

Drysdale Primary School Spring Fair

Friday 10th November, 2017
3.45pm to 7.45pm

This will be the third Drysdale Primary School Spring Fair and it is shaping up to be a fulfilled evening with activities to be enjoyed by all.



We have the pleasure of welcoming a local band, The Shandeliers, to provide the entertainment for the evening. The local Air Cadets will be returning to demonstrate their outstanding skills. We have some very talented people here on the Bellarine Peninsula, so there will be a local dance, martial arts, gymnastics and singing group to keep everyone very well entertained.

There are a range of activities for all to enjoy. There is a Silent Disco, Haunted House, Chocolate Wheel and a Pie Throw – at the teachers, of course!! Mega Jumps will be providing some carnival activities such as Clowns, Pedal Go Karts, Jumping Castle, Giant Slide and Chair-O-Plane ride. Some of our Family Fun Games will be returning with a few mini golf holes added for extra fun.

Local artisans, local producers and even some of our crafty students will be holding market stalls selling some fantastic items. This would be

the perfect time to get an early start on that Christmas shopping while supporting our locals!!

There will be a Cake Stall, Lucky Cups to purchase, Silent Auction (items donated by our generous local businesses), our mascot Hawky roaming around and what would a Fair be without Show Bags. Also, keep an eye out for our new Flower Shower for the chance to win a \$1000 prize!

Lastly, but by no means least, there are a variety of food vendors selling some very tasty items. Why not come, grab a bite to eat, enjoy the entertainment, games and other activities on offer. We look forward to seeing you all there.

All proceeds from the evening will go towards purchasing additional outdoor activity equipment for use by the students during recess and lunchtime allowing them to use their creativity to its full potential.



Remembrance Day in Australia commemorates the noble sacrifices of armed forces and civilians during times of war. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, one minute of silence is observed across the country to mark the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front during WWI after over four years of gruesome warfare.

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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NOVEMBER

	1-30	November
Saturday	4	Winged Horse Open Day
Sat-Sun	4-5	Bellarine Arts Trail
Sun-Sat	5-11	National Recycling Week (Planet Ark) World Science Day for Peace and Development
Wednesday	8	Days for Girls Sewing 9am - 12.30pm
Friday	10	Drysdale Primary School Spring Fair - 3.30pm to 7.30pm
Saturday	11	Remembrance Day - Drysdale Cenotaph
Sunday	12	World Pneumonia Day - United Nations
Monday	13	Drysdale RSL Remembrance Golf Day - Clifton Springs Golf Club
Monday	13	World Kindness Day
Tuesday	14	Morning Showtime - A Very Grumpy Christmas - 10.30am - Potato Shed
Wednesday	15	SpringDale Salads 12-12.30
Wednesday	15	Dinners Club - Ocean Grove Pizza & Pasta - 6.30pm
Fri-Sun	17-19	North Bellarine Film Festival Various dates and times - Potato Shed
Sat-Sat	18-25	Schoolies Week
Monday	20	Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR)
Wednesday	22	Suburban Sandcastles – HEAL - 6pm Film and Q&A - Potato Shed
Friday	24	View Club Portarlington Golf Club 11.00am
Saturday	25	White Ribbon Day
Sunday	26	Geelong Theatre Awards - 6pm - Cabaret Style \$20 - Potato Shed
Monday	27	Community and Business Breakfast 7am

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Coordinator's News



Anne Brackley

Dear Friends and friends that I am yet to meet.

As we work towards the SpringDale Annual General Meeting on Friday 24 November at 5pm we reflect on the year that was. It has been a big year. Two of our Committee Members have died Dr John Cottle and Debra Winter and these deaths have left a gap in our SpringDale Family. At the Annual General Meeting we will name the SpringDale Kitchen after Debra Winter and we invite friends and acquaintances of Deb to our meeting with refreshments afterwards. We are sincerely grateful for the wisdom and energy that Deb and John freely gave to SpringDale and our community.

In this time of continual fast change, SpringDale tries to offer opportunities for people to keep up with the change through courses, seminars, workshops, events, volunteer opportunities and discussions. The way I try to cope with change is to read, listen, research, test it against what I already know and believe to be true, start good conversations and make the information your own. I have learnt that facts may only be true for a short period of time these days as more is learnt and shared facts change.

The other mindset that I try to use is one that my daughter taught me, fail faster. I was horrified when I first heard the name, having tried my whole life not to fail at anything and perhaps the name is a little more harsh that the reality of the concept. It means do something and then test it – if it needs improvement change it, test it again and

change if necessary. Keep testing till it seems to work for most people.

Once you understand this concept the world opens up. You don't need to try for perfection prior to showing anyone. People become part of the process and will probably accept the change more readily because they have been part of it. I'm excited by this and continue to try to employ it in everything I do. I know I don't know everything. I know my background is not the same as everyone else's so I know I need to test, test, test before we can get something accepted.

I have been lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time and have taken up challenges with both hands and takes my best to fulfil whatever role I have tried. I love that I keep learning with the help of others. I love that I now know and understand that it is the journey not the destination that is so very important. So many fantastic people keep crossing my path and I thank them all for making the journey so special.

Thank you so much for your kind thoughts and wishes, thank you for whatever you do to make our community stronger, happier, healthier and more considerate of everyone in our community. I love living on The Bellarine and will continue to do everything in my control to keep The Bellarine as the best part of the World.

I look forward to meeting you and having a great conversation

Yours sincerely

Anne Brackley for the SpringDale Team

SpringDale AGM

Annual General Meetings are an important part in the life of an Incorporated Association like SpringDale. The preparation for the meeting allows time for reflection while figures are aligned and analysed, reports are written and information is collated.

I love this time of year. We recall all the good events, programs and activities that have happened and it allows time for everyone to celebrate and plan ahead for the following year.

All members are invited to attend and all visitors are welcome.

**Friday 24 November 5pm
all welcome**

After the Annual General Meeting all are welcome to the naming of the SpringDale kitchen in Debra Winter's honour.



The Cogitaire 5 Model – Thinking our way into the future

Current global research identifies the impact of new technologies on a range of occupations and the very nature of work itself, as many employers eliminate full-time jobs in favour of casual or contract jobs in the "gig economy". Unfortunately, the education/training system is not keeping pace with the rapid pace of change occurring in the labour market. Whilst there are pockets of innovation occurring in the education/training sector, in the main, education systems still conform to a nineteenth century factory model. This has resulted in generations of adults who are losing the capability for critical and creative thinking, evident in the willingness of so many to believe anything they read on social media or the internet, if it reinforces their existing worldview. Dr. Jude Walker has developed the Cogitaire 5 Model, which consists of five "thinking" capabilities which she believes will prepare people for the varied types of work and personal decisions which they need to make in the modern, chaotic world. These capabilities include Futures Thinking, Systems Thinking, Complexity Thinking, Entrepreneurial Thinking and Design Thinking. Jude's presentation will discuss the tools and techniques which relate to each capability as well as the personal attributes which people can develop by learning these methods.



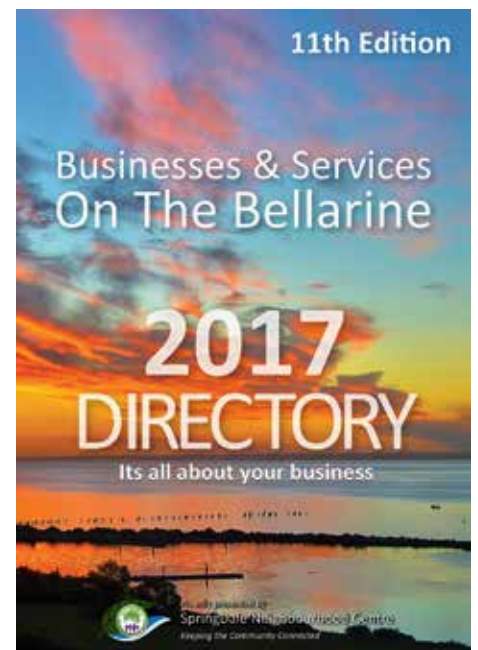
Guest Speaker - **Dr. Jude Walker**

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Geelong set to host Toast to the Coast

I was recently pleased to announce that Geelong's premier wine tour, Toast to the Coast, will again happen in November. The Toast to the Coast showcases the best local wines, including of course from the Bellarine, along with local produce and entertainers.

Supported by the Government's Regional Events Fund, Toast to the Coast celebrates the vast differences in Geelong's three wine sub-regions and allows the public access to wineries that may not regularly open.

The two day event offers exclusive winery tours, new wine releases, rare back vintage tastings, luncheons, dinners and functions, gourmet food sales, live music and children's activities.

Importantly the event attracts many new visitors to the region who, having discovered the Bellarine, I am sure will return on a regular basis. Of course I would also encourage locals to also to get out to enjoy the event and all the peninsula and our region has to offer.

Toast to the Coast works to raise the profile of the region and promote the Geelong Wine brand both locally and nationally.

Toast to the Coast will run from 4 to 5 November 2017. For more information visit <http://www.winegeelong.com.au/toast-to-the-coast/>.



Letter to the Editor

My wife was reading the latest Messenger and read about the wonderful work being done to recycle wedding dresses into clothes for stillborn children.

We would like to donate a couple of wedding dresses.

Regards, **Colin**

Send your letters to: messenger@springdale.org.au

LISA NEVILLE MP MEMBER FOR BELLARINE

For assistance on any issue please ring the electorate office on
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Lisa Neville MP

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Change of our Sporting Seasons.

With the footy and netball season now well behind us I take this opportunity to commend the Drysdale Football and Netball Club for another great season.

Although senior sides may not have featured in grand finals, the success of any club in my opinion is based on fielding competitive sides, providing a game of sport, especially to the juniors, and importantly bringing a local community together.

And it is why as local member I have been pleased to have worked hard with all clubs involved in establishing the new Drysdale Sports Precinct where in the near future many local sporting clubs and their members will participate on first class facilities.

My congratulations and thanks go to all those club members who have volunteered their time and effort over the winter in contributing to the operation of their club.

Of course with winter now behind us, the summer sporting season is underway and all those who participate will have dusted off their gear and equipment and are now focusing on the months ahead. I wish all our summer sports participants good luck for the coming season.

It is very true that it is taking part that really counts, not whether you win, lose or draw.

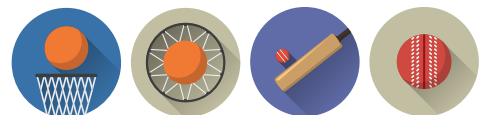
If you would like more information please go to the website or contact my office.

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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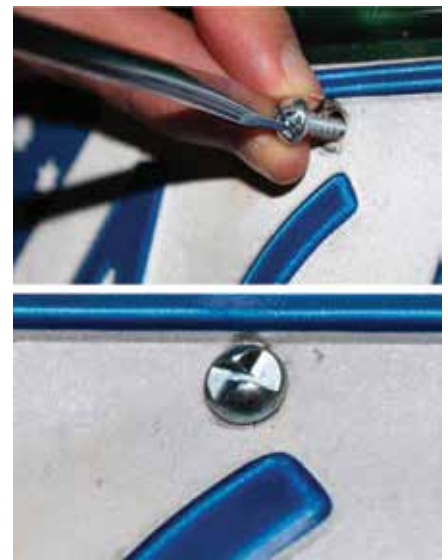
COMMUNITY SAFETY ON THE BELLARINE



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The Bellarine Safety Committee, in conjunction with State Government and Vic Police are providing anti-theft of Numberplate screws and installation at Springdale on Saturday 4 November 9am – 12noon.

This is a free service.



BELLARINE Arts Trail

4-5 November 2017

The Team at the Barwon Heads Arts Council (BHAC) is very excited to bring to the public the second Bellarine Arts Trail event, to be held across Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove, Pt Lonsdale and Queenscliff on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November 2017.

This year the event has more than doubled in size! There are 40 venues to visit across the four towns and more than 100 artists to meet.

A Trail highlight this year is the inclusion of world renowned artist Robert Ingpen, who will be exhibiting at Salt Gallery, Queenscliff during the event. For over 60 years Robert has collected objects from beaches and tidal pools. Robert's exhibition 'In the Marginal World' features paintings inspired by a curious object he found in Queenscliff in 2015.

Trail maps are available at The Borough of Queenscliff office in Learmonth Street, Salt Gallery, Tussock Upstairs Gallery, Seaview Gallery, Queenscliff Gallery & Workshop, Geelong Gallery, Boom Gallery, Ryrie 101 Arts, Starfish Café Barwon Heads, participating artists, Ocean Grove Community Services office (next to Ocean Grove Library), Café Zoo in Drysdale, Tourism Victoria Information Centres including Queenscliff and participating venues.

Maps can also be obtained by contacting Arts Trail Coordinator Karen Shirley on 0437 032 647.



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For further enquiries call Karen Shirley: 0437 032 647
 Bellarine Arts Trail Coordinator

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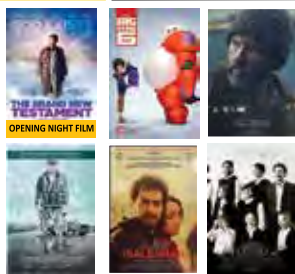


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Cost is \$2.00 per meeting

Initial meeting will be held on Thursday December 7th

Getting acquainted and distribution of our first read.

Limited seats available.

For further information and registration Email Kathy at springdalereads@gmail.com

What an amazing 2017 for Diesel Connor

BMX (Bicycle Moto Cross) is one of the fastest growing sports in Australia. Diesel has been riding and competing in BMX since he was 5 years old starting in the Sprockets and has worked hard to be where he is today.

2017 has been full of hard work but great results and amazing opportunities.

- 5 Rounds for National Series at the start of the year - Diesel finished 7th in Australia for 14 Boys
- National Titles - Diesel finished top 16, qualifying him for Worlds (13th place)
- World Titles - Rock Hill, South Carolina USA - Amazing experience but did crash which meant he did not progress further than the Moto's.
- State Series run over 10 rounds starting from Feb to Oct.

Diesel managed to maintain First place during the series and held the highest points. Wyndham was the final of the series which saw some outstanding racing from Diesel holding 1st in each moto and a 1st place in the Final. Diesel has come away with the 1st place overall for the entire series. He is now focused for the State Titles in November which will again be at the Wyndham track.

We wish you all the best Diesel at the upcoming Victorian State Titles!



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BIG RAFFLE BOOSTS LOCAL GROUPS

Thirty local organisations are the big winners from this year's highly successful Community Raffle conducted by the Lions Club of Portarlington/Drysdale.

By participating in the raffle, the organisations are sharing record ticket sales of \$25,230 – an increase of \$7,010 on last year's effort. Unlike other raffles, all money raised by the Lions Community Raffle is returned to the participating organisations (ticket sellers), 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, obviating the need for participating organisations to run their own raffles.

The Lions Community Raffle is one of the Club's major annual projects and has paid out a total of just over \$100,000 since it was launched in 2012.

Tickets were sold during August and September with big sellers including the Bellarine Anglican Parish, Drysdale Soccer Club, Drysdale Sport and Fishing Club and Portarlington RSL Club.

Twelve prizes totaling \$4,695 in value were drawn during a special function at Portarlington Golf Club on 28 September.

The Lions Club thanks all those businesses who generously contributed raffle prizes and all those who purchased tickets.

Prizes and winners: First prize, ticket number 5410; 2nd 5179; 3rd 14445; 4th 2684; 5th 2731; 6th 7556; 7th 9085; 8th 14301; 9th 5781; 10th 2183; 11th 6445; 12th 2680..

Enquiries, more information: Contact Lion Andrew Trott on 0417 466 893.



Clifton Springs Golf Club "Play by the Bay"

DRYSDALE RSL REMEMBRANCE Golf Day November 13th CLIFTON SPRINGS GOLF CLUB



Drysdale RSL Annual Remembrance Day Golf Tournament

The Drysdale RSL Sub Branch, with the assistance of the local community, has been able to provide funding to assist in supporting the RSL's objectives.

Since 2013, the Sub Branch has been sponsoring a successful golf day. This year's event is scheduled for Monday 13th November at the Clifton Springs Golf Club.

The entry fee is the same as last year - \$20 per player, with lunch provided.

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Join D.C.S.C.A. and have your say. Membership is just \$10 per year and you can join by emailing to dryclifton@gmail.com. We need your ideas on improvements and activities required in our local area.

Over the past few years DCSCA has been involved in –

- The Annual Festival of Glass
- Obtaining funding for the Drysdale Bypass.
- Obtaining funding for improvements to Drysdale High Street.
- Obtaining funding for a Clifton Springs Jetty.
- Improvements to the Clifton Springs Boat Harbour.
- The walking track around Lake Lorne & improvements to the Rail Trail Crossing of High Street.
- The ongoing consultation process with City of Greater Geelong to help combat the erosion and to rejuvenate the Clifton Springs foreshore.
- Provision of easier access to The Dell for people of all abilities.
- Obtaining funding for a study into creating a spring water discharging feature at the site of the historic mineral springs.
- Creation of a "Friends of the Clifton Springs Foreshore" group.
- The erection of a "Welcome to Drysdale" mural in the Drysdale Town Square.
- The beautification of the Jetty Road Roundabout.
- The beautification of the Clifton Springs "Fountain".
- The planting of flowering shrubs on the council owned Springs Street land.
- Widening of the footpath to shared path status where Jetty Road crosses Griggs Creek.

Let's hear some of your ideas to make our area a safer and more attractive place to live.

Our A.G.M. this year is to be held at SpringDale in High Street, Drysdale on Mon. 13 November at 7.00pm. All welcome.



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Wednesday 9.00 - 2.00

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In November

What Ipad or Tablet to Buy

Date/time: Mon 6 Nov 5pm-6pm

Photography Sculpting with Light

Date/time: Tues 14 Nov 7pm-9pm

Beginning Article Writing

Date/time: Sat 25 Nov 9am-1pm

Expresso Coffee Making

Date/time: Sat 11 Nov 10am-12noon

Innovations for would be Entrepreneurs

Date/time: Fri 10 Nov 10am-12.30pm

New dates for eBay Class

Date/time: Thur 23 and 30 Nov 4pm-6pm



Mannerim Memorial Indigenous Garden



Opening & Remembrance Ceremony

Saturday 11 November

9:45am Official Opening

11am Remembrance Ceremony

*Refreshments provided between
& after the formalities.*

Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

RSVP 6 November - sophie@bellarinelandcare.org.au

Ph 0457 333 727



SpringDale Membership



**SpringDale Membership is \$12 per
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The subject of our last competition was images taken in our own area, entitled "History of the Bellarine". Members took many varied and historical images from around the Bellarine Peninsula. Congratulations again this month to Alex Valkenburg for his image "The Disappearing Gun" taken at Fort Queenscliff, taking out 1st place in the print section and also image of the night. In the electronic images 1st place was awarded to Val Moss for her entry "The Sea Pilots". Thank you to Richard Kumnick for judging this competition.

The Bellarine Camera Club meets at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, 7:30pm, the first and third Monday of the month; the first is either a workshop or guest speaker while the third is competition judging night. We have monthly competitions, either a set subject or open, which are professionally judged. This is a great way of learning to improve your images and skills. We pride ourselves on being a very friendly and open club with a wide range of skills and interests. For further details see our website www.bellarinecameraclub.org.au or pop in to a meeting.

IMAGE OF THE NIGHT: The Disappearing Gun by Alex Valkenburg
Tinkering with History by Carole O'Neill
Hidden History by Will Johnston



YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND

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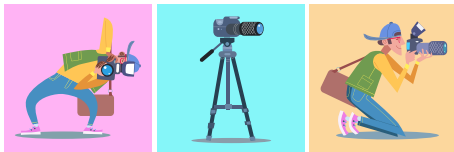
You need at least two things to take great photos – understanding your equipment and to use it with flair.

Learn how to make your pictures stand out, using composition, content, colour and how to model with light. Technical competence is important – don't be confused by all the technical stuff – by understanding things like Shutter Speed, ISO, and Aperture, then add your creative flair.

Learn from experienced tutor George Stawicki who is a well-known professional photographer.

Dates/Times: Tues 14 Nov – Tues 5 Dec
7pm – 9pm

Fee: \$110 or Conc: \$100



Work Plays VR

Expression of Interest

Expression of interest for a session at SpringDale for people who might like to become carers of young people on the Autism spectrum, parents of people on the Autism spectrum and people on the Autism spectrum.

VIRTUAL REALITY WORK EXPERIENCE GAME

The Work Plays VR Game involves scenarios of typical disability service work that has been developed in consultation with young people, Disability Service Employers and the Creative Industry.

This is an opportunity for interested participants to immerse in a 360-degree virtual reality work experience to engage people to consider a career in the disability services sector.

Please contact by email office@springdale.org.au or phone SpringDale on 03 5253 1960.



As a professional photographer I have captured the beauty of the Bellarine, its changing seasons, its extensive coastline and its rolling beautiful countryside. I have selected 13 photos from hundreds to create an artistic 2018 Calendar for family and friends. Price is \$20 -orders been taken at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

Enjoy the Bellarine Peninsula and it's beauty.

A day of emotions

I was recently invited to Government House and was allowed to take 4 people with me. I took my husband Ken, our daughter Courtney, my father Lex, and our friend Rayna who continues to help at SpringDale in the Men's Kitchen groups. Her mother Eva Deeth was my Guide Leader 45 years ago and helped to set me on a path of community service.

After a frantic dash up the highway between road works, we made it. Parked and I ran off leaving my guests to fend for themselves. More than 100 of us sat patiently in the Grand Dining Room being told that our only responsibility for the day was to smile and we did. Or at least I did until I was ushered to the Grand Ballroom. Tears started to flow, I was overwhelmed by the occasion. Her Excellency The Honourable Linda Dessau AC said that she would shake my hand once she had pinned the award on me. We shook hands and she asked me to smile. Unfortunately my tear laden eyes may not have been obedient. At my new seat I was handed a number of boxes and I sat watching others receiving their awards. Everyone else smiled.

At the end of the ceremony we sang the National Anthem and then I went to find my guests. As I am short this mission was tricky but Ken is tall so I decided he would be my marker as he is in so many things we do together. The five of us enjoyed the hospitality of Government House for another hour and then headed home emotionally exhausted.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me over the years in Guides, Bunyip Festivals, School Councils, SpringDale, Drysdale Bowling Club and a variety of other pursuits, I accepted this award on behalf of us all. Thanks to mum and dad for inspiring me to be of service as they have been.

Anne Brackley



AMAZING IS ALL I CAN SAY



Take four year 11 students and mentor them in the Art area and watch the results.

Seven years ago a man had a vision and a passion to teach young people the art of painting in many mediums. He had a conversation with a teacher at a local high school and a program was born.

To encourage year 11 students to do a piece that would be included in the Rotary Club of Drysdale's Annual Easter Art Show, was his idea. Students would be judged by this man and students selected to be mentored by him. This man was Bruno Callori and along with artist Jill Shalless two schools came on board.

Since then two additional schools have joined the Bruno Callori Young Artist Mentorship Program, which is now in its seventh year. Bruno passed away after a short illness but his vision lives on. Jill Shalless has taken on the Program and has helped many students tap into their passion for art.

This year's students and Jill recently attended a Rotary meeting to pass on a bit about what they had learnt along the way. They all said they could not have achieved the knowledge by themselves and that Jill has shown them many different ways to use many different mediums.

They are very grateful to Jill as the artist mentor and the Rotary Club of Drysdale who organise the program and provide the bulk of the funds. The Rotary Club are grateful to the Bendigo Community Bank who have sponsored one of the mentorships for many years and who are stepping up their involvement next year and to Lisa Neville MP who sponsors the highly commended and encouragement awards.

Former Students have gone on to do great things in the art field due to the chance they have been given to be a part of a vision of one man and a conversation.

Caroline Rickard

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Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers



If you are a kinship carer and you feel that you are alone in your journey as a kinship carer, believe me when I say that you are definitely not alone.

I have been a kinship carer for 12 years for my granddaughter, who has been in my care since she was just 8 weeks of age. I would often sit at home - in the early days - feeling I was alone and crying all day, wondering how I would cope with raising such a young child at my age.

So if you are in the same situation please let our group help and support you in your journey.

The carers in our group vary in age, most are grandparents, but we have a few aunts and uncles recently join our group. Sadly numbers are growing and currently we support over 20 carers and 45 children. Yes that's 45 children in our region that for whatever reason cannot live with their parents, so families are asked to step in to care for them. Every case is different and some are so complex that some kinship carers themselves do not understand - WHY - they have been put in such a situation.

There are now lots of organisations that support carers and Centrelink has appointed a special person, the Grandparent/Kinship Advisor to support all kinship carers to receive the right payments and benefits. Benefits such as 50 hrs free child care (which is income tested) for grandparents, also every child in out of home care is entitled to their own health care card. Kinship Carers can now apply for a Carers Card - We Care Card - which entitles carers to discounts at various outlets. Help is available and it would be my honour to assist all carers to receive what they are entitled to.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pass on my thanks to Wendy from Clifton Springs for the wonderful donation of toys for our children.

(P.S. Wendy some of the toys have already been sent to the North Pole.

If any organisation or group in our region would like to find out more about the plight of our kinship carers I would be pleased to attend your meetings to discuss our situations.

The Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers meets every month at SpringDale.

We laugh a lot, talk a lot and more importantly we support each other.

Our meeting dates for the rest of 2017 are as follows:- Monday 6th November and 4th December, 10am - 1pm

Feel free to ring me it would be my pleasure to help you.

Any business, organisation or group that would like to help us can contact Jeanette Hanley-Heath 0414 308 257

1. The Grim Reaper came for me last night, I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner.
Talk about Dyson with death.
2. A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid.
When quizzed on it he reckoned he could stop any time.
3. I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.
4. Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not Happy.
5. I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.
6. My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70. Blow this, I thought. I can get one cheaper off the web.



GARAGE SALE

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SpringDale Trivia 8th Edition by Drysdale Girl Guides

1. In what year did Phar Lap win the Melbourne Cup?
2. This year, the NRL Grand Final was played between which two teams?
3. Thanksgiving is traditionally celebrated on what day in the United States of America?
4. In which Australian state or territory would you find the municipality of Mount Gambier?
5. The TV show Neighbours is based mainly on the lives of the residents of what street?
6. Which actor earned an Oscar for his portrayal of Stephen Hawking in the Theory of Everything?
7. Who was the Prime Minister of Australia when the September 11 Terror attacks happened?
8. Girl Guiding was founded in what year?
9. Which is larger, an adult brush tail possum, or an adult?

Turn
to page 22
to find the
answers.

Drysdale Guides Meet on Thursdays during the school term. 5-11 years 4:00 to 5:30, 12-18 years 6:30 to 8:00. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Anne Brackley on 0407 529 205

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Welcoming activities at SpringDale.

One of our goals at SpringDale is to reduce isolation and promote belonging. We do this in a variety of ways through a Welcome Kit available from SpringDale, a Welcome Morning Tea on the first Tuesday of each month at 10.30am at SpringDale, the SpringDale Dining Group usually meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at a restaurant/club/pub of our choosing and the SpringDale Salads meet for lunch on the third Wednesday of each month at a café/restaurant of their choosing.

Please feel free to have a guided tour of SpringDale and allow us to bring SpringDale to life for you.

Portarlington seen through different eyes

Earlier this year whilst on duty as a volunteer at the Portarlington Information Booth, I was approached to undertake the history walk as published in the brochure prepared by Lorraine Stokes.

After further research, we undertook the tour which was very successful.

I no longer see Portarlington as a quiet retirement village but part of Victoria's foundation. John Batman, founder of Melbourne, visited Portarlington in 1835 looking for grazing land and our first pier was built in 1859. Our walk goes past our first post office built in 1868 and all around us are buildings dating back to the 1800s. Our main streets are named after the famous Drysdale early settlers Caroline Newcomb and Anne Drysdale.

So far this year I have escorted tours for Probus Healesville and U3A Deepdene. All of these groups are encouraged by Ferry discounts, senior meals at the Grand Hotel and the free history walks. Our tourism has increased as has our image. Visitors enjoy the history and see Portarlington as part of the foundation of Victoria.

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Upcycling in a most caring way



Pippa, Brook and Ally who organised a Stand Up For a Bully Zero Australia at SpringDale.



As a result of our article in the October's Messenger these two wonderful dresses have been kindly donated. These wedding dresses will be remade into clothes for stillborn babies to be buried in with dignity.

A beautiful gesture by members of the local community. Thank you.

Everyone gets bullied at sometime in their lives.

What we need to learn to do is how to manage it, how to stop it and how and where to get help.

Pippa

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Transgender Day of Remembrance Nov 20 2017

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance in many parts of the world that honours the memory of those who have lost their lives in acts of anti-transgender violence. Individuals and organizations around Australia help raise the visibility of transgender and gender non-conforming people and help educate the public about the issues these communities face.

TransGender Victoria is one such organisation with lots of information on its site.

Go to Facebook transgvic or www.transgendervictoria.com for resources or other links.



Photo: Carolyn Bischof with some of her 'residents'.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the neglected animals who have been cared for and brought back to better health by The Winged Horse Equine Welfare Inc, to give this organisation its full name. It is located on the outskirts of Portarlington, and will be holding its next Open Day on Saturday 4th November. The property is on 80 acres and has a team of around 20 volunteers who help look after the 50+ horses and a variety of farm animals, including sheep, goats, a pig, alpacas, ex battery hens, ducks and even a peacock. It's a fascinating experience for children, and adults too. There will be talks and guided tours... learn how many of the 'residents' have their animal friends and how comforting this is for them, helping them to build up their confidence and learn to trust humans again. Winged Horse is a registered charity and will always welcome new volunteers – so come and learn more and see how you might be able to support this wonderful establishment.

The Centre is located on the Portarlington/ Queenscliff Road, junction of Church Road, and on the day, Saturday 4th November, access will be from Church Road – look for the signs to the Car Park.

Entry is by Gold Coin Donation and the opening hours are 10am – 3pm.



The Winged Horse Equine Welfare Inc.



Wednesday November 15th 12-12.30

A progressive mystery lunch starting at Drysdale Village pizzas. To be included in this fun day please book with Joan Ph: 521 1177.



Dining Group is also off for dinner Wednesday 15 November 6.30pm Ocean Grove Pizza & Pasta 80 The Terrace Ocean Grove.

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This morning, I spent a couple of hours shovelling soil and mulch at our delightful Community Garden. The sun was shining and warm on my back, the magpies carolled in the background, and all felt good with the world. The garden looks brilliant. It is full of our Spring plantings of cabbages and cauliflowers, carrots, swedes, beans, lettuces, beetroot, broccoli, radishes, peas, early varieties of tomatoes, silver beet, and garlic. The orchard is full of colourful blossom, and we should be able to harvest lots of apples, pears, apricots and peaches in Autumn.

As the weather warms further, we will soon begin to add sweet potatoes, pumpkins, onions, and tomatoes, as the beds are prepared with lots of our home-grown compost full of secret herbs and spices from Denis the Compost King.

Garden Members Adrian and wife Rae have completed construction of the three new double in-ground plots, giving us effectively six new 2.4 metre x 1.2 metre garden beds to be filled with new seedlings. They will also help our flood mitigation program, as any ingress of flood water will simply wash around ends of the beds.

All of the fresh garden produce will be nurtured by garden members for their



families, and for the FoodBank program of the Drysdale Community Church.

We have an "Open Garden Day" planned for Saturday, November 24th, from 10 am – 1 pm, and we invite you to come and pay us a visit, to see what a Community Garden does and looks like, and enjoy a free sausage sizzle around noon. You might even elect to join our friendly group, get some dirt under the fingernails, and enjoy the incredible benefits of this healthy outdoor activity called gardening, and growing your own veggies. We have both in-ground plots and

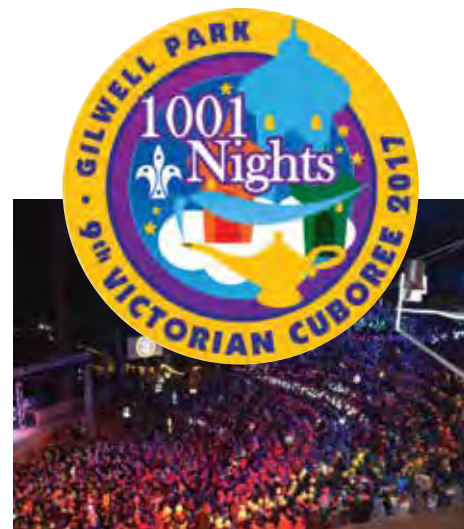
above-ground boxes ready and available for prospective new members to begin their new gardening careers immediately!

You can check out our Facebook page @ SpringDale Community Garden for details.



1st DRYSDALE SCOUTS

1st Drysdale Cub Scouts recently went to Cuboree and made memories that will be with them forever. They had fantastic fun, got dirty and made new friendships. Thanks to the Leaders and Parents that make this all possible.



The 9th Victorian Cuboree has set a new record for Australia's largest Cub Scout camp – and one of the largest Cub Scout events in the world.



PROLIFIC Pumpkins

If you have a lot of space in your garden, pumpkins are a no-brainer. Just sow the seeds in compost-rich soil, water in and let 'em rip.

Given sufficient food and moisture, pumpkins and other cucurbits (cucumbers, zucchini, squash, melons, etc.) will happily do their thing – which is to run riot, fruit prolifically and eventually succumb to powdery mildew at the end of the summer.

However, if you have a small suburban backyard, this rampant growth habit can be a problem.

One solution is to grow smaller varieties. There are many pumpkin varieties to choose from, and some of them will produce compact one-kilo fruit. These are just as tasty as the larger varieties, if not more so, and are much more convenient for the kitchen.

Generally, small-fruited varieties are also small-leaved and less vigorous than big bruisers like Jarrahdale, Kent, etc. That means that they can be grown successfully up a trellis. The vines and tendrils are amazingly strong and will safely hold a two-kilo football-sized fruit. You will still need to keep them in check, but if you can fit a 2 metre high sturdy trellis in a sunny spot somewhere in your garden, you can certainly grow pumpkins, even in a small backyard.

In the past I've grown Potimarron (pictured), a French heirloom variety supplied by the Diggers' Club (diggers.com.au). The brilliant orange teardrop-shaped fruit look great and taste even better. The skins are tender enough



to eat when the fruit are sliced, brushed with olive oil, dusted with sea salt and roasted in the oven.

Now that the soil is warming up, it's time to get your pumpkins started. You can sow them direct, or start them in pots. Either way, protect the seedlings from slugs and snails – e.g. by using the relatively eco-friendly Multiguard pellets (not the highly toxic blue-green ones). Leave at least a metre between plants, preferably two – overcrowding will

hasten the development of powdery mildew.

Make no mistake though – if you have cucurbits, they WILL eventually get powdery mildew. You can control it by inspecting the leaves regularly and picking off any affected ones. A milk spray (1 part milk to 9 parts water) also helps to delay its spread. Never use chemical fungicides on food plants – they're not good for you, and they're toxic to bees. And without bees, you'll have to fertilise all those pumpkin flowers yourself ...



More Books Please



The next St James Secondhand Book Sale will be on 6th – 7th January 2018 and more books for this sale would be very welcome. Locals may have seen scaffolding around St James Church recently – the nails holding the slates in place were failing and the roof has received a thorough refurbishment, so the success of the Book Sale is still a very important fundraiser. St James thanks everyone most

sincerely for the donations of books. However, it is always helpful to have them well before the sale, as volunteers are so busy during the sale itself manning tables and checkouts, they are unable to process newly donated books until the sale is over.

They need old and new books, fiction and non-fiction, hard covers, paperbacks and large print books (but please no school or university

textbooks and no encyclopedias). Also special interest magazines such as hobbies, collecting, home, fashion, cookery and gardening, comics and even old sheet music in good condition. The Book Room behind St James Hall in Collins St, Drysdale is open for donations on Thursday mornings from 9.30 until 11.45-ish. Thank you for all your support.

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Mushrooms

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Oh, I almost forgot... research is being done using mushrooms to ward off effects of Alzheimer's disease.



A serve of mushrooms as a vege or side dish goes well with fish, meat, poultry, hot off the barby and very easy, just raw and sliced for a salad.

Choose fresh mushrooms off the shelf and place them in a brown paper bag in the fridge – they last about a week. **They go well in a variety of recipes to enjoy at any meal.** Here are some ideas:

- At **breakfast**, stir fried mushrooms with garlic, leeks or onions and served with eggs (with or without bacon).
- For **brunch**, they go in a quiche or frittata with any other vegetable.
- Sliced fresh for **salad** mushrooms go well with olives and sun-dried tomatoes for lunch.
- Roasted with potatoes, onions or leeks then blitzed they make a thick, creamy soup for light **dinner**.
- Add chopped mushrooms to thicken the base **sauce** for pizza, pasta or risotto. Topped with freshly grated Parmesan cheese brings out the best in the mushrooms.



ROASTED STUFFED MUSHROOMS

Preheat the oven 200C

Prepare a tray with greaseproof paper.

10 mushrooms, stalk removed

100g goat's cheese

10 cherry tomatoes, halved

10 slices chorizo or salami finely sliced (optional)

10 olives, pips removed (optional)

10 slices of capsicum (optional)

10 fresh basil leaves

Place mushrooms on the tray.

Brush each one with extra virgin olive oil, sprinkle with oregano, salt and pepper.

Roast for 5 minutes, then top with bits of cheese and tomato.

Bake for 5 more minutes.

Add other ingredients if using, capsicum, olives, salami or chorizo and bake for another 5 minutes.

Drizzle with extra virgin olive oil and a dash of balsamic vinegar if required.

GARLIC MUSHROOMS

Prepare a pan with 2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil and 4 or 5 cloves of garlic.

Add 200g mushrooms and stir frequently.

After 5 minutes or so sprinkle about a tablespoon of paprika.

Turn down the heat and stir gently.

Add freshly chopped parsley or basil with salt and pepper to taste.

Take them off the heat and serve as Tapas with other little morsels of delight.

Agata Commisso

Check out what's in season or be inspired to start cooking at www.amorecucina.com.au

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kel's corner

Over the last 10 years, I have been very privileged to have been able to sit with Kel each month and I have enjoyed recording his stories. But all good things come to an end or need to change to meet new circumstances. Unfortunately due to Kel's overall health and his need to do things well, he now finds the concept of having to think up a story each month to be a great stress. Those who

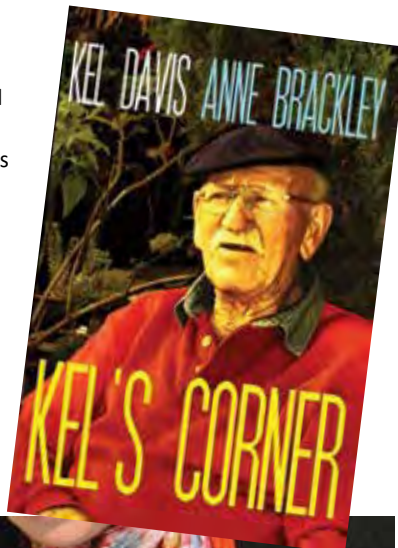
know me know that I really don't like people to be stressed and so I have listened and I respect Kel's decision.

We have one concession, Kel would still love to help the community by answering any questions that people may have. Kel has loved sharing his knowledge and I have loved being a part of it. If you would like to ask Kel a question please send them to SpringDale or ring us and Kel promises to answer them.

Thanks Kel for sharing your knowledge with us – we have recorded thousands of hours of social history.

Sincerely **Anne Brackley**

Don't miss out on Kel's stories. Purchase a copy of Kel's Corner from SpringDale to read at your leisure.



TAKE2

Victoria's climate change pledge

Springdale Neighbourhood Centre joins the TAKE2 Program

The SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre has pledged to take action on climate change through joining the Victorian Government's TAKE2 network. It is joining with other neighbourhood houses, councils, businesses, schools and community organisations from across Victoria to pledge to do their bit to inspire action on climate change. The TAKE2 network is a voluntary program run by Sustainability Victoria, and it provides members with tips and resources to help reduce carbon emissions in homes, businesses and community organisations.

Climate change is a big concern for Victorians as we are already feeling the effects of climate change with higher temperatures, longer fire seasons and rising sea levels. Recent social research has shown that four out of five Victorians are concerned about climate change and 78% of Victorians are willing to take action that will help keep global temperature rise under 2 degrees.

The good news is that together, we can fight climate change, but we must act now.

There are many simple ways that you can reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your everyday life. These include buying products with recycled content, draught proofing your home, reducing the amount of food you throw away, replacing inefficient lighting with LED globes, and adjusting your thermostat so that you're not over-heating or over-cooling your home. These are inexpensive activities that not only reduce carbon emissions – many of them will reduce your food and energy bills will help to make your home more comfortable in winter and summer.

Over 8,700 Victorians have already joined TAKE2, and together they are helping to Victoria to meet its 20% emission reduction target by 2020. Membership is FREE, it only takes 5 minutes to join TAKE2, and it will help you to plan your actions to reduce emissions and energy bills in your home. If you would like to join, please visit the TAKE2 website to sign up and find out about what you can do.

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Think Pink for Farm Fodder

Pink and green giant marshmallows appearing in paddocks around the Bellarine Peninsula signal the start of the fodder conservation season on farms on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Farmers with livestock make the most of Spring pasture growth by cutting paddocks for hay or silage in Spring. This allows them to store excess grass growth so they can then feed their livestock during times when pasture is in short supply, such as in autumn and winter.

The main ways of conserving fodder are by making hay or silage.

Hay making usually takes place in November. Pasture is cut into windrows and allowed to dry out before the hay is rolled up in large round bales which can be picked up and moved around by a fork attachment on a tractor. Silage is made in October when the pasture is greener and wetter and is rolled up and wrapped in plastic while it is damp. Wrapping the silage in plastic keeps the oxygen out of the wrapped up pasture and allows it to ferment, which preserves the pasture quality and also kills weed seeds.

Silage has grown in popularity in recent years and a number of farmers are now wrapping their silage in pink plastic, instead of the usual green plastic silage wrap. A portion of the sales of the pink plastic is raising money for breast cancer research.

Fiona Conroy - Local farmer

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We offer fun, friends and fitness on the tennis court with coach Julie Golightly.

Cardio Tennis is a great introduction to playing tennis while improving your health and well-being.

Women and men of all ages are welcome to take part. For newcomers to our program, there is a subsidised fee of \$5.00 per session, thanks to Bellarine Community Health.

For more information call Kate on 0413 123 844



Drysdale Bowling Club

As part of an ongoing archiving project happening at the Drysdale Bowling and Croquet Club, the history is being shared with our community. The almost seventy years have given us a varied history. Verna McLennan has devoted hundreds of hours researching for us and we are very grateful for her efforts.

Verna has uncovered a few gaps in our knowledge of the Club's activities and any photos, minutes, notes, invitations, posters etc relating back to the Drysdale Bowling and Croquet Club would be gratefully received or duplicated and returned. Please contact Director, Anne Brackley 0407 529205 if you have anything that maybe of interest.

A HISTORY.....cont.....End of Chapter three:

Concurrent with the setting up of a Men's Bowling Club, a Ladies section also came into being and would share the facilities being prepared with no small amount of blood, sweat and tears.

As the 1950's and 60's progressed much effort was put into the raising of funds to build a new Club House. Some members donated generous sums of money and it was decided to raise Debentures of 5-0-0- (10 in today's terms) among the members. This money was to be loaned to the Club interest free for 3 years.

The original Club House and machinery buildings were virtually old sheds and needed constant repair and patchwork up-dating to meet the needs of the Membership. Debentures, with interest, were slowly repaid during the 1960's.

In 1967 a Sub-committee was formed to discuss plans for future building extensions or a new building. This became a recurrent theme well into the 70's and 80's.

Night Bowls under lights continued to be a popular and well supported activity while the Pennant teams and individual members tasted some playing successes.

A Special meeting in May of 1969 was held to decide on future developments. Three options were offered, these being:

Project one: Move to the Park near the Football ground building a new Club House and two 7 rink greens on two and a half acres of land giving room to double in size and provide ample parking.

Project two: Rebuild and extend the present kitchen and committee room. Alterations would provide a much larger kitchen at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

Project three: Build a new Club House backing on to Springs Road, convert the present Croquet green into a 7 rink green and lay a new Croquet green.

Project three was the preferred option of the meeting.

...Yet more to follow...



Trivia Answers

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| 2. Melbourne | 6. Eddie Redmayne |
| Storm and North | 7. John Howard |
| Queensland | 8. 1910 |
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Fun for all in the Community. Come join us!

Every year Drysdale Bowling and Croquet Club run a Barefoot Bowls competition. This year we are looking for teams and individuals to enter our competition. It doesn't matter whether you're twelve or eighty-two, male or female you can play lawn bowls. Flat soled shoes or bare feet are required to protect the greens. The very best thing about lawn bowls is anyone can do it and it really is one of those games that takes minutes to learn...but years to master.

Bowls is a relatively low impact sport and this allows for people of all ages to be included. Bowls are supplied by the club. Barefoot Bowls is where many bowlers even in International Competition started their sporting career's. It is an enjoyable, friendly atmosphere where you get to meet people who have played previous years and people who have never touched a bowl let alone played in competitions. We will be there to assist those who require it. For, those wishing to partake in the liquid amber our club has a liquor license with a well-stocked bar with drinks at reasonable prices.



Our club is located in the heart of Drysdale at 19 Collins Street, we have 2 grass greens and ample off-street parking.

The Barefoot Bowls season commences early in November from 6pm running for approximately 2 hours. Entry Cost is \$10.00 per person per week (including a sausage sizzle). Prizes will be awarded each week.

Further information can be obtained for this event by contacting Drysdale Bowling and Croquet Club on 5251 2335, via the Club's Secretary's Chris Symmonds e-mail cesymon@activ8.net.au or the Club on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DrysdaleBowlingCroquetClub/>

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Clifton Springs Garden Club

With the Annual General Meeting behind them the Committee of the Clifton Springs Garden Club is back into organising a great year ahead for the Club. One of the focuses of the Club is outings, both local and further afield. Recently a keen group of members, partners and friends went for a field trip to the Ocean Grove Nature Reserve. Local bird photographer Jen Carr taking them through the reserve, pointing out the local birds and wildflowers that they came across. Twenty-three species of birds were spotted, unfortunately not all photographed. As a keen photographer I was very excited to see and photograph some *Xanthorrhoea australis* (grass trees), which were in flower, something not often seen, and so close to home.

Our last speaker for the year is Michelle Vahlmeyer, a volunteer from Geelong Mums.

Each year following our Open Day, the Garden Club gives a donation to a local charity/organisation chosen by the members. This donation comes from money raised from our Open Day. This year we donated \$500 to Geelong Mums who not only support families in Geelong but throughout the Bellarine area.

To finish off our Gardening Year, we are having a field trip to Melia Grove Nursery and we will have our traditional Christmas lunch.

Clifton Springs Garden Club's last meeting for 2017 will be at 7.30 pm, Uniting Church Hall Drysdale on Monday 20th November. Visitors are most welcome. If you would like further information on the Club please contact our Secretary Helen, on telephone 525 71566 or email hma3152@gmail.com

Top - *Xanthorrhoea australis* - Grass Tree Circled - Red rumped parrot & Eastern yellow robin Left - Striped Greenhood Orchid Right - Male Early Nancy
Bottom - Photographing the local magpies

