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## MESSENGER

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THE Liberals' refusal to publicly back the proposed \$600,000 ambulance station and Bellarine Secondary College reorganisation, which includes a campus at Clifton

Springs, has upset local community expectations.

Opposition Treasury spokesman Alan Stockdale would only promise his party's support for a wool scouring plant at Lara.

The back-off by the Liberals - expected to be in power in October - has particularly alarmed supporters of the ambulance station, recently granted funds in the Labor Budget.

A newsletter from the Bellarine Peninsula Ambulance Station Committee urges yet more people to sign a petition supporting their case.

"It is necessary to convince all politicians that further delay in the establishment of an ambulance station will not be tolerated," says a committee report.

"Your continued support is vital, and if you have not already signed the petition please do so without delay."

The committee hopes to raise a

## Uncertainty over plans for ambulance station, school

# LIBS BACK OFF

deputation to meet the Liberal shadow ministers before the election.

A public meeting will be held shortly to report further details on the establishment of the station, to form a committee to get the station built as soon as possible, and to organise any community funds necessary.

If you're keen on signing the petition or require further details, telephone Wayne Olmer on 572002, Steve Bullock on 513926, Shirley Lindsay on 512693, Ray McWhinney on 552141, Therese Pape on 551641, Austin Patterson on 521944 or Barnard Paul on 593556.

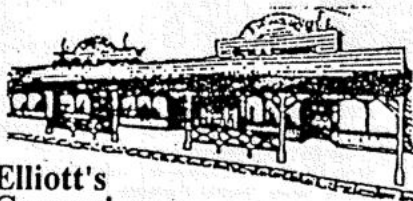
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DEAR SIR,

As new residents of Drysdale, we have naturally become more and more interested in the community and its future.

Consequently, we decided to attend an ordinary meeting of the Bellarine Rural City Council on Wednesday, July 15, to sit in the public gallery.

After the meeting, with other concerned residents, we asked a councillor why the council wasn't making a stand against the shifting of the Coode Island chemical storage facility to the Point Wilson area.

The councillor told us that there had not been one letter from the residents expressing an opinion on this, and therefore they could not gauge ratepayers' feelings.

Along with other residents, we are horrified at the council's fence-sitting stance on this major issue, especially considering the concern shown by the Corio Shire for *their* residents.

We would expect to see a strongly worded statement to the Government, from the Bellarine Rural City Council, *on behalf of its residents*,

## Letter to the editor

expressing the community's concern about the chemical storage facility being so close to the Bellarine Peninsula, and also a willingness to be part of the consultation process.

This council apparently needs letters - lots of letters - before they will consider the issue on behalf of the residents.

We urge all ratepayers not to be apathetic about such an important issue.

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## A POSTSCRIPT....

AS well as putting forward their views in the above letter, Diane and David Schofield have made two suggestions they feel the council should consider. They are:

**MORE post boxes; and**

**A TRAFFIC island where Eversley Street meets the main highway. This would cater for the many cars using the kindergarten.**

Has anyone any thoughts on these suggestions?

EDITOR

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Passing traffic is causing some concern to the contractor, Rodger and Vickers.

Already several minor collisions have occurred due to drivers not concentrating fully or not being aware of construction machinery and signs.

The speed zones will be enforced during working hours if construction equipment is hindering the flow of traffic in any of the four zones.

Bellarine Rural City Council and the contractor want full co-operation from drivers in an effort to complete the project safely and efficiently.

Meanwhile, the mild July has enabled the contractor to make good headway on the project, and the basic earthworks on the 3.7 kilometre stretch to the entrance of the Curlewis Golf Club have now been completed.

A revegetation advisory com-

mittee has been formed.

It will hold meetings and make site field trips before drawing up landscape plans for the duplicated section of the road.

Members start work next autumn.

## EXPO ON AGAIN

THE Rotary Club of Drysdale has announced that its 1993 Sports and Leisure Expo will be held on Saturday, February 6, and Sunday, February 7.

This year's inaugural 'hands-on' expo was such a huge success that it is planned to make it an annual event on a weekend in early February.

The first expo, at the Clifton Springs Community Centre, attracted 12,000 patrons and was planned as an event to encourage people to participate in new activities or groups.

Among the attractions were a jet ski, archery, a trip to the sailing ship *Alma Doepel*, dog obedience school, boomerang throwing, a quarterhorse demonstration, dragon boat racing, trying your golf swing, off-road displays, canoeing, windsurfing, underwater snooker, touch football and gridiron displays, fashion parades, shoeing a horse, taking a pony ride, watching a boat being built, scuba diving, karate and much more.

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BELLARINE Rural City Council road construction crews have completed the important Bellarine Road Studies roundabout on the intersection of Bellarine Highway and Grubb Road. The roundabout will dramatically improve safety at this 'black spot' intersection.

VicRoads and the SEC will now landscape and install flood-lighting at the site.

The council management and employees involved thank motorists for their co-operation and understanding during the difficult winter construction period.

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Council crews have started work on Swan Bay Road, between Bellarine Highway and Grubb Road.

A design to complement the rural aspect and natural flora and fauna in the area has been agreed upon after several on-site meetings and consultation with the Department of Conservation and Environment.

Care has been taken to curve the road around important indigenous species and further landscaping will improve their propagation.

When completed, the tree-lined road will be in keeping with the environmental effort to protect one of the shire's *Significant Roadside Areas*

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NATURE strip trees will be planted in the Clifton Springs area as part of the council's street beautification

programme.

Particular emphasis will be placed on main collector roads.

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THE council and SpringDale Community Cottage are proposing a community arts project in Drysdale-Clifton Springs to celebrate *The Fabric of the Community*.

A meeting was held on August 27 to plan the project.

Interested people who want to offer something for the creation of a wallhanging or mural that celebrates the community are encouraged to become involved by telephoning Jodie Henderson or Karen Gray on 530300 for further information.

Contributions might take the shape of ideas, enthusiasm, photographs, knowledge of the history and original layout of the community, knitting, sewing, drawing, quilting, supplying scrap materials, and so on.

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THE council and Ocean Grove Music School are seeking musicians to join the Bellarine Community Concert Band to provide performance experience for musicians of all ages and serve and represent our community.

Rehearsals, at \$1 each, will be held at 7.30pm every Tuesday during school term time at the Surfside centre, Ocean Grove.

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## Do You Know Someone Who Has Been Retrenched

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DRYSDALE Primary School pupils are upset on two fronts - the Government's determination to move the Coode Island chemical cocktail to Point Wilson and the enforced placement of many Grade 6 pupils at Geelong East Technical School next year. Here are extracts from their essays on the school subject. Next issue it's Coode Island.

IN 1995 Bellarine Secondary College is supposedly going to be completed and the campus at Clifton Springs is to open. This means children attending BSC will complete years 7 and 8 at the Boundary Road campus, years 9 and 10 at the Clifton Spring campus and years 11 and 12 at Queenscliff High. I do not agree with this system.

**KIM NICKELSON 6M**

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THEY (the pupils) have not got their first or second preferences, so they have been sent there (the Tech). Many will appeal to get into the schools they wanted, but not all will get in. I think the parents and kids should have a choice where they want to go

**ANNA WALZ 6M**

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Bellarine Secondary School has caused many people distress. No-one has got what they wanted - our choice has been totally neglected.

**MELANIE BECK 6M**

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I THINK the children should have their say in what school they want to go to in the future. Say they want to go to Queenscliff and they don't get

in. They should put another portable in for more people.

**DALE RODGERS 6M**

## Tech, Coode Island upset Drysdale pupils

LOOK at it this way, you have no say whatsoever (in the choice of school), which could effect your whole life. It's a fact that people try harder in an environment that they prefer to be in. Frankly, I think it is unfair.

**LAURA FILLMANN 6C**

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I ASKED for two different schools and my choices were taken away. It is unfair to all the people that have been placed there against their wishes. I know that the school I chose has got another 40 places up for grabs. It's really unfair!

**JADE GILLETT 6M**

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THE Clifton Springs Primary School was supposed to be built a year before it was actually finished. Drysdale's upgrade was supposed to be done straight after Clifton Springs was built. Does this mean that Bellarine Secondary College will be built late as well?

**YVONNE CUTHILL 6C**



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THE 1st Drysdale Scout Group is expanding fast.

It's just introduced a new Joey Scout section and needs a new second Scout Troop to cater for the popularity of the movement. The Cubscout section is at full strength and a Venturer's unit is again in action.

It means the group caters for scouting from boyhood to young adult.

The group keeps the cost of scouting low and equipment standards high by a major fundraising effort, this year involving the raffling of a trailer-load of goodies to the value of \$4000.

However, more sponsors and donations are appreciated; if you can help, telephone W. Simpson on 532024 or K. Collins on 513444.

Parents wanting to register their children's names for the Scout movement should telephone Mrs P. Myers on 512210.

## ADVERTISER OF THE MONTH...

WIRRUNA Nursery has been established in Wallington for 30 years, beginning in a small way with the demand for good quality plants and the advice to go with it.

The extensive display gardens now bursting into life with blossom attracts many visitors.

The gardens are planted with many rare trees and shrubs, for which the nursery is famous.

You may buy most of these, as well as a large range of natives, tube trees for windbreaks and currently a huge range of bare-rooted flowering and shade trees, roses and fruit trees.

Garden statues, fountains and ornaments are a feature.

The beginning of spring is a wonderful time to plant.

Please come and visit us.

JUDY BAILEY

## In brief....

JENNY Degilio of Manifold Heights has won the Beacon Point Pre-School raffle of a mystery flight for two.

The raffle was drawn on August 3 and the winning ticket was sold by Sue Anderson.

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THE Bellarine Nursing Mothers urge anyone interested in breastfeeding to telephone their counsellors, Liane, on 513131, or Jenny, 512497.

They emphasise that with the correct information almost any mother can breastfeed and overcome any difficulties that may arise.

Turn to the back page of this issue of the *Messenger* for the group's meeting times.



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We hope to hold more of these sessions in the future.

Parents of pre-school children may not be aware that story-telling sessions are held in the Geelong City Library every Thursday morning. However, bookings must be made in advance by telephoning 221900.

For those of you who are interested in the Coode Island issue, Drysdale Library now has a copy of the *Coode Island Review Panel, Phase 1 Report and Review of Options*.

These can only be looked at in the library, but we do have copies of the *Safer Chemical Storage Taskforce* information sheet for anyone to take home.

Don't forget that copies of Bellarine

Rural City Council's minutes, *Existing By-Laws and Local Law* and *Proposed Local Laws* are also held at the library.

Finally, I thought I would entice you into the library with a list of new books we have recently received.

They may have to be placed on hold to be sure of getting a copy.

Mystery readers should watch out for *All Around the Town*, by Mary Higgins Clark, *Sahara*, by Clive Cussler, *Harmful Intent*, by Robin Cook, and *The Makeover Murders*, by Jennifer Rowe.

Other books you may enjoy include *Final Addiction*, by Richard Condon, *Mystical Paths*, by Susan Howatch, *Morning Star*, by Erin Pizzey, and, finally, the new book by Germaine Greer, titled *The Change*.

For renewals or any inquiries, please telephone me on 513855 or call in at the Drysdale Library.

**BARBARA RILEY**

Drysdale branch librarian.

## Around the home....

THIS issue's recipe is Schoolboy Cookies.

Cream 4oz of margarine or butter, 4oz brown sugar and a teaspoon of vanilla; beat in an egg, stir in a cup of mixed fruit. Sift 8oz of self-raising flour with a pinch of salt and teaspoon of cinnamon, then add to creamed mixture alternatively with quarter of a cup of milk. Drop by teaspoon on lightly greased tray and bake in moderate oven for 15 minutes. Makes three dozen biscuits.

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THE Bellarine Nursing Mothers group's next function, at 7pm on September 5, will be a progressive dinner to raise funds. Telephone Julie-Ann on 513705 for details.

The next coffee morning will be on September 9 at 28 Allara Avenue, Clifton Springs. Recipes will be tasted; new parents are welcome.

A physiotherapist will speak on *Backcare and Baby Massage* at the group's next night meeting, at 31 Bunganowee Drive, Clifton Springs. New parents are always welcome; telephone Jenny on 512497 with any queries.

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THE Drysdale-Clifton Springs Sudden Infant Death Syndrome baby show was a great success, raising \$1300 to held SIDS research.

The organisers thank entrants, parents and traders who donated prizes.

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SPRINGDALE Community Cottage classes are extremely popular - and there is a bonus.

SpringDale will help with child care expenses for those participating in

classes; telephone 531960 for details.  
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TWELVE Rotary clubs in the Geelong region are staging a children's Christmas party at 11am on December 13 for families who would otherwise not have a good festive season.

The party will be at Deakin University. A barbecue, rides and showbags will be some of the features.

Telephone Earnie Schmidke on 232434 if you know of a family that would benefit from the party..

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AN 11km scooter race will be held from Portarlington Pier to St Leonards Primary School, via The Esplanade, on Sunday November 1 as part of the school fair. Competitors with their own scooters are needed; cash and prizes go to the first three finishers.

Telephone 571188 for details.

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The next issue will be on October 5; all advertising or contributions must be in by September 21.

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

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