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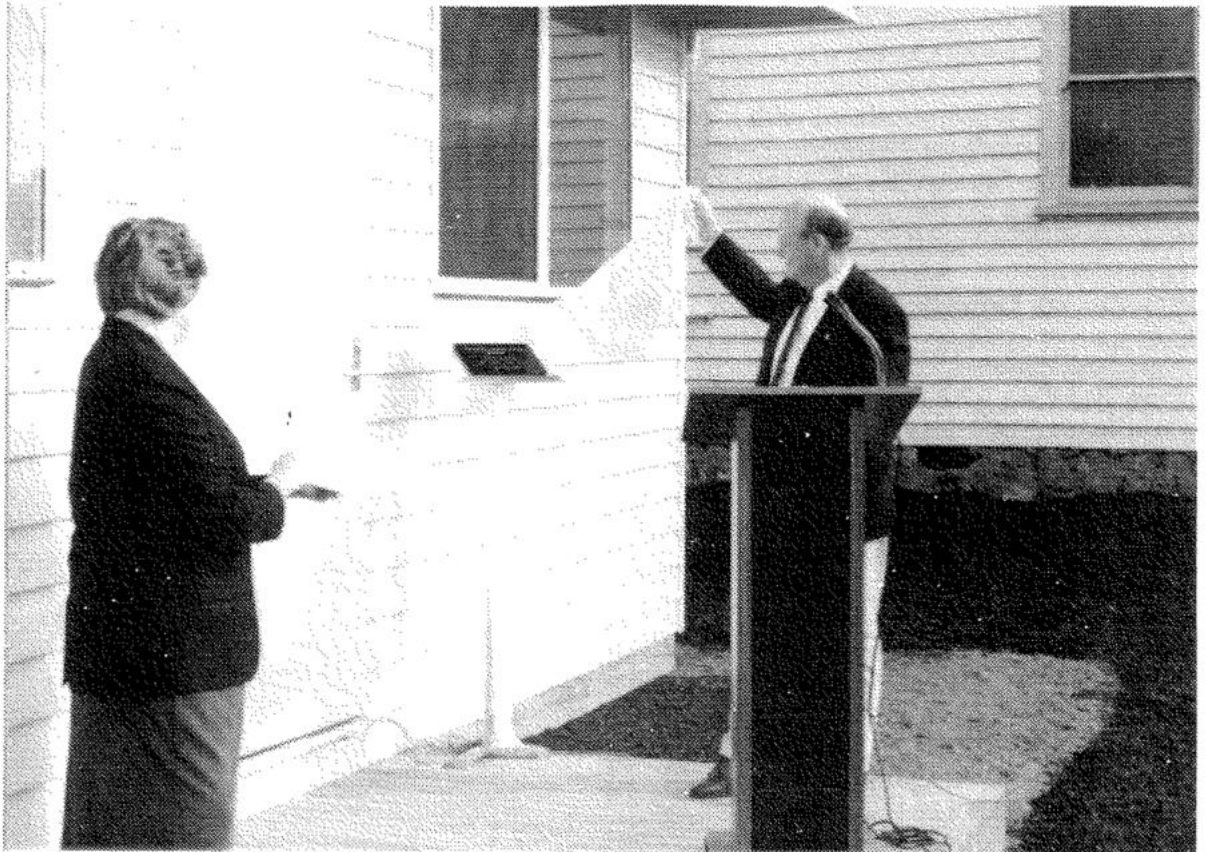
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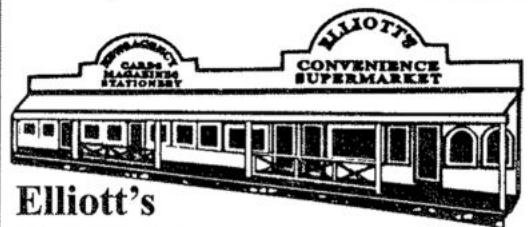


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OPENING OF EXTENSION:

On Friday, May 19th, Bellarine MLA Mr Garry Spry officially opened SpringDale's new wing. Funded by a generous Children's Services Grant the extension to SpringDale will facilitate considerable expansion of SpringDale services, primarily in child care.

During his address Mr Spry congratulated SpringDale Committee on its commitment to meeting community needs. 'SpringDale, I believe,' said Mr Spry, 'is the epitome of what a neighbourhood centre should be.'

Mr Frank O'Neill, who addressed the approximately 60 people who attended the ceremony, congratulated SpringDale on once again living up to their reputation as a 'Can Do' Committee who see a job which needs doing and go ahead and do it.

SPECIAL THANKS to Bertie Beaumont, Michael McFadyen, Maxie Teven, Ian Doolan and Judy Boland of the Landscape Team from the Greater City of Geelong who worked so hard to have the grounds ready on time.

The Teddy Bears Party which followed the Opening was a roaring success!

A great time was had by all and much needed funds were raised to furnish the new Extension.



THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to the army of community-minded citizens who supported the day. The following traders generously sponsored the party:

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The Apex Club, Aub Jones and Miss Fireman of the CFA Fire Truck, and Jim Ricchini and some of our impressive Drysedale P.S. students deserve special thanks for their participation.



Teddy's Party!



SPRINGDALE NEWS:

SpringDale Community Cottage has received Federal Government funding for a special commemorative issue of The Messenger.

Member for Corio, Mr Gavan O'Connor, presented SpringDale Committee with a seedling grant cheque for \$1200. Some thirty people attended the function at which Mr O'Connor congratulated SpringDale on their initiative and the high standard of the Messenger.

The special edition will be published on August 11th, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of VP (Victory in the Pacific) Day.

Contributions will be from members of RSL, Legacy, and people with interesting War stories.

Children from primary and secondary schools are especially invited to forward 'family memory' stories.

So please contact us with your story at SpringDale.

Ph :531960.

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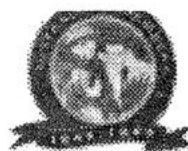
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GEORGE REMEMBERS 1945



After serving in the Middle East and the Islands, George was stationed at Canungra, instructing the young trainees on jungle warfare and survival skills, before their overseas postings.

There had been rumours circulating at Wasp Creek, a camp not far from Canungra, that atomic bombs had been dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, having a devastating effect. George's camp was rife with the rumours, but no official report had been released from Headquarters until the 6th of August.

The War was won. The battle was over. At first the men were stunned, then came the relief of knowing the War was finally over and that soon they'd be returning home to their families and loved ones. After the relief and jubilation came overwhelming sadness. Remembering the lives of friends and loved ones lost, those who'd suffered horrific injuries to both body and mind, and the hardships endured in the prison camps. It was a time of mixed emotions. the War had touched the lives of so many.

George remembers having a quiet dinner at Southport that evening. There were no loud celebrations or dancing in the streets. Thoughts and conversations were focused on the war years and the brave men and women who'd courageously fought for freedom.

Orders were given to close up the Canungra camp. Vehicles and stores were sent back to ordinance, tanks were returned to Wallangarra, all medical supplies and equipment had to be destroyed. This operation took three months.

Regimental Sergeant Major George Hayes was the last officer to leave the Canungra camp.

Suzanne Bellears



*MR. Gavin O'Conner M.P., Mr. Bill Jones R.S.L.,
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A variety of services and programs exist in our community for families of young children. These include:

Play Groups - Drysdale/Clifton Springs area.

1. The Clifton Springs Playgroup Inc. operates four days a week, Tuesday to Friday except for public holidays from 9.30 till 11 am at the Springs Community Centre. Children from birth up until they begin kindergarten are welcome to attend. We run activities for the kids to try; for example things like painting and pasting for those busy little fingers, theme days - dress-ups, colour days etc., and creative activities - things to make for themselves and for others.

Playgroup also provides a time for mothers (and fathers and grandparents) to meet other families in similar situations, and discuss the joys and the problems of raising children. Once a term we also arrange a kids' outing (during the day) and a mothers' night out. This term the children are going to the Pizza hut and the Mums are going to The Palms.

We are an incorporated body and have a managing committee that meet five times a year, to which anyone is most welcome. We are also members of the Victorian Playgroups Association who provide us with valuable support and insurance coverage. For any further information please contact either Caroline Rickard on 513171 or Maria Menheere on 531602.

2. Clifton Springs Baptist Church Playgroup:

There are presently two playgroups meeting each week, with a total enrolment of 38 families. It is an Outreach ministry of the Church. It is a structured playgroup for children in the 0-5 year old age group. Activities are age appropriate and parents are involved in the planning and preparation of activities.

We include Bible stories, songs, and activities in the program. Parents develop friendships with others in the group providing support and encouragement.

The children enjoy learning through play and participating in a variety of experiences. Both groups are at capacity in 1995, and we have a waitinglist. All enquiries to the Church office: 531833

3. SpringDale Community Cottage Kinderplay:

"Kinderplay" is an organised playgroup for PRE-kindergarten aged children. In 1995 there have been five groups operating from three different venues. It is a parent-run playgroup with guidelines set by Springdale. The groups are kept small and families are expected to attend regularly. The children are grouped according to the kindergarten the child will attend the following year, thus enabling children to form friendships with children whom they will meet at their pre-school.

Registration day for 1996 will be held in November. If you have an eligible child and would like to participate in Kinderplay you will need to attend the registration Day or call in at SpringDale AFTER that date. Further details about the Registration Day will be made available through the Messenger in October '95.

Further enquiries ring: 531960

1995 saw the introduction of a three year old kindergarten. Currently it operates 2 X 2 hr sessions per week. Children must be eligible for enrolment. For further details and enrolments phone: 531550

CHOOSING A KINDERGARTEN FOR YOUR CHILD

When making the choice of which kinder your child will attend there are many factors to be considered.

Location and transport facilities, length of session, fees, the type of program offered, but most important is the way you feel about the kinder and the staff. If you feel happy with the kinder your child will feel happy too.

At present enrolment forms may be picked up at individual kindergartens, filled out and returned either to the kinder or to the Greater City of Geelong shop front. From there they

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are sent into Geelong where the application is put onto the computer files. Central enrolment ensures that your child will be offered a place at a kindergarten in your area as soon as one becomes available.

Children who turn four years of age by 30th April of their pre-school year are eligible for one year of funded pre-school.

If you change your place of residence and alter your enrolment preference, the date of alteration does not affect the date of enrolment. If you decide to defer your child's entry into pre-school until the following year the original application date will apply.

Councillor's Report

Coryule Ward, Cr. Dennis J. Blake

EDUCATION BOOST FOR THE PENINSULA

Educational opportunities for young people on the Bellarine Peninsula. The Peninsula's population is expected to double to 40,000 within the next ten years with a burgeoning number of schoolage children in the Clifton Springs, Drysdale area.

The City of Greater Geelong Council has a strong involvement in the establishment of two new schools.

Commenting on the recent announcement that the council has leased its Drysdale off site to the Christian College, Cr. Dennis Blake said: This is an exciting, positive use for the site which is now surplus to the City's requirement for office space. The City's Drysdale Customer Service Centre which presently operates from the Collins Street building will relocate to a convenient shopfront in Hancock Street within the coming months.

Cr. Blake said that already, close to 150 Christian College students travel from the Peninsula to attend the College's Highton Campus. The new Peninsula Campus, which will cater for primary school children, will open for the 1996 school year.

"Myself and my fellow Peninsula Councillors, Cr. Dorothy McWhinney and Cr Ian Howard strongly supported the proposal for Christian College to lease the former office site. In addition Cr McWhinney and I will represent the Council on the Implementation Committee of the planned Drysdale Campus of the Bellarine Secondary College," Cr Blake said.

The Grubb Road/Andersons Road site where the Secondary College is to be established was

READERS AT RISK

At present, a service is being offered in Geelong to assist children in the 3 to 5 year age group who may have brothers, sisters or parents who have experienced reading difficulties. If you have reason to believe that your child could fall into this category please contact your local kindergarten teacher and ask for an 'Expression of Interest' form to indicate your interest in taking part in the study.

originally purchased by the former Bellarine Council to establish new Council offices and sub regional facilities in this most central peninsula location. It is a very large tract of land. Already the Peninsula Ambulance Station and SES are established on the site.

Cr Blake said: "I have already inspected the pegging of boundaries on the new site. An access road to allow construction to begin will be the first of the site works which will lead to the opening of the Secondary College in 1997. The College will be a wonderful asset for the entire community because it opens up the possibility to plan towards shared school and community facilities such as a Library and Sportsgrounds. I look forward to working with the other members of the Implementation Committee to further these plans."

Footnote: Cr Blake and his wife Patricia have a vested interest in ensuring solid education facilities on the Peninsula. Dennis and his wife

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The Drysdale Children's Services Centre is a community facility which includes pre-school and child care programs and the office of Family Day Care.

The Centre boasts a service of 35 places for children between the ages of four months and six years. It is open five days a week between the hours of 7am and 6pm.

The staff at Drysdale Child Care Centre are a highly motivated team who promote a stimulating environment for the children in their care.

The range of qualifications held by staff are: Association Diploma of Social Science in Child Care; Advanced Certificate in Child Care; TAFE Certificate of Child Care (Assistant).

Through their studies the staff are placed within a diverse range of community roles. These include Maternal and Child Health centres, Special Needs environment, Maternal Hospitals, Family Day Care Services, Kindergarten and not to forget the Child Care Centres. This provides them with a wide variety of knowledge and experiences which helps them promote the safe, flexible and fun environment that children need to grow.

SPECIAL COMMENT:

We have been using the Drysdale Child Care Program since it first opened, and both my husband and I are extremely pleased with it. All the staff are warm and friendly people and care for each child and their individual needs to the fullest.

It's a place where I knew my son would be safe and gives him the chance to mix with children his own age.

The programs are planned to develop their skills, mentally and physically.

The Centre provides qualified staff who are there to support and care for our needs whatever they may be. e.g. allergy problems, medical conditions etc.

I had no problems deciding to send my second child there.

Jenny Currie (parent of two children attending Drysdale Children's Services centre.)

FAMILY DAY CARE.

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13 Eversley St. Drysdale Phone 270786


Family Day Care is a childcare service provided in the caregiver's home. The caregivers are carefully screened by the City of Greater Geelong.

The advantages of F.D.C. are that the children are cared for in a family atmosphere. The groups are small, and the children are involved in everyday activities, both in and outside the home.


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The first is a home visit followed by assessments at 2wk, 3-4wk, 8wk, 4mth, 8mth, 12mth, 18mth, 2yr and 3 1/2yrs.

Other appointments are available at both centres for any other concerns.

CENTRE HOURS

Drysdale Community Health Centre.
Palmerston St.

Wed - all day. ph. 512291

Contact Sr. Rita Ambrose.

Clifton Springs Maternal Child Health Service

Mon. Wed. Fri - all day.

Contact Sr. Linda Tomkins ph. 512538

A first time mothers' group for both centres runs every 8 weeks, Next group begins May 17th Wed. 1.30-3.00pm. Ph. 512538 for enquiries.

IMMUNISATION

Immunisation against diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, mumps, measles, rubella, haemophilus, influenza type B and hepatitis B is free to all babies and children, and to some adults.

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SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY COTTAGE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.

*** SpringDale Bellarina Toy Library** is a parent-run organisation which provides a toy lending service for families in the area. We have an exciting range of 46 puzzles and 82 toys, with further items currently being catalogued. Toy Library children enjoy the stimulation of a new toy and puzzle each week or fortnight, to suit families' schedules. We cater for babies and children up to six years of age. Limited vacancies exist for families to join Bellarina Toy Library. Ring SpringDale Community Cottage for more information on 531960, or come along and join the fun on a Saturday morning between 10.30 and 11.30am.

*** Creative Movement and Music for Young Children.**

Venue: SpringDale Community Cottage.
A series of workshops for 3-5 year olds is held during the school term. The children and their parents explore movement and music through a variety of activities including song, story, dance, games and percussion. Concepts of music are explored, whilst encouraging freedom to move and enjoy music. Enquiries contact SpringDale Community Cottage.

*** SpringDale 'Occasional' Child Care.**

Child care facilities for classes will soon be available. Sessional child care for the community is being researched. An expression of interest survey is available from SpringDale C.C.

*** Beacon Point Branch of SpringDale Kinderplay.**

A lively bunch of 3 and 4 year olds meet each Monday from 1 to 3pm at Beacon Point Preschool. Parents are rostered each week to prepare activities geared to the age and development of the children. It is a raging success! We are spending quality time together whilst our children's confidence and social skills blossom. As we are all having fun!

The families involved are grateful for the opportunity to use Beacon Point Preschool for their sessions. A more stimulating environment could not be wished for. Special thanks to the Directress, Mrs Meredith Dick, for her willingness to share the venue during her preparation time. She will be rewarded by having 13 very well-adjusted, self-confident preschoolers in 1996.

Jan Anderson.

LIBRARY: Toddler time (3-5yrs)

Storytime at the Drysdale Library, Village Walk. Come along and listen to some great stories, sing songs, rhymes and dabble in some craft.

When - last Friday of the month.

Time - 10-10.45am.

Bellarine Callisthenics College.

Girls aged 3 +, classes held in Drysdale. Enquiries Ph. Joanne 554837.

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Portarlinton Toy Library

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Toy lending service for children 6mths to 7yrs of age. Ph. Kerrie 593339.

Portarlinton Playgroup.

Ph. Jane 592169 Parkes Hall.

Newcombe St. Portarlinton.

"Little Legs"

Do your little ones love to dance to music on radio or tape? Then they'd love to join "Little Legs" Tinies Dance Group and have lots of fun with music and movement while learning the basics of classical dance. Familiar nursery rhymes, songs from favourite children's TV programs, and Christian music written especially for kids, are features of this class.

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BELLARINE CHRISTIAN RIDING CLUB

A riding club for families and individual riders, embracing Christian values. We offer instruction in various equestrian skills, horse care and management etc., plus fun activities for all the family. We hold rallies on the third Saturday of each month. Light barbecue lunch provided (\$3 perhead) or B.Y.O.

For further details please contact:

Mary Dowd ph. 532424

Debby Welsh ph. 512772

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Service of Quality

Congratulations to Stan Hockey and his staff was extended by Mr Barry Ings Australia Post Area Manager and Mr John Maher Australia Post Manager Country, when they presented the Certificate of Quality Service Accreditation on 26th April at Drysdale Post Office. The Quality Service Accreditation is awarded when the Office has satisfied external assessors that the services provided are customer-focused and the staff has worked continuously to improve reliability, efficiency and friendly service. Mr Ings reminded Drysdale staff that with deregulation of the Postal Service it was not the politicians who decided their future, but in the final analysis it was the customers. He encouraged them to continue their hard work and foster customer loyalty and satisfaction.

THANK YOU AND FARE WELL.

Our hints contributor, Fred Brimble, passed away on May 14th.

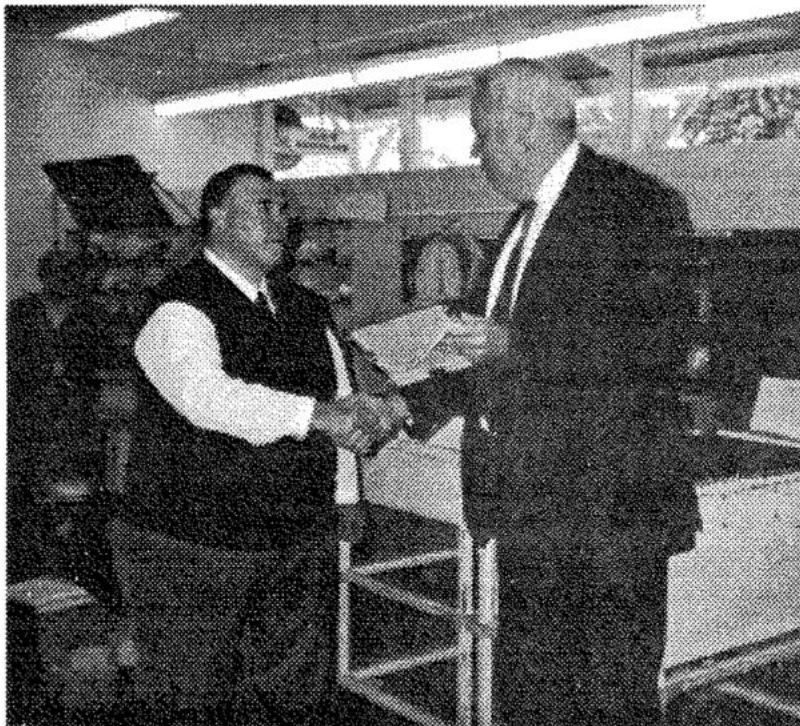
A few weeks before his death he wrote us one more note. We include it in this issue with our grateful thanks for his tips and our condolences to his family.

"If there is anybody out there who would like to do some dwarfing of 'Citrus trees', it's very simple and interesting. Just wait until winter

comes and get some 'large navel' oranges. Cut the top off the oranges, 1 inch = 2 1/2 cms. Very carefully scrape the flesh from inside skin, being careful not to puncture skin, then dry skin completely. Try to avoid shrinking skin. Then take seeds of lemons, limes, grapefruit, or Valencia oranges and start them off in seed boxes or small pots. Choose whatever you wish to grow in dwarf seeds, when seedling gets 4 inches = 10cms. Prepare inside of dried orange skin with equal parts of spagnum moss and very fine loam, and set whatever citrus tree you've chosen into orange skin filled with mixture of spagnum moss and very fine loam, water seedling in, and place orange in container that will keep it upright.

Citrus tree will grow to 9 or 10 inches = 22 1/2, 25 cms and bear miniature flowers and fruit. It is a pretty sight, and must be grown outside, protected from severe weather but given plenty of sun. The roots will come out through the orange skin, and must be shaved off with a razor or sharp knife, and that's what keeps the tree mini size. It's a very interesting past-time. I got this information from a Chinese market gardener 71 years ago. I have practised it for many years and given away dozens. Cumquats can also be used for dwarfing.

Yours sincerely,
Fred."



*Post Master,
Stan Hockey &
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A LIFETIME CAREER

Have you or are you about to embark on the career of a lifetime - PARENTHOOD?

We all want the best for our children and where does that best beginning start? It starts when these little humans are born and go looking for their primary instinct, food. We are all given many different pieces of advice as soon as we announce that we are expecting our first baby. We end up confused and unsure. The Nursing Mothers Association of Australia is available to give you information about babies' first food. This comes in the form of breastmilk. It is the right composition for your baby. It comes in a sterile container, is always ready and available (don't we wish that when we are hungry our food was there without preparation?). It is environmentally friendly (no disposable containers, no sterilising solution).

We often give up breast feeding as we are unsure what is required. Choosing to get as much information together as we can, helps us to make informed choices about our children and their future.

A breastfed infant gets all the nutrition it needs from breastmilk for at least the first six months of life, not to mention the bonding for mother and child. This does not mean that fathers don't get a chance to help with their children. If there is a tendency to allergies in your family, feeding your baby breastmilk will help lessen the chances of him/her developing allergies. There are many other aspects of parenting that fathers can do - such as changing nappies, cuddling, bath time, cuddling, playing and of course cuddling.

We are a very friendly Nursing Mothers Group in Bellarine and encourage people to come

along to meetings prior to having their babies to get support and suggestions for breastfeeding their new-borns. People with children are also encouraged to attend to increase their knowledge of the most difficult career any of us will choose to take on.

Come along and meet our Counsellors and members and help make your new career easier than you expect.

Contact persons for the Bellarine Group are Ro on 513652, JulieAnn on 513705, or Jenni on 512497. Calls are invited for more help or information.

Note: Phone Springdale Community Cottage 531960 for copy of Parent Power (Education for Parenthood 1994) Cost \$8 per copy.

COVER TO COVER

Drysdale Library News

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the end of World War 11, and there are many accounts of bravery, endurance and dangerous exploits - so visit your library to browse the shelves and the catalogues.

As the years have passed, civilians who were affected by the horror of war have written of their experiences. Three very fine titles are - "*Heddy and me*" / Susan Varga (a Jewish mother, with toddler and baby in tow, outwits the Nazis as she flees across Hungary).

"*Sayonara my friend, love Annie*" / Charlotte Monassen Mori (an engrossing story of life in occupied Dutch Colonial Indonesia. Two

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friends - one marries a Japanese civilian and leaves to begin life, under great difficulties, in Japan after the war - the other, with a Dutch husband, migrates to Australia).

"50 years of silence" / Jan Ruff-O'Herne (an internee in a Japanese prison camp, Jan is the first European 'comfort woman' to speak out - a story of tremendous courage).

The fate of HMAS Sydney has always been puzzling. Why was the Australian cruiser and her 645 men lost virtually without trace? Read more in the book by Tom Frame.

On video "D-Day, the great crusade"; "Search for the battleship Bismark" - excellent; "When the war came to Australia" - 4 volume set and "Battle for the Falklands".

Read the biography of Sir Edward Dunlop, "Weary" / Sue Ebury. And there's a new work on the life of Rommel. A great escape by General Sir John Hackett in "I was a stranger" makes for a tense read. And coming "Stoker": the story of an Australian soldier who survived Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Fiction just in: "Acceptable risk" / Robin Cook; "A ruthless need" / Catherine Cookson and "When Christ and His saints slept" / Sharon Penman (historical saga).

Yes, we do have "John Cain's years"!!

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Margaret Skeen

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The first major expansion of Christian College will take place at the start of the 1996 school year with the establishment of a new Primary campus at the former offices of the City of Greater Geelong in Collins Street, Drysdale. Christian College, Bellarine will offer families throughout the Bellarine peninsula the same broad range of learning programmes and unique educational atmosphere that has developed successfully at the Highton campus over the past 15 years. Emphasis will be given to establishing a firm foundation in literacy and numeracy skills, from which each child can progress to more complex concepts with confidence. Moreover, the practical "hands-on" experiences in Art, Computer Studies, Environmental Science and Library will foster an enjoyment of learning.

Active participation in Music is seen as a vital part of the programme where children not only experience the joy of 'making music' together through Orff and Kodaly, but develop an insightful appreciation of a wide range of different instrumental and vocal compositions. As well as a specialist classroom Music, students have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument through individual lessons with experienced private tutors during the school day. Physical Education and Sport combine to firstly develop a range of skills and an opportunity to enjoy participation in a wide variety of sporting games. Students' involvement and interest in particular sports are encouraged through interschool sporting competition and afterschool team sports. Such activities often lead to ongoing leisure pursuits and a healthier lifestyle into adulthood.

The study of Asian Languages - Korean and Mandarin - not only enables our primary students to speak and write in a second language, but brings a knowledge of the culture of other countries that will promote a genuine tolerance and understanding of others.

Under the leadership of Mr Glen McKeeman - the Head of the Bellarine Primary Campus - the experienced and dedicated team of teaching staff at the new College will develop the caring atmosphere within which students

have consistency of expectations, positive encouragement and a genuine working relationship with students and their families.

Underpinning the wide range of learning experiences is the importance of developing each child's self-esteem where confidence, the use of initiative and an inquisitive, enquiring mind can open 'new horizons' in discovery learning.

At Christian College the partnership of teachers and parents working together for the best education of the students has created an atmosphere where Christian values of care, respect and consideration for others, honesty and integrity are a vital part of daily College life.

The Principal of Christian College, Highton - Mr Daryl Riddle - together with the current College Board will oversee the establishment of the new campus at Drysdale thus ensuring the continuity of the same excellent programmes, facilities and standards that are currently in operation at the Highton campus. Representatives of the Anglican, Uniting and Baptist Churches and The Salvation Army are active members of the College Board.

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In January this year I, along with 287 other students about to enter year 12, attended the 1995 CRA National Science Summer School. I had a great time and learnt a lot about Science in the process.

There were two, two week sessions, running from December 31 to January 28. The participants were selected earlier last year by Rotary Clubs throughout Australia and New Zealand, many of the participants having to pass two interview panels. I was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Drysdale and was selected at the district interviews in Ararat in July.

The National Science Summer School was not an ordinary school, there were no formal sessions. Instead, the program gave us the opportunity of seeing what science is like outside of the classroom. Through laboratory visits to many of Canberra's top institutions and talking to scientists I gained a better understanding of what scientists do and how they work. We also had very useful lectures on University entry, scholarships we should apply for, body language and public speaking. To give

us even more interview experience, we also had mock job interviews while we were there. The whole fortnight was a real learning experience. On my first day I met 143 total strangers who I was going to be living with in the University of Canberra's residence. For myself and many others it was the first time we'd been away from home for so long. We also became familiar with speaking to scientists and professors.

One of the main objectives of the CRA National Science Summer School is to assist in selecting a career path. I feel that it has opened my eyes to careers in science I didn't know about and given me a broader range of choices. I made many good friends, partly because we had so much in common. They are people I will keep in touch with and undoubtedly meet again at University.

I would definitely recommend the program to any Year 11 who would like a future in science. From this year it will be known as the CRA National Youth Science Forum, a much more appropriate name. Any Year 11 who would like more information should speak to a member of their local Rotary Club or their science co-ordinator.

Penny Hundt. Year 12 Sacred Heart College.



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IMPAIRED VISION COURSE

The Bellarine Peninsula Community Health Service and Illawarra are offering a 6 week vision course in Term 3 to be held at the Drysdale Community Health Centre, 21 Palmerston Street, Drysdale. If you have failing eyesight or live with someone who has vision loss and are interested in such a course please contact Marion Westrup or Jenny Crombie on 512291.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

BREAST AND CERVICAL SCREENING TALK

Every woman, no matter what age, should have the opportunity to learn about breast self examination and mammography screening as a preventative measure to the most common cancer in women, and that is breast cancer. This information will be available at an evening at Portarlington Community Health Centre, Fenwick Street from 7.00pm - 9.00pm on Tues-

day 13th June, 1995, presented by Community Health Nurses.

Also explained will be why it is most important for women to have regular Pap smear screening throughout their adult life.

Please phone 581944 for bookings.

ADULT LITERACY

SpringDale's adult literacy tutors meet regularly to discuss methods and programs. Students in the SpringDale Adult Literacy program enjoy the advantages of learning on a one to one basis with experienced tutors.

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HOT TIP

A Messenger reader recently saw metre-high flames leaping from her next-door neighbour's chimney, threatening to spark a nearby tree. She rushed to the rescue. By the time the Fire Brigade arrived the emergency was over.

She'd remembered a tip from her mother's oft-told family stories: When they were living in the bush, the chimney of their weather-board house caught fire. Her mother, home alone with the children, phoned for help. The telephone exchange connected her to the butcher!

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Maybe it's also time not just to ensure that your kids are doing okay with their faith but for you to rediscover the faith of earlier years. It just might now make a big difference! Certainly, there's nothing to lose by giving it another go, so why not visit our 10.00 am Sunday morning worship service, at 45 Central Road, Clifton Springs?

Any queries, please phone Ruth or Helen any morning, Monday - Friday, on 53 1833.

Warmly,

David Sharrock.
Pastor



A.G.M. REPORT:

At the recent SpringDale Annual General Meeting new office bearers elected were: President - Maureen Naughton.

Vice President - Joan Shanahan

Secretary - Marita Thurman

Treasurer Dorothy Chase - position unchanged.

SpringDale reported a 280% growth in class numbers during the past year of operation.

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But it's not always so easy being the Dad who likes to be involved. For example a trip to the City shopping for a birthday present for Mum can turn into a task if, while you're halfway through a shopping complex, the little angel in your arms suddenly decides it's time for gravity to take hold and "hello" time for a nappy change.

Quite a task when all the change rooms are located in the women's toilets.

So it's back to the old car seat in the carpark before, 30 minutes later, you're back in the shopping centre trying to remember what you were here for in the first place.

However, today the majority of fathers just take it in their stride; washing nappies, the daily bath or the evening feed - it's all part of family life in the 90s.

Think about how many times we fathers hear: "Oh! You're baby sitting today while Mum's having a break." While a mother being stopped hears: "Oh! Isn't she/he just lovely dear. And how are you coping?"

What's wrong with fathers having an equal hand in the raising of their children? Basically nothing.

As a father who looks after our young son daily I can tell you that if you didn't see the funny side to it there would be some very insulted women around the place.

We live in an era which is striving for equal opportunity in the work place and in every day life. Yet when it comes down to how to hold the baby it always seems to be the mother's place or mother knows best.

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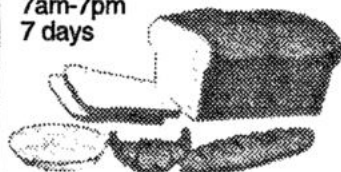
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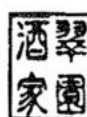
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There are bush roses, ground cover roses, standard roses, weeping roses, old fashioned roses, new release roses. All sorts of fruit trees, nuts, berries, grapes. A myriad of marvellous moulting (well deciduous didn't fit in) specimen trees in all shapes sizes and colors. Weeping trees, Flowering trees Mop Top trees, trees that do this and trees that do that. If you haven't already guessed there are a lot of things that become available and some of them are really quite interesting.

If you purchase any of the above there are some do and don'ts as far as looking after them goes. Do ask your nursery person about pruning and if you are not sure get them to do it. Do find out the preferred growing conditions for the new addition. Do stake any trees that are big enough for the wind to blow either crooked or over. Do make sure that the ground is well prepared and full of goodies. Do NOT let any of the roots dry out before planting, they should stay moist. Do NOT forget to water the plant every now and again if we have a dry spell. Do NOT stay inside all Winter, it's very bad for you. Do try to enjoy the garden even though it's not so hot.

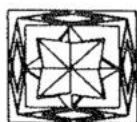
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BELLARINE PENINSULA ART SHOW INC. 1995

13th Annual Bellarine Peninsula Art Show
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FRIDAY - 9 JUNE to
MONDAY - 12 JUNE

to be held at
"THE SPRINGS"

Spring Street, Clifton Springs

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OPENING NIGHT - Friday 9 June 1995

Sales begin 7.30 pm

Tickets - \$6 - available at the door

Presentation of prizes

Opening Times:

Friday June 9 - 7.30pm

Saturday June 10 - 10.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday June 11 - 10.00am - 5.00pm

Monday June 12 - 10.00am - 4.00pm*

*Show closes

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Springdale Bellarina Toy Library:

Good news! The storage cupboard at
Springdale Bellarina Toy Library is bulging,
thanks to the generous support of the follow-
ing local businesses:

- Mortimer's Service Station
- Ross McConnel (Electrician)
- Drysdale Plumbing Services
- Drysdale Motors
- Drysdale Hardware
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- Le Shah Boutique
- Bellarine Video
- Drysdale Removals & Storage
- All Hours Florist, High St.
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The children and parents involved with
Bellarina Toy Library offer heartfelt thanks
for their sponsorship.

These community-minded businesses deserve
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Drysdale Country Women's Association
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Tuesday May 30th 1995

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Community Notices

The Drysdale Cricket Club

The Drysdale Cricket Club has again completed a very successful season of community sport, with senior teams winning over 70% of participating matches. The club was successful in winning the B grade Bellarine & Peninsula Cricket Association pennant, while the U14 team were runners up in the Barwon Zone Junior competition. Ray Williams was named Drysdale Club Champion player. The following players collected trophies at the recent Association presentation night: Rick Ninness - B grade Cricketer of the Year and batting average; Ray Williams - C grade Cricketer of the Year; Richie Robertson - C grade batting average; Steve Phillips - D grade Cricketer of the Year and batting average.

The Club would like to thank the following match sponsors for their support: Bellarine Video; Jettie Road Hairdressing; Newcomb K.F.C.; Elliott's Convenience Store; Peter Cramp Drysdale Pharmacy; Drysdale Village Hardware; Dallimores Tea Rooms; and Drysdale Sports and Leisure.

Bellarine Historical Society

The Old Court House Museum, Drysdale, will now be open on 1st Sunday in each month, 1.30pm to 4.30pm, only, from MAY to NOVEMBER, when volunteers will be available to assist with Family History information.

Records include more than 100 family histories, School Registers, Cemetery Records, Baptism and some Marriage Records, Geelong Advertiser Indexes 1840 - 1900, and the Society's Pioneer Register Containing over 4000 names.

Records and memorabilia of the former Shire of Bellarine are a feature of the Museum Displays.

The Drysdale Health Centre Auxiliary

The Drysdale Health Centre Auxiliary are holding a fashion parade on June 13th at 11.00am at the Senior Citizens Hall

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above competitions please contact:

Joy - 513494, Cecil 531921, Tracey 531194

Competitions currently running:

U/14's & Snr Women

New teams, players welcome!

Do you represent an organisation or club on the Bellarine Peninsula?

SpringDale Community Cottage has seen a need for a Directory of Organisations/Clubs operating on the Peninsula. For many new folk to this community, SpringDale has become the 'Information Centre'. To be of help we need up-to-date information.

If your organisation/club would like to be listed in this Directory we need the name and type of organisation (i.e. sport/social/service club), contact name/s and phone numbers, and date of A.G.M. of your organisation.

Please drop this information into SpringDale Community Cottage, 14 Princess St. Drysdale or send to P.O. Box 80 Drysdale 3222.

VIAL OF LIFE

This is a program organised by the Quota Clubs of Victoria. It is supported by the RACV, with co-operation from the Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance and the State Emergency Service. It is designed to provide information in a crisis or emergency situation when those immediately involved may be unable to provide this information.

The vial can be stored in a glove compartment in a car or in the refrigerator in the home. All instruction for correct placement are included in the Vial of Life which is available, free of charge, from the SpringDale Messenger offices, or by contacting Lorraine Hall of the Bellarine S.E.S. on ph: 512893. A supply will also be kept at Dallimore's tearooms.

BELLARINE JONGLEURS JUNIOR THEATRE GROUP

The Bellarine Jongleurs will be presenting their next production titled:

THE PRINCE'S PURSUIT on Thursday the 8th of June and Friday the 9th of June in St James Hall, Drysdale, at 7.30pm. Tickets are only \$4 each and can be booked on ph: 531439. A royally romantic tale of a dashing (and extremely vain) Prince who searches for his perfect woman. Aided by his reluctant valet Rudefellow, he travels through fairytale land where he meets Cinderella and her hideous sisters, Snow White and four? dwarves, and Red Riding Hood, to name but a few.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our performances. please note that the hall only holds 96 people per night. So get in early for your tickets as all our performances for the last few years have been fully booked.

Director: Barbara Reeves.

PORT WORK GROUP - GARAGE SALE

The Port Work group is raising funds for the Bellarine State Emergency Services and are organising a Garage Sale for:

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE.

Donations are required and will be picked up from your location. Phone Bob or Ethel on Ph: 593892.

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Information with regard to venue and times will be available in the local newspapers nearer to the event.

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We conduct "open houses" each weekend from 1.00 - 1.30 and 2.00 - 2.30. Check our ad in the Geelong Independent for addresses and times and come along. We will be happy to speak to you.

If we can be of any assistance, please call us on 512847.



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