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## THE BUNYIP FESTIVAL

The Drysdale Bunyip is a huge, green and very friendly creature. He lives in Lake Lorne all year and emerges for the famous Drysdale Bunyip Festival. The legendary Bunyip Festival is to be held at the Drysdale Primary School, Springs Road, Drysdale on Saturday, 26th March, 1995 from 10am - 3 pm.

The Bunyip Festival is the major fundraising event for the combined Drysdale and Clifton Springs Primary Schools. This year's Festival promises to be bigger, brighter with lots of excitement and a fun-filled day for everyone.

The Bunyip Challenge at 1 pm is a series of fun team events in which local sporting clubs compete for prizes. Six teams compete for a 1st prize. (More details can be obtained from Mr. Gary Adams - telephone 512 642).

The celebrity auction is always very popular with friendly bidding for items donated by lo-

cal and interstate celebrities. There will be craft stalls and demonstrations, plant shop, fresh produce, showbags, a lucky shop, white elephant, pre-loved clothing, book stall, homemade cake and sweets, grocery grab and lots more. Teddy bears are also a must to see this year.

For lunch try a BBQ spit roast or choose from a large range of food. The list of entertainment is almost endless. Additional attractions include local bands, jumping castle, pony rides, mini golf, skittles and face painting.

The day finishes with the grand raffle draw at 3 pm.

All proceeds from the Bunyip Festival and raffle are shared equally between Drysdale and Clifton Springs Primary School. This will be the 15th Bunyip Festival to be held at the school and we hope to see you there.



# A Children's Story by Sylvia Spruit

## The Lonely Bunyip

Bertie the bunyip sat by the edge of his pool, feeling very unhappy.

Willie Wagtail came bobbing along "Why do you look so sad Mr. Bunyip?"

Bertie sighed "Nobody likes me. I frighten everyone with my sharp teeth and long spiky tail. My feet are big and clumsy too, and I have a funny flat nose".

"You should find another bunyip to be your friend; then you wouldn't be lonely. I know where there's a bunyip who looks just like you. He lives in a swamp on the other side of town". Bertie became excited "Thank you Willie, that's a very good idea. I should have thought of it myself".

Bertie set off at once to find a friend. He clumped through the bush, leaving a trail of big wet footprints as he went. Suddenly Bertie stopped! He heard someone crying. Through the trees he saw a little boy sitting upon a rock. The boy jumped with fright when he saw Bertie.

"Oh! it's a monster! Please don't eat me".

"I'm not a monster. I'm Bertie the bunyip, and I never eat little boys. I may look fierce, but really I'm very gentle".

The boy stopped sobbing. "You scared me, I've never seen a bunyip before.

"I didn't mean to scare you," said Bertie "Why are you sitting here all alone? Do you have a name?"

The little boy cried again. "I'm Jonathan. And I've lost my mummy and daddy".

"How did you do that?"

"We were having a picnic. I ran after a butterfly and now I don't know which way to go".

"Come with me, I'll help you", said Bertie "Would you like to ride on my back? You'll see better from there".

"Yes, please!"

Jonathan clambered up and hung on very tightly to Bertie's long ears. It wasn't long before he gave a shout.

"There's my mummy! She's looking for me". Jonathan's mother turned around. She became very angry when she saw Bertie. "How dare you steal my little boy. Put him down at once!"

Jonathan jumped to the ground. "Don't worry, this is my friend Bertie the bunyip. I was lost and he saved me".

"Oh Bertie, I'm sorry," mother said, "you were very kind to look after Jonathan. Will you have lunch with us?"

"Thank you very much", said Bertie. And he munched a sardine and lettuce sandwich, a raspberry shortcake and an apple.

After lunch Jonathan took Bertie to meet his friends. He led the way until they came to a park where the children were playing. They were surprised to see a bunyip in their park, but they weren't afraid. Jonathan explained that Bertie was his friend.

Bertie had a wonderful afternoon. He chased the children and played hide-and-seek. He climbed the slippery slide and he rode on the see-saw. He wanted to sit on the swing but he was much too fat.

Bertie became tired and hot. He dipped his feet, and the tip of his tail, into the goldfish pond. He was hungry too. He wanted to go home for his tea. Sardines and lettuce were quite nice, he thought, but tadpoles and water lilies were much nicer.

The children were disappointed to see him leave.

"Goodbye Bertie," they called "Please come again".

"I will", Bertie promised.

He waved goodbye and turned towards his own bush track. He wasn't sad any more. He now had many friends to play with whenever he wished. Now Bertie knew he would never be a lonely bunyip again.

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## That Time of Year

Footprints, Footprints  
Will they appear?  
It's getting close  
to that time of Year.

From his watery home  
in the depths of the lake,  
our friend the Bunyip  
the Festival will make.

With the children, he loves to play,  
They'll all enjoy a really great day.  
Face-painting, stalls, games with balls,  
Lots to eat, and friends to meet.

And then, when day is done,  
He says goodbye to everyone.  
But rest assured, in March next year,  
Those Bunyip Footprints will REAPPEAR!

Lorraine Barrett

## Have you ever seen a Bunyip?

Have you fished a waterhole,  
When the moon is sinking low,  
and chanced to see a bunyip,  
with red eyes all aglow?  
A head like a hipporoceros,  
a tail ten feet long.  
A mighty roar that would wake the dead,  
from Queenscliff to Geelong.  
If you have, or even think you have,  
I'll tell you what I think,  
You've stayed out fishing far too late,  
and you've had too much to drink.

Kevin Magher.

## A CHURCH ON THE GO!

The people of Clifton Springs Baptist Church are excited about the arrival of their new pastor, David Sharrock, together with wife Lynette and children Luke, aged 14, Joel, aged 12 and Heidi, who is 10.

The church held a special welcome service recently, with an overflow crowd. The Sharrock family has shifted from Blackburn in Melbourne, where for several years David was one of the pastors at Blackburn Baptist. Prior to that, David was a law partner with a firm of solicitors.

The Church has experienced considerable growth in the past three years. Workshop services each Sunday are lively and contemporary, with relevant and helpful preaching. David wants the Church to be a friendly place where people can meet new friends and become friends with God. For many people, this world is a lonely and difficult place as they struggle with seemingly helpless and hopeless situations. The Christian religion is not so much a crutch, says David, but it does offer people help and hope. God cares and is with us in every circumstance of our lives. We are not alone. David believes that more people need to hear

the good news that Jesus Christ can make a difference in their lives.

The Clifton Springs Baptist Church, located in Central Road, has a growing and lively Sunday School. A bus will transport children to and from their homes each Sunday morning. Playgroups are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with about 20 children at each session. The youth group has regular Saturday social activities with lots of fun, as well as meeting on Tuesday nights to discuss numerous issues of concern to teenagers. There are occasional breakfasts and programs for men or women, with talks on practical issues. Weekly care groups will become a feature of church life. Confidential counselling is available for those in crisis and each Thursday food parcels are distributed throughout the community to those in need.

Special events for Easter:

Palm Sunday 9th April at 10.00 a.m.

Easter Meal 11th April at 6.30 p.m.

Good Friday 14th April at 9.00 a.m.

Easter Sunday 16th April at 10.00 a.m.

For further information on these events and other activities, please phone Ruth or Helen at the Church office on 531833 on any morning, Monday-Friday.

*The Sharrock family outside the Clifton Springs Baptist Church*



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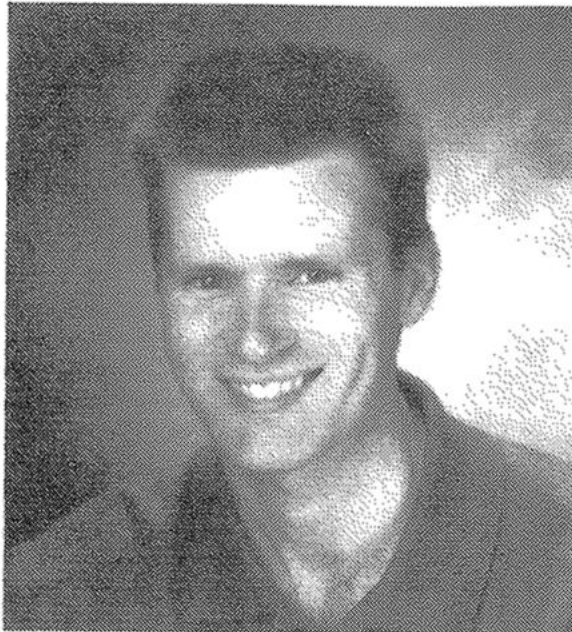
## New Chaplain for Bellarine Secondary College.


James Veryzer, the new chaplain at the Bellarine Secondary College was warmly welcomed into the dual campus position last week by the Principal, Mr. Rob Hurley. James, having worked as the chaplain at Echuca Technical School for four years and relieving at Geelong High School, Footscray Girls High, Oberon and Scoresby takes over from Rod Scoullar as he takes up a position as chaplain at Hileybury Junior School at Brighton.

All 42 public secondary school chaplains in Victoria are employed by the Council for Christian Education in Schools. Even though chaplains do have a teaching role, their main task is to be available to students and the school community when they encounter problems not directly related to students subjects at school.

Some of the issues they tackle include suicide, grief and death. James Veryzer or "Chippo" as he is known by the students said "What we might consider as small things, seem to be major issues when you're young. I encourage them to change their perspective, get them to look forward to things." Mr. Veryzer said a lack of clear goals was one of the biggest problems among youth.


School chaplaincy is funded partially from the State government, the CCES, fund-raising and donations made to the Bellarine Secondary College Chaplaincy Committee. For more information on how you can support this chaplaincy contact James Veryzer C/- Bellarine Secondary College, 551322 or 521700.





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## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

A local community group will receive \$870.00 as part of Victorian Government funding to help them carry out their roles more efficiently and effectively, the State Member for Bellarine Garry Spry, announced today.

Mr. Spry said the works and services allocation was on top of the regular annual grants which the organisations received from the Victorian Government to provide a service or activity to the community.

"\$870.00 was granted to the SpringDale Community Cottage, Drysdale as a contribution towards fly screens and screen doors, ceiling fans to classrooms and kitchen, and chairs:", said Mr. Spry.

"In many instances, the cost of the items was quite small, but the agencies and groups were not able to set aside the money from their annual budgets".

"Community groups and organisations carry out a valuable role in their local areas, and this one-off grant funding will help them to do their job even more effectively," Mr. Spry said.

The Member for Bellarine, Garry Spry, also announced today that the State Government would provide over \$500,000 this year for child care needs of parents undertaking community based further education.

"Parents, in particular women with family responsibilities, will be able to access the range of courses on offer at Neighbourhood Houses and at Adult Learning and Community Centres, knowing their children are in safe, good quality care".

Under the ACFE child care program, children can be cared for at registered child care centres or in family day care schemes.

Approximately 224 Neighbourhood Houses, Adult Learning Centre and community groups across the State have been approved to receive funding" concluded Mr. Spry. Those on the Bellarine Peninsula include:

Bellarine Living and Learning Centre  
\$8,700.00 (formerly the Whittington Neighbourhood Centre)

Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre  
\$1,811.78

Queenscliff Neighbourhood House \$2,414.25  
SpringDale Community Centre \$2,718.75

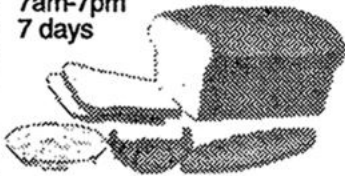
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# CITY OF GREATER GEELONG ELECTIONS - 25th MARCH, 1995. CONTENDERS FOR CORYULE WARD

## Kevin Bell:

I would like to notify residents of Coryule (formerly Paywit) that I have nominated for Council.

All residents including owners of holiday homes are eligible to vote. I have represented you for a period of ten years in Council and would like the chance to continue, I am not affiliated with any Political Party, this way I can represent all residents.

I live in Portarlinton with my wife Pat and son Bill. My daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Brendan Craven, with their son Cody live in Clifton Springs. We are fourth generation on the Peninsula.

I am an active community member who has worked progressively over the last ten years in Council to implement the following: Drysdale Maternal and Child Health Centre, SpringDale Community Cottage, Beacon Point Kindergarten, SpringDale Toy Library and land for Drysdale Community Health Centre are some of the projects.

I am employed by the Justice Department in Geelong and can be contacted by phone on 59 2684 if you have any queries.

## Dennis J. Blake

Dennis, who was born and educated in Geelong, lives in Clifton Springs with his wife. He conducts a very successful Geelong business. He has worked in the service industry in Geelong, Melbourne as well as interstate, both within the Banking and Financial Investment arena as an adviser and senior manager.

Dennis brings to the new Greater City of Geelong elections some old fashioned values, those of hard work, dedication, integrity and honesty, wanting to ensure not only that democracy is returned to the people through these elections, but that the people's representatives on the council are held accountable to the people.

He believes that people feel angry and frustrated because the various levels of government and the main stream political parties have let them down. People feel they are being taken for granted and have lost their voice.

Further, Dennis believes that there is a need to raise the community's level of awareness to the specific needs of the ward, Coryule. Our community is concerned at the drop in the level of services available to ratepayers and the ever-increasing costs. We have an opportunity in the coming elections for a fresh start, to create a caring, nurturing, community that respects its citizens.

To quote Hubert Humphrey, "The moral test of any government is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life - the children, those who are in the twilight of life - the aged, and those who are in the shadow of life - the sick, the needy and the handicapped." Dennis believes that by working together, we have the opportunity to make the City of Greater Geelong a model for all Victorians.

Contact: Mr. Dennis J. Blake - 29 4903.

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### **Carol Kweiflo-Okai:**

Carol Kweiflo-Okai is standing for Coryule Ward to represent the residents and families of Bellarine Peninsula.

Carol believes in responsible financial management, in the interests of our community, **without downgrading services or reducing funding** e.g. kindergartens, home help, meals on wheels, playgroups and maternal/child health.

Carol has a proven track record, being active on local groups including Boards of Management (Baytec-Skillshare Central), Drysdale Children's Services Centre, Nursing Mothers and other groups. She understands the needs of families and women who choose to work inside or outside home. She is concerned about jobs for Geelong, the environment and Geelong's wider economic picture now and in the future.

Carol Kweiflo-Okai, 41 years, lives in Drysdale and is married to Cletus, a planner with 3 children - Nick (14 years), Carla (7 years) and Alex (4 years).

Carol works as a Project Worker - Family/Women's/Migrant issues based at Geelong Trades Hall; has well developed communication skills and ability to deal with everyday problems. **Carol believes issues raised by residents deserve representation**, be it garbage collection or wider community issues.

Carol enjoys music, gardening (a learner!) and is interested in singing, basketball and callisthenics in which her children participate. Though not new to the Bellarine Peninsular, Carol would be a new face on our Council.

Carol Kweiflo-Okai would welcome the opportunity to speak to any resident and can be contacted on Phone: 211712 (B/H) or 512547 (A/H).

### **Keith McGregor:**

Keith McGregor served two terms as Mayor during his 10 years as a St. Kilda Councillor. In 1991 he moved to Drysdale with his wife Ann and one of his three sons, who is attending Deakin University.

Keith McGregor has long been involved in a diverse range of community organisations dealing with issues including the arts and nursing homes for the elderly. He is a past President of the Bayside Council's Association, and member of the Ministerial Group (Coastal & Bay Management Council).

In his professional life, he has been a finance and business adviser with a particular interest in the Management of Change. Currently he is a Commissioner with the City of Wyndham. "With my background and with the insights gained in my position of Commissioner, I believe that I am in the unique position of really understanding the challenges facing Councillors and in the enormous changes in culture taking place in Local Government today".

"The focus of Local Government today is about governance and trying to reflect on a local scale, the needs and aspirations of people in the local community".

"Should the community entrust me with this responsibility they can be sure that all my energy and experience will be used in their best interests".

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Flea control must then be aimed at:

1. Treating all animals in a household at the same time.  
and
2. Treating the animals' environment.

### Flea treatment for dogs and cats:

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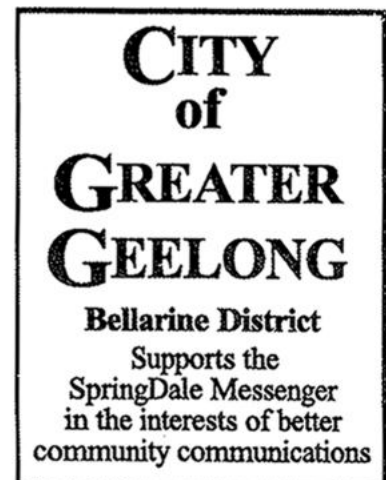
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Court House Museum opening times:

Saturday	11 a.m.	2 p.m.
Sunday	1.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.

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# BUSINESS PROFILES

## **Bellarine Hearing Services**

Bellarine Hearing Services was established in 1991 by Geraldine McClumpha, an Audiologist of some twenty years experience. Geraldine's previous employers include The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital (7 years) and Australian Hearing Services (5 years). Since deciding to establish her own private practice in Geelong, Geraldine has found that the demand for her services in Drysdale and Ocean Grove has been strong enough to warrant a weekly session at both. The services Geraldine offers include:

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## Peninsula Players News

Peninsula Players, the first drama group on the Bellarine Peninsula, is proud to be celebrating 10 years of play production. Peninsula Players has presented plays covering the whole gamut of theatre, from drama, with such plays as "Death of a Salesman", "Twelve Angry Men" and "Steel Magnolias", through to comedy, with "Seasons Greetings", "Moving" and "Holiday Snap" the unforgettable "Farndale" series and of course - pantomimes - "Cinderella", "Aladdin" and "Dick Whittington".

We begin our 10th year with the suspense "Nightmare" by Norman Robbins directed by Dennis King and featuring Margaret Wild, Meryl Friend, Tony Wright, Dale Smithyman, Paul Friend, Elizabeth Thomas and Maggie Kenneady - a strong cast from our keen membership. "Nightmare" will be presented at Drysdale Community Hall, 8pm sharp on 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th March, 1995. Price still \$6.00.

Bookings at Drysdale Pharmacy from approximately 12th March - inquiries 512431.

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During the war, I was an assistant in the central 'Department of Aircraft' laboratory, Melbourne.

Our job was to assess gauges used in the manufacture of aircraft parts.

We had heard Churchill's vital address. So had the enemy. They infiltrated our laboratory and sabotaged our critically important work.

Within the Australian Department of Aircraft, Churchill's "tools to finish the job" were at serious risk - a significant victory for the enemies of the Allies.

They achieved this as the result of a calculated assault on laboratory staff morale. By cleverly using a campaign of misinformation, they turned friend against friend, staff against superiors. Standards deteriorated and output became unreliable.

People who should have been at work at their desks were crying in the sick bay, presenting sick leave certificates, even having full-blown nervous breakdowns.

Once, we went on strike!

Some of us were vulnerable teenagers, which made it easy for the saboteurs. Others were hardened workers, who still fell to the strategies of malicious gossip and manipulated division of loyalties.

One of the older employees was, incidentally, an aunt of Richard (later Sir Richard) Attenborough.

Complications deepened when the Communists, legalised in December 1942, entered the laboratory and stirred up staff rights issues.

We were caught between intrigues of the Nazi Fifth Column and the Communists.

It didn't leave much energy for reliable assessment of Winston Churchill's vital "tools".

As an insecure and very shy teenager I was particularly vulnerable. For many years after the war I found any argument by anyone, even at a distance, unbearably distressing.

At the time we knew we were in trouble. We knew work was being seriously jeopardised by our deep divisions and mistrust of one another. We found out why just before my health finally gave way: a major inquiry detected the saboteur who had been working for the Nazi Fifth Column. The saboteur disappeared. The Communist, now legal, stayed.

So did other Communists who had been similarly employed, and who had practiced their sabotage skills well before December 1942 (no wonder some people saw "reds under beds!"). Distance and naivety made it easy for us to believe that neither Nazi, nor Communist, saboteurs could be here.

I often wonder. Do ordinary Australians know what soft targets we were?

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# TAX CORNER

## **Home Child Care Allowance (HCCA)**

The HCCA is an allowance paid to a dependent spouse with dependent children by the Department of Social Security. It was introduced by the Federal Government, effective 29 September 1994, to replace the dependent spouse rebate - which traditionally has been claimed by taxpayers in their income tax returns. An application must be made to the Department of Social Security in order to receive the HCCA.

Legislation was recently passed in the Federal Parliament amending the Taxation laws to allow, "The with child spouse rebate", to continue from 29 September 1994, with the intention of the Government being able to phase out the rebate over the next few years.

From 1 July 1995, taxpayers will be unable to claim "the with child spouse rebate" through the PAYE system. A claim can therefore only be made as a lump sum rebate in the return of a taxpayer at the end of the year. Accordingly, any taxpayer who claims the rebate in their pay will be required to notify their employer via employment declarations.

In order not to disadvantage any taxpayer whose partner chooses to receive the HCCA, the Government will allow a taxpayer to claim the difference between the HCCA received during the year and with the child dependent spouse rebate entitlement which would otherwise have been allowed if no HCCA was received. That is, should the dependent spouse rebate exceed the HCCA received, a claim may be made for the difference in the tax return of

the taxpayer for that year. This reconciliation is only available where the taxpayer's partner is in receipt of the HCCA.

I will provide an example of the reconciliation which may be done in the return of a taxpayer.

### Example

A taxpayer's partner is employed part time for 3 days per week over 40 weeks

#### (a) Home Child Care Allowance

HCCA \$1,560.00  
Less \$1 for every \$4 of income over \$282  
\$729.50

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HCCA allowed \$830.50  
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#### (b) Spouse Rebate with Child

Separate net income of spouse:  
Gross Income (\$80.00 p.a. @ 40 weeks)  
\$3,200.00  
less work expenses (\$56.50 p.w. @ 40  
weeks) \$2,260.00

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Separate net income \$940.00  
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Maximum spouse rebate with child in 1994/  
95 \$1,452.00  
less separate net income adjustment  
(\$940 - 282)/4 164

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Spouse rebate with child allowed  
\$1288.00  
Difference between B and A \$458.00

In this example the difference between the rebate allowed and the amount of the HCCA received is \$458. This may be claimed in the taxpayer's income tax return for 1994/95.

If any readers would like further information on the Home Child Care Allowance please feel free to contact me during business hours. Phone 241133.

I would also like to note that as from April 1995, Frank Tigani & Associates Pty. Ltd. will also be carrying on business from Gallop House in Hancock Street, Drysdale.

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## "TURNS IT'S FIRST SOD"

Work has begun on the site of the North Bellarine Hostel for the Aged in Willis Street, Portarlington. The Committee has received confirmation of a \$1,092,102 Capital Grant from the Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health and the tender documents have all been approved.

In addition to providing residential care for frail aged persons the 30 bed Hostel will provide employment opportunities and will stimulate community interest in aged care.

Depending on weather conditions during the winter, construction should be completed within 44 weeks.

In order to provide as many facilities as possible and also to open debt free, the Committee is now aiming to raise at least an additional \$60,000 during the construction period.

This community project will be providing a quality residential facility for aged residents of the northern side of the Bellarine Peninsula for many years to come. In fact, the site offers the potential for the development of additional accommodation as the need arises.

We are now asking for your additional financial support to complete this project. If you have not already supported our Public Appeal and would like to receive further information please contact the President Jean Cull 59 2486 or the Secretary Ann Nichol 59 2763. As you grow older you may not ever require residential care, but more than likely a number of your friends and neighbours will!

The following community representatives participated in the "turning of the first sod" ceremony.

Mrs. Mary Whitcombe (representing Drysdale and Clifton Springs)

Mrs. Gwen Henderson (representing Portarlington)

Mr. Fred Hockett (representing St. Leonards and Indented Head)

Pupils from the Portarlington Primary School attended and Adam Giacomo and Nyssa Nieuwenhuys actually "turned the first sod".

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At 10 minutes to 10 the 200 seats we'd prepared were empty. At 10 a.m. when speaker Judith Capps was to start, the 200 seats were full. At 10 past 10 we were still frantically finding more chairs.

Judith spoke to our standing-room only crowd for 40 delightful minutes.

The Basket Luncheon, provided by the C.W.A. raised some hundreds of dollars for the Drought Relief Fund.

Exhibitors were kept busy demonstrating their differing crafts, which were also on sale.

SpringDale Community Cottage, which planned and co-ordinated this extremely popular event, provided all services free of charge. Despite the small embarrassment of overcrowding the day was acclaimed as a resounding success.

Well done to all! Buckleys, C.W.A., Exhibitors, SpringDale Community Cottage, and the 400 people who attended.

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I thought this month we'd go "armchair travelling". This is almost like the real thing (no jetlag either) and these writers make you feel that you are right there, experiencing the journey. "Two roads to Dodge City" - Nigel & Adam Nicholson travel by car, one each, up the West and East coast of America to meet in the middle. Richard Trench rides across the Sahara on a camel in "Forbidden Sands" and a very frightening experience it turns out to be. Bettina Selby thinks nothing of cycling thousands of miles on her expeditions - like pedalling to the source of the Nile or a wonderful ride in England - "Riding north one summer". "The Loneliest Mountain". Lincoln Hall is an engrossing account of modern day adventures sailing to Antarctica and trekking overland to scale unclimbed Mt. Minto - a great read. All you have to do is stretch back and turn the first page!

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If you felt comforted reading "The Andromeda Strain" Michael Crichton (mutant viruses) and were glad that it was really only fiction, then you had better not read "Hot Zone" Richard Preston - this is a factual account of a Level 4 virus (AIDS is level 2) that was contained outside Washington - this book cannot be put down.

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See you at "Story Time", March 31st - 10.00 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

Ring 51 3855 to Renew, Reserve and for reference help.

Margaret Skeen

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Heard on the grapevine - SPEEDING DRIVERS passing the new Ambulance Station in Grubb Road could have their photos taken. It might prove costly. Watch it!

### **Wanted:**

Drysdale Kindergarten Tracksuits  
Would anybody with Drysdale Kindergarten tracksuits from last year, who would be interested in selling to this year's children, please contact Rhonda on 532144 or Rachael on 532128.

### **Debutante Ball**

Drysdale Fire Brigade are requiring debs for their 1995 winter Debutante Ball. For inquiries please phone - Robyn Vanlith on 51 2084

### **Rotary Club of Drysdale**

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The Art Show is on during Easter 15th/16th April at the Bellarine Secondary College Hall, Queenscliff. The Open Competition will be in the main hall with the children's display upstairs.

### Indented Head Yacht Club

The Indented Head Yacht Club is a friendly family based Club with members from the Bellarine Peninsula, Geelong and Melbourne. From its clubhouse located on the foreshore at Indented Head, racing is conducted on Sunday afternoons during the season which extends from October until the end of April each year.

Boats currently sailing with the Club include a mixed fleet of Minnows (Juniors), Tasars, 125's, Lasers, Sabres and Trailer Sailors but other classes are welcome.

Visitors are welcome to the Club to either learn to sail or participate in the competitive racing program commencing at 1400 hours.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Frank Whyte 43 4835, Commodore Allan Gray 78 7980, Manfred or Wendy Herzer at Wise Guys 53 2503 or after hours 53 2775.

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### Nursing Mothers

Nursing Mothers Bellarine Group is primarily a breastfeeding support group giving Mother to Mother support. Maybe you have just moved into this area or have lived here for a while and you would like to meet some other mothers in the same situation as yourself. We are a very friendly group and welcome new people. We have topics of discussion where sharing of ideas is a way of helping give support to those who would like it. You can contact any of our trained breast feeding counsellors anytime.

Phone Ro 513652, Julie Ann 513705, Jenny 512497.

Group Leader & Breastfeeding Counsellor Rod Day Ph. 513652

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Springs Road, Drysdale, Victoria on Saturday,  
March 25th, 1995 from 10.00 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
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## A PATCH OF GREEN

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### SpringDale Trimliners

Want to lose weight!!

Trimliners meets on Monday, 2 p.m. at SpringDale Community Cottage, \$5.00 joining fee and \$1.00 weekly. Both men and women welcome. Ring SpringDale 53 1960 9.30 - 3.30 Monday to Friday for further information.

Over the past two years a patch of green grass has been carefully developed, beside the Bowling Green in Drysdale. It has been watched with interest by many. Some days one could see a small band of people imitating the local Ibis population, poking forks into the ground and ridding the patch of green of unwanted weeds. On other days, Harold Peel from the Bowling Club with one or two of his mates, could be seen contemplating its surface. On Monday 6th February 1995 all was revealed. Anyone driving down Clifton Springs Road would have been surprised by the sight before them. There was the patch of green, and around it, sitting under colourful umbrellas were people gazing in wonder at it. On the patch of green were men and women of all age and size, walking around, lining up balls of red, yellow, blue or black, from all different angles. Then they proceeded to hit them through hoops, set all over the patch of green, this caused great excitement amongst the spectators.

On inquiry I was told they were playing Croquet and today had special significance.

The event being played was the Bareena Gift, the players were Division 1 & 2, and the patch of green was the new A Grade Croquet lawn for the Drysdale Club. As I watched I could see it was good exercise, it required lots of concentration and skill, they were all out in the fresh air, but above all everyone was enjoying themselves.

If you would like to know more about the patch of green, the game of Croquet then phone Claire on (052) 531130  
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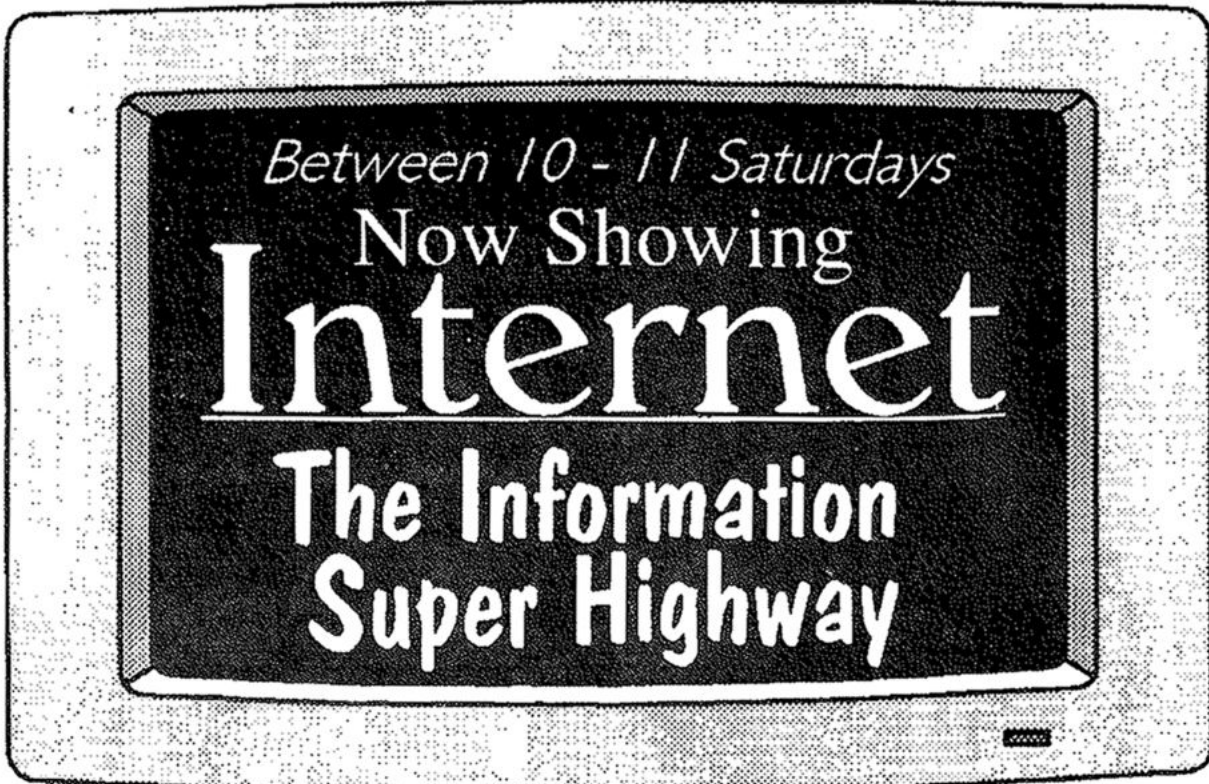
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## In your Garden

Autumn, that very pleasant time of the year when the weather is not too hot and not too cold. Well at least I hope it happens soon. The start of Autumn hasn't been particularly flash, windy and warm. These conditions compound the damage done by quite a dry Summer, so it will be worthwhile continuing the mulching and deep watering to keep everything alive until the weather breaks.

The shortening days herald the change in the season. With the change comes the availability of late Winter and Spring flowering bulbs. Daffodils of all shades, shapes and sizes can now be purchased and planted. Jonquils, freesias, Dutch Iris, Tulips, Hyacinths, Anemone, Ranunculus and lots more can be planted to provide a colourful welcome to the end of Winter. There is plenty of time to plant your bulbs so it may be worthwhile planning the effect that you would like from them. Single

planting of bulbs will provide short term spots of colour, whereas a massed planting of 15-20 bulbs of a variety will give a colour burst to a garden bed that will be most impressive.

Bulbs do not like soggy conditions so a well drained bed is a must. Sun, plenty of food, in the form of manures or fertilisers and good quality bulbs should get the required result. Depending on your garden there may not be a lot of room for a bulk display, so why not think of some nice pots with bulbs in. Pick your favourites for colour, scent or flowers and plant them into pots. It might even be nice to plant some Lobelia in the pot to remind you that there is something in there. When things start to look good move the pot to a prominent position and enjoy the instant effect.

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# HEALTH

## Arthritis Week

During Arthritis week later this month the Drysdale Community Health Centre, situated at 21 Palmerston Street, Drysdale will be displaying a range of aids suitable for use by people who have Arthritis or Rheumatism. Please feel free to wander in and have a look.

## Taking the "Hard Yakka" Out of Gardening!

Gardening can be "hard yakka", especially the digging part. It's back breaking work for most people. However don't despair - there is another way.

Lyn Baker, a consultant Occupational Therapist in Horticulture, will demonstrate how to create a 'no-dig' garden, which involves using hay and compost. This will be held during Arthritis Week, Wednesday 22nd March, 1995 at the Queenscliff Community Health Centre at 2.00 pm. A display of Wolf gardening tools, which help to take the back breaking work out of gardening, will also be featured.

Donation to Health Centre \$3.00 (includes refreshments).

Other activities during Arthritis Week will include: "Try for free" water exercises for people with arthritis at Portarlington Pool on Tuesday and Friday at 2 pm (does not include pool entry).

Ring Barb Vallance or Faye Price for more details on 52 1944.

## Youth Meet

Coming soon at the Drysdale Community Health Centre.

Adolescents will be invited to "drop-in" every Wednesday at 4.00 pm onward. We would love to have some help! If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Marion or Jenny on 51 2291 Monday - Friday from 8.30 am - 5.00 pm.

## It may save your life, or your Mother's

Did you know cervical cancer is the 6th most common cancer in Victoria. It is 90% preventable but only 40-50% currently prevented.

Did you know 1 in 15 women develop breast cancer. If you are in the poorly screened groups of women i.e.:

- 50 - 69 years old
- low income families
- Koori women
- Non-English speaking women

and have been reluctant to undergo Pap Smear and Breast Screening, I am available to speak to groups or have a private chat to explain and reassure you about prevention programmes that may save your life.

Please contact Carolyn Brand - Women's Health Nurse at Drysdale Community Health Centre, 512291.



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## **Volunteers urgently required to assist parents at Infant Vaccination Sessions**

The City of Greater Geelong Health and Community Development Unit are responsible for the provision of free immunisation for infants. Being aware that vaccinations can be an anxious time for new families, we are continually looking to ways of providing greater support and reassurance for parents, especially at the immunisation sessions.

We are currently seeking people who may like to assist us, by simply being available during the immunisation sessions, to chat to new parents and provide a comforting presence.

Immunisation sessions are conducted once a month for an average of one hour.



If you have a warm rapport with children and would like to be involved, please contact Wendy Pentland on Ph. 270760 and we would appreciate all help offered.

## **TRAINING PROGRAM FOR HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS**

The Bellarine Peninsula Community Health Service Inc. will run a training programme for all those interested in becoming Volunteers supporting families of the terminally ill. This program of 4 x weeks duration will be held in the Drysdale Community Health Centre on Monday afternoons from 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm commencing on 10th April, 1995 (Easter Monday 17th April will be excluded).

All interested people are asked to register by phoning the Portarlington Community Health Centre on 59 2537 before the 31st March, 1995. Stephanie O'Leary and Verna McLennan will co-ordinate the programme.

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## Fixtures and Chattels.

An often asked question by both purchasers and vendors is "What's included?" with a property when it's sold.

As a basic guide, anything which is a fixture, unless otherwise stated, is part of the sale. These usually include all stoves, hot water systems, wall to wall floor coverings, blinds, clothes lines and fixed television antennas. Other items which can be sold with a property are referred to as "chattels" and include drapes and lights fittings.

The Professionals Property Consultants are well aware of the "grey areas" which can result in disputes between purchasers and vendors. Dishwashers are an item occasionally in dispute, with purchasers considering them, and rightly so, to be a fixture. However, new property owners sometimes find when they take possession that the dishwasher has gone.

Garden sheds with their foundations set in concrete should be considered a fixture, and therefore sold with a property. Vendors have been known

to take garden plants which are in tubs, claiming they are not fixtures. Rarely, they will also want to dig established plants out of a garden.

The best advice for both purchasers and vendors is to have an inventory of fixtures and chattels as part of the contract of sale. To avoid a dispute, the vendor can also list items that the vendor specifically identifies as not being for sale.

Purchasers are urged to exercise their right to reinspect the property seven days prior to settlement. If a vendor has removed a fixture deemed to be included in the sale, then this would be in breach of contract.

However, while the purchaser has a right to pursue the matter, it will not give them an entitlement to terminate the contract. During the pre-settlement inspection the purchaser may find the vendor has left property or rubbish behind. The cost of its removal is an issue which should be mutually resolved.

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