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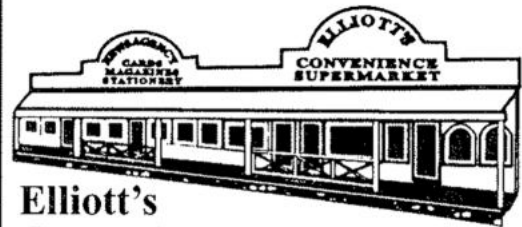


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"DRYSDALE" THE EDUCATIONAL CENTRE OF THE BELLARINE PENINSULA

Over the past twelve years the North Bellarine Peninsula area has seen a dramatic increase in population, particularly in the growth area of Clifton Springs.

With this population increase has come development in local business - retail, trade and professional services. Also the need for better and more comprehensive educational facilities had become apparent.

As the new school year of 1997 opens so does a new era in Educational Facilities on the Peninsula begin. With the opening of three new schools - Bellarine Secondary College Main Campus Stage 1. St. Thomas Primary School and the Bellarine Campus of the Catholic Regional College - as well as the continued growth of the Christian College Bellarine Cam-

pus and both Drysdale and Clifton Springs Primary Schools the Drysdale/Clifton Springs area becomes the chief focus of Education on the Bellarine Peninsula.

SpringDale also intends to continue to provide even more extensive Adult Education both in Leisure Classes and with the co-operation of the Bellarine Secondary College, further General Education classes as well as Adult Literacy and Numeracy - one to one - assistance.

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"THE COMMENCEMENT OF BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE, CENTRAL BELLARINE CAMPUS"

Following several years in the planning the magnificent new campus of the Bellarine Secondary College will commence operations in time for the 1997 school year.

The first intake to the new campus will be years 9 and 10. Students currently in year 8 at the Ocean Grove Campus of the Bellarine Secondary College and currently in year 9 at the Queenscliff Campus should be excited at the prospect of pioneering the first intake.

Eventually the Campus is expected to accommodate between 1,000 and 1,500 students from years 7 to 12, with the additional Campus continuing at Ocean Grove for years 7 and 8.

The new site in Grubb Road is unsurpassed. With approximately 9 hectares high on the hill below and to the south/west of the water tower, the sloping terrain offers enormous potential for landscaping and above all will give students an outlook over Corio Bay towards the You Yangs, to the north - north/west, which hopefully will inspire students to reach great personal and academic heights.

The new location is designed to accommodate the needs of an expanding population on the Peninsula into the foreseeable future.

The modern buildings which have been designed with the advantage of input from the

existing school community, will incorporate the latest technological facilities and eventually will be complemented with additional sporting and recreational facilities to accommodate the needs of not only students but the general community, in a central location unique to the Bellarine Peninsula.

I wish the school every success: I wish the students the wisdom to understand that they are starting the traditions of something new on the Peninsula: I extend to the dedicated staff who will serve at the school my congratulations on a planning job well done and my best wishes for a full and rewarding career, serving the students of the eastern end of the Peninsula. May I also wish the school community generally, wisdom and energy in the increasing important role of continuing to assist in providing the best for your children.

To the Catholic School next door, which will increase the overall student cohort in that location, I also extend my congratulations and best wishes. I am certain the two schools will mutually contribute much to each other in a spirit of harmony and cooperation.

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DRYSDALE CAMPUS SET TO OPEN

HISTORY

Queenscliff High School officially began in 1957 with 109 students. As the population of the Bellarine Peninsula grew so did the school. This led to the need for a new campus at Ocean Grove, established in 1985. Ten years later, with a substantial growth in population on the northern side of the Peninsula, we now look forward to the opening of our third campus at Drysdale. The Queenscliff Campus, the core of the secondary education on the Bellarine Peninsula for 40 years, closes at the end of 1997. Our current student population is over 1000, with 85 teachers and 25 support staff.

FACILITIES: NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

On December 12, 1995 the then Minister of Education Don Hayward turned the first sod of earth to symbolically begin the construction of the Drysdale Campus of Bellarine Secondary College. One year later, after substantial input by staff, students, community representatives, architects, and builders Stage 1 is ready to welcome 400 Year 9 and 10 students when school resumes in 1997. The campus, with its magnificent views of the You Yangs around to the Heads, has the most up to date buildings and features.

Some of these include:

1. An open-plan Technology Centre catering for the subject demands of Metalwork, Plastics, Woodwork, Electronics and Robotics.

2. The latest in Computer technology (multi-media). There will be computer outlets in all rooms, and connections for large screen displays of videos and computer generated images.

3. Modern, spacious Science facilities for practical work.

4. Modern Home Economics facilities and Dining Room.

5. Secure, covered external locker Bays.

6. A landscaped passive recreation area, an oval, and a hardcourt area for more physical activity.

Starting in March 1997 the Second Stage will be built. This includes the Administration area, Library and Arts Centre. As the campus expands, so will the number of students. By 1998 Years 9 to 12 will attend the Drysdale Campus. Years 7 and 8 will attend the Ocean Grove Campus. Beyond 1998 there are plans for a Gymnasium, Theatre and second Science block. This is the third and final stage.

Bellarine Secondary College Principal Rob Hurley says that the Drysdale Campus "will be a major educational asset for the community not only during the day but after school hours when the Library, Computer and Technology facilities can be utilised".

OUR PROGRAMS

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school is for all students to have the opportunity to reach their full potential academically and socially. The school provides many programs which can facilitate these goals.

These include:

1. Broad education programs covering the eight key learning areas.
2. Increasing elective choices at Year 9 and 10.
3. Curriculum emphasis on physical fitness and basic skill development and social development through team games.
4. The study of Indonesian or French as choices of language. There will be the opportunity to undertake language study tours to Indonesia and France.
5. Integration and Learning Assistance programs established to help individual students.
6. Participation by students in the decision making processes of the school through Student Government and the Student Leadership Programme.
7. Artistic involvement through participation in the Instrumental Music Program, School Band and Rock Eisteddfod.

8. Year Level camps at Years 7, 9 and 11.
9. Careers counselling.
10. A strong emphasis on Student Welfare through the Welfare Co-ordinators, School Chaplain, Form Teachers, Student Managers and Sub-school Co-ordinators.

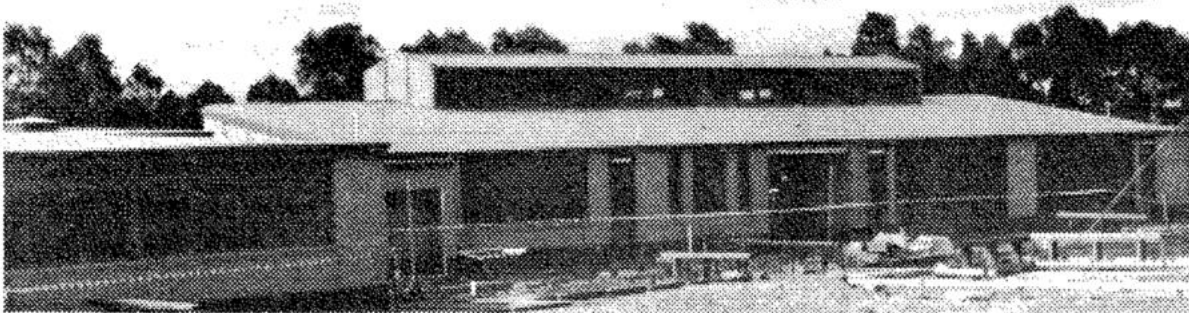
FURTHER INFORMATION

Heather McIntyre will be the Assistant Principal responsible for the operation of the Drysdale Campus in 1997. Darryl Wilson will be the Sub-School Co-ordinator. If you were unable to attend the Open Day, we would encourage you to visit the school early in 1997. The Drysdale Campus office will be open from Thursday 23rd January.

School will commence for Year 9 and 10 students at the Drysdale Campus on THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY.

Students in Years 7, 8, 11 and 12 will commence on Wednesday the 29th January.

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St. Thomas' is located on a picturesque 9.8 hectare site on the corner of Anderson and Gillies Roads, Drysdale. The Primary School services St. Thomas' Parish, Drysdale. The secondary school is a campus of Catholic Regional College, Geelong and services the Bellarine Peninsula.

The school is commencing in temporary accommodation in February 1997 with students in Years Prep to Year 8 and will progressively grow to Year 12 by 2001.

Curriculum

We aim to provide a curriculum that has continuity and coherence from Years Prep to 12. Students in Years Prep - 8 will study a core curriculum comprising Religious Education and subjects from all learning areas recommended by the Victorian Curriculum Standards and Frameworks: English, Mathematics, Science, Studies of Society and Environment, Arts, Technology, Health and Physical Education and Language Other Than English (Indonesian). Particular emphasis will be placed on developing an innovative middle school curriculum that endeavours to meet the special needs and interests of adolescents and facilitates the transition from primary to secondary school.

Understanding that children develop at different and varying rates, classes will be multi-age in order to facilitate the delivery of a developmental curriculum.

Facilities

Our excellent facilities which are currently under construction will include:

- * A modern library (Information Research Centre)
- * Science, Technology and Arts Centres
- * An Administration Centre
- * A Multi-purpose Centre
- * Home-unit style junior classrooms
- * Hockey/Soccer and Football/Cricket fields
- * Netball/Basketball courts
- * Canteen

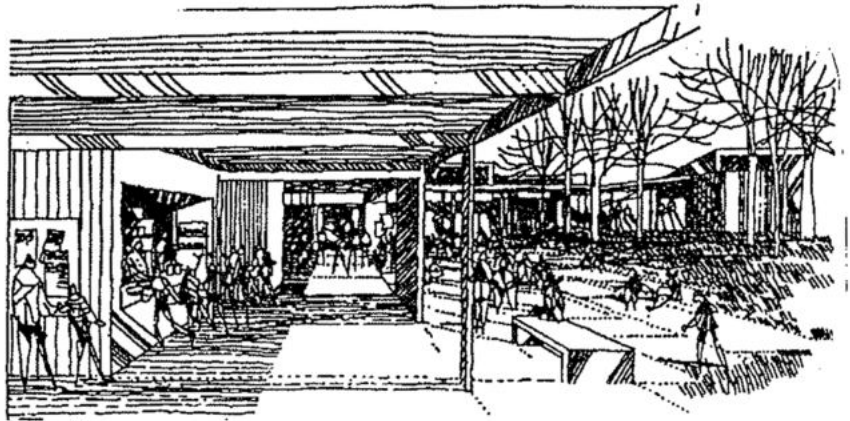
Fees

Fees are reasonable and consider families Primary (Years P - 6) \$800 per family per year

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The 'foundation year' at Christian College Bellarine has been a great success. One of the highlights of the year has been the developing links with the local community.

Being situated in the former City of Greater Geelong complex in Drysdale enables children from all over the district the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of a quality private education, without having to travel to Geelong. The College has experienced steady growth and development throughout the first twelve months of operation with increased enrolments, additional classes and the planned expansion in 1998 to include Year 7 classes.

The extensive and challenging broad curriculum includes specialist classes in Music, Art, Physical Education, Japanese and Korean. As well as this, students have access to modern computer facilities and a comprehensive library providing students at Christian College with first class facilities and opportunities.

The caring, experienced staff have been specifically employed to meet the needs of individual children within the College and to provide the necessary guidance and support for children in our ever changing and challenging times. Families with children enrolled at the College are delighted with the progress that their children have demonstrated, with greater self confidence being a central factor in the development of each child.

Students have the opportunity to enjoy sporting, musical, cultural and outdoor activities throughout the school year as well as the opportunity to care for small animals and gardens in our Environmental Centre. Families are invited to visit Christian College and see at first-hand the benefits and opportunities available for your child.

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DRYSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Located centrally on the Bellarine Peninsula, Drysdale Primary School has an enrolment of approximately 560 students having grown from the small rural school opened in 1875. There is still the air of the rural village about Drysdale Primary, retaining a sense of community support and cohesion. Over the eight years since 1989, The Drysdale enrolments have inexorably and consistently grown. The physical environment is well developed and attractive with both passive and active areas for pupil use. Learning facilities are provided for Science, Technology, Music and Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Physical Education.

The school enjoys the use of the following community facilities:

- * School Community Hall
- * Tennis Courts
- * Performing Arts Stage
- * Recreation Reserve
- * Swimming Pools

The school is committed:

- * to provide children with the necessary academic and social skills which will provide a basis for their future.
- * to develop pride in academic and physical achievement.
- * to a spirit of inquiry which encourages understanding, leadership and team initiative, and a sense of responsibility and belonging.
- * to giving all children a fair and equal opportunity to succeed.

The school enjoys strong support from its parents, council, staff and local community. A feature of this involvement is the Bunyip Festival and the Community Market. Parents play an integral role in these activities and the special programmes that support the school's local needs.

Drysdale School seeks to co-operate closely with its neighbouring schools and preschools.

The School offers highly successful programs in English, Maths, Arts, Health and P.E., S.O.S.E., L.O.T.E. - Indonesian, Science and Technology. With a staff of over 30 the school offers special programs in:

- * Reading Recovery
- * Keys to Life
- * Integration
- * Special Needs/Enrichment
- * Musical presentation
- * Perceptual Motor Skills
- * Activity based maths program
- * Room parent program
- * Sports program
- * Rainbows program
- * Before/after school program

Curriculum programs are delivered through the flexible groupings of children with a mix of classroom and specialist teachers.

The school is blessed with a staff which is both stable and effective. Most are themselves resident in the area, are mature and experienced, who respect, and are in harmony with each other, a staff in which turnover is comparatively low and who have an easy confidence about running the school. The school's style is a dexterous mix of traditional and exploratory approaches, and its management is a neat balance of the formal and the informal.

Future plans

This new Charter sets future goals for maintaining and developing our strong curriculum particularly in numeracy and literacy, with attention being given to LOTE-Indonesian, Physical Education and Sport, Arts and Technology. All our programs will continue to emphasise a partnership with the local community that aims at improved outcomes for all children.

CLIFTON SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BELLARINE CALISTHENIC COLLEGE



The Bellarine Calisthenic College commenced classes in March, 1994 with 35 pupils and over the past 3 years has doubled in size, catering for over 70 girls aging from 3 years upwards.

Calisthenics is a competitive team sport in which girls are trained in physical culture including apparatus technique, aesthetic exercise, modern dance, national folk dancing, marching and singing.

Through the various items girls gain value in the areas of physical development, co-ordination and rhythm, concentration, self awareness, self discipline and social awareness. Calisthenics provides the opportunity for children to experience a wide variety of activities - not specifically gymnastics, dance, drama - as it encompasses a 'taste' of many interests.

Girls train once a week, and from mid July to mid September, the College participates in three competitions - two local and the State Titles in Melbourne.

Over the three years the College has been running, the girls have received numerous

awards for their efforts including many 1st placing and competition Aggregate trophies.

The College is registered with Calisthenics Victoria Incorporated and Coaches are Level 1 Accredited with the Australian Coaching Council. Pupils may, if they wish, participate in Pupil Skills Programs on an individual basis..

The cost of sending a child to our classes is most affordable compared to other classes and sports and in fact the organisation of the College is such as to enable as many girls as possible to participate in this wonderful sport.

Classes are held at the Uniting Church Hall in Drysdale on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the time and night dependent on your girls age.

Tuesdays	4:30 - 5:30	Tinies - 7 years & under
	5:30 - 7:30	Sub-Juniors - 9 years & under
	7:30 - 9:00	Seniors - 16 years & over
Thursdays	5:00 - 7:00	Juniors - 12 years & under
	6:45 - 8:30	Intermediates - 16 years & under.

Classes commence on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th February.

New members are most welcome, and may enrol by phoning 5255 4837 or 014 941566 - Joanne.

BELLARINE CALISTHENIC COLLEGE

Classes commence:

Tuesday 4th February

Tinies	- 6 years & under
	- 4.30 - 5.30
Sub-Juniors	- 9 years & under
	- 5.30 - 7.30
Seniors	- 16 years & over
	- 7.30 - 9.00

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DRYSDALE FIRE BRIGADE

New Fire Station under way

Residents of Drysdale/Clifton Springs will have noted activity of a different type at the site of the old Fire Station and the 'House' next door. Demolition of the 'House' has made way for the first stage of the development which will be the major part of the new complex and include meeting room, office, kitchen, toilets, communications and motor room. It is interesting to note that at this stage the site will have three Fire Stations, the original station (used as a workshop), the current station and most of the new station! The second stage will require demolition of the present Fire Station and clearing of the remainder of the site to allow for the workshop/storeroom which will complete the complex.

The Brigade members are very excited that after a considerable number of years of seriously pursuing a new station their efforts have finally come to fruition. Negotiations with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) have been very satisfactory with most of the Brigade's requirements being fulfilled. The complex is being built by Rendine Constructions Pty. Ltd. and has been designed with the local 'Village' theme in mind.

Busy Fire Season

With the very dry conditions and consequent high fire risk the Brigade has had a busy start to the season with three Total Fire Ban (TFB) days in a row in mid January. Crews

were on stand-by for the Bellarine Group Task Force during those days and on one occasion the Task Force was activated and five trucks were placed in readiness at the Leopold Fire Station. Considering that the Drysdale Brigade is manned wholly by volunteers there is a big commitment of members time during the Fire Season.

Competition

This aspect of the Volunteer Fire Service is important in attracting younger people into the Service and the Drysdale Brigade has a very successful competition team. They started the season in December by travelling to Casterton to compete in the Western and Wimmera Championships where they ended second to Mildura after being neck and neck until the last event. The team is looking forward to the State Championships on the long weekend in March held locally at Portarlington for which Drysdale is a member of the organising committee.

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March 8th, 9th, 10th, 1997

The Drysdale Urban Fire Brigade joined Ocean Grove, Portarlington and Queenscliff Brigades in forming the Bellarine Peninsula 1997 Championship Committee who successfully applied to hold the 1997 State Championships at Portarlington during the long weekend in March. Chairman of the Committee is Mr. Garry Spry MLA, Deputy Chairman Mr. Lex de Man, CFA Area Manager Regions 6 & 7 and Secretary Ex-Capt. Royce Collier OAM with the various Sub-Committees chaired by members of the participating Brigades.

The Committee has met regularly through most of 1996 and the preliminary organising is now well in hand. Almost 100 Brigades will be attending the Championships and accommodation has been arranged for the majority of these Brigades. Several working bees have carried out maintenance to the competition tracks and the VUFBA have made their final inspection with a positive result. The Committee is pleased with the support received from businesses and organisations within the local areas of the City of Greater Geelong and the Borough of Queenscliff together with other organisations connected with the Fire Service.

The Championships are a very prestigious event in the Volunteer Fire Service and it provides a great opportunity for the local community to see Local Brigades compete against Brigades from all over Victoria together with several from Interstate. There are 20 events

held over the 3 days which have evolved from early days of firefighting and equipment and rules have been adapted to be more suitable for competition use. It is a very competitive sport, most demanding on competitors and equipment and a considerable amount of training is required to be a competitive Brigade. Last year the Drysdale Brigade was runner-up to Maryvale in the 'A' Class Aggregate and equal first with Maryvale in the 'Wet' Aggregate which was an excellent result. They also hold the record the 'A' Section Hose and Reel Eights set at Mildura in 1994 and their marching team won the Discipline Contest at Echuca in 1993.

Most of the events provide spectacular viewing for Spectators and entry to the Championships over the 3 days is by program for which there is a nominal charge. The Opening Ceremony and Discipline Contest commence on Saturday 8th at 0930 hours together with 5 events throughout the day. The 'Torchlight Procession' will commence to move through the Streets of Portarlington on Saturday evening at 2030 hours and it is expected that a large crowd will line the streets to view the Procession. Events on Sunday and Monday will commence at 0845 hours. During the Championships food and refreshments will be made available by the Ladies Committee and other outlets. There will be displays by the CFA and major sponsors together with sales of memorabilia.

It is eight years since these Championships were last held at Portarlington so the opportunity to view the competitions at a local venue does not occur very often. Plan to spend a few hours at the Championships and show your support to this aspect of the Volunteer Fire Service.



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"50TH ISSUE"

The March issue of the SpringDale Messenger will be a very special edition.

It will mark our 50th issue and 5th year of service to the Community. To celebrate this event we will be publishing the First Edition of the North Bellarine Community Information Supplement compiled from the information supplied to us by Community organisations during 1996. This will be "The Issue" to keep for future reference.

Make sure you get your copy available from March 16th.

IN YOUR GARDEN

Well, here we are well into the new year and what a dry start we have been having. The constant wind and sun has dried out the gardens and lawns all over the place, giving that all over brownish, deadish sort of a look. Its very trendy everyone's got it. In the last Messenger I did encourage you to mulch and if you did then a lot more of your plants will still be fairly happy. There is still plenty of hot weather to come so its not too late to put of layer of mulch around the place to make sure that the water you put on the garden actually stays there.

The good thing about this weather is that the roses have been fantastic, lots of flowers and not much in the way of Black Spot or nasty insects. Remember with your roses that you should be watering them in the morning, not at night, as the moisture overnight aids in the

spread of disease. This is the time of the year to be thinking about giving your roses a summer prune. Not much more than about a third needs to come off, just enough to get it all back in shape. This is to encourage compact bushy growth and thus more flowers on their Autumn flush. It is also a good opportunity to give them a bit of a tidy up after a strong Spring/Summer growing season.

Petunias, Marigolds, Portulaca, Aster's and the like have been making great shows in gardens, again because of the warmer weather, as long as they get the occasional watering. On the subject of watering, it may be useful to give the bigger trees in your garden a bit of a soak, just to make sure that they too will not suffer from the extended dry, especially the fruit trees.

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SPRINGS DELL MANAGEMENT PROJECT



The production of a Draft Master Plan for the development of the Clifton Springs Foreshore Reserve has been proceeding over the last couple of months.

Together with the consultants, Chris Dance Land Design, the Clifton Springs Foreshore Advisory Committee have been working through an analysis of the site, and examining the opportunities and constraints provided by the area. In the course of this process a number of important issues relating to management and public use of the foreshore reserve have been discussed.

These issues include:

- * providing for pedestrian access along the foreshore;
- * capitalising on the stunning views of the area;

- * eradicating environmental weeds;
- * providing for passive recreation and children's play, particularly at the Dell picnic area;
- * recognising the history of the mineral springs area;
- * allowing for improved boating access;
- * controlling erosion of the shore and cliff line.

The analysis of the site and recognition of opportunities and constraints have been important stepping stones towards the development of an overall Master Plan. The production of the Draft Master Plan is the next step in the design process.

At the completion of the Draft Master Plan, public participation will be sought through a workshop process where the community will be able to provide not only their comment but also their input into the Master Plan proposals. The Draft Master Plan will also be placed on public display for general public comment prior to finalisation of the design.

It is intended that the Master Plan will have reached a suitable stage to allow prioritising and costing by the end of March 1997. This will enable initial implementation projects to be included in Council's 1997/1998 Capital Works Program.

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BLUE-GREEN ALGAE REPORT **LAKE LORNE, DRYSDALE**

As a result of concerns about odours coming from Lake Lorne, an inspection was carried out on Friday 3rd January, 1997 by Council officers who found an extensive amount of algal bloom in the water, as well as along the shoreline. The dangers to humans and animals is potentially quite significant from toxins released by this species of algae when it dies causing unpleasant odours.

Currently, Council in co-operation with Barwon Water, are testing water samples on a weekly basis. This procedure will continue until algae counts drop to an acceptable level.

Advice indicates that a drop in temperatures in late Autumn together with sufficient rainfall through the Winter period will help to reduce algal levels and flush the system.

The main problem is that Blue Green Algae has toxins that are released into the water following the death of algae which is colourless and could remain potent for up to several weeks after the algae has disappeared.

Nutrient availability, particularly phosphorous and nitrogen, is one of the major factors affecting algal growth.

These nutrients enter our waterways from many sources including urban stormwater runoff, irrigation drainage, soil and riverbank erosion and agricultural run off.

The maintenance of a balanced ecosystem with native fish, zooplankton, other invertebrates, aquatic plants and a diversity of desirable algae species will assist in providing natural control of undesirable algae.

The use of algicides or copper sulphate to control Blue-Green Algae is not considered appropriate as the compounds may also kill fish, bird life and other aquatic plants and animals that make up a sustainable ecosystem.

At this stage, the lake will be monitored throughout the Summer/Autumn period until Autumn/Winter rains flush the system and return the algae count to a satisfactory level.

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In the interests of Public Health, Council wishes to advise the community that high levels of Blue Green Algae have recently been detected in Lake Lorne, Drysdale (corner Geelong-Portarlington Road and Reserve Road, Drysdale - Melways Map Ref: 238, C11).

Water consumption and contact for both humans and animals at Lake Lorne could be harmful and therefore is prohibited until further notice.

For additional information, please telephone Mr. Rob Giddings, Environmental Officer on telephone (03) 5227 0834.

NEW ROTARACT CLUB FOR BELLARINE PENINSULA

A new Bellarine Peninsula based Rotaract Club is being formed mid February for young adults wishing to expand their horizons.

In an environment of fun and friendship, Rotaract offers young men and women between the ages of 18 and 30 a unique opportunity to be involved in many areas of leadership and organisation.

Rotaract is about young adults working together as a team, while providing an outlet to meet people and enjoy an active social life - not only within the Bellarine Peninsula but state, nation and world wide.

Being a Rotaractor means you can apply your skills and ideas to community service, while having a great time without any social, political, religious or vocational constraints.

Through the involvement with Rotaract, you can meet new friends, develop leadership, communication and business skills, and increase your self confidence.

If you are attracted by a unique challenge, interested in having fun, and wanting to get involved in your community, then Rotaract is for you.

A formation night is to be held on Thursday February 20 in the Boatshed Function Room, Ocean Grove Resort Hotel, 7:30 pm start. For more information, or details of the formation night, feel free to call Kathryn on 5253 1241 a.h.

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If a person is in the process of selling a property with a swimming pool, the above fencing requirements must be disclosed in the Vendor's statement.

If a person is in the process of purchasing a property with a swimming pool then they must comply with the regulations which require the purchaser to fence the swimming pool within 30 days of settlement or the 1st July, 1997 whichever date is the earlier.

Failure to comply with the Building Regulations 1994 is an offence for which can be up to \$500.00.

WHEEL CLAMPING:

The Road Safety (Wheel - Clamping) Act 1996, commenced operation on the 1st August, 1996 and made wheel-clamping by private wheel clampers on private property illegal.

Where a vehicle has been parked or left standing on a public highway, a declared road, a public parking area or a "council controlled area", only a member of the Police force can authorise its removal.

LEGAL PRACTICE ACT 1996

The major provisions of the Legal Practice Act 1996 came into operation on the 1st January, 1996. The new Act replaces the Legal Profession Practice Act. One of the more important aspects of the new Act is that it requires

legal practitioners (barristers and solicitors) to provide in writing what the likely legal costs will be in a matter. This must be provided by a legal practitioner can be engaged to do any legal work. Part 13 of the Legal Practice Act introduces some stringent requirements in relation to the operation of Conveyancing Businesses (more commonly known as Conveyancing companies.)

Section 326 defines conveyancing work as " work, other than legal work, carried out in connection with the transfer or conveyance of a freehold or leasehold interest in land"

"Legal work" is defined as -

the preparation of any document that creates, varies, transfers or extinguishes an interest in land; or

the giving of legal advice.

It is illegal and an offence under the Act for Conveyancers to undertake or engage in legal work, such work must be performed by a legal practitioner (a solicitor).

Section 327 prohibits certain persons who can carry-on or conduct a conveyancing business. For instance, a person who has been convicted in Victoria or elsewhere within the last 10 years of an offence involving fraud, dishonesty, drug trafficking or violence. (How can you checkup on such things).

Section 327 (1) (b) states , inter alia, that a person who is prohibited from engaging in legal practice in Victoria or in any place outside Victoria must not carry on a business as a conveyancer. Penalty: 100 penalty units.

It is to be noted that legal practitioners are the only persons who can engage in legal practices in Victoria.

Consequently, before engaging a Conveyancer ensure that he is properly qualified and has the necessary insurances. Insist on viewing his qualifications and insurance policies. Remember, you are handing over the transfer of your home and the proceeds of the sale of your home to possibly a stranger. If that stranger, disappears with the title to your property or the proceeds of sale , who will you turn to for its recovery.

Legal Practitioners, (solicitors) are required to have professional indemnity insurance and have to contribute to a guarantee fund before they can operate legal practice.

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Aglow Australia Inc. is an interdenominational, worldwide, Christian organisation for women.

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The Ministry given at each meeting is usually presented by a woman speaker, and is Bible based.

Bellarine Aglow meets at "Angels on High", High Street, Drysdale, commencing at 10am with Morning Tea, the fellowship meeting from 10:30am till 12 noon. A creche is available upon request.

We normally meet on the 1st Thursday of each month, but for the month of February, we will be meeting on the 2nd Thursday, which is 13th February, 1997. Our speaker will be Beryl Edmonds from Geelong.

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The Echo - Bellarine Agricultural Show will be held at Lake Lorne Reserve Drysdale on Sunday the 9th March, 1997.

The main attraction to the show will be the appearance of Ronald McDonald with his McMagical Circus show at 1 pm. Be sure to have the children there to be part of the magic and fun with lots of give-aways.

New competitions in this years schedule are:

- 1) Horse show jumping;
- 2) Historical Section;
- 3) Utes;
- 4) Mountain bike fun race.

Returning to the schedule are The Home Brewing; Pet Parade and School Art after being a big success last year.

Hell West & Crooked (Country Rock Band) will be playing all day for your entertainment.

Throughout the day craft demonstrations will be conducted. Pergamano - Herbs, Organic gardening, Spinning and Weaving, Water Painting, Bobbin lace, Glass painting, Wood carving, Ribbon roses, a Bee display and Wool embroidery.

Annual favourites such as The dog jump, The animal nursery (kids will just love to hold them), Milking a cow, hand separating, making butter and Shearing sheep with both blade shears and machine will all be there.

Bring you favourite Bear to the Teddy Bears Picnic.

Miss Show Girl aged 6-12 years. Tiny Tots 2-5 years.

Everyone will be assured of a day full of entertainment. There will be Harley Rides, Camel and Train rides, Mini Golf, Suitcase Circus, Synchronized Pony Riding, Clifton Springs Rock Band, Line Dancing, as well as cattle, sheep, goats, poultry, horses, handicrafts, cookery, food stalls and trade space.

Judging begins at 9:00 am and concludes at 4:00 pm. Admission Fee \$6.00 Adults - Children under 16 and Pensioners \$3:00. Children under 5 free. Show Day Membership Pass \$11:00 admits 2 Adults and 3 Children.

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Press Release.

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On Sunday, February 16th the sands between Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads will again echo to pounding hooves in what is rapidly becoming an annual tourism highlight on the Bellarine Peninsula - the Ocean Grove Cup Carnival.

The first race held more than a decade ago was contested by just two horses. Since the Ocean Grove Apex Club took over the organisation in February 1995, the event has expanded to become the town's annual carnival with more than 3000 spectators attending each year.

The program has expanded to 7 races including ponies and hacks. There are three heats, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd getting a place in the Cup race, contested over 1000 metres.

"When you get down on the beach, anyone is in for a chance" says Ocean Grove Apex Club promotions officer, Richard Grimmatt.

"This is a real community carnival, with most clubs, traders and schools involved," Mr. Grimmatt said, "It's the race that stops a town!"

With the support and foresight of the Barwon Coast Committee of Management, the club is able to turn what is normally a broad stretch of beach into a racing carnival with marquees, bookies ring, food vendors, corporate tents, a stage, jazz music and of course a race track like none that you've ever seen before.

The carnival extends over 4 days and includes everything from a Teddy Bears Picnic for the kids, to Poetry and a Red Faces competition on the beach with \$1000 prize money.

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New members would be made welcome to our meetings.

Val Prosser
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FOLK ART:

A hobby that will interest you for years. Take advantage of this generous offer to start you on your way. During the course you will paint and decorate two objects - Paint and equipment supplied at at cost of \$23.00 per person. Wednesday, 26th February
1.00pm-3.00pm 4 weeks \$30.00

FRESH FLOWER ARRANGING FOR TABLE CENTREPIECE:

Bookings a must for this class. Learn to make a centrepiece that would be suitable for a Festive occasion.. Flowers included in cost - numbers limited - so hurry!
Tues.4th March 10am-12Noon
1week \$10.00

LEADLIGHT: - COPPER FOIL TECHNIQUE FOR BEGINNERS:

An introduction to this creative and decorative craft, covering design, glass cutting and construction of a small panel or object. Cost of materials \$7.00 plus kit cost approximately \$25.00 (ring for further information regarding kit).
Thursday, 27th February 7.00pm -
9.30pm 3 wks. \$35.00

LEADLIGHT:

(Boxes or Lampshades)

This class is especially for those who would like to advance to making a dimensional piece of leadlight. Material cost variable.
Thursday, 27th February 9.30am - 12.30Noon
3 wks. \$35.00

MOHAIR ARTIST BEAR CLASS - Intermediate

Bookings are now being taken for our course running over 4 weeks designed for those with some bear making experience, looking to improve their level of skills. Our tutor will guide you through finer points of making a detailed 40cm Mohair Artist Bear with emphasis on finishing. Approximate costs \$90.00 all inclusive.
Tuesday, 25th February
7.00pm-9.00pm 4 wks. \$90.00

PAINTCRAFT - (Glassware):

Give your glassware a decorative new look with "Tri-Chem" paints - learn this painting technique that is exclusive and inexpensive. Make the plainest glass jar look like a work of art. Cost of paints extra - ring for further information.
Monday, 17th February
10.00am-12Noon 3 wks. \$27.00

MASSAGE - Introduction to

Correct massage skills are beneficial for everyday living. Our tutor is also a masseur to the "Cats" - so come along and learn this skill.
Wed.19th February 7.00pm -
8.30pm 5 wks. \$44.00

RELAXATION AND MEDITATION

Develop balance, harmony and well-being in your daily life through stillness, meditation, deep breathing techniques, relaxation exercises and guided visualize meditation to music.
Tues. 18th February 1.30-2.30pm
6 wks. \$35.00

YOGA AND RELAXATION

(Includes 1/2 hr. relaxation). Join this and learn the various yoga poses and take advantage of the opportunity for a long relaxation time at the end of each session.

Wed. 19th February 7.00-8.30pm
6 wks. \$35.00

KNOW YOUR VIDEO CAMERA:

New Camera? Use it effectively? This "hands on" course will show you what those buttons and switches are for - discuss - focus, exposure, white balancing, batteries, etc. Learn on your own camera.

Tuesday, 4th March 7.30pm-9.30pm
2 weeks \$43.00

VIDEO VALUE:

NOT TO BE MISSED - For those who know how to operate their camera - this course covers smooth camerawork, sound and microphones, colour balancing, thinking visually, filters, basic editing with camera and VCR basic scripting and much more.

Tuesday, 18th March 7.30pm-9.30pm
3 weeks \$48.00

BASIC DARKROOM BLACK & WHITE PRINTING COURSE:

Learn how to make small and large prints from your B & W 35mm negatives. Hands-on in a darkroom. Fee includes charge for paper, chemicals. Also learn how to set up a temporary darkroom in bathroom or laundry.

Thursday, 3rd April 7.30pm-10.00pm
2 weeks \$43.00

INTERMEDIATE BLACK AND WHITE DARKROOM COURSE:

This course concentrates on Dodging and Burning In, Toning (including sepia) - adding clouds, textures. Fee includes all materials.

Thursday & Friday, 27 & 28 March
2 days \$70.00

HOW TO USE YOUR STILL CAMERA, BASIC COURSE:

For those with interchangeable lens cameras or those with the new range of extended zoom, auto and manual compacts i.e. 28 to 125 zooms). Discuss your camera controls, lenses flash, film care of camera etc. Bring your own camera.

Thursday, 6th March 7.30pm-9.30pm
3 weeks \$43.00

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LAND BARGAINS

All astute small investors should now be seriously considering Clifton Springs. With the latest decrease in interest rates, the time is right to invest in Residential Property.

Whilst the ideal is a house or unit that can be rented out to gain maximum tax benefits, the other option is vacant residential land.

Sales of land in Clifton Springs has been between \$18,000 and \$25,000 over the past few months.

Vacant land at such a small outlay has the potential to increase quite substantially over the next 5 to 10 years.

With the potential and huge growth of Clifton Springs, land at these ridiculously low prices won't last.

DRYSDALE MARKET LEADERS

Guyett Real Estates Drysdale Office has ignored the common belief that 1996 had slowed down the housing market.

The sales staff of Phil Cumming and Brett Thompson have a combined total of 18 years experience in selling and marketing all types of property in the Clifton Springs/Drysdale area.

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