimate the details as accurately as possible: the grade of cement, the thickness of the covering. Harry next door helped him finish the task from the top side, grouting, plastering, then water-curing. The job looked beautiful next to the patchy example left by Frank, it was worth taking that extra bit of time to do things properly.

Around this time though, things started to change. First it was the photos.

"Where's my photos from the bathroom?" he asked Vi one morning.

"I've put them away in a drawer."

"Have you now? You didn't ask me about that." Tom still needed them to refer to.

"They're all blotchy and curled from the steam," stated Vi. Tom decided not to make an issue of it, even though he felt put out by this interference. Instead, he took the photos from the drawer and went outside to pin them up on the wall of the boat shelter.

Then another night, when it suddenly seemed a lot later than usual, Tom noticed he was hungry. Vi hadn't called him. When he got inside, the kitchen was all cleaned up. The clock said 8.30. Meg was in her room doing her homework.

"Where's your mother?" he asked. "Over the road." "What about tea?" "We've had ours. Shepherd's Pie."

"You're telling me you had tea?"

"Mum said, she's sick of calling and you never coming. You know when tea-time is Dad."

"So I'm stuck with baked beans then? Whose the one who works all week to buy the food?" Meg shrugged.

After that he took an alarm clock down to the hull so he'd know when it was six o'clock.

A few nights after that, when he came in from the yard to go to bed - around a quarter to eleven - he found it empty and the things from Vi's side-table gone. Then he noticed the dresser. All her brushes, combs, powder and perfume bottles were missing. He wandered through the house and saw a light on in Rose's room. He opened the door. There was Vi sitting up in Rose's bed with a cup of tea, reading one of her murder stories. She looked straight at him, like she'd rehearsed it.

"This is my room now." The missing things were all laid out on Rose's old dressing-table.

"You might as well know that all my things are in here." Vi glared at him.

"I've teed it up with Rose. She said 'Go ahead Mum, I would if I were you.' At least I get the sun in here and a bit of peace."

"Suit yourself," was all Tom could say. His mouth had gone dry from the shock.

Over time, Tom began discovering other things too, things that felt like secrets. It turned out that Vi had been spending a lot of time over at Noelene Johnson's place. Sewing she reckoned. Noelene had set up a business in her back room after her husband had died of the heart attack. Fair enough. But what did it have to do with Vi?

"She's on her own," Vi said when he asked. "I'm helping her out. She gets far more work than she can manage."

"She's payin' you?" "Naturally. And I'm saving." There was nothing natural about it as far as Tom was concerned. Vi was acting cagey.

"Saving for what?" "A trip - if you must know . . . to Queensland."

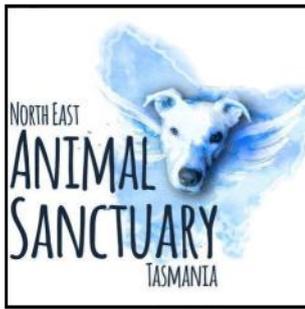
Next thing he knew there were L-plates on the table. "These yours?" he asked Meg who was nearly eighteen by then.

"No," she answered with a grin on her face that said she knew more than he did. Vi was learning to drive. Noelene was teaching her. They were planning to drive to Queensland.

"The girls are all for it," Vi said to him almost singing. That'd be right, thought Tom. He couldn't help but feel there'd been some kind of conspiracy going on behind his back.

Not long after this, Vi said the strangest thing of all. She said: "I'm tired of competing with the other woman in your life, Tom." Who did she think she was talking to? The only women Tom ever saw were the ones around here. He'd never been that sort of bloke. She'd probably been reading too many of those magazines. He thought then: she's losing it.

Den said it could be that change-of-life thing women go through. So Tom said nothing. Best to play it down and give her time. She'll come round, sooner or later, he figured. Then things will be back to normal.



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My name is **Star** and I was a feral kitty who was trapped and brought to NEAST.

I was a very scared kitty and would hiss and spit but when I went to my foster carer something happened ... I had a lovely lady who was so patient with me and fed me yummy treats. I really wanted to love her but I was very scared. Over time and with lots of love from my foster mum, I came out of my shell and wasn't so scared anymore. I learnt how nice a pat and a stroke felt.

I was moved to another foster mum so I could learn to get used to more people.

If you think you have the time and patience for me please talk to the nice ladies from NEAST about taking me on a two week trial



**Zac** loves humans there is no doubt about that!! Zac would benefit from a family or companion who is with him more often than not and as with all of our dogs we require the homes they go to, to have a secure yard. He loves the water and has great recall. If you think Zac could be your perfect match please contact us for more information.

### Vets ask prospective dog owners to avoid pugs and other flat-faced breeds - written by an anonymous vet.

I still remember when I was introduced to the concept of a "brachycephalic" (squashed-nosed) dog as a veterinary student. We were having our first anatomy lectures on the skull and the lecturer put up various slides (yes, slides – that's how long ago I trained to be a vet) showing x-ray images of dogs' heads. Various different-sized ones went up – a collie, a jack russell, a beagle and then suddenly an extraordinary image of a skull with a crushed nose and distended forehead. "What is wrong with this patient?" our lecturer asked. "Has it been hit by a car?" The students responded. "Has it been kicked? Is there a birth defect?" None of these was right, of course, because the lecturer had been waiting to give his punchline. "You are all wrong. It's just a pug".

And there you have it, brachycephalic dogs (which include pugs, bulldogs, French bulldogs and shih tzus) are an anatomical disaster. Every structure that should make up the nose has been squashed flat. The only time these dogs are not in some degree of respiratory distress is when you have them intubated under anaesthetic.

I have seen it myself: a bulldog comes in panting away with blue-tinged gums (normal for the breed), I anaesthetise it and put the tube in and as if by magic it pinks up and breathes normally – presumably its body is overjoyed to actually be receiving enough oxygen for once. Breathing aside, most of these animals also have other genetic abnormalities that result in illness, from back problems to eye issues.

This week, the British Veterinary Association's recommendation to think twice before buying one of these dogs hit the headlines and suddenly people are talking about the issue. But if you had asked any practising vet in the past few years what they thought of brachycephalics they would have been as critical of these breeds as I am.

'Breathing aside, most of these animals also have other genetic abnormalities that result in illness, from back problems to eye issues.'

In light of all this, the question has to be – why do vets not speak out more often? And therein lies the rub; the vast majority of us work in general practice and our income is based on mending people's animals and getting paid for it, and, like it or not, a large number of those clients have brachycephalic dogs. In my practice alone we have a number of pug, shih tzu and bulldog breeders and dozens of owners with squashed-nosed pets. If I stood up and told the truth about these breeds I would immediately alienate them and they would up sticks and move to the neighbouring practice where the vet was not as outspoken. Vets in general practice simply cannot afford to be honest and to speak out. You would be hard-pushed to find a general practitioner who likes the concept of a brachycephalic dog but you would be equally hard-pushed to find one being openly critical of them because this would put their livelihood on the line.

So I am delighted that the BVA has come out with its headline-grabbing advice – at last we can talk about the subject a bit more openly (although not openly enough for me to put my name to this column). My colleagues often debate the ethics of being in a profession that, despite its better judgment, helps to perpetuate these anatomical abominations – maybe it is time for us to take a stand.

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/>

# EON EXPO

*An Earth Ocean Network Initiative  
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**FREE ENTRY**

**10-5pm**

**Saturday & Sunday**

**November 5-6<sup>th</sup>**

**Bicheno Hall**

**What happens if I don't rinse my recycling?**

*Our Oceans and Rivers are pretty clean – aren't they?*

Given the rapid changes to the East Coast with respect to climate change, will this region need more targeted fisheries management strategies?

*Any good ideas on recycling plastic?*

How will science help communities in a practical sense prepare for climate change?

*What is the impact of polluted waters?*

Does the GSBC council think a container deposit scheme is viable for our municipality?

*How will recreational fishing on the east coast be affected by observed climate changes?*

**What happens to our Recycling?**

*Why are there suddenly so many algae blooms in Tasmania?*

How can I use less plastic?



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## Featuring

Speakers on –

What Happens to Our Recycling, Pollution in our Oceans, Changes to our Oceans, No Waste Living, Bicheno Penguins & Tassie Devils

TeFF – Tasmanian Eco Film Festival–selection

Community Art Project – Junk to Art

Q&A Panel – selection of speakers

Wombat Rehabilitation Program

IMAS & REDMAP – uncommon marine species sightings & marine science in Tasmania

Invasive Species Displays

Kids Corner – Artwork and Ideas

Snake Rescue – Rehabilitating snakes

Tassie Shorebirds – Display and Information

Beautiful Bicheno–Marine Footage

Marine World challenges – mini clips

Plastics Alternatives

Lucky Door Prizes– Glass Bottom Boat,

Penguin Tours, Natureworld Passes

# St Marys Community Health Centre

Gardiners Creek Rd St Marys Tasmania 7215  
6387 5555

## GP Surgery Hours

**Monday - Friday**

**8:50 - 10am**

(10 -10:30am reception closed)

**10:30am - 12.30pm**

(12:30 - 1:30pm reception closed)

**1:30 - 2:45pm**

(2:45 - 3:15pm Reception closed)

**3:15 - 4:30pm**

## Pathology Service – Bloods

There is no pathology service prior to 8.30am. If you require pathology prior to 8.30am, i.e. urgent blood test and / or a fasting test, an appointment must be made at the Nurses' Station the day / evening before on 6387 5555

**Pathology hours: Monday-Friday**

**8:30 - 11am & 2 - 4pm**

## Scripts and Doctors appointments

Please ensure doctors appointments are booked **PRIOR** to your medications running out, or **IN ADVANCE** if you attend this practice regularly.

### Please be patient

Waiting periods to see your doctor may be experienced. We are not able to issue scripts during the weekends, please ensure you have enough in advance.

**Please be aware we are not able to issue scripts by phone**

## Non-attendance of Doctor's Appointments

Please be aware there is a non attendance policy at this practice. If you miss three appointments you will be sent an account.

If you miss a fourth appointment you may be referred to another Medical Practice.

Due to demand, doctor's appointments need to be booked at least **two weeks in advance**. Waiting periods can apply.

## Doctors Roster

**Dr C Latt**

24/10/16– 4/10/16

**Dr K Nash-Rawnsley**

21/10, 24/10, 25/10, 31/10 & 1/11 2016

**Dr E Reeckman**

27/10/16– 28/10/16

## WAITING AREA AT THE HEALTH CENTRE

The waiting area for ALL services at the St Marys Community Health Centre is in the reception area.

Please report to reception upon arrival and the consultant you are here to see will be told and they will come and collect you from this area. This applies to in patient visits as well

## St Marys Medical Practice reminder

Dr Latt wishes to remind the community of the following exceptions to bulk billing at SMCHC:

<i>Driving licence renewals</i>	<i>Insurance medicals</i>
<i>Requested medical reports</i>	<i>Harness medicals</i>
	<i>Pre-employment checks</i>

The above are NOT covered by Medicare and may incur cost. Please discuss this with reception when making your appointment. If you have any concerns, please contact us and we will try and address them.

## A.H. contact numbers

**GP Assist 1300 780 011**

**Ambulance or Emergency 1800 008 008**

**Lifeline - Saving lives, crisis support and suicide prevention 131 114**

**St Marys Community Health Centre - please ring before presenting after hours 6387 5555**

**INR tests require a five minute doctors consultation. Please inform reception when booking**

# St Marys Community Health Centre

Gardiners Creek Rd St Marys Tasmania 7215  
6387 5555

## What's on at the Centre

October 21 **Social Worker** Shan Williams  
For appts ph 6387 5555

**Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide for appts please see your GP or Health professional for a referral.

**Dietician Diabetes Tasmania** Melanie Hortle please see your GP for a referral

October 24 **Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide for appts please see your GP or Health professional for a referral.

**Child Health Session** with Mary Mumford  
Tuesday fortnights, by appts only.  
Ph 0428 136 381

October 25 **Physiotherapist**– Naomi Ide for appts please see your GP or Health professional for a referral.

**Rae & Partners Lawyers** consult fortnightly at the SMCHC. Ph 6337 5555 for appts.

**Occupational Therapist** Danyelle Briggs by referral from your Health Professional.

October 26 **Cancer Council Outreach** service Richard Austin 2:30pm-3:30pm St Marys Health Centre. Drop in Service.

**Day Centre** call Hayley Gilbert on 6387 5555 for information on the group

**Outreach Health Solutions** Grant Todd  
Exercise Physiologist. Ph 0428 491 621

October 27 **Social Worker** Shan Williams for appts ph 6387 5555

**Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide for appts please see your GP or Health professional for a referral.

October 28 **Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide for appts please see your GP or Health professional for a referral.

**Social Worker** Shan Williams  
Ph 6387 5555 for appointments.

**Diabetes Educator** Sally Gates. See your GP for a referral.

October 31 **Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide for appts please see your GP or Health professional for a referral.

October 31 **Continance Nurse** Sue Walker Please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral.

**Hospital Auxiliary Meeting** 2pm in the Family Room.

November 1 **Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide for appts please see your GP or Health professional for a referral.

**Podiatry North** For appointments please ph 6336 5155.

November 2 **Outreach Health Solutions** Grant Todd  
Exercise Physiologist. Ph 0428 491 621

**Social Worker** Shan Williams  
For appts ph 6387 5555

**Consumer & Carer Advocacy Group**  
12 -2pm downstairs at the SMCHC.  
Ph Shan on 6387 5555

**Day Centre** call Hayley Gilbert on 6387 5555 for information on the group.

**TAZREACH** Antenatal Clinic with Katie.  
Contact GP for appointments.

**Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide for appts please see your GP or Health Professional for a referral.

November 3 **Social Worker** Shan Williams  
Ph 6387 5555 for appointments.

**Outreach Health Solutions** Grant Todd  
Exercise Physiologist. Ph 0428 491 621

November 4 **Social Worker** Shan Williams  
Ph appts ph 6387 5555

**Physiotherapist** Naomi Ide for appts please see your GP or Health professional for a referral.

### November is 'MOVEMBER'

Keep your eyes open at reception for sales of Moustaches to help raise funds for Prostate Cancer Awareness during the month of November 2016.

Moustaches will be on sale for \$2.00 each



186 words of 3 letters or more from **BEDEVILMENT**

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How many words of three letters or more can be found in **DISTINCTIVE**? Answer next edition.



“When I asked her once why she didn’t walk to the gym and do five minutes less on the treadmill, she looked at me as if I were being wilfully provocative. “Because I have a program for the treadmill,” she explained. “It records my distance and speed, and I can adjust it for degree of difficulty.” It hadn’t occurred to me how thoughtlessly deficient nature is in this regard.” [Bill Bryson, A Walk in the Woods](#)

## Surveying Town Planning

### Aerial Photography & 3D Modelling

- Property boundary checks and remarks
- House set-outs
- Land development and management
- Strata developments
- Engineering and feature surveys for design
- Construction set-out
- Development investigations and assessments
- Town planning services
- Aerial photography for real estate and other
- Agriculture services such as drainage and dams
- Quantity surveys for stockpiles and quarries
- Machine Control setup, establishment and onsite management
- Mapping and monitoring of sites
- Project feasibility studies
- Aerial and terrestrial 3D modelling
- Near Infra Red (NIR) and Normalised Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) imagery for vegetation and crop health
- Thermal imagery capture



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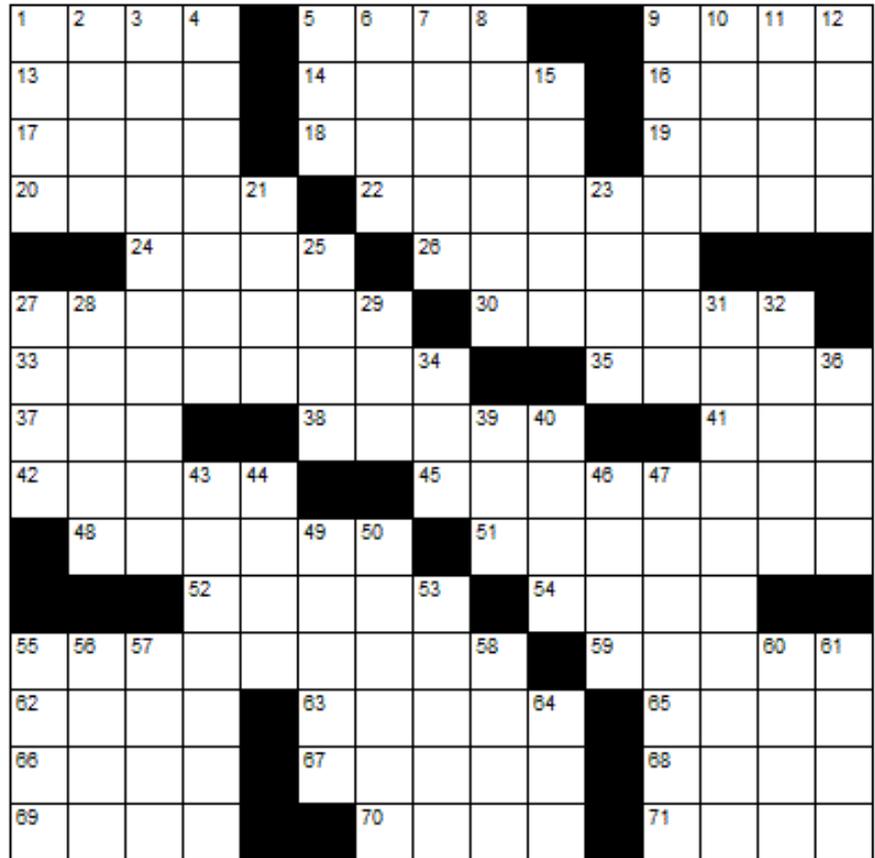


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**ACROSS**

- 1. An amount of medicine
- 5. Against
- 9. Plateau
- 13. Rectum
- 14. Salamanders
- 16. Black, in poetry
- 17. An enclosed conduit
- 18. Perspiration
- 19. Gait faster than a walk
- 20. Academy award
- 22. Communications device
- 24. French for "State"
- 26. Crown
- 27. Armory
- 30. Medical building
- 33. Rumormonger
- 35. Style
- 37. Santa's helper
- 38. Enlighten
- 41. Knave
- 42. Two
- 45. Hammering
- 48. Small in degree
- 51. Flattery
- 52. Rise rapidly
- 54. Type of sword
- 55. Ottoman
- 59. Our planet
- 62. Doing nothing
- 63. European currency (plural)
- 65. Have the nerve
- 66. French for "Black"
- 67. Expels
- 68. Decorative case
- 69. Press
- 70. Being
- 71. "Reed" backwards



**DOWN**

- 1. Carpenter's groove
- 2. Burden
- 3. Prospering
- 4. Demesnes
- 5. Autonomic nervous system
- 6. Colorful salamander
- 7. Sound from a nest
- 8. Slanted font
- 9. Colorless odorless gas
- 10. River of Spain
- 11. Any day now
- 12. Kitty (poker)
- 15. Pilfer
- 21. Hindu princess
- 23. Snob
- 25. Adhesive strip
- 27. Matured
- 28. Parts portrayed
- 29. Directed
- 31. Burn
- 32. Large long-necked wading bird
- 34. Tear
- 36. Jittery
- 39. Watch chain
- 40. Christmas season
- 43. Well
- 44. Prima donna problems
- 46. Back of the neck
- 47. Feared
- 49. Despises
- 50. A company of performers
- 53. Open skin infections
- 55. French for Finished or Done
- 56. Smell
- 57. Hodgepodge
- 58. Not high
- 60. Not false
- 61. Inheritor
- 64. South southeast

**Solution on p26**

I was at this casino minding my own business, and this guy came up to me and said, 'You're gonna have to move, you're blocking a fire exit.' As though if there was a fire, I wasn't gonna run. If you're flammable and have legs, you are never blocking a fire exit.



*Hedberg*

Number of Americans killed annually by:	
Islamic jihadist immigrants <sup>1</sup> :	2
Far right-wing terrorists <sup>1</sup> :	5
All Islamic jihadist terrorists (including US citizens) <sup>1</sup> :	9
Armed toddlers <sup>2</sup> :	21
Lightning <sup>3</sup> :	31
Lawnmowers <sup>4</sup> :	69
Being hit by a bus <sup>4</sup> :	264
Falling out of bed <sup>4</sup> :	737
Being shot by another American <sup>5</sup> :	11,737

**Tasmania**

Many Australian towns have a history of mining. As the mines close down, the towns reduced in size and availability of services, such as education. An example of this is Avoca, a small town of about 250 people in the mid-north of Tasmania. A main industry in the town now is making pavers out of left over material from the abandoned mines. Agriculture and forestry activities are also important to this town. There are 42 children at Avoca school. Only half of them live in town, the rest travel from nearby farming estates or small communities.

Undated, from <http://www.australian-children.com/public%20schools.htm>



Just because nobody complains doesn't mean all parachutes are perfect.  
Benny Hill



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**HEAT WAVE HITS  
TASMANIA**

**Buildings At St. Marys  
Menaced By Fires**

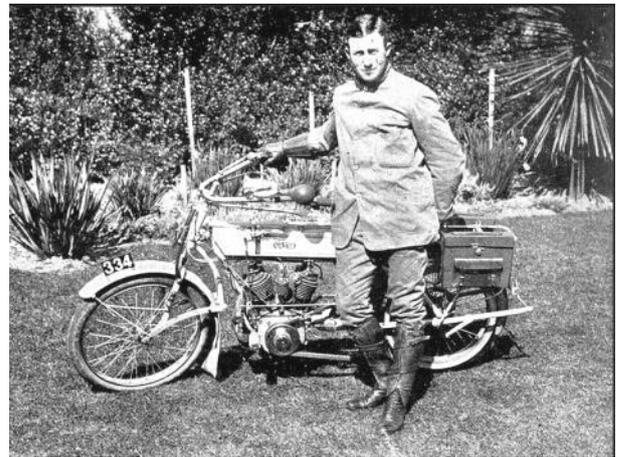
**OUTBREAKS IN VICTORIA**

**EXTREMELY** hot weather in most parts of Tasmania yesterday was accompanied in several centres of the North-East by fierce bush fires. The St. Marys cheese factory and St. Marys Cottage Hospital were threatened, but were saved after strenuous effort by volunteer firefighters. Several homesteads in the district were endangered.

Hobart had its hottest day since February 23, 1939. The maximum temperature yesterday was 94.3 degrees at 2.45 p.m.

Thirty-one huts, 12 motor-cars, two motor-cycles, £2,000 worth of machinery and four tractors valued at £1,800 each were destroyed in fires at Saxton's logging camp at Tanjilbren (V.).

The Mercury, February 16th 1940, page 2



Hill climb near Launceston. F Fairthorne, Vindec Special, first and fastest time. 2/10/1909

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### Meals on Wheels

October 20	Heather Griffiths
21	Drew Adam
24	Pam Bretz
25	Trish Pike
26	Louise Keady
27	Valmai Spencer
28	Drew Adam
31	Karl Balzer
November 1	Karl Balzer
2	Lundy Vosper

### Tip locations and opening hours

<i>Ansons Bay</i> Long w/ends Mon 12 - 4 Wed/Sun 12 - 4 <i>Fingal, Mathinna Road</i> Tues/Thurs 10 - 4 Sun 2 - 5 <i>Pyengana, Tasman Hwy</i> No builders' waste please Wed 9 - 1, Sun 2 - 5	<i>Scamander, Coach Street</i> Tues/Thurs 10 - 4 Sun 2 - 5 <i>St Helens, Eagle Street</i> Open 7 days 10 - 4 <i>St Marys, Gray Road</i> Tues/Thurs 10 - 4 Sun 2 - 5
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### Emergency services

AURORA Emergency	13 20 04
Carers for Wildlife St Marys	6372 2973 / 0417 017 105
Crimestoppers	1800 333 000
Poisons Information	13 11 26
Police Emergency	000 & Enq 13 14 44
SES Emergency	13 25 00
TFS Emergency	000 & Enq 1800 000 699



### St Marys Salvation Army

*is pleased to offer the following services:*

*Weddings  
Dedication of children  
Funerals*

*Envoy Mel Norton 0409 838 816*

I've given up social media and am trying to make friends outside Facebook while applying the same principles.

Every day, I walk down the street and tell passersby what I've eaten, how I feel, what I did the night before, and what I will do tomorrow. Then I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and me gardening. I also listen to their conversations and tell them I love them. And it works. I already have three people following me—two police officers and a psychiatrist.



### Computer Trouble?

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- ADSL, WiFi, Satellite

**Ray Walker**

m **0401 497 199**

e **help@raywalker.it**



The world's largest recorded barramundi was caught by Dave Powell in Lake Tinaroo in September 1999. The whopper measured 124 centimetres and weighed 38.75 kg. Lake Tinaroo is in the Atherton Tablelands behind Cairns and is 3/4 the size of Sydney Harbour. Some believe that there are even bigger barra than the one pictured, still swimming around in this lake.

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*Refrigerator runs too long?*

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Rump Steak	18.99	Silverside	8.99
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Breast Fillets	9.99	Breast Fillets	9.99
Nichols Drumsticks	3.99	Lamb BBQ Chops	12.99
Blade Roast	13.99	2 pk Nichols Kievs	6.99
<i>Two week specials October 19 - November 1</i>			
Powerade Drinks 600ml	3.00	Coon Cheese Slices 500g	6.99
Kelloggs Sultana Bran 420g	3.99	Mc Cain Meals	6.99
SPC Tomatoes 400/410g	1.19	Rexona Impulse	3.99
Devondale Cheese 500g	5.49	Dorito Chips 170g	2.69
Nanda Spaghetti 500g	.99	Tablelands Margarine 500g	1.39
Earth's Choice Toilet Cleaner 750ml	1.99	Heinz Baked Beans / Spaghetti 420g	1.49
Earth's Choice Laundry Liquid 1 Lt	5.99	Santarium Up & Go 6pk	5.45
Tynee Tips Tea Bags 100's	3.99	Tru Blue Soft Drinks 2 Lt	1.69

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In 1938, a Kindergarten teacher who witnessed a burglary was jailed for five days, because she wore a pair of slacks into court when she was called to testify.



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