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VALE - ADRIAN EDWARD MANNIX OAM. 21/12/1939 TO 24/2/2001.

It is with great sadness that The Committee of Management of SpringDale Community Cottage Inc., Staff, Volunteers and Members mark the passing of their President and great friend on Saturday 24th February.

Although Adrian had been unwell for some months his sudden death has come as a great shock to all who knew him. As the reality of his departure sinks in it brings with it the realization of the great loss suffered by the whole community.

On Australia Day 1999 Adrian received The Order of Australia Medal for his continued and substantial work for "HIS" community on the Bellarine Peninsular and in particular the town in which he was born and raised, Drysdale. The town he loved.

For nearly forty years he had taken part in Community Service through the local Cricket and Football Clubs, the Drysdale School, the Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club and the 201 V2 District Lions, the Drysdale Scouts Group, the Drysdale Bush Nursing Centre, The Bellarine Rural City Council, SpringDale Community Cottage Inc., the Drysdale/Clifton Springs Community Association and the Clifton Springs Foreshore Improvement Committee. Two weeks prior to his death he was seriously considering standing for election to the City of Greater Geelong Council 2001/2004 because he saw the need for true representation of the local area of The North Bellarine Peninsula.

This record is a truly outstanding one by any standards but when you add all this to the reality of Adrian's severe physical problems of being born without full legs below the

knees, therefore he wore two artificial legs, a shortened right arm and only a partial left arm below the elbow you must stand in awe of his determined attitude and substantial achievements.

He rarely asked for assistance and on many occasions was the one to hold out a helping hand physically and, through the organizations in which he was involved, materially. Many of the community would know him as the man on the Lions Spinning Wheel dealing out the crayfish at the local community markets and the sausages, at the Li-

ons Sausage Sizzles for every conceivable community activity or, since he retired from full time employment, walking around the township talking to people and as he put it, "Keeping an eye on what was happening in the place."

Adrian E. Mannix OAM will be greatly missed by all those who knew him and by those who did not, but have benefited from his tremendous determination of spirit and concern for his fellowman. To his family we offer our sincere condolences and the condolences of the community as a whole and assure them that Adrian will live long in the memories of all who knew him as a person to admire and hold in the highest esteem and respect.

*Thanks for everything
Adrian E. Mannix
OAM.*



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WILL THE BUNYIP GET THE KEY TO DRYSDALE AT THE 21ST BIRTHDAY PARTY?

This is the question many people are asking. If you are at the official opening of the 21st Bunyip festival at 11am on **Saturday 24th March**, you will be able to see for yourself. You'll also join thousands of people, who will be there to sing happy birthday and help Garry Spry and the Bunyip cut the cake.

Plans are well underway. Many new people have joined the organizing committee and like Big Kev – "I'm excited!"

The important details about the Bunyip Festival for this year are:

- It is at Drysdale Primary School and you can enter for a gold coin Donation from Springs Road or Collins Street.
- **The Festival starts at 10am and goes till 3pm.**
- There will be a treasure hunt competition that will lead you around the various parts of the Festival. The successful completion of the competition will put you in the running to win a family pass to Amaze n Things.
- Ferret racing will be a big part of the Festival this year. Entry forms are Available from Clifton Springs or Drysdale Primary Schools (if you have a racing ferret or the best looking ferret or ?)
- Garry Spry MP will be there to officially open the festival at 11am.
- One of the Roulettes will do a fly over (weather permitting)
- We will have a dog obedience demonstration
- Service clubs have been invited to demonstrate their commitment to the community and share their messages.
- Drysdale Guides will be running the fact painting stall for us

- Drysdale Scouts are bringing some challenging pieces of equipment
- There will be a whole corridor of low cost children's activities including bubble blowing, plaster painting, fact painting, nail decorating, hair braiding, temporary tattoos, mask making and have your photo taken with the Bunyip at the Bunyip cave.
- There will be sporting contests – handball, goal shooting, hoola hopping, etc. Entry forms are available from Clifton Springs and Drysdale Primary Schools
- There will be demonstrators inside the hall and market stalls around the oval
- There will be food available at reasonable rates – pies, pizza, BBQ sausages and hamburgers, sandwiches, cakes Bunyip ice creams, cold drinks, hot drinks, popcorn etc.
- There will be a display of Vintage cars.
- There will be show bags, fairy floss, 2nd hand books, 2nd hand goods and 2nd hand clothes including some school uniform pieces (donation of goods will be gratefully accepted at both primary schools).
- There will be an auction of Celebrity items – this will take place at 2pm. A list of items to be auctioned will be available from Clifton Springs or Drysdale Primary Schools in the week prior to the Festival – so far we have T-shirts

signed by Celebrities and a few other items.

I'm not sure what else to tell you except that I look forward to welcoming you I'll be one of the people with the big smile on my face, enjoying the Best family day out in Drysdale and putting the FUN back into FUNdraising.

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The Rotary Club of Drysdale will be conducting their 25th Annual Art Show, open to the public between 10am and 5pm Easter Saturday and 10am and 4.30pm Easter Sunday at the Parks Hall, Newcombe Street, PORTARLINGTON, (Melway Ref. 239 G2).

In the past 24 years, the Club has raised over \$195,000 in support of Rotary Community Projects on a local, national and international level

through its Annual Art Shows, which on average are attended by 1500-200 people over the Easter weekend.

Over 90 well-known and highly credentialed artists participate with broad ranging styles showcasing approximately 400 original paintings for sale, encompassing all mediums.

Morning and afternoon tea/coffee and light luncheons are also available.

For further information Phone Ron Peacock on Phone/Fax 5259 1153.

OUR ODYSSEY ADVENTURE

On January 4th, 2001, eight girls from the Drysdale district embarked on a great journey. The second every International Guide Camp was held in Yarra Junction, Victoria. Katherine Menheere, Amanda Jones, Tori Binder, Hailey Smith, Rachel Elliott, Tracy Myers, Deanne Elliott and Jacinta Cox went by train to Melbourne and were then bussed to Yarra Junction where 650 other girls aged 14-30 were all setting up camp.

During our 10-day camp, each girl chose a four-day adventure. Some of the expeditions were Gold Rush, Photography, Bay Watch, Horse Riding through the Rubicon Valley, Gypsy wagons, Aboriginal

Munjara Adventure. They were all exciting and fun but by far the best thing was meeting all the people from around Australia. We also met people from the U.S.A., England, Thailand, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Philippines and Germany. There was so much stuff to do from 4 Wheel driving to shopping trips, from swimming to photography, silk painting, massage courses, youth forums, aromatherapy and heaps more. There were so many things to do that ten days simply wasn't enough to do them all. It was so much fun we were all sad to leave but we will return to the next one in Queensland in 2004.

Drysdale Guides.

SPRINGDALE BELLARINA TOY LIBRARY

WE'RE BACK

The Toy Library has re-opened after the Christmas Break and we are looking forward to seeing our members back again, together with lots of new people as well.

The Toys and Puzzles we have available suit children six months to six years old and can be borrowed for two weeks with two toys and two puzzles per child.

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Our prices have remained unchanged -

\$12.50 1st child

\$ 7.50 2nd child

\$ 5.00 each extra child

This is the cost for the **WHOLE YEAR!** (New members need to pay a once only fee of \$20.00).

The Toy Library is open on Saturday morning from 10.30am to 11.30am, behind the Springdale Community Cottage where you see the Teddy Bear sign.

Hope to see you soon.



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Through the years, the martial arts industry has grown rapidly. It has grown out of the image of a gym to that of an educational school, with a curriculum which outlines goals and objectives. Many martial art schools still adhere to the training regimes and philosophy of bygone years unable and/or reluctant to move with the times. The age we live in today is fast moving and the way of practice many years past is not necessarily relevant in our Western society.

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CLIFTON SPRINGS PRE-SCHOOL WELCOMES CHILDREN AND A NEW ASSISTANT.



The year started well at Clifton Springs Pre-School. Our teacher, Eril Gliddon came back enthusiastic

about the New Year and our new assistant Julie Brew is getting to know the kinder and the children well.

Our children have all started happily and are getting used to the regular commitment to learning, socializing, sharing and problem solving. Our parents are getting used to not having a little person with them for 12 hours a week. Some of our parents are finding it interesting to share that time especially with younger children and some of us are trying to squeeze as much as they can into that 12 hours.

The management committee of our kindergarten has met once and we've all accepted various roles to play during the year to ensure the success of our kinder for this and subsequent years, as

committees have done before us. We will be running fundraisers during the year to help us purchase things from our teacher's wish list, one of the more important things is shade for our playground. Our first fundraiser for this year is a bulb drive – please give us a ring if you would like to order any bulbs Phone 5251 3158 and we are also collecting the lids from Paul's (Bay City) 2 Litre plastic full cream milk bottles – please drop these into the kinder if you would like to help us as well.

If you are still considering kinder for your child this year or next you might like to ring and arrange an appropriate time to visit. Phone: 5251 3158.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful 2001.

DRYSDALE LADIES PROBUS CLUB INC. REG. NO. A0021357E

Our January meeting was held at the Springs, and our Guest Speaker Martin Ward spoke on Pensioners Network – most interesting considering most of us are in that "age group".

Dorothy Hepburn took a crowd to the Drysdale Hotel to hear "The Hat Man" Brian Sprague perform. Another successful night.

Our February outing was great. We were picked up by Barry our


Coach Drive from Ocean Grove Coaches, and arrived at 10.45 at Melbourne Aquarium. Was a real treat being amongst Australia's Number One Southern Ocean Experience, taking a journey over four levels, through billabongs, rock pools, mangrove swamps and into the 2.2 Million Litre Oceanarium. We then stopped for a light lunch.

Onto the Police Museum, we were lucky to have in our group one

whose relative had dealings with Ned Kelly, and one police officer whose Uncle in 1931, was shot during a pick up of money in Flinders Lane, losing an eye.

We then meandered to Werribee Park Rose Garden for a cuppa, Roses very beautiful, then home-ward bound. Great day and many thanks to Pat Williams.

Hoo Roo for now, Jeanette Derham.



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Boats currently sailing with the Club include a mixed fleet of yachts Minnow (Juniors), Tasar, 125, Laser, Laser Radial, Mirror, Sabre and Trailer Sailors but other classes are welcome.

A Junior training program is conducted on Sunday mornings commencing about 10.30 am and the Club has a limited number of boats for use by trainees.

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

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary Frank Whyte 5243 4835, Commodore Manfred Herzer at Wise Guys 5253 2206 or a/h on 5253 2775, Gerhart Herzer (a/h) 5251 2749 or Steve Gregory (a/h) 5255 1960. IHYC Inc. Reg. No. A4595

TRAVELTALK - VANUATU

One of the most idyllic & peaceful places on Earth I have found is definitely Vanuatu. If you are after a Relaxing & Memorable Holiday that won't break the Bank, then seriously take the time to check out what's on offer. Packages, including Return Airfares, Return Airport transfers and 5 nights accommodation start from \$699.00 per person twin share.

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The locals are so friendly and make you feel at home the minute you step off the plane. Everybody says 'hello' or 'good morning' when you walk by! I was amazed at the genuine Melanesian Hospitality!

I stayed at Le Meridien in Port Vila for 7 nights. It is a large 4 Star Resort located on the shores of the pristine Erakor Lagoon. We lounged by the huge Pool for most of our stay strolling to the Pool Bar for drinks and snacks occasionally.

There is a Casino located at the Resort for those that don't mind the odd spin of Roulette or hand of Blackjack. But when you are in tropics, it's the outdoors that should appeal. Day trips to beautiful Waterfalls, snorkeling amongst the best

Reefs in the Pacific or a casual game of Golf are all on your doorstep. Deep Sea fishing is also a popular activity, especially with Australians!

Dining in Port Vila is exquisite! There are many well-priced Restaurants. (We tried a different one each Night!) The Seafood is sooo fresh. Just superb!! The Coconut Crab is legendary in Vanuatu and is a dish that must be tried.

For further information on this favourite destination please don't hesitate to call or drop in and grab some brochures. You won't be disappointed!

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PUTTING THE JIGSAW OF LIFE TOGETHER

A message from Drysdale Christian Fellowship

Have you noticed that life can be like a life-sized jigsaw puzzle? There are many pieces that come together to create the complete picture. Each of these pieces needs to come together and interlock in just the right way, or else the picture doesn't look right and some pieces will not fit where they belong.

I have completed a couple of jigsaw puzzles over the years. They have a way of drawing me in to the point where I can't walk past without fitting at least one more piece. I scan the pieces for ones with the right colour or patterns and then for the ones with the right shapes on each

side and then try them until one fits. After many hours and attempts the picture finally comes together and brings quite a feeling of satisfaction.

That's what the jigsaw of life can be like. We have basic needs in our life and we search for the pieces that fill those needs. Every now and then we think we have a piece that fits just right, but other things in our life will not connect with it properly and the picture cannot be completed. So we cannot substitute pieces, they have to be the right ones.

God is the essential piece to the whole jigsaw, but people will look for alternate pieces that seem easier

to find and seem to do the job. There is only one piece that will fill that hole in our life and it is not as hard to find as we may think. Building a relationship with Jesus Christ is the way and He makes Himself available to all who would look for Him.

Many churches on the Bellarine Peninsula offer courses such as the Alpha Course to help answer the questions people have about the Christian life. I encourage you to contact one of these churches and see the complete picture of your life start to come into focus.

IN YOUR GARDEN

Autumn, wonderful Autumn, I have been waiting for ages for some cooler weather, hopefully this is it. This is a great time of the year to work in the garden or to crack the whip and the husband work in the garden. Everything seems to breathe a sigh of relief once the hot weather has gone and starts to look a bit happier. You can help the process by giving things a feed to green them up and promote a Healthy plant before the Winter slows down their growth. Camellias will respond well to a feed this time of the year as many of them are thinking about

producing flower buds, especially the Sasanqua's. Happy plants will make great flowers for later on in the Winter and Spring.

A balanced food is the best thing for your plants. Specific foods for specific plants are generally fine if you are happy to have 7 or 8 different foods for all of your plants. We use an Organic Fertiliser which has Blood n Bone, Chicken Manure, Seaweed Extract, Fish Meal. We tend to splash this around the pots as we think is necessary, on pretty much everything, (including natives) and have very good results.

The only thing to note is that the deodorized label on the bag doesn't equate with what we would call deodorized, ie. It stinks for a couple of days! After a productive burst of feeding the garden a good water or rain is the best thing to settle everything down and start the food into the soil.

Don't forget it's bulb time and if you want to start planning a late Winter early Spring display then now is the time to do it.

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LEVEL ONE	4.50pm - 5.40pm	\$55.00 per term
GYMSTAR	6.10pm-7.30pm	\$55.00 per term

Insurance \$15.00 per year is payable for all students.

Our new teacher for kinder classes this year will be Kerrie Woods from the Geelong Gymnastics Club at the Arena.

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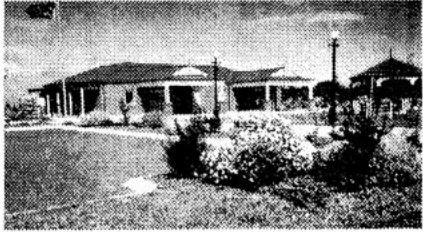
RED CROSS MARCH APPEAL CALLING

Collectors are needed for the March Red Cross appeal. Collecting kits for Drysdale and Clifton Springs Red Cross March Appeal will be distributed to collectors, or maybe picked up from E. Harrold, 14 Labulla Court, Clifton Springs. For Portarlington collectors, the collecting kits will be distributed to collectors or maybe picked up from Johanna De-Meester, 31 High Street, Portarlington.

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ELECTIONS

CITY OF GREATER GEELONG ELECTIONS

CORYULE WARD.

Coryule Ward includes the areas of Drysdale, Clifton Springs, Curlewis, Portarlinton, Bellarine and Indented Head.

By the time you receive your March Issue of The Messenger you should also have received your voting papers (if you have registered) for the elections of The City of Greater Geelong Council. This will

be different to the last Local Elections in 1998. We once again return to have 12 Wards as with the first elections after amalgamation in 1995.

There are eight candidates listed on your voting papers. You must place a number from 1 to 8 in each box beside their names on the ballot paper in your order of preference. Do NOT REPEAT A NUMBER and

do NOT LEAVE ANY BOX EMPTY otherwise your vote will be invalid and not counted.

We are including in this issue of The Messenger a profile and photograph of each of the candidates personally supplied to us by them.

REMEMBER your vote must be returned by FRIDAY MARCH 16TH. Voting is compulsory.

CANDIDATE PROFILES

HEATHER KELLY



Just before we were married, my husband Ian and I "discovered" Drysdale. Fifteen years and two children later, we remain deeply committed to the area.

We love the Peninsula's strong community spirit, and the clean, spacious and safe environment it offers to our boys, Paul and Andrew. We enjoy our involvement in their schools and sport. I have also enjoyed involve-

ment in community groups such as the Bellarine Agricultural Society, while Ian has been active in the St. Thomas' School Advisory Council and Parents and Friends Association, and in Rotary.

Our communities of Portarlinton, Indented Head, Clifton Springs and Drysdale are all rapidly growing and changing. Very careful planning will be needed to ensure maintenance of the lifestyle we all value so much, while our infrastructure and services keep pace with our needs. The community should be a partner in this planning. As your local representative, I will schedule regular forums for commu-

nity consultation and I will ensure your views are heard and considered in Council. My goal will be to be informed, in touch and accessible to you.

I also have a strong commitment to a Council that works strategically and professionally to enhance the position of the whole municipality. The most effective governance structures are those whose members cooperate and share their experience and skills for the common good. This is the Council that we deserve and the one that I will be working to achieve.

Heather Kelly

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JOHN LOWREY



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I have had ten years of Local Government experience. I was a Councillor for the Shire of Gisborne for seven years, a councillor for the Macedon Ranges Shire for a further three years, and the Mayor for the Macedon Ranges for one year.

I am recently retired having been a schoolteacher for over twenty years and self-employed in a small retail business for a further ten years.

I am a non-aligned candidate who has never been associated with any political party and who firmly believes that party politics should have no part in Local Government.

After extensive discussions with individuals and groups within the community, I believe that some of the significant issues for this election are:

- Information accessibility – and consequently the opportunity to be heard.
- Waste management and preserving the environment.
- Maintaining the life and integrity of our small villages and communities.

- That planning issues that impinge on our environment and lifestyle are not adequately disseminated.
- The apparent factional division amongst Councillors effects the direction of decision-making.
- What is the strategic direction for the Peninsula?
- The long-term timetable for road and drainage works in our residential areas.
- I have the credentials, the experience, the time, and the enthusiasm to **address these and other issues in an informed manner.**

I can however make only one promise to the electorate, and that is, **"that I will work tirelessly to inform and involve all residents in the process of Local Government."**

John Lowrey

KEVIN J. BELL



I am a life-time local resident with past local government experience of over 10 years as a councillor and Shire President during the Shire of Bellarine era. I am an early retiree from the Attorney General's Department after completing 17 years of service.

While I have been community minded all my life I have no political affiliations. I am standing as an

Independent Representative for the ratepayers and residents of the area. Currently I am the President for the Australia Day Committee and also a life member of the Bellarine Health Service.

I am committed to undertake:

- A detailed assessment of the rates scheme and associated services to ensure they meet ratepayer needs.
- Promote tourism to the area towards greater growth and enhanced business opportunities.
- Make sure that more activities for the youth are available.
- Will campaign for more government funded roads.

- Completion of the Clifton Springs boat-ramp development.
- Canvas for a 24-hour police station in the area.
- Ensure adequate sporting facilities are available for school aged children.
- Maximise landcare strategies – towards more government funding for noxious weed prevention.
- Work with community health committees to enhance services.

If elected, I will be a full-time Councillor available at all times to speak with Ratepayers and residents on any matter. My contact number is 5259 2684.

Kevin J. Bell

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ELECTIONS

BARB MARTORANA



A Bellarine Peninsula resident for the past 16 years, I am committed to preserving the natural resources that make this area a beautiful place to live, and to making sure local residents get their fair share of council funds for services and community support.

I started working in Youth Services in the 1970's for the Shire of Corio and City of South Barwon, and

have developed a range of adventure outreach programs for teenagers following studies in child and adolescent development. There is a critical shortage of quality community programs for teenagers in this area requiring priority funding.

I am currently the Co-ordinator of the Vines Road Community Centre, a committee member of the Network of Neighbourhood Houses, a part time secondary teacher and researcher.

Over the last decade I have played a key role in local land care projects and if elected would advocate for projects such as the restora-

tion of the Dell in Clifton Springs and the retention of land for a sports field and car part at Clifton Springs Primary School.

I fully support council funding of the proposed extensions to SpringDale Cottage in Drysdale, increased funding for the maintenance and improvement of local roads, and the provision of on line gas for Portarlinton, St. Leonards and In-dented Head.

If elected to council, I will be available to discuss local issues in local areas on a fortnightly basis.

Barb Martorana

STEWART KAIRN-HALEY



I am married with two children who both attend local schools. I work part time in the security industry and study at Deakin University. This leaves me available to make a strong commitment to the people of the Coryule Ward.

Local Business, the environment, aged care, youth affairs and commu-

nity development are a part of the many areas that need addressing. I have my own opinions on each of these issues, but primarily I will be in council to reflect the views of the community. It is the voice of the community that will guide my decisions.

I will hold regular forums to glean important information and also inform the community of council decisions. All wards should have this opportunity. My firm belief is for a councillor to be accessible. A councillor who cannot be found is of no use to the electorate.

The council chamber is not the place for political power struggles. A councillor firstly represents the people in the ward and secondly the people of Geelong. This has to be done professionally and without partiality towards any sector. The council has to be open and accountable to the people who elected it. A properly functioning council is the basis for a successful and growing community.

A councillor should, above all, listen. Your issues are my issues. Call me on 5253 2988 or 0407 532988 to discuss anything that may be of concern.

Stewart Kairn-Haley

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KEITH MCGREGOR



Keith McGregor has long been involved in a diverse range of community organizations dealing with issues ranging from the arts to nursing homes for the elderly. He is a member of the **Clifton Springs Foreshore Advisory Committee** and is a **Zone Leader in Neighbourhood Watch**. He is a past **President of the Bayside Council's Association**, and has served on the **Mercy Hospital**

Advisory Board, the Western Region Economic Development Organisation, and as an **Apexian and Rotarian**.

"As a resident and family man living in the area, I have a genuine interest in the well-being of this ward and wish to provide the best representation possible for the area. Being a Councillor takes time, and I will make time for you, and use all my energy and experience to work and represent the residents of Coryule to the best of my abilities."

REASONS TO VOTE FOR KEITH MCGREGOR

- He will see that a Public Toilet is provided for in Drysdale.
- He will see better control of costs and rates.

- He will see the council provide proper services for a direct benefit to you and your family.
- He will encourage new industry and tourism developments to reduce unemployment.
- He will see the development of a Quality Community Plan, based on your input.
- He will see that Council actively meet the needs and aspirations of you and your community.
- He will consult with the community through regular and open public meetings.

*Authorised by John Brownhill,
Tony St, Drysdale.*

ROBERT QUAYLE



The Bellarine Peninsula is a very special place. For four generations my family have holidayed at Portarlington so when "retiring" after 37 years as a business executive (National Controller of Logistics - Coles Myer) it was an easy decision to move here permanently.

Four years ago we established a successful sheep stud at Bellarine, since then I have had the pleasure of realizing the areas potential for future development and at the same

time realizing the potential for disaster, if any development is carried out without great care and consideration.

Through my involvement with the VFF, Barwon Prime Lamb Group and Bellarine Land Care and, having established an association with the local businesses and residents, I have become acutely aware of the problems associated with land use, pressure on the coastal regions and the development of the towns.

Recently, because of the restructuring of the City council, the issues, important to the residents of the towns in Coryule have been neglected in favour of the development of the CBD. While appreciat-

ing that the city of Geelong needs to progress, the rural areas supporting it are of equal importance in terms of attracting tourists and permanent residents. The facilities for these people need to keep pace with their expectations. Therefore roads, town planning and community amenities have to be continually monitored so they meet these needs.

For all of these reasons I decided to stand for council so the people of Coryule are represented by someone who has the time, the skills, integrity and enthusiasm, along with a genuine desire to see that the interests of the land and the people are heard and acted upon.

Robert Quayle

JANET CAMPBELL



I'm 45, work as a freelance writer/editor and do a bit of Crowd Control and Security work casually - waiting for that great part-time job I've owned my own tourism and publishing businesses and been a high-school teacher, community worker, administrator and a host on those fabulous shopping tours of bargain warehouses.

I'm a member of the Drysdale Bowling and Croquet Club - pursuing my passion for the fastest-growing sport on the Peninsula (croquet). I love walking along the beaches and do so with a plastic bag to pick up rubbish. I snorkel, swim and take photos of the bay and have three pelicans for neighbours on the beach across the road.

I love tulips, irises and indigenous grasses and trees and am racking my brains to think of a way to get rid of those nasty sea stars from the bay (whilst making sure to keep the good ones).

I love the Drysdale-Clifton Springs, Portarlington, Indented

Head area of the Peninsula - I'm excited about the growth of our wine, olive and tourism industries, but I also find myself wanting to protect the quiet, laid-back, unspoilt charm of our towns.

I've always been someone who speaks up for what I think is right, for a fair go for ordinary people, for those who are not listened to or who aren't confident in speaking for themselves. I think my love of this area and my long-term commitment to speaking and writing about what's right have lead me to decide I want to be a Council Representative.

Janet Campbell

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NEW PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE IN DRYSDALE

A new Physiotherapy service, The Drysdale Spinal and Sports Treatment Centre, has commenced practice at the recently built consulting rooms of the Drysdale Clinic. Experienced physiotherapist Mr. Jack Tinitali and Mr. Paul Fargher, who are the principal practitioners from the Geelong Physiotherapy Centre are now consulting at the state-of-the-art rooms at 15 Collins Street, Drysdale.

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Spring Dale Community Cottage will be celebrating Senior Citizens Week by hosting some special activities, which will be of interest to many seniors in our community. All activities are free.

Activities Include:

FRIENDS OF SPRINGDALE MORNING TEA.

A morning tea will be held on Wednesday March 21st at Drysdale Community Hall, High Street, Drysdale between 10.30 and noon.

This will provide residents with an opportunity to meet new people and find out about the many activities and programs the Cottage has to offer.

Bring a friend, and come along for a cuppa and a chat. All welcome. The morning tea will be followed at noon by: A presentation from the Volunteer Resource Centre: If you have ever considered volunteering, do currently volunteer or are simply interested in finding out about all the marvelous contributions made by volunteers, then you'll enjoy this presentation.

To register your interest for either of the above, or for more information, please phone Rosie at SpringDale on 5253 1960.

BREAST SCREEN INFORMATION SESSION.

SpringDale invites you to a Breastscreen information session, to be held at SpringDale Community Cottage on Thursday March 22nd between 10.30 and 11.30am.

It's a good opportunity to:

- Find out why Mammograms (Breast X-Rays) are important for women
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Tea and coffee will be available after the presentation. All welcome.

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A PRESENTATION ON CONFIDENT LIVING will be held at SpringDale Cottage on Thursday 22nd March from 1p.m. to 2p.m., presented through the Crime Prevention Unit.

Areas covered will include safety strategies in public and at home. To register your interest please contact Rosie on 5253 1960. Tea and Coffee will also be available.

COMPUTER ROOM OPEN DAYS

Our Computer Room will be opened for those who wish to come and have a look at what we have to offer at SpringDale. A Tutor will be on hand if you want to ask any questions or have a go at using a computer. This is a great opportunity for those thinking about doing a course in the future or who just want to see what all the fuss is about! Drop in and visit any time between 11.30am and 2.30pm March 21st (Wednesday) and March 22nd (Thursday).

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The Speaker for January meeting was Suzannah Foulks from the "Caring Clowns".

She is known as "SUZI" and was accompanied by "Promise". Both gave an interesting outline of what they achieve, working with Hospitals, along with Councillors, Chaplains and Therapists. They obviously enjoy their work very much, even to visiting prisons where parents of sick children are comforted, and supported.

Currently her team are working with Primary Schools in the area, showing well children how to relate to very sick children. With the help of these children it is hoped to get 17.500 messages and will select from them to make a quilt for the Children's Hospital.

February Speaker will be Pauline McKenzie, who will talk on her experiences at the recent Paralympic Games.

PROBUS FRIENDSHIP DAY. MEMBERS ONLY.

The Geelong Harness Racing Club will host the event on Thursday March 15th. 2001.

Admission Free including race card. There will be a Club Banner Parade at 12 noon.

Races commence at 12.30pm. Last Race at 5pm.

We continue to have the interest groups eg. Mahjong, Canasta, Scrabble.

Probus Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Exhibition.

To be held at Williamstown Town Hall, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown, 3016. From Thursday 10th May to Thursday 17th May. Every exhibitor must be a member of an affiliated Probus Club and register their own entries.

The Probus mixed Fours Bowls Tournament to be held at Anglesea on Thursday March 15th 2001 at 10.30am.

Some of our members take part in some of these events and we certainly have a lot of very talented, creative members, who are pleased to show their work to others.

We have a few sick members just now, I hope they soon will feel improved.

*Yours in friendship,
Iris Liz Tolton.*

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

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At 11.30am there will be story telling and games.

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Judging and presentation of prizes will take place at 2p.m.

For more information Phone Pam on 5259 2041 or Beryl on 5257 3155.

CARD/GAMES

This popular afternoon will be held on Thursday March 29th at 1.30pm at Portarlington Community Health Centre. Bring your friends or come alone, you will be made most welcome. \$5.00 includes tea/coffee.

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY BRIDGE?

LESSONS ARE AVAILABLE BEGINNING 2ND MARCH THIS YEAR.

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WORKSHOP

A one-day well being and activity workshop will be held on Friday April 6th (9.30-3p.m.)

Venue: Drysdale Community Hall - High Street, Drysdale.

Followed by :

WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

A 10 week program consisting of discussions and physical activity will be held commencing Friday May 4th (9.30-11.30).

Venue: Drysdale Community Hall - High Street, Drysdale.

For further details on either activity, or to register, Contact Caroline Jordan at the Barwon Region Sports Assembly on: 5222 7175.

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EASTER GREETINGS

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TIM COSTELLO

I am proud to be an Australian. Federation and nationhood celebrations have reminded me that I was incredibly lucky to be born here. I have inherited political stability in one of the world's oldest democracies. I have also inherited a multi-cultural society in the land of one of the world's oldest indigenous peoples. And more than that, I enjoy economic opportunity and religious freedom.

This Easter, I will give thanks to God for all these privileges. But I will also ask what is it that I owe? What must I give back?

Sacrifice is at the heart of every true faith. The Cross speaks of God's sacrifice of His own Son for all of us. Sacrificial love transforms petty self-interest into generosity and service. It frees us from small concerns.

In this nation, there are still too many poorer Australians who feel mocked by our national badge of mateship and a fair go. Within our region there are hundreds of thousands living in grinding poverty, challenging our falling foreign aid levels.

I think most of us want to be known as more than just the host country of the friendly Sydney Olympics. We need to embrace the spirit of generosity when we are no longer on show. We recognise how often we are provoked to generosity by the crises of flood and fire. In the absence of such crises it is only our spirituality which can spur such compassion.

This Easter, I invite you to think of the Resurrection of One who did not know when to stop loving, which certainly inspires me. I will be attending services in my church to express my appreciation to God for the sacrifice of His Son and for the new life he offers us through Him. May this Easter break find you reflecting on the Hope, Joy and Peace that can give lasting vitality.

I encourage you to consider attending an Easter Service this holiday, you will be made very welcome.

Sincerely

Tim Costello
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WHAT'S ON AT CLIFTON SPRINGS PRIMARY?

The year began smoothly with classes settling into routine very quickly. Parents have already taken the opportunity to come and share information about their children with the teachers, an important part in establishing a productive relationship between the school and home.

During the holiday break we were lucky to have twenty-six new computers added to our network. We also had six new air conditioners installed, which will provide some relief during this hot weather.

Recently at a Monday morning assembly house captains and vice-captains were presented to the school and received their badges. Those children were,

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Haley Stoop, Daniel Jull (captains)
 Laura Smith, Michael Hope
 (vice-captains)

SPRINGS

Sheridan Edsall, Nathan Pigott
 (captains)
 Sharne Foot, Evan Jones
 (vice-captains)

CORIYULE

Ashleigh Robinson, Simon Deans
 (captains)
 Rosa Martorana, Andrew de Wael
 (vice-captains)

BAYSHORE

Jessica Harvey, Matthew Alard
 (captains)
 Megan Condie, Steven Crute
 (vice-captains)

Our school captains this year are Teagan Jones and Chris Hargreaves. These children should be very proud of their achievements.

Every two weeks the children at our school work on a new value from "The Healthy Relationships Program." At each Monday morning assembly an award is given to a child exhibiting these behaviors. Presently we are working on the value of 'caring'.

Another very valuable program that children participate in at our school is "Buddies." Children in levels one and two are matched with a level four buddy and participate in a variety of activities throughout the year. This also gives them someone to go to if they are having any problems in the playground.

During term 1 we are fortunate to have Beth Suppa, a final year student teacher from University of Minnesota, Morris, U.S.A. working at our school. I'm sure she will gain a lot from this experience and have many stories to tell when she goes home.

Finally plans are well under way for this years Bunyip Festival to be held on Saturday 24th March. The Committee have organized some wonderful attractions and it will be a great day out. Hope to see you there.

Kerryn Driscoll
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Firstly a reminder of the Ron Sudden "Sing Along With Ron" show, which is to be held in the Drysdale Senior Citizens Hall on Monday the 19th of March from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. This concert is for all Peninsula folk and a gold coin entrance fee is requested. Tea and Biscuits will be served at the end of the entertainment, so do come along one and all and sing away and enjoy yourselves. The hall can seat 120 so come early so as not to be disappointed.

The next item on the Club Calendar will be on Monday March 26th for our members to enjoy and celebrate the Club's 32nd Birthday. There will be entertainment followed by afternoon tea. The list is on the board so please put your name down. The Committee need to know the numbers for catering purposes. The time will be 1.15pm to 4pm, on this day.

There will be an afternoon "Armchair Holiday" slide show, given by Iris (Liz) Tolton at a date to be arranged by the Committee, when this

is to hand members will be informed date and time. Thank you (Liz) for the offer.

The Committee would like to thank the members for their support so far this year, we do appreciate it and we will do all we can to make the rest of our term in office a good one for all. We are so lucky to have such a lovely venue and facilities aren't we?

A warm welcome is extended to all eligible newcomers to the area to come along to the Club Rooms to see what we have to offer to you. A list of activities, days and times can be obtained from the Secretary or Committee members. No need to be lonely, come and join us, why don't you? We have a community bus on our Club Day, which is on each Monday, it picks up members from their homes and takes them home again at the end of the afternoon.

I will report on the two days of March 19th and 26th in the next edition.

Once again get well greetings to our sick members and a very big thank you to our volunteer drivers and jockeys.

Until next time, bless you all,
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Without whom we all would have to search outside of the community to find. Having you people supplying your particular services to the community and living locally helps all of us.

Giving strength and depth by not only providing these services but also consuming locally keeps the dollars we all spend circulating locally.

If we “import” goods and services from Melbourne or even Geelong all of the time we will lose the local services.

Shops close, professional people no longer supply locally maybe even move away. Taxi drivers will drive down the road instead of working for the community locally. Etc, etc.

So thank you lady's and gents for all your professional services supplied locally.

I for one use your services at every given opportunity.

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"Ambulance Paramedics worked in large provincial centers and smaller rural communities throughout country Victoria providing care and transport for sick and injured persons in the pre-hospital setting."

"They are a critical part of Victoria's health care system, particularly in rural areas, and work closely with various health care providers and members of other emergency service organizations."

"Ambulance Paramedics must be able to think clearly, possess a calm manner and have the ability to reassure patients and handle stressful situations. They must be able to accept responsibility, possess personal integrity, have a desire to be involved in community service, and be able to work with, and be toler-

ant of people from many different backgrounds."

"While we are seeking applications from all interested people in Victoria, there is a strict selection process and applicants must meet the following mandatory requirements:

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or equivalent with passes in English, and preferably Math and Science, or an equivalent level of education and/or experience, which would enable a successful completion of the Diploma of Ambulance Paramedic Studies.

Be an Australian Citizen or New Zealand Citizen or possess an appropriate Residents Visa and have the ability to speak and write English fluently and clearly.

Hold a full Victorian Drivers licence and be willing to undergo a Federal Police Criminal Records Check.

Have a satisfactory level of medical and physical fitness matched to the various demands of ambulance work and be prepared to work at -

Mr. Walker said successful applicants would undergo a three-year industry funded training program which combines block release at the Monash University Centre for Ambulance Paramedic Studies in Frankston and supervised on-road training, and would graduate with a Diploma of Ambulance Paramedic Studies.

For further information:
Tony Walker
Clinical Services Manager
03 5337 9305

TAKE CARE ON HOT DAYS

Rural Ambulance Victoria is urging the community to take basic precautions to avoid heat related injuries and illnesses.

"As temperatures climb, we experience an increase in the number of patients suffering directly from the heat," said Clinical Services Manager Tony Walker.

"Most of the time it's the elderly and people suffering from existing illness who are affected by the hot weather. However, heat related difficulties can often be prevented taking appropriate precautions."

"It's common sense to stay out of the direct sun during the hottest part of the day and the impact of the heat can be reduced by staying indoors, wearing light clothing and using an air conditioner or fan."

Mr. Walker said people should also maintain their body's fluid levels by drinking plenty of water.

"We also advise the elderly people to try and limit the amount of exercise they have during the hotter weather."

Mr. Walker said one heat related issue that caused concern for Rural Ambulance Victoria was parents leaving children in cars.

"It is so important that parents do not leave children in cars, particularly on hot days."

"The sun beating down on a car can result in a very rapid rise in the vehicle's internal temperature, which can quickly cause a child to dehydrate."

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For further information:
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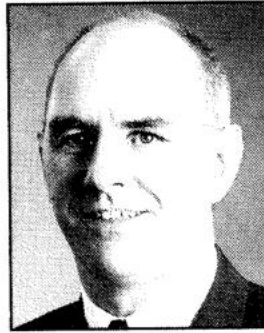
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Deputy Chairperson, Board of Directors, Bellarine Peninsula Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank (Portarlington).

Her loyalty and dedication is also recognized through many other community organizations including the Smart Movers Business and Breakfast Committee (foundation member), the Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club and the Geelong Zonta Club, being nominated for the "Woman of the Year" in the 1998 Geelong BPW Awards.

She has also served on the committee of the Bellarine Peninsula Ambulance Service and worked with the State Government in the establishment of the Bellarine Secondary College and new Multi Arts Facility.

Heather has also worked in Senior Management in Hospitals and Aged Care Services and successfully ran two businesses of her own.

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