

THE Spring Dale

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CLIFTON Springs is geared up for its inaugural Sports and Leisure Expo this weekend, February 8-9.

The Rotary Club of Drysdale has arranged for almost 60 events to be enjoyed in the theme of 'come and try'.

Keith Smith, of Rotary's advertising and publicity committee, said the expo was aimed at encouraging people to participate in a range of events.

He said many people were reluctant or felt too awkward to push themselves into new activities or groups.

The expo would enable them to try their hand at almost anything and then, if they wanted to take it further, to talk with the experts from the group involved.

And what a range of activities there will be!

Try a jet ski, shoot an arrow, check your golf swing, take a trip out to the sailing ship Alma Doepel.

How about a dog obedience school, boomerang thrower, a quarterhorse demonstration, a dragon boat race, off-road displays, canoes, windsurfing and underwater snooker?

It's all go for the first Springs expo

60 big events

Watch the touch football and gridiron displays, the fashion parades, learn how to wash and shoe a horse, take a pony ride, watch a boat being built and an SES demonstration of the cutting up of a car.

If you don't like that, have a go at the new velcro wall-fly craze, try your hand at scuba diving or arm yourself for karate.

The expo will be held at The Springs, in the pool and on the Fairy Dell foreshore.

It promises to be a real family affair, with the low admission price of \$5 an adult or \$12 per family.

Full catering facilities and Buckley's Bistro will provide refreshments.

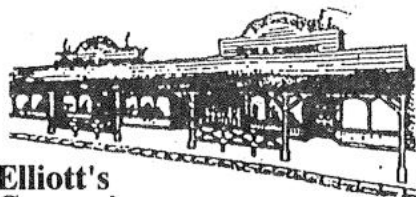
Mr Smith said expo proceeds would benefit charities and the local community.

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Jongleurs plan ahead

THE Bellarine Jongleurs Junior Theatre is already making plans for Carols by Candlelight 1992.

It would appreciate any offers of help or donations to make it a bigger and brighter event. Phone secretary Sue Maloney, 531276, if you can help.

The company will start rehearsals on February 13 for its next show, which

has a rock 'n' roll theme

If you are interested in working on a voluntary basis with the Jongleurs, which caters for the 10-17 age group, contact Sue or president Lorraine Hall, 512893.

The company meets 5.30-7pm every Thursday at St Thomas Hall, Wyndham Street.



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8 & 9 FEBRUARY '92

BELLARINE Rural City Council plans to do more work at the Jetty Road boat-launching area.

This follows an announcement of a \$78,000 grant from the Ministry of Transport's Recreational Boating Facilities Fund.

The money will be spent on a toilet block and landscaping for the \$1.4 million scheme.

The council has also cleared the seagrass infestation in the boating channels, caused by abnormal weather patterns.

A close eye will be kept on this problem.

THE Ministry for Planning and Housing has approved the formal rezoning of land between Drysdale and Clifton Springs to Residential A.

The council is now preparing a development plan to establish a rough street layout for the rezoned area.

THERE has been a lukewarm reaction to the new household paper collection.

However, the council's recycling contractors have reported a good response to the general collection of recyclable materials.

The paper is collected once a month, as per the collection brochure delivered to all households. More copies of these are available from the council office.

The paper must be placed in a cardboard box or in bundles secured

secured by bricks or string. Don't use plastic bags.

Extra recycling bags are available free from the council's engineering department or the contractor.

COUNCIL NEWS

Big plans for boat facilities

Discount compost bins are available from the council at a cost of \$48 for the large variety and \$22.50 for the smaller.

WORK on the new Drysdale Children's Services Centre is on target. The centre should be operational by mid-year.

Staff positions will be advertised from February.

An information evening will be held in the centre at 7.30pm on February 26 to explain how the facility will operate and to form a parents' advisory committee.

The meeting is open to all interested people, but will be particularly beneficial to current and potential users.

Enrolments are now being accepted for child care services.

Enrolment forms are available from the council's Human Services Department.



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MANY people have asked just where the new shop-front Drysdale/Clifton Springs library is located. Well, here it is, circled on the right-hand side of Village Walk, off Clifton Springs Road. The Possum's Nest is on one side and Peter Morris Photographics on the other.

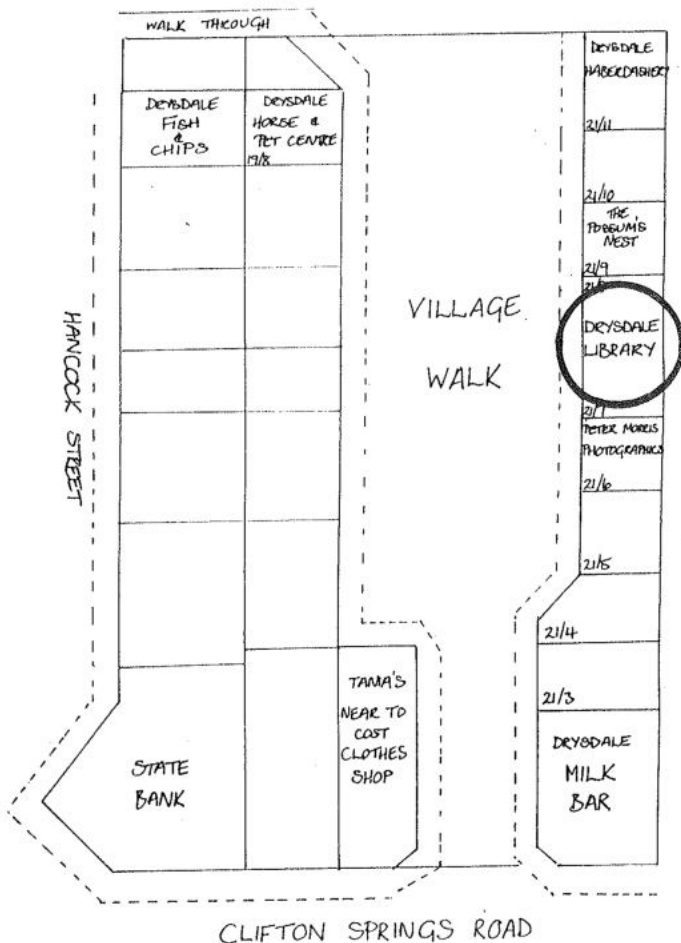
While on the subject of libraries, Bellarine Rural City Council has won the Innovative Facility Award for the disability access mechanism of its new mobile library.

The award was judged the most outstanding project in meeting the criteria of innovation, benefit to the community and community participation in planning and implementation.

The planning and construction of the new library was a team effort between council departments, the Geelong Regional Library and coach-builder T. and M. Bodys. Illawarra Community Centre helped with the disability access.

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The new library, a bus, has all the latest equipment, including on-line links with the Geelong Regional Library's computer network, Barwon Information Network and photocopy facilities, audio-visual equipment, room for many more books - about 6000 in all - videos, compact discs and cassettes.

The award-winning access lift for wheelchair, physically impaired and frail patrons has been successfully incorporated into the one entry/exit location.

Drysdale/Clifton Springs folk can look over the new mobile library at the usual stops at Drysdale Primary School, the Clifton Springs Community Centre and the corner of Jetty Road and Ada Street.

Only the High Street stop will be discontinued following the opening of the shop-front library in Village Walk. The mobile library timetable is now being revised and will be announced soon.

The introduction of the new mobile library of course means a fond farewell to the faithful old vehicle which has been serving the Peninsula since 1977.

The old vehicle has been a welcome and familiar sight, and has introduced many residents to the pleasures of regular reading.

It's visit was one of the highlights of the week for many people in isolated areas.

Like its predecessor, the new library is bright, spacious and attractive. designed to be bright, spacious and

Twin towns win heritage award

LAST issue we told you that Drysdale/Clifton Springs had earned praise in the 1991 Tidy Towns awards.

This time we can reveal that the combined towns have won the Heritage Preservation Award for the south-west region of Victoria.

Other winners were Ballarat and Port Fairy, showing the class of community Drysdale/Clifton Springs has been associated with. Heritage-style signs will be set up when Bellarine Rural City Council finds the funds.

A plaque commemorating the award also will be presented to the Bellarine Historical Society.

The council has praised the children of Clifton Springs and Drysdale primary schools, the Clifton Springs Garden Club and Drysdale Brownies and their leaders for their contribution towards the winning of the award.

In brief...

THE Clifton Springs Baptist Church in Central Road has praise and worship meetings at 10am every Sunday, playgroup and craft meetings, prayer and Bible study groups and a youth group. If you're interested, telephone Pastor Stewart Rae on 293553.

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THERE WAS A POOR RESPONSE TO THE FOOTPATH SURVEY in our last edition, so here we go again. Footpaths are important contributors to the attractiveness and comfort of neighbourhoods, so Bellarine Rural City Council is anxious to gain maximum public response before drawing up plans. Closing date for the return of survey forms is February 28th.

SO 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.

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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DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

* **BURNING** in incinerators and the open air is now restricted to noon-3pm on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The Bellarine Rural City Council has decided this is a better system than applying for permits between October and April. Permits are still needed for fires outside the prescribed times.

Restriction periods and days of total fire bans over-ride the new law.

The new law was introduced after a survey of the peninsula's 16,000 households.

* **CHILDREN** in this area are enrolled for kindergarten on or as near as possible to the child's second birthday. A form is available from the Human Services Department at the council offices. When lodged, your child's name is placed on a central enrolment list. If you are unsure as to which year your child will attend kinder, enroll them for the year in which they will be eligible. If you then decide to defer the child's kinder start to the following year, they then receive first preference.

* **SPRINGDALE** Community Cottage offers a wide range of adult education classes each school term. These not only teach particular skills, but help you meet and make new friends. For full details, telephone the office on 531960 during office hours Tuesday to Thursday.

IMMUNISATION day is 10-10.50am on the first Tuesday of each month at the Central Road Maternal and Child Health Centre. All Victorian children must be fully immunised before they can be enrolled for primary school.

* If you have any articles you would like published in the SpringDale Messenger, there is a collection box at Elliotts store in High Street. Take note of the closing dates for our next issue.

* **THE SpringDale Messenger** is interested in learning from anyone wanting to advertise their business or products. Three thousand Messengers are printed and delivered to every letterbox in Drysdale/Clifton Springs. The small cost of these advertisements is money well spent, and we encourage our readers to support the businesses that support us. Telephone Lucy, 531018, or Brenda, 513338, for details.

* **THE Bellarine State Emergency Service** unit is seeking new members. The unit, a volunteer organisation and part of a State-wide organisation, was formed to combat the effects of disasters. If interested, call into the regional SES headquarters in the State Government Offices, Geelong.

* **THE Salvation Army Home League Drysdale** celebrates its third birthday at 10am on March 5 at the Drysdale Senior Citizens' Hall. The speaker will be Major Wendy Oliver, Melbourne chaplain for the homeless youth programme. Everyone is welcome.



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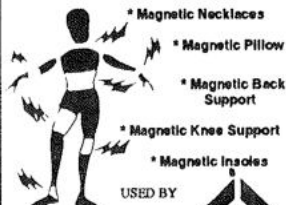
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BACK PAGE BITS!

THE Clifton Springs Garden Club meets at the senior citizens' hall at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month

An interesting guest speaker, supper and an informal chat are the features of these meetings.

Telephone 513338 for details.

THE Drysdale Crusade Centre holds activities for 11-14 year olds at 7pm every Friday. Those over 15 are catered for every Saturday night.

Those in the younger group should telephone Trevor or Paulette Moore on 513127; the older age group can contact Joe Tutone on 531521.

THE Drysdale Country Women's Association will hold its first 1992 meeting at 1pm on February 11 in the basement room of The Springs.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month; craft day is the fourth Tuesday.

THE Drysdale and District Senior Citizens' Centre invites anyone, male or female, over the age of 55 to enjoy its many activities.

The main past-times are indoor

bowls, cards and bingo, at 1.30pm on the first Monday of every month.

Regular day trips, pokie trips and shopping trips are held, and the centre has a strong concert party (more male voices are required).

THE SpringDale Messenger is supported by Bellarine Rural City Council in the interests of better communications. We would also like to thank Community Services Victoria for the funding of a computer to compile the newsletter and our printer, Mick Hogan, Portarlington, for his efforts.

Regional dairy

JANUARY 28: Shop-front library opened.

JANUARY 29: School resumed.

FEBRUARY 8-9: Sports and Leisure Expo at The Springs.

MARCH 7-29: Bellarine Love Affair Festival.

MARCH 9: Labor Day.

MARCH 21: Drysdale Bunyip Festival.

APRIL 10: Last day for annual payment of rates and dog registrations.

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