

The SpringDale Messenger



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Two Art shows will keep SpringDale buzzing over January. If it's too hot or too cold, too windy or too wet or even a pleasant day on the Bellarine, it will be a great day to spend time at SpringDale, enjoying art works from a wide variety of artists.

The **Eclectics** are presenting their 4th annual exhibition at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. The opening is on Friday 29 December at 3pm – 6pm and then the exhibition runs daily 10am – 4pm Saturday 30 December to Saturday 13 January 2018.

They invite you to share some time in their Coastal Walks exhibition. The artists this year are Heather Chadwick, Diane Hodson, Beryl Stott, Pammi Pryor and Marcia Williams. Gold Coin entry all art works are for sale.

The **SpringDale Artists 12th Annual Exhibition** is from Monday 15 January to Sunday 28 January 10am – 4pm gold coin entry and all works are for sale.

A special part of this exhibition is a display of 12 x 12 inch art works with a theme of Patterns in Nature.

All welcome to both exhibitions. Monies raised will support the community capacity building activities of SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

Anne Brackley Coordinator.









Australia Day Event - Coryule Chorus will perform ½ hour Concert 11am 26th January - In the Gallery Springdale Hall - All Welcome - Gold Coin Donation



DECEMBER

Sunday

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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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SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Opening Hours Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and by appointment.

Friday	1	World AIDS Day	copy red	
Saturday	2	Spirit of Christmas at Portarlington	Februa	
Sunday	3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities		
Tuesday	5	International Volunteer Day for Economic & Social Development		
Wednesday	6	Potato Shed 2018 Season Launch - 6pm - free event		
Friday	8	Day for Girls Sewing - 9am-12.30		

Monday 11 SpringDale Dining Group - Christmas Dinner at SpringDale - bookings essential
 Tuesday 12 12 x 12 Short Plays Theatre 3Triple2 7pm - Potato Shed
 Monday 18 International Migrants Day
 Wednesday 20 SpringDale Salads, Uniting Church, 12 for 12.30 please

Uniting Care Christmas Appeal

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Wednesday 20 Revolving Door Artists Discovery Market 5pm - 8pm.

Friday 22 SpringDale closes for Summer Holidays - reopening on Monday 22 January

Sunday 24 Christmas Eve - Santa & Drysdale Fire Brigade from 6:30pm

Monday 25 Christmas Day

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10-23

Tuesday 26 Boxing Day - Public Holiday

Friday 29 Eclectic Artshow opens at SpringDale 10am - 4pm

(open until Sat 13 Jan)

Human Rights Day

JANUARY

Monday	1	New Years Day - Public Holiday			
Mon-Sat	1-13	Eclectic Artshow continues at SpringDale 10am - 4pm			
Mon-Sun 15-28		SpringDale Artists Exhibition - 10am – 4pm			
Sat/Sun	6/7	St James Book Sale Sat. 9am - 5 pm Sun. 10am - 4pm Free			
Saturday	13	Portarlington Mussel Festival			
Tue-Fri 16-19 Goldilocks and The 3 Bears - Potato Shed 10.30am & 1.30p					
Monday	22	SpringDale reopens			
Friday	26	Australia Day - Public Holiday SpringDale Office closed			
Friday	26	Coryule Chorus perform - Springdale Gallery Space - 11am			
Monday	30	SpringDale Occasional Care begins for 2017			

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and selected businesses on The Peninsula.



Coordinator's News



Anne Brackley

As we prepare for the end of the year and the start of a new year, it's time to think about what we cherish and carry forward with us and what we chose to

leave behind. Unfortunately those who know me, know I find it very difficult to throw anything out. I love to be able to repurpose, reuse and recycle many times.

At SpringDale we try to give things a second or third life. We love to inherit glasses to enhance our eclectic mix of glasses on offer to our participants, tea towels, table cloths etc. Because we have so many people using the Centre regularly, often we need more of these items than one could imagine.

Over the last few months, with the help of so many members of our community, we have recycled tonnes of bedding, warm clothes and toiletries for homeless around Geelong. More recently, once again with our community support, we have been able to repurpose 10 wedding dresses to help families who have babies that are born asleep as some cultures say.

Our wide range of volunteers reinvest their lives in our community through their service at SpringDale and without their assistance, we could not deliver so many programs without them and I am incredibly grateful as are so many members of our community.

I know I keep recycling my skills and talents in service of the community and even my patience which continues to grow as my age grows. While doing some dishes at SpringDale this morning, I found myself enjoying the rhythm of the task and enjoying the fact that I was serving a useful purpose keeping everyone at SpringDale safe. It is often the inherent purpose of what I do that inspires me to stay focused and also to be able to do my best.

Thanks to everyone who has supported SpringDale during 2017 or over the more than 28 years that we have been serving our community. Thank you to our volunteers, our Committee members, our tutors, our contributors, our sponsors and our staff. I look forward to a revitalised 2018 and look forward to new suggestions from you our community, as we forge forward towards 2018.

Looking forward to seeing you at SpringDale in the near future.

Sincerely Anne Brackley for team SpringDale.





BELLARINE PENINSULA

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 A4 or \$25 A3 orders been taken at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

Enjoy the Bellarine Peninsula and it's beauty.



Artists Discovery Market

Wednesday evening December 20th. 5pm til 8pm.

On the lawns of SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

Come and see what this new group of artists have been up to during the last 6 months and what is planned for 2018.

Purchase unique Christmas gifts direct from the artist, you will be surprised at the diversity of talent. Come join us for our first ever market.

Free JP Document Witnessing Service at SpringDale

With the approach of the Christmas & New Year holiday, the final weekly Wednesday attendance for this year will be on 13th December.

The Service will resume next year on 31st January.
Thanking you in anticipation.
Kind regards,

Robin Chase.

Christmas

Treats

Mini
Gingerbread
House &
Christmas Cookies

Learn how to make and decorate Sugar Cookies for Christmas, and put together a mini gingerbread house ready for decoration or to give as a gift for someone else to decorate.

\$30 Tuesday 12th December 10 am to 12 pm

Bring a container to take home your creations



News from Lisa Neville MP Member for Bellarine

Modernisation of Schools across the Bellarine

At the time of writing all our year 12 students will be (hopefully) studying hard for their end of year exams. As a mother who has been through this experience I know the stress this can cause within a family.

But I also know that all our schools, both state and private, do a wonderful job in equipping students with the skills and knowledge to maximise their chances of success. Teachers and staff work hard throughout a year in achieving this.

From a Government perspective, and as local member, I see it is imperative to equip schools with the best facilities possible in educating

Hence the Governments multi million dollar commitment to upgrading schools right across the State, including of course here on the Bellarine. Upgrades are occurring or have been completed to many of our schools on the peninsula.

At the primary level, schools like Portarlington, Drysdale, Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads have all received multi million dollar funding for upgrades. While Bellarine Secondary and St Ignatius have also been allocated significant funding for upgrade.

The Andrews State Government has committed to making Victoria the Education State and central to this is ensuring students, like those on the Bellarine, have access to high quality facilities

Government to Ban Light Weight Plastic Bags

People may have read in recent times that the State Government will be banning single-use, lightweight plastic shopping bags in Victorian in the near future.

As people know, plastics are extremely damaging to our environment, slowly breaking up into smaller and smaller pieces over time and becoming increasingly difficult to manage. They end up in our waterways, lakes and oceans posing a significant hazard, especially for marine life.

Therefore reducing the number of plastic bags we use is an important part of addressing the overall impacts of plastic pollution in Victoria.

But experience in other jurisdictions shows that banning lightweight plastics ban can lead to undesirable results, including increased use of heavier duty plastics, which can have an even greater environmental impact.

Therefore in introducing the ban the Government will work with the community on how to best manage plastic pollution, and deliver a workable scheme that doesn't unfairly impact on consumers, retailers, industry or the environment.

People will find more information at engage. vic.gov.au/waste/plastic-pollution or please contact my office.



Victorian Youth Week 2018

From April 13th to 22nd 2018 the State Government is organising and funding "Victorian Youth Week" which is focussed on highlighting and celebrating the important role young people do, and can play within our communities.

As part of this week Government grants will be made available and I urge community organisations and councils that work with young people to apply for these grants of up to \$2000 for activities

The grants aim to support young people in planning and delivering events, promote a positive image of young people, and help them to express their ideas and be heard in the community.

Grants are available for events such as art exhibitions, musical performances, cultural celebrations, sporting competitions, and forums on issues of concern such as body image and mental health.

Funding will be provided to councils, community organisations or schools working in partnership with young people.

Projects must be accessible to young people aged 12 to 25 in their local community and be alcohol, smoke and drug-free and be delivered within safe environments.

For more information go to www.youthcentral. vic.gov.au/vyw

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 Member for Bellarine

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Letter to the Editor

Help for the Homeless

Even though Winter is over, the homeless still need our help. We are collecting wide brimmed hats, backpacks, and men's and women's summer clothes.

These will be collected from SpringDale and taken to the Lazarus Centre which is in a repurposed part of the Old Geelong Gaol, and only opened in July this year.

Thank you

Carers for the Mannerim Memorial Indigenous Garden

Many people have given so much in establishing the Garden - and we want it to remain loved. So, we are calling for friends who are prepared to give a little time to the site, whether it's once a month, or a few times a year. If you feel called to be part of that group please contact Sophie at Bellarine Landcare - 0457 333 727.

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

Cash accepted

LISA NEVILLE MP MEMBER FOR BELLARINE

For assistance on any issue please ring the electorate office on (03) 5250 1987



lisa.neville@parliament.vic.gov.au



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Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association

DCSCA wishes to convey our congratulations to the new councillors Stephanie Asher, Jim Mason, and Trent Sullivan, elected to the CoGG to represent the Bellarine.

The latest news is that both Lisa Neville (Member for Bellarine) and Simon Ramsay (Member for Western Victoria Region) have supported DCSCA's request that City of Greater Geelong and Vic Roads conduct a comparative safety assessment of the two proposals regarding the installation of traffic lights on the Portarlington Road at its junction with the Curlewis North/South Connector Road. DCSCA believes that upgrading the Hermsley Road intersection to a well-designed roundabout would be a better proposal.

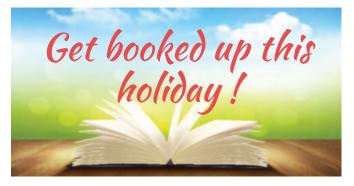
The Drysdale Bypass Western Intersection

DCSCA has been a major campaigner for the Drysdale Bypass, but we believe that the current proposal by Vic Roads is fundamentally flawed. The proposal - "Option 3a" - involves blocking off Jetty Road and building two signalized intersections and one roundabout. This will create a congested, unsafe and inefficient bottleneck where none existed previously, through which virtually all of the traffic entering or exiting Drysdale & Clifton Springs has to pass. Therefore, when a crash occurs, it will virtually paralyze the traffic flow into and out of Drysdale and Clifton Springs and compromise the operation of emergency services vehicles. Further, the bottleneck includes an excessively high number of vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-pedestrian conflicts points that could result in serious injury. It will create an unbalanced and inefficient traffic flow and increased travel times. Finally, the bottleneck will spoil the ambience of Lake Lorne Reserve and adjacent properties.

DCSCA has requested the Victorian Ombudsman's assistance in this matter.

Clifton Springs Boat Harbour

The Clifton Springs Boat Harbour facility is close to being completed and will be used to its full capacity again this season. Fisherman from all over Vic are using the facility and Clifton Springs is becoming a meca for recreation fishing. The State Governments target 1 million is on going and with better facilities around the State helping to reach their target. COGG will continue as works manager of the site and gain future funding to complete all needed works.



St James' huge Secondhand Book Sale is on again at the beginning of January, with an excellent selection of good quality books and magazines. So drop in to this well run event and browse to your heart's content – all the books are individually priced, and laid out in categories, so it's easy to locate your area of interest. Entry is free, so you can visit more than once or just stay all day as some people did last year! There's always a special children's section with low seating, so adults can search for their own bargains knowing the youngsters are safely entertained. And don't miss the selection of good quality special interest magazines. Whilst there are now e-readers and Kindles around, many people, and especially children, still love to hold a book in their hands.

6th - 7th January, Sat 9-5, Sun 10-3, Free Entry,

All abilities Access.

Drysdale Community Activity Centre, next door to St James' Church, Collins St (Portarlington Rd), Drysdale. Enquiries: 5251 2571





AUNCH OF POTATO SHED'S 2018 SEASON ER EF EVENT 6PM – 7PM WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

2018 boasts an exciting programme of Dance, Theatre and Music from visiting professional companies and local artists.

RSVP: FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2017 Lisa Harvey E: Iharvey@geelongcity.vic.gov.au T: 03 5251 1998





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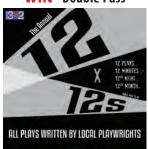


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TUESDAY 16 to FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 2018 10.30AM & 1.30PM Tickets \$9 or \$32 family (4)

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Tuesday 12th December at 7pm

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Address		

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COMPETITION CLOSES 3PM FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

Drysdale \(\bigsize \) 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
- 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

Route 3

- 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

For further information please contact: drysdalecfa@gmail.com or facebook/DrysdaleCFA

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

Celebrating Christmas

The Anglican Parish of the Bellarine

St James - Drysdale, St John's -Portarlington, St Paul's - St Leonards

Service of Readings & Carols

Led by Combined Choir:

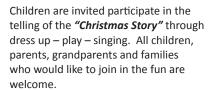
St James' and Bellarine Ecumenical Choirs

- 16th Dec, 5.00 pm, St Georges Queenscliff. BYO BBQ after service.
- 17th Dec, 6.00 pm, St James Drysdale

Christmas Eve

Annual Children's **Nativity Story**

4.00 pm St James Drysdai



- 7.00 pm Christmas Service at St Paul's, St Leonards
- 11.00 pm Holy Communion at St James, Drysdale
- 11.15 pm Holy Communion combined Uniting/Anglican service at St Andrews **Uniting Church Portarlington**

Christmas Day

- 9.00 am Holy Communion, St James, Drysdale
- 9.00 am Holy Communion, St John's, Portarlington

Everyone welcome

Contact: 52512571

Website: www.bellarineparish.org

CAR BOOT SALE @

St James Anglican Church 45 - 55 Collins St Drysdale

SATURDAYS

December 16th • January 20th February 17th • March 17th

8am to 1pm

Only \$10.00 per Vehicle Contact Frank Lewis - 5251 5892



Drysdale/Clifton Springs Combined Churches & Community Choirs

ANNUAL Community Cara

Woolworths & Coles Supermarkets Drysdale Tuesday Dec 19 to Sunday Dec 24

Everyone welcome to join in

Contact: 5251 1679

Community Christmas Event

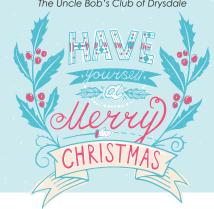
Drysdale Village Green 12:00 Midday - 2:30 PM

- Activities for children
- Barbecue
- Classic Cars & Caravans
- Bands & Music
- Santa
- Carols

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Drysdale Community Church/Drysdale Family Support and

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We invite you to join us for a contemporary and relevant Service

Sunday 10.00 am

(Includes Children's Program at 10:40)

276 - 290 Jetty Rd Curlewis P: 5253 2241

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Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers



I cannot believe that December is upon us. How the year has flown by. During the year the number of kinship carers in our group has increased and the need for support and guidance to those kinship carers keeps me on the go, which is something that I enjoy.

Most kinship carers take on the responsibility of caring for children who are family members at very short notice. The children arrive in most cases with only the clothes they stand up in. The kinship carers then get in contact with me and I am able to supply them with clothes, books, toys and even blankets for the children in their care.

Once again I am amazed how the community have got behind us as kinship carers. During the year I have received numerous donations to help both kinship carers and the children who they care for. I wish that everyone who has donated goods to us could see the happy expressions on the faces of both the children and carers when they are able to receive such basic items as clothing and toys.

To all those wonderful, caring and supportive people and there are just so many, who have donated goods to us, on behalf of all the kinship carers and all the children (who you have made so happy) I say a HUGE THANK YOU.

If you are a kinship carer we would love to see you and support you in your journey as a kinship carer.

Our meetings are held monthly at SpringDale on Monday 4th December 10am to 1pm, our last meeting for 2017. We will return in 2018 on February 5th.

Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers would like to wish everyone in our wonderful community a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy 2018.

Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns.

Jeanette Hanley-Heath 0414 308 257

YELLOW LEADS for dogs who needs space when out & about?

I have two small dogs who I walk locally on leads in public areas. One was chased by a large dog when he was a puppy and he is now 3 years old and is still frightened of large dogs, becoming defensive when approached by bigger animals. My younger dog was attacked by an off lead dog while walking on the rail trail and again remains nervous of other dogs approaching her. It is hard to communicate to other dog owners when out and about that my dogs are not aggressive but simply nervous and need space since they are likely to react defensively no matter how "friendly" the other dog's owner believes their own dog is. This is where the yellow lead helps.

The use of a YELLOW lead or ribbon on a dog

is growing within the dog community to try and easily communicate that a dog needs space. If you see a yellow lead or ribbon please maintain a respectable distance or give this dog and their person time to move out of your way.

There are many reasons why a dog needs space such as, newly adopted, deaf or blind, fearful of the unfamiliar, in training, aging and elderly, injured, illness, recovering from surgery, in pain or simply shy.

Wearing a yellow lead does not mean a dog is "bad" but simply that they need space to enjoy their life so if you see a yellow lead please be considerate.

Yellow leads can be purchased at a reasonable price from most local vets for as little as \$9.





Pre-paying for piece of mind

More and more people are becoming aware of the great advantage to the families left after their passing, by pre-paying or pre-arranging their funeral in advance. Firstly, you are locking in the cost of your preferred funeral choices based on today's prices. Secondly, it provides opportunity for you to document things that reflect who you are and what has been of importance and value throughout your life, in order to create a meaningful funeral ceremony when the time comes.



Your pre-paid funeral funds are securely invested and held in trust by a Friendly Society as a Capital Guaranteed Investment.

If you have already pre-paid your funeral and have moved, or simply want to have another funeral company look after your arrangements when the time comes, your investment can easily be transferred. Funds are not released to a funeral company until proof of service can be provided.

Importantly for some, pre-paying your funeral costs will not affect your Centrelink payments, as funeral costs are not classed as an asset by Centrelink.

William Sheahan Funerals can provide you with all the information you need to make an informed decision regarding this end of life event. If you would like to discuss further, or require more information you can contact Lesley Richards at William Sheahan Funerals on 52513477.







Inductions are important to our Club

We love inducting new members into our amazing organization, 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs across the world. Rotary started over 105 years ago as a testimony to one person's idea of getting business professionals together to network their businesses and help their community at the same time.

We have just inducted Jan Ward (pictured above), an owner of an engraving business and who has only recently moved to our neighbourhood. Jan was looking for a way to meet new people and let them know about her engraving as well as contributing to the community she now calls home.

In the short time she has been here local sporting groups have taken the opportunity of supporting a local business and get their annual trophies done close to home.

Want a way to network your business and help your community both here and overseas? Then why don't you think seriously about attending one of our meetings and meet the members. Chat and hear what we have achieved as members of this Rotary Club that has been going for forty three years.

Our Service Excellence Awards have showcased our local businesses also and this has grown in momentum to the point that it is better and better supported each year.

So again I invite you to call me on 0408 989 221 and book a Monday to come take a look.

It's not all work, we also have a lot of fun.

Caroline - Membership & Publicity Officer 2017



EXPANDED TREASURE HUNT JUST WEEKS AWAY



What CAN this person be talking about? "I have my pirate's three-corner hat, my coat with the parrot on the shoulder and my eye patch. What else do I need? Ah yes! My trusty spade!"

They're preparing for the third annual Treasure Hunt, which will run between Monday 8th January and Saturday 17 February 2018 as part of the Festival of Glass.

The 2018 Treasure Hunt will be launched officially on Monday 8 January at Drysdale's Bungalow restaurant. The launch will feature a High Tea and the opening of an exhibition of glass art, which will run at the Bungalow throughout the Treasure Hunt.

Diane Schofield's Treasure Hunt team has signed up thirty-two businesses from Curlewis, Drysdale, Clifton Springs and Portarlington as participants in the 2018 Treasure Hunt.

"This is the third Treasure Hunt and the number of participating businesses has increased each year", said Diane Schofield. "Businesses have found it worthwhile – and enjoyable – to be involved in the Treasure Hunt and they've encouraged others to join in."

Businesses in the Treasure Hunt will commission pieces of glass art from local artists and display them throughout the Treasure Hunt; and the thirty-two pieces will be prizes in the Treasure Hunt draw at the Festival of Glass Expo on Sunday 18 February at Drysdale's Christian College.

Each business will also display a glass "Tiny Treasure" by a local artist and when a treasure hunter finds a "Tiny Treasure", the business will stamp their Treasure Hunt entry form. Every entry form stamped by ten businesses goes into the Treasure Hunt draw.



Business meets glass art at Treasure Hunt Preview

At an exclusive preview on Wednesday 13 December 2017, business people on the Bellarine will meet local glass artists from whom they have commissioned pieces of glass art as prizes in the Treasure Hunt. The business people can learn how their glass art was created, while the artists can learn how their creativity is supporting the local economy.

"Everyone's a winner in our Treasure Hunt", said Diane Schofield. "Businesses can increase their custom, glass artists can increase their public profile and, of course, Treasure Hunters can win beautiful glass art."

Did you spy one of these treasures in 2017!



FIND AND WINGLASS TREASURES

Commencing on **Monday 8 January 2018** there are *Tiny Glass Treasures* hidden in local businesses in Curlewis, Drysdale, Clifton Springs and Portarlington.

Find the *Tiny Glass Treasures* for your chance to win a unique *Glass Art Treasure* at the **Festival of Glass Expo**, on **Sunday 18 February 2018**.

How to enter:

- Locate participating businesses by the poster in their window, on the online **Treasure Hunt** map, or on the **Treasure Hunt** entry form.
- Find the Tiny Glass Treasure in at least 10 businesses.
- Get a stamp on your form from each business.
- Bring your stamped form/s to the Treasure Hunt table at the Festival of Glass Expo 2018.
- Every 10 stamps gives you one Treasure Hunt draw.

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Bellarine Camera Club

Our annual exhibition recently held at the SpringDale Centre was very successful again this year. Our aim in holding this exhibition is not only to have our local community aware of the wonderful work by local photographers but to also assist in community awareness of the club and hopefully encourage others who are interested in photography to join our club of friendly like-minded people. Visitors that came through our doors over the two days of the exhibition were very friendly and interested in the print displays as well as the electronic digital image presentation. Many purchases were made and quite often the photographer was there to explain to the buyer how, when and where the image was captured - a really nice addition to the purchase. We had a very well supported public vote on members' images taken around the Bellarine. The most popular image was taken by Will Johnston with his "Ozone" image, taken at Indented Head.

Our 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.





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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

SpringDale is running a project on Autism and a great deal of help is needed. We need people who wish to understand autism in a greater way, we need people who are on the Autism Spectrum and who would like to participate in our project and we need Businesses who are willing to give people on the Autism Spectrum a go.

Our project is about looking at the skills that people on the Autism Spectrum bring with them to opportunities. At SpringDale, we have had many years of aligning people and their skills with opportunities. We listen to people and try to align new volunteers with activities in which they might be interested.

We have developed a Career Portfolio structure which we would like people to complete and assess for us. We would appreciate people on the Autism Spectrum who would like to know what we do and see

if we are worthy of their trust as we have been for a number of people on the Spectrum already, and we would love to hear from you and work out a way we can interact or help your dreams come true. We also really need to hear from Business people who might have a task which is hard to get people to do happily, tasks that might need focus, may need determination and problem solving.

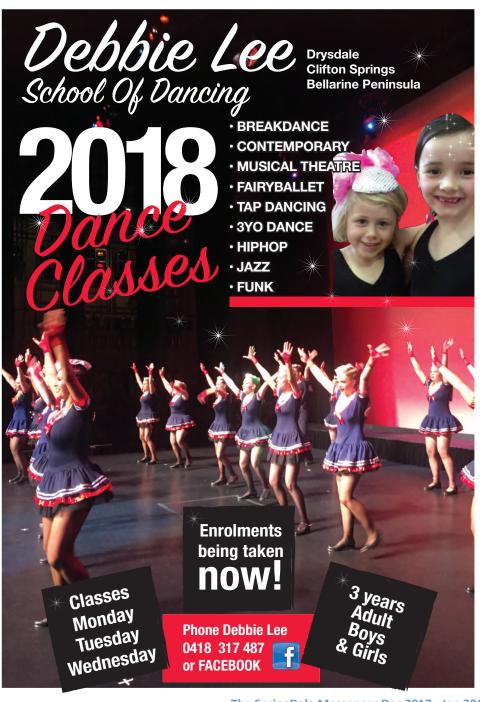
We are employing Asset Based Community Development which means we look at what people have not what they don't have to go forward. Over the years, every time my son has faced another challenge, people have looked at what he cannot do and that becomes the baseline, not look at what he can do well. This project is very important to me but I know that if we can see patterns, inform the community and build better options for many parts of our community, we will all be better off.



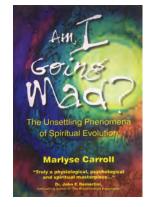
Please contact Anne Brackley via email office@springdale.org.au or phone 0407 529205 if you would like to help with this project or if you would like to receive updates from this project.

Looking forward to hearing from many people as by knowing more about the Autism Spectrum will help us as a community. Thanks for reading this. Anne Brackley Autism Advocate.

PS still hoping to hear from anyone who might like to be a Peer Mentor for a person with a disability who might like to view potential opportunities via a Virtual Reality headset.







Am I Going Mad?

The Unsettling Phenomena of Spiritual Evolution

Marlyse Carroll

Whether you meditate, journey with substances or are just curious, this book is for you. It will give you the insights necessary to ride the waves of inner change with joy and excitement.

'Am I Going Mad?' is about the extraordinary spiritual experiences that often meet us at various stages of personal evolution. For a spiritual awakening is not all about love and light, far from it! Some of its phenomena can be very unsettling, to the point of being mistaken for depression or other symptoms of mental illness.

Copies of this book at available to purchase at SpringDale.

BELLARINE WOODWORKERS CLUB

As we approach the silver anniversary of the Bellarine Woodworkers Club's annual display and sale of items made by members, it's an opportune time to reflect on the club, it's history and aims.



The club has been in operation for 34 Years and was formed to provide a facility for those interested in working with wood. It began in Queenscliff but soon outgrew that facility as more and more members joined from all over the Bellarine Peninsula. Through the hard work and dedication of its early members the club went through a number of incantations and locations, to the point where we could build our own workshop, a facility that has become the envy of many other similar clubs.

Our members cover a wide variety of skills and experiences, and it's often said that there is not a question that can be asked to which someone does not have an answer. So it is a safe place for those who may have dabbled with wood, like me, to come and learn and experience the craft of woodwork from people who have had years of experience either professionally, or as hobbyists.

Not to denigrate those metal workers amongst us but wood is one of those tactile materials that is a pleasure to work with. Often the end result is not appreciated until the item is finished. One of those "wow" moments when the final finish is applied to a project and the true beauty of the wood is revealed.

Although not an actual men's shed as such, the club comes under that umbrella. A men's shed with a specific focus if you like. A great place to make new, and lifelong friends. It can be quite depressing to announce at our bi monthly meetings, members who have fallen ill, or worse. Hence the introduction of evening interest groups to encourage a younger membership. Our workshop is well equipped, with both woodworking machines and equipment, is air conditioned and has a dust extracting facility to promote an efficient, safe and healthy working environment. The club is well run and finance is provided through club activities, members contributions and some grants.

The annual show and sale will take place on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th of January, at St James Hall Collins street Drysdale, right next to the second hand book sale. The hall is air conditioned so a good place to get away from those 40 degree days. Come along and pick up some beautiful handcrafted wood items.





I've always loved bridges. As a child we camped in Echuca and my brother and I played on the Moama Echuca border crossing.

Living in Williamstown as a teenager I watched the Westgate Bridge being built and it broke my heart when it collapsed.

Wherever I have travelled I have walked across bridges. On our honeymoon, Bill and I walked across the Richmond Bridge in Tassie. It was built in 1823, 50 years before we were married. Other bridges I have walked across, 28 that I can remember the names of, include Victoria Bridge, Brisbane, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Waterloo Bridge, London, Inverness City, Scotland, Le Pont Des Arts, Paris, Ellentorsbruke, Hamburg, Brigadoon Ayr, Scotland, Mt. Titlis Swing Bridge, Switzerland, Chain Bridge, Budapest, Hungary, Charles Bridge in Prague, the Mozart Bridge Salzberg, Austria, of the Sound of Music fame, Bridge of Sighs, Venice, Sant'Angelo Bridge Rome, Rainbow Bridge Niagara Falls, Sean O'Casey Bridge in Dublin and the Forth Road Bridge in Fife Scotland is my favourite, as Bill's from there!

In 2017 a new bridge was built across the Forth Estuary with a single chance for pedestrians to cross it. I went into a ballot and was successful in winning this lottery to walk across with 50,000 other walkers.

Four hundred and thirty-seven people were from outside the United Kingdom, with

more than 230,000 people applying for the 50,000 spots. So on 2nd September this year I walked the Queensberry Crossing, across the Forth Estuary.

Jenny Henderson







Compassion in Uganda - Calendar

After a recent trip to Uganda as part of a Compassion Field Trip, which included meeting the young man she and her husband John are financially supporting, Marg McGillivray was deeply touched by the total lack of what we consider to be life's necessities, and finds it difficult to adequately describe the impact that the field trip has had on her life.

Following her return to Australia, she was determined to find a way to raise much needed funds for Compassion Australia, to assist them further in the work they do in supporting children in third world countries.

Marg has used her God-given talent as an artist and spent the months since her return from Uganda lovingly bringing her memories to life, on paper. All images featured in the Calendar which Marg and John have self-funded and produced, are depictions of her experiences during her trip.

The Calendars are \$25 each, plus postage, with proceeds from sales going toward supporting the work of Compassion in Uganda.

For orders please Email: margmarkets@gmail.com



We have now celebrated our first birthday in October at Piknik, Portarlington/ Queenscliff Road, and again David and staff spoilt us with great food, drinks and a birthday cake.

A traditional Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday, December 20th. Venue will be the Uniting Church Hall, Drysdale, 12 for 12.30 with Santa and entertainment by Ron Sudden, the Geelong legend of musical theatre and comedy.

Bookings and payment one week prior to event please. We are guaranteed of a great festive celebration. A big welcome to all new members. To book please phone Joan on 5251 1177.



Dining Group is celebrating with Christmas Dinner at SpringDale on Monday the 11th. Bookings are essential.

Please book with SpringDale to ensure you get a seat by emailing office@springdale.org.au or phoning SpringDale 5253 1960.

SpringDale Trivia 9th Edition

by Drysdale Girl Guides

- 1. What colour is the Grinch in the Dr. Seuss book "the Grinch who stole Christmas?"
- 2. A Turducken is made using what three types of poultry?
- 3. What are the names of Santa's reindeer?
- 4. Which was the first Country to issue a Christmas postage stamp?
- 5. In a year where there is 365 days, on what number day of the year does Christmas day occur?
- Turn to page 22 to find the answers.
- 6. What colours occur most commonly in the stipes of a candy cane?
- 7. If you were born on Christmas Day, what would your star sign be?
- 8. The image of the jolly man in a red and white trimmed suit was allegedly created by which food or beverage company?
- 9. In Drysdale, Clifton Springs, and Curlewis, on the back of what sort of vehicle does Santa travel on Christmas Eve, distributing Iollies and posing for selfies at designated stops?
- 10. What three gifts did the three wise men present to Baby Jesus in Bethlehem?

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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SpringDale COURSES 2018



LIFESTYLE COURSES

For body and soul:

- Mindfulness Meditation,
- Yoga,
- Expresso Coffee Making,
- Cheese Making,

Looking Forward:

- Introduction to Sustainability.
- Innovations for would be Entrepreneurs,
- · Focusing on the future,

Reaching out:

• The Joy of Volunteering

Another language:

- Intermediate French for Enthusiasts
- Latin

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre delivers a diverse range of short courses, take some time to read through what is on offer next year. These courses offer an informal and supportive environment to learn new skills, upskill your existing knowledge or maybe to pursue a long wished-for hobby or interest. Your SpringDale course guide has the details of these classes, some of them fill up quickly so be quick!! These short courses differ from the SpringDale Groups, which are ongoing throughout the year.

GET CREATIVE

Discover the Artist within:

- Foundation Art Course, level 1
- Media Art Course, level 2
- Advanced Workshop Program, level 3

Got a story to tell?

- Beginning Article Writing
- Writing workshop
- Book of Me Workshops

Master your camera!

 Photography Sculpting with Light

Play some music:

- Ukulele for Beginners
- Ukulele Intermediate

THE DIGITAL WORLD

Getting Started:

- What iPad or Tablet should I buy?
- Introduction to iPad/iPhone or like device
- Introduction to Computers
- Exploring the Internet
- 'Go Digi' Help with Mobile Phone and Tablet sessions

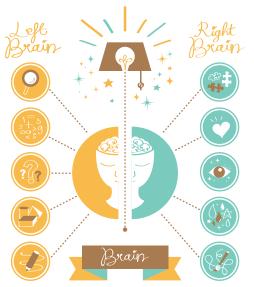
Skill up:

- Advanced iPad/iPhone or like device
- Work & Excel for life and Small Business
- Easy Introduction to Coding
- Buying and Selling on eBay
- Computer Performance and Maintenance



SpringDale GROUPS

Ongoing throughout the year, members pay an annual membership to SpringDale and a small group fee at each session. Your SpringDale Course guide has more detail on these groups.



Train Your Brain:

- Card games, Canasta and Bolivia
- Cryptic crosswords Group
- SpringDale Jigsaw club
- SpringDale Scrabble club
- SpringDale Mahjong
- Write About
- Genealogy

Get Art & Crafty:

- Girls Shed (Craft Group)
- Scrapbooking Group
- Felting
- SpringDale Artists

Be Active:

- Pole Walking group
- Fun Volleyball
- SpringDale badminton
- SpringDale Wheelie Riders
- Line Dancing
- Bush Dance

Your turn to Cook??

Men's Kitchen

Community Connect:

- Friendly cuppa and chat group
- Harvest basket Produce Swap
 Edible Garden group
- SpringDale Community Garden
- Kinship Carers
- Community & Business Breakfast at SpringDale

Musical:

- Bellarine Community Choir
- SpringDale Singers
- SpringDale Open Dance Band

Playtime:

- Drysdale Toy Library
- Portarlington Toy Library

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Drysdale Recycling Shop

Drysdale Recycling Shop, supporting families fighting against cancer.

Fight Cancer Foundation's Drysdale
Recycle Shop opened in February 1993 and has

been managed by volunteer Moya Hughes for the entirety of its 24-year history.

The shop stocks an array of pre-loved clothing, jewellery, toys, books, homewares, sporting gear, CD's and collectables at bargain prices to help raise vital funds for Australian families fighting against cancer.

It is staffed by a team of 14 dedicated volunteers who generously give their time to maintain the shop and ensure a friendly face is present for customers upon arrival.

Every dollar raised through sales at the recycle shop goes towards valuable research programs, providing essential accommodation to cancer patients and their families, and helping children and young people with cancer reach their full educational potential through Fight Cancer Foundation's education support programs.

The shop takes donations of goods, and is always keen for new

volunteers to come in and help the team for a few hours a week.

Fight Cancer
Foundation's Drysdale
Recycle Shop is open
from 10am – 4pm on
weekdays, and 9.30
– 1pm on Saturdays.
To learn more
about Fight Cancer
Foundation, head to
fightcancer.org.au



Mini Railway Summer School Holiday Running

This passenger carrying miniature railway situated within the grounds of the Portarlington Bayside Family Park, corner Point Richards & Boat Roads, Portarlington and operates every Sunday from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm, during the summer months (September - April).

During the Summer School Holiday period, the railway will also operate a special service on the following days:

11.00 am to 4.00 pm Wed, 27th Dec, 2017 Wed, 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th January, 2018

Trains run at frequent intervals and the cost is only \$4.00 for a ride. The train ride takes about 10 minutes and a special attraction is that children under the age of 2 years travel free. Family and periodical tickets are also available.

This family park is only 30 minutes by car from Geelong and with its natural beachside setting makes an ideal location for that special family outing or picnic. Other attractions in the park include ample car parking, playgrounds, walking trails, free electric BBQ facilities and a station kiosk – all are nearby.

\$2 Day & 2nd Birthday for Mini Railway

Sunday 10th December, 2017, from 11am - 4pm. The great news is that everything on this day will cost only \$2.00. Train rides, Food, Drinks, Ice Creams.....now that's not going to break the family budget. Help us celebrate our 2nd birthday too!!.

Bring a picnic lunch or have lunch with us on site. Plenty of room to run and play and get Dad up and joining in. Picnic tables, seats, electric BBQ and toilets — Available on site. Let's get everyone outside in the sun and have some playtime!! A big thanks to all volunteers who forgo their free time to help run the mini railway they are priceless.

time to help run the mini railway, they are priceless. Fingers crossed for lovely summer weather!!

Further details can be obtained from the railway at P. O. Box 419, Portarlington, 3223, or from Kerry on our Telephone Info Line: 0476 124 598.

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Open Water Swim All about Families and Children

The 2018 Wreck2Reef Open Water Swim is on February 11th, it will help raise funds to purchase boats and equipment for the Indented Head Yacht Club Junior Sailors Program.

The event will be held in the stunning, calm, safe and protected waters of Half Moon Bay, Indented Head.

Over 250 swimmers are expected, from the main Start Area the junior dash and dig for cash kicks off the day. As well as a 300metre swim, competitors dig for buried treasure once they return to the shore, meaning that everyone has a chance for a prize.

The 500metre swim for Novice swimmers is followed by the 1.2km swim.

Starting earlier and a few minutes along the beach will be a new event, the 2.5km swim. The 2.5km swim consists of a 400m leg to a turning mark, a one mile (1.6km) straight to a turning mark used by the 1.2km swim and a dogleg leg to the finish.

The Barwon Heads/13th Beach SLSC provides the on the water safety and do a great job ensuring all competitors are looked after in the

The Indented Head Yacht Club and their supportors will have a great set up on the beach, with plenty of food and refreshment options available for swimmers, helpers and spectators.

The event is for everyone, we have competitors who have swam in most races since the first swim in 2010, and we also have swimmers with disabilities.



wreck2reef.com.au

Categories are:-

2.5KM Ladies. No age categories.

Men's. No age categories

1.2KM Ladies. 14-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50+.

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Clifton Springs Garden Club

Once again the Clifton Springs Garden Club have had a very successful Open Day thanks to the generosity of both the Members of our Club and the public. This year our Open Day was a little bit different as we included a beautiful display of handmade quilts from the Bellarine (Portarlington) Quilters, Marie Bedford (a resident of Clifton Springs who does hand painted silk scarves and makes cards) and we welcomed the 3 Krafty Sisters for the first time. Thank you ladies for adding to the interest of our Open Day and thank you Club Members for the great team work. Again I need to thank Wayne Long for coming along and offering visitors and members alike his help and expert advice and bringing along his display of unusual and rare plants.

Despite the crazy seasons we have been having, the Members excelled themselves putting on a beautiful display of flowers, including roses and some magnificent iris. Our day was finished off by the drawing of our 12 raffle prizes. Due to the success of the day we will be able to continue to give a generous donation to a charitable organisation within the local area.

The Club will now have a break until February 2018 when the Committee will have a great program of speakers and trips organised for the new year.

If you would like further information on the Club please contact our Secretary Helen, on telephone 52571566 or email hma3152@gmail.com















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One of the first summer vegetables most of us enjoy picking out of our home garden is the zucchini – flower and all. The zucchini flowers are best cooked on the day of picking or buying them.

Many people enjoy eating the delicate flower battered, stuffed with meat, cheese, breadcrumbs and flavoured with a variety of herbs. There are many different batter recipes using beer, wine and eggs. This recipe for batter is easy, using cold, sparkling water and plain flour.

To keep it simple this is one way of cooking them - fried in extra virgin olive oil. Get the flowers ready first. Remove the bitter stem inside each blossom. Gently wash then dry each one with paper towel. Make a simple batter with one cup of flour and half cup cold water. Heat the oil – extra virgin olive oil is best for this. They don't have to be deep fried – it just takes a minute or two on each side to be golden. Remove from the pan and sprinkle with sea salt. The flowers stay light and taste delicious served hot.

The zucchini flowers are easily sliced and add colour to vegetable soup. If making a frittata with zucchini the sliced flowers can be added on the top just before baking.

Zucchini - the fruit itself is best picked young around 20cm when the seeds are still soft. The bigger zucchini can be used to make pickles

or relish. Grated zucchini makes great bread, cake or muffins. When shopping try to select the small and firmer ones to be sliced and used in salad, stir fries, steamed or grilled.

The fruit itself doesn't have much flavour and is light on calories and very low glycemic index as well as many beneficial vitamins and minerals. Zucchini can be enjoyed fresh or cooked in a variety of ways.







Breakfast: sliced or grated in with eggs and chorizo or bacon

Lunch: chopped into salad or stir fried with other vegetables

Dinner: baked - whole or halved and stuffed with rice, herbs, mince etc



Zucchini Bread & Butter Pickles

2 x 500ml mason jars prepared with clean lids

1Kg zucchini (chopped roughly)

½Kg onions (chopped roughly)

½ cup of salt

3 cups white (wine) vinegar

1½ cups sugar

1 tablespoon yellow mustard seeds

1 teaspoon dry mustard

2 teaspoons of ground turmeric

Place the chopped zucchini and onion into a colander and sprinkle with the salt.

This will bring the moisture out of both the zucchini & onion.

Allow to stand for at least an hour or if possible - overnight.

Rinse the salt off and put to one side.

Combine the vinegar, sugar, mustards and turmeric in a pot and bring to the boil.

Add the zucchini and onions to the pot.

Stir frequently and allow to simmer for about half hour.

Blend in a food processor or with a stick blender and taste for salt.

If the salt was left in overnight – it should taste ok, but if not, extra salt may be added.

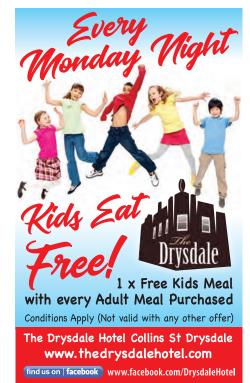
Bring to the boil again and have the jars ready to fill.

Put the lid on tight and store in a cool area, dark cupboard.

Once opened try to use within the week – store in the fridge.

Agata Commisso

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



Zucchini Banana Bread

1½ cups flour (almond or rice flour substitute)

2 teaspoons cinnamon

1 teaspoon baking powder

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon nutmeg

3 eggs, beaten

¼ cup honey1 ripe banana

1 cup grated zucchini

Preheat oven to 180C

Combine the dry ingredients in a small bowl.

Place the wet ingredients in a bowl.

Beat on medium for 1-2 minutes until frothy and fully combined.

Add the zucchini and beat again just enough to combine. Slowly add the dry ingredients.

Mix well until all mixture has been incorporated.

Pour the mix into a loaf pan and bake for 40-45 minutes.

Or... in a muffin tray -25-35 minutes until golden and ready.









After six-and-a-half years writing the In Our Garden page for the Messenger, I decided it was time for someone else to have a turn. Hopefully I've inspired a few of you to grow your own food; thanks for reading.

A final article demands an important topic, and I can't think of a more important topic in gardening than looking after your insect visitors, particularly bees. No bees = no fruit, basically. Bees aren't the only pollinators in your garden, but they are the most visible. If your garden is full of busy bees, the rest of the critters are probably doing fine too.

There are a few things we can do to attract bees to our gardens:

Diversity of flowering plants. You can't really expect bees to show up for a couple of weeks a year to pollinate your fruit trees if there's nothing for them to eat for the rest of the year. Bees need huge quantities of nectar and a wide diversity of pollen in order to build strong, healthy colonies. Some of the best garden plants for bees are flowering herbs and veg – rosemary, borage, mint, the cabbage family, onions, fennel, etc. So let some of your veg flower, instead of pulling them out when they bolt in the summer warmth: you'll be doing your garden a favour.

Chemical-free gardens. Almost every chemical you use in your garden has the

potential to harm bees. Systemic pesticides like Confidor are the most deadly, and really have no place in the garden in my view. Contact sprays such as pyrethrum and white oil will also devastate beneficial insects and need to be used in a strictly controlled way, if you must use them. The same goes for home-made remedies using detergents or soap. Fungicides are probably also harmful to bees and should not be used on or near plants in flower.

Tolerating bees in our neighbourhoods. The arrival of a swarm of bees is an impressive event. I can testify to this, as a beekeeper. However, when they're swarming, bees are at their most docile. If a swarm lands in your garden, rest assured: they haven't come to attack you! They're just resting while they scout the surrounding area for a suitable home.

If a swarm takes up residence in a part of your garden (or even home!) that isn't frequented by humans, you can just tolerate them. Problems only arise when a colony is killed and the comb isn't removed – the honey and dead larvae then attract wasps, rodents and other pests. If the bees really need to go, contact Geelong Beekeepers Club (geelongbeekeepersclub. org) for advice, rather than a pest exterminator.

That's all folks! Happy Gardening :-)
Steve Williams

On behalf of the team at the Messenger we wish you well in whatever you now plan to do - with your garden. We have thoroughly enjoyed the information and wisdom that you shared with us over the years no matter what the season.

We also look forward to Agata's taking over the reins. All the best for the festive season, now and in the future Steve, SpringDale Neighbourhood House.

To residents living in Beacon Point Road, Bay Shore Avenue and Jetty Road.

working herself

ragged – see those torn wings?

Big Catamaran on the Move!!!

A few years back you may have read in the SpringDale Messenger about a catamaran being built in a backyard in Clifton Springs.

Finally it is ready to head for the water.

The move is planned for Sunday night - Monday morning the 17th and 18th December 2017

Main shift will occur on Monday morning between 3am - 6am

The boat is 8 metres wide so will take up the whole road width. It would greatly help if you can park so that the roadway and bicycle lanes are kept completely clear at this time.

The boat travels on a specially built semi with VicRoad Permits and goes from the bay end of Beacon Point Road to Bay Shore Avenue, Bay Shore Avenue to Jetty Road and Jetty Road to the Portarlington Road



Further updates will be provided by letter drop to residents in these locations or can be seen on our facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/wildfirecruising/



The SpringDale Messenger Dec 2017 - Jan 2018



and thriving - it's recycling!

City of Greater Geelong's Drysdale Resource Recovery Centre has got the game sewn up and has turned waste disposal into an art form, with an innovative approach to recycling.

SpringDale Messenger called in at the centre recently to get the low down on what happens at the Becks Road facility - and it was certainly an eye-opener, with a nearly constant flow of traffic coming in, going out!

There are 10 bays, all specific for different materials from green waste, cardboard, metal and general waste. Green waste is relayed to a centre in Moolap for processing, cardboard and paper to GT Recycling, also Moolap and scrap metal, including old refrigerators, to Sims Metal in North Geelong.

Television and computer equipment, oil, car and household batteries white goods, hot water systems, old mattresses and so much more - all handled in a practical and highly professional manner. Most impressive!

The Drysdale facility was established as a landfill in 1983. Some locals might remember backing the ute up to the rubbish heap, amid huge, screeching flocks of seagulls. In those days, it was called simply "the tip" - long gone now and

thankfully, so have most of the seagulls!

The recycle centre was established in 2004 and it can now truly be described as state of the art recycling, with even a plan to eventually generate their own electricity by harnessing the methane from the site's landfill. Now that's true innovation!

Open every day of the year, with the exception of Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday, it's certainly a hive of activity. According to the staff, in the "silly season", leading up to the Christmas period, cars are lined up all the way along Becks Road. One busy place and very interesting too. Check out their website www. geelongaustralia.com.au/recycling.

The North Geelong facility in Douro Street does much of the same thing, but also has a recycle shop, where many dumped items have been re-invented to live and be used another time!





Pictured above - 10 bays are available for a variety of material disposal.

- Tam from the Drysdale Resource Recovery Centre showed us around.
- Unloading green waste
- Mattresses and fridges galore!



Caravan & Cabin Friends Trip to Shepparton

A select group of our members recently toured to Shepparton. As usual the weather was kind to us whilst away, with sunny days and cool nights with a little rain.

A highlight visit was to the renowned Motor Museum, which includes memorabilia from the Furphy family emphasising their importance in the local community, and with a friendly coffee shop. We also visited the art gallery, the museum, the indigenous gardens, the chocolate factory (lots of samples), the cows in the park, the RSL memorial and the SPC outlet (not cheap anymore). At nearby Tatura we indulged in their award winning vanilla slices before visiting the museum which highlights the WW2 internment and POW camps of the district and showed a fascinating video of same.

Each evening commenced around 4 pm with our usual "happy hour" (or two) followed by a bbq most nights. For the "feature" dinner we arranged to be picked up and returned by a bus supplied by a local hotel which had lovely foods (lambs shanks were popular). Our erstwhile leader cooked the breakfast pancakes, completing another successful trip away.

Please contact Roger at 0407 456 756 or Di at 5251 5069 for information about our social club for retired ladies and gents which meets on the second Monday of each month, 10am, at Drysdale Bowling Club.













A very successful day was had at Drysdale Bowling and Croquet Club for their "Come and Try Day" for Seniors month held Tuesday 24th October Most of the enquiries about the day came from Springdale Messenger. Twenty four prospective players took up mallets and joined the classes. And the exciting thing is they keep coming back for more instruction.

The morning tea certainly was sumptuous. There was much chatter and laughter and eating.

We look forward to their joining the Club.

Inquiries about Croquet 0409409473





Bowling Club Milestone

The Clifton Springs Bowling Club celebrated its 40th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Club on Sunday 22nd October 2017. The milestone event was celebrated with High Tea attended by 100 past and present members, delegates from Bowls Victoria, Geelong Bowls Region and local dignitaries.

A magnificent celebration cake was made by Alma Milvain with Mabel Bant joining her in lighting the candle; both ladies are currently the longest serving members of the Club.

Achievements in the Club's history were highlighted:

• Bellarine District Ladies Bowls Association history: Champion of Champions 2002/03 Laura Johnson; State Pairs 2002/03/04

Margaret Slater and Laura Johnson; State Singles Section 2003/04 Laura Johnson.

Pennant Winners: 2002/03 Division 3; 2003/04 Divisions 2 & 4; 2005/06 Division 1; Division 2006/07 Division 2.

• Geelong Bowls Region history: 2009 Veterans Champion Jack Sutton; 2012 Veterans Champion Alison Payne; 2016 Veterans Champion Laura Johnson; 2017 Over 60's Pairs Rick Nichol and Jeff Chandler. Saturday Pennant Winners: 2014/15 Division 6.

The event was particularly enjoyable with a game of social bowls which was played on the restored No. 2 Green following flood devastation earlier this year.

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- 2. Turkey, Duck and
- Chicken 3. Rudolph, Dasher, Dancer,
 - Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen.
- 4. Canada
- 6. Red and White
- 7. Capricorn

5. 359

- 8. Coca-cola
- 9. Fire Engine
- 10. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh



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Despite being in the middle of the off season, our Geelong Regional League Winning Women's side were hard at work on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October representing the Geelong region in the inaugural Victorian Country Challenge Cup at Stead Park. The girls took on League Winners from other regions from around Victoria and came out winning a thrilling final 4-2 against a strong Bendigo representative side.

Drysdale started the weekend off slowly, on Saturday, drawing 1-1 with Leongatha after conceding in the last few minutes in a game Drysdale had dominated. The second match saw Bendigo race out to a 4-0 lead at HT with Shannon Daffy scoring a late penalty to make it 4-1 loss. That meant Drysdale SC needed to win against Traralgon to make it through to the final which they did, Serena Clapp and Rhiannon Glenister scoring a goal each in a hard fought 2-0 win with both goals coming in the last five minutes.

The final was a topsy turvey, high quality encounter which saw a Bendigo twice take the lead with fine goals only for Drysdale to run over the top of them late in the game, winning the tournament with a 4-2 win, with star striker Serena Clapp scoring a hatrick and Emma Blanch also getting on the score sheet. A fantastic effort for the girls who also went through the league undefeated in a fantastic year for the club.

Pre-season training is not that far away, with Senior teams getting under way in December. Visit the club webpage for all the latest news and updates drysdalesc.com



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At some point in the early years there is evidence that 5 Trustees were appointed. However there is no record of this until, at the end of 1969 around 20 years later, it is reported that 2 of the Trustees had died and must be replaced. D.A. Mortimer and J. Biggins were duly elected and the three remaining original Trustees were named as E. Rodgers, H.W. Bennett and N.D. Lennox. It is not known who the two deceased Trustees were.

During the late 60's and all of the 70's great efforts were expended in not only keeping the club financially viable but also in raising extra funds to build a new Club House. Money was tight and voluntary labour from many club members helped to keep running costs down.

The Lady Associates cannot be praised highly enough for their magnificent work in catering

for the many club events during this period from the annual Carnival of Bowls and other tournaments to the Annual Ball and Pennant Day refreshments.

A Building Fund was again set up and very slowly the balance rose. In mid-1971 a little over \$800 was taken from this fund to pay out all remaining Debentures.

Finances continued to be very tight and the Building Fund pretty much stalled. Never-theless the club was most generous in supporting many organisations with small donations, some of these being – The Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, the local Bush Nursing Centre, (a pre-cursor of the present day Community Health Service) and other local sporting clubs for their Building Appeals, the M.S. Society, Commonwealth and Olympic

Games Funds, Spastic Society in support of local Entrants in the Miss Australia Quest, Alfred Hospital, Walter and Eliza Institute and the 1983 Bushfire Relief fund. What tremendous community spirit this shows when this club was itself in "Struggle Street".

About this time the Club Associates requested the introduction of indoor Carpet Bowls as a Fellowship and Fundraising exercise.

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