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## A Tribute to our Pioneer Ladies



We are grateful to City of Greater Geelong for the funding of the next stage in development that we have taken along the journey of moving our **Streetscape towards an Artscape**. Two items on the Streetscape plan needing attention were the Clifton Springs Fountain and the Entrance to Drysdale. Thanks to community efforts and City of Greater Geelong these have both been worked on and feedback has been very positive for the Fountain and the Roundabout.

The project has also focused on building a business case around the concept of bronze statues of Anne Drysdale, Caroline Newcomb and some sheep to be installed in Pioneer Women's Park. The launch of the Pop Up version at what would have been **Anne Drysdale's 223rd birthday**, was well received and a great launch.

Coryule Chorus sang a song written by Dr Gillian Turner about our pioneer ladies, two of the artists were on hand to be celebrated, who helped create the Pop Up version. Many people helped us celebrate and many people want to be part of the next process to achieving the goal of permanent bronze statues in High Street Drysdale.

Our Pioneer Ladies (and sheep) are available to Pop-Up at events, who knows where they will be seen next.

### *Celebrating Women of Renown*



*Thank you to everyone who helped this event to be such a success.*

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# Community CALENDAR

SpringDale Community Calendar is a SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre initiative to support the whole community. If you wish to place your event in the calendar and further issues of The SpringDale Messenger please email, write or call the event details to our office.

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## OCTOBER



### Thursday 1 - Saturday 31 Seniors Month

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|------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>Saturday</b>        | <b>3</b>   | Harvest Basket Produce Swap & Edible Gardening Group SpringDale 9am – 10.30am  |
| <b>Sunday</b>          | <b>4</b>   | Geelong Harmony Chorus Potato Shed   |
| <b>Monday</b>          | <b>5</b>   | Caroline Newcomb's Birthday morning tea, Pioneer Women Park 10.30am<br>Blessing of the Animals St James Church, Drysdale 10.30am |
| <b>Tuesday</b>         | <b>6</b>   | Friendly Cuppa and Chat 10.30 – 11.30am  |
| <b>Friday</b>          | <b>9</b>   | Hollywood Burlesque Potato Shed  |
| <b>Saturday</b>        | <b>10</b>  | Drysdale Uniting Church Hall Fete/Shed Sale 9am – 1pm<br>Hollywood Burlesque Potato Shed<br><b>SpringDale Dance 7.30pm</b>       |
| <b>Sunday</b>          | <b>11</b>  | Hot Club Swing Potato Shed   |
| <b>Monday</b>          | <b>12</b>  | Bellarine Kinship Carers SpringDale 10am<br>SpringDale Dining Group dines at Leopold Sportsman's Club 6.30pm                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b>       | <b>14</b>  | Day for Girls 9am – 12 noon  |
| <b>Thursday</b>        | <b>15</b>  |  |
| <b>– Sunday</b>        | <b>18</b>  | Royal Geelong Show   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>         | <b>20</b>  | Hit Parade Classics 10.30am Potato Shed  |
| <b>Friday</b>          | <b>23</b>  | Carmen Potato Shed   |
| <b>Sunday</b>          | <b>25</b>  | Family Fun Day at the Potato Shed 11am – 3pm   |
| <b>Monday</b>          | <b>26,</b> |  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>         | <b>27</b>  |  |
| <b>&amp; Wednesday</b> | <b>28</b>  | Prep Performing Arts Workshops Local Primary Schools Potato Shed   |
| <b>Friday</b>          | <b>30</b>  | Occasional Care Open Day 1pm – 2pm   |
| <b>Saturday</b>        | <b>31</b>  | Garage Sale & Men's Shed St James Church Hall, Drysdale 8.30am<br>Clifton Springs Garden Club Open Day, Uniting Church Hall      |

## SpringDale Diners Group

**Monday 12 October – Dinner will be at  
6.30pm at the Leopold Sporting Club.**

*Meet new people in the community and enjoy a lovely meal within our local restaurant precinct.*

**Please email [office@springdale.org.au](mailto:office@springdale.org.au) or phone (03) 5253 1960 to book.**

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## Coordinator's News

Anne Brackley



Hello Everyone

I love it when a plan comes together. Over the last few weeks I have spent many hours collecting information to show that money that we have been lucky enough to receive for specific projects, we have actually done what we said we would and that we can show that we did it. During these times, I love looking back over what we have done and celebrating that we usually do far more than we thought we could.

City of Greater Geelong support us each year in a number of ways, part of the funding is project based. This year we have created and uploaded information from the Summits that we ran in 2012 and 2013. We have created sub sites linked to our website that have information on each of the issues/topics that were/are still bubbling away that you might like information about.

In the past people have come into SpringDale to look at this information that we kept in separate physical folders and now you can access that information via our website at anytime not just during office hours. The topics that we have uploaded are the Drysdale Ring Road, Streetscape to Artscape, Clifton Springs Fountain, Clifton Springs Fishing Pier, Cycling Trails and many more. Please go to our website [www.springdale.org.au](http://www.springdale.org.au) and then click on SUMMIT on the right hand side of the screen in the top green bar. Thanks City of Greater Geelong for helping us to provide this information. We will continue to update it.

Some of the new courses that we have offered have been well received. Autism from the Inside and What are My Skills were both successful and we look forward to running

these again. Both were fairly relaxed courses. The Autism from the Inside sessions were delivered via the internet and some people attended the course in our computer room and some people attended from their homes. We all saw Donna Williams via the internet as she was in her home in Melbourne. We look forward to the next set of sessions that Donna is offering on different topics from October.

The Taste of Italian session was well attended and incredibly tasty and informative. Agata Commisso is presenting a Tapas night at the end of October. A number of people from the Taste of Italian night have already booked in for Tapas on Friday 30 October.

We are always looking for new ideas for classes, groups, events, activities. Sometimes the ideas take shape straight away and sometimes it takes a while. Last month we mentioned Bellarine Kinship Carers Group was about to form, there were 5 adults and a little one being cared for at the first get together. The reports from participants, on the way past, was that it went well and they are all looking forward to the next get together.

Hoping you might like to help us with some research and trialling of ideas for Innovation and Entrepreneurship over the next eighteen months. We have gained some funding to help us trial idea generation and creating entry level classes for people wanting to innovate and become entrepreneurs.

Each week there are new people to the area popping in to visit SpringDale for the first time. I love it when I'm able to tour these people through our wonderful centre and describe what happens in various rooms to try to bring them to life.

Please remember to always find the fun in all you do.

**Anne Brackley**  
for the SpringDale Team

## Course Update

### Special Morning Tea

We celebrated Anne Drysdale's birthday in August and it's **Caroline Newcomb's birthday on Monday 5 October 2015.**

**Special morning tea will be held in Pioneer Women's Park (weather permitting) at 10.30am – or in SpringDale Hall if weather inclement.**

### Mindfulness

In this course, we shall investigate the various pathways that lead to the development of a sound meditative practice, including an understanding of the Four Noble Truths; the cornerstone of Buddhist philosophy. We can use this knowledge to transform our ideas and provide ways of bringing about a cessation of this seemingly universal human condition of unease, unsatisfactoriness and of suffering. The eight-week course, facilitated by retired psychologist, Course commences Wednesday 14 October, 2015 from 1.30 – 3pm and continues for 8 weeks.

**Fee:** \$100 conc \$60

**Facilitator:** Max Simmons

### Money School

The Money School is holding a free information session on:

**Sat 31 Oct 10.30 – 11.30 am**

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## Support For Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Assoc.

On the 20 August I was pleased and proud to support the DCSCA with a speech in Parliament that is printed below. I have also sent a letter to Milemaker, the petrol station operator, calling on it to waive its costs awarded against DCSCA.

"This morning I call on Caltex Franchisee, Milemaker Petroleum, as a show of good will to the people of Drysdale, to waive the \$5500 in legal costs recently awarded against their Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association. The Drysdale and Clifton Springs Community Association is a very much respected volunteer led organisation that works tirelessly in representing the views and concerns of local residents. In doing this, the Association in January 2014 lodged a submission opposing the proposed

Milemaker service station with the City of Greater Geelong. Like many other local submissions, the Association argued that the site was an inappropriate location and zoned Rural Living. As Local Member I also provided my full support to this reasonable position, as did a petition of more than 400 people. However, COGG approved the application and the Association then appealed the decision to VCAT. The appeal was dismissed on the grounds it was lodged late. Milemaker applied for legal costs, which was awarded by VCAT to the tune of \$5500. This is a very substantial amount for any voluntary Association and there is genuine fear that if these funds cannot be raised by the community, the Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association will fold. That would be a devastating effect on the individuals involved and of course the wider community. I therefore reiterate my call on Milemaker, as a show of good will, to waive this cost and

begin the important process of building bridges with locals and in doing so becoming part of the wonderful community that Drysdale is."

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me by email or call my office if there are any matters that I may be able to assist you with directly.

**Hon Lisa Neville MP**  
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All welcome  
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**Saturday 21**  
**November 11am**

## LISA NEVILLE MP MEMBER FOR BELLARINE

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Unlike other raffles, all money raised by the Lions Community Raffle is returned to the participating organisations, such as local schools, sporting clubs, etc. thereby keeping the money in the local community. The Lions Club manages the running of the raffle and provides the prizes. In essence, participating organisations do not need to run their own raffles as they keep all the funds they raise in selling tickets.

Now in its fourth year, the Lions Community Raffle is one of the Club's major annual projects and is attracting increasing support as local groups become more aware of the value in being involved, demonstrated by the increasing amount made each year. Tickets were sold during July and August and 17



prizes totalling just over \$4,000 were drawn. The Lions Club thanks all those who bought tickets and all the businesses who generously contributed raffle prizes.

**For more information or to  
enquire about joining Lions,  
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on (03) 5259 1782.**

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Friday 23 October  
**Carmen**  
8pm  
Adult - \$28 Conc \$24 Groups \$20

**Melbourne City Ballet**



Tuesday 20 October  
**Hit Parade Classics**  
10.30am  
\$15 includes Morning Tea



Friday 9 & Saturday 10 October  
**Hollywood Burlesque**  
Dance Initiative Productions  
8pm All Tickets \$25

Group Discounts available for all shows. For further information on any of our upcoming events or to book tickets call the Potato Shed on (03) 5251 1998. Tickets can also be purchased at any City of Greater Geelong Customer Service Centres. The Potato Shed, Bellarine Multi Arts Centre is located at 41 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale Ph: (03) 5251 1998



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## And the fun keeps on coming to the Shed

What a wonderful month of productions we had in September. Congratulations to community and schools on their work and final product. October is another big month starting with our featured programs for the *Seniors Festival – Geelong Harmony Chorus & Hot Club Swing*, a great way to celebrate the seniors in our community. Melbourne City Ballet will be presenting a reimagining of Bizet's *Carmen* combining neoclassical ballet and opera. Then it's time to pack a picnic rug, get the family together and head on down to the Potato Shed for the **7th Annual Family Fun Day**.

With great new attractions including *Bike n Blend* and *Butterfly Adventures* as well as the usual favourites the skate park, bungee run, animal farm, face painting and of course the Mik Meks are back and it's all still FREE. Be sure to get there early to see *Willies Bush Tales*, an adventure with *Willie the Koala!* Something for the whole family.

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Due to the level of competition between builders, there is a very sophisticated sales process which has been developed in the new home market. The aim behind the process is to get your order, first and foremost. With this in mind here are some key tips to be aware of and keep in mind when you are in the process of deciding on a builder. Always be aware of special offers, deals coming to an end to force you to lock in by a specific date.

Display homes tend to have a higher level of specification and finish.

Ask for testimonials from existing and past clients as part of your decision process.

Read the fine print and be aware of what may not be included in your price – eg: crossovers, utility connections and more.

If you go to change something further down the track it is likely to have a premium price attached to it.

### The kick off Process

The first step in getting this process is for you to have a high degree of clarity about what your needs are and what you want as an end product. As with most things today, the choices can sometimes be overwhelming. Doing your homework up front, exploring the various options and having a clearly defined checklist before you select a builder, will significantly improve your chances of success on the road to building your home.

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# Council Ward Boundary Review

*Please have a think and be ready to have a say*

Perhaps you'll be able to remember before 2008 when we used to have a Councillor that represented the whole Drysdale, Clifton Springs, Portarlington, Indented Head and half of St Leonards. The other half of St Leonards was part of Bengala Ward with Ocean Grove and Leopold was in Cheetham Ward with Moolap and Whittington.

The last review for City of Greater Geelong was held over the Christmas New Year Season in 2007-2008. When the final report was published and the community of interest of Drysdale Clifton Springs had been cut in half and placed in two different wards. I learned a great deal from this process and I have asked for information so that the Drysdale Clifton Springs community would not be discriminated against and let down again.

Over the last 3 years I have been asking people to think about how they would like to see the Council's Ward boundaries redesigned.

The City of Greater Geelong Amendment Act 2012 and it states that prior to 2016 the number of Councillors will be reduced to 11 plus a Mayor. This will happen during the Representational Review which will commence on Wednesday 11 November 2015 and will run over Christmas and New Year as happened 8 years ago and must be completed by 22 April 2016. Other reviews recently conducted usually take 16 weeks, which should probably take us through to the start of March.

Although the schedule for our review is yet to be published, we will probably only get til mid December to lodge a preliminary submission. The preliminary report is likely to be ready by mid January and we'll have til mid February to put in submissions against the preliminary report, then there is usually 5 days til a public hearing and another 3 weeks til the final report is presented in mid March. The schedule is tight and it's at an interesting time of the year for our community.

On the Victorian Electoral Commission website <http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/ElectoralBoundaries/PastCouncilReviews.html> there are preliminary and final reports which show how communities have been able to influence decisions. The reports have many interesting facts. The number of people that our Councillors represent are close to being or are the highest in the state. Some Councillors represent as few as 1,500 people. Our Councillors, in 2012 were representing approximately 13,000 each.

We need to think about would we be better off with multi Councillor Wards or are we better off with single Councillor Wards. What are the benefits and limitations? If there are 11 Wards with a single Councillor in each there will be more people for each Councillor to represent and more square km to be familiar with. Would we be better with 5 Wards with 2 Councillors in each and 1 single Councillor Ward, or would we be better off with 3 Wards with 3 Councillors in each and a 2 Councillor Ward or some other combination. Some of the reports for recent reviews recommend multiple Councillor Wards especially in areas where growth is going to happen.

I found it interesting to see that a not-for-profit group called Proportional Representation Society of Australia (Vic/Tas) Inc submits to each review.

Please start to think about this and be ready for the kick start on 11/11/2015.

Concerned citizen and voter  
**Anne Brackley**



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# Container gardening

Modern gardens are often small with a lot of hard surfaces and not much free space. Even if we do have the space for a big traditional vegie patch, we may not have the time for one.

Fortunately lack of space or time need not stop you from growing a few fresh vegies. Containers can be used as 'pop-up' vegie gardens to provide your family with year-round healthy food and are easy and quick to tend.

Terracotta pots are an option for herbs and other small plants, but they require watering every day in summer. Burying the base of the pot in the soil and using the dappled shade of trees can help to reduce

*Top Right: These grow bags make a great 'pop-up' edible garden*

*Right: Wicking tubs: convenient for any sunny spot*

the watering requirements.

Wicking tubs generally have a capacity of 20–50 litres, which is enough to grow salad greens, bush beans and other small annual vegies. They need to be filled with a good-quality compost. The water reservoir means they only need watering 1–2 times a week, even in the hottest weather.

Grow bags are a good option for vegies that need a bit more room. They come in various sizes from greenharvest.com.au. Forty-five litres is fine for silverbeet, capsicums and broccoli; 100 litres is great for tomatoes, potatoes and pumpkins; 400 litres is suitable for all vegies and even dwarf fruit trees. Fill the smaller ones with a good compost, but for the larger ones you can use the 'lasagne' method: layers of newspaper, compost, peastraw, manure, etc. That's cheaper and holds water better than pure compost or potting mix.

Raised beds are generally permanent, but some can be dismantled quite easily – good for renters. They can be several metres long. Some of our beds are galvanised steel, some are made from timber. I've also seen some great ones made from recycled material: just make sure it's sturdy, rot-proof and non-toxic. Eighty centimetres is the most comfortable height – you don't need to bend to tend your vegies. I put whole peastraw bales in the bottom, then 30 cm of compost on top of that.

The Harvest Basket team is running its popular Four Steps to Edible Gardening course again this spring, starting on Saturday 10 October. Participants will learn how to set up a productive raised bed. Contact SpringDale reception for details.



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## Drysdale Harvest Basket Produce Swap & Edible Gardening Group

Drysdale Harvest Basket Produce Swap was started by a group of people who wanted to find a way of sharing excess produce from their gardens. More than that, they hoped that through the Swap, the idea of growing your own food at home would be promoted and community connections would be built and strengthened. SpringDale came on board as the umbrella organisation and in October 2009 the first Swap took place at SpringDale.

Over the next couple of years and as membership grew, members at the Swap were sharing tips and edible gardening stories, good and bad. "Why do my carrots never grow straight?" "How do you make your compost?" So the Group decided to introduce workshops, garden visits or speakers after some of the Swaps, usually run by Harvest Basket members and always related to Edible Gardening.

A few more years went by and the Group realised some members were saying, "Oh, I'm not coming to Harvest Basket this month, I haven't got anything to swap" Now, my husband Steve (Williams) and I haven't had anything to swap for months, as we have got better at preserving, but we were still going along, so we would say, "Come along anyway

for the like-minded company and the gardening chat." Often they did come.

It was clear that the Group had become more than just a swap, just as the Harvest Basket 'pioneers' had envisaged. It is every bit as much about sharing gardening information as it is about sharing the produce. We now have an 'event' each month which is set and published for the whole year. Also the Group has successfully run two *Four Steps to Edible Gardening* courses with a third to start in October (see SpringDale Course Guide). There is no doubt that community connection and involvement HAS occurred as a result of the Group and strong friendships have been forged.

As a result of this evolution, we have re-branded ourselves as The Drysdale Harvest Basket Produce Swap and Edible Gardening Group. We meet on the first Saturday of the



month from 9am until 10.30am in the SpringDale hall. Our membership fee is \$8 for the year, renewable in February. Members do need to also have SpringDale membership, which is currently \$12 per annum. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning about growing their own food, whether they already do or not and whether they have 50 acres or a balcony. So, come along, we would love to see you.

**Susan Norris**, Group member

## SpringDale Community Garden

Happy to report that our garden project continues its progress. We have now cleared that terrible carpet weed from around half of the area, and we have marked out the pathways and the fruit tree growing area. Our recent working bee saw around 10 of our gardeners whirling like dervishes to sieve the large piles of dirt to remove the weeds, and enclose the "clean" soil in black plastic to kill the remaining weed seeds.

We have also had an offer of a large water tank from a church parishioner, which we will hopefully be able to relocate, once it has been emptied. We have also met with a local plumber, with a view to harvesting the water from the roof of the building used by the Church's playgroup – an expensive exercise, but we can't grow anything without water.

We are applying for grants from CoGG, GMHBA, and the Bendigo Bank, to fund our continued progress – these organisations are wonderful supporters of worthwhile projects in our community.

**Membership applications are available from SpringDale – get yours in. More next month. Brian Knights for the SpringDale Community Garden**

## SpringDale Dining Club

The next **SpringDale Dining Club** adventure is to **Leopold Sportman's Club** on **Monday 12 October 6.30pm**. We continue to welcome new people each time. We will arrange transport for you if needed.

Please contact SpringDale to reserve your spot (03) 5253 1960.

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## Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers

The first ever **Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers** took place on Monday 7 September.

Our small group of grandparents were able to support each other in the situation that we find ourselves in - caring full time for our grandchildren. We were able to help each other with such things as - were to go for support and guidance, Centrelink issues, school issues and how best to support our grandchildren.

We laughed a lot as we listened to each others stories and to know that we are not alone we are all in the same boat.

**Our meetings dates for 2015 are as follows:-**

**Mondays 12 October, 2nd November and 7th December  
SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre 10am to 1pm**

So if you are a **Kinship Carer** we would love to see you at our next meeting. **Jeanette**

## Acts of kindness was appreciated

One Monday morning recently, near Drysdale Primary School on Springs Road, my husband fell face first onto the concrete footpath.

There were a number of people driving past who saw this happen and stopped to assist him and they called an ambulance and stayed to comfort him until the ambulance arrived.

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone involved. Your kindness was a great comfort and very much appreciated.

My husband has a broken nose, fractured cheek bones, cut, grazes and bruises. He has been in hospital a number of days.

There are a lot of kind, considerate people who are willing to help with no hesitation in an emergency.

Thank you all most sincerely,

**Fran**



The **Bellarine Railway & Drysdale Station**. You may not know but the railway is operated entirely by volunteers. In order for it to continue to be a key tourism drawcard to our township and the Bellarine more are required. Visit their website <http://bellarinerailway.com.au/> for more information or call into the Drysdale station and speak to Geoff Treyvaud or any of the volunteer staff at the kiosk. The volunteers also run a monthly market here and this and other events are advertised at the end of the *line* and next to the new boardwalk.

## Volunteer on the trains

### Lake Lorne Masterplan

Council has confirmed that they hope to organise an open/launch of Lake Lorne Reserve once the final stage of the project (the new Boardwalk) has been completed. The Boardwalk creates a crossing over the low lying lake area and will provide views, interpretive signage and a link between the old and the new walking trail and it is hoped to be completed by the end of 2015.

### Bypass – Points of Interest from recent DCSCA Meeting with VicRoads

1. Jetty Road Intersection. - Overpass is "off the table"; current preference is for a single large roundabout or possibly traffic lights.
2. Peninsula Drive – VicRoads are requesting the City of Greater Geelong to continue Peninsula Drive through to Belcher's Road

before work commences on the bypass. Grub Road traffic can then access the school precinct without needing to encroach into the construction zone.

(Note! DCSCA has been informed that the City is working to achieving this outcome and is seeking alternative funding options to enable delivery in a timely manner.)

3. There will be a bike path following the route of the bypass but separate from it.
4. Pedestrian crossing adjacent to school precinct – two options are under consideration – an underpass and a signalised supervised crossing.
5. Drakes Road will possibly have a roundabout.
6. It is intended that work begins in about 18 months time and will be completed in 2019.
7. High Street – VicRoads are looking at footpath/road paving to make cycling and walking safer and easier.

DCSCA congratulates Clifton Springs Tennis Club on being awarded the Club of the Year Award for 2015 by Tennis Geelong.

**DCSCA Public Meeting  
(Local Issues Update) and AGM**  
This is to be held at SpringDale on Wednesday 21 October at 7pm.

For more information (including the latest on VCAT awarding costs against DCSCA) see - <http://www.drycliftdays.blogspot.com.au/>

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# Getting to know SpringDale Better

SpringDale has 5 key service areas: **Family Services, Publications, Classes, Special Interest Groups and Community Support.** Each key service area helps to support our community in very valuable ways.

Family Services include Occasional Care for people who need some assistance with child care for a few hours a week, up to fifteen hours. This service has a low number of children participating at any time. Sessions are either 3 or 5 hours in length and suitable for families who may not have other local supports. Supporting our families.

Publications includes our monthly SpringDale Messenger, about which we regularly receive many compliments, an annual Business and Services Directory called *On the Bellarine* – this is a list of many (hopefully one day all) the opportunities on the Bellarine, our quarterly Course Guide and our website and sub sites. Informing our community.

There is a wide range of classes to meet the needs and desires of our community. Some classes have been running for more than 12 years, some classes are one offs to meet the current needs. This includes some classes under the Learn Local banner that are designed to get people back along the path to new employment or greater employment. Some classes are run during the day and some during the evening or weekend. Skilling our Community.

We have a wide variety of Special Interest Groups. These groups are volunteer led and bring people with similar interests together to share their interest. These groups may meet daily, weekly, fortnightly or monthly. To be part of one of these groups you need to be a member of SpringDale. Connecting our Community.

Lastly is the catch all, Community Support, this includes our quarterly Business Breakfasts, hall and room hire, equipment hire, photocopying, faxing, typing, tax help, document signing service and many more. Supporting our Community.

Many of our services are delivered by volunteers but we also have a small number of employees. We are governed by the SpringDale Committee. We have a constitution, a Strategic Plan and many Policies and Instructions to guide our practise.

We regularly look for volunteers to help us in a wide range of roles including the SpringDale Committee. Over the last 26 years almost 100 people have participated in the governance of SpringDale. Most people who have been on our Committee have found SpringDale to be an interesting place to spend time and decided to give back to SpringDale.

If you are interested in learning more about

SpringDale we will be holding an Introduction to SpringDale on Saturday 10 October at 11am. Please book with the SpringDale Office phone (03) 5253 1960 and please let us know if you would like to come but are unable to attend at that time and we will try to accommodate.

**Anne Brackley**  
Coordinator SpringDale  
Neighbourhood Centre



## Visit us on facebook

SpringDale's facebook presence continues to grow daily. We have many pages specifically for groups or activities and we would love you to look for and like our pages including SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, Courses and Opportunities, Family Dance at SpringDale, SpringDale Messenger, SpringDale Dining Group, On the Bellarine, SpringDale Toy Libraries, Events and Activities at SpringDale, and become friends with Neighbourhood Centre.

**Looking forward to seeing  
you on facebook.**

## BAYVIEW SHOPS OPEN FOR BUSINESS



The brand new Bayview Central Curlewis Shopping Centre has opened its doors to the delight of local residents, just in time for spring.

Residents are already savouring the convenience of having a Woolworths supermarket, BWS, pharmacy and a women's boutique clothing store all within walking distance of their homes, with a medical centre, café and more speciality shops set to complete the picture in the coming weeks and months.

As well as plenty of car parking, the new shopping and services hub also offers free WIFI, so shoppers can surf the net over a coffee or at the checkout.

For more information on Bayview, visit our brand new sales office location on Centennial Boulevard, Curlewis (opposite the shopping centre).

**call 0419 781 231**  
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# Congratulations - Justine Martin, *Learn Local* recipient

Congratulations **Justine Martin**,  
**2015 Victorian Learn Local Awards**,  
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Justine is an inspiration to us all.  
I was so proud to be able to be at  
the Awards Dinner with Justine and  
see her presented with a certificate  
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Justine proudly standing with her bright and exciting paintings.

## National Seniors - Bellarine

We are a Seniors group with membership starting at 50.  
National Seniors Australia (NSA) Branches allow for social  
connection, informative guest speakers and a national group  
working towards fairer treatment for retired people. We have  
policy groups at both State and Federal government level.

NSA Bellarine Peninsula Branch holds regular meetings at St  
James Church Hall (Donnelly Room) on the second Tuesday of  
each month from 2pm til 4pm. Each month we have a guest  
speaker as well as an outing. Most recently we had the  
Queenscliff Coastguard as our speaker. At our October  
meeting to be held on Tuesday 14, our guest speaker will be  
Margaret Linley, journalist from The Geelong Advertiser. Our  
outing for August was a free tour of St Mary's Basilica  
followed by lunch at Leopold Sportsmans Club.

If you are interested in finding out more about this group and  
the benefits available for members, we welcome you to  
attend a meeting or two and decide if this is for you.

**For further information please contact Jackie on 0439 473 244  
or Marion on (03) 5257 3264 or come along to our Seniors  
Festival Event at SpringDale on 21 October, which is a Trivia  
afternoon commencing at 2pm.**

## Bellarine Christmas Twilight Festival



***What makes you happy? A sense of togetherness, sharing,  
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As we approach the season for giving, Clifton Springs Primary School and our  
partners - The Salvation Army, SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre and the  
Clifton Springs/Curlewis Lions Club - would like to warmly invite you to our  
Bellarine Twilight Christmas Festival. Our vision is to provide an evening that  
welcomes the entire community to share in the joy of Christmas.

So save the date on your calendar. The **Bellarine Christmas Twilight Festival**  
will take place on **Friday 11 December from 5pm until 9pm at C.S.P.S.** There  
will be local and student performers, brass bands, Christmas Carols and lots  
of Christmas fun for the kids, including rides, activities and competitions.  
If we sing *Jingle Bells* loudly enough there may even be a visit from the  
big man in Red.

If you or your group would like to contribute and perform **please contact the  
school office on (03) 5251 3581.** Mark your diaries!

Bring friends and family along to join us for some Christmas cheer.

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Most people don't realise that 60% of the work done at Jirrahlinga helps disadvantaged people, the disabled, people with special needs, the frail and the aged, so it's not all about the animals. They also run education programs for children Vic. Police Newstart program for wayward teens, long term unemployed. All these people are involved in the care of our native animals.

Jirrahlinga receives no government funding. Help of any kind is greatly appreciated be it a donation or perhaps a tradie who has some spare time.

## The Money School

### SUCCESS - achieving financial security

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Appropriate action is also needed to achieve success. Goals are simply images of your desires, and taking appropriate action is what's needed to create them and make them real.

This is a step by step process, it cannot be done overnight. It may take a while, but time will pass anyway, whether you achieve success or not.

So how do you define success? Success is defined quite differently from one person to another.

In every case, though, the feeling is the same, and the fundamentals are the same. The dictionary defines success as 'the favourable termination of attempts or endeavours' and 'the gaining of wealth, triumph or victory'. Remember – the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

The Money School is conducting a free information session on Saturday 31 October, 10.30 to 11.30am and a seminar on 'Money Management' on Saturday 14 November, 10am to 12noon.

**To continue its work caring for our wildlife and assisting people we are running the Jirrahlinga Cup Fundraiser at the Novotel Hotel Geelong on Friday 30 October at 7pm. \$70/person.**

**Cost includes finger food, phantom races, auctions, fashions on the field.**

**To book online [www.trybooking.com/hwxw](http://www.trybooking.com/hwxw) or phone 03 5254 2484 by Friday 16 October .**



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to lighten your load and lighten up.

## All creatures Great

There will be a special *Blessing of the Animals* service at St James Church in Collins Street, Drysdale on Sunday 4 October where pets are invited to join their owners to recognise the joy and companionship they bring to our lives. The plan is to hold a very informal, happy and entertaining experience for owners and non-owners alike, and as last year's event demonstrated, some members of the congregation were given a very thorough licking over by their canine friends.

All the pets attending this service will be individually blessed by name and can take away a certificate to record this wonderful occasion.



The photograph shows some of the pets who are planning to escort their owners to this celebration, which coincides with the annual festival to commemorate the life of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

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# tempting Thai



## Pad Thai

125g (half a 250g pack) rice noodles  
3 tbsp lime juice about 2 limes  
½ tsp cayenne pepper  
2 tsp light muscovado sugar  
2 tbsp fish sauce (nam pla)  
2 tbsp vegetable oil  
200g cooked and peeled tiger prawns, tails left on  
4 spring onions, sliced  
140g beansprouts  
25g salted peanuts, finely chopped  
a small handful of coriander leaves

To serve

1 or 2 lime, cut into wedges  
sweet chilli sauce

Put the noodles in a large heatproof bowl, pour boiling water over them and leave for 4 minutes, then drain and refresh under cold running water.

Put the lime juice, cayenne, sugar and fish sauce in a bowl and mix well. Have all the other ingredients ready by the cooker.

Heat the oil and fry the prawns until warmed through. Add the spring onions and noodles and toss around. Tip in the lime juice mixture, then stir in the beansprouts and half the peanuts and coriander. Cook for 1 minute until everything is heated through.

Pile into a large dish, scatter with the rest of the peanuts and coriander, and serve with lime wedges and sweet chilli sauce.



## Thai Prawn Curry

1 tbsp vegetable oil  
1 onion, chopped  
1 tsp fresh root ginger  
1-2 tsp Thai red curry paste  
400g can chopped tomatoes  
50g sachet coconut cream  
400g raw frozen prawns  
coriander, chopped, to serve (optional)

Heat the oil in a medium saucepan. Tip in the onion and ginger, then cook for a few minutes until softened. Stir in the curry paste, then cook for 1 minute more. Pour over the chopped tomatoes and coconut cream. Bring to the boil, then leave to simmer for 5 minutes, adding a little boiling water if the mixture gets too thick.

Tip in the prawns, then cook for 5-10 minutes more, depending on how large they are.

Serve alongside some plain rice and sprinkle with a little chopped coriander, if you like.



## Thai Beef Stir-fry

2 tbsp vegetable oil  
400g beef strips, or steak cut into thin strips  
1 red chilli, deseeded and finely sliced  
2 tbsp oyster sauce  
Handful basil leaves

Heat a wok or large frying pan until smoking hot. Pour in the oil and swirl around the pan, then tip in the beef strips and chilli. Cook, stirring all the time, until the meat is lightly browned, about 3 minutes, then pour over the oyster sauce. Cook until heated through and the sauce coats the meat. Stir in the basil leaves and serve with plain rice.

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# Gardening Club Open Day

Guest Speaker Steve Findlay, Geelong Organic Garden Club will be speaking on Organic Gardening at 1pm. Inside we will have a stunning display of flowers, plants and vegetables, along with tea/coffee and homemade cakes and sandwiches. Outside will be a large range of plants for sale, grown by members and don't forget the giant raffle which includes all things gardening.

A large portion of the money raised on the day goes to local organisations selected by members of the Club. This year we have made a donation to the SpringDale Community Garden.

**If you require any further information please contact (03) 5257 1566.**  
Helen Allan, Secretary.

**Saturday 31 October 2015**  
**Clifton Springs Garden Club**  
**Open Day**  
**Uniting Church Hall,**  
**Palmerston Street**  
**Drysdale**



## Ready to use the Fishing Pier

John Williams has created a wonderful way to get his fishing gear onto the fishing pier once it is built. He has adapted a pram to be a very useful fishing gear cart, with room for the esky, fishing tackle box and his array of fishing rods.

John continues to look forward to the day that he can use these down at the new Clifton Springs Pier. John has been campaigning for this piece of infrastructure for more than 3 years. Although there was budget for the pier in 2014-2015 City of Greater Geelong budget and we had a letter about City of Greater Geelong congratulating us on a successful on a Community Concept – it is still yet to start.

Anne Brackley



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# What's happening in our backyard

Most adults tell me of periods when perhaps time drifts and they have a feeling of losing the plot. We have that feeling every morning when we get up and move out to the big green shed that is located at the back of our house.

For opening the doors we come face to face with our moment of madness. Some three years ago we bought the plans for a boat and now every day we go out and toil away.

The boat – in moments of jest we call it our dingy – is as large as some houses. It is a large catamaran 4 metres high, 8 wide and stretching some 17 metres down the shed. It is made from many exotic materials but in the main is constructed of balsa. Yes the same material as the little throw gliders that most kids play with some time in their lives. There is carbon fibre and epoxy resins and different forms of glass fibre, but surprisingly very little metal. Metal is so old hat!

Visit <http://www.schionningdesigns.com.au/1700c> to check out all the technical information of our catamaran which was custom designed to our specifications (want list).

We have learnt how to double our bills: it is simple just ask the price of anything marine. An ordinary fitting might be \$100 for your house but the moment it is to be used on a boat it is at least \$200 (but comes from the same factory – go figure that.)

A boat is built on a simple formula as the old boat builders tell me. When you are 5 years into a 5 year build you will only have 5 years left to go. When asked how much will a boat cost to make – their answer is – every penny that you have and then you will be half way there. (By the way these guys are the optimists). You can see our build progress on [https://www.facebook.com/pages/WildFire/532611600222792?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/pages/WildFire/532611600222792?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)

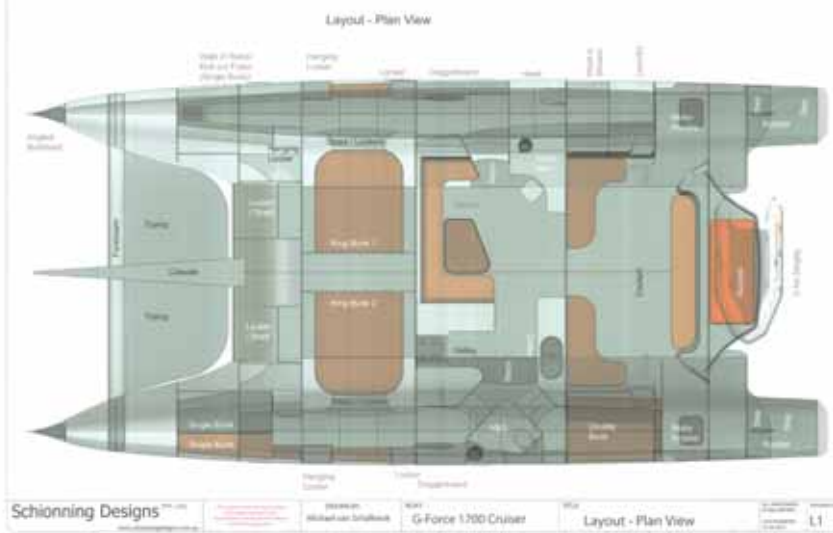
Anyway you might like to share in our madness. Because early one Sunday morning in December we will be trucking the boat down Beacon Point Road on our way to launch it at Portarlington. If you are up at that early just shake your head and if you are sensible, go back to bed.

Gaye

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All equipment will be provided so you can enjoy the thrill of running hoops and hitting balls - please wear flat soled shoes. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn a new sport in the company of like minded and friendly people. Fitness, age, gender are not barriers as this pastime embraces anyone who wants to get out in the fresh air and enjoy themselves.

Don't sit home wondering what to do with your leisure time. Come and try out at Drysdale Croquet, Clifton Springs Road (just around the roundabout) in October.

In order to give you our undivided attention on the day we have had to limit attendance to 16 lucky people, so bookings are essential. For further information and to place your booking, please contact Barb on 5253 2584. See you on the Croquet Lawn.

This Come and Try Day is part of the Victorian Seniors Festival, a state-wide Victorian Government initiative. For more information about the Victorian Seniors Festival including an online calendar of events, visit [seniorsonline.vic.gov.au](http://seniorsonline.vic.gov.au)



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## Fishing adventures

I remember going with the Drysdale Sportfishing Club, three of us Ray Straton, John Davis and me. It took a full day's drive to get to Bermagui just this side of Narooma, with a stop at Lakes Entrance for lunch and to check the trailer and gear. Zane Grey, a world renown fisherman in the early days went fishing there.

We won a hamper and I ate heaps! Probably too much. We went on Ray's boat and it got very rough. "Where is the fella that keeps telling us all the stories?" the boys asked, but my chin on the stern I couldn't open my mouth to answer their questions. But luck was on my side.

The thing that saved me was John hooked a hammerhead shark – for some reason that's when I came good. Then the boys baited up to catch marlin and started to trawl. Both lines hooked at once. Both Marlin came up in the air and danced on their tails. We were wanting to tag them and that was my job, I

was the person to put the tags in.

John got his in but Rays was heading for Narooma "Ray let me have a wet towel so I can hold the line and help slow it down", I said but my offer was rejected. The marlin kept on going and snapped the line.

The thing that has amazed me all my life - squid can change colour. But the marlin near the side of the boat I could see multiple coloured rings of light around its body that kept changing - I call them bangles - we saw this before we let it go. It was a long time ago - people keep telling me my memory is ok!

Another time, we went out after tuna, we were out so far that I said "I can hear Maoris doing a war dance in New Zealand" - they were really hard to get in. John said either get your lines in or cut them off. There was a huge storm coming in over Narooma. The waves would have been 18 feet high. I did pray a little that day until I said thanks when I saw big water tower at Bermagui.



Harry Martin

When we got onto the wharf, it took a while to gain our land legs back.

The reason for sharing these stories is to weave in a celebration of a 10 year old boy, Harry Martin, who went with the Drysdale Sportfishing Club to Eildon and caught an over 4kg brown trout on 2kg line. Kel is so happy for this young lad. He'll go into the records and fishing magazines - couldn't get better than that.

### Drysdale RSL - Our plan is to regularly feature one of our members, we commence with **Ernie Truman**



Ernie Truman is a member of the Drysdale RSL

Ernie registered for service in 1941 and in 1942 he joined the Royal Australian Air Force. His enlistment took place in Melbourne and he was soon joining training in various parts of the country. His first training was in Benalla where he underwent training to become a pilot. Ernie also trained as a navigator in Mt. Gambier (South Australia) before heading to Sale to be trained in aspects of bombing and gunnery. During World War Two Ernie was deployed in England serving in bomber command. He was involved in the Defence of Britain campaign. During this campaign Ernie was a crew member (bomb aimer) on a Lancaster Bomber. On a mission over Germany near the city of Stuttgart, the Lancaster in which Warrant Officer Truman was part of the seven man crew, was hit by enemy fire.

Ernie pays tribute to the pilot of the Lancaster, Flying Officer Peter Birt. He says the Officer kept steadying the aircraft in order that four of the crew could successfully parachute from the damaged aircraft. This occurred on January 28th 1945.

The four survivors from the Lancaster were captured and spent the rest of the war incarcerated in Germany. Warrant Officer Truman remained a prisoner of war until the surrender was signed.

During 2012 two Drysdale RSL members were invited to join in the unveiling of Bomber Command's Memorial – Ernie Truman and Arthur Cowley. They were flown to England for the celebrations. Unfortunately, Arthur Cowley has passed on.

The Drysdale RSL plans to hold a golf day in November to raise money that will be used to assist members and their families. The event is to be held at the Clifton Springs Golf Club on Monday, 9th November. It will be known as the Drysdale RSL's Remembrance Golf Day. Golfers who are interested in competing in the 4BBB Stableford Game can apply for an entry form from the RSL Club.

**Information concerning the day can be made by contacting Secretary Patrice Sherrif on 5251 2566 or President Geoff Zanker on 5251 2875.**

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# Home-made Fete

Drysdale Uniting Church mainly home-made Fete/Shed Sale will be held at the Drysdale Uniting Church Hall on Saturday, 10 October from 9am-1pm. Enter via church hall car park.

All at Drysdale Uniting Church are busy preparing for their new style Mainly Home Made Fete/Shed Sale which replaces their usual Annual Garage Sale. Devonshire Teas with delicious home-made scones will be available. Home-made jams, cordial, sauces, chutney, knitted goods, craft items and the very best cakes, slices and home-made sausage rolls will be ready for sale on the day.

'Our church family are busy planting and re-potting for the plants stall', says Lynda Smith, Fete Coordinator, and she adds 'we do have some talented gardeners in our midst.' The usual shed clear-out will happen and bric-a-brac items are always a big hit, you never know what treasures you will find. Contact Lynda Smith 0417 037 057.



Denise McLaverty is pictured sitting on the front steps of Drysdale Uniting Church with some of the home made goodies ready for sale. Denise will welcome you on Saturday 10 when you buy a sausage from the BBQ stall.

'All funds raised will go towards maintenance of our beautiful worship space which is an integral part of the Drysdale skyline.

Some suggest we need to paint those blue front doors of our church, others disagree and love that bright colour', says Lynda.

A new initiative at Drysdale Uniting is the world-wide success called 'Messy Church'. A new style short service of craft, shared meal and short worship enjoyed by young families. Next Messy Church is 8 November @ 5pm. Theme is Advent Journey. All welcome.

## Matthew made History

**It was in 1802/3 that Matthew Flinders carried out his epic voyage when he circumnavigated Australia, bringing with him a small team of scientific people charged with the responsibility of documenting the strange flora and fauna which existed in this remote part of the world. He set out from the UK in HMS Investigator, a small, leaky, near unseaworthy ship with rotting timbers, a ship which proved to be barely adequate for such a huge task.**

Flinders gave the name *Indented Head* to what we now know as the Bellarine Peninsula, after sailing into Port Phillip in 1802. In the days following, he camped overnight at or near Portarlington, before crossing to the western shore of Corio Bay, then walked across country to the You Yangs.

He climbed to the highest point, which he named Station Peak (later renamed Flinders Peak), so as to determine whether Corio Bay provided another outlet to the ocean from Port Phillip, before he returned to the Bellarine Peninsula. His team of scientists spent time examining flora in the Swan Bay area, as described by present day signage at the Edwards Point Reserve near St Leonards, which states 'Edwards Point is home to the only known stand of natural coastal woodland remaining on the Bellarine Peninsula. In fact most of the 95 plant species recorded when Flinders visited the area with naturalist Robert Brown in 1802 are still present in the reserve 200 years later'.

The Bellarine Historical Society believes that it is time for a new memorial to be established at Portarlington, not only to commemorate Flinders' achievements as an explorer on the Bellarine Peninsula, but to ensure that his achievements are not forgotten by residents or visitors to our area. Matthew Flinders was a remarkable seaman, an amazing navigator, an extraordinary explorer, one who earned the right to be remembered with a fitting memorial on the Portarlington coast for his significant place in our history.

**Peter Cowden**

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**An invitation from the Combined Probus Club of Clifton Springs/Drysdale**

To celebrate this year's Seniors Festival our Probus Club is having an Open Day at our Meeting this month on **Monday 12 October at 10am, at the Clifton Springs Golf Club**. Come along for our meeting, morning tea, guest speaker also fun and friendship. Maybe join us for lunch at the Golf Club (own expense).

## A Very Pleasant Portarlington Tuesday Afternoon

Last Tuesday a fresh approach to the problem of elderly isolation occurred at St John's Anglican Church Portarlington.

An enthusiastic group of people were entertained with soloists, poetry readings, and sing-a-long interspersed with afternoon tea. As the organiser put it *"For some time now we have been aware of the need for this type of outreach in our community and are delighted to make our facilities available"*

For more information about this outing please phone (03) 5259 2172



Gwenda Hansford

Enquires and bookings contact Val Hughes on (03) 5253 1446 or Jean Bright on (03) 5251 1316.

As a social club for retirees, ladies and gents, we will welcome you as a visitor or potential member at any of our activities; so if you want to keep an active mind, expand your interests and enjoy Fun, Friendship and Fellowship in group activities then come along! Our Club has several interest groups including caravans and cabins, walking, epicure dining, theatre, gardening, coffee club and social trips. Probus is a worldwide organisation and can provide useful travel insurance amongst other benefits.

A recent speaker at our monthly meeting was Brian Dixon, the well-known former Melbourne footballer and MLA for St. Kilda. Brian told us much of his life, but especially his strong opposition to the hanging of Robert Ryan (and conflict with Premier Bolte), his push for the introduction of compulsory seat belts and bicycle helmets, and his creation of the *Life Be In It* health campaign. Brian and his wife were able to stay for social chatting and lunch with us.

**For further information please contact President Alby on 5253 2631.**

## Youthgroup Information

The SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, Drysdale is officially opening its youth space from 13 October 2015.

This space is for 12-25 year olds and will be open each fortnight 3.30pm-5.30pm. Young people are welcome to come along and relax playing xboxes/games/chilling out each fortnight or joining in on activities.

**The following are the activities that will be on offer:**

Tues 13 Oct	Cooking/baking fun
Tues 27th Oct	Computer games/music jam session
Tues 10 Nov	'All rounder' mix of exercise sessions
Tues 24 Nov	Range of art activities
Tues 8 Dec	Skate ramp action
Tues 22 Dec	Christmas fun

All activities are free and everyone is welcome! This project has been designed and implemented by the Bellarine Youth Action Crew supported by the City of Greater Geelong Youth Development Unit. **The youth space will be fully supervised.**

For any questions please contact Aleisha Harling on 0421 583 369 or [aharling@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:aharling@geelongcity.vic.gov.au)

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## Stranger Danger

In recent weeks, there have been reports of alleged incidents involving school aged students being followed by unknown individuals.

The following ideas may be a starting point for parents to discuss with their children the issue of their safety in the neighbourhood.

- Walk straight to and from school with no distractions or side trips and without stopping to play on the way
- Walk to school in company with one or more other students, NOT by themselves
- Remind your child not to talk to strangers (people they don't know) and that they should walk away from people they don't know and tell someone straight away
- Remind your child not to get into vehicles even if they think they know the person unless you have told them someone else will pick them up

- If your child attends an after school or sport activity, ensure you pick them up on time so they are not left alone and unsupervised
- If you are running late to pick up your child from school, call the School and have your child wait at the office – not on the street.
- Remind your child to report any incidents or concerns they may have to their parents or teachers straight away if they occur

While we want our children to have independence and a sense of freedom, WE MUST ENSURE THEY ARE SAFE AT ALL TIMES.

**IF YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN OBSERVE SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR, PLEASE REPORT TO POLICE IMMEDIATELY BY CALLING 000.**

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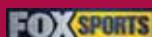


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