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Bellarine Secondary College - Business Excellence Award winners 2000

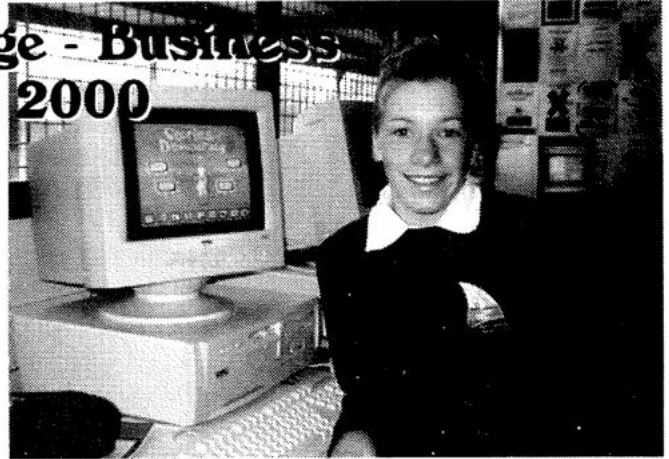
Bellarine Secondary College has won the Secondary and Further Education category for the Geelong Advertiser Business Excellence Awards for the third year in succession. Assistant Principal, Colin Sing accepted the award on behalf of the Principal at the awards ceremony held on Friday 21st July.

A judging panel of seven using the Baldrige system of judging, an internationally accepted system for assessing business excellence, rated the College high in categories of leadership, communication and use of technology.

The judges made particular reference to use of the latest technology to enhance student learning and the training of students. Students have access to the

latest desktop computers, laptops, digital scanners, color printers, digital cameras and data projectors.

The submission focused on three major aspects – curriculum innovation, student management and welfare procedures and links with our community. The development of the submission allows the College to document the positive activities happening in the school and forms an important part of the annual evaluation process.



Credit for winning the award rests with the teachers and students in the College. Their commitment to hard work and continual improvement allows the College to meet the many challenges faced by schools today. The College looks forward to next year's Business Excellence Awards.

SKATE PARK OFFICIALLY OPEN

On the 4th July 2000 the Clifton Springs Skate Facility was officially opened by the Minister for Sport and Recreation Mr. Justin Madden.

Young people were instrumental in the construction of the facility together with the local community. Police, the Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club, Clifton Springs Neighbourhood Watch,

local council and the Drysdale Uniting Church were also involved in getting the project off the ground.

The facility was the result of three years of hard work by all the groups involved.

The Clifton Springs skate facility was funded through \$10,000 raised by the committee, a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Justice, a \$30,000

grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation and \$110,000 in City of Greater Geelong Funding.

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Senior Constable Sandy Atkinson.



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PHARMACY CHANGES

Chris Walsh and Jock Lee have taken over the pharmacy from David Pinney. David has decided that it was time to retire and lead a more restful life on the farm.

Chris and Jock own the Portarlington Pharmacy and have done so for the past 15 years. It seemed a logical move to take over the business from David and to expand into an area that they know very well already.

Chris is married to Jill and has three children, Lucy, Andy and Nick. He and Jock also have Louise McLaughlin as a partner in the pharmacy at Portarlington.

The flexibility of having three pharmacists, Graeme Cleeve who you all know from Davids and even David when he wants to come in, makes a good spread of the work load.

Chris plans to continue the good business David has developed and to-

gether with all the existing staff, Sue, Zorica, Linda, Lee, Millie, Joe and Graeme will provide the same exceptional customer service.

Chris has many plans for the future and looks forward to implementing all of these over the next 12 months or so. Please call in and say hello to Chris and Jock. I am sure they would really appreciate that. Welcome to Drysdale Chris and Jock.

THE LIONS REPORT

The Lions club recently held the annual Change Over night where the Office Bearers for the 2000-2001 Lions year were installed. Murray Spencer as President, Adrian Mannix OAM as Secretary and Barry Miller as Treasurer. In this Lions Club every Lion has a job to do. The Lions members stay active in our community in a wide variety of projects such as Youth Pro-

grams, assisting the needy, supporting community activities and functions, Health programs and many more. The Lions moto: WE SERVE.

Some adventurous Lions members and Lions Ladies boarded a bus to visit the Forrest Lions Club on their Change Over night a few weeks ago. The extremely foggy conditions made the trip a REAL adventure. Visiting other Li-

ons Clubs is one of the club activities that the Lions members enjoy doing whenever possible.

The Lions charity Golf Day is coming up in October. This day is greatly supported by the Clifton Springs Golf Club and staff year after year. They do a magnificent job in helping the Lions Club organise and run this day to raise funds. The community in many different ways, through the Lions projects and activities, inherit the benefits of a successful golf day as in past years. Sponsorship and community support is important in making this day a success for the Lions Club and the community. So come on, support the Lions, so they can support you.

Lions Clubs throughout Australia support many different projects and appeals. To name them all could take this whole page. Here are some causes that you may have heard of. Cord Blood Foundation, Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Hearing Dogs, Children's Mobility Foundation, Drug Awareness Foundation, Sight First (Eye Health), Youth Of The Year Quest, Organ Donor Awareness, and many more worthwhile projects that not only help our own area but all over this country, and beyond.

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Paul Jones

CHANGE OVER NIGHT - DRYSDALE ROTARY

Berkley Lodge Pakington Street, was a perfect setting on June 17 for Brian Hillier (past President of Drysdale Rotary) to say thank you and farewell and to welcome Mr. Roger Lavingdale and his new committee for the 2000/2001 period.

President Roger and his wife Meryn thanked the past committee and President for their contribution over the past 12 months and welcomed in the new committee including, Vice President Mr. Ivan Stasinowsky, Secretary Mr. Thomas Erhardt and Treasurer Mr. Bill Blackley.

New President Roger alerted Rotarians and guests present of the new slogan - "Create Awareness and Take Action" and reminded that if we don't create awareness within our community then people will not be aware of the important role that Rotary does play in our community, and it will be difficult to continually attract new members.

A highlight of the night was the award to two Drysdale Rotarians Mr. Thomas Erhardt, and Mr. Klevin Poole of the Parul Harris Fellows. The award came as a surprise to both Tom and Klevin and was reflected in their thank you to the committee who awarded them this honour.

Only one new person was inducted to Rotary Ms. Lynne Folster of Ocean Grove, who will be assisting with the Public Relations area for the next 12 months.

Drysdale/Clifton Springs has now opened a new Probus Club, the launch

of Probus on 10th July was well attended and many new members were attracted to join. Rotarian Peter Scarrot can be contacted via the Drysdale Rotary club for any additional information that people may require.

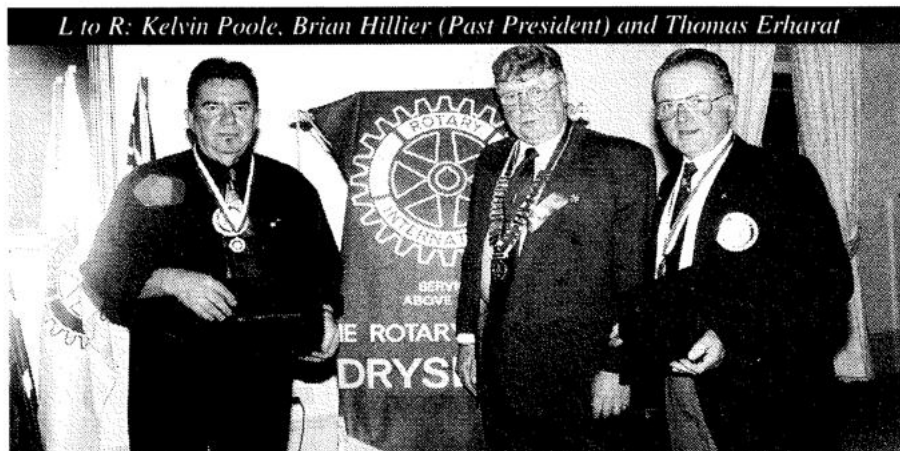
As part of our contribution to the local community Drysdale Rotary Club will be providing up to date information on what is happening in the local club and what events have been planned for the next month, so keep an eye out in the SpringDale Messenger for what is happening in your local area and what involvement Drysdale Rotary has.

As part of the slogan of "Creating Awareness and Taking Action" if you are a business per-

son in the local area, have some time to spare, and would like to make a difference to your community contact the Drysdale Rotary Club on 5259 2547 and speak to Graham Harley for good food, good fellowship and the opportunity for service through Rotary.



Brian Hillier presenting Roger Lavingdale certificate as new President



L to R: Kelvin Poole, Brian Hillier (Past President) and Thomas Erhardt

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By Avril Lucas

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The coastline has lookouts and picnic areas with spectacular views, walking on suspended boardwalks through the World Heritage rainforests, of Dorrigo National Park, visiting the historic little town of Bellingen with its alternative lifestyle and art and craft galleries, are all great ways to spend a relaxing day.

Golfers can choose to play on any one of the excellent golf courses in the area, whale watching from a catamaran might be to your taste, adventure lovers may try abseiling, sea kayaking or rafting.

The Big Banana is the best-known attraction set on the hillside among the banana palms a little train takes you around the plantation, and tells you all you ever need to know about bananas! The park also now boasts an ice-skating rink and an almost completed ski run.

In Coffs Harbour there is accommodation of all types from 5 star luxury resorts with all inclusive packages, secluded B&Bs to holiday units etc. somewhere to suit any traveler. Coffs Harbour is 6 hours by road from Sydney, or 2 1/2 hours from Melbourne by air.

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As many of you may have read, Council has adopted the City's 2000/01 budget formally and it shouldn't be too long before we begin to see some of the benefits on the ground around us.

As I've mentioned in the past, more than \$20 million has been allocated to infrastructure maintenance. In fact by far the majority of the income from the 4.98% increase in rates goes directly towards service improvements to infrastructure. That means more money being spent on grass roots maintenance or roads, drains, tree pruning, etc. Included in this is a new street sweeper that will increase the frequency of operations throughout the municipality not just the city centre.

The budget document also highlights improvements in service delivery across all services of Council. An increase in the cost of garbage collection will see Council introduce a "Hard Waste Collection" day. This will provide residents around the region with an opportunity

to get rid of unwanted products like old white goods that normally would be too difficult to dispose of. On this day, you'll be able to leave such goods outside on the lawn and the City will collect them before proper disposal. We'll be giving residents plenty of notice to take full advantage of this environmental initiative. Also in the budget, \$180,000 for some major work at The Dell, including great new BBQ facilities and there's also \$180,000 for the completion of the Rail Trail. Most of you will be aware this is a favourite project of mine and one I've been very to drive on Council. On completion, you'll be able to walk or ride the 32 kilometres of the trail all the way to South Geelong.

Late last month, the City officially opened the Clifton Springs Skate Park in Jetty Road. Sports Minister Justin Madden joined me in the official ceremony that was attended by many of the young people and supporters of the project. I would like to take this opportunity

to commend all those involved in getting this project off the ground. These great community facilities have been enormously successful in other areas around the region and I've no doubt the skateboarders around town will take full advantage.

In the coming weeks I'll talk about some of the other initiatives of the budget and how they'll impact on the Bellarine Peninsula. And don't forget to take advantage of the Meet the Mayor and Councillors session in Drysdale on August 8th. If you'd like to make an appointment to discuss an issue or concern please phone Melanie King on 5227 0869.



Cr. Rob Binnie
P.O. Box 104,
Geelong. 3220.

DRYSDALE C.W.A.

Drysdale Country Women's Association have always worked to help local groups with great success, thanks to the support of the local community. The last venture, a luncheon and garment display was another success enabling us to give a donation to Bellarine SES and for the Brachitherapy Unit fund at the Geelong Hospital.

All our fund raising efforts are enjoyable and members take part happily knowing any money raised will help the local community.

Do you have a few hours every 2nd Tuesday of the month to join us at our meetings and make extra friends as well as enjoying our activities? If you have we would love to see you.

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DR. DENIS NAPHTHINE VISITS DRYSDALE

On Wednesday July 12, Leader of the Opposition, Dr. Denis Napthine was in the Bellarine region on a number of visits arranged by Member for Bellarine, Garry Spry.

Late in the afternoon, he took the opportunity to sign the Queen Mother's Birthday register at the Drysdale RSL in the company of Secretary, Mr. George Malcolm and Drysdale RSL members.

From there he went on to SpringDale Community Cottage where he met with representatives of a number of organisations chaired by Mr. Wayne Elliott of the Drysdale/Clifton Springs Community Association.

Topics of discussion included law and order issues on the Bellarine Pe-

ninsula and the introduction of a 24 hour police station.

It is evident that locals are keen to see the introduction of a 24-hour police station as a result of perceived increasing crime rates, particularly car theft and burglary associated with a rising number of drug-related activities.

Member for Bellarine, Garry Spry reported that the new Police Minister, Andre Haermeyer had indicated that a 24-hour police station would be built on the eastern end of the peninsula and that stations at Drysdale, Portarlington and Queenscliff would be retained.

"It is up to the community now to press this issue with the Government

at every available opportunity," Mr. Spry said.

Discussion also centred around the development of the boat harbour at Clifton springs and the connection of the foreshore to the Bellarine Rail Trail.

Dr. Napthine indicated that for a plan like this to succeed it would need a coordinated approach driven by the local community and endorsed by the City of Greater Geelong.

In that way, land could be reserved through the rezoning process if necessary, to achieve the ultimate objective.

Mr. Elliott thanked the Leader of the Opposition for making his time available and Member for Bellarine, Garry Spry for convening the meeting.

BENDIGO YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT GREAT SUCCESS.

More than 200 people attended Parkes Hall, Portarlington, on Sunday July 23rd to hear this widely acclaimed choir present a program of choral work of the highest quality, which delighted the large audience. In addition to items by the Choir, the individual talents of these young people were highlighted in performances by a violinist, a vocal duet and a delightful ballet performance by one of the young ladies of the group.

Director of Music for the choir, Mrs. Valerie Broad, established the group in 1984. Since that time, the choir has progressed from a handful of young people to a quality group of more than 50 singers with a reputation for disciplined harmonic signing of the highest standard.

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MAYOR VISITS DRYSDALE

On Tuesday 8th August, the Mayor, Cr Crutchfield, accompanied by Cr. Rob Binnie, visited Drysdale shopfront and was available to speak to community members about Council matters.

Mr. Wayne Elliott accompanied by other members of the Drysdale - Clifton Springs Community Association Working Group, discussed projects such as the possible change to Council Representation, The Dell and Foreshore Works, the progress of The Multi Arts Facility and the future involvement and development of The Association in local matters.

SpringDale Community Cottage Committee of Management Members also took the opportunity to speak with both Councilors regarding the future renovation and development of the SpringDale Community Center especially in the Hall area.

Although neither Councilor could promise the funds required at this time,

both assured SpringDale representatives that, having viewed the plans, they would give every support for SpringDale's search for funding.

A number of the other Community members took the chance to discuss their ideas with the Councilors.

These opportunities to actually speak directly to our elected representatives are rare and we are most grateful to Cr. Rob Binnie for arranging the meetings and to the Mayor for making the time available to visit the local area.

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Expo and the Historical Society's Special Weekend. And this year the Club was able to donate money to the R.S.L. for our local boys in East Timor.

Members were thanked for their support during the past year and special thanks were extended to Committee Members for their efforts. A happy and successful year was extended to

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SHARING THE NEWS ABOUT DRYSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL !

After two weeks holiday, staff and students happily returned to Drysdale Primary School ready to take part in the busy schedule of Term Three.

We commenced this term with a focus on healthy environments and healthy lifestyles. To make our school ground a positive, healthy and safe environment, more loam was placed in the children's playground, underneath playground equipment. All students at Drysdale Primary School contributed to the promotion of a healthy environment. Each grade planted approximately four shrubs around the school grounds. Teachers also had a clean out of their offices and classrooms. To conclude this wonderful week, children brought along a healthy snack and lunch on Wednesday the 12th of July. All children were given a certificate for their contribution and participation in "Healthy Environment and Lifestyles week". Thank-you to Mr. Green and Mrs. Udvardy who organised this beneficial event.

Another highlight, early this term was the success of the Grade Three and

Grade Four Basketball teams in the "Project Sport Safe Competition", run by the Geelong Police. This competition involved a series of basketball clinics held at Primary Schools throughout the city of Greater Geelong and the Surfcoast Shire. The Drysdale Primary School teams from Grade Three and Grade Four, both played in the grand finals of this competition on Saturday the 15th of July at the Arena in North Geelong. Both of these Drysdale Primary School teams won !!! It was a fantastic effort by all the children to win their games through excellent team play. CONGRATULATIONS to both Grade Three and Grade Four teams for their fantastic effort.

During each term, Drysdale Primary School students are given the opportunity to extend their learning outside of the classroom. On Friday the 21st of July, the C.F.A. and Police vehicles visited Drysdale Primary School and provided all Grade One students with interesting information and a look inside these emergency vehicles. This visit relates to the theme

of "Transport", currently being studied by all of the students in Grade One. Thank you to these emergency services for taking the time to visit our school.

Towards the end of July, the Grade Prep and Grade One children participated in a ten day intensive swimming and water familiarisation program, held at the Geelong Aquatic Centre. It was a busy time but, beneficial.

Coming up this term is:

- The Drysdale Primary School Concert. It will be held on the 6th and 7th of September in our school hall. Practice for each grades performance has commenced and students and teachers look forward to working together to provide the audience with a night of wonderful entertainment.

- The "Life Education Van". This will be visiting our school during the first two weeks of August and all grades will be attending.

NOW FOR A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME

On October the 1st 1875, "a new school of brick, with a slate roof and costing 1,140 pounds was opened. This brick school consisted of one large room, a smaller infants room and a gallery, built to accommodate 350 children. In it's first year it had 115 children attending."

Now, in the year 2000, this school is celebrating it's 125th anniversary. This school is **DRYSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**. To celebrate this historical event, there will be a display of photographs, work samples and memorabilia of then and now. This will be held in the Drysdale Primary School hall on the 4th of October, 2000.

Also, Drysdale Primary School have an information board located at the Drysdale Shopping Centre. As you are passing by, you might like to stop and have a look at what our school has to offer.

For further information about Drysdale Primary School, please contact the school on (03) 5251 2272.

*Amanda McPherson
(Teacher).*

NEWS FROM BELLARINE PENINSULA TOURISM

Whilst the flow of visitors has decreased across the Peninsula the behind the scenes work continues in preparation for next season and the Olympic Games, yes that's right the Olympic Games on the Bellarine Peninsula.

As part of the regional co-operative marketing campaign local members attended the Sydney Caravan & Camping show in April/May, it was very interesting to note the vast numbers of Sydneysiders that requested information on this area.

Generally they wished to leave Sydney in early September, travel the East Coast, through the Mornington & Bellarine Peninsula's on route to the Great Ocean Road.

As a consequence of those requests a major marketing push is being established in the Sydney market with some \$80,000 being expended to translate the intent into actual visitation.

A sub program of BPT has been the development of the Villages of

Bellarine Project. This project brings together the Villages of Drysdale, Portarlington, Queenscliff and Ocean Grove; to date training workshops have been held and survey work undertaken in Portarlington on current employment trends.

The next phase will be the deployment of the very colourful Villages of Bellarine logo on flagpoles across the Peninsula.

More training programs will be developed for local business houses, so please liaise with your local representative Lisa Elliott in Drysdale, Stephen Wilkinson in Portarlington for further details.

The Villages will be in attendance at the Weekly Times Expo in Melbourne later in June to promote this area as one that is worth a visit or more importantly worth living in.

Daryl Warren
For Bellarine Peninsula Tourism.

WHAT'S ON AT CLIFTON SPRINGS PRIMARY?

This term began very smoothly with the children already accomplishing a great deal during July.

An Open Information Night was held for 2001 beginning students and their parents at our school on July 19th. If you missed this, parents are welcome to visit our school at any time to arrange a tour of our facilities.

The Level 1 and 2 students (Grades Prep, 1 and 2) have been involved in an intensive nine day swimming program at Splashdown this month.

A 'Family Maths' night was held with Grade 3 students and their parents working together at school on a range of activities, proving that Maths can be fun.

The Grade 4 students completed their 'Road Ride' as the culmination of their 'Bide Ed' program, with the support of many parents and Senior Constable Glenn Styles. A 'Sausage Sizzle' was a great way to finish. Hopefully they have now gained the skills to ride competently and safely on the road.

Our Level 3 students also went on an excursion this month, conducted by Barwon Water, to visit West Barwon Dam and Wurdee Boluc. This gave them a first hand look at our dry water-catchment areas and was part of their current "Water" theme. All found the day very interesting and enjoyable.

During August we have been fortunate to have watercolour artist, David Williams and his wife Shirley, working with the Level 4 students (Grades 5 & 6). David specialises in painting of important, historical subjects and social history, Australian wildlife - flora and fauna and some exotic flowers. David and Shirley have been invited to make a presentation to the Historical Society called "Working With Our Heritage" and will combine this with a visit to work with Level 4 students at our school. I am sure the children will gain a lot from this experience.

This term many children have participated in a tile making session with our "Artist in School" - John Bloxidge. These tiles will be used in the entrance area of our new shade-house. Clay work from all children at the school will be part of the shade-house, some of which are being made during art lessons.

Another interesting event, already being planned for Term 4 is our "Bellarine Open Gardens" day to be held on Sunday November 5th from 10.00am - 4.30pm. Make a note in your diary for this very popular day out. Last year was the inaugural year and all gardens proved to be extremely popular. With six gardens this year, two in Clifton Springs, two in Wallington and two in Ocean Grove, we are looking forward to another very pleasant day.

Kerryn Driscoll
Teacher.



BELLARINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Society's museum at the Court House at Drysdale is open to the public on the first Sunday of each month until December. The photographs and other memorabilia at present on display feature shops and other commercial premises where business activity has taken place on the Bellarine Peninsula from the 1800s until recently.

The Society meets at the Court House on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are invited to join members to hear a variety of interesting speakers.

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Bookings for the evening are essential as numbers will be limited. Phone Merrilyn Anderson on 5259 3747 (BH).

This workshop and Information evening is sponsored by The Bellarine Peninsula Community Bank.

THE NATIONAL SENIORS ASSOCIATION.

The National Seniors Association with 200,000 members Australia wide is a not-for-profit organisation for people aged 50 plus.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday August 25th at 10am at the Wool Exchange Hotel 59 Moorabool Street, Geelong.

Guest Speaker will be Kathy Ryan of the Breakeven Group speaking on Gambling Addiction.

All members and visitors welcome. Contact Joan on 5222 2835.

RURAL AMBULANCE VICTORIA

Don't Ignore/Emergency Warning Signals - Ambulance.

Rural Ambulance Victoria has issued a plea to motorists in the area to take more notice of warning signals on emergency vehicles.

Paramedics say there have been many occasions when motorists have impeded the progress of emergency vehicles, despite the use of lights and sirens.

"Road users are required to give way to emergency service vehicles operating under emergency conditions, when warning devices are being used," said Area Manager Tony Pearce.

"We are encouraging drivers to be more aware of emergency service vehicles and to ensure that they don't obstruct the progress of those vehicles."

Mr. Pearce said there was no need for drivers to panic when they heard or saw approaching emergency vehicles.

"It's simply a matter of moving to the side of the road as safely as possible."

"Our Paramedics have seen far too many incidents where drivers have panicked, placing themselves and emergency service crews at risk."

"Ambulance crews are trained to deal with all types of traffic situations, but their skills can be stretched to the limit when motorists do silly things such as blocking roundabouts and intersections."

Mr. Pearce said leaving a clear passage for emergency vehicles was a matter of common sense, and he's asked drivers not to panic when they hear warning sirens approaching.

"Please remember that when you delay emergency vehicles, you could be placing lives and property at risk."

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LEOPOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL ART AND CRAFT FAIR

The long-running Leopold Primary School Art and Craft Fair explodes back into life during the last weekend of August.

The 23rd art and craft show brings together the Leopold community and entices a wide audience from across the Geelong region to enjoy two days of family fun and to see the work of some of our finest artists.

The fair, this year on Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, is held within the school grounds at the intersection of the Bellarine Highway and

Kensington Rd. It combines art and craft with fine food, a market, battle of the bands and other entertainment and rides for the kids.

The fair is opened on the night of Friday, August 25 when the wraps come off the art entries and supper is served.

The students of the school also prepare their special pieces of art for display.

For information or tickets to Friday night's opening, phone 5250 1233.

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Our President Bev Mason opened the June Meeting. Glenys Jones was our five minute Biographer, another interesting story.

After morning tea, our guest speaker, who is a Past President and Past Secretary, shared highlight of her American and European trip, her previous talk was on Russia. She showed us a video and read from her diary, she was most informative and very humorous looking forward to the last leg of her trip, believe its to Hong Kong.

Looking forward also to a trip on Ocean Grove Coaches to the Imax Theatre etc. in July.

Once again the Merry Munchers had a hearty meal at Leopold Sportsman Club - great fellowship.

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Hoo Roo for now,
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DRYSDALE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB.

The A.G.M. was held on July 10th and a new committee was formed. We look forward to another good year and need to get behind the new committee 100%. This year will also be a challenge as we are going to be self-managed, with, hopefully, fruitful results.

The Queen's Birthday celebration day was a huge success. The variety concert put on by the Concert Party was deemed to be one of the best ever. This was followed a few weeks later by the 1/2 yearly luncheon, once again catered for by the St. James Ladies Guild who did and always do a wonderful job. The food served up was excellent, well-done ladies!! The entertainment after lunch saw "The Sally Capers" in their own inimitable style round off the day nicely.

A Mystery trip held recently was reported to have been a great day out and the same venue, albeit no longer a mystery, is a must for a return visit, according to members that went, so watch this space for further trips to be announced, or enquiries to the club is the alternative.

It is good to see the pool/snooker table in use each week now - if you fancy your hand at this activity why not come along on Wednesday/Friday afternoon from 1pm and give it a whirl, you will be most welcome.

We are in desperate need of more volunteer drivers and jockeys for our Monday transportation of some members (via the small council bus) to and from the clubrooms. Just the normal drivers licence is needed for the drivers, the jockeys just need to help the members on and off the bus. If you can help we would gratefully appreciate your efforts. This would be approximately once every 6 to 8 weeks only. Please contact the club on 5251 2986 thank you.

A mention must be given to the retiring committee members and a big thank you for a job well done. Another very important member who warrants a very big thank you is Alma Hutchinson the clubs Concert Party Pianist, this wonderful lady has been a loyal servant to the club for over 15 years, playing each and every Wednesday, plus at Concerts performed at Nursing Homes etc.

It is with regret and sorrow that I have to announce the passing of two of our dear members, Bettie Ross and Ada Pynen, may they rest in peace. Our prayers and best wishes also go to other sick members. Get well soon. God Bless you all.

Until next edition,
Yours sincerely,
Iris M. Astill.

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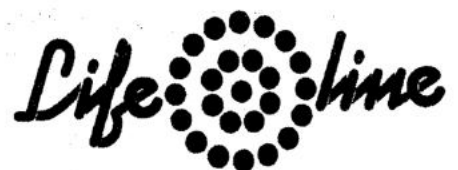
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As we approach the end of August it will be an ideal opportunity to be out in the ever increasing sunshine, and remove the Winter crop of weeds be-

fore they to do the Spring thing and multiply madly. With some of the harvesting done, one can begin the Spring feeding regime. Whatever you feed with, whether it be Slow release, Blood n Bone, Pelletised Manure, animal Manure or whatever, make sure that everything gets some. Plants do not need great piles of food but will perform better with a regular application. The Spring feed is an important one to encourage them out of their Winter dormancy and into growth and flower for probably the gardeners favourite time of the year.

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If you are interested in this program in 2001 please contact us on 5253 1960.

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children with qualified and experienced staff who will provide a variety of experiences for your children, which are educational and fun.

The advantage of occasional care is that you only pay for those sessions you actually use. The cost is \$14 for a 3 hr session and a reduced rate applies to families with more than 1 child using our services.

If you would like to make a booking or inspect our facilities and meet the staff please contact us on 5253 1960.

Springdale GST Update

We are slowly coming to terms with understanding the impact the GST is/will have on our services. Most of our services will continue to be GST free but we are required to charge the GST on a few of our activities.

GST Free Services:

Occasional Care
3-Year-Old Kindergarten
Adult and Children Education Programs
Toy Library
Photocopying
Room Hire

Services subject to GST:

Some Fundraising
Advertising in the Messenger
(those registered for the GST can claim this back)
Educational Manuals

We are continuing to provide training for small business people in using MYOB accounting package. We still have a number of classes available and have introduced some more intensive training to follow on. This training will include completing a Business Activity Statement. If you are interested in this training please contact us as soon as possible as spaces are limited.

If you have any queries in relation to the GST on our services or wish to undertake training in MYOB please contact us on 5253 1960.



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SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Looking for something to occupy the kids during the school holidays – something interesting – something fun – something affordable. Look no further we have organised a few different activities to occupy the kids.

Drawing Class – Monday 18th Sept & Tuesday 19th of Sept – 10am – 1pm. Hours of entertainment for kids between 6 and 12 years. Learn how to draw with our experienced tutor. Experiment with drawing animals and people. Draw your own design. All materials are provided including a light snack.

Cost: \$35.00 for 6 hours includes all materials and snacks.

Painting Class - Thursday 21st September & Friday 22nd September – 10am – 1pm

Children from 6 to 12 years will have lots of fun learning to paint and experiment with a range of painting styles. Painting animals, people, landscapes – whatever the interest we will provide the opportunity and lots of fun. Our tutor is experienced with working with children. All materials are provided including a light snack.

Cost: \$40 for 6 hours includes all materials and snacks.

Clay Sculpture – Monday 25th September & Tuesday 26th September – 10am-1pm

Children from 6 to 12 years will have fun learning to work with clay. They will design and make clay sculptures which they can take home. All materials are provided including a light snack.

Cost: \$35.00 for 6 hours includes all materials and snacks.

If your child is interested in more than one class a 10% discount will apply. If you have more than one child interested in the classes we will organise a special discounted rate.

To guarantee a spot please book early. Ring us for further details.

Help is available for those looking for work

Our last series of classes designed to improve skills in finding employment commences in August:

1. How to do a Resume – this provides practical assistance in designing and writing a perfect resume that will stand out from the crowd.

Tuesday 22nd August 12.30 – 3.30pm
Cost: \$12.00

2. Perfect your interview skills – practical assistance with improving your interview skills – both for in person interviews and over the phone interviews. Learn techniques to relax and develop confidence to appeal to potential employers.

Tuesday 29th August 12.30pm – 3.30pm
Cost: \$12.00

3. How to find the job you want – Help with working out what jobs you would like/interested in and the range of ways to locate potential jobs including use of internet sites.

Tuesday 5th September 12.30pm – 3.30pm
Cost \$12.00

NB: If you undertake all three courses the total cost will be \$30

BELLARINE PENINSULA YOUTH FESTIVAL

A day of fun for young people living on the Bellarine Peninsula. This festival is a day for young people to participate and enjoy a range of activities. It is also a day to celebrate the skills of young people. Activities will include a band competition; fashion parades; skate park activities; motor cross; art competition; rides and many other activities.

There is no entry charge and free buses will be available to transport people to and from the venue.

The festival will be held on Saturday the 18th of November.

If you are interested in being part of this day – participating in the band competition, fashion design competition, art competition or any of the other activities please contact us. Look out for more information in later editions of the Messenger and in the Echo newspaper.

If you are a local business in Drysdale/Clifton Springs/Portarlinton or Ocean Grove and would like to contribute to this exciting event please contact us.

For more information contact:
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SPORTS REPORT

DRYSDALE HAWKS

With the home and away season coming to a close and finals about to begin, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the loyal workers we have at Drysdale. These people are what makes our club survive and everybody who gives up their spare time are ensuring that we have success off the ground, in fact making sure the future of our club remains bright.

Our volunteers from Aus Kick, YMCA, junior and senior sections through to committees, sub committees, coaches, team managers, trainers, kitchen and canteen, bar staff, cleaning and ground maintenance etc. With some two hundred and fifty young players these people put their hand up to help and they are all important pieces in the puzzle that makes up our club.

Members and sponsors also make a very important contribution in our future, with country clubs throughout Victoria folding or merging we need everybody's contribution whether it is one hour per home game in the canteen or becoming actively involved in a committee.

Senior meetings are held on the first Wednesday and the junior meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30 Drysdale club rooms, if anybody can help improve the running of our club they would be most welcome to attend.

As your committee we endeavor to strengthen our club for the future but are not in a dream world that we think every decision we make is the best one. That is why more ideas and opinions help in the

decision making. It has been a very difficult year with the drought and then have recycled put on our ground, although safe we made the decision to keep Aus kick off the ground at certain stages.

With the commitment from football Geelong we have secured finals for the next three years the City of Greater Geelong decided to upgrade our ground putting more pressure on our training and playing arrangements. The club would like to thank all the people who helped us through this difficult period, keeping in mind the finals are so important to secure the future of the club.

The Aus Kick and YMCA players and parents have certainly been disadvantaged with the restricted ground and clubrooms usage and also the lack of senior club involvement but it has been very difficult to co-ordinate everything.

Having the premier facilities in the Bellarine Football League (we are always trying to improve) and with the finals secure it can only benefit our township of Drysdale and Clifton Springs. It will bring many visitors during the final series.

THE COMMUNITY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE DRYSDALE FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB AND THE DRYSDALE FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY.

Alan Bliss
President Drysdale FC.
THE YEAR OF THE HAWK

NETBALL

Although the season was a very cold one everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The night out at the Golf Club went very well and the ladies all let their hair down, some more than others. One in particular! Who could sell sand to the Arabs, but shall remain nameless.

Coach Joyleen Mallon did a terrific job and both teams send her a million thanks. The trophies were presented on the night out and they went to :-

	HEYENAS	JAKKALS
Best & Fairest	Margaret Browney	Meagan Kelly
Runner Up		
Best & Fairest	Betty Knight	Marnie Riddett
Coaches award	Sue Ansell	Judy Blackney

DRYSDALE CRICKET CLUB

Recently the Club held their Annual General Meeting where office bearers were elected as follows:-

President: Steve Keating
Senior V.P.: Robert Malcolm
Secretary: John Boyle
Treasurer: Jan Smith
Committee: Gary Groves, M. Brislane, R. Hinchliffe, K. Harding, W. Malcolm, D. Ruby, J. Brown, A. Little, J. Hill, D. Sharpe and C. Peters.

The Club would also like to thank their many sponsors and look forward to their future support in the coming season 2000-2001.

Congratulations are also in order to our "B" Grade team who convincingly won their section Premiership Flag defeating Ocean Grove.

It was also reported that the Club finished Season 99-2000 in a sound financial position thanks to some very good work by its members.

THIRD TIME LUCKY?

Luck had nothing to do with it when Clifton Springs resident Charlie and son Michael Horvath took out the Hartley TS16 Victorian Champions for the third time in a row sailing in "TRU-BLU".

The 2000 Victorian Championships were conducted at Lake Wellington Yacht Club drawing the best boats and skippers and crew from around the State to compete in excellent conditions over four days. Racing throughout the series was close - all placings being hotly contested, particularly by Lake Wellington members who were able to call on their 'local knowledge' of the conditions and gained 2nd and 3rd placings.

Charlie and Michael look forward to the forthcoming sailing season and competing in further Championships.

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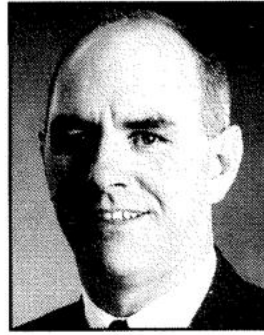
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HEALTHY DEBT GROWS WEALTH

Most homeowners are so focused on the race to pay off their home loan that they overlook the advantages of staying in debt.

In placing all types of debt in the "avoid at all costs" category people throw the baby out with the bath water.

Used wisely, debt is a wealth producing mechanism. For example most people would not be able to buy their own home without borrowing the bulk of its value and buying at today's price rather than saving the total cost and buying at tomorrow's price. The fact that property prices pull ahead faster than consumers can save is, of course, one of the main reasons people buy property in the first place.

Debt falls into two basic categories - healthy and unhealthy.

Many people get into unhealthy debt at an early age to buy consumer items that either disappear or devalue over time, and debt has become synonymous with poverty rather than wealth. Yet most people who are wealthy would testify that with judicious use of "healthy" debt or borrowings they have actually increased the buying power of their income over time.

Even people who borrowed to buy their first home are sometimes reluctant to re-mortgage themselves to buy more property for investment.

Yet borrowing on their equity is precisely the way to start building wealth.

A homeowner's debt or more particularly their debt to equity ratio is a matter of perspective. For

example take a property currently valued at around \$180,000 with \$30,000 left on the loan. Some people see it as \$30,000 owing, whereas others see it as \$150,000 borrowing or investment power.

The important thing is to get good financial advice and ensure that mortgage borrowings are structured correctly.

People should approach their accountant or financial planner to find out details of negative/positive gearing and the factors influencing the rate at which they can add to their property portfolio.

However the first step is a paradigm shift - the ability to see debt as a positive tool for growth rather than a negative state of moral and financial decline.

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