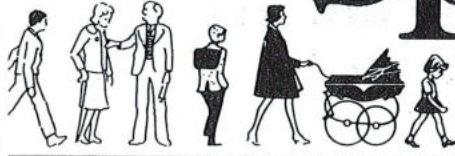


# THE SpringDale



## MESSENGER

P.O. Box 80, Drysdale, 3222



*A free community newspaper for Drysdale/Clifton Springs*

**DECEMBER 1991:**

Welcome to the first edition of The SpringDale Messenger, the local community newsletter you will find in your mailbox every five weeks.

The newsletter is published by SpringDale Community Cottage, your local neighbourhood house, which was formed as a non-profit, community directed and controlled, volunteer organisation in July 1989. SpringDale's operations began with informal coffee mornings and guest speakers, but activities have now expanded to cover many areas, including a kindergarten group, a wide variety of craft classes, Women's Return to Work Studies, computing, floral art and homemaking subjects, such as curtain-making, leadlighting and dressmaking. Most of these classes are held at the Drysdale and District Community Health Centre, 15 Princess Street, where you will also find our office is open Tuesday to Thursday during business hours. Although an independent organisation, SpringDale has close ties with Bellarine Rural City Council and is

represented on many of its committees; including the Bellarine Heath Advisory Committee, Tidy Towns

## Here it is, your own newsletter!

Committee and, of course, Linking Neighbours, a council-initiated project, now organised by SpringDale, which aims to introduce residents to each other to provide social links within the community.

SpringDale is eager to provide a wide range of classes, activities and services which are not locally available and would welcome your thoughts and ideas. And, if you have some time on your hands (a little, or a lot, it all counts), SpringDale is always in need of volunteers.

We look forward to meeting you in the near future.

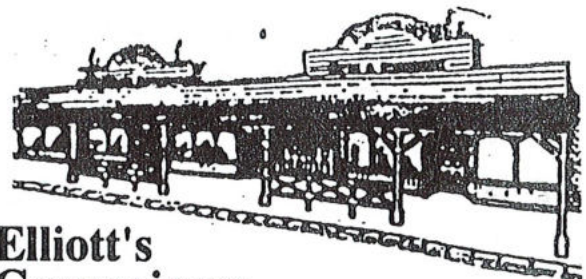
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Sports and  
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*The Rotary Club of Drysdale has grand plans for its Sports and Leisure Expo next February 8-9. It's invited 60 major manufacturers to show off their equipment in a hands-on-before-you buy exhibition. The club promises that the expo, at the Clifton Springs Community Centre, will be more than a display. Special features are stepping into a floating boat, watching a fishing rod being made, getting photographed on Wayne Gardner's racing bike, checking out a four-wheel drive vehicle and watching a kit boat being assembled.*

*Getting involved is the key!*

*The exhibition sites are in the water, on the beach, by the pool and inside the centre.*

## Honour for Curlewis author

The talents of children's author Nan Bodsworth have been recognised by her greatest fans - her readers.

A voting poll of 3000 young Victorians has put Nan's *A Nice Walk in the Jungle* as the second most popular entry in the Picture Story Books section. The winner was Rod Clement's *Counting on Frank*.

The children could only vote for the award after an adult guaranteed that the book had been read and was the FREE choice of the voter. Nan, who was shortlisted for the 1990 Children's Book Council Picture Book Awards, has written and illustrated two other children's books - *Mike's Birthday Bulldozer* and *Hello Kangaroo*.

She says: "There are lots of excellent books for children; fast-paced books with strong plots, fresh, original and entertaining story-lines and splendid illustrations; books that will encourage children to a lifetime of enthusiasm for reading." Third in Nan's section was Marcia Vaughan's *Wombat Stew*.

The first three in the Younger Readers section were *Finders Keepers* (Emily Rodda), *Quirky Tails* (Paul Jennings) and *Staying Alive in Year Five* (John Marsden.)

The Older Readers winner was *Round The Twist* (Paul Jennings), followed by Jennings' *Unbearable*.

Third was *Came Back to Show You I Could Fly* (R. Klein).

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# HAVE YOUR SAY . .

We want YOU to tell US what you think of the footpaths in Drysdale and Clifton Springs. The Bellarine Rural City Council has a five-year action plan, adopted in 1989, to be implemented as funds become available. One of the plan's strategies is to 'develop pathways for ease of access, commencing with Clifton Springs/Drysdale'. This questionnaire has been prepared to help the council obtain YOUR thoughts on pedestrian needs. Fill in the form and return it to the council offices in Collins Street, or the Springdale box.

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## FOOTPATH QUESTIONNAIRE

**STREET NAME**.....

**1: Do any members of your family regularly walk around Clifton Springs and/or Drysdale (please tick)?**

YES.....

NO.....

**2: If the answer for Question 1 is YES, what are the most frequently walked-to destinations (please tick)?**

SCHOOL.....

BUS STOP.....

PRE-SCHOOL.....

LOCAL SHOPS.....

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.....

DRYSDALE VILLAGE.....

COMMUNITY FACILITIES (please list).....

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**3: Have you any other comments regarding the location of footpaths or general transport issues in your area?**

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Drysdale/Clifton Springs has received high praise from the judges of the 1991 Tidy Towns Award.

The community was entered in the Heritage Preservation and Beautification sections of the sought-after Keep Australia Beautiful Council presentation.

The judging report says: "The Drysdale and Clifton Springs community is commended for their successful; Tidy Towns activities this year and, with the Rural City of Bellarine, on the positive and methodical approach they have taken towards the development of a positive Tidy Towns programme.

"There is clearly a great deal of potential in this progressive community for extended participation within the general framework of current and proposed initiatives."

The judge, Trevor Lagstrom, commented on the rich heritage of the

area and the drive to preserve historical items and buildings. He praised the work of the Bellarine Historical Society and the

Geelong Steam Preservation Society.

Mr Lagstrom listed the upgrading of the railway station in vintage colours and clean-up work done on the Drysdale Court House Museum and the Clifton Springs entrance and fountain.

He was impressed by the community's beautification work, both on private properties and public buildings. Mr

Lagstrom particularly commented on the work done by schoolchildren, Brownies and garden club members at the railway reserve.

Other beautification projects to catch his eye were at Clifton Springs Primary School, the Clifton Springs fountain and the cliff face area at the Clifton Springs boat ramp.

# WE GET HIGH PRAISE IN TIDY TOWNS AWARD

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#### CARD MAKING

Learn to make your own personalized gift cards at a fraction of the cost, using the lino printing technique. Two week course commencing Thursday 26th March, 1992 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm. Cost is \$16.

#### BASIC DRAWING

Learn drawing using a variety of mediums. This class is suitable for both the beginner and anyone with some experience. Six week course commencing Friday 28th February, 1992 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm. Cost \$50.

#### OIL PAINTING

Learn to paint using oil paints as a medium. Our qualified instructress will teach either beginners or those with some experience. Six week course commencing Thursday 13th February, 1992 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm. Cost is \$56.

#### CERAMICS

Learn to make beautifully painted and decorated ceramic articles for delightful gifts or to decorate your home. Our specially qualified instructress works from her own local factory and all paints, greenware and brushes are available from there. Two x six week classes are available. Monday and Wednesday 10.00 am - 12.30 pm x six weeks commencing 10th February, 1992. Tuesday and Thursday 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm x six weeks commencing 11th February, 1992. Cost is \$24 not including material costs.

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**FLORISTRY CLASSES**

SpringDale Community Cottage is offering a wide range of floristry classes. For details on dates and times please phone our office on 53 1960 Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays 9.00 am - 5.00 pm. The following classes are available: Topiary Tree, Stiffened Bows on Baskets or Terracotta Pots, Victorian Wreath, Wired Work, Decorative Bows, Spaghetti Jar.

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Learn to make cushions and bedspreads to decorate your home and save. Thursday 12th March, 1992 1pm - 3pm The cost is \$8.00.

**NATURAL CLEANING AID**

Make effective, environmentally friendly cleaning products cheaply and safely from natural products. Thursday 26th March, 1992 1pm - 3pm. Cost is \$8.50.

SpringDale Community Cottage conduct classes in your local neighbourhood from February to December each year during school terms. If you have any ideas on classes you would like to see offered or enquiries regarding the above classes please contact our office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9am - 5pm.

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**ENROLMENT FORM** For bookings please complete and send with your payment to PO Box 80 Drysdale. 3222

Name .....Telephone .....

Address .....

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Class Name .....

Date of Class .....

Payment Enclosed .....

Please note we are a non-profit organisation and as such are unable to offer refunds once the class numbers have been finalised.



# Interested in Neighbourhood Watch?

Drysdale Police want to gauge the need for a Neighbourhood Watch.

Sergeant Dennis Green says Neighbourhood Watch is a community-based crime prevention programme aimed at minimising PREVENTABLE crime, especially burglary, within defined areas.

He has an area in mind, but three criteria must first be met: it must have about 600 households, have a significant crime rate, especially burglaries, and have a demonstrated community interest.

"Experience has shown that the quality of the programme should never be compromised by speed of implementation or the possibility of falling away in interest in a new project," said Sergeant Green.

"These programmes are permanent and can produce enormous satisfaction for all participants."

He's urging anyone with a view on the subject to drop a brief note at the police station, in Eversley Street.

## POLICE QUELL FEARS

The small but busy Drysdale police station is often unattended while officers go about their daily business.

Now Sergeant Denis Green wants to reassure the public that help is always close at hand.

"If you want the police to attend somewhere 'NOW' to report a crime to them, report an emergency to them or to tell them about something you think they need to know straight away, then ring 11444," he said.

"This number connects you to D24 Melbourne, and you should be advised that in busy times it may take a few moments to get through.

"The D24 emergency telephone operator will take details from you and write them, on a card, which travels by conveyor belt to the radio operator.

"It is not the function of the telephone operator to help you immediately; their job is to get the information quickly to the radio operator, who knows what cars he has available to him and where they are.

"Just because no-one is at the station when you call or the tapre message is

when you call or the tape message is on when you ring does not mean that police are unavailable to you," said Sergeant Green.

"For a great percentage of the time they are in the car on patrol, and may be very close by to respond to your call.

"Do not hesitate to call us at any time, and if you can *safely* have a peek at the problem, then please do.

"The colour and make of a strange car in your neighbour's drive, but, most importantly, the registration number, is of vital concern to us.

"Also the number, description and direction of travel of a group of passers-by wrecking letterboxes is vital information that helps us to help you.

"If you have a query of a routine nature, then by all means call Drysdale on 512201 or our brother station, Portarlinton, on 592606.

"However, your best bet may be to call Geelong police on 253100," he said.



# HAVE YOUR SAY . .

The *Springdale Messenger* wants your thoughts and ideas on this first publication. Do you like it? Can we improve it in any way? Please complete this form and drop it into our box at Elliott's store, High Street, Drysdale.

## MESSENGER QUESTIONNAIRE

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# Nursing mothers extend big welcome

The Bellarine branch of the Nursing Mother's Association wants to attract new members. The group, which holds regular meetings and coffee mornings, welcomes anybody who has just moved into the area, whether pregnant or already with children. Group leader Liane Foord said three qualified counsellors were now available to help any mothers finding the going tough. "It is a wonderful way of meeting new people and making new friends, and it is not a prerequisite that you are breastfeeding," she said. "All mothers have the same needs; you need not feel isolated in your environment." Liane (telephone 513131), Jenni Trudgeon (512497) or Sue Turner (531750) will answer any queries.

## **New shop-front library in Village Walk**

Bellarine Rural City Council is to set up a shop-front library in the Village Walk complex early next year.

The location has much going for it - a central location, plenty of parking in Village Walk and at the nearby supermarket, and easy access from the main roads.

It is also expected to help revitalise a block of shops hard-hit in the recession by bringing people back to Village Walk.

This is the first step in the establishment of a static library over the next five years. It's intended to go along the same lines as Ocean Grove - from a shop-front service to a full library. Library demand is great in the Drysdale/Clifton Springs area - the current mobile has 862 registered users.

Experience at Ocean Grove has shown that usage increases when a shop-front service is introduced - 4411 of Ocean Grove's 8500 population are members of their library.

On those figures, it's expected that, at the very minimum, a third of Drysdale/Clifton Springs residents would join a branch located at the busy centre of the town.

The council's new mobile library will continue to serve the community after the shop-front service is opened by being available at all its regular stops, apart from the High Street location opposite the shops.

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### DECEMBER'S RECIPE.....

At last! The warm weather has arrived, so how about something simple but delicious for the family or when entertaining.

**Strawberries in the Snow**  
*2 cups of strawberries, hulled.*

*2 tablespoons of kirsch (optional).*

*Half a cup of castor sugar.*

*4 egg whites.*

*1 cup of cream.*

Sprinkle sliced strawberries a with tablespoon of sugar and kirsch. Stand for 15 minutes. Beat egg whites until stiff and add rest of sugar. Whip cream until stiff and fold egg whites into it. Serve with layers of cream mixture and strawberries in parfait glass or mix strawberries into cream and serve in glass dish. Decorate with strawberries.

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# BACK PAGE BITS..!

The Bellarine Community Orchestra has made a big impact on the ears of Drysdale and Clifton Springs music fans.

Under the guidance of John Miro, the orchestra has acquired a good cross-section of musicians.

But it needs more - particularly people who play oboes, french horns, cellos and percussion. Interested people can contact Jodie Henderson, the Bellarine Rural City Council recreation officer, on 530323.

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*The Clifton Springs Baptist Church has a number of activities that may be of interest.*

*Its P's and C's (playgroup and craft) section for young families meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30 to 11.30am at the church.*

*The co-ordinator is Marita Thurman, telephone 531141. The group's youth group for secondary school and older children meets every Wednesday for*

*sharing group, and every Saturday for social activities.*

*Telephone Andy Phillips, 542785.*

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Now a brief list of emergency telephone numbers

Police (Melbourne D24 for emergency) 11444; Drysdale 512201.

Fire brigade: 512745.

Ambulance (Geelong and district) 222555.

SES: 552969, 264771.

Bellarine Rural City Council: 530300.

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## A brief round-up of what's going on in the district

*This first edition of the Springdale Messenger has been a long time coming, so it's perhaps appropriate that we thank a number of people.*

*The financial support has come from a number of sources, especially Bellarine Rural City Council and, of course, the advertisers.*

*A big thank-you must go to solicitors Harwood and Pincott, and to Ocean Grove Observer editor Marg Scott for her help. We'll see you again with our next edition in about five weeks.*

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