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MESSENGER

P.O. Box 80, Drysdale, 3222



A free newsletter compiled by SpringDale Community Cottage

APRIL 1992

SPRINGDALE Community Cottage has won a \$20,000 grant from Community Services Victoria.

The grant is the successful conclusion to a submission for money to help establish a permanent home for the organisation, which is now operating from the offices of the Drysdale and District Community Health Centre, in Princess Street.

The Member for Bellarine, Graham Ernst, MLA, recently handed over a part payment of the grant to SpringDale representatives. Bellarine Rural City Council staff and councillors were also at the ceremony, as council policy supports and encourages the establishment of neighbourhood houses.

A SpringDale representative said her group was excited and felt honoured to be able to attract the money to the



GRAHAM Ernst (right) hands over the part payment to SpringDale president Brenda Platt. Bellarine mayor Adrian Mannix (left) and Cr Kevin Bell look on.

Big grant for SpringDale

Drysdale/Clifton Springs area. SpringDale is planning a full Term II programme. Turn to Page 4 for the details or telephone 531960 Tuesday to Thursday during office hours.

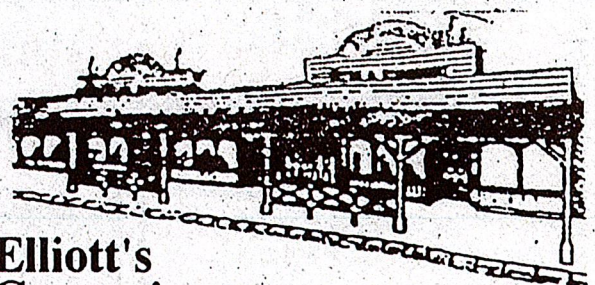
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The medal is known as the Malta George Cross 50th Anniversary Medal.

The eligibility dates of service are from June 6 1940 to September 8 1943.

Anyone who served in any service - police, fire-fighters etc - during that time should contact Drysdale secretary George Malcolm.

The RSL has produced T-shirts with the RSL badge and name of the sub-branch above the badge.

These can be ordered through Mr Malcolm at \$25 apiece.

The RSL State Conference is to be held on July 1-2. Agenda items must be submitted before May 13.

The annual Legacy golf day will be held at the Inverleigh Golf Club on May 3. Further information can be obtained from Geoff Wisbey.

The sub-branch's next committee meeting will be at 2.30pm on April 2; the general meeting will be at 2pm on April 9.

Day care available

THE Bellarine Peninsula has a good day care system for disabled adults. The system provides maintenance, respite and socialisation for anyone unable to make use of facilities for any reason.

Anyone can come and look at the day centres and refer people they think would benefit by a day away from home.

Drysdale meets on alternate Tuesdays; telephone Monica on 592968.

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Footpaths on the move

THE Bellarine Rural City Council has received a healthy 156 replies to its Clifton Springs/Drysdale footpath questionnaire, a copy of which was printed in the first two editions of the *Messenger*

The council had identified footpaths as one of its key strategies, with Clifton Springs the first zone or town where a footpath plan should be set up.

The widely circulated questionnaire asked ratepayers where they lived and where they walked to. The results identified preferred walking routes, which in turn gave a priority on the streets to be provided with footpaths.

When the network of preferred footpaths has been completed, the council will decide on a plan for their on-going construction.

\$12,000 up for grabs!

BUDDING artists can win a slice of \$12,000 in the annual Bellarine Peninsula Art Show, to be held at The Springs on Queen's Birthday weekend, June 5-8.

The show has an unusual entry condition - all entries must be predominantly of the Bellarine Peninsula.

This special condition, plus the excellent quality of the works has made it the leading art show in country Victoria, attracting much needed tourists during the winter season.

This year's show, the 10th, has a \$2000 Mayor's Award and acquisitive awards of \$1200 each for the best oil and water colour.

Special plaques to commemorate the 10th anniversary also will be up for grabs

The Arts Show Committee has received 400 entries for this year's event.

Going on past year's figures, up to 2500 people are expected to cast their eyes over the works.

As in past years, the setting at The Springs cannot be bettered, with display screens and their individual lights enhancing the exhibition.

A preview function will be held from 7.30pm on Friday, June 5, from when all the paintings will be up for sale.

Tickets are available from the Bellarine Rural City Council offices in Drysdale and at the door for \$5 each. Buckley's Bistro at The Springs will be open for lunch and afternoon tea throughout the weekend.

For further information, contact the council's recreation officer, Jodie Henderson, telephone 530323.

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WITH Easter rapidly approaching, it would be a good time to visit the library and stock up on books.

Perhaps you're dropping off a film to be processed at Peter Morris Photographics. Why not call in and borrow something to help you improve your photography? Books such as *SLR Photographers Handbook*, by Carl Shipman, *Special Effects in the Camera*, by John Wade, or *The Origins of Photography*, by Helmut Gersheim, are all available at Drysdale Library.

For the craft enthusiasts who may be shopping at the nearby Possums Nest, we have a large range of craft books for loan. *Simple Samplers*, by Mathieson, *Smocking With Colour*, by Jean McNess, *Stencilling*, by Joanne Malone, and *The Complete Book of Applique and Patchwork*, by Lesley Turpin-Delpat, are just a few examples of what we have to offer. But don't forget to ask if you can't find what you're looking for. Since opening, I have had a few inquiries about Hear-A-Books. These

are books read onto casset tapes and are only available for loan to print handicapped people. This includes anyone who is unable to read books because of their poor eyesight or any other physical problems - for example, too ill to hold a book or unable to turn pages.

All we ask of the borrowers is that their cassette players are cleaned regularly and that cassettes are returned re-

wound. Perhaps you know someone you could suggest this service to. Next time you're in the library, make sure you have a look at the wonderful paintings we have on our walls. They have been kindly lent to us by local children's author Nan Bodsworth, and are the original illustrations used in her book *A Nice Walk In the Jungle*.

Over Easter, the library will close at 6pm on Thursday, April 16, and will reopen at 2pm on Thursday, April 23. Make sure you borrow enough to allow for the break!

Telephone 513855 with any inquiry.

BARBARA RILEY, librarian

Library report...

Get into this lot! SRRINGDALE Community Cottage Term II programme: women's self defence (starting May 13, day classes, seven sessions); meditation (May 5, day, 8); starting your own business (May 5, evening, 1); first aid (May 7, day, 8); heritage sewing (May 30, day, 1); calligraphy (May 25, 6); art appreciation; smocking (June 1, evening, 1); paving and rockeries (May 9, day, 1); liberty print collars (June 22, evening, 2); communication stalls workshop (day, 2); CAE book reading group (evening); English for fun (May 5, day, 8); painting, drawing, ceramics etc. Telephone 531960 for information, enrollments and costs.

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BELLARINE Rural City Council and Leisure Networks have been actively implementing the Bellarine Recreational Integration Project (BRIP) for six months through newly-employed recreation integration officer Sally Wall.

The project is designed to meet the recreation needs of children aged five-18 with disabilities.

There are now 16 children involved in some way in BRIP.

Activities they are attending include Cubs, basketball, horse-riding and gymnastics.

The BRIP encourages children to participate in community activities with their peers as much as possible. To do this, initial support is supplied by the recreation integration officer.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the BRIP can contact Sally at the council offices, telephone 530300.

FOLLOWING the recent release of drainage scheme information brochures, a public display was erected at the council offices and the Drysdale Village supermarket.

The display graphically shows the erosion problems occurring, particularly along the foreshore cliffs as a result of uncontrolled stormwater discharge.

The displays have received a great deal of positive public response.

The final stage of the publicity drive for the drainage schemes is the erection of information signs on the major access points to Clifton Springs - Jetty Road and Beacon

Point Road.

These signs will hopefully be in place by the time you read this edition of the *Messenger*.

They tell the reader that a major

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stormwater improvement programme is to take place in Clifton Springs over the next one to five years, and encourage contact with council officers for more information.

THE council's school holiday programmes are to be held from Monday, April 13, to Friday, April 24.

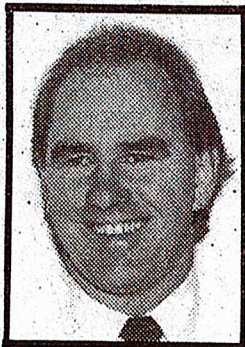
There will be no events on Good Friday/Easter Monday.

The programme provides child care through involvement in activities such as excursions to the picture theatres, an Aussie Sports day at Surfside and a variety of Easter and art and craft projects.

Bookings can be made from April 1 to 8 at the council offices, Drysdale, the Newcombe Community Centre and the Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre.

Programs can be obtained from the council or Bellarine primary schools.

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Letter to the editor....

DEAR Editor,
Re: *Around Home* Handy Hint in March concerning egg boiling: I doubt if putting a pin in the water will prevent the egg cracking. What should be done is to gently pierce the blunt end with a pin, skewer or ice pick. This releases air from the little cushion at that end (the chook drops the egg, blunt end down; the little cushion prevents damage). The egg is then put into boiling water so that you can exactly time it to your preferred degree of gooiness. Keep up the good work. Kindest regards,
DON BURNS

Around the home....

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Chicken and pineapple casserole:

Place cooked pieces of chicken into casserole dish. Add can of cream of chicken soup, small tin of crushed pineapple and half the juice, a teaspoon of curry, a tablespoon of chutney and any vegetables you like - for example, onions, carrots, peas, beans. Pour over chicken and cook at 350 degrees for an hour.

HANDY HINT

When using a pudding steamer, a piece of cut lemon in the water used for boiling will prevent discolouration of the pudding basin.

IN THE GARDEN

APRIL is the month to consider sowing a new lawn or renovating an old lawn. As always, good preparation is essential if the best results are to be achieved. The site should be evenly

worked over to a 10cm depth, then firmed up before sowing with a good quality lawn starter and fertiliser. Rake the surface to a 2.5cm depth and spread the seed evenly, then rake over again. Keep the lawn moist until well established, then mow in dry conditions with sharp blades.

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LOCAL girl Karina Walters needs sponsorship to further her up-and-coming swimming career. Karina, a Year 7 student at Newcombe Secondary College, has been selected to represent country Victoria in a Hobart meet this month. She's set many new records at the Geelong Swimming Club in her specialty strokes, backstroke and butterfly, and is the female under-13 champion for the Western Zone, which covers Geelong, Ballarat, Colac, Hamilton and Warrnambool. Telephone 531136 if you can help her.

Help for newcomers

QUESTION: Have you just moved to Drysdale/Clifton Springs? Have you seen new neighbours move into your street? Are you unsure on how to break the ice? Do you want to make new friends and find out what's going on in the community?

The answer is Linking Neighbours, a group that links people so they have the chance to get to know their neighbours and the activities in the Clifton Springs/Drysdale area.

The emphasis is on friendly, neighbourly

contact without expecting a huge commitment on anyone's part. It may simply involve chatting over a cup of tea, getting that extra carton of milk while shopping or simply 'being there'.

These neighbourly contacts used to happen spontaneously in rural communities, but can be lost in a rapidly growing area such as Clifton Springs/Drysdale.

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THE Clifton Springs Garden Club meets at the senior citizens' club-rooms at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month.

The next meeting, on April 13, will feature a guest speaker and supper. Telephone Ted Bradbrook on 501624 for more information.

BELLARINE Nursing Mothers will meet at the home of Caroline Rickard, 67 High Street, Drysdale, at 7.45pm on April 28.

The topic will be *Breastfeeding and Commitments Outside the Home*.

The next coffee morning is from 10am, May 13, at the home of Julie-Ann Rhodes, 31 Bunganowee Drive, Clifton Springs, where a display of nursing mothers' products will be demonstrated.

Telephone Liane, 513131, or Jenny, 512497, with queries or for advice.

THE next meeting of the Bellarine State Emergency Service will be held at 7.30pm on April 23 at its Ocean Grove headquarters. Anyone interested in learning about the SES or becoming a volunteer is welcome.

Much of the SES equipment is funded by donations; the group is presently gathering funds for new communication gear.

Telephone Aubrey Platt, 513338, after hours or the Geelong field office, 264771, for more information.

THE Clifton Springs Baptist Church at 45-51 Central Road, has announced that its Easter services are at 9.30am on Good Friday, April 17, and 10am on Easter Sunday, April 19.

An invitation is extended to everyone to join in the services.

THE Baptist Church Youth Group for secondary school-aged children meets on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

The Wednesday meetings, at the church at 7.30pm, are for their Sharing Group.

The April/May activities are: April 18, excursion to Lorne for a bushwalk and barbecue; May 2, bike ride and overnight camp; May 16, lantern chase; May 30, Youth Alive rally in Geelong.

If you want to know more about the youth activities, telephone John (513912), Rowan (531141) or Mariesa (512121).

THE next issue of the *SpringDale Messenger* will be on May 18.

All advertising or contributions must be in by May 4.

Telephone Lucy on 531018 for advertising queries or Brenda on 513338 with stories, or use our box at Elliott's store, High Street, Drysdale.

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