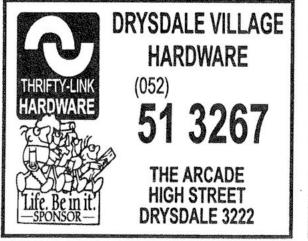


Wishing you Every Happiness at Christmas and in the New Year



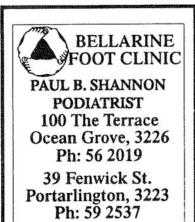


What Does Christmas Mean to You?

Christmas means Christ's Feast. To a Christian it celebrates Christ's birthday, a time of joy.

Christmas is a time of new things, a new Baby, a new beginning, a time for new resolutions, new efforts. But you see, the Baby grew up - it is no use dwelling with childlike simplicity on issues of the day, but as adults who have been there and seen that, who have in some measure that most precious of all gifts, wisdom; for wisdom is only given or gained, it is quite distinct from knowledge.

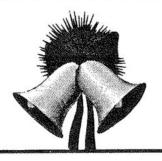
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May I therefore suggest that the greatest gifts that you can give to your family and your community are those of Love, Wisdom and Friendship.

For Jesus also taught the value of friendship, the feeling that you can depend on someone, that you are not alone, that someone cares, and if we continue to do these things, then communities like ours will have something to offer our neighbours.

Civilization is not just knowledge but it is made up of all those small things like courtesy, kindness, consideration, fidelity and just plain





honesty. These are the corner stones of all well organized societies.

Without knowing it, the world on that first Christmas morning was seeing a new era born, a new philosophy. Instead of an eye for an eye, forgiveness. Instead of taking what you could, one of giving. So on that first Christmas morning, and on each one since, God was saying, "Try Me and see what happiness really is. A new day has begun".

John Brumley

Drysdale/Clifton Springs Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

Drysdale Village Square

Anyone interested in helping with organization, singing, etc., please contact Lorraine Hall on 51 2893.

Candle & holders courtesy of St George Bank (V.S. & L.) will be available for purchase at a cost of 50 cents.

Bellarine Jongleurs will be leading the evening. Come along & join in the fun.

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"Not what we give, but what we share,

For the gift without the giver is bare. Who gives himself with his alms Feeds three - himself, his suffering neighbour, & me." Thank you, with God's blessing.

Local Food Care Group

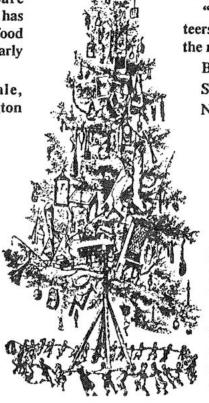
The North Bellarine Combined Churches Food Care Group is a local group that has been supplying emergency food to the local community for nearly one year.

We deliver to Drysdale, Clifton Springs, Portarlington and St Leonards.

Our group is on-going, and the service is available through Drysdale Community Health Centre, 'Ph. 51 2291, or Portarlington Community Health Centre, 'Ph. 59 2537, Mon - Fri, 9 am to 5 pm.

We would like to thank every who has donated goods & money throughout the year.

With Christmas coming, any form of donation would be received with



many thanks. Please 'phone Thea Bakx on 53 1776, or Becky Oliver on 57 2227.

"We are a caring group of volunteers who have a great concern for the needy."

Becky Oliver

Secretary

North Bellarine Combined Churches Food Care Group

Help!

Meals on Wheels needs people with cars to go on the roster.

Meals are delivered 5 days per week to our frail elderly citizens. Delivery takes about two hours starting at 10.00 am from "The Springs".

If you would like to become involved in this worthwhile service, please leave your name and telephone number at the Council office ('Ph. 53 0300).





It is very important that adults should be aware of their own immunisation status and that of their children. One third of children with vaccinepreventable disease have had at least one previous health care visit at which an opportunity for immunisation was missed.

Tetanus is preventable by immunisation, yet it affects some Australians each year. The cost to the community for each case in treatment and rehabilitation is around \$84,000. A tetanus booster dose is due every 10 years.

Other preventable serious diseases include Hepatitis B, Rubella, Influenza, Pneumococcal Pneumonia; also for

Immunisation

by Robyn Humphrey B.Pharm.

children, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Polio, Measles, Mumps and bacterial Meningitis caused by Hib bacteria. (See The SpringDale Messenger for May 1993.)

There are a number of vaccines available for overseas travellers. For more information on those recommended for your destination, ask your pharmacist, doctor or Commonwealth Department of Health (telephone number 03 604 400).

A new vaccine for Hepatitis A has recently become available to us. About 1 in 1000 travellers to tropical areas become infected with Hepatitis A (infectious jaundice) per month of travel. The risk is between 10 to 100 times that of contracting Typhoid and 1000 times that of contracting Cholera. Hepatitis patients can be very unwell for several weeks, some have relapses for several months, and it can be fatal for 1% of patients over 40 years. It certainly can spoil what would be an enjoyable holiday.

The immunisation consists of two injections, 2 to 4 weeks apart, and a booster dose after 6 to 12 months. This will provide immunity for up to 10 years.

Apart from travellers to developing countries, people who should consider this vaccination are those who are food handlers, and those who come into contact with human faeces, for example, people caring for small children, health care workers, or people supervising in institutions.

The immunisation schedule recommended for children by the National Health & Medical Research Council is as follows:

TWO MONTHS: first shot of Triple Antigen. This is a three-in-one vaccine for protection against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough. First dose of Sabin oral vaccine for polio.

FOUR MONTHS : second injection of Triple Antigen. Second dose of Sabin oral vaccine.

SIX MONTHS : third dose of Triple Antigen. Third dose of Sabin oral vaccine.



TWELVE MONTHS : one injection of combined Measles-Mumps-Rubella vaccine.

• EIGHTEEN MONTHS : booster injection of Triple Antigen.

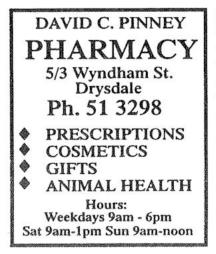
FIVE YEARS or prior to school entry : injection of combined Diphtheria and Tetanus. Booster dose of Sabin oral vaccine.

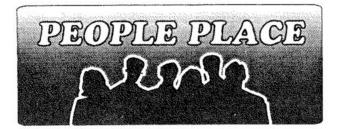
10 to 16 YEARS : (females only) booster injection of Rubella Vaccine.

15 YEARS or prior to leaving school : booster injection of Adult Diphtheria and Tetanus. Booster dose of Sabin oral vaccine.

If sufficient numbers of people have their vaccinations then it is possible that certain diseases can be eradicated, such as has occurred with Smallpox.

It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure his or her immunisation status and that of the children. The benefits far out-weigh the risks.





Adults who have Reading Difficulties

Adults who have reading difficulties can be mature partners in a happy learning relationship.

At SpringDale Community Cottage, Adult Literacy Programs encourage adults to learn in a way which will lead them towards an interesting new world. This will, in turn, lead them to greatly enriched lives.

There are almost as many reasons for failure to learn as there are people who fail to learn. Reasons for nonlearning range from illness through frequent family moves to poor eye-sight, undiagnosed deafness, and much else ...

Usually, it's nobody's fault. Simple, but undiagnosed, handicaps can happen to anyone. We once knew a primary school student who was so used to loud voices in the family situation, no one discovered she was deaf until she reached secondary school. Too late to start learning the 3R's she had missed out on!

SpringDale Tutors are prepared to teach adults in a 1:1 situation which, in these days of funding cut-backs, is not too usual. Utmost confidentiality is assured. There is no cost.

SpringDale Tutors are committed to the ideal of providing a high quality service which will enable their adult students to "Graduate" into a bright new world of successful reading and writing.

But it's not just for Adults. SpringDale is also starting out on an afterschool program for children who are not achieving to their actual potential. For these children caring and trained teachers will be providing personalised programs which should see them avoiding the trap of adult non literacy.

Local schools are aware of this program and are working with SpringDale to 'make this happen'.

Dulcie Stone, Adult Literacy Coordinator





Air Training Corps

Take off into the world of Aviation. A world where you've got something worthwhile to work for . . . a world where you can turn a hobby into a career, a well-paid satisfying career, where there is nothing to stop you reaching the top, if you have what it takes.

What is the AIRTC?

The Air Training Corps is a national youth organization aimed at encouraging a practical interest in aviation, adventure and sport; providing training which will be useful in any walk of life, and developing leaders and good citizens.

Many facilities are provided by the Royal Australian Air Force, but there is no pressure on the cadets to join the Service. Those who do decide to join the armed forces find the AIRTC gives them a decided advantage.

Most employers, whether Service or civilian, recognise the great value of time spent in the AIRTC. The Corps is organized into squadrons on a State basis; within each squadron are Flights identified with a town or suburb.

Flights are open to females and males from the age of 13-17 and Cadets can stay on until they reach 20. RAAF uniform is issued free after Cadets are enrolled and have completed their initial training.

Join us at 28 Flight Geelong on Thursday evenings at 7pm. The flight parades in Sherbourne Terrace, Herne Hill and always welcomes new recruits.

Contact Flight Lieutenant Ruby on (052) 51 2548, or on Thursday evenings on (052) 29 6748.



Police Message - Christmas 1993

It is unfortunate these days that many people consider the Christmas period as the "Silly Season". There is no doubt while most people relax into a holiday mood, that Police find themselves busier than ever. Road Safety is of paramount importance as families visit friends and relatives over this time. The Drink Drive - Bloody Idiot, and other Road Safety Campaign images are something that we should not let slip into the back of our minds. The next time you see the television ads, stop to properly look at them and reflect on the message.

Our local problems are speeding on through roads, and the arterial roads of Drysdale/Clifton Springs. Please remember the children. They are also on holidays and in a relaxed mood, with many riding new bikes for the first time, with others daring to venture onto residential streets with new skateboards, roller blades and the like. Less speed and more attention, PLEASE. Inattention is an extreme hazard in driving. Remember that the most important component in a car is the nut behind the wheel. Residents leaving on holidays, please remember to do all those "Neighbourhood Watch" things like cancelling the paper and having a neighbour mow the lawns. (Have you signed the Neighbourhood Watch petition yet?) Please fill in an "absence from residence" form here at the Police Station and if you need advice, please ask.

Regarding vehicle security, please remember to LOCK, LOOK, LEAVE. Lock the car no matter where it is, and Look into it. Have you taken everything inside the home? placed everything in the boot? or perhaps under a blanket in the hatch/wagon before you Leave the car?

Please remember "000" or 11444 for the Police to your door.

Further, on behalf of Senior Constables Cockburn, Brierley, White and Bone, may I wish all residents a safe and happy Christmas period, and a prosperous New Year.

Denis J Green Sergeant in Charge

Classes - Term I, 1994 at SpringDale

Community Cottage

First Aid Certificate, Level 2 Introductory Japanese Get to Know your Camera Stiffened Bows Bonsai Bread Dough Jewellery Felt Applique Picture Covering Picture Frames Raffia Hats Stained Glass - Copper Foil Technique Introduction to Massage Silk Ribbon Embroidery Fun with Dried Flowers Design your own Trousers Painted Sneakers Relaxation & Well Being Beaded Applique Any other ideas gladly received.

Do you have a skill or knowledge you would like to share? Give Dianne a ring on 53 1960 to talk about becoming a tutor.



Dining Out in Drysdale



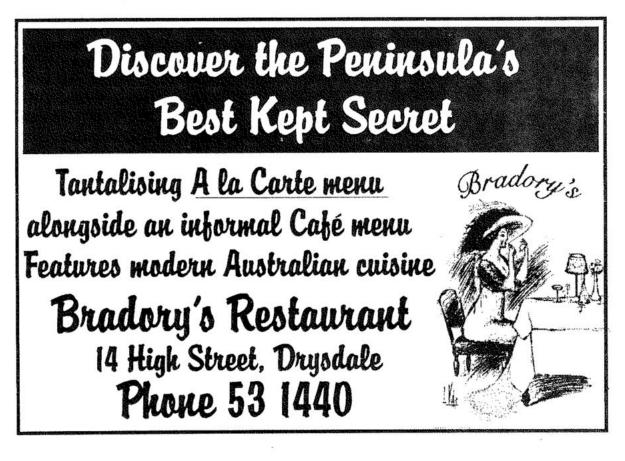
Bradory's Restaurant

To dine at Bradory's is to experience a night of superb food and friendly service, presented in a relaxed atmosphere. Whether you have a special occasion in mind, or an impromptu dinner or lunch, it all leads to enjoyable dining out.

Let Bradory's take the hassle out of your Christmas Lunch. Bring the family to us and take advantage of a wonderful four-course lunch with choices, which include traditional dishes.

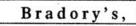
Come party New Year's Eve! Live entertainment with Dale Laidlaw ensures the bringing in of the New Year will be lively and fun. Accompany this with complimentary drinks and hors-d'oeuvre on arrival, a four-course dinner with choices, coffee with petits fours, and a complimentary glass of champagne at midnight, and you can be assured the passing of 1993 will be a night to remember.

Bradory's, through our unique layout is able to offer you the choice of a wide range of foods in two dining areas, with two distinctly different menus. Our a la Carte menu offers you modern Australian cuisine. Dishes









include the most delicious steaks on the Peninsula, fresh, local, succulent seafood, and tantalising desserts, a sweet tooth's delight.

Our more informal Cafe menu offers freshly made pasta with all the traditional favourites and some innovative dishes of our own. The cafe menu also offers many and varied Mexican dishes, from a simple beef taco to our sizzling fajitas or Aztec Burger.

Bradory's can cater for any occasion or function, from a small wedding or anniversary, to a fun filled 21st birthday. We comfortably seat sixty people, and can present a menu to suit you and your group.

Drysdale Hotel

At the crossroads of Drysdale is the Drysdale Hotel. David Leahy and his family have been looking after the people of Drysdale for the past 16 years.

Over Christmas/New Year Festive Season we have Brian Sprague returning from the Queensland club circuit to entertain us on Friday & Saturday nights. If you haven't seen Brain - then you don't know what you're missing. Phone for reservations on 512 301.

The Bottle Shop is open daily, including Christmas Day, offering an extensive range of beer, wines and spirits, and also regular specials through the Gollars chain. Call and see Donny - he'll look after you.

Next door is the recently opened Pub TAB which is also open daily (except Sunday). There is also a terminal in the Public Bar for your convenience. Skychannel offers a direct telecast of all racing in both venues.

The cosy Dining Room is open everyday of the year for counter meals from 12 - 2 for lunch, and 6.30 - 8 for dinner. The Chef Lionel Brown has also been looking after the patrons' wishes for a long time and knows what you like. His specialities are cooking a nutritious home-cooked meal with all the trimmings - specializing in fresh local seafood and prime steaks. Main meals range from \$11.00.



For a great meal with excellent service, maybe a quick bet, and a good bottle of wine, the Drysdale Hotel is the place for you.







Tuckerberry Hill Becks Road, Drysdale

John & Margaret Tucker invite you to call and enjoy the experience of picking your own delicious blueberries.

We are on the Murradoc Hill slopes, with a panoramic view from Melbourne to Point Nepean, and everything in between, so be prepared for windy conditions.

The fruit is in season from December through to the end of February. The question usually asked of us is - "What do you do with Blueberries?" The obvious answer is - Eat them !

They are delicious eaten fresh, with or without cream or ice cream, or in a fruit salad. They can be cooked in muffins, cakes, puddings, pancakes, used in stuffing for meat dishes, or made into soup!

Blueberries need no peeling, no coring, no seeding-just wash and use them. They need no washing or blanching before freezing and are used straight from the freezer without thawing.

Nutritious, delicious, and so easy, blueberries are good for you too. They are rich in Vitamins A & C, and supply trace elements such as calcium, magnesium, phosphorous and potassium, while low in calories - only 42 per half cup.



Fawlty Towers

is a place to relax.

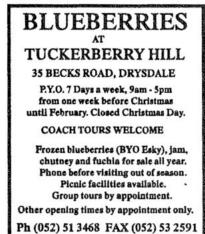
Since their extensions, Fawlty Towers can seat 43. This cosy, interesting place will cater for private functions in the evening, as well as outside functions.

They specialize in food, cakes, and have "the best coffee in town". The fabulous cakes are made by their specialists.

For Sunday lunches there is home cooking - roast, vegies, or what you fancy. Quiches, Filo, Sausage Rolls, 8 varieties of pies, pasties and veg. pasties.

Just ask Trudy or any of her courteous staff - they will be happy to serve you.









Dallimores Tea Rooms

More & more people are discovering the delights of Dallimores Tea Rooms in High Street, Drysdale.

Similar in concept to the marvellous tea rooms found in the Dandenongs, owners Lorayne & Keith Winter have beautifully restored their Federation style weatherboard home to incorporate two distinctive eating areas.

First comes a cosy room with circular tables, lace tablecloths and the original open fire place. Then a large sunny conservatory type room with ceramic tile floor, marble-topped outdoor furniture, and pot plants hanging from an intriguing collection of antique scales.

All cakes and meals served are made and prepared by Lorayne, and her Devonshire Teas are an afternoon favourite.

Paintings by local artists, and also an interesting selection of framed 1930-1950 advertisements are offered for sale.

Open Wednesday to Sunday, 10.00 am to 4.30 pm, Dallimores has already attracted a good local following for lunches and afternoon teas. The nostalgic, relaxed 1920s feel enables you to put aside your cares for a short while and forget the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Dallimores is at 23 High St, Drysdale. Telephone 53 2269.

Toosy's

Situated at the eastern entrance of the Tuckerbag Complex in Drysdale, Toosy's provides indoor and outdoor settings overlooking the Village Green.

It is warm and cosy indoors in the cooler weather, and on a fine day, the outlook is green and inviting.

The display features a wide range of homemade cakes, and the staff offer prompt and friendly service.

They specialize in different varieties of icecreams, a large range of tasty snacks, hot and cold drinks, and Vitari.

For your next coffee break, call at Toosy's, Shop 4, in Drysdale Village, or 'phone your orders to ph. 53 1200.







The New Bo King Chinese Restaurant

The New Bo King Chinese Restaurant has increased its staff and kitchen to provide a faster and more efficient service.

The poor availability of top chefs over the winter slowed production, but now you can safely order your meals and expect the minimum of delay.

Bookings are now being taken for the XXXX Special Christmas lunch at a cost of \$29.50 per head. While there are heavy bookings for December parties, gatherings, breakups, etc., there are still plenty of dates available.

The \$5 lunch is proving to be popular and represents great value.

The Restaurant attracts many visitors from Melbourne, Geelong, and all areas of the Bellarine.

Bus loads frequently make the trip just to partake of the quality food that is offered.

Most attractive is Mel's motto of "Quality & Cleanliness at a fair price".

Please ring Mel on 53 1788, and don't forget the home delivery service.



WHY NOT ADVERTISE? Space is available for advertising in future issues of the Spring-Dale Messenger. You can't sell anything if no-one knows you sell it. To have your advertising message delivered to over 3,000 homes in the Drysdale / Clifton Springs area, call SpringDale (53 1960) or the Editor Rex Ruwoldt on 53 1754.



University of the Third Age - Geelong Campus

Are you over 50, & looking for an interest in your retirement?

No entrance requirements; intellectually stimulating companionship, stress-free,



friendly learning environment.

Subjects include various History Courses, Philosophy, Languages, Bioethics, Books & People, Painting Classes, Music Appreciation.

U3A courses are available free to members. Annual membership subscriptions are kept as low as possible - most are in the range of \$15 to \$20 for an individual member. This covers overhead costs of the organisation and, since all tutors are volunteers, there is no enrolment fee for any class, and a member can join any number of U3A activities.

The first University of the Third Age was founded in Toulouse, France in 1972 to improve the quality of life for older people by bringing them into contact with academic programmes run by the university.

In July 1981 the U3A concept was introduced to Britain through a group based at Cambridge University. In contrast to the French practice, the British U3As quickly evolved away from the model based on pre-packaged courses provided by the Universities and instead adopted the idea of a self-help or mutual-aid university. Teachers & taught would all be members of U3A and would all be encouraged to participate, by teaching, learning or assisting with planning and administration.

In this environment learning is an end in itself; individuals learn what they like, at the pace they prefer. No qualifications are required to enter, neither are any qualifications awarded. Classes are planned jointly by tutors and students in response to members' interests.

U3As tap the great reservoir of knowledge, skills and experience which is to be found among older people and which is often undervalued or overlooked. A U3A is a selfhelp group that derives its strength from its members' capacities and the sharing of their knowledge and experience.

For further information contact the Gordon Technical College between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding school holidays), telephone 250 695.





The early wet of Spring seems to have passed by, leaving us with quite pleasant days to end Spring. Even though it hasn't been hot, the wind has been very drying and care should be taken to check your outdoor pots to ensure that they are getting enough moisture to stay looking good.

There is a product on the market now that will help keep the moisture in potting mixes, Debco Water Storing Granules. The granules are mixed into the potting mix and absorb water, to puff up into a jelly-like glob. Plants are then able to grow through the jelly and extract the moisture from it as required. The end effect is that there is a longer supply of water available to the plant, causing less stress and promoting growth.

With the drier conditions our roses will be at their best,

producing masses of colour and, hopefully, fragrance to add something special to our gardens. To help in the control of insects on and around your roses, you might well consider under-planting with some of the following plants: Hidcote or Munstead Lavenders, Marigolds, True Pyrethrum, Chives, Chamomile. These ward away some of the nasties which often feast on roses and will provide some extra colour and greenery around the roses when they are not in flower.

Make time to walk around or sit in your garden and appreciate what you have. It makes the not so pleasant tasks of digging, weeding, mowing, etc. much more worthwhile.

> Neil Muhlhan Alinga Nursery



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A Pet for Christmas?

As we busily scurry around in the pre-Christmas chaos, it's easy to think of a pet as a novel and cute gift for a friend or family member.

Think carefully about this choice of a gift.

Only give a pet to someone who you know wants a pet and is committed to caring for it throughout its life - not just for a few weeks.

We're all familiar with the sad story a few months after Christmas of puppies and kittens being dumped. Many of them were gifts where the novelty has worn off.

Selecting a pet :

Put some thought into the most suitable pet for your needs.

- Do you want a small or big pet?

- Do you lead an active lifestyle? If you lead a quiet life then it's not a good idea to get a highly energetic dog. Consider how much time you have to exercise a dog.

- How much time do you have to care for a dog? They need exercise, training and entertainment. Cats on the other hand need less time for exercise but they still need training and entertainment.

- Consider suitable breeds for people with allergies, e.g. poodles.

- Do you live in a flat? Cats, very small dogs, caged birds or fish are suitable pets if allowed.

- Do you live on or near a farm? Avoid breeds of dogs that might chase and injure stock.

- Only choose a long-haired pet if you have time to groom it daily, and if you are prepared to look after its coat properly for all of its life.

- Owning a pet doesn't just mean buying it the right food to eat. There's regular worming and vaccinations that are needed to maintain its health. not to mention veterinary costs if the animal's health fails. Don't get a pet if you're

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Clifton Springs

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not able to pay for its health care.

Christmas Hints for Pets :

Beware of Christmas decorations being chewed and swallowed by enthusiastic pets! They can cause tummy upsets and, at the worst, they can block the bowel.

Don't overfeed your pet on Christmas treats. Remember that any sudden changes in a pet's diet can cause gastric upsets. Too much rich food could ruin your pet's Christmas. A small treat of a piece of turkey breast is always greatly appreciated though!

Don't feed cooked turkey and chicken bones: they can bring disaster. Only ever feed raw bones to your pets.

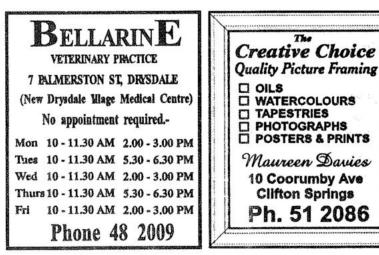
Give your pet a gift! Maybe a box of pet treats, a small toy, or a ball. Wrap it up and put it under the tree with all the rest!

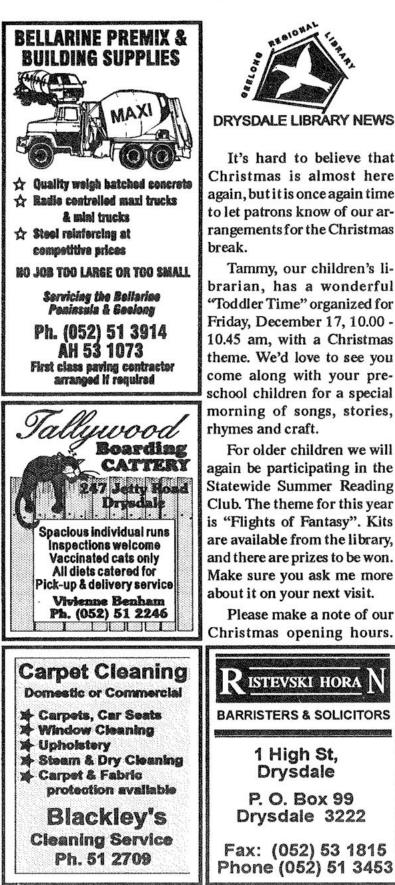
Cuddle your pet at Christmas.

Keep your dog restrained on Christmas Eve so that he doesn't bark and frighten off Santa's reindeer.

Merry Christmas from all the Staff at Bellarine Veterinary Practice !!









DRYSDALE LIBRARY NEWS

It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost here again, but it is once again time to let patrons know of our arrangements for the Christmas break.

Tammy, our children's librarian, has a wonderful "Toddler Time" organized for Friday, December 17, 10.00 -10.45 am, with a Christmas theme. We'd love to see you come along with your preschool children for a special morning of songs, stories, rhymes and craft.

For older children we will again be participating in the Statewide Summer Reading Club. The theme for this year is "Flights of Fantasy". Kits are available from the library. and there are prizes to be won. Make sure you ask me more about it on your next visit.

Please make a note of our Christmas opening hours.

ISTEVSKI HORA

1 High St,

Drysdale

P. O. Box 99

Drysdale 3222

The Drysdale Library will be closing at 5.00 pm on December 24. It will not re-open until Monday, 3 January. However for your convenience the library will be open for the extended hours of 10.00 am -12 noon and 1.00 - 5.00 pm on both Monday 3 January and Tuesday, 4 January.

Geelong Regional Library's central branch in Little Malop Street will be open to the public from Tuesday, December 28 to Friday, December 31, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm, and on Sunday, January 2 between 2.00 & 5.00 pm.

After hours book chutes will be open at the Geelong, Newtown, Chilwell, Ocean Grove and Queenscliff Libraries throughout the Christmas/New Year period. You are most welcome to return your Drysdale books through any of these.

I would like to thank the patrons of the Drysdale Library for their custom and support throughout the year, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Barbara Riley, Drysdale Branch Librarian

'Phone 51 3855



Bellarine Historical Society

Did you know you have a very active Historical Society on the Peninsula? We are located at the Old Court House, High St, Drysdale, where we have our museum.

At present we are cataloguingour collection and finding lots of goodies we did not know we had. Records are held on microfiche of Victorian Births, Deaths & Marriages, and also Cemetery records and locations at Leopold, Drysdale and Portarlington. We also have old Shire maps which give owners' names on the properties - we are presently indexing these.

Photos of early school pupils at Murradoc, Leopold, Drysdale, Marcus and Mannerim schools are also held. Why not come and have your meeting at the Court House and we will give you a talk and a cup of tea afterwards. Entry only \$1.

We welcome junior members for research into school projects. Our museum is only open in the summer months, but we will soon open at any time for Family Research or School projects.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Court House at 8 pm; everyone welcome. Membership is \$5 per annum, juniors \$1. Come and join us. Contact 'phone 50 1783.

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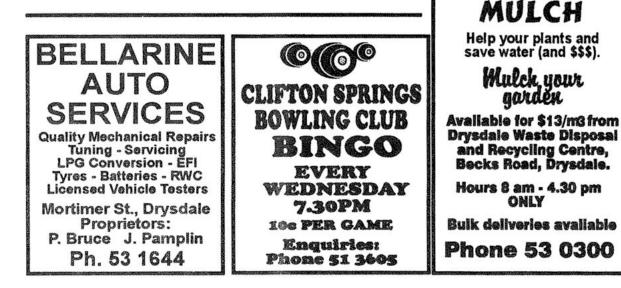
Portarlington Red Cross Unit meets on the First Wednesday of every month, except January, at 1.30 pm at St Andrew's Uniting Church Hall, Newcombe Street, Portarlington.

New members would be made welcome.

The first weekend in March is Red Cross Calling and people are needed to help our Unit to collect money and to do some door-knocking for us in the area.

Please give this some thought and, if you can help, please ring Vi Malcolm on 51 3195 for further information.

Val Prosser 'Phone 57 1364





New Apex Club:

A meeting was held on Tuesday, 23 November to discuss the formation of an Apex Club in the Drysdale/Clifton Springs area. Eight enthusiastic young men were in attendance, who were all keen to help build a better community.

A date was set for a public meeting to be held on Tuesday, 22 February 1994 to formally launch the new Club.

A BBQ is being organized on Saturday, 18 December for families of those interested, to get together and meet each other. Santa Claus will be in attendance.

For more information about Apex or the BBQ, please contact either Cliff Stride, 'phone 53 1829, or Roger Shearer, 'phone 53 1333.

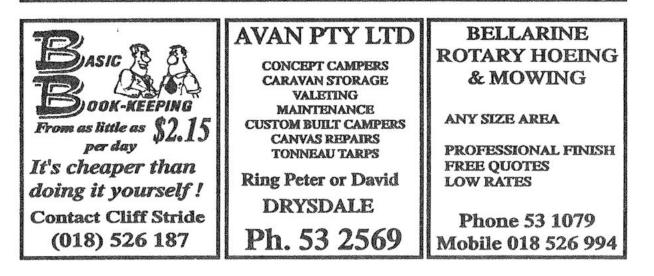
VALID Corner

VALID, Victoria's peak advocacy agency for adults with intellectual disability, their families and carers, is planning to run some activities out of SpringDale Cottage in 1994, as was mentioned in the last VALID Corner.

We are keen to hear from any parents/carers/advocates who might be interested in participating in these activities. More than that, we are interested in discovering just how many people with intellectual disability, parents and carers are getting to read this regular VALID Corner. So, if you're a person involved with people with intellectual disability, we'd love to hear from you!

Just write to us and give a brief description of your situation. We'll contact you directly in 1994, hopefully to learn more about your needs and interests. Address your letter to : VALID Clifton Springs, C/- Dulcie Stone, 5 Central Avenue, Clifton Springs. 3222

Christmas is a time for pausing to appreciate the goodwill of others. We would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your family throughout this Holiday Season





Toy Library

The Toy Library Committee wishes the Community, Members and Supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The last day for borrowing is Saturday, 11 December. All toys must be returned the following Saturday, 18 December.

The Library will be opening again on Saturday, 5 February 1994.

Toy Library Memberships are a great idea for Christmas presents.

Bayside Slimmers Group

is a friendly group of people who meet every Wednesday at 7.15 pm at the Portar-



lington Community Health Centre, Fenwick St, Portarlington.

There is a joining fee of \$2.40 and members pay 40 cents a week at the meetings.

Come & have a cuppa, & discuss your weight problems with us.

Veronica Laxon

Secretary, Bayside Slimmers, 'Phone 59 2257

St James Anglican Church, Drysdale

Sunday 19 December - 7 pm

Festival of 9 Lessons & Carols

Friday 24 December -11.30 pm

Saturday 25 December -Holy Communion

8 am & 10.30 am

Every Sunday - 10.30 am

plus every 2nd & 4th Sunday 8 am

Clifton Springs Baptist Church

45 Central Rd, Clifton Springs

"Come on let's Celebrate" Sunday 19 December -Clifton Springs Baptist Church warmly invite you to join with us for a Basket Tea at 5.30 pm, followed by a Family Christmas Celebration. Christmas Day, 25/12/93 -Christmas Service 9 am to 10 am.

May you know Joy & Peace this Christmas.

Uniting Church -Bellarine Parish

Sundays - Drysdale (High St) 10.00 am

Bellarine (Church Rd) 11.00 am

Special Services, Christmas & New Year

Choral service - "Proclaiming the Wonder of Christmas" with the combined church choirs at St Andrews, Fisher St, Portarlington - Sunday 19 December, 7.30 pm

Christmas Eve Service, Bellarine 8.00 pm

Christmas Day Service, Drysdale 9.00 am

New Year's Eve watchnight combined service at St Andrews, Portarlington 11.30 pm

Christmas Choral Music

Drysdale Uniting Church choir combines with that of St Andrews, Portarlington this year to present "The Song, proclaiming the Wonder of Christmas" on Sunday, 19 December at St Andrews at 7.30 pm. This music is a modern setting of much of the most popular and some fine



but lesser known Christmas music, and will be appreciated by both young and old.

Because of this special event the traditional service of nine lessons & carols at Drysdale will be held at the Sunday morning service on December 19 at 10.00 am.

Men's & Women's Basketball in Drysdale

Are you interested in playing?

Tuesday nights - Women's Wednesday nights - Men's Teams or individuals of

any standard welcome. Good atmosphere.

Ring:

Joy - 513 494; Celia - 531 921; Tracy - 531 194

Clifton Springs Garden Club Inc

The Clifton Springs Garden Club Inc would like to thank all the local sponsors who supported the recent Spring Garden Show; also everyone who helped make the Show a success and enabled the Garden Club to make a donation of \$250.00 to the Bellarine Ambulance Fund.

Drysdale C.W.A. : Committee Members

There will be a Special Committee Meeting on January 11 at 1.00 pm at Phyllis Smith's home to make final arrangements for the February Conference to be held in Drysdale.

"A Glimpse of the Past"

Bellarine Historical Society will display recently acquired early photographs of the Bellarine Peninsula each weekend in January 1994. Open Saturday 10.00 am to 2.00 pm; Sunday 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm, at the Court House Museum, Drysdale.

Entry : Adults \$1.00; children Free.

The Historical Society will welcome any additional photographs which may be copied to add to this expanding collection.

Catholic Church

Friday, 24 December -Mass & Carols St Leonards : 6.30 pm Leopold: 8 pm Portarlington : 12 midnight Christmas Day, 25 December Drysuale : 7.45 & 11 am Portarlington: 10 am Leopold: 9.30 am Sunday, 26 December Drysdale : 7.45 & 11 am Portarlington: 10 am St Loonards: 11 am Leopold: 9.30 am

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