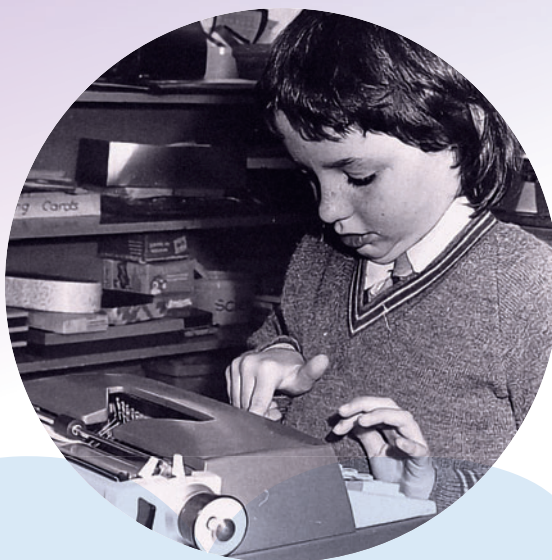


# st.giles Festivity

**Celebrating St.Giles'  
85th Year**



**Recognising those who  
strengthen St.Giles**

# St.Giles turns 85 on December 13, 2022

Continue your connection with St.Giles and join us as we celebrate turning 85.

We've got some special projects and exciting events planned for you.

Festivity at Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Black Diamond dinner at St. John's Church; St.Giles' Billycart Rally, St.Giles 85th Farmhouse Appeal and an 85th Reunion.

## Festivity



The images will hang at the Queen Victoria Art Gallery, Royal Park March 3 until June 25, 2023.

### Recognising those who strengthen St.Giles

March 3, 2023, Queen Victoria  
Museum and Art Gallery

We are excited to announce that the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery has offered us their magnificent Royal Park Gallery for a very special celebration of our 85th year, Festivity.

Festivity will include the launch of Face Time our 85th history project, and our presentation of recognition certificates, Inclusivity.

Those attending Festivity will be gifted a copy of Face Time and will be the first to see the 27 composite aluminium panels of images from the book.

Email [society@stgiles.org.au](mailto:society@stgiles.org.au) and reference Festivity for further information.

## Lesser-Known St.Giles Facts

**1938**

A 'desirable suburban' home owned by HT Waterworth at 65 Amy Road was purchased by St.Giles for 5000 pounds and another 5000 pounds was spent on equipment, including an ambulance, for children from the country affected by infantile paralysis.

**DEC 13, 1937**

St.Giles' earliest donors were: The Ringarooma Hall committee; the CWA, the Younger Set, The Examiner Turf Contest at Ulverstone; Kings Meadows, Riverside and Longford golf clubs; Waverley Woollen Mills, Goliath Cement at Railton.

**1944**

Due to the WWII shortage of building materials St.Giles school didn't open until 1947.

# Face Time

## 27 Stories of St.Giles

### The Book

Bridget Sullivan Arkless is highly respected in Tasmania's visual arts and history communities.

During 2020 and throughout COVID, Bridget spent enlightening time with 27 people who have different associations with St.Giles.

Their stories bring our history to life. The interviews highlighted the diverse ways people connect with St.Giles.

### The Exhibition

Scott Gelston is recognised as one of Tasmania's most talented and ethical photographers.

His eye for individual truth and character shines in the Face Time project's photographs.

**The exhibition of the 600x900mm works will be hung in galleries 5 and 6 at the Queen Victoria Art Gallery, Royal Park from March 3 until June 25, 2023.**



# Inclusivity

## Supporter Recognition

**Inclusivity** – an opportunity to recognise our supporters, will be held at Queen Victoria Art Gallery Royal Park from 2pm on Friday, March 3. Awards will be presented and afterwards there will be afternoon tea. Recipients will each receive a copy of oral history publication – Face Time – and be first to view the exhibition.

**Further information email [society@stgiles.org.au](mailto:society@stgiles.org.au) and reference Inclusivity.**

**1947**

Australia's greatest ever cricketer, Don Bradman and famous English Test cricketers Norman Yardley (Captain), Denis Compton and Godfrey Evans visited St.Giles.

**1956**

Polio vaccine developed.

**1970**

First ramps installed in some Launceston CBD buildings.

**1994 – 2010**

A celebration of "kidhood" Kidfest a day of activities for all children.

**1950 – 1956**

Polio pandemic returned. Tasmania recorded 202 cases and 81 deaths.

**1968**

St.Giles appointed its first occupational therapist, Miss Gillian Bryant.

**1980s**

The Supreme Cake Company at Ulverstone produced a cherry sultana cake in an airtight tin labelled "For Care of Crippled Children St.Giles".



# Billycarts are Back

October, 14 2023

It's more than 50 years between races but St.Giles plans to bring a Billycart Rally to Launceston as part of our 85th festivities.

Competitors have a year to get their billycart built.

Divisions will range across ages, corporate, schools, open and senior (45 plus).

Register at [www.trybooking.com/CDUIQ](http://www.trybooking.com/CDUIQ)

**FREE EVENT** – 12.30pm on Saturday, October 14, 2023 with the last race at 2pm.



## St.Giles' 85th Reunion Morning Tea

**WHEN:** 11am-2pm, Friday September 15, 2023

**WHERE:** 65 Amy Road, Newstead

**WHO:** People who have been connected to St.Giles, love to get together ... and eat scones!

Few opportunities are available to bring together our former support workers, managers, therapists, children, adults and supporters – our reunions create the opportunity for a chance to swap stories and spend time with your much-loved St.Giles connections.

Any person, no matter what their connection to St.Giles, is invited to join us for birthday cake and a natter.

Our reunions are famous for a few good reasons. We (the CWA) do great scones!

Register at [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) St.Giles 85th Reunion or RSVP to [society@stgiles.org.au](mailto:society@stgiles.org.au), 03 6345 7333.

## 85th St.Giles Farmhouse Appeal Commences 2023

St.Giles started in a 9-bedroom farmhouse on Amy Road.

During our 85th year, we aim to raise \$850k to build a 4-bedroom house on the site of our original orchard.

Where once apple trees grew, with your help, we will build a contemporary “farmhouse” – a place of comfort for young people with disability.

The farmhouse will be located close to a new hub of services that target the needs of children and adults with disability.

Our ambitious project will also include the development of a café for our Abled Bread project, the re-commissioning of a heated therapy pool, expanded playground and community spaces.

**2015**

St.Giles expanded its early childhood intervention services to Burnie.

**2020**

St.Giles Niche Market turned 10.

**2014 – 15**

The Commonwealth funded \$7m building works at Amy Road and \$5m in Hobart.

**2015**

Balfour Burn launched as an extreme challenge for people of all abilities.

**2020 – ongoing**

COVID 19 pandemic. St.Giles delivered its services by telehealth and support services in full PPE.

# BLACK DIAMOND

**Starring Opera Australia's Samuel Dundas  
with Christopher Bryg and Gerard Lane**

**Special guest Tasmanian writer Robbie Arnott**



Black Diamond will be a sumptuous Italian themed feast of food, wine and music. Taking the lead from the Venice Carnivale, guests will also be encouraged to wear a mask; although not compulsory!

There will be beauty and drama with Australian Opera Baritone Samuel Dundas, joined by Christopher Bryg and Gerard Lane and will include interludes of works including Don Giovanni.

Special guest will be acclaimed Tasmanian writer, Robbie Arnott, who will tell his St.Giles story.

The Nave will be lit to capture the glory of St. John's magnificent architecture, while Launceston's prestigious Camerata Obscura will perform at the altar.

Those who were fortunate to attend Black Diamond in 2015 and 2016 will hopefully join us again in 2023 to celebrate our 85th in the most idyllic of settings.

**There will be just 200 tickets for Black Diamond at \$200 each, which will include all wines and a feast to remember.**

Once again, the pews will be removed, long tables installed, light and sound used to highlight the magnificent surroundings and Tasmanian wine and produce on display across the menu.

**To book or request further information please email [danielleblewett@stgiles.org.au](mailto:danielleblewett@stgiles.org.au) and reference Black Diamond.**

## WHEN

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

St. John's Church, Launceston

## BOOK NOW WITH

[danielleblewett@stgiles.org.au](mailto:danielleblewett@stgiles.org.au)



# Calendar of Events

## THERE WILL BE CAKE

At St.Giles' Launceston, Hobart and Burnie sites staff and visitors will be offered birthday cake for morning tea.



11am



Tue, Dec 13, 2022

## FESTIVITY

**Combining two SPECIAL events:**

- Inclusivity recognition of supporters
- Launch of Face Time – 27 Stories of St.Giles – book and exhibition.



2pm – 4pm



Fri, Mar 3, 2023



Queen Victoria Art Gallery,  
Royal Park, Launceston

## BLACK DIAMOND

**St.Giles' 85th Dinner in the nave of St. John's Church.**

An Italian themed feast, Venetian masks (optional). Performances by Australian Opera baritone Samuel Dundas with Christopher Bryg and Gerard Lane. Special guest Tasmanian writer Robbie Arnott.



7pm – 11pm



Fri, May 26, 2023



St. John's Church, Launceston

## 85TH REUNION

An invitation to all former and current staff, participants, supporters to join us for birthday cake and a natter.



11am – 1pm



Fri, Sep 15, 2023



65 Amy Road,  
Newstead