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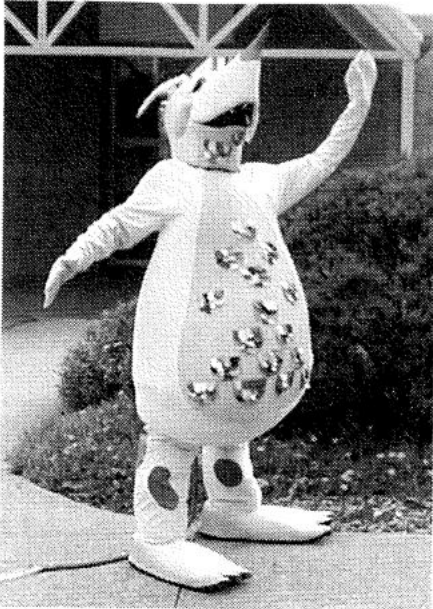
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## The Bunyip Festival, like Rome, wasn't built in a day !



Have you heard the buzz ? Have you seen the people in bright green T-shirts? Have you seen the footprints near the lake ?

If you are new to the area you might be wondering what's happening - What's all this talk of a Bunyip and what of a festival ??

I'm here to tell you its real ! And you can meet the Bunyip at the Bunyip Festival on Saturday 23rd March from 10am til 3pm at Clifton

Springs Primary School, Jetty Road Clifton Springs.

This will be our 22nd Bunyip Festival, which began as a centenary celebration of Drysdale Primary School - grew to a biennial festival and in early 1980s became an annual family festival. This festival has raised almost \$500,000 in total for Clifton Springs and Drysdale Primary Schools.

We constantly draw on the years of expertise, skills and knowledge of the thousands of volunteers who have worked for this festival and we hope this year we can live up to expectations again. ( Come and have a look and see if its as good as it was when you were involved ! ) Or come for the first time. !!

This year we will host the 2nd Bunyip Festival Ferret Cup and we thank the Geelong Ferret Club for their expert assistance. Also the Roulettes are coming to perform a formation flying demonstration and we thank them in advance for what we know will be a spectacular addition to our festival (once again negotiations to make this possible have taken many dedicated years - well done team!)

Last year we worked on the theme of "putting Fun back into FUNdraising" this year our theme is "The Bunyip and You in 2002". There will be opportunities for you to have photos taken with the Bunyip, get a bunyip stamp and maybe even have a Bunyip biscuit and a Bunyip ice cream.

There will be Market stalls, craft demonstrators, showbags, rides, children's crafts to do on the spot or take home, face painting, hair spraying, bands to play for us, performances by local groups, there will be a CFA Smoke house (we hope), there will be Geelong Motorsport cars, Vintage cars, and Motorbikes on display. There will be an auction and raffles and of course the cake and produce stall.

If you would like an entry form for your ferret, a list of auction items or any other details please ring Clifton Springs Primary School on 52513581 or Anne Brackley on 52512250.

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The big news for Springdale this month is the approval from the State Government - Adult, Community and Further Education Division - of the remaining money we needed to undertake our redevelopment (\$212 000).

Last year we published the proposed plans for redevelopment of our House, the childcare center and the Drysdale Community Hall. In the coming weeks the final plans will be available and we will publish them in the next edition of the Messenger.

The redevelopment will involve the joining together and upgrade of the current buildings with the aim of providing a multi-function community center. This is a much-needed facility for this community and will provide more than adequate space for Springdale programs as well as community groups, service clubs and residents.

We are committed to keeping you informed throughout the process of redevelopment and will be making every attempt to minimise the impact on our programs.

## Bellarine Human Services Forum

In partnership with the Bellarine Peninsula Community Health Service and C.O.G.G. we have established a forum of community agencies, schools, churches and service clubs across the Peninsula to take on a planning and lobbying function. This group is currently identifying ways in which we can work in partnership to improve services and in-

frastructure for Bellarine residents. We will keep you up to date on our progress.

## Term 1 - Community Education programs

This term has seen enormous interest in our programs especially computers, yoga and tai chi. Many of you have tried to book into classes only to find them full. We are endeavoring to look at running additional classes in Term 2 so we can meet the demand from the community. Watch out for our Term 2 brochure in the next edition of the Messenger. It is worth ringing and putting your name on the waiting list for term 2 in order to guarantee a spot in your preferred course.

We have also introduced credit card payment facilities at the Centre - you can drop in or pay over the phone. There has been a lot of positive feedback about this new service so please make the most of it.

Remember any ideas you have for courses or activities please drop in to the office or ring us and share them. Where we can we will try and accommodate you.

## New Childcare session

Due to demand we are investigating an afternoon childcare session. This would run from 1pm to 4pm. If you are interested please contact the office and put your child's name down. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Wanting to Volunteer? Have some spare time or want to upgrade your skills? Volunteers play a huge role in helping to keep us going. If you have a few hours to spare and enjoy working in a team environment then drop in or give us a ring. We will also try and make this experience worthwhile for you and help you gain confidence or new skills to seek employment in the future.

## Youth Group

Our weekly Friday night youth group has started again with a full program of activities and outings planned. The Youth group is supervised by a trained youth worker. Please contact Rosie for further details.

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See you next month

Cheers

Lisa Neville

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Since the days of the early settlers "AGGY" shows have always been part of the Australian rural scene, an important part of our heritage, a day with a way of life that rolls along at a slower pace, the Galloways, the champion pony mares, the Palamino's to delight children and adults alike.

Wonder at the horses in the harness ring, educated, smart, and beautifully presented the horse has always been a companion and an enjoyment to man. Only the "AGGY" show presents the chance to see the Welsh Ponies being ridden and presented at their best, marvel at the Mountain and Moorland breeds and see at first hand those gentle giants, the Clydsdales on Super Sunday 10th March at the best event of all - The Bellarine Agricultural Show in Portarlington - you will find the venue, just follow the crowd.

Those magnificent cattle, Australia is recognized as a world leader in beef and milk production, see first hand the top quality Simmental stock from "Gorac Downs", admire the proud Angus stock, the Herefords, the Murray Greys, the tough Poll Herefords and others, admire the skills of the beef handlers in competition, an experience that should not be missed, what children will see here is not taught in class rooms.

Salute the courage and determination of the disabled riders as they handle their mounts with skill and precision, admire the champion pony club riders, the bond between horse rider, the scent of the fresh rural scene, there is nothing like an Agricultural show to inspire local and national pride, the old "Aggy" show seems to bring out the best in all of us.

Arts and Crafts presented in The Portarlington Mill built in 1857, a remarkable one off building with a true mandate to go back in time. Handicrafts and home industries, cookery, flowers, floral art, plants and produce, china painting, the

Teddy Bears Picnic, folk art, hand made garments, and a junior industries section.

Take part in the many show competitions entry forms are in the show schedule available now in many shops and from the show secretary.

A grand parade with in excess of forty groups and exhibits taking part it will be a spectacular start to the Bellarine Agricultural Show on Super Sunday 10th March 2002.

The entertainment centre will present local live artists and groups in a fine on going presentation aimed at pleasing the most fastidious concert goers whilst encouraging our local talent.

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(c) Normal show food hamburgers, sausages, lollies, confectionery, ice cream will be part of the day, tasty food will be served in the guides hall commencing prior to mid-day.

Some trade and market sites are still available for this, the first historic Bellarine Agricultural Show held at this waterfront location. Vast community support, combined with tangible Government interest will ensure that this agricultural event will be enshrined in perpetuity, "tomorrow belongs to no one but the good old Aggy Show belong to everyone"

The supportive Bracks Government has been the bearer of gifts and glad tiding, the gifts numbering dollars in the five figure range have laid the foundation for this super show, the glad tidings were inspirational in their simplicity:-

### "DARE TO BE DIFFERENT"

The conditions and format for The School Art Competition Section 0 in the 12th Annual Catalogue have been revised to allow for a much broader concept in line with the wishes of our important sponsor, The Pacific International Terrace Inn in Spencer St. Melbourne. It is the wish of the Show Authority to allow as many primary school children as

possible to be candidates for this major prize.

The format for the colouring competition on Bellarine Agricultural Show Day 10th March 2002 is as follows:-

(a) A marque or room clearly marked Primary School Colour Competition will be set up in the showground complex, with tables, crayons, and the picture of "Portie" to be coloured, it will have provision for the name and grade of the student.

(b) The competition is open to primary school children from grades 3 to 6, who are at the show and complete the artistic work within the designated area.

(c) From grades 3 to 6 a first and second prize will be awarded on the originality and artistic quality of the work, with 8 prizes being awarded by qualified judges. One entry only per child.

(d) The Primary School Colouring competition operating hours are between 10am and 2 pm, work commenced by 2 pm will be allowed to be completed.

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Legends Bob Davis and Judy Patching are to be honoured in the Grand Parade in the legends car.

With the expected increase in children attending the show due to the new primary schools colour competition some new attractions have been added, including jumping castles, Rugrat Haulage a model Kenworth Truck capable of carrying 10 children seats all fitted with seat belts, for the younger ones "catch a duck" and "balloon bust"

At the entertainment centre and in other parts of the show the pleasures will continue all day long, be entertained, a concert goes delight. The choreographer with the duties of the day is Mr. Bob Gibb from

The Bay City Concorde, the musical program on Super Sunday will be a memorable one and includes:-

The Ballarat Sovereign Chorus  
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Leah Brown (Soprano)  
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And others variety singles and groups

The Motor Mower race that was to be held at The Bellarine Agricultural Show in Portarlington on Sunday 10th March 2002 has regrettably been cancelled, due to problems with public liability cover.

Membership of The Bellarine Agricultural Show Society is still available at a cost of \$12. The privileges of membership include.

(a) Entry to the show for 2 adults and 3 children

(b) Full voting rights with The Society, and the opportunity to have a hands on role in the design and pres-

entation of the next show in March 2003. New application for membership of The Society strictly closes a week before the show on 2nd March consequently membership will not be available on show day.

(c) All Agricultural Show members will be placed in a draw at approx. 12.30pm.

(d) The prize is 2 days and 2 nights at 5 star Grand Hotel in Spencer St. Melbourne managed by Sofitel, includes full breakfast, use of heated pool, sauna, spa, gym, stroll the beautiful garden, kitchens in each apartment truly a wonderful place to stay.

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*Enquires Secretary Bellarine Agricultural Show*

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## In Your Garden

It is officially Autumn, the best time of the year as far as I am concerned. Beautiful warm days, cool nights and the start of magnificent Autumn colour displays from our deciduous trees. Some of the trees in our garden have started showing very early signs of coloring up, with some even looking like they are keen to start dropping leaves. This

could be the start of an early season or the continuation of some very confused seasons. Either way it is a great time to get out and enjoy your garden.

The roses should be looking great with the beginning of their Autumn flush of flowers. The usual list of suspects are to be watched to ensure that your display is not spoiled. Aphids will suck on the new growth, little caterpillars will gnaw holes in the flower buds, these can be controlled easily with the thumb and forefinger squish. If you are not into squishing, then Pyrethrum or Garlic spray will make them very unhappy. Powdery Mildew and Black Spot tend to return this time of the year and a regular spray of a good rose fungicide will keep them nice and

clean, Triforine, Mancozeb, Baycor will do the trick.

For those of you who are inclined to do a little vegie gardening it is a good time to get things on the move for your Cabbage, Cauli, Broccoli, Brussels and the like. Keep an eye on them as they develop because that horrible Cabbage moth caterpillar will make a mess of them otherwise. For the flower growers out there, now is just about right for the planting of Pansies, Nemesis, Linaria, the big problem is that the Petunias look so good still. There is plenty of time to plant, just wait till the Petunias start looking a little worse for wear.

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I was pleased to accompany the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Andre Haermeyer, when he visited Drysdale Police Station and also the site of the new 24hour station in Ocean Grove during February.

At Drysdale we met with Sergeant Ralph Cornell and Sergeant David Bourke of the Portarlington Station to discuss policing on the Peninsula and to assure the community that once the 24 hour station is up and running next year, the stations at Drysdale, Portarlington and Queenscliff will not close.

The Bracks Government has allocated \$5million for the construction of the new station, tenders for which will be called in June.

The Government is also well on track to lift police numbers - there are now over 700 extra police employed in Victoria than there were under the Kennett Government.

## BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE

The Bracks Government was delighted to announce at the end of last year the approval for planning of a \$3 million upgrade of the Ocean Grove Campus of Bellarine Secondary College.

An architect can now be appointed and project documents developed for the replacement of the relocatable buildings with permanent facilities.

The project is being fast tracked so that it can be considered as part of this year's state budget.

This announcement paves the way for the delivery of another of the election commitments made to the people of Ocean Grove by the Bracks Government.

## BELLARINE AGRICULTURAL SHOW

We all look forward to the return of the popular Bellarine Show this

year which will be held in Portarlington.

The hard work of the Committee has been recognized by the Bracks Government with the allocation of \$10,000 to the Bellarine Show.

## WATERWAY SAFETY VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED

I was pleased to represent the Minister for Ports at the presentation of certificates to recognize the vital contribution volunteers make to keep our waterways safe.

Held in Queenscliff, the ceremony included local volunteer organizations including, the Barwon Heads Sailing Association, the Indented Head Yacht Club, the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club, the Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club, the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, Torquay Marine Reserve, the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard - Geelong and the State Emergency Services.

Without the people involved in these volunteer organizations, it would be almost impossible to maintain the current level of protection offered to people using our seas, bays, rivers and lakes.

Thankyou and congratulations to everyone involved in waterway safety - we appreciate your dedication and tireless service to our community.



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## SPRYLINES Garry Spry MP Member for Bellarine

Bellarine residents may be aware of my recent announcement indicating that I will not be seeking a fourth term of office. I have enjoyed serving this community for 10 years, and trying to improve the services and facilities in Victoria's most "livable" electorate. It has been a privilege to work with the community over this period of unparalleled adjustment and advancement. I am still responsible for representing and working for the people of Bellarine until the next state election, and it is 'business as usual' in my office at Newcomb Central, 1/71 Bellarine Highway, where constituents are encouraged to bring their concerns to my attention.

## BELLARINE POLICE SERVICES

Local constituents have brought to my attention delays in police at-

tending incidents over the summer period. We are all a little stretched during holiday periods, but residents have a right to be concerned about an understaffed local police force. Lack of resources puts a heavy strain on the officers concerned, who in spite of it all do a great job individually.

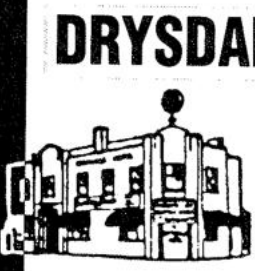
On January the 24th, the Shadow Minister for Police and Emergency services, Kim Wells, visited Drysdale Police Station and toured Geelong Police Station. Mr Wells was concerned about documents speculating on the closure of one or more of the stations on the Peninsula. In view of Bracks' assurances that the government would be conducted in an open and accountable manner, Mr Wells has asked that these documents be tabled so that the community has the opportunity to have some input into this vexed question. When challenged on the subject, Police Minister Andre Haermeyer said that all stations on the Peninsula would remain open. Really? For how long?

Logic dictates that if a 24-hour Police Station is to be fully manned, the minimum number of officers will be around 35. Since there are only 21 officers currently staffing the four stations on the Peninsula, just how the Police Minister will honour his commitment to keep all stations open and fully staffed defies a logical explanation. Readers may draw their own conclusions.

## ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

As a member of the bipartisan parliamentary Road Safety Committee, I have been involved in formulating the Road Safety Committee Discussion Paper on Improving Safety for Older Road Users. Readers of the Springdale Messenger are encouraged to obtain a copy of the document from my office, and make a written submission to the Road Safety Committee on issues of concern.

In conclusion, may I wish all your readers a happy and safe 2002.



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est large shed) for Easter times. The Easter running puts on show trains from all around Australia, so here's your chance to tour Australia's railways and be home in time for dinner!

The 'Blues Train' has now ended it's summer season with exceptional success and will run again in May.

Our Childrens Birthday Parties are as always, running every Sunday. Just \$15 ea. this includes rail fare, food, drink, games and free cuppas for Mum, & Dad.

We have had several requests to print the full regular timetable and fares in the 'Messenger' so here it is!

On Sundays, Public Holidays & Tues & Thurs during school hols, trains depart Drysdale at 1215 arriving Queenscliff at 1pm.

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**CLIFTON SPRINGS**

# Ladies Probus Club of Bellarine

## Inc. Reg. No. A14696T

We are into Summer which some folks say is more like Spring. I like it not so hot!

Our membership continues to flourish, and the waiting list is reduced whenever possible. We shall have more new members inducted at the February meeting to swell our numbers again. We always say 140 members is too many but then it's said that we are not always there together, there is sickness, holidays, and grandchildren to look after, so the average attendance at the meetings is 90.

We received back from sick leave two very brave ladies.

Margaret the President is preparing to step down, and hand her badge to Faye Kemp, who is busy trying to collect a new committee together. It will be an easy job to do for those who have not many other commit-

ments, and if the new comers apply then they will get to know the club members as well as the club details.

Having been there done that twice I can say it was fun, and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

The Springs has refurbished much of the meeting room, and work continues in the coffee room. It should be spacious when completed.

The Speaker for January was Rhena King, and what a talented lady she is. Her talk gave us an insight in to what makes Rhena tick. Her love of Theatre and helping to develop others with an acting ability, or even being part of the Peninsula Players in any capacity makes her happy. This talent was first noted in Lincoln U K, and then where ever she moved to with her family her skills were seen and she flourished.

The love of her life is Denis and together they make a formidable partnership on stage.

The next production for Peninsula Players is Arsenic and Old Lace on April 17th.

The Puffing Billy Trip is arranged for April 19th. It should be a good day out.

Point Richards Railway Site, Tuesday Feb. 19th The evening will consist of a sausage sizzle B.B.Q, miniature train rides and The Grovelanders Jazz Band will entertain for the evening. A salad plate is requested along with \$5.00 for entrance.

Mystery Trip arranged for Wednesday Feb. 20th.

The February Speakers are Margaret and Faye. They will speak on the holiday recently taken to Egypt and the Pyramids.

All for now.

Yours in friendship . Iris Liz Tolton

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# PENINSULA PLAYERS INC.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is on the menu from Wednesday 17th through to Saturday 20th April, as Peninsula Players presents its first play for 2002.

Written by Joseph Kesselring, "Arsenic and Old Lace" will be directed by Tony Wright.

The large cast of fourteen features well known Peninsula Players actors together with a small group of newcomers.

This 1948 classic has been updated by Tony Wright to be more relevant to today.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of Peninsula Players - either in acting, directing or support fields, i.e. set construction, backstage costumes, properties, stage management, front of house. Please contact Margaret Wild, Secretary, Ph: 5251 2359.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" will be performed on Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April 2002 at Drysdale Community Hall at 8.00pm sharp.



At the time of going to press - admission prices of \$10 and \$8 remain the same pending the increase in the premium of our public liability insurance.

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The Ambulance Service is warning people that they could lose their membership benefits if they don't receive and return their annual renewal notice.

"Renewal notices are sent out by mail," said Rural Ambulance Victoria Business Development Manager Mike McCrabb, "and if we don't have your correct address, you may not receive that important notice."

"Renewal notice mail-outs are only as good as the information on the member database, and it is important that Ambulance Service members notify us of any change of address so that they maintain their membership coverage."

"During the three months to December 2001, an additional 2,541 rural Victorians took out Ambulance Service Victoria Membership."

Mr. McCrabb said an address change could be made by ringing 1300 366 141.

He said Ambulance Service Membership provided emergency care and transport as well as non-emergency service and access to specialist services such as air ambulance, new born emergency transport, and the mobile intensive care paramedic service.

"One of the benefits of being a member of the Ambulance Service is that any medically necessary trip

in an ambulance to or from any medical treatment place in Australia is free."

Mr McCrabb said these benefits only applied to subscriptions taken out with Ambulance Service Victoria.

"The cost of a membership 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."

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## Drysdale Senior Citizens Club.

The sausage sizzle held on Monday January 28th., was a great success. Harry, Joyce and Alma once again excelled in cooking the sausages to perfection. Bowls and cards followed after the lunch.

Millers will hold a fashion parade at the club rooms some time in April, watch the club notice board and this column for the date and time.

The club's birthday as previously stated will be held on Monday March 11th which is the Labour Day Long Weekend, this will be followed the following Monday March 18th (Seniors Week) when Ron Sudden will be entertaining the members. This day is open to non members the cost is \$2.00 including tea/coffee and biscuits. All Welcome, Ron is always a great entertainer.

Tuesday March 19th there will be a trip to Ballarat, lunch will be at the R.S.L. Club then a visit to the Senior Citizens Club who will put on a concert. The cost of this trip is \$23.00 all up so put your names down if interested.

Bingo on the first Monday of each month at 1.15pm. is open to non members so why not come and join in the fun. If you are new to the area or even if you have been here for some time and would like to join us we have various activities such as carpet bowls, cards (various games) bingo, craft, pool/snooker. For more information days times etc call in at the club rooms these are open from 12 noon until 4pm or phone 52512983 you will be made most welcome.

We need more volunteer drivers and jockeys so if you could spare a couple of hours, roughly, one Monday every seven or eight weeks to pick up and drop back off a few members in the community bus we would be most grateful.

To close I would like to add a little snippet of information, although we are beginning the Autumn Season, at the club it seems to be more like Spring. The reason I say this is because there are Wedding Bells Imminent, so I'm told, for 3 lots of couples.

Congratulations to you all and our best wishes go out to you. Until next time,  
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- Skillsnet- Internet and Email Training- For beginners. 2 sessions commences 20th. March. [\$20].
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Held over six days from the 23rd to the 28th of January in Queenscliff, the exhibition was a showcase for the skills and talents of the members, and was attended by over 2000 local and interstate visitors. Our group was originally founded in Queenscliff (hence the name) but today is truly representative of all the Bellarine area, with members from every town on the peninsula.

By courtesy of the Historical Society, the club now has its headquarters in the cottage alongside the Drysdale Railway Station. Membership of the club is growing rapidly with a rollcall in excess of 70, and

meetings are held twice a month in the Drysdale Community Hall.

We meet at 2:00 PM on the first and third Monday of every month, so if you enjoy working with wood, or making models, or using your hands, or would just like some help to start, then why not come along and meet people who have fun doing all those things and more. You would be made very welcome indeed.

The club now has its own web site where you can see pictures from

our recent exhibition, learn a little about who we are and what we do, meet some members and see examples of their work, and view our proposed agenda for the year.


So, come on down and visit with us, either in person, or on the web.

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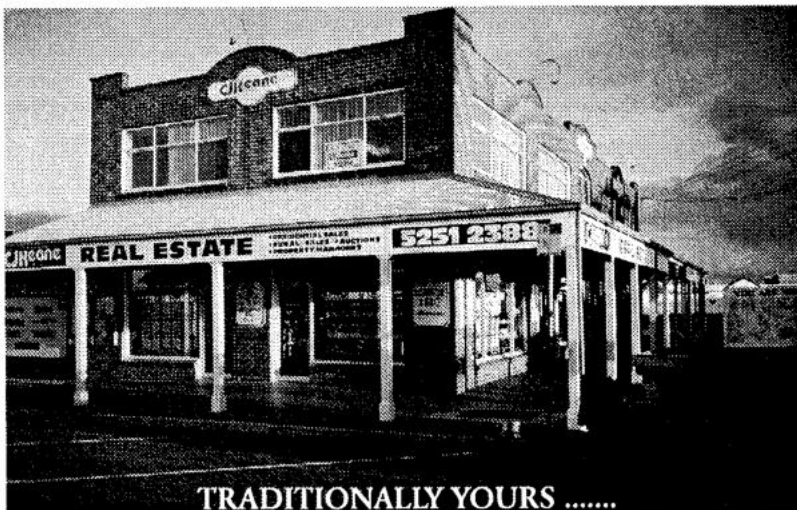
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# DRYSDALE LADIES PROBUS CLUB INC.

Reg. No. A0021357E.

Our January Probus Meeting was held over the Australia Day Weekend, we had a very good attendance, and started the Meeting with the singing of our National Anthem. All members happy to be back after the Christmas break.

Una Johnson was our 5 Minute Biographer. Once again, we got to know her better by the story she told us of her life.

I forgot to mention, our club also participated in wrap up Christmas gifts for the Salvation Army in Market Square, a most enjoyable time, and a great way to make a few dollars for the Salvos!

Our Guest Speaker was Ruth Cross, from the Red Cross, she was very interesting and enlightened us with knowledge about a wonderful organisation. Did you know Red Cross started in Switzerland?

We have a visit to the Zoological gardens( Melbourne) in February in the form of a Jazz Night. Lovers of Jazz should enjoy?

Also a visit to Portarlington for a Friendship Day in February- good way to meet Probus Members from other clubs.

Lunch was a huge success at "The Springs" thanks to Mother Hubbard.

Hoo Roo for now,  
*Jeanette Derham.*

## CLIFTON SPRINGS PRE-SCHOOL,

Central Road Contact: Catherine O'Hara, 52511073.

On Wednesday, January 30th.2002, I saw the same excitement on my daughter's face that my mother must have seen on my own face over 25 years ago.

Face washed and bag packed we were ready for our first day of four year old kinder.

When we walked through the door we were cheerfully greeted by Eril and Judy, who led us into a world of paint, dress-ups and water play to list only a few.

Suddenly 25 years ago was only yesterday. Art smocks on and paint on the paper, the creative flair began to fill the room. Bright coloured

paint transformed plain paper into works of art to rival Picasso.

Sand castles were built and road-works in progress in the sandpit and block corner.

Red water and paint brushes allowed the children to paint the town or be it playground red their own way.

Dress ups provided the children with the opportunity to be Mum or Dad with dolls for their children. The wonder of imagination is alive and well and easily practised within the Kinder environment at Clifton Springs Pre-School. The magic of the Kinder years hasn't faded over the years.

Happy but exhausted we returned home from our busy introduction into Kinder life. With new experiences and friendships in hand we opted for an early night. Ready to do it all again tomorrow. And so began the next generation of Kinder children and parents.

Please note that 3 year old Kinder is being offered this year with Bronwyn Davies teaching on Wednesday.

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A RECENT INCIDENT IN NORTH EASTERN Victoria, which could have claimed the life of a young child, has prompted a warning from Rural Ambulance Victoria about the dangers of putting toxic chemicals in soft drink bottles.

"In the incident, Paramedics were called to a property where a 15 month old child had swallowed paint thinners that had been stored in a soft drink bottle," said RAV Area Manager John Schurink.

"Prompt action by Paramedics in treating the child and transporting to hospital has resulted in the young patient making a good recovery, but this case could so easily have had a tragic outcome."

Mr. Schurink said Paramedics were regularly called to cases where

young children had swallowed substances that they should not be able to access.

"Young children are naturally curious, and it is so easy to put their lives at risk by not storing chemicals and dangerous substances in the proper manner."

"In other incidents, young children have required emergency treatment after swallowing an adult's prescription medication."

Mr Schurink said this type of incident could be prevented by locking medicines away in a cabinet.

"It is a normal tendency for young children to put things in their mouths, but when this involves medicines the results can be fatal."

Mr Schurink said parents should take basic precautions with medi-

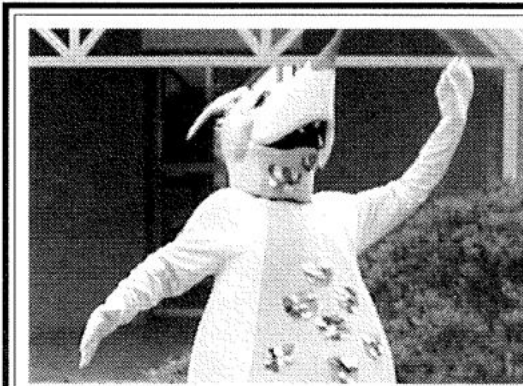
cines to protect their children from accidental harm.

"Put all medicines away out of reach of small children, preferably in a locked cabinet and medicines which are no longer being used should be disposed of safely."

Mr Schurink said parents should also undertake a basic first aid course so they knew what course of action to take in the event of a child accidentally swallowing medicines.

"The first action is to call an ambulance immediately, but first aid training can provide parents with basic skills to start treatment until the ambulance arrives."

"In an emergency such as this, parents should call 000 and ask for an ambulance.



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# HELP US TO HELP YOU - AMBULANCE SERVICE

Rural Ambulance Victoria (RAV) and Rotary have joined forces to produce an easy method of helping people communicate their medical history to Ambulance crews in an emergency anywhere in country Victoria.

"The role of emergency service personnel providing assistance can be made more difficult by not being able to readily access vital information required," said MICA Paramedic Tom Athorn.

"The unconscious or even the confused person may not be able to communicate with ambulance paramedics in their time of need and obtaining personal details and medical history can be critical in some circumstances as paramedics must sometimes make important, life saving decisions."

To overcome this problem Rural Ambulance Victoria and local Rotary Clubs are distributing a special Emergency Medical Information Book throughout country Victoria.

"This Book originated in South Australia as a joint initiative between Rotary International District 9500 and South Australian Ambulance Service," said Mr. Athorn, who is the RAV Co-ordinator for the project.

"These books are of value to any person regardless of age, particularly those with a medical condition, or with known allergies."

"A normally well person with no current medications also should be encouraged to use EMIB to record their personal details, and to state that they have no current medications or medical problems."

Mr. Athorn said people only needed to follow some basic points to properly use an Emergency Medical Information Book.

- ONE book contains medical information on ONE person.
- The patient information is written into the book and must be kept up to date.
- The book can be kept in a convenient location such as the fridge door by using the magnet pouch.
- The book can be easily taken with a person as they travel.
- The book can be used to provide information to ambulance personnel, Doctors, or hospital staff.

"This simple book will help emergency service crews gain immediate personal history from people who are unable to communicate due to their medical condition."

Mr. Athorn said as the project draws its origin from the South Australian project that was made possible through the support of Rotary, funding is to be via Victorian country Rotary Clubs in the first instance.

"If there is no Rotary club in a town, or if the local Rotary club does not wish to be involved, then the lo-

cal Ambulance Auxiliary may sponsor the project."

"A Rotary club and an Ambulance Auxiliary may wish to combine resources to jointly fund books for a particular Branch, or a group of Rotary clubs may wish to combine together to locally support the project."

"Both the Rotary and RAV logo will be printed on ALL book covers. The name of a sponsoring Rotary club/s will appear under the Rotary Logo and the name of a sponsoring Ambulance Auxiliary will appear under the RAV Logo," said Mr. Athorn.


"This will enable the books to be freely distributed throughout the community, even though there is a cost for their production. We welcome any donations to assist with the production of further copies of this potentially life-saving book."

Rural Ambulance Victoria Chief Executive Officer Doug Kimberley praised MICA Paramedic Tom Athorn for his work in implementing the project.

"Tom is to be highly commended for his initiative in adapting this project for use in rural Victoria. I believe this book will help Rural Ambulance Victoria Paramedics save lives and assist them in providing the community with a high standard of service."

Tom Athorn said the book was being distributed through Ambulance Branches and Rotary Clubs throughout rural Victoria.

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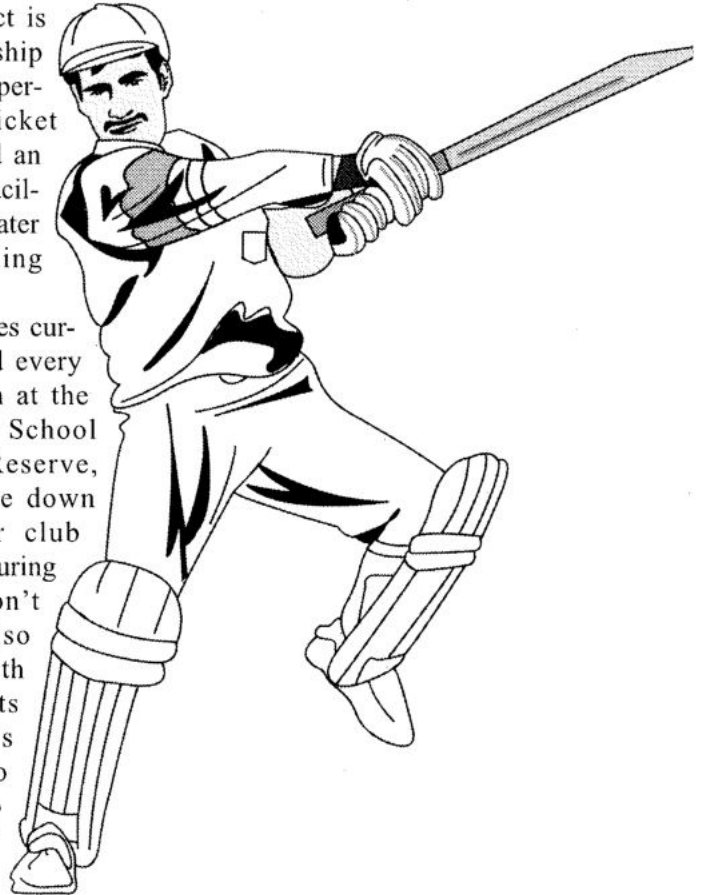
The Drysdale Cricket Club is enjoying a particularly successful year both on and off the field. With the majority of senior and junior teams likely to face off for a place in the finals in March, the club is hopeful of securing a few more premiership flags to add to the collection.

Our successful performance on the field this year has also been matched by our efforts off the field where the club is gaining increased recognition for its efforts to provide enjoyable sporting and social opportunities for everyone. Winery tours, sponsor functions, and alternative sporting events organised in conjunction with other clubs all ensure that the DCC continues to contribute positively to the Drysdale / Clifton Springs community.

The Victorian Cricket Association has recently acknowledged the DCC's forward thinking through awarding the club a small grant to assist in the installation of a hard wicket at St.Thomas' Primary

School. This project is a fantastic partnership that will provide a permanent cricket wicket for St.Thomas' and an additional playing facility for the DCC to cater for our expanding player base.

With senior games currently being played every Saturday afternoon at the Drysdale Primary School and Drysdale Reserve, make sure to come down and support your club leading up to and during the finals. And don't forget, you can also keep up to date with club developments on the DCC's Website - simply go to [www.draftedit.com.au/dcc.htm](http://www.draftedit.com.au/dcc.htm).



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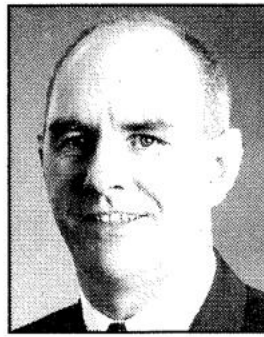
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The old wisdom less is more is worth noting here. Listing with lots of agents sounds good in theory but in practice it doesn't always result in a faster better sale. Agents can't afford to spend time and money co-ordinating a tailor made marketing programme if the property could end up being sold by another agent through sheer fluke. The same work done on an exclusive listing will usually result in win/win situation for everyone concerned.

In the case of open listing, sales occur more by good luck than good management.

Many vendors report that after unsuccessful experiences with open listings they find out by trial and error that they are better off with an exclusive agency with a professional, active agent. It's only natural that agents will be more energetic on behalf of their own exclusive listings,

Exclusive agency means that a Vendor knows there is someone who is accountable.

How do you hold lots of different agents responsible for what is happening?

Who is ultimately responsible for the property being left secure or everyday instructions about pets or curtains let alone why the property isn't selling?

The important thing is to choose the right agent in the first place.

Make sure you compare all the services an agent has to offer

The agent who offers to put the highest price on your property is not necessarily the one with the expertise to achieve the best price. And agents who offer the lowest commission often can't afford to put together the kind of marketing programme that will achieve the best result.

It is worth noting word of mouth recommendation from someone whose opinions you respect.

'In the end weigh up all the information and go with your gut feeling. If you have done your homework you should be able to sit back and look forward to first class service.

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