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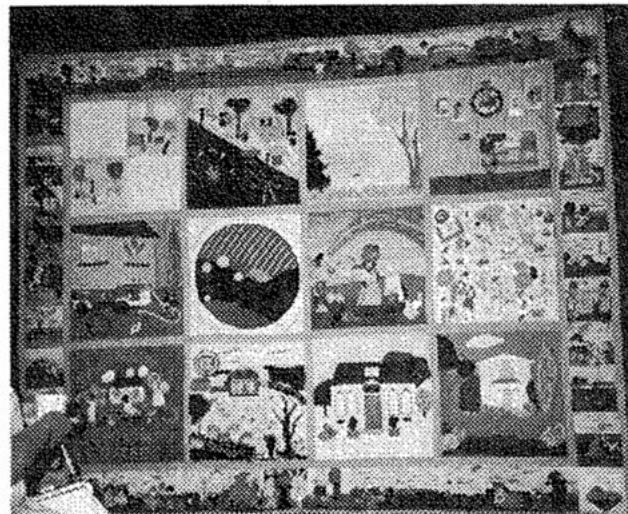
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April 1993

CELEBRATING YOUR COMMUNITY WALL HANGING A COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

In August 1992 the Springdale Community Cottage and the Bellarine Rural City Council instigated a joint initiative, under the co-ordination of Meron Lovegrove (SpringDale) and Jodi Henderson (Council) to produce a wall hanging as the end product of a Community Arts Project.

Fourteen community groups from the Drysdale/Clifton Springs area



The Community Wall Hanging

were invited to develop this project to celebrate the local township.

The key aim of the wall hanging was to produce a visible representation of the community of Drysdale/Clifton Springs, as

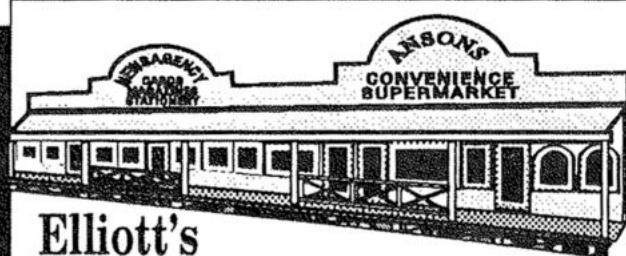
perceived by the people who live there. This included an historical perspective depicting the growth and changes over time, the area's agricultural heritage, its buildings, the town's sporting

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and cultural interests, its churches, flora and fauna, and festivals.

Representatives from the organizations met on a regular basis to discuss ideas, problems and techniques, and these people looked forward to seeing the progression of others' efforts and developing friendships. In all, over 90 people ranging in age from 3 - 85 had hands-on involvement in this project, with interest reaching at least 250 people.

The completed wall hanging consists of 12 crafted panels, surrounded by a border of smaller panels made by the children of Clifton Springs Primary School. Two well known local craftswomen, Mrs Lyn Keller and Mrs Sandra Saric, were employed to join the panels and border,

back the quilt, and get it to completion stage.

The launch of this project was held on Friday, 12 March at the Municipal Offices.

The wall hanging was officially launched by the Mayor, Councillor John Hayes in the presence of many community members, representatives who worked on the individual panels, and other official guests. Most people who worked on the project had not seen the completed quilt until the official launch. As the curtains were drawn open, a gasp of admiration could be heard throughout the room. The final product looked spectacular and everyone marvelled at the ingenuity of the children and adults involved.

The completed wall hanging is a permanent monument to the township and is currently being displayed in the foyer of the Municipal Offices. This beautiful quilt is well worth viewing, and I urge everyone to have a closer look.

BRENDA PLATT
SpringDale Community
Cottage

CRICKET CLUB PREMIERSHIP

The Drysdale Cricket Club has capped another successful season by winning the Bellarine Peninsula Cricket Association C Grade premiership.

In addition, Rick Ninnis and Richie Robertson collected further accolades for the club by being named BPCA Cricketer of the Year in B and C grade respectively.

Richie Robertson was also awarded Club Champion at our annual Presentation Dinner.

The club executive, committee and members would like to thank all of our sponsors for their support during the season.

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SPRINGDALE A.G.M.

A very successful A.G.M. was held on March 18th, with 30 people in attendance, including 2 Councillors and Officers from the Community Health Service.

It was good to see a lot of new faces interested in finding out more about SpringDale's role in their community. Positive reports were submitted by Kinderplay, Linking Neighbours, Messenger, Toy Library, Arthritis Exercise Group, as well as the

Book Reading Group, just to name a few.

It was sad to have to say good-bye to three very hard working ladies, Mrs Brenda Platt (President), Mrs Lee-Ann Blair (Vice-President), and Mrs Evelyn Lochrie (Treasurer). Their contribution to SpringDale and the community in general has been beyond the call of duty and they will be missed by all.

Mr Austin Paterson took nominations for the election of the new com-

mittee; all offices were filled. They are : Mrs Dulcie Stone President; Mrs Hilary Dean Vice-President; Mrs Joan Shanahan Secretary, Mrs Diane Cate Treasurer; and Mrs Vikki Niksic is a new member of the committee.

Mrs June Shearsmith from Probus gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on the benefits of joining in with different community groups. The night was finished off by a delicious supper.

PENINSULA PLAYERS'

first play for 1993 - the Comedy Festival Year - will be "The Haunted Through Lounge & Recessed Dining Nook at Farndale Castle", by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jnr.

The production will be shown on Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th, Friday 30th April, and Saturday 1st May 1993 at the Drysdale Community Hall at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

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PEOPLE PLACE



The Victoria State Emergency Service (S.E.S.) is a state-wide organization, formed to combat the effects of natural and man-caused disasters. The S.E.S. is the combatting authority for floods, windstorms, and provides an essential and often life-saving road accident rescue service.

The S.E.S. is called upon to support the Police and other emergency services in providing marine and land based search and rescue, bushfire support, welfare support and participating in many community based activities.

The Bellarine and Queenscliff Municipalities are serviced by the Bellarine S.E.S. Unit, and the operation of the Unit is overseen by the Unit Controller, Clifton Springs resident Aubrey Platt.

Aubrey, aged 36, has been a Peninsula resident for 30 years, is married to Brenda, and has two small children. He has been active in many Community Groups and activities. However his first involvement with the S.E.S. was

BELLARINE S.E.S. UNIT



Aubrey Platt, S.E.S Unit
Controller

when he was sent as a supervisor of a large Council clean-up team to the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires for four days. As part of a Council team he worked alongside S.E.S. volunteers and eventually joined the Bellarine Unit in 1988. It seemed a natural progression, as he was already involved in being

called out to urgent and emergency situations in his position then as Assistant Superintendent of Parks with Bellarine Rural City Council.

Aubrey enjoys the challenge of being Controller of such an enthusiastic Unit, and feels that it has a lot to offer to volunteer members. The Unit provides a service to the Community in times of need and provides hands-on training in all areas. It also offers friendship and social activities. The current membership consists of 35 males and females, with a wide range of ages. However the minimum age for membership is 18.

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S.E.S. - continued

sistance from various community service groups. In 1992 a new Road Accident Rescue vehicle was purchased from this type of funding. All members are supplied with various items of protective clothing, and to keep equipment updated the members also organize fund-raising activities and promotional displays and demonstrations.

Aubrey sees the future direction of the S.E.S. as providing ongoing services to the Community as well as various public relations activities.

Visitors are made most welcome at meetings which are held fortnightly at the Headquarters on the corner of Shell Road and Tuckfield Street, Ocean Grove. The next meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. Anyone interested in attending can obtain further information by phoning the Bellarine Unit Duty Officer on 018 525 648, or Geelong S.E.S. Regional Office on 26 4771.

For advertising in the SpringDale Messenger, phone 53 1960.



DRYSDALE LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be closing on Thursday, 8 April at 6.00 p.m. and not opening again until Thursday, 16 April at 3.00 p.m. for the Easter break, so be sure to stock up with enough books to last!

Throughout this year the children's librarian is organizing "Toddler Time" for 2-5 year olds. Each session will consist of rhymes, stories and craft. The first of these sessions was held at Drysdale on April 2, and had an Easter theme. Dates to keep free for the remainder of the year are : June 25 - Seaside; Oct 29 - Teddy Bears; Dec 17 - Christmas.



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SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY COTTAGE TERM II AUTUMN PROGRAMME

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FABULOUS CUSHIONS

Make it bright and bold, or soft and delicate. Whatever your taste, cushions look fabulous tossed on couches, kids' beds, or are great gifts. Make 3 cushions employing different finishing techniques, including frills and bindings.

Thursday, May 20th. 7.00 - 9.30 pm, 4 weeks. \$44

INTRODUCTION TO CONFIDENT SPEAKING

Avoid embarrassing silences, overcome nerves, and learn to speak with confidence in both personal and public arenas. You will be introduced to techniques to develop conversation and listening skills, voice production, speech preparation and presentation, whilst having fun in the process!

(1) Wednesday, May 5th. 1.30 - 3.30 pm, 4 weeks. \$33

(2) Monday, May 17th. 7.30 - 9.30 pm. 4 weeks. \$33

CURTAIN MAKING

Take pride in making your own curtains to give your home a fresh and attractive look. The course is a blend of sample making and demonstration, in-

cluding pinch pleats, Austrian blinds, padded pelmets, and swags.

Thursday, May 20th. 7.00 - 9.00 pm. 6 weeks. \$48

EMBROIDERY

A delightful introduction to a variety of embroidery stitches and designs, for decoration of linen, baby wear, small pictures, etc.

Tuesday, June 1st. 7.00 - 9.00 pm. 3 weeks. \$25

RELAXATION & WELL-BEING

Learn to relax, cope better with stress, and to promote health through the gentle art of meditation and visualization. A number of techniques will be taught, so that each individual can find one that suits and has an opportunity to practice it.

Thursday, May 20th. 10.00 - 11.00 am. 6 weeks. \$38.

MAKING A WILL

Avoid unnecessary confusion, heartache and extra legal costs by ensuring you have left a will.

An information/question evening that includes will making, probate and power of attorney. Don't overlook this important matter!

Monday, May 3rd. 7.00 - 8.30 pm. 1 session. \$5

FAMILY LAW

An information/question evening which outlines aspects

of family law. Topics include divorce and property settlement, custody and access, child support and maintenance, aimed at providing some assistance to those facing difficult decisions.

Monday, May 10th. 7.00 - 8.30 pm. \$5

ROSE TREE PRUNING

A demonstration of basic rose pruning techniques to help you keep your trees looking healthy and beautiful.

Wednesday, June 16th. 2.30 - 3.30 pm. 1 session. Free

FLORAL ART

Innovative approaches to floral art, using a range of techniques and stunning new materials. Delightful items include wreaths, baskets, raffia heart and swags, bows, and more.

Tuesday, May 11. 9.30 - 11.30 am. 5 weeks. \$40

TERRA COTTA GARDEN POT-TERY

Enhance your garden with a choice of your own handbuilt terra cotta pot, planter, sundial or figurine. Go home with an individual creation and full of inspiration! Materials provided.

Thursday, June 3rd. 1.00 - 3.00 pm. 1 session. \$15

WRITING LIFE STORIES - PERSONAL MEMORIES

We all have a story to tell. Learn writing techniques which will develop your ability to record effectively those personal experiences. Learn how to start, what to put in, to leave out, and how to make it interesting.

Monday, May 10th. 9.30 - 11.30 am. 5 weeks. \$36

LIBERTY PRINT COLLARS

Brighten up your windcheaters by adding attractive collars and tab fronts. This is an introductory course which teaches all you need to know to make your own stunning garment.

Thursday, May 6th. 10.30 - 12.30 pm. 2 weeks. \$20.

PATTERN DRAFTING

Learn the basic drafting principles needed to adapt existing patterns, and to develop

some design techniques. Some sewing experience necessary.

Wednesday, May 26. 7.30 - 9.30 pm. 6 sessions. \$48

INTRODUCTION TO MASSAGE

Correct massage skills can reduce the physical and mental tensions of everyday living, resulting in a more harmonious lifestyle. Helpful for settling children, work weary partners and friends. Course includes pressure points and aromatic oils.

Tuesday, May 25th. 7.00 - 8.30 pm. 5 sessions. \$42

FAMILY HISTORY - BRITISH ISLES

A fascinating and informative workshop that focuses on tracing your family tree to origins in England, Ireland, Scotland. Learn how to use re-

sources and basic research skills.

Saturday, June 5th. 1.00 - 4.30 pm. 1 session. \$15

POSITIVE LIVING - BUILDING A CONFIDENT SELF

A stimulating and practical course that focuses on personal growth and potential. Learn techniques to identify goals, think positively, and to improve self esteem and performance in all areas.

Tuesday, May 25th. 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. 5 weeks. \$58

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS

An introduction to computing terms and functions, with an emphasis on establishing basic keyboard and wordprocessing skills found in the workplace.

Dates yet to be confirmed.
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TRADER OF THE MONTH : "LOOKING GOOD"

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Elliott's is situated in High Street, Drysdale. When you shop at Elliott's you get this comforting feeling that the individual is important.

Jack and Allison, Wayne and Lisa Elliott took over the business about 4 years ago. They came from the Western District, where they were involved with hotels.

Wayne was on the original steering committee of The SpringDale Messenger. Copy

for The Messenger is still dropped off at Elliott's.

An accomplished artist, Wayne has had a solo exhibition of his work in Queenscliff, and has also exhibited in Melbourne.

This newsagency/general store stocks an unusually wide range of books - from children's through to reference, the latest novels, and Mills & Boone publications. Stationery ranges from business to school

stationery, and includes a Fax and a Photocopying service. As well as groceries, there are fruit, vegies, and wonderful home-made cakes.

The family, proud of their special store, is planning on continuing development of the business as a diverse resource for the local community.



PARASITIC WORMS, Pt. 2. *by Robyn E Humphrey, B.Ph.*

The ROUNDWORM is a common parasite in many parts of the world but not so in Australia. The adult worm lives in the small intestine and the eggs pass out in the faeces. The eggs can survive in the soil for up to 6 years and may be ingested if vegetables or hands are contaminated with infected soil.

The symptoms can be serious with digestive disturbances, debility and perhaps fever and coughing. The migrating worms can cause blockage of the bile duct or appendix or impaired vision. If this worm is suspected then the patient must see the doctor.

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The HOOKWORM is also common in tropical countries and northern Australia. The best prevention of infestation is always to wear shoes as the worms enter the body from the soil, through the skin usually of the feet.

The hookworm lives attached to the lining of the small intestine from which it sucks blood. If there are a large number of worms, they can cause anaemia. Again, if this worm is suspected, it is best to see your doctor.

Hookworms which are specific to cats and dogs can penetrate human skin and cause a creeping eruption just under the human skin.

The HYDATID TAPEWORM comes from dogs which have eaten raw sheep offal. This is best prevented by treating dogs with "DRONCIT" and making sure that dogs, espe-

cially hunting or farm dogs, do not have access to sheep offal.

This parasite can cause liver, lung and intestinal damage and rarely blindness. It is potentially a very serious condition and correct treatment must be given by your doctor. Fortunately this parasite is not common in "town" dogs.

TOXOCARA CANIS and TOXOCARA CATI are roundworms found in dogs and cats. They are usually transmitted to puppies and kittens which are still in the womb or through their mothers' milk. If children play in sandpits or soil contaminated with these eggs, or with puppies and kittens which haven't been wormed, there is a risk of ingesting this parasite.

The larvae can cause serious medical problems. The best prevention is to regularly treat dogs and cats for their parasites and to keep sand pits covered when not in use.

There are several other parasitic worms which affect our pets causing them health problems. However they do not affect humans.

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The area to be planted should be dug over and manured to promote strong, healthy growth. Don't be sparing with your use of bulbs; massed plantings provide an eye-catching feature which looks good for longer than single plantings.

Some of the more popular bulbs are Daffodils, Hyacinths, Freesias, Tulips, Dutch Iris, Jonquils,

and Ranunculus. There is a large variety of colors and forms available in these bulbs; this provides the keen gardener with the opportunity to create a spectacular color display in the coming months.

Autumn is also the time to prepare garden beds and plant winter-flowering annuals. This can be done in conjunction with bulb planting, so you know where everything is, at least for a little while!

Things like Primulas, Cinerarias, Polyanthus, Calendulas, Stocks, Nemesia, etc. will provide a colorful relief from the cold of winter. Borders can be thickly planted to provide a dense greenery for the

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NORTH BELLARINE HOSTEL FOR THE AGED

\$350,000 has now been contributed towards the \$820,000 which the Community needs to raise towards the \$1,700,000 cost of the project. The balance will be met by a Government grant.

This Appeal is being conducted by the North Bellarine Hostel Committee to build a thirty-bed hostel at Portarlington to cater for the needs of elderly people of the Bellarine Peninsula.

Those who feel they need hostel care should contact their local doctor, community health nurse or social worker. A health professional team then carries out an assessment of each applicant to ensure hostel placement is appropriate. If it is, the assessment team will make sure those with the greatest

need are given priority to available places.

In its application for funding from the Commonwealth Government, the North Bellarine Hostel for the Aged Committee stated that after this assessment is carried out, then we will give first priority to residents of the northern side of the Bellarine Peninsula.

There is already a waiting list at the Queenscliff hostel.

Our Community has a high percentage of residents in the age group generally requiring hostel care, and we need the facilities if we are to look after our own people.

The second stage of the public appeal will be held for four weeks from 19 April, when a team of volunteers will be inviting lo-

cal residents to consider making a contribution towards this worthy cause.

Already 226 individual people have given gifts, ranging from \$10 to \$12,000. Some people have committed themselves with a pledge over three years, and others have given a "once only" donation. However large or small, these gifts now total \$103,144. We thank these people most sincerely because they demonstrate that even in these depressed economic times it is possible to achieve difficult targets.

This hostel is being built for the people of the Bellarine Community, and for it to become a reality, we need the support of the whole community.

Please contact the Committee President, Jean Cull (ph.59 2486), or the Secretary, Ann Nichol (ph. 59 2763), if you would like someone to call on you to talk about the project.

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During this period a 60Km/hr roadworks speed limit will be in operation.

Traffic will be subjected to unsealed roads at times and may be diverted onto

the new duplicated carriageway during construction. Motorists are advised to drive slowly and observe warning signs at all times.

Public cooperation on this project would be appreciated and Council apologises for any inconvenience experienced.

DOG REGISTRATIONS

Dog registration renewals have been sent out and last day for renewal is 10th April 1993.

Often By-Laws Officers do carry out regular door-to-door checks to see if your pooch is registered and if found not to be, an on the spot fine will be issued.

During the weekends No-Standing-Anytime areas are still applicable, so make sure your vehicle

isn't found illegally parked, as the By-Laws Officers do work after hours and on weekends.

CLIFTON SPRINGS BOATING HAVEN

The dredging of the harbour is progressing on schedule and should be completed by mid-April.

Following the dredging work, the eastern car park rock wall will be finalised.

A lighting proposal for the boat ramp and breakwater is currently being designed for installation in the next month or so.

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Community Diary



A WHITE ELEPHANT SALE will be held Saturday, 1 May in St Thomas' Hall, Drysdale. Moneys raised will be used to repair Hall, Church and Presbytery. Donations of unwanted goods would be appreciated. Enquiries - David Stone, Ph. 51 3259.

BELLARINA TOY LIBRARY: General Meeting held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.30 am at SpringDale Community Cottage, Princess Street, Drysdale. For more information contact Helen Bull (51 2060); Lisa Lee (51 3591); SpringDale (53 1960).

ST LEONARDS MARKET on the Fore-shore, adjacent to Pier, Easter Sunday, April 11th. 9 am - 2 pm. Art & Craft, Produce, Plants, Home Baking, Bric-a-brac, Spinning Wheel, Air Castle, BBQ. Something for everyone. For information 'phone Beryl 57 1524, or Ann 57 1474 before 8 am.

ST LEONARDS HARDWARE FISHING COMPETITION: Monday 12 April at the St Leonards pier, 9 am start.

Entry fee \$1.00 Prizes given for: U/16 - Most unusual fish; U/16 - Most flathead; All - Heaviest fish; All - Longest Squid; All - Most different varieties of fish. Entries Ph. 57 1151.

COTTAGE BY THE SEA presents the Victorian Boys Choir and the Sofia String Quartet, Sunday 2 May, St Mary's Church, Yarra Street, Geelong, 1.45 p.m. \$10.00. Ph. 50 1437 or 51 2607.

BINGO: Drysdale Bowling Club every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Clifton Springs Bowling Club every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

C.W.A. FASHION PARADE Tuesday, April 27, 12.00 - 12.30 p.m. Clifton Springs Community Centre. Incentive Plus Fashions. Basket Lunch \$5.00, proceeds for North Bellarine Hostel.

LINKING NEIGHBOURS Coffee Morning, on May 12 at 10.30 AM. All welcome to come and join in. Enquiries ph. 53 1960.

DRYSDALE CRICKET CLUB Annual General Meeting Monday 17 May. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Sponsorships for the naming rights for the planned ground improvements are invited. Enquiries Ph. 51 2147.

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