

# ArtShows at SpringDale

SpringDale has enjoyed bringing Art Shows to our community for more than ten years. Our Art Shows allow aspirational artists to become semi-professional artists, turning a hobby into a life style supporting profession. This is another way that SpringDale helps dreams to come true for so many people.

Why might someone come to an art show? You might be thinking that you have a blank space on a wall that you might like to fill with a piece of art from a local artist. You might like to invest some time in a cultural activity, to meet up with friends and exchange ideas and build

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Eclectics Art Show Saturday 31 Dec to Saturday 14 January 10am – 4pm Gold coin entry. SpringDale Artists Art Show Monday 16 Jan to Thursday 26 Jan 10am – 4pm Gold coin entry

community. You might like to increase your creativity and imagination by using techniques that Professor Terry Smith at the Warhol Museum encourages visitors to employ.

I paraphrase – being face to face with a work of art something starts to happen. Observe what's in front of you, think about how was it made, think about when was it made and then think about why they made this piece of art.

Anne Brackley Coordinator - SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Inc



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### Community CALEND

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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#### DECEMBER

Friday 2 Spirit of Christmas at Portarlington Saturday 3 Harvest Basket Produce Swap, SpringDale 9am - 10.30am Saturday 3 DEGAS – Ballet School Annual Recital 4pm Sunday 4 Service of 9 Lessons & Carols - 6 pm St James Church Collins St Drysdale Wednesday 7 Potato Shed 2017 Season Launch - 6pm Wednesday 7 Armchair Travel - South America - 7.30pm Friday 9 Geelong Bell Ringers and Christmas Lunch at SpringDale - bookings essential Sunday 11 SpringDale Dining Group - Christmas Dinner at SpringDale - bookings essential Monday 12 12 x 12 Plays Theatre 3Triple2 7pm - Potato Shed Wednesday 14 Days for Girls, SpringDale, 9am - 12noon Friday 16 Drysdale Day View Club meeting 11am Friday 16 SpringDale closes for Summer Holidays - reopening on Monday 23 January Saturday 17 Rick Peacock Christmas Special 7.30pm - Potato Shed Saturday 24 Children's Nativity Play - 4 pm St James Church Collins St Drysdale Saturday 24 Christmas Eve - Santa & Drysdale Fire Brigade from 6:30pm Sunday 25 Christmas Day Monday 26 Boxing Day - Public Holiday Saturday 31 Eclectic Artshow opens at SpringDale 10am - 4pm (open until Sat 14 Jan)

#### **JANUARY**

Saturday 1 New Years Day - Public Holiday Sunday 1-14 Eclectic Artshow at SpringDale 10am - 4pm Gold coin entry Sat/Sun 7/8 St James Book Sale Sat. 9am - 5 pm Sun. 10am - 4pm Free Sunday 8 Classic Car & Bike Show 10am - 3pm Drysdale Reserve Saturday 14 Portarlington Mussel Festival Monday 16-26 SpringDale Artist Artshow Tue-Fri 17-20 Jack & the Bean Stalk - Potato Shed 10.30am & 1.30pm Monday 23 SpringDale reopens

Thursday 26 Australia Day - Public Holiday SpringDale closed Friday 27 SpringDale closed Monday 30 SpringDale Occasional Care begins for 2017

**Bookings &** copy required by **16 December for** February 2017 issue

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### **Coordinator's News**





#### Anne Brackley

In this fast paced world, it is interesting when you are forced to remember how life used to be lived. The other morning our hot water service decided to fail. It was a work day, luckily one that didn't involve me rushing out the door earlier than most would expect. As the water didn't warm up, and the hot water service had intermittently caused other family members issues, I had some decisions to make.

I decided to take the self-help option of getting buckets and filling them with cold water and topping them up with kettle boiled water. I ended up with two very warm 10 litre buckets of water and placed one inside the shower and one outside. The second bucket to be brought into the shower for rinsing.

It was surprising that one 10 litre bucket was sufficient. It was surprising that it took so many extra minutes to prepare and I was a little less refreshed than normal. But it worked. I was ready to meet the day and perform whatever tasks needed.

Sometimes it's those opportunities that pop up in life, depending upon the way we tackle them can affect the way we feel about them and feel about the rest of the day and other opportunities. My day went on to be very grounded and very positive.

I was the only family member to be affected by a faulty shower that day but others had been affected over the previous month - so it was a lucky draw and I won that day. We have

now replaced the hot water service and life can go back to normal, but I feel privileged to have been reminded about how life used to be

We regularly implement the same mindset at SpringDale. As we prepare for Christmas lunches and dinners at SpringDale we are making our own Christmas puddings. We used a tried and true recipe and adapted it for our requirements. As I write this the aroma of a just cooked pudding pervades the room and makes me feel special that our team has created another masterpiece for sharing with others.

We hand craft programs, meals, systems and ideas. We partner with many groups to create a monthly magazine that we serve for you to enjoy. We listen to people and create what they request. We do this as a team and we thank everyone who helps to make SpringDale so special and successful. If you are still to come through the door please take the time to visit us – I think you'll find it to be a warm, friendly experience and you'll be enthusiastic about coming back again.

Looking forward to seeing you soon

#### Anne Brackley

on behalf of the SpringDale team.



#### SPRINGDALE ARTISTS – ANNUAL EXHIBITION

you are invited to the Opening Ceremony: Sunday 15th Jan 3pm Jason Smith (Director, Geelong Gallery) Live Music, Drinks, Nibbles

(35 donation requested) Exhibition & Sale: 16<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 10am to 4pm daily Original Paintings, Cards, Bookmarks, Craft

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### FIRE BRIGADE

Brings Santa to Drysdale, Clifton Springs and Curlewis. Christmas Eve from 6:30pm.

Please note Santa will only stop at the following locations.

#### Route 1

- CNR Panpandi Drv & Carawatha Ave
- CNR Dundundra Drv & Waulu Ave
- Park opposite Peta Mews on Delungra Ave
- CNR Wanawong Crt & Dundundra Drv
- CNR Gumarooka Ave & Dandarriga Drv
- CNR Derribong Way & Thamballina Rd
- Clifton Springs Shops (Centaurus Ave)
- CNR Country Club Drv & Catalina Cres ٠
- CNR Bayshore Ave & Country Club Ave
- CNR Elanora Way & Bayshore Ave
- Baywater Estate (Beach Vista Drv) •
- Jetty Road Adventure Playground

#### Route 2

- Wathaurong Reserve (Collins Street)
- Drysdale Police Station (Eversley St)
- CNR Serene Tce & Waterhaven Blvd
- **CNR Lennox Crt & Buccleugh St**
- CNR Oakland Drv & De Burgh Rd
- Drysdale Train Station (Station Street)
- CNR Granville St & Duke St
- CNR Marsh Crt & Wyndham St

#### Route3

- CNR Condy St & Nash Ave
- **CNR Vron Place & Eastwood Cres**
- Clifton Springs Preschool Central Rd •
- **CNR Pastoral PI & Appleby St**
- Ashworth Park
- Connor Park
- Woolworths Curlewis
- Percy Cherry Park

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The Drysdale Fire Brigade wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### News from Lisa Neville MP Member for Bellarine

#### Drysdale Sports Precinct a Step Closer

Recently I was pleased to turn the first sod to mark construction of the Drysdale Sports Precinct fulfilling an election commitment of \$3.5 million.

Clubs like the Drysdale Soccer Club, Drysdale Football Netball Club and Drysdale Cricket Club are growing at rapid rates and they need a first-class precinct.

The precinct will have a football and cricket ground, new multi-purpose fields for soccer and other sporting codes, and added space for community events. Lighting, cricket nets, car parking and pavilion are also planned.

The Drysdale Sports Precinct is being funded in partnership with the City of Greater Geelong.

#### Recruitment of 406 Extra Police Bought Forward

As I have written in previous editions of the Messenger, community safety and policing is important to me, as it is to all on the Bellarine Peninsula. That's why as local member, and also in my role of Police Minister, I have taken direct steps to ensure crime is targeted and police are well resourced.

Locally the State Government has reopened the police stations at Drysdale, Portarlington and Queenscliff that had been closed in 2014 by the previous Government. And 15 extra police have been recruited to the region to assist in staffing those stations.

Of course community safety is an issue across the State and as such the State Government has fast tracked the recruitment of 406 extra police.

This means these extra police officers will all be sworn in by the end of June 2017, rather than the planned June 2018, with the first officers hitting the beat in early 2017.

These new police are in addition to the hundreds of police trained over the course of the year to cover those leaving the force by way of retirement etc.

And the Government continues to give Victoria Police the resources and powers it needs to fight crime,

#### Letter to the Editor



technology and specialist equipment and the introduction of new laws to target offenders who commit home invasions and car jackings.

As I have said, community safety is of paramount importance to me and I will continue to work hard in tackling crime on the Bellarine.

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 Member for Bellarine

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#### Farewell to Drysdale

I began my love affair with this small town in the Bellarine just under four years ago. Recently retired from a job with kudos and a frantic lifestyle, I decided it was time for a total seachange. I sorted stuff, threw out years of professional papers, loaded the cats into the car, and headed off down the road to a town I knew little about, on the other side of the world, almost. I knew no one here, and as a divorced woman living alone, it could have backfired and left me lonely and miserable. Instead, Drysdale accepted and welcomed me. Mostly organised under the powerhouse of Anne and her SpringDale team, I found camaraderie and joy with the yoga ladies, brilliant help from Colin for all my IT problems (and there were many), a sense of worth from volunteer teaching, comfort from my

fabulous neighbours (one who brings basket loads of delicious Maltese cakes and each year a Christmas hamper), and the joy of learning and playing the ukulele from the magnificent Sarah Carroll and fellow students. Music is my tonic, and when enjoyed with others, it's a very powerful tonic.



But now the time has come to say goodbye to all the friends I've made here, and move way up the coast, to be with my family. So, once again I will sort stuff, pack boxes, load the cats and now a dog who has joined the team, to begin another adventure. And I wonder - will there be an active gardening club, or friends like my brilliant couturier who can whip up a music bag without a second thought, or my nonagenarian bird expert friend, or mates to lunch and coffee with? Yes, I have been very lucky and will always cherish my time here.

Thank you all. **Marcie** Hiatt

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### **Christmas Carols Double Delight**

The Queenscliff-Point Lonsdale Ecumenical Choir are well known for the quality of their performances, and the choir of St James' Anglican Church in Drysdale is thrilled to have been invited to join them in two pre-Christmas Services of 9 Lessons and Carols. Both Services will be held on Sunday 4 December, firstly at St George's Anglican Church, Queenscliff at 2pm and then at St James, Collins Street, Drysdale at 6pm. The choir consists of some 25 members, with Director Marilyn Brown and Organist Roger Colvin. Don't miss this delightful start to the Festive Season. All welcome.

### The Potato Shed, what a fab

Vear Bellarines favourite multi cultural hub, the Potato Shed, has enjoyed another fabulous year in 2016 and is set to wow audiences once again with a spectacular season in 2017. Patrons have this year been treated to a vast array of local and touring performances, community and school workshops and events keeping the venue bustling throughout the year.

As well as the ever popular children's school holiday pantomimes, morning showtimes and productions, there were many highlights. The touring season included Melbourne City Ballet with Romeo and Juliet, a sell out Evening with Max Gillies, the hilarious Simon's Final Sound presented by our Tasmanian friends, Blue Cow Theatre and a sellout show to the wonderful performance of Always.. Patsy Cline. Local artists came to the fore once again with Theatre 3triple2 presenting Winter Solstice and will soon to present the 12 x 12 plays, Bellarine Jongleurs staged two productions with local junior actors, The Gems sold out another Desperate Housewives night and Larrikan Theatre presented a very moving performance of Foxholes of the Mind as part of the commemorations for the 50th anniversary of the battle of Long Tan. Activities are now winding down with community groups presenting end of year concerts including The Ballet School with Degas.

You are invited to the 2017 Season Launch on Tuesday 7th December. Set to be a very entertaining night, specials guests include Mark Holden, Hannie Rayson and Wayne Jury. Iconic

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Australian performer and song writer, Holden will perform and also announce details of his exciting new venture with the Potato Shed. Award winning playwright, Hannie Rayson, will be giving a preview of her production which also features in the season program.

With entertainment provided by talented Blues singer and mentor, Wayne Jury, this will be a wonderful showcase of the year ahead at the Potato Shed, be sure to call and book, limited spaces available.



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http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/potatoshed

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### Summit at SpringDale 2016

Thank you to our 509 community members, who invested time in our community, by attending the Summit at SpringDale recently or by completing our Community Priority Survey (and there is still time to do so if you haven't quite completed it yet). The link to the Summit information and the Survey is http://

sites.onthebellarine.org.au/ .

Thanks to VicRoads staff for updating the community with regard to the Drysdale Bypass and High Steet upgrade. Thanks to City of Greater Geelong staff for being present to discuss the City of Greater Geelong 30 year Visioning project, Grant Langmaid for representing Victoria Police, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).for providing a great deal of information about fishing in the area and some great show bags, Public Transport Victoria for providing Bus Timetables, Bellarine Aged Care Association for providing representatives to speak to our community and provide a great deal of information, Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association, Committee for Bellarine and Bike Safe for the roles they played throughout the Summit.

We have entered the data and have started the analysis to help us progress projects and ideas for the future. We will continue to upload information to our website and we continue to encourage people to sign up for our email notifications at maximum 2 per month mostly only 1 a month to try to keep people connected. <u>http://lists.springdale.org</u>. au/phplist/?p=subscribe

Holding these Summits is a goal of our current Strategic Plan and it is a method for ensuring any advocacy we perform is in line with our community's goals and dreams.

Anne Brackley Coordinator SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre PS and we even snuck a little Science Fiction in on the side.







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### Rick Peacock by Gabby (aged 15)

#### I interviewed Mr. Rick Peacock about his acting and singing career. (www.rickpeacock.com)

I asked him the first character he had ever played and that was a Traffic light. He had a song and everything. Sadly he can't remember the song. Then in Year 9 he played a bumbling waiter in a one act play festival. Then in Year 10 he played in the Gilbert and Sullivan production. When he left school his first part was the son in "The wind in the branches of the Sassafras."

He has many people who inspired him. Musically it was Bing Cosby, Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, Guy Mitchell, Cat Stevens, P.J Proby and Harry Nielsen. Now it's Tom Jones because of his great voice at his age. He said that he didn't have anything embarrassing happen to him on stage. He's worn



Tights and the small of the Crowd' at age 30. Which was a semi – professional production which toured the Melbourne great metropolitan area. He couldn't decide which one he preferred – Acting or Singing. He loves both, he's been paid to do both in his life time. Working at the Tivoli Theatre Restaurant and the Crazy House, and for the last 25 years fronting a band that played in nearly every town in Victoria and some in New South Wales.

He really wants to play the Phantom in 'The Phantom of the Opera'. He had a very uncomfortable outfit he has worn which was the character of 'Marcus Lycus' in the show 'A funny thing happened on the way to the forum'. To describe it, it was a Kaftan made out of Heavy hessian, a long black wig, thick green make up with sparkles and very, long, fake fingernails.

Rick has a very important Christmas tradition. It is the tradition of the 12 days of Christmas. So he decorates the tree with his family on Christmas Eve and takes the Christmas decorations down on January 5th.

Now let's talk about the Rick Peacock Christmas Special. He is doing it because he wants to do a show that involves his children. It is on the 17 December at the Potato Shed in Drysdale. The people that are in it are Mr. Rick Peacock, his Daughters (one of them being me), Cat Sanzaro, a song writer and his Comedian, Tivoli mate, Rohan Hoult. Its genre is like the style of Bing Cosby and Michael Buble Christmas Specials. So I say come and see the amazing Rick Peacock Christmas Special for laughter and fun.

### Celebrating Christmas

Christmas is generally a busy time for adults and a fun time for the kids, such as festive decorations for the home and lots of shopping for presents. However, it's important to remember what Christmas signifies, the birth of Jesus.

St James Anglican Church in Collins Street, Drysdale will be holding a Nativity Play at 4pm on Christmas Eve where all children are invited to participate and 'dress up' if they wish. So if you have children or grandchildren who would like to join in the fun – all welcome!

Other Christmas Services at St James include: Midnight Service at 11pm on Christmas Eve & Morning Service at 9am on Christmas Day.

Whether you are local to the area or on holiday, everyone will be made most welcome.



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#### Saturday 17th December. 7.30pm The Potato Shed, Drysdale.

Drysdale. Back again bringing you all your Christmas favourites in the style of Michael Buble and Bing Crosby. Songs, skits and silliness to bring smiles back to your Christmas.

With Guest Artists: Cat Sanzaro, Layla & Gabby Peacock

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### Treasure Hunters to invade the Bellarine this Summer

The Festival of Glass Treasure Hunt is on again in 2017. From Monday, 2nd January, you will be able to seek the Tiny Treasures around the Drysdale and Portarlington areas, giving you the chance to win fantastic Glass Art Treasures.

Treasure Hunters will have 6 weeks to spot the Tiny Glass Treasures in the 28 participating businesses. Just collect stamps on the entry form/s, from at least 10 businesses and then take the completed entry form/s to the Festival of Glass Expo by 2.30pm on Sunday, 19th February, 2017, at Drysdale's Christian College.

The 2017 Treasure Hunt has prizes worth over \$4,000. Each entry form (of 10 stamps) gives participants a draw for the many magnificent prizes, including Glass Art Treasures commissioned by our wonderful sponsoring businesses and handmade by Festival of Glass exhibitors.

Festival convenor Doug Carson said, "The Treasure Hunt is an innovative blend of art and commerce, so we're very pleased that so many businesses are participating in it. It's really boosted business involvement in the Festival of Glass, as well as promoting the work of local glass artists and growing the area's reputation as a centre of glass-related activities."

Explore the FoG website and the interactive map of our treasure hunt sites, while downloading an entry form listing the 28 businesses, from www. festivalofglass.net.au/ Events 2017/Treasure Hunt/Enter Here.

Or just pick up your entry forms at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre or any of the participating businesses. Look for the Treasure Hunt posters in the windows of our Treasure Hunt partners.

Happy treasure hunting, from the Festival of Glass and its Treasure Hunt partners!







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### Geelong Handbell Choir at SpringDale

Come along and enjoy the enchanting music of the Geelong Handbell Choir and stay on for a two course Christmas lunch. Friday 9 December 10.45am for 11am start. \$25 for lunch and entertainment or \$5 to attend the Handbell Choir event only. Bookings essential.



Sunday 11 December 6.30pm Christmas Dinner at SpringDale – bookings essential. Two course Christmas dinner \$25 including the delicious pudding alternatives available please advise of food allergies/preferences with booking.





Lunch at St James Hall Wednesday 21 December please book with Joan Wellard ph 5251 1177. This meal will include entertainment.

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#### Art Show Mentorship Dinner

It has been a busy few weeks for the Rotary Club of Drysdale. On 10 October we held our annual dinner to showcase the work of this year's students participating in the Bruno Callori Young Artist Mentorship Program. Some wonderful work has been produced, which we are looking forward to exhibiting to you at our 2017 Easter Art Show.

#### **Thanks to Picnic Time**

Our thanks also goes to Picnic Time who recently donated their (periodic) charity cheque to the Rotary Club. This is much appreciated and these valuable funds will be used to support projects locally and overseas.

#### Lifting the Lid on Mental Illness

Victorian Rotary Clubs came together on October 7 to raise money for mental health research, with proceeds going to Australian Rotary Health -

https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/. Members of Drysdale Rotary rattled a tin in central Portarlington, and would like to thank all those people who dug deep for this extremely important cause. It was also Fotiny Hat Day, 50 the sprinnelos were out in force

The Rotary Foundation charity has a focus to carry out an array of programs that achieve beneficial changes in our world: improved living conditions, increased food production, better education, wider availability of treatment and rehabilitation for sick and disabled, new channels for the flow of international understanding and brighter hopes for peace. A contribution to The Rotary Foundation is an investment in the ideal of goodwill, peace and understanding. That is an ideal held high by Rotarians the world over, and one that Craig clearly shares. Working with such individuals of goodwill, we believe the ideal will become a reality. Two people have been tireless supporters of the Rotary Club of Drysdale. Craig Taylor from the Bendigo Community Bank Drysdale and Jill Shalless the Mentor of our four school students. Their ongoing commitment to our Bruno Callori Young Artist Program has led them both to be rewarded this Paul Harris recognition

A \$1000 US donation will be made by the Rotary Club of Drysdale in the name of each of the recipients to the Rotary Foundation. When the Importance sone bacomes arvery special award shires take bon greater



#### Please Support Rotary Car Raffle

Drysdale Rotarians have joined their counterparts at the Rotary Club of Ballarat South in their annual Club Assistance Fund Community Raffle. Members will be selling tickets in Drysdale, Curlewis, Portarlington and St Leonards. First prize is a Ford Kuga Ambiente 2WD Auto. We trust you can support us to raise valuable funds for Rotary projects.

If you are looking for a way to make a difference in your local community through your business or profession, becoming a Rotarian is a great way to do it. The Rotary Club of Drysdale is currently looking for new members, so if you think you have something to offer, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We meet at the Clifton Springs Golf Club on Monday evenings for dinner between 6 and 8pm.

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**Catherine Eagleson** Rotary Club of Drysdale Publicity Director

Ph. 0474 199 389



Craig Taylor receiving his Recognition



Caroline Rickard, Jill Governor Steve

safe and happy 2017. See you back in February 2017 at

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

Caroline Rickard - Mentorship Coordinator Lamont







### **Bellarine Support Group**

#### for Kinship Carers

How 2016 has flown by - December already. At this time of the year we think about Christmas and what that means getting together with family, having a great time, eating too much and most of all we think about the children in our lives.

In my role as my granddaughter's guardian, I have experienced the joy of Christmas all over again. When we have to send the special presents off to Santa, to be delivered on Christmas Eve when everyone is hopefully asleep, is a memory that will live with me for a long, long time. Making memories for all children is important, but for children in out of home care memories are sometimes missing in their short lives.

The importance of building wonderful relationships with children in care and establishing memories for them to keep for the rest of their lives is something that we as kinship carers hold dear to our hearts. Some children who come to live with their relatives for whatever reason, only have the clothes they stand in, no special teddy, no special clothes and no special memories to hold onto.

At this special time of the year parents with children find it hard to manage, imagine how hard it is for kinship carers to manage. Kinship carers learn very quickly how to stretch their limited budgets, they manage for the sake of the children in their care. Kinship carers will go without themselves for the sake of the children, mostly their grandchildren, they care for.

If you are a kinship carer we would love you to join our group, we love to share our experiences, have a laugh, have a cry and most of all talk about the children in our care. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a



The Drysdale RSL sub-branch members wish to thank all who attended and/or sponsored their Remembrance Golf Day held at the Clifton Springs Golf Club on the 7th November.

Congratulations to the winners of the day;

Mary Freemantle, Peter Brooks, Carolyn Jinks & Gary Jones

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#### Which Diary – electronic or paper? - don't trust your memory •The simple keys to having more time and energy •The key to creating results is 'ESI'

About our presenter: Les the 'Time Lord' Watson has worked extensively throughout Australia and South East Asia running dynamic training programs that have produced measurable results. Les' depth of knowledge and skill come from over 25 years of experience as a trainer, speaker and facilitator in self-management, motivation and communication techniques.

#### Event details:

ate:7.12.2016 Time:9.30am - 11.30am (Rego + a cuppa at 9.15am) Place:SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, 17-21 High Street, Drysdale rice:\$20 including GST

Tickets:www.trybooking.com/MCZW

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### **Course and Opportunities**

Every day is different at SpringDale even every few hours SpringDale reinvents itself with a new group of people through the door. Listed below are groups, classes and other opportunities that we would love you to take the opportunity to register for or at least come and try. This is a different way of setting out the opportunities please call, call in or download a copy of the full course guide to see the rest of the details.

### **Connecting People**

• Monthly Morning Tea 1st Tuesday of each month at SpringDale 10.30am – but please ring Jackie to book in for the Christmas event December 6, and the New Year event January 3 and February 7 – all welcome no bookings usually necessary enquires to Jackie 0439 473 244.

• Monthly Dinner in the second week each month usually Monday or Tuesday depending upon restaurant opening days and times – Sunday December 11 at SpringDale, Monday January 9 at Drysdale Hotel and Tuesday February 14 (St Valentine's Day) Leopold Sportsmans Club – all welcome – booking essential email/phone SpringDale office office@springdale.org.au or ring 5253 1960

• Monthly Lunch on the third Wednesday of each month – Wednesday December 21 at St James Church Hall, Wednesday January 18 and Wednesday 15 February – all welcome – bookings essential phone Joan Wellard 5251 1177

It's all about conversation, meeting new people and enjoying a meal together.



### **Building Confidence**

• In this fast changing world we need to keep up with mobile phones, iPads and Tablets (that are not from the pharmacy), computers and more. We listen, I wish you had have talked us through the pros and cons of these devices before I bought one, so now we run a session once a term to help people with iPad / Tablet decision making. As many users of iPads and Tablets have never used a computer we are starting a Pre-Introduction to iPads/Tablets for a few classes to help people understand some of the basic terms. We have Introduction to Computers to help people gain basic computer skills and more advanced classes to help people down the track to mastery.

• We have Digital Photography classes that we now call Sculpting with Light. People have said An amazing class – I learnt so much – thanks George I'll be back.

• We have an Introduction to eBay course to help people help themselves to sell off unwanted items and make their lives less cluttered.

• The Joy of Volunteering is also a course that might help you to build confidence and maybe there'll be an opportunity at SpringDale to be part of the team.

• Our Kinship Carers Group has been going for more than a year and has helped tens of grandparents and other relatives who are caring for family members and need to know their rights and responsibilities and have some support.

It's all about building confidence and skills.



### Creative Design

• Creative Design is becoming part of almost everything we do. Making things look good and presentable is almost a basic skill that we all need. Start with the basics of drawing, look at composition and build up to colour and shading. Build upon your skills and knowledge try new media, try short workshops, learn about creating a business out of art and try it through our annual art shows.

• Cooking is known as a creative activity. At SpringDale we run Cheese Making, Coffee Making and a number of other cooking classes are on the horizon. We also facilitate 4 Mens Cooking Groups each week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning and also on Wednesday nights there is room in most of the groups for more participants.

• We have Card Making and Scrapbooking sessions. We have monthly Felt Making and a growing interest in a Sci Fi Group.

 Generating ideas, becoming an innovator, learning about entrepreneurship, creating for a living, focusing on the Future are all sessions that you night enjoy.





### **Energising Health**

• Pole Walking, Yoga, Mindfulness, Badminton, Volleyball, Line Dancing and Cycling are all offered at SpringDale. Hopefully there is something to match your energy level and current physical ability. Perhaps start with something gentle like Pole Walking or Yoga and build up to Volleyball or Badminton and maybe even progress to our cycling group called Wheelie Riders.



It's all about

keeping fit or

getting fit.

• If you are thinking that you might like to be a bit more active in the coming year you might like to consider some of these opportunities.

• Circus Club has become a new group on the SpringDale activity menu – we will hope to offer more sessions for adults in

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• We have skin care and make up basics if there are people who want to do it.

### Playing & Learning

• Keeping the mind active can be a challenge but we hold weekly card games, scrabble sessions and mah-jong tournaments. Our jigsaw library is open once a month and by appointment. Our 5000 jigsaw puzzles are a highlight to any guided tour of SpringDale. People are amazed by the colour and form. Most of the conversations that happen during each session are heart warming, create lots of laughter and fun.

- Cryptic Crosswords is a group that meets weekly and tries to decipher the almost indecipherable.
- Our younger members of the community is catered for through the Drysdale and Portarlington Toy Libraries.

It's all about having fun and being with people.



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### Sharing Skills & Knowledge

• Skill sharing is a big part of what we do at SpringDale. We have language classes French, Latin, Mandarin and in winter we'll have Italian. We are about to start Indonesian and we Writing classes have become a hit with our community with many people writing their first novel, book, play or screenplay. We also offer review sessions with an award winning author with vast experience in all the above mentioned fields. We also have a writing group called Write About that meets monthly and mentors each other.

• SpringDale comes alive with the sounds of ukulele playing on a Thursday morning. There are classes and people practising before and after classes and many friendships have formed.

• Star Making became a new group in 2016 and will continue in 2017 – we are helping to make 1,000,000 stars to stop violence and give hands something positive to do. We have almost made 1,000 stars so a long way to go.

• Twice a year we run classes to help you grow your own food and we also run Sustainability sessions. Monthly we have a Harvest Basket food Swap and our Community Garden works in the garden weekly or more often and gives so much to the local food bank.

• Genealogy group meets weekly and shares family history ideas and techniques and they celebrate when another family line is discovered.

• Arm chair travel is a way to learn about a special part of the world without needing to pack, find insurance, be immunised, get to the airport or harbour, or even pay for the fare just come along enjoy and the only cost is \$2 and some of your time. Carole has taken us to a number of parts of the world including Antarctica, Cocos Kailing and Clinsing's Island, - whole for the second second

### Supporting People & Businesses

Our administrative services are used by many. We photocopy, fax, scan, print, shred, bind and many more. Each service has a small fee to help us cover costs and keep the doors open. We also have rooms and equipment for hire and we have a Business Network that meets quarterly for breakfast. We publish 11 copies of the SpringDale Messenger monthly February to December and have done so for 25 years and we annually print a Directory. Both of these documents are valued by our businesses and community alike and they connect people with suppliers and opportunities. Our SpringDale Messenger won another award and we look forward to bringing a top quality magazine to our community near and far.

Please register for email updates on our website <u>www.springdale.org.au</u> by hitting the Subscribe button near the bottom right hand corner of the home page or follow the link



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Well it has been quite a busy year for the children, staff and committee of Beacon Point Preschool this year. With our 4 year olds graduating this month and moving up to be big school children and the 3 year olds preparing for their full kinder year ahead next year we would like to take to opportunity to wish them all the very best in their new adventures in life and we certainly know we have equipped them with the best kinder year we possibly could.

We would also like to send out a huge thank you to our educators Alison, Dani, Monique and Donna for their time and effort they have investing in make this kinder year for these kids the best they know how. You all do such a wonderful job with the kids and we are so grateful to have you as part of the kinder. Thank you.

Our committee was a small one this year but for a tiny team we sure have packed a punch. With ongoing fundraising throughout the year and the successful applications of government grants, 2017 is going to be a year of great change for this Preschool. The committee is coming to the end of planning the mirror details for the proposed construction of a new yard area which focuses on both nature play and all access ability pathways to ensure that any and everyone who come to the preschool is welcome and included. The nature play focus on the yard refurbishment will allow the children to explore and experience nature and provide endless learning possibilities for their inquisitive little minds and assist in developing the necessary motor skills.

Finally as the President of the committee I would like to thank each committee member for their time and commitment to the kinder this year – your work is priceless and enables the opportunities offered to the kids.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank our community for their support and interest in our Preschool throughout the year, wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe a happy new year. Stay tuned to our little kinder as we progress through our changes next year.

Erin Dodd - Committee



### AnnualExhibition

The Eclectics Art Show is on again this year with our usual wide-ranging variety of styles in paintings and sculpture. Drop in and say 'Hi' at the SpringDale Community Centre from 31 December to 14 January 10am to 4pm with a gold coin donation going toward SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

Come and see the new and exciting work we have all been toiling away at all year (just kidding, we love it). For more 'eclectivity' than ever we have two guest artists who are filling in for two who have other commitments, so come and find something you can't live without – and won't find anywhere else either.



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We are a group who enjoy singing in a non-performing choir and would welcome any newcomers who love to sing, whether you can read music or not.

Our final get together for 2016 will be Tuesday, 6 December at 1.30pm. We invite any interested people to come and hear us sing, and share afternoon tea. We do not meet during school holidays.

We are desperately searching for an alternate accompanist in 2017, as our current one will be fortnightly only, leaving alternate Tuesdays without anyone at this stage. We will commence our group again in February 2017. Please contact Margaret Freemantle

5253 1974 for further information if you are able to help, or just want to sing







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#### <u>Springdale Singers</u> Tastes of the Parish

Ever wondered what the secrets are in producing so many delicious cakes, slices, dinners and desserts, all made by the ladies (and some gentlemen) of the Bellarine Anglican Parish (St James Drysdale, St John's Portarlington and St Paul's, St Leonards)?

Well, now's your chance! The Parish has produced a Cookery Book, giving all these secrets away and for only \$8, these secrets can be yours. It will make a very inexpensive addition to your library of recipes or a Christmas present for friends and family. So don't delay - they are available from Parishioners of the three churches or from the Parish Op Shop (Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am - 3pm) at the rear of St John's Church in Portarlington. Enjoy! Enquiries Pat Whitford: 0418 520 206.





The New Year brings big celebrations, and one of those welcome events is another St James Secondhand Book Sale.

This annual fundraiser is normally a roaring success judging by the crowds queuing and then thronging the hall. The venue is light and airy with plenty of room to browse during this 2 day event - stay all day if you wish! Sincere thanks to those members of the community who so generously donated the books - without them there would be no sale!

The book sale includes old and new books, fiction and non-fiction, hard covers and paperbacks, plus special interest magazines such as hobbies, collecting, home, fashion, cookery and gardening, and even old sheet



music in good condition. All books are individually priced and laid out in their categories, with a section of half price novels along the front of the stage at the rear of the hall.

The 2017 sale will be on 7 and 8 January, so book it in your diaries now! Entry is free, wheelchair access is no problem and there is always a young children's area with low tables and chairs which is extremely well patronised. St James thanks you all most sincerely for your support.

St James Book Sale, Drysdale Community Activity Centre (Drysdale Primary gym) Collins Street, Drysdale. Saturday 7 January 9am-5pm, Sunday 8 10am-4pm. EFTPOS available.



### Town Club Drysdale Weight Loss Group

We had a great reunion with past members visiting and enjoying a lovely morning tea with current members. We all shared our weight loss journeys and great memories of past events as well as challenges.

Weight loss is not an easy thing to either attain or indeed hang on to. That is seen by the huge industry that has developed with its choices to assist you with products that will provide you with a never ending cure for weight gain. Many of these offers to assist with weight loss go from the sublime to the ridiculous.

TOWN Clubs focus on the fact that we are an affordable option. We offer a lifestyle plan, not an easy fix that cannot be maintained for any great length of time. We also offer



support, friendship and often a soft place to fall as most of us in the club have enjoyed success and at other times despair and failure in our weight loss journey. Club members have offered empathy support and guidance to help us return to our journey of weight loss. Our members also celebrate with us when we succeed.

If you have only gained those few kilos or you need to lose much more, we are there to help you with that journey. Come and join us. We love having young children so don't be afraid to bring them along. We meet in the Drysdale Football Club rooms on Wednesday mornings. Weigh in is from 8.30am and our meeting starts at 10am. We usually finish around 11am. If you really want to lose weight why

### **Drysdale Guides**

Drysdale Guides congratulate newly qualified leader Caroline Gubb a dedicated young leader. Sincere thanks to Bronwen Elliott, who has attended guides for an extra two years beyond retirement. Guides continues to provide girls with opportunities to create, try and succeed with challenges and leadership, both of these being such important skills for our young people to have.

Drysdale Guides meet on Thursday evenings with guides aged 5 to 11 meeting from 4pm to 5.30pm and guides aged 11 to 18 meeting from 6.30pm to 8pm.



is two and half hours. Where: Drysdale Football Club rooms When: Each Wednesday morning Time: 8.30 – 11am

Contact: Pat Tainton 0408 355 850 or









#### **SpringDale Venue Hire** & Catering

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Do your fruit trees sometimes fail to fruit and your pumpkins fail to pump? Then maybe you need more bees in your garden.

Lots of bee activity should gladden the heart of any gardener. It is a sign of a healthy, biodiverse garden. If there is enough pollen and nectar in your garden to attract bees, then there will be other beneficial insects as well: butterflies, hoverflies, ladybirds, predatory beetles, native wasps and of course, native bees. These insects help with pollination, pest control – or both.

The European honeybee is, as its name suggests, an introduced species. We have something like 1,600 native species of bee in Australia, but most of them are solitary or live in small colonies. The European honeybee, on the other hand, lives in colonies as large as 100,000 insects. That means a lot of pollination, and a lot of honey.

My wife Susan and I have been beekeepers for four years now, and we never cease to be amazed by the industry of the bees in our hives. If you look at the little girl in the photo



(all worker bees are female), you can see that her wings are frayed and worn. She is literally working herself to death, flying kilometres every day.

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Bees are not mindless robots: within that tiny brain, smaller than a sesame seed, there is enough intelligence to learn complex tasks. Every flower species requires a slightly different technique, so a bee has to learn to 'work' the flower and will often specialise in one species.

Even if you don't want to keep bees, it's still a good idea to attract them to your garden.

Have lots of flowers, year round. You can't expect bees to turn up for the two weeks that your almond trees are flowering, if there's nothing for them to live on for the other 50 weeks of the year. The best nectar sources are eucalypts, lavender, other flowering herbs such as borage and rosemary, brassicas and other vegetables that have been allowed to flower, and many oldfashioned 'cottage garden' type flowers.

Seriously consider going organic. Systemic pesticides such as Confidor are deadly to bees, as are many fungicides. Even home-made pesticides such as chili spray and vegetable oil and soap sprays may harm bees, so never spray them on or near flowering plants when bees are active.

**Provide a shallow water source.** Bees don't actually drink water, but they need it to cool the hive in summer and to dilute solidified honey for consumption in winter and spring. Floating water plants enable the bees to take water without falling in and drowning.



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### **Clifton Springs Garden Club**

In the true spirit of gardening, Clifton Springs Garden Club members (despite the very wet, windy winter that we had) put on a magnificent display at our Annual Open Day on Melbourne Cup Weekend. The Uniting Church Hall was filled with a kaleidoscope of colour from a wide variety of flowers, shrubs and pots and outside there was also a stunning variety of potted cuttings and seedlings of varying sizes, all brought along by Members. This was complemented by a magnificent 14 prize raffle with all prizes donated by the members and all relating in some way to gardening and a fabulous variety of home grown plants. The day would not be complete without a cup of tea and cake, again all ably supplied by our members. As the Secretary of the Club. I would like to

thank all our members for a great team effort. The day went off without a hitch thanks to all the effort put in by members. The weather was very kind to us and the day was made most successful by the support of the local community, and maybe some visitors to the area who had heard about our day. The Club values the support of the local community and because of this support a large proportion of our profit goes back into local charities and groups who support the local community in some way.

Our Gardening Year is now at an end we will be back again, after a short break with more exciting speakers and great days out. If you would like to be a part of this great team, the Secretary can be contacted on 5257 1566 or hallan@iprimus.com.au







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#### Innovation and Entrepreneurship



Through a course I have been attending called Destination Entrepreneur, Innovation is defined as The process of translating an idea into reality that creates value.

Many people have many ideas but those ideas need to be turned into reality and the product or system developed must create value. Every day I have many ideas but most just come and go without even making it to a list let alone becoming reality and having the ability to make life better or easier for someone or something.

Through a great deal of research we have developed some very basic ways to create ideas, to investigate ideas, to trial ideas, and to implement ideas to enable people to follow their dreams and to create other business

### SpringDale Community Garden

We are delighted to report that we have been successful in obtaining a 2016 Grant from the Foundation of the Bendigo Community Bank. The Grant will allow us to achieve two important aims.

First, to purchase a 10000 litre water tank to be integrated into our present storage system, and which will minimise the necessity to draw water from the Church, as we needed to do last Summer to save our precious vegetables from cooking prematurely in the sun's heat.

Second, we will be able to add a further 4 purpose-built steel and timber compost bins, to complement the current system of bins built from recycled timber pallets standing on their ends. Our "Compost-Master" Denis will then be able to give full rein to his creative abilities with such compostibles as coffee grounds, shredded paper and cardboard, old boots, dead cats, weeds, and various types of animal manures. We're joking about the dead cats.

Our plans to erect an under-cover shade area in our present "No-Grow" section of the garden are also proceeding, with the builder arranging for a Council Permit prior to starting construction. Thanks again to the wonderful folks at the Geelong Community Foundation Inc, who have provided the funding to enable this to happen before the heat of Summer is upon us. The Foundation's funding has also allowed us to cover our roadway and paths with a thick coating of fine gravel, which will set hard and make it so much easier and safer to walk around in the garden.

Finally, we have already planted lots of Spring/Summer vegetables for our garden members and the Church FoodBank Program, with many



I continue to believe this is a way to take our community forward. We continue to grow the number of people wishing to be part of this project and we continue to need more.

Summer is going to be innovation season at SpringDale. If you were wondering what you might do for the next 3 months – maybe this is it. Please register your interest with SpringDale by emailing coordinator@ springdale.org.au or phone/text 0407 529 205.

Looking forward to working with you to create value for our community and your potential new business.

Anne Brackley



SpringDale Community Garden

#### Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 1 December, 7.30pm at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. Interested members of the community are invited to attend.

more yet to be planted before monthend, to keep us occupied throughout the coming season.

Why not come and join our happy group of gardeners, who enjoy getting their hands in the dirt, the satisfaction of producing fresh organically-grown veggies for themselves and for those who need a helping hand, and the company of lots of pleasant garden folk?













#### AnotherFantastic Project

There are so many great projects happening around us. Another project that I just found out about is the making of twiddle muffs for Alzheimer's patients. Two of our locals Wendy Webb and Diane Schofield are providing their version of twiddle muffs to many in our area.

By chance I met Diane in the street the other Saturday morning, she was visiting garage sales to purchase haberdashery to incorporate into twiddle muffs. As I had no idea what she was talking about, she volunteered to show me some that she had recently made.

I love the way they look and the amount of love that had been put into these beautiful tools that have been proven to help people who have been diagnosed with Alzheimers.

I know I have some perfect pieces to hand on to Diane to help her to make more of these twiddle muffs. You also might have small pieces that you might like to donate. Donations of ribbons, elastic, bells, wool, buttons, buckles, press studs, pieces of fake fur etc. I suppose anything that can be sewn or incorporated on to the outside or the inside of a muff.

If you are thinking about downsizing you might like to think about bringing these pieces to SpringDale for us to pass on and repurpose some of your past haberdashery treasures that you haven't made time to use up. This could be a double win with the materials helping people and another cupboard cleansed of excess stuff.

Thank you in advance from the Alzheimers patients who benefit from the project. **POTTSICE** 



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I worked for Reg Butcher and drove an 11 tonne truck and trailer. There were 12 bags of super to the tonne and 186 lb per bag. I'd cue up at the Pivot and there was a man on a gantry working a conveyor belt to help load the superphosphate bags. He'd stack them on the truck 5 wide across the truck and twelve rows would fit on the tray. The only other place we could get super was from

Cresco near the wheat silos in North Geelong.

The Trailer was unhooked in the paddock as it was too heavy to move on the worked ground - it would bog - we never used the trailer ever only just to carry extra super from Pivot. We would reload the bags onto the main truck. If the ground was very wet we would only put half the load on to move around the paddock slowly.

The Super spreader was Bagsure model, it had a tapered bin on top and a spinner underneath, like a butterfly wheel and as it turned quickly it threw the granulated superphosphate out about 30 yards on each side. I would start on the right and always turn left so i could see the previous mark.

Ces Bennet was a person who used to load the super into the super spreader and the spreader was bolted on behind the truck on the back of the driver's side. There was a dolly wheel under the spreader and it held chain links tight to the wheel of the truck with cogs on it to drive the spreader. As the truck was unloaded the springs would come up and the chain would tighten. You had to be careful and add links when needed so you didn't break the chain.

Spreading super at Spray farm one year - it had been so wet and the mushrooms had grown so well so that when I was trying to turn I went skidding around. We never saw mushrooms like this ever. Ces Bennett got me to bring two banana boxes to pick the mushrooms. Then he would eat two plates of mushrooms for breakfast and hold me up. We never picked mushrooms after that.

When we spread super in parts out of Geelong on the way home Ces would be insistent to stop at the Elephant and Castle for a while. Ces was trying to drum up players that might help Drysdale Football to improve their listing on the ladder. He was successful in getting a few players to come to play for Drysdale.

When we were spreading super at Prue Acton's farm in Avalon, we finished early one day and so decided to have a competition. There was Brian Gallop, Jackie McKiernan and myself. We decided to carry superphosphate bags on our backs. We went round the truck and trailer then it was the next person's turn. Then we tried two bags each one over each shoulder. After two bags, I thought I could carry 3 bags, a quarter of a tonne but I couldn't move my feet - so much for showing off!

Kel Davis and Anne Brackley scribe.



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# **SPORT**

### Drysdale Football

It may be hard to believe but our senior footballers have already commenced their pre-season training, and it is only December! Numbers have been fantastic and there is an air of excitement around the club sparked by some great off season recruiting. Having missed senior finals for a second consecutive year, the club was keen to add some experience to its crop of home grown talent. To the credit of the coaches and the recruiting team they have certainly achieved this by bringing in tall key position players and strong midfielders who are not only good players but also great people who will fit the clubs culture.

A prize signing has been St Mary's cocaptain and key position player Matt Hebbard, fresh from a GFL grand final appearance, along with his ruckman team mate Damien Hoare. Other great signings are Will McGregor from Penshurst, as well as Johnny Bell and Tyson

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Make a difference & have some fun... The Portarlington Mussel Festival is seeking volunteers to support the Event on the Friday 13 January 2017 (set up), Saturday 14 January - Festival Day and Sunday 15 January 2017 (pack up) Please register your interest either by filling out an application form from the website www.portmusselfestival.com Email volunteer.pmf@gmail.com Phone 0407 430 282 We welcome you to join in the fun!

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For more information please visit our website www.portmusselfestival.com



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Bock from Cohuna via North Footscray. We have also welcomed back past premiership defender Ryan Gatgens after a five year absence, and have at least a dozen young players stepping up from our colts team. We are also about to start some optional skills training for our U14 and U16 players. Whilst this is extremely early by junior standards, it has been organised at the request of a number of players who want to work on their game over the summer break.

Off field the recently re-elected committee is working hard and planning for a big season. We have a new sponsorship sub-committee, lead by local businessman Chris Dunne, which will pick up on the great work done by our departing sponsorship co-ordinator Paul Holwell during his 8 year tenure. With 2 senior, 2 colts and 11 junior teams representing our town the club provides a fantastic platform for any local business

# MusselFestival needs you!

On 14 January 2017, our beautiful, peaceful village will be the scene for the 11th Annual Portarlington Mussel Festival, when we can expect around 30,000 people to descend on us, to sample the delights of our wonderful mussels, plus the other food, wines and produce from our local region.

But without our volunteers the Portarlington Mussel Festival would not be a success.

We are looking for volunteers to help with setup, various tasks on the day of the festival, and the breakdown and tidy up on the day after the festival.

If you can spare a couple of hours or more, please contact Raeleen Donovan, Volunteer Coordinator, on 0407 430 282; or application forms are available online at <u>www.</u> <u>portmusselfestival.com</u> or email <u>volunteer.</u> <u>pmf@gmail.com</u>.

This is a great way to participate in an activity that returns all its profits to the community, to meet your neighbours, and it's fun!





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wanting to promote their services. An additional benefit to signage sponsors in 2017 is the guarantee that the BFL Grand Final will be played at Drysdale in front of thousands of spectators.

### **Bellarine Shield**

The Bellarine Shield, in its 47th year, was held on Sunday 13 November, at Clifton Springs Bowling Club. Eight Clubs competed for the Shield: Barwon Heads, Drysdale, Clifton Springs, Leopold, Point Lonsdale, Portarlington, Queenscliff and St Leonards.

The winner for the second year running was Clifton Springs Bowling Club, 2nd place: St Leonards Bowling Club, 3rd place: Drysdale Bowling Club.

The event raised \$1,000 for the charity of Bellarine Community Health.

Team members: Larry Donohue, Danny Markovic, Gary Powell, Wayne Hinchliffe, Adrienne Rowland, Laura Johnson, Bev Kingsbury, Margaret Faulkner, Rick Webb, Jack Sutton, Jacki Webb, Ann Ferguson.





#### Drysdale Sports Precinct SPORT



Earthworks have commenced to clear and prepare the site for the long awaited Stage 1 of the Drysdale Sports Precinct Project.

In what promises to be an exciting development for the Drysdale community and the surrounding areas, Stage 1 will consist of:

- Earthworks and site preparation
- 1 x AFL/cricket oval
- 1 x multi purpose field
- Sports lighting
- Warm season turf and irrigation
- Sports field fencing
- Cricket nets and practice pitches
- Car parking
- Relocatable Pavilion
- · Landscaping.

The project is jointly funded by the City of Greater Geelong and the State Government and is expected to be completed in early 2018.



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