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On the Rotary Calendar, November is designated as the "Rotary Foundation Month". THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION is the furthering of understanding and friendly relations between people of different nations through the fostering of tangible and effective programs of a charitable and educational nature.

THE MISSION OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION is to support the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs.

Contributions to the Rotary Foundation come from: 1) Individual Rotarians, 2) Rotary Clubs, 3) Friends of Rotary

One of the world wide programs of the Rotary Foundation, which was given the highest priority since its inception in 1985, was the Polio Plus program with the objective to eradicate this dreaded disease affecting millions of children world wide by

the year 2005. To date Rotary has committed \$US 378 million to global Polio eradication. By the year 2005 this figure will surpass a half a billion US Dollars. Rotarians have mobilised by the hundreds of thousands to ensure that children are immunised against this crippling disease and that surveillance is strong, despite the poor infrastructure, extreme poverty, and civil strife of many countries. More than 2 billion children have received the oral polio vaccine since 1985. At the start of this program there were 125 polio-endemic countries. By the year 2000 that figure had declined to 30.

One of the other Humanitarian Programs is the (3H) Health, Hunger and Humanity program, which are 2-5 years international development projects to improve health, alleviate hunger, or enhance development through self-help activities. There are a host of other humanitarian programs covering many facets of society.

Just to mention a couple of the Educational Programs of the Rotary Foundation: 1) Ambassadorial Scholarships: to students who serve as ambassadors of goodwill to improve international understanding while furthering their studies overseas. 2) Group Studies Exchange Awards which enables outstanding young non-Rotarian business and professional persons to further their vocational expertise in another country for 4-6 weeks.

The above are but a few of the Rotary Programs under the umbrella of The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Drysdale meets every Monday evening at the Drysdale hotel 6:00 for 6:30 start and we invite any professional/ business people, male, female, who are interested to volunteer their time and talents in service to the community on a local, national and international level. Since our meetings are dinner meetings it is essential to book for catering purposes by Monday noon on 5253 3456.

Thomas Erhardt Chairman P.R.

Drysdale Uniting Church News

WORSHIP @ 9

Worship @ 9 is a contemporary worship service, run both by our minister, Margaret Manning, and Lay Preaching teams. Our group seeks to explore alternative expressions of faith, in a relaxed informal atmosphere. We enjoy an up-beat contribution from our excellent band, which really lifts our services. Worship @ 9 was created from a desire to cater for young families, with an excellent Sunday school program offered called KFC (Kids For Christ). We enjoy participation from a large number of children each week, whose ages range from babyhood to teens. Each group is resourced appropriately for their age, by caring and committed leaders. The Lay Preaching teams welcome new members and fresh ideas. Team members are involved with 'up front' presentation and behind the scene study, or if this is not for you, be inspired by what they have to offer. So, if your looking for something to involve the children, an alternative service, or a further expression of your own faith, come and

join us at 9am on a Sunday morning.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS!

It's on again, Drysdale Uniting Church are holding their annual Advent Workshop, This is a Christmas craft and activity workshop for children aged from Kindergarten to grade six. The purpose of the Advent workshop is to provide a Christ-centred experience which reflects the celebration, joy, wonder and mystery of Christmas for children and adults alike. The workshop aims to enhance children's understanding of the biblical account of Christmas by providing relevant experiences for the children through stimulating stories, enjoyable music and challenging craft activities. The children will be provided with afternoon tea. There is no charge, but a small donation towards the cost of materials would be appreciated.

The workshop will be held at: Drysdale Uniting Church, High St,

Drysdale (the workshops will be held in the hall, access is from the carpark in Palmerston St.)

Who to contact: Enquiries or enrolments can be made through Colleen Diamond, 52513749 or Debbie Taylor, 52532002, (an enrolment form will be sent to you) Enrolment forms will also be available from the church office.

When: Friday 14th and 21st December 4pm-6pm. A childrens church service will be held on Saturday, December 23rd at 3pm with afternoon tea to follow, where the children who have participated can share their experiences with their families.

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by Carol McCarthy

Considered as one of the last vast and unspoiled continents, a trip to Africa is a unique experience and the adventure of a lifetime. Glenn and I travelled to Botswana and Zambia in September and had the most magnificent time.

The Okavango is the greatest inland river delta in the world. Within it's vast domain, an extensive network of rivulets, channels and islets support a rich variety of bird and plant life, along with a multitude of small animals. The ideal way to get around is by mokoro – a traditional canoe – paddling through the tangled web of waterways that provide a framework for this fascinating ecological system.

We stayed at Landela Safari Lodges. They provide outstanding personalized service and the ultimate in rustic luxury to provide accommodation that is second to none. Xudum Camp is on a 3000ha private concession where desert and delta unite. Cheetah, Elephant, Lion, Red Lechwe, 100's of birds and many other animals live in the area. From here we went to Rann's Camp. Tucked away on a private island amongst a wide diversity of trees, wildlife and some more of Africa's magnificent birds. This is where we went mokoroing (dug out canoes) with the Hippos! A short charter flight north took us to Kisane

and the Chobe Valley Lodge. This is the home to 100's of elephant and is near the Zambezi River bordering Botswana, Zimbabwe and Namibia. Here I met Stephanie, ex travel agent from Australia and went fishing with her husband, Stefan, the owner of the lodge. I nearly broke Glenn's heart by catching a huge 7kg tiger fish first up. 9 hours later he managed to catch one at 8kg. Lucky or we'd still be trolling up and down the Zambezi!

Many consider Zambia "the real Africa". The north of the country features many national parks, which are plentiful with game, boasting magnificent bushvelds, and is largely unvisited by tourists. Scotty, an Australian Expat and her husband Allan Elliot have recently opened new lodges in Zambia "Star of Africa". They are the most luxurious of lodges in stunning safari destinations. South Luangwa is one of the greatest wildlife sanctuaries in the world and is home of the Chichele Presidential Lodge. It has a turn-of-the-century hunting lodge atmosphere and is ideal for walking safaris. Livingston, a wildlife reserve sits on the Zambian side of Victoria Falls and the Zambezi River. Here we stayed at Sussi & Chuma – Victoria Falls. Located in the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park upstream from Victoria Falls, the luxury tree houses are built among the branches of Ebony. This was a beautiful way to end a fantastic holiday – cruising on the river (with Glenn fishing, of course), relaxing by the pool and having a Gin and Tonic while watching the sunset over the mighty Zambezi.

For more information call Carol on 52511125 Harvey World Travel Drysdale

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS A service designed for children with some traditional carols. The Parish Sunday School will present a short nativity play. All children will have the opportunity to be a shepherd or an angel if they wish. Birthday cake, cordial, tea and coffee for grown-ups will be served afterwards. Come along and enjoy the fun on **CHRISTMAS EVE 7.00PM. AT ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH, COLLINS ST., DRYSDALE.**

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Bellarine Peninsula Railway Drysdale-Queenscliff

The silly season approaches and already we are very busy with chartered special trains as well as our regular Sunday Childrens birthday trains, and our Sunday regular service. We are still very short on volunteers in the following areas - Booking office staff, Shop Assistants, carriage cleaners & Party Host/esses. With the approaching daily Christmas/New Year train service, we need as much help as we can get ! We are also keen to hear from any one who has a ride on mower that could regularly mow the grass opposite the Drysdale platform. All enquiries re volunteering to 5259 2758. All our operating 5 steam & 4 diesel loco's are in service and running well - a tribute is in order to our small band of dedicated workshops staff, who often work till the wee hours. The

Drysdale station building is undergoing more renovation, with some weatherboard replacement and further painting being carried out.

We have also been busy with decorating the station for Christmas, and further improving the station gardens..

Our little station and the train appeared in 'Potato's Piers & Panorama's' the new book by David Williams with a bit of help from the legendary Suzie Zada ! Grab a copy-Highly recommended for every coffee table.

We would like to hear from any local people who may have photo's or memorabilia associated with the railway through Drysdale-give us a ring (a/h) on 5259 2758 and we'll call on you ! We are also keen to know the exact whereabouts of the

original station building-we believe it is somewhere in Princess St. If you know (or if you are living in it) please give us a buzz. We'd like to take photos for posterity. A reminder as always that trains leave Drysdale every Sunday, Public Holiday and Tues & Thurs during school holidays at 1215 (returns at 3.pm) & 3.30pm (one way only to Q'cliff) The trains will run daily from Boxing Day to Jan 16 .(A slightly different t'table will be in force during this period) Additional trains will be running from then till the end of the school hols-phone 5258 2069 for details. Lastly, don't forget we cater for bikes on our trains - just \$3 saves your leg muscles ! Try biking the rail trail and we'll bring you home.

*Take Care, Paul & Kate
Drysdale Railway Station.*

In Your Garden

The dams are full, the garden is lovely and moist, now all we need is some sunshine and our gardens will be glorious. The start of Summer is with us but it feels like the middle of Spring! No really hot days, just pleasant temperatures to make the most of the wonderful rain to recharge our gardens. The only down side to the weather that we

have been experiencing is the perfect conditions for growing fungus's, or maybe that's fungi. Roses are probably the best indicator of the amount of fungi about, with more than their fair share showing Black Spot, Powdery Mildew and the odd bit of Rust. There is not a lot you are able to do other than spray with a fungicide of some sort or another. Triforine, Baycor, Kocide and Mancozeb with all help in the eradication of fungi. You will probably have to do a number of sprays over a period of time to fix the problem, and if the weather continues wet the period of time could be quite long. The strong growing conditions will

produce excellent new growth on plants, but be watchful that excessive growth does not become susceptible to wind damage, ie. too long and it tears off in the wind. Enjoy the warmer weather that accompanies the Summer season happy in the knowledge that water restrictions should not cause us any grief in the coming year. Speaking of the coming year, Christmas is upon us once again! It seems not very long ago that it was Christmas, but it's back again. Oh well it's a good excuse to have a big get together and eat lots of lovely food. We at Alinga Nursery would like to wish all our customers and readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

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15th, for 2002, and go into the draw to win your membership free for next year. We are in the room behind the house at SpringDale Cottage, Princess Street. We work with the school terms. Toy Library is a great opportunity to access a large range of toys and puzzles for short term borrowing. Just long enough so that your children don't get sick of them! Non - custodial parents, grandparents, carers and anybody else who has children in their care can benefit greatly from Toy Library, as you are able to have a constantly

changing range of toys without outlaying a huge amount of money. We may be just what you need! Have a great Christmas everyone and a very safe one.

Kerry Dewar.

Toy Library Co ordinator.



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Bellarina Toy Library

"SPRYlines" Garry Spry MP Member for Bellarine

Queens Guide - Hailey Smith

I was privileged in September to attend the induction of Hailey Smith as a Queens Guide at the SpringDale Community Hall. Hailey is a remarkable teenager who has completed a rigorous series of activities to achieve this award. At 14, she was one of the youngest ever to receive the award and the first in Drysdale for 27 years. I was very impressed with her absolute dedication and commitment to the community, and her determination to set herself a goal and achieve it. The accolades she received at her presentation were well and truly deserved.

"Out There" - Clifton Springs Golf Club

It was my pleasure to recently attend a dinner at the Clifton Springs Golf Club in support of "Out There", an initiative of the combined Churches, which is tackling youth issues on the Bellarine Peninsula. The evening was an opportunity to celebrate the Churches achievement and to draw attention to the challenges they face. "Out There" is doing valiant work against the odds in addressing youth needs, abuse of alcohol and drugs, and "sleeping around" as one youth worker put it. As a result of the issues raised that evening, I acknowledged the

work of "Out There" in Parliament. As we all know, young people require some guidance during their childhood and teenage years in order for them to make positive and life enhancing choices. Facilities and their associated activities play a large part in their positive development. "Out There" is providing the programs and mentoring to make a difference, but I am deeply concerned the facilities for this age group are virtually non-existent. I have called on State and Local Governments to address the lack of facilities for children and young people on the Bellarine Peninsula as a matter of urgency.

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Would you like to know that another outcome is possible? As amazing as this may seem a new method of prescribing lenses has now been developed which has a more restorative nature. Just like in dentistry, orthodontic braces can be prescribed for the realignment of teeth which after a specified period of time can then be disassembled. A method to 'realign' the eyes is also possible, opening up a far greater potential for a person's vision over a period of time. This can subsequently lead to different career choices which may not have been possible or improve the golf game to even a greater sense of wellbeing.

Vision is so fundamental in our lives considering all the activities in which we require it. So wouldn't it be nice to take control of your vision to allow the things that you do with your eyes to be done more easily and enjoyably?

Michael G Christian is an optometrist and vision therapist who has recently joined the Drysdale Clinic to offer an integrative approach to

vision care to this community. Essentially this means he prescribes glasses which have not only an optical benefit of seeing better but an enhanced effect on the sense of perspective. This can change the way you see in a more dynamic manner. Introducing a 'dynamic' to vision can then start activating and reintegrating muscle systems of the eyes to take more control of themselves such that lenses then become more of a therapeutic tool than just an optical aid. He has successfully prescribed glasses to people of all ages and in many cases got them out of glasses with sequentially decreasing lens strengths over a period of time. The effects of this therapy can have profound effects on the rest of the body, e.g. balance problems, neck tension, just to mention a couple. He has recently written a book about this called "Get out of glasses with Glasses!" and is in the process of getting it published. Michael and his family have recently relocated to this area from Western Australia and are very happy to live in this beautiful part of Victoria.

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What's on at Clifton Springs Primary?



Grade 5 students preparing to pan for gold.

With the end of the school year almost here the children are completing work on themes, preparing for the end of year school concert and enjoying Christmas related activities. A highlight of this term is our whole school excursion to Queenscliff on the steam train on the 20th December. A walk along the beach, games and lunch in the park with family and friends make this a great way to finish the year.

This term the students in level 1 have been studying the themes Shopping and Fairytales. The level 2 students have been studying the theme People Who Help Us in The Community and were fortunate enough to visit several local businesses and see things first hand. The level 3 students have been studying Toys and Technology and the level 4 students have studied the theme Energy. During the term our school has achieved many successes. These include a second prize in the Primary schools Art section at the Geelong Show, recognising the high

standard of art work produced by students from this school

We have had some individual successes at the Geelong Zone Athletics Sports with Joel Stoop (100m & 200m) and Laura Smith (discus) qualifying for the State Primary school Athletic Championships in Melbourne. Joel went on to come fourth in the 200m and an excellent second place in the 100m. Laura recorded her best throw ever and came fourth in the discus. Joel will now represent Victoria in the National Championships in the 100m and relay. Congratulations should also go to a group of twenty grade 6 students, ten boys and ten girls, who participated in a round robin Kanga Cricket tournament recently held at Kardinia Park. Both teams came first competing against fourteen school teams from all over Geelong. Our teams will now represent Geelong in Melbourne in the finals. The grade 5 students were also involved in a three day camp at Maldon, resulting in some wonderful experiences for all. The camp involved bike riding,


a tour of the mines, gold panning, damper making and visits to local attractions such as the Maldon Lolly Shop. Following are a few reports from the camp.

'At Rohan Manah John and Mandy told us a lot of stories. (Some true and some not!) We all got a lot of information about solar power. (Hopefully) We learnt heaps about different types of sheep and their wool. We also learnt how to make blankets out of sheep's wool on the loom. Somewhere out of Maldon we made damper by putting dough on a stick and cooking it over ashes.' By Lauren Dempsey and Kim Ritchie 4TS

'At Maldon we all panned for gold. There was a metal thing called a dredge. The people used it to dig for gold. The dredge has a few huge buckets that dig up the earth. The rock was sorted to find gold. The dredge caused huge environmental problems. Now the dredge is rusty and unused, except for tourism.' By Ryan Hole 4RR

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During our October Meeting Member Hannah Cox was our 5 Minute Biographer. She was most interesting being a singer in her younger days. Guest Speaker, Mr Roger Kent- Ex Radio announcer with 3DB and 3GL. A very pleasing, interesting and entertaining gentle man, giving us laughter, much needed today. Towards the end of the month, a coach load of Ladies, went on a shopping Spree. These are the outlets they visited-Krazy Karls,

Speciality Nuts, World Kitchen, Giftware House, Breville Kambrook, Motto, Hillier Newman, Bonds, Kingston and Siricco. A long happy day was had by all.

One interest group I feel you should know more about, are our "Twilighters". A group of ladies with melodious voices (who love to sing) congregate at Fae Hormon's home, every 2nd Monday morning of the Month, to enjoy companionship and sing together. They have

entertained Barwon Health Centre Combine group, Torquay-Care & Care's group, Nursing Home at Anglesea, giving such enormous pleasure to our elderly folk. They sing old songs, and mingle in their long red skirts and white blouses, and leave them with smiles. Well done ladies and Thank you.

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Rural Ambulance Victoria is urging school leavers to ensure they are properly covered for the use of an ambulance in an emergency.

The call comes as figures reveal almost 1,900 rural Victorians have taken out Ambulance Service Victoria membership during the past month.

Business Development Manager Mike McCrabb said the latest membership figures revealed an increase of 3,608 Ambulance Membership in the three months to October 2001.

"This clearly indicates rural Victorians are becoming more aware of the need to have Ambulance Service Membership."

However, Mr McCrabb today said some young people might not be

covered under their parents' Ambulance Membership.

"An \$80 a year family subscription covers all children up until the age of 25, provided they are dependent on their parents," said Mr McCrabb.

"However, once a young person turns 18, gets a job and is no longer dependant on the family, that person must take out their own Ambulance Service Victoria Membership in order to be covered for the use of an ambulance."

"One of the benefits of being a member of Ambulance Service Victoria is that any medically necessary trip anywhere in Australia is free," Mr McCrabb said.

"Ambulance fees for those who are not members or entitled to free services can be expensive and the cost of an emergency ride in an ambulance from rural Victoria to a Melbourne hospital can average \$4,000."

"Ambulance Service Victoria membership also funds about 19% of Rural Ambulance Victoria's annual budget."

"The cost of a subscription is not high, \$40 a year for singles and \$80 for families: and it's a small price to pay for what could be a life saving trip."

Mr McCrabb said a new Ambulance Service subscription could be arranged by phoning 1800 64 84 84.

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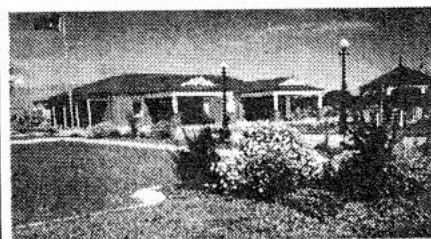
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What's happened and what's happening at the CLIFTON SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

It has now been 10 weeks since the fairways were sewn with legend couch grass and despite a very cool spring with limited hot days a good coverage has now appeared. Over the next few months our liking is for hot days and wet nights.

The painters have completed their works with the Bistro, Toilets and Foyer all finished with a complete make over. New lighting has been installed in the Bistro with new carpet to be installed on December 20th and 21st. All that remains to finish the works in the Bistro will be new blinds and furniture. We thank all members, guests and visitors to the club for their patience and understanding whilst these works are undertaken.

The building contract has been signed for the works to be undertaken in the Members Lounge with

the commencement date to be January 14th. Once again we seek your support whilst the major works are carried out and I'm sure the end result will be worth waiting for.

On Sunday 23rd December the Club celebrates it's 3rd Birthday in it's current location and invites everyone to the Club on the day. Live entertainment will be available from 7.00p.m. until 10.00p.m. with a major prize to the value of \$600 being drawn at 8.30p.m. Throughout the day there will be prizes given away every hour so why not book in for a lunch or dinner and enjoy a great day out before Christmas.

New Years Eve is now booked out with music by local band "Cool Change" with the theme for the night being Black and Gold.

Our Caterers have just released their new Spring menu with dishes

to tantalize the tastebuds, book now for a great meal. The Club also wishes to advise that the Venue will not be open on Christmas Day.

The new golfing membership season commences on October 1st and for the fantastic value of \$396.00 you can secure 12 months playing membership at the club with no joining fee applicable. Application forms are available at the Club. Social Memberships are also available for the great price of \$5.50.

On behalf of the Management, Staff, and Committee of the Clifton Springs Golf Club I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing everyone next year.

David Milne Manager

WOODWORKING EXHIBITION

Did you see the recent exhibition at the Drysdale Library, showing the work of a few of our local artists in wood? If you missed this, there is good news for you, because in January next year, you will have the chance to see a full display of the talents at the annual Queenscliff & District Woodworkers Woodworking Exhibition.

On display will be all manner of articles lovingly crafted from wood, by some one who could well be your next door neighbour. You will see examples of wood turning, carving, violin making, model making, hand made working wooden clocks and many other items as well. There will

be displays of turning and wood-working, and many interesting and useful articles will be available for sale. Members will be in attendance to answer all your questions.

The Queenscliff & District Woodworkers, or, as they are now, "The Woodies" are a non profit, special interest group of mainly retired men and women from the Bellarine Peninsula who get together because they love timber and want to share their knowledge, and have fun as well.

By the way, the "Camel", or the wooden Whatnot, the parts for which were made by 28 different club members, and which featured in our Li-

brary exhibit, will be proudly on display again!

Ok then, now to the when and where:- Annual Woodworking Exhibition, held in the Uniting Church Hall, Hesse St, Queenscliff — 23rd to 28th January 2002. Open daily 10 am to 5 pm (except Sunday 1 am to 5 pm). To help cover costs we only charge \$2 per head, with kids under 15 free!

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The 'Too Tired to Drive' campaign was devised by RACV, Rural Ambulance Victoria (RAV) and Metropolitan Ambulance Service (MAS) amid fears the Christmas road toll could be one of the worst in recent years. It targets an estimated million Victorians in their work places in one of the biggest direct email road safety campaigns ever undertaken in Victoria.

Through the memberships of the Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI), more than 17,000 human resources professionals nation-

ally, 31 per cent of which are in Victoria, will receive potentially life-saving information through the campaign. They will be asked to email or pass that information to their workforce in time for the Christmas holidays – a peak danger period on our roads.

"Human Resources departments care about worker safety in the workplace or away from it. Our email campaign with AHRI will be arming them with a fatigue checklist to pass to their work force," said RACV Manager Public Policy, Dr Ken Ogden.

"The Too Tired to Drive checklist alerts drivers to the dangers and the danger signs of being fatigued on the road. Perhaps the most startling statistic is that being awake for 17 hours has the same affect on your driving ability as having a Blood Alcohol Concentration of 0.05."

Rural Ambulance Victoria (RAV) Paramedics know only too well the horrors of road crashes.

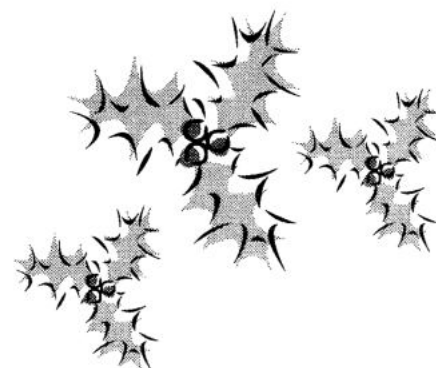
"Every holiday season, Paramedics attend an increased number of road crashes," said Rural Ambulance Victoria Acting Director of Operational Services, Alan Pegg.

"The results of these crashes are shattered lives and bodies, and emo-

tional trauma for the families and loved ones of those involved. The tragedy is most of these crashes could so easily have been prevented, and there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that fatigue has been a contributing factor."

"I urge every person travelling on the State's roads to learn from the past – follow the checklist, eliminate fatigue to ensure you're not too tired to travel and increase your chances of travelling crash free and enjoying your holiday."

The Too Tired to Drive Checklist is available in December's RoyalAuto magazine or by following the prompts to the Journeys and destinations page at www.racv.com.au or ask your Human Resources department for a copy.



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MOSQUITOES

As residents are aware, mosquitoes are a menace on some parts of the Bellarine Peninsula. I have raised the issue in Parliament, calling for the Government to cooperate with the City of Greater Geelong in facilitating a comprehensive mosquito-spraying program.

The mosquito common to the area belongs to the Aedes genus and can carry life-threatening diseases such as Ross River fever and ARBO. They are found particularly on the salt marsh environs of the Bellarine Peninsula, especially around the lower bluff area of St Leonards.

This year mosquitoes are in plague proportions and are tormenting residents and making life a misery. I am advised, however, that some Government officers insist mosquitoes are natural fauna and therefore should be left alone. By contrast, Mr David Renton, a local

and respected mosquito control expert with over 25 years of experience in the field, says that mosquito control can be achieved with minimal effect on the environment.

He uses biological controls including a product called Vectobac BTI, in a mist application with a maximum residual effect of 24 hours; with minimal harm to the environment.

The City of Greater Geelong, which is responsible for local mosquito control, is getting plenty of criticism for its handling of this issue. However, the problem is that the Department of Natural Resources and Environment senior policy advisers are refusing to cooperate with the City of Greater Geelong's environmental officers who are concerned about the potential threat.

With the approach of summer, I have asked the Minister to intervene

and instruct her department to cooperate with the City of Greater Geelong and deal with the problem before any serious health consequences eventuate on the Peninsula.

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Dreams and Potential

Who knows what a child's actual potential really is and who knows what may happen in the future to curtail that potential?

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Many children dream of acquiring fame and reaching the pinnacle of a chosen career/activity. Many parents perceive their child as having great potential and dream of their child achieving great things. In reality only a very few achieve such heights.

The intention of this article is not to say that one should not dream, as dreams are important for providing direction and motivation to achieve and do better, and without them the child/teenager could feel hopeless and have no feeling of future worth.

How parents deal with their child's dreams and their own perceived expectation of their child's potential is important. If the dream becomes an expectation, by either the child or the parent then all too often the child/teenager is being set up to fail.

Parents need to help children/teenagers set achievable realistic goals that can be met now. The dream can always be there but the fulfilment of a perceived potential, or a future dream, should not place pressure on what is happening now. By focusing on the present and attainment of short-term goals the individual has greater chance of succeeding and being motivated to continue in this area. And if the dream or perceived potential is not met, there has been success along the way and the individual is more likely

to continue to participate and be satisfied with their achievements.

When encouraging and praising, parents also need to place equal - if not greater - importance on the process rather than the product. When parents value and praise only accomplishments (eg good grades or trophies) they are increasing the chances of the child/teenager failing, as not everyone wins. Further more the child/teenager may not feel valued for who she/he is but rather only for what they do. This in-turn can lead to the development of a self-concept based on what they do, rather than what they are and possible low self-esteem. High achievement in children should be encouraged but should not be the benchmark against which the child measures him/herself, nor should it place any undue stress on the child/teenagers who are over ambitious and/or perfectionists.

All children/teenagers need to experience success if they are to develop into well adjusted adults - and all can - it just depends what you're measuring.



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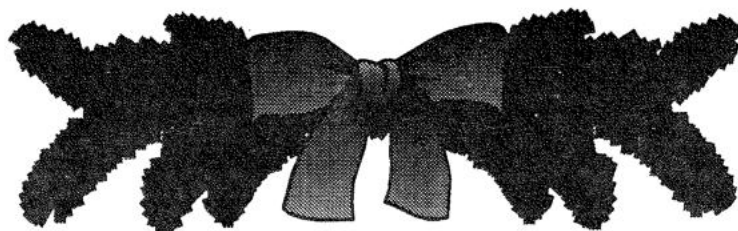
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Rural Ambulance Victoria today described the weekend road toll in rural Victoria as a disgrace.

"Driving too fast, lapses in concentration, travelling while tired, drink driving and driving unroadworthy vehicles are all known to be contributing factors in fatal road crashes," said Mr. Bird.

"As the road toll continues to climb, Rural Ambulance Victoria Paramedics are becoming increasingly frustrated by the senseless loss of life and the emotional trauma it brings to the families and loved ones of those involved."

Mr. Bird said a split second was all that is needed to create a family shattering tragedy on the roads.

"On behalf of our Paramedics and the community, we are pleading with

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*Seasons Greetings
From the Staff at
C J Keane & Co
Drysdale*

*...With our Best Wishes for a
Merry Christmas and a
Safe and Happy New Year!*

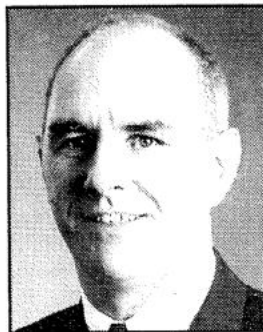


Our offices will be open throughout Christmas and the New Year With the exception of 25th & 26th December and 1st January. For all you real estate needs don't hesitate to call in and see us at 6 High Street Drysdale, ph: 5251 2388.

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LEAD BURGLARS ASTRAY

Going away this Christmas? Worried about security? With a little lateral thinking home owners can outsmart aspiring burglars when they go on holiday.

An empty house advertises itself without most owners realising it – and once burglars get in they can often come and go without the break-in being detected for days, even weeks. There are lots of ways to give your house a “lived-in” look that leaves no clues for would-be burglars.

Cancel milk and paper deliveries and ask the post office to hold mail. Give a friendly neighbour your car key and ask them to park your (or their) car in the driveway every couple of days. Maybe they could keep an eye out for visitors and collect junk mail. If you haven't got anyone to mow your lawns and tidy the garden it's probably worth paying a local teenager to come in.

Think through your daily routines – the garbage bin for instance. Leaving it at the gate will give the game away. If you don't want to ask the

neighbour to wheel it in and out a couple of times a week, put it away altogether.

If home owners want to really lead burglars astray a little electronic pottering will go a long way.

Install self-activating external lights and electrical timers to tune your radio to talk-back during the day.

Turn down the volume of your phone and make sure that if you have a answer phone you don't advertise your absence by leaving a message.



Turning on the Christmas Spirit!

The Professionals are encouraging the whole community to get into the Christmas Spirit this year with a brilliant idea.

Decorate your home or street with Christmas lights and you could win some great prizes!!

Just come in and pick up your entry form and together, we can make this Christmas one to remember...

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