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MESSENGER

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The extraordinary rainfalls experienced statewide have also impacted locally, with both rural and urban residents remarking on the effects. The heavy September and October rains have resulted in saturated paddocks and overflowing dams which have caused some difficulties for livestock and for household adjoining rural properties. The excess water has spilled off over the land into already bursting roadside drains. The Drysdale/Clifton Springs road system has held up reasonably well, although some unsealed roads have developed scouring and soft edges. The Council, in its efforts to ensure public safety, almost ran short of "water across road" signs because of the many trouble spots across the peninsula. The wind, rain, and cold has meant that many a home gardener has had to delay plating of vegetable and flowering annuals, and that some locals have had their late September seedlings spoilt. Another consequence of the recent poor weather has been the late flowering of one of Drysdale's more popular trees, the Red Flowering Gum. The Drysdale/Clifton Springs Garden Club report that exhibits at their monthly meetings have been down in number and quality owing to the poor conditions. Mr Kevin Steen, a Leading Hand at the Council nursery, has been keeping an accurate record of rainfall in Drysdale since

1977. His avid interest in this topic forms a fascinating snapshot of local

SPEAKING OF RAIN, DID YOU KNOW.....

weather conditions over time. For example, in September 1989, Drysdale had approx 1.8" of rain. In the same month in 1990, 1.8", in 1991 3.6", and this year, 3.8". Rain fell locally on 12 days in October last year, on 16 days in October 1990 and on only 4 days in October 1977. (The driest year was 1982, when it rained on 91 days, totalling 1570 points. Last year it rained on a total of 154 days, totalling 2832 point, which is about the average). Drysdale has already had its average annual rainfall, with over 23 inches for the year to date.

An the seasons turn! With the recent warmer weather, grass growth is flourishing, snakes become a hazard and some residents living on unsealed roads are again having to cope with rising dust!

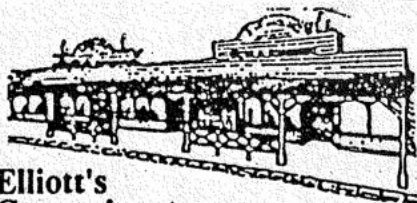
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Ring 531960 for enrolment details or drop in at 15 Princess Street, Drysdale.

BONUS: If you need childcare while attending SpringDale classes, a subsidy of up to \$20.00 can be provided to help meet the cost of any private childcare arrangements.

ASTHMA EDUCATION IS A GREAT HELP

Drysdale Community Health Centre at 15 Princess Street, Drysdale are offering the following information sessions. For further enquiries and bookings please telephone 51 2291.

ASTHMA EDUCATION PROGRAM

This program is for adults who get asthma or care for someone who does eg children. Topics covered include crisis management plants, medications, peak flow monitoring etc. Overall emphasis is to develop a self management approach to dealing with asthma through increased knowledge and understanding. Friday Nov 6 1 - 3pm 6 weeks \$20.00

ASTHMA SUPPORT GROUP

This is a support group for people on the Bellarine Peninsula who get asthma or care for someone who does. Those people who require support, understanding, more information and improved self management will find this group very worthwhile. Fridays 1.30 - 3pm \$1.00

BOOK READER'S DELIGHT!

Book reading and discussion provides a wonderful opportunity for people to come together to explore ideas, to be challenged, and to develop friendships.

Drawing on membership and books provided by the Council of Adult Education, a new group has been formed in the Drysdale area which meets monthly to discuss the selected title in a relaxed and informal setting. Cont pg 4...

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The Community is supporting the establishment of a hostel to provide quality care for the aged in the northern part of the Bellarine Peninsula

The North Bellarine Hostel for the Aged Inc. is working to build a 30 bed Hostel at Portarlington.

The Hostel will be built on an excellent site adjacent to the Lions Retirement Village.

The Committee, which was democratically elected at a public meeting, investigated twelve sites before deciding on the chosen site at Portarlington. Five sites at Drysdale, two at St. Leonards, and five at Portarlington were examined. Their ability to meet several predetermined criteria was carefully measured over a period of time to make sure that the best result would be achieved.

The North Bellarine Hostel For The Aged Inc. has embarked on an intense managed capital appeal to raise the local contribution to enable the building to be built. The appeal is now gaining momentum, and at this time \$171,288+ has been given or promised towards the \$820,000 needed for the local contribution towards the \$1.7m. project.

The appeal is based on personal contact, and personal example, and a team of volunteers will call on local residents and invite them to consider making a thoughtfully considered contribution to this worthy cause over the next three years.

The fundraising committee is not seeking ad hoc donations. The only way that a target figure of \$820,000 can be reached is if everyone recognises the importance of this project that will enable our Aged to be accommodated close to family and friends, and then makes a generous commitment over the next three years within their own personal capacity.

Mrs. Jean Cull, the Appeal Chairperson, is leading the volunteers who believe that a Hostel here will provide quality care for our loved ones close to family and friends. We do need as many people as possible to assist at whatever level they are able, and interested persons may contact the appeal office at Shop 5, No. 3 Harding Street, Portarlington. If you can help in any way you will be made most welcome. Further information is available from the appeal office on 052 593370 or 052 592763.

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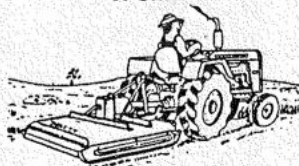
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The Creative Writers' Award for 1992 has once again generated considerable interest on the Bellarine Peninsula, culminating in the Award Presentation Evening held recently at the Newcomb Senior Citizens Centre.

Congratulations to all those who participated in the writing competition, especially the winners.

There is no doubt that the Creative Writers' Award represents a talent which is now being recognised on the Peninsula.

Not only does the Creative Writer's Award give people the opportunity to express their writing ability, but it contributes to the people's understanding of the richness of life on the Peninsula, and contributes to a sense of community.

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The group currently consists of eleven members and has read Tim Winton's award winning novel "Cloudstreet", about family life, and has begun Patrick White's "The Vivesector".

The discussion group will go into recess in early December and will resume again in February, at which time new members are welcome. Phone 531960 for more details.

COUNCIL CORNER:

The State Government's phased abolition of the former 'minimum rate' will result in the inclusion of a new 'municipal charge' on your 1992-93 rate notice, in order to recoup nearly \$1 million shortfall in rate revenue.

The charge applies to most of Victoria's 210 councils and will not generate any additional revenue for the Council, but is simply a re-allocation of the rate burden among all ratepayers.

The Council will phase-in the charge over two years to ease the financial burden. The 92-93 charge will be \$18.00.

The big winners out of the Government imposed abolition of the minimum rate will be 27 percent of Bellarine ratepayers who own lower valued properties. Vacant land owners can expect up to \$70.00 reduction for their rate bill.

A brochure explaining the new charge will accompany the rate notice.

Delivery of the 1993 Bellarine Rural City Calendar will take place during November to the municipality's 18,500 households and commercial premises.

The calendar will be delivered together with the 1993 Bellarine Community Directory, which includes the most comprehensive listing of peninsula clubs and organisations available.

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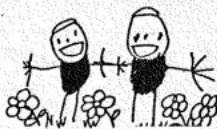
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Many residents in Clifton Springs/Drysdale may not be aware of a programme that aims to link people together in their local community.

Called "Linking Neighbours", it provides an opportunity for both long time and new residents to establish informal networks of friendship and support. "It's a great way to meet a new person in the area with similar interests."

In days gone by, it was common practice for new residents to be welcomed with a cuppa and a chat. But with the rapid growth of numbers of both older and younger families moving into the area, such practices are difficult to maintain. *"I can just take a break, and pop around for a cuppa."*

Linking Neighbours acts as a catalyst to rekindle the process, with the emphasis on mutual, friendly "neighbourhood" contact, and acknowledges that each participant has qualities, skills and knowledge to offer and share in the relationship.

People are linked according to their stated interest and the nature of the contact envisaged. Links are formed across the district, within walking distance or a short drive. *"All you've got at home is baby talk - it's great to know you haven't lost all power of communication."*

Flexibility is a feature of "the link" - people can choose to form lasting friendships, develop special grandparent/grandchild relationships, or just meet casually down the street to say "hi". It's a great way to get beyond that often difficult first step into the community. *"People no longer have their extended family close by. "Adopting" a surrogate parent or grandparent or auntie really fills that gap."*

NOTE: An afternoon tea is being held at Springdale Community Cottage on Monday, November 23rd at 3 pm, so come along and meet some of those involved. Phone 53 1960 for details.

OUR CHANGING FACE

As part of an ongoing programme to improve the visual amenity of the Drysdale Retail Centre, the Council has removed the old public toilet block adjacent to the Old Court House Museum in High Street.

Because of the facility's inadequate health standards and poor image, the Council was required to remove the toilet block under order from the Geelong and District Waterboard.

The marked increase in the number of public toilets available in Drysdale during recent years makes it possible to remove the structure without causing any inconvenience. Cont Page 7



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The Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club have just awarded Bernard their Community Services Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the people in our district. Mr Filbay's achievements are many and varied. He has been an active member of Rotary, (and received their Paul Harris Fellowship Award); a member of the Drysdale Community Health Centre; and for nearly ten years now, the Captain of the fire brigade.

Married for 32 years, with two sons and three young grandchildren, Bernard has lived in Drysdale all his life and has a deep sense of belonging and commitment to the people and the district.

As Captain, Bernard's duties are extensive and carry huge responsibility. In addition to the supervision and delegation of tasks to his officers and the on-going implementation of Standing Orders, Bernard also has ultimate authority to develop the fire fighting strategy, order an evacuation, and to direct other emergency services in a fire related incident. All of this requires considerable clear and quick thinking, and an appreciation of the many complex factors involved, particularly in relation to the safety of life, property and livestock. Established in 1944, the



Drysdale Brigade has approximately 45 volunteers and holds monthly meeting and training sessions, in addition to regular Sunday checks of equipment. Most recently, the crew responded to a house fire in Clifton Springs, which fortunately suffered minimal damage due to the quick and efficient action of the brigade. The owners have expressed their gratitude and urge locals to support the brigade in its' fundraising efforts. Mr Filbay is an accountant in administration at Deakin University, and his interests include water skiing and vintage engines. "The brigade has a special place in my life", said Bernard, "and it is such an important service. It is important also to keep the juniors interested through the competition teams - and Drysdale earns a lot of prestige through or team's success across the state." With his eye on the future, Bernard is also helping to establish two major new projects for the town, a new community health centre, and a new fire station. The recent award from the Lions Club is indeed a fitting tribute to a man who has given so much, so graciously, to our community.



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Signs will be displayed initially at the old toilet block site alerting the public to the location of other facilities in the town which are listed here; Tuckerbag Supermarket (weekdays only), Railway Reserve, Quarry Park, Drysdale Recreation Reserve, Clifton Springs Tennis Pavilion, "The Dell" Clifton Springs.

THE LIBRARY REPORT

The library is extremely fortunate to have on display two different paintings by local author Nan Bodsworth. Previously we were displaying two great paintings from Nan's book, titled 'A Nice Walk in the Jungle'. This time, her works are from 'Hello Kangaroo' and feature 'Three Chimpanzees' and 'Kangaroo Fantasy'. It is well worth a visit to the library to see these wonderful works of art!

Anyone considering taking their Probationary Licence Test should be aware that we now stock five copies of 'Look to Live - a Guide to Hazard Per-

ception'. Each copy consists of a video and workbook, put out by Vic. Roads. While this package is aimed at novice drivers to help them develop the skills to identify hazards and respond correctly, it does contain valuable information for all road users. These packages are available for loan - free of charge on your library card.

With Christmas approaching rapidly, now is the time to borrow books that will show you how to make some great, inexpensive presents for friends and family. Watch out for titles, such as 'Toys and Children's Furniture' by T. Conran, 'Making Dolls' House Furniture' by P. King, 'Making Toy Trains in Wood' by T. T. & T. Lynn, 'Pretty Presents' by W. Bealing and 'Gourmet Gifts' by B. Sutherland-Smith.

The Drysdale Library stocks all the above titles and more, so come in and see what's available, or phone me on 513855 if you have anything you would like to know.

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The Messenger is pleased to announce that **classified advertising space** will be available to our readers in forthcoming issues. Something to sell? Having a garage sale? Looking for a job? Simply leave brief details in our box at Elloitts.

"The Messenger" is your community newsletter and we are always keen for local contributions of news, stories, club updates or new idea. So come forward with your items now!!

Come and join **Bingo every Wednesday at "The Springs"**. Eyes down at 7.30pm. Only 10c per game. Phone 51 3605 for more details.

PORTARLINGTON GYMNASTIC CLUB INC. Enrolments are now being taken for 1993 by telephoning

The gymnastic classes conducted on quality equipment by qualified teachers cater for children aged between 18 months to 12 years of age. Our Annual General Meeting is to be held on 17th November, 1992 at 7.30pm at the Portarlington Sportmans Club, Portarlington Football grounds, Sproat St, Portarlington. Any interested persons are most welcome.

The **Bellarine Jongleurs** present "Annabelle's Calamity" at St James Hall, Drysdale on Thursday, 3rd December and Friday, 4th December at 7.30pm. Phone 51 2893 for Bookings. Adults \$5 Children/Pens \$2.50

Bellarine Nursing Mothers Group will hold its next get together on **Wednesday November 11th** from 10am. It is a Coffee Morning at Marie O'Connor's 20 Bayshore Ave Clifton Springs. A Night Meeting will be held at Caroline Rickard's 67 High St Drysdale to discuss Coping with Street for further details ring Jenny on 51 2497.

The Messenger is supported by Bellarine Rural City Council in the interests of better communication. Telephone Springdale on 531 960 for enquires regarding next issue (**deadline Nov 30, delivery Dec 14**) and advertising. We remind readers that the views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the publisher, the Springdale Community Cottage.

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