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On a special Saturday in March the famous Bunyip will once again emerge from his watery home in the cool waters of Lake Lorne to honour the festival named after him.

This year this fantastic gathering will be held in the grounds and buildings of Drysdale Primary School, Clifton Springs Road, Drysdale. Every year this mystical beast comes out to visit, sometimes leaving his footprints around Drysdale and Clifton Springs as evidence of his walks, and the only place to come and meet the Bunyip in person will be at the festival on Saturday March 27th from 2p.m. to 7p.m. A hard working team of parents and teachers from both local schools have come together to plan for a great day of family fun and entertainment. This year, there will be plenty of attractions for all ages with old favourites like the cake stall, produce stall, auction including celebrity items, etc. "Harley rides" for "the young at heart".

New attractions will include the "Cha - Cha" ride and Bionic Animals together with Barnyard memories. A wide range of demonstration stalls from many of our local talented craftspeople will be demonstrating their wares.

No one will go hungry, with lots of fresh food available - everything from a Barbeque to Bunyip Ice Creams, Spit Roast and Fruit Salad will be available on the day and for your entertainment theres an appearance by "Tobias", and some of our top local bands. Add to that raffles including Crayfish raffle, Gate prizes, Mini Golf, Ashley rides, Silent Grocery Auction, and lots of games and attractions and you have a great day out for the whole family. All proceeds from the day will be used by Drysdale Primary School and Clifton Springs Primary School to upgrade their facilities.

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After a successful year in 1998 which culminated in a record annual show in November, the Garden Club was able to make a donation of \$400 to the Bellarine Ambulance Fundraising Auxiliary towards the purchase of new equipment.

The cheque was handed to Mrs. Pape, President of the Auxiliary and Mr. Tony Walker, Operations Manager for South West Region, Ambulance Service Victoria, at the Annual General Meeting of the Garden Club on the 15th February.

Tony Walker was guest speaker at the meeting and gave members an update on the operation of the Ambulance Service throughout the Bellarine Peninsula.

During the Annual General Meeting the following members were elected as the executive for 1999:-

President - Noel Lindsay 5251 2693
Vice President - Pat William 5251 3960
Secretary - Win Brett 52532013

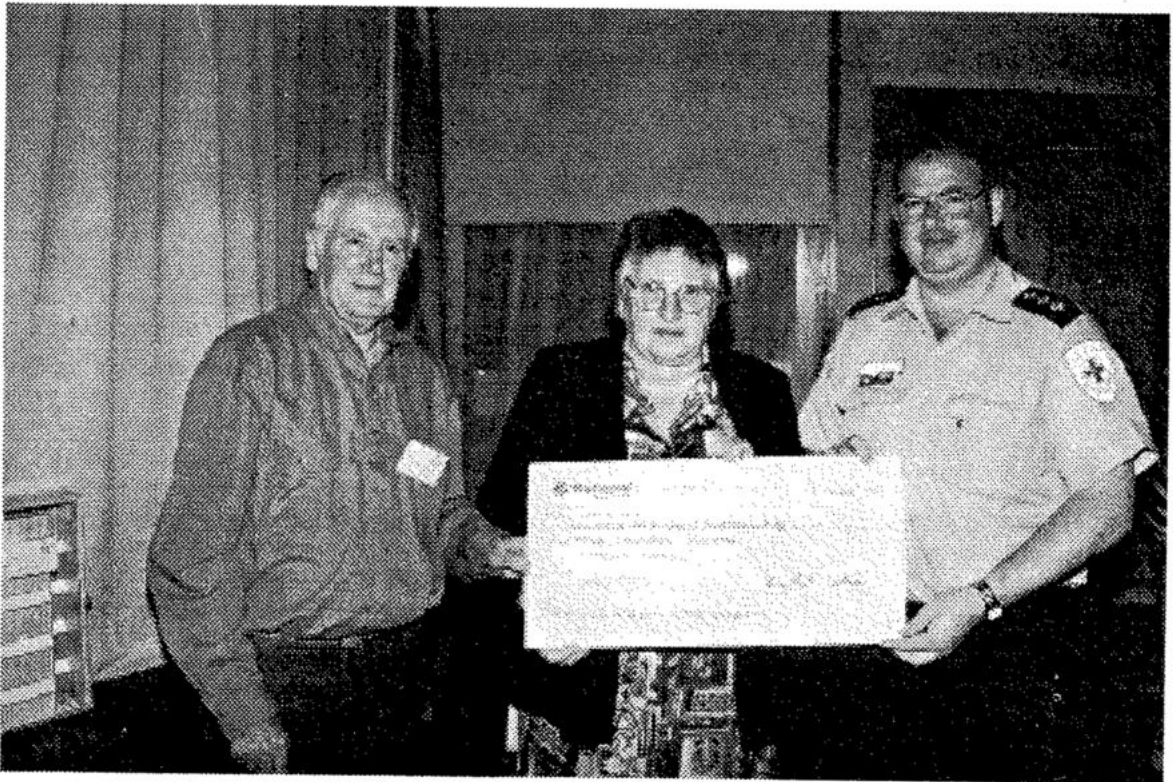
Treasurer - Stan Baker 5253 2039
Show Secretary - Ted Bradbrook 5250 1624.

The date for the Annual Garden Show was set as Saturday 15th November, 1999, to be held at the Uniting Church Hall in Drysdale where it has been for a number years.

The program of subjects to be covered by guest speakers at the meetings this year will include the growing and care of Fuschias, Dahlias, Container Grown Plants, Bulbs and Pelagoniums, and general information nights with questions and answers to well known Nurserymen in our local area, as well as other special nights.

Regular monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month, commencing at 7.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall, Drysdale, with a monthly show bench a feature of the meetings, followed by supper.

New members and visitors are most welcome.



SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY COTTAGE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

From the Children's Room at the rear of SpringDale Community Cottage we offer many services for parents of young children. Here is an outline of our children's activities for Term 1, 1999.

Occasional Care

Our very popular Occasional Care program operates on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Our qualified and experienced staff provide a variety of experiences for the children that are educational and FUN! This program commenced in 1995 and has grown to be a very popular children's program for our community.

Hours of operation: 9.30am - 12 noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the school term. The initial Registration for the family is \$5, Each session costs \$10 per child. Register in person at the Cottage, 14 Princess Street, Drysdale. Bookings can be made by Phone on 5253 1960.

Three Year Old Kindergarten

Our Three Year Old Kindergarten will offer sessions on Mondays and Thursdays, as of Term 2. Children who have turned three years of age are eligible to attend the two-hour session. The program is carefully planned by our Early Childhood trained Pre-school teacher and qualified assistant ensuring that the activities are age-appropriate and meet the individual developmental needs of each child. Included in the program is music experiences, stories, creative

movement and drama. There are vacancies in our second group which operates on Thursdays. If you are interested or need more information please call SpringDale on 5253 1960.

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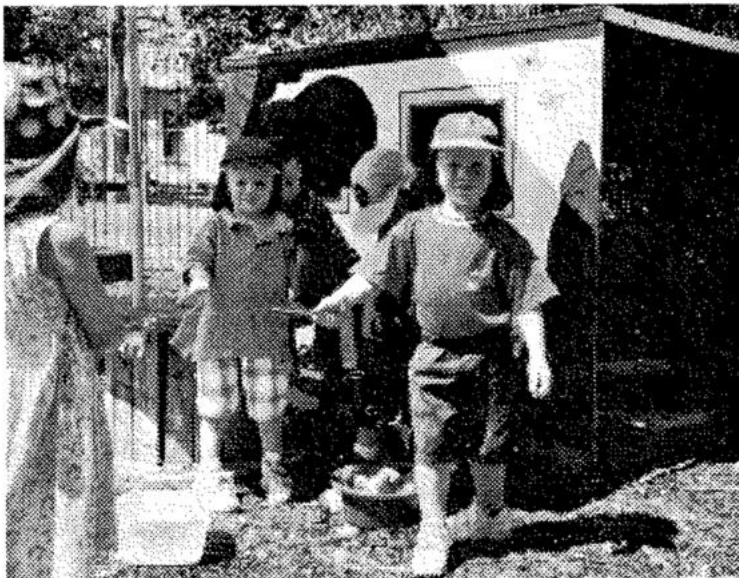
"Kinderplay" is our parent-run playgroup for three and four year olds. This is for families who wish to be part of a playgroup that is specifically for the pre-Kinder aged child. Parents plan and run the program with ready access to all of our wonderful equipment and resources at SpringDale. Also, fees cover participation in Music and Movement workshops a couple of times throughout the year.

Child Care for classes.

SpringDale offers quality child care facilities for groups and class participants. If you require child care to enable your involvement in one of our many groups and classes at SpringDale, please make enquiries from the office at the Cottage or ring 5253 1960.

Bellarina Toy Library

Each Saturday morning the Toy Library is open from 10.30-11.30a.m. A wonderful selection of toys, games, ride-ons and play equipment is available on loan for a modest fee. A great way of providing new and exciting play equipment to your child at a small cost. For more information phone the Cottage on 5253 1960 or drop in on a Saturday morning to see for yourself the wide range of equipment available to borrow.



If you need any information about the programs outlined above, please call into SpringDale Community Cottage at 14 Princess Street, Drysdale or why not visit our programs during a session and see for yourself the wonderful services offered for you and your young children at SpringDale.

THE PORTARLINGTON RED CROSS UNIT.

The Members of the Portarlington Red Cross Unit, are faced with the difficulty to collect in the Rural Areas on the Bellarine Peninsula, to try and overcome this problem two representatives of the Portarlington Unit will be at Safeway Drysdale Tuesday 16th and Friday 26th March. If you wish to donate to the March Red Cross Appeal.

LIBRARY NOTES

Congratulations to all the children who entered and successfully completed the 1998/1999 Statewide Summer Reading Club - Into The Deep. Certificates are still available to all children. Come into the library to obtain one and check out the colourful mural which was artistically created by 30 children over the summer holidays. Sea creatures, seaweed and the ocean floor are all on the Hancock Street windows.

All libraries will be closed for the Easter break from Friday, 2nd April, 1999 to Monday, 5th April, 1999 inclusive. Please remember to return or renew any books prior to this as Drysdale Library does not have an after hours chute.

There are many wonderful new titles available for loan or reservation at the Drysdale Library including the following:

Altar Ego by Kathy Lette. Also know for Foetal Attraction and Mad Cows.
Trial and Retribution 2 by Lynda La Plante. You have seen the movie on t.v. now read the ghastly tale yourself. Ruthless.com Tom Clancy's latest, with a title straight from cyberland.

The new book by Christine Noble has arrived and is titled Mama Tina. Noble is famous for her courageous attempts to fulfil her dreams despite a torrid Irish childhood. Her life story can be read in her autobiography, Bridge Across My Sorrows.

Bill Bryson is well known as an electric travel writer. His latest release Notes From A Big Country is also a good read.

Finally, Janine Shephard, famous for her books Never Tell Me Never and Dare to Fly, has released a book of reflections called Reaching For The Stars.

The staff at Drysdale Library wish you a wonderful festive break over the Easter holidays. If you have any enquiries telephone us at the library on 5251 3855.

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A MIGRAINE SUPPORT GROUP WOULD IDEALLY CONSIST OF PERSONS AFFECTED BY MIGRAINE, THEIR FAMILIES, OR FRIENDS. A SUFFERER CAN BE HELPED BY TRANSPORTING THEM TO AND FROM THEIR

LOCAL DOCTOR WHEN THEY ARE HAVING AN ATTACK, OR OFFERING ASSISTANCE BY ATTENDING TO THAT PERSON WHEN NOBODY IN THE FAMILY IS ABLE TO, DUE TO WORK COMMITMENTS ETC. IT IS ALSO ENVISAGED THAT GUEST SPEAKERS BE INVITED TO ADDRESS GROUPS ON WAYS TO ALLEVIATE MIGRAINE IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY.

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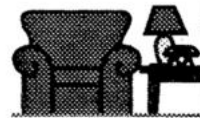
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- It maintains the value of the property, (or increase in some cases)
- It ensures that you do not lose any rental income due to a tenant vacating
- The money spent will generally be tax deductible, either in the current financial year or over the following years, and
- It will not leave you open to charges of breaching the Residential Tenancies Act.

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assist now and when the project is finished, the only reward you will get is to see the Smiles on Peoples Faces that we hope will come and see the Cottage. Any age is welcome to help if you are interested drop a line off to the President Bellarine Historical Society Inc. P.O. Box 53, Drysdale. 3222.

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Wayne Elliott, well known Drysdale business identity, sportsman and artist joined four other exhibitors at Global Gallery to produce a unique display of works, which combine the culture and intellect of fine art with the sweat and competition of the playing field.

The exhibition titled THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY opened in Sydney on the 2nd of March.

Other artists involved are:-

Gordon Waters who creates 3-dimensional works which convey the spin of tennis.

Elizabeth Doidge from South Australia who paints the elegance and finery of show jumping and dressage.

Robert Murrell, official artist for Women's cricket Australia, produces paintings which transport the viewer to the final over on the fifth day of a test match. Ashley Taylor creates the drama of Rugby League.

Each one of these artists has exhibited nationally and internationally and all of them have a passion for sport and a dedication to the fine art of painting pictures.

The exhibition was officially opened by Karen Tighe from ABC Sport and part of the proceeds from the sales of the paintings will go to Riding for the Disabled of Australia.

BELLARINE JONGLEURS JUNIORS

C'Mon Barbie Let's Go Party!! Barbie, Ken and all the gang are fed up with being thrown about and swung around by their hair so they go away where? To the jungle where they catch up with George of the Jungle who, according to the Zulu tribe is Pretty Fly for a white Guy. So come on, come on and Do The Loco-Motion with the Jongleurs Juniors. Show dates are yet to be decided. Any queries please contact Trish Redman on 5253 2845.

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The Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club run a Quest each year. This year we had only two contestants, Paul Monk and Deen Veenstra both from Clifton Springs and attend The Bellarine Secondary College.

Contestants are assessed by a dedicated community minded judging panel, Sylvia LeMarquant OAM, Maureen Naughton and Basil Ristevski; Interviews and the Quest night take time, so, a 'BIG' thank you to our judges.

Bellarine Secondary College principle Robert Hurly, lions, lions ladies and guests attended the "Lions" dinner held at the Portarlington Guide Hall on the 19th February where Paul and Deen entertained us with their public speaking skills as part of the Quest. Robert Hurly gave an 'update' of B.S.C. current activities and future plans for the school.

Deen Veenstra is the winner of this years club final, now continuing onto the next level, 'zone final'. Paul Monk, came runner up, (or second place). The most important thing to remember about entering a quest of this kind is 'nobody loses', you can only gain from this type of experience. Good luck to Deen and Paul with their V.C.E. and futures.

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(Thoughts for Easter)

By Rev. David Evans of Clifton Springs Baptist Church.

There are two absolute certainties in life - death and taxes. Whilst some, through devious means and dishonest dealings may escape taxes - perhaps for a time, the other is impossible to escape. Sooner or later health begins to break down and notwithstanding all the advances of medical knowledge, we must bid farewell to this earthly scene.

The Bible has very little to say about taxes except we are to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" - in other words, pay them honestly. On the other hand the Bible has a great deal to say about death. It asks the question that everyone has asked at some time or another. "If a person dies, will he/she live again?" There are many who, knowing nothing of a hereafter, quickly say no! There are those who have an inward feeling that, surely this life on earth cannot be all that there is.

Science has taught us that the law of the conservation of energy provides that energy is indestructible. Even when its form is

changed it still continues, undestroyed. If this is true of energy in the physical realm, it is certainly even truer of the spiritual life. Personality persists in another form after death. Dr. W.H. Fitchett records that in a conversation with Leonard Huxley, son and biographer of the great scientist, he pointed out that a microscopic speck of radium can pour out a spray of fiery particles - electrical energy, sufficient to ring a bell for 30,000 years. Dr. Fitchett contended with Huxley that the Mind that made the universe with such capabilities, would not logically limit to only threescore years and ten the personality that is able to measure the force of that radium. Huxley admitted the logic of the argument.

But science, with all its wonderful revelations of the wonders of God has never been beyond life to report back on what lies beyond the grave. Only a person who had experienced death and returned from the grave in triumph over it could have the answer. That person is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Nowhere on planet earth does the dust of the bones of this man lie. To those who came to the tomb that Easter Day was the greeting from the angel - "He is not here, He is risen as He said".

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As far as possible Peninsula Players tries to delight its audience by "Doing something different", e.g. "An inspector calls" was performed in the round. This time "Caesars Friend" will be performed in a church, to lend an atmosphere relevant to the period.

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"Caesars Friend" will be performed the week prior to Easter Week, Wednesday - Saturday, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th March at Drysdale Uniting Church, High Street, Drysdale. Parking at rear of Church. Enquiries Drysdale Pharmacy, Phone 5251 2671 or Rhena King, Phone 5251 2431.

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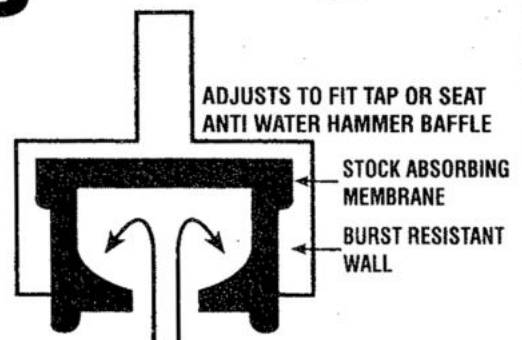
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Firstly, welcome back to Irene and Joan from their holiday in the U.K. and Europe. The helm was ably managed in their absence by Senior Vice President Mr. B. Ashworth and Assistant Secretary, Val Taylor.

Several functions and outings are planned for the next few months which I now list in date order.

March 8th - Sees the 30th Anniversary of the Club which the members will naturally celebrate and having secured the services of Ron Sudden to entertain us all it should be a great day.

March 16th - There is a "Around the Bay" trip, going by road and then back by the ferry, lunch to be taken at Rye after a winery trip for pre lunch tastings.

March 20th - Which is a Saturday, a free concert will be held at the Club Rooms starting at 1.30p.m. The entertainment will once again be provided by our own talented Concert Party, who incidentally, throughout that same week, it being Senior Citizens Week, will be giving of their talents by doing on average 7 more concerts at various Nursing Homes, a more dedicated set of troupers would be hard to find.

April 5th - Easter Monday Bingo Day, there will be Easter Eggs, a Hat Parade and lots of fun.

April 14th - Approximately 20 members will travel to The Regent Theatre in Melbourne to see "Show Boat" the musical.

April 19th - A full coach will embark on a 5 day trip to Merimbula, let us hope that the weather will be kind, the itinerary looks interesting. So all in all these recycled teenagers are in for a very busy schedule over the next couple of months.

I would now bring to all over 50's an invitation to join our club, activities at the club are Bingo, Craft, Cards, Square and Line Dancing. Indoor Bowls, (These are played Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons) at 1.30p.m. with the exception of the first Monday which is Bingo afternoon. All enquiries re the Club, please ring Telephone No. 5251 2983. Or call in any afternoon except Tuesday. Once again thank you to our Bus Drivers and Jockeys, you do a great service for us.

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Our meeting held on January 18th, was rather a slick affair! We now have to meet at The Springs Function Centre at 9.30a.m. and finish at 11.30a.m. Our Agenda went well, and we enjoyed a Devonshire Tea, before we started the fashion show. The Fashions were from Simply Casual, of Frankston. The owner came over on the ferry with racks of clothes for us to look at. The members who could fit the appropriate size clothes modelled them and looked very elegant. Marianne the owner offered some discount on clothes bought from her that day. The only snag was that time ran away with us, and sales were not as much as expected. We enjoyed her visit with us.

The February 15th meeting will also start at 9.30a.m. and the Guest Speaker will be Councillor Lou Brazier.

The March meeting will be The A.G.M. and we have as our invited Guest Mrs. Pat Herrick. Pat was the first President of this club, and always likes to return on this day to meet old friends, and wish the new committee well.

April 19th. We are hoping that one of the founder members of the ECHO newspaper, Mrs. Alex Townsend will come and talk to us. The trip on February 25th/26th will leave the Springs at 7.30. Gippsland Gourmet Tour is a trip members have been looking forward to.

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CR Binnie Reports

WHY CLIFTON SPRINGS SKATE PARK IS A SMART MOVE

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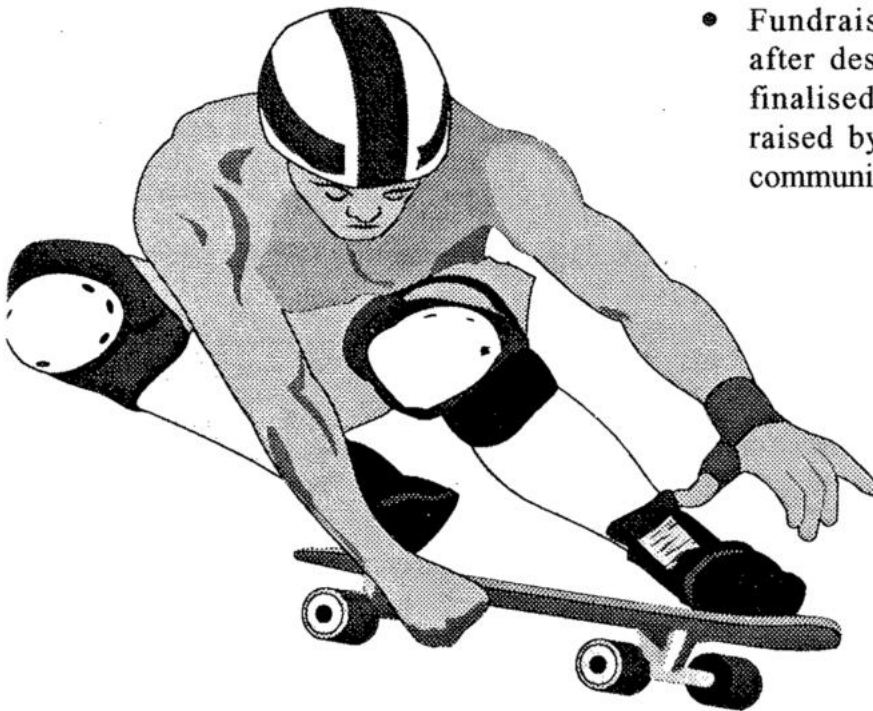
In 1997, Council adopted a skate planning document which earmarked locations for one regional and two sub regional facilities and local facilities.

The Waurm Ponds facility is now recognised as one of the most successful of its types across the world. It is widely used and accepted by teenagers across the city, and importantly, the community in which it is located.

A new facility is to be built at Clifton Springs with the second sub regional skate park located at Windsor Park. A local skate park is to be located in Ocean Grove. All are being funded by the City of Greater Geelong, Sport and Recreation Victoria, the community and the Start Program.

How we've reached where we are today:

- Geelong police have been heavily involved in skate park development around the region from day one. Police were directly involved in the initial consultation process with the community and skate park users - young people.
- The Neighbourhood Watch program was a strong supporter of the plan from conception in 1997.
- Fundraising commenced soon after designs and concepts were finalised, close To \$20,000 was raised by the committee through community support.



- A project team was established comprising young people from Clifton Springs and Drysdale, representatives from Neighbourhood Watch, City of Greater Geelong, Youth Liaison, and Inspector Farnsworth and Senior Constable Sandy Atkinson from Geelong Police.

Its AIM: to design and develop a skate park facility for the community and young people.

The OBJECT: To strengthen relations between young people, police and the community.

A public meeting was held in late January to discuss the planned Clifton Springs facility. This gathering was very well attended and provided an opportunity for positive debate with most of those present recognising the positives and potential of the development.

The outcome of the meeting was agreement to establish the facility at the Jetty Road Reserve in the car park area.

The proposed facility will be a low level concrete skate area catering specifically for younger skaters in the community.

A similar public meeting has been held in Ocean Grove to discuss the planned local skate park. Interest is very strong with more than 100 people attending the meeting. Skaters, shopkeepers and parents are

very keen to develop the facility and a final site will be decided shortly.

Involvement of the community and skaters in the planning of these facilities is essential to success. The Waurm Ponds example has proven that skaters show responsible attitude and behavior, while also displaying a sense of ownership of the facility.

Importantly, the young peoples readiness to accept the facilities has many flow on effects for the wider community while also providing a safe environment for skaters to gather and participate in the sport.

We must stay behind our young people and send them a positive message about themselves and their respective roles in the community. They have demonstrated their leadership by requesting the project go ahead and being involved in the concept development from the beginning.

We should return that faith by supporting these skate park facilities, ensuring the success of the developments, providing a positive outlet for the energies of our young people, and importantly, sending a message to local youth that they are valued members of the community.



Cr. Rob Binnie.

CHANGES TO PAPER RECYCLING

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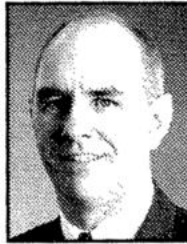
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RIDING THE PROPERTY COUNTER CYCLE

Home owners who make the most money buying and selling real estate are usually keen observers of the market.

Where possible they sell when prices are high and buy when prices are stable or dropping. This means they act counter to the cycle that most other people are operating on. Property like any other commodity obeys the basic laws of supply and demand. The properties-for-sale to purchasers ratio is crucial. The idea is not to buy when everyone is buying and not to sell when everyone is selling. It's a case of the majority is not always right.

A vendor's "really good price" occurs at the opposite end of the supply/demand swing to the purchaser's "really good buy". Doing well in the market is not necessarily following the boom and bust extremes, the big seven to ten year cycles, there are many smaller swings in the supply demand ratio that affect property prices. The graph for a rising or falling market averages out to a straight line but although it may be trending

up or down, there are variations within that overall trend.

Most people are aware of the big picture market trends through the media but it is much more difficult for those not involved in the industry to track the small movements that sometimes last only weeks and vary from location to location.

The problem for most consumers is how to keep up with the micro conditions of the market. Home owners considering selling should stay in touch with an agent they trust and get specific advice about when to enter the market. Purchasers can do the same thing. Both vendors and purchasers can follow agents' advertising to see how long properties stay on the market. If they are turning over fast, it means a larger number of purchasers is competing for fewer properties - a seller's market; if they are taking longer to sell it means there is a glut of properties for sale and not enough purchasers to buy them - a classic buyer's market.

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