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ANZAC SPIRIT LIVES ON



On April 25th, as we have for the last 87 years, the communities on the North Bellarine Peninsula honoured those Australians who fought, many of whom died, in order to preserve what we call the Australian way of life.

Once again hundreds of members of the local community, people of all ages and background, came together to remember.

On this day in 1915 two Australian and New Zealand divisions went ashore on a tiny stretch of beach on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. Thousands of Australian men were killed on that day. Fifty Thousand Australians lost their lives during the

First World War. Almost One Hundred Thousand Australians have lost their lives in all wars.

Yet out of the bloodshed, out of the doomed military campaign, at Gallipoli, out of all personal tragedy, suffering, a legend was born, a legend that lives on to this day.

The ANZAC LEGEND

Out of the Anzac legend the spirit of mateship and comradeship was born, a good Australian will never break the unwritten law that he will stand by his mate at all times in any circumstances.

As this was written, the last of the Gallipoli veterans lost their lives. The numbers of people who participated in this years Anzac Day Remembrance Activities highlights how important it is to all of us to ensure that the legend lives on to inspire future generations of Australians.

Anzac Day itself does not have the same meaning for everyone. For some it was a day of deep mourning and great personal loss. For others it was a day of pride, triumph, comradeship and national historical importance. For many who attended the Anzac Day services there was a mixture of all these feelings.

It is hoped that we continue to make sure that the Anzac legend lives on and remains an enduring element of the Australian National Character.

A New Wall of Remembrance in Drysdale

As part of the recent improvements to the Drysdale RSL building a new Wall of Remembrance has been erected. (see photo) It is a beautiful testament to the courage and determination of so many Australians to protect our way of life. All residents are encouraged to visit the wall and reflect about those who gave so much. (Text courtesy of Drysdale Sub-Branch RSL Vic Inc)



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All of these courses are on offer late May or early June and have vacancies. If you are interested please give us a ring.

Building of the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre

In the last Messenger the plans for the redevelopment of Springdale Neighbourhood Centre and the Drysdale Community Hall were published. Thank you for your comments and feedback. They have been incorporated into the design and the final plans have now been signed off by Springdale and all our user groups.

Planning permits have been obtained and we expect the redevelopment to go to tender very shortly.

We are not sure when building works will commence but we are planning on July/August. In order to minimise the impact on our users and the community we will be staging these works. However, we have also booked a number of other venues throughout the town to enable us to continue to offer our programs.

We are hopeful that there will be minimal disruption to our childcare program and we will attempt to stage the works around the needs of the families who use our childcare.

We will keep you informed of developments.

We have also requested an additional \$45 000 from the City of Greater Geelong to improve the car park and drainage attached to the Centre. We are hopeful of securing this money in the COGG upcoming budget.

Drysdale/Clifton Springs Community Association

The members of the Drysdale/Clifton Springs Community Association met on Monday the 13th of May. The focus of this group - which involves community agencies, service clubs and local businesses - is to discuss/lobby on local government issues.

Some of the key issues discussed included:

* Upcoming City of Greater Geelong Budget - there are ongoing concerns about the distribution of ratepayer funds to support basic services on the Bellarine Peninsula. The group resolved to provide feedback about the Budget during the consultation phase. Most ratepayers on the Bellarine Peninsula feel that the Council is not meeting its responsibilities in providing basic services or undertaking maintenance of roads/footpaths/ parks etc.

* Basic Service Provision - The group discussed meeting with other Community Associations on the Bellarine Peninsula to increase residents voices to council about the need for better services.

* Customer Service Centres - local residents would be aware that the COGG intends to cut back access to the local Service Centre. The Community Association is encouraging residents to make use of the services available through this office or risk losing it.

* Public Meeting - the Association is organizing a public meeting with Cr Wellington in late May/early June. This meeting will enable local residents to raise issues of concern as well as discuss aspects of the COGG budget. We will keep you informed of progress.

Bellarine Peninsula Human Service Forum

The group met on the 14th of May to discuss issues about transport on the Bellarine Peninsula and

access to Geelong based services. The State Government announced an additional \$600 000 to increase bus services on the Bellarine Peninsula. The group are seeking a meeting with Elaine Carbines MLC to discuss community input into how these services can best be increased to meet community needs. We will also coordinate a "public meeting on transport" in the next two months to discuss long-term needs. If you are interested in this issue please contact me.

That's all the room I have this week. If you want more information about our programs or issues please drop in or give me a ring.

See you next month

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COORDINATOR

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Travel Talk

By Annie Hommelhoff

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I spent time in Cairns, Port Douglas and Palm Cove allowing time to enjoy a number of day tours. A must whilst in the area is a Great Barrier Reef Cruise. The water looking a little rough I downed some seasickness pills and prepared to cruise from Cairns to Green Island stopping shortly then onto the Outer Barrier Reef. After my tummy settling down

I then enjoyed a yummy buffet lunch before slipping on the snorkel and goggle to view the tropical fish and the amazing coral reef. The following morning an early rise saw the arrival of the Suncoast Safaris Luxury 4WD vehicle for our Daintree Broomfield Track Safari. Travelling to the Daintree River for a river cruise, where we successfully spotted two salt-water crocodiles. Onto Mossman Gorge for a quick 400m walk through the rainforest taking a wrong turn ended up to be a 3km trek! Heading to Cape Tribulation Beach and back to Cairns.

Tropical North Queensland is full of exciting and wonderful experiences to be enjoyed by all. So please come in and ask us about the 'Get On Up' special packages available until the end of June.

Calling all snow skiers and surfers to attend an information evening on Wednesday 5 June 2002. Up to date travel information and specials on offer as well as famous guest speakers. Call our office or pop in for an invitation.

Look forward to seeing you all soon for that trip of a life time or quick getaway.

Annie Hommelhoff



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A great night was had by all at the "Maori Magic" night with the entertainer Beau Fitz giving a superb Cabaret show highlighted with the traditional New Zealand HAKA. A return performance is assured. The next big show is the Buddy Holly Show on Saturday June 1st with bookings filling fast. Cost is \$35 per person which includes the show and 2 course meal. Don't forget the free live entertainment every Friday night in the Bistrotro so why not organise a table and make a booking which is essential and also watch out for the new menu to be released shortly.

On the golfing side the new fairways continue to improve and positive comments being received from all whom have sampled the new surface.

From 1st April Pro-Rata full golfing memberships are available for the great low cost of only \$198.00 with no joining fee applicable. Application forms are available at the Club. Social memberships are also available for only \$5.50.

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David Milne
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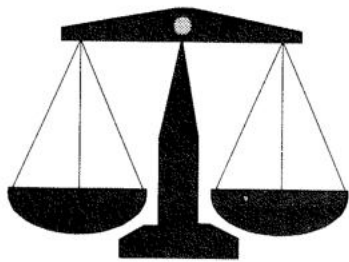
At this office launch we will present a brief seminar concentrating on financial and taxation planning matters with an emphasis on 30 June issues. Our professional team will provide information on

these matters at the Golf Club launch and will be available for further advice.

The session will start at 6.30 pm and refreshments will be provided.

Please contact Dianne Perry at our Ocean Grove office on 5255 5077 to register by Monday 27 May.

Are you tired of paying too much tax?



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The Queenscliff High School site dilemma drags on.

Two years after the Bellarine Secondary College vacated the High School site in Queenscliff at the end of 1997 the former Kennett Government "copped a pasting" for its cautious approach to delivering the best outcome for the people of Queenscliff.

Two and half years after the Labor Government was elected to office in 1999 the outcome of the site is still bogged down in controversy.

Having carefully examined the deliberations over the five year period since this site was vacated it seems to me that the best outcome is that the site should be split roughly into thirds. One third to remain as public open space on the flat ground at the bottom of the site. One third dedicated to "all purpose" neighbourhood uses, including a multi-purpose building that would satisfy the needs of a lot of organisations looking for a shared home. Importantly this should include the opportunity for the Child Care facility to be re-established. Finally, the top one third of the site should be developed and sold for residential housing, rate revenue from which would benefit the entire community on an ongoing basis.

In my view, at least some of the revenue from the sale of the land for residential purposes should be used to develop the public facilities component of the site. It would seem logical that if the existing central library and administration block, which has been so badly vandalised in past years, proves viable then the

developer, when tendering a price, should be required to include the refurbishment of that core block as part of his tender price.

If this were done without delay, then the social and economic returns to the people of the Borough of Queenscliff would be significant.

The whole sorry handling of this issue by the Bracks Labor Government again contrasts strongly with the Liberal philosophy which is "Consideration, Decision and Action".

Endless consultation, which is a hallmark of the Bracks Labor Government, leads nowhere. It induces a sense of frustration. As a Liberal MP I am not in Government, I can however, at least demand action of these and other promised high profile projects. The whole sorry mess can be extended to include MAFRI and the Harbour redevelopment. Where are those projects going and when will they ever get started?

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Elaine Carbines, Labor Geelong Province member said every local government primary, secondary special and language school would share the additional funding of almost \$50,000.

"Schools will be able to use this one-off special funding to purchase new books, CD Roms, video and audio tapes, on-line resources or magazine and newspaper subscriptions," Ms Carbines said.

"Grants will be distributed to schools based on the numbers of students enrolled, with additional funds directed to needier schools."

Education and Training Minister Lynne Kosky said the funding announcement came with the release of new figures, which show the reading ability of pupils in Prep to Grade 2 have been steadily improving since data was first collected in 1998.

"Latest departmental figures show there has been a marked improvement in the reading skills of children in their first three years of school," Ms Kosky said.

"The number of Prep children who have reached the statewide standard has jumped from 62 to 74 per cent since 1998."

"Ensuring school libraries are stocked with the latest reading and information resources will further maintain students' interest in reading and learning."

Ms Kosky said the Bracks Government was making a major investment in the Victorian education system.

"Education is the number one priority of the Bracks Government. We are turning things around in our schools, injecting \$2.2 billion into the education system and putting 3,000 extra teachers and staff back into our schools since coming to office."

Schools to receive funding are:
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Clifton Springs Primary School

There has been a lot of squawking and barking and scurrying of tiny little feet in the prep rooms at Clifton Springs Primary School recently. Children have been bringing all sorts of little creatures along and presenting a talk about the care of their pets. This has followed on from a presentation given by Sue Hutchinson from the Responsible Pet Ownership programme. Sue bought along her adorable dog Buddy who behaved himself beautifully. Sue explained to the preps that not all dogs could be counted on as being so agreeable and she spoke of the dangers associated with dogs unknown to the children.

The children in grades one and two went on an excursion to see The BFG at the Performing Arts Centre in April. Whilst in Geelong, they visited Rippleside Park for lunch and a play on the fantastic community playground. At the Botanical Gar-

dens the children collected interesting and unusual seed pods, bark and leaves as part of their environmental studies.

The level three children involved themselves in energetic and enthusiastic discussions and role playing about Anzac Day. Following on from a cooking activity, making Anzac biscuits, the children wrote creatively and empathetically with 'Letters from Gallipoli'. Some children bought along great granddad's medals and old photos and books. They learned about Simpson and his donkey. This work crossed different subject boundaries and fired the children's imagination and quest for understanding.

A number of level 5 children performed at an outstanding level at the East Geelong District cross country and will now go on to represent our school in the Barwon Zone. Congratulations to Katherine Sutherland,

Melinda Sestio, Amber, Sarah and Matthew Vincent, Olivia Dalton, Patrick Robinson, Zoe Smith, Melissa Prosser, Joel Stoop, Brandon Gardiner and Martha Cantwell.

In the art room the children have been working on a mosaic theme, using seeds and pasta, jigsaws, and paper and tiles to construct beautiful pieces of work.

Teachers from Clifton Springs joined with teachers from other Bellerine Peninsula schools for an informative and stimulating in-service day at Suma Park on April 26. Speakers included Peter Wearne, Chris Daicos and Julie Blake.

Teachers, students and parents of our school are saddened by the death of Jenny Cole after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Jenny has contributed much to our school and will be sadly missed.

Margaret Linley

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DRYSDALE LADIES PROBUS CLUB INC.

REG. N O. A0021357E

The Club had it's A.G.M. on Monday 25th March, it was a good Meeting, some of the old committee were replaced with ladies willing to take on the jobs, we are delighted, and wish them well, looking forward to yet another great Probus year in friendship, lead by new President Bev. Hutcheon. We thank those who are retiring, a job well done. Because of the A.G.M. there were no 5 Min Biographer, or Guest Speaker.

Lunch was organised by Mother Hubbard (Dot Hepburn) at the Drysdale Hotel, and as always a great meal and fellowship. Friendship Day was most enjoyable & held at Werribee Park, 3 April. Maryborough Jazz Band played, activities such as quoits, croquet, skittles and ring The horse shoe were there if so inclined to participate. The Park Explorer took you on a tour of the grounds, with two main stops being The Mansion, and Rose Garden.

At 12.30 pm was The Banner Parade, (thanks to a few ladies we have a superb hand sawn banner). Around 2.45 pm a draw for \$4,000.00/month of "free travel", was won by a Probian from Clayton, lucky lady! Bill & I specially visited the Rotary Art Show this Easter at The Potatoe Shed, it was one of the best ever, very high standard well set out Well done and we will go again. Do hope you all had a good and safe Easter.

*HOO ROO till next time.
Jeanette Derham*

Switching on the Light

(Promoting Emotional Maturity)

ABOUT THE BOOK:

The title:

This is based on the following quote from Sean Kennedy, a teacher at St Thomas' Primary School, Drysdale. "When a child starts to feel good about themselves, you can see it. It's like a light is suddenly switched on."

Excerpts: Chapter 23.

"Emotional maturity and average or high I.Q. do not necessarily go hand in hand. Emotional maturity can be achieved by people with intellectual disability, and not achieved by people labelled 'gifted'.

"It is the child who is comfortable with their own 'self' who will be more open to others, be more compassionate, more tolerant, more giving. Such a child, secure in themselves, is not threatened by difference, and has no

fear of difference. With healthy feelings of personal worth this child will become a mature adult who will not entertain thoughts that are bigoted - or racist. It is from a place of emotional stability that they will accept the notion of equality of dignity for all men and women."

Chapter Sixteen - Creativity is not just the icing on the cake but an essential ingredient in promoting emotional maturity in adults and children.

Successful acquisition of the 3Rs depends, to a greater extent than we realise, on the 3 Cs - Creativity, Confidence, Coping.

The book relates Dulcie Stone's experiences - from student teacher in mainstream education, through 24 years as Principal of an educational facility for adults and children with intellectual disability, adult literacy tutoring, working with children and adults with psychiatric, psychologi-

cal, intellectual, emotional and physical impairment. As both teacher and probation officer.

Heavily relying on anecdotal stories for easy clarification, it tells of her long journey towards appreciation of the role creativity plays in all our lives - whether child or adult, disadvantaged or not.

It also stresses that, not infrequently, it is the gifted child who is most at risk. And that not only do teachers and parents, but also social workers and the like, have a critical role to play in facilitating creativity.

An experienced lecturer/speaker, Dulcie Stone is available to speak to groups interested in the theme of this book. She has also worked closely with Community Ed. Centres and Neighbourhood Houses for many years.

Written By: Dulcie M. Stone M.B.E. 16 years honorary probation worker. 50 years teacher of children and adults with intellectual and physical disability Children and adults with psychiatric and psychological impairment and mainstream and gifted students.

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Teens need limits and boundaries that gradually change as they grow. Limits and boundaries are like an invisible safety net within which teens have room to learn, grow and be safe. If the net is too tight it stifles growth. If there is no net this is unsafe as teens are still developing emotionally, physically, socially and psychologically.

For limits and boundaries to be effective teens need to feel loved, cared for and respected by their family. Teens then know the rules are out of love and care even though they may not like them

One way to avoid some difficulties is to plan ahead. Don't wait to make a rule or consequence in the heat of the moment. It is better to discuss rules and consequences when everyone is calm. Make sure rules and the consequences for breaking rules are clear and consist-

ent. It is best to have a consequence for rule breaking which is immediate and short term then the teen can have the opportunity to practice doing the right thing. If your fourteen year old comes home half an hour late on Friday night then they may have to come home half an hour early next time they go out.

If you have to discipline your teenager speak to them in private and try and stay calm. By speaking in a calm voice we communicate we are in control.

Learn to listen and get to know your teen. Acknowledge the good things your teen does and plan one on one and family time. This all helps to strengthen the relationship with your teen.

Pick and choose your battles. Maybe a messy room is not worth a disagreement. Learn to stand firm on issues that may be harmful to your teen like no drugs and alcohol. Don't be afraid to say "NO" to your teen for the right reasons ie to keep them safe.

Don't be afraid to discuss difficult subjects or talk to teens if they seem upset. Sometimes when teens are at their most difficult is when they need your care the most. It is best to avoid "you" statements and judgements ie "You're so angry all the time, I don't know what's wrong with you." This type of statement tends to close communication and

make the person more upset. It is better to use "I" statements, such as, "I'm worried about you, I love you and I feel sad when I see you upset do you want to talk about it". Perhaps they'll say no but at least they know the offer is there.

Don't stop supporting your teen or withhold your love. Children and teens need to know they are loved even though at times we may not like their behaviour.

Have fun with your teen and keep a sense of humour.

Remember that you're not alone. If you are concerned about your teen get support and talk to someone - friends, family, school counsellor or contact a community agency that works with teens and families.

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Ladies Probus Club of Bellarine Inc. Reg. No. A14696T

The first meeting of the new year with the New President Faye was very successful.

One of the visiting members asked if the meetings were always conducted in such a relaxed manner, since she thought it took all the tension away from the President and Secretary on their first meeting.

The Springs Venue will be extended and our meeting will be held in the Buckley's Room when the alterations are complete, this will mean that the dining room will be set up ready for lunch time, and we will use the other room for coffee and the meeting without having to rush to finish.

The club members who support the Peninsula Players were rewarded well by seeing the recent production of Arsenic and Old Lace. It is a play that many have seen before but this version was updated by the Producer to give it a more modern feel.

Our President Faye was in charge of props.

The Speaker at the April meeting was Mr Roger Kent, currently the Manager of the Italian Social Club. He did not speak Italian or speak of the club, but of his experiences in life prior to this present job. He was a sailor, a radio broadcaster, to mention a few, and his way of telling of these events and the people he met up with added to the humour. There was lot left unsaid, he thought he may have to return!

May Speaker will be Mr. Paul Whittaker from Duff's the Jewellers.

Puffing Billy trip on Friday 19th April, was a huge success. The whole day was lovely and the meals were also good, accompanied by the on board entertainment by the Puffing Billy Crew.

The events to keep in mind for future.

Bellarine Hydroponics Tomato Farm. A trip being planned for interested members.

Sept. 26th - Probus Vic. Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Expo.

October. 3rd. Whitehorse Centre, 397 Whitehorse Rd. Nunawading.

Nov. 19th. Probus Vic. 2002 Musical Variety Concert. Whitehorse Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.

Lunch after the meetings is continuing and the next one will be at the Portarlington Golf Club.

Group Activities of:- Mahjong, Canasta, Scrabble, are convened in members homes.

Crafted cards are also made by a few members for us all to enjoy on Birthdays, get well and sympathy cards. Creative talents are best shared.

*Yours in friendship,
Iris Liz Tolton.*

Clifton Springs Pre-School

Term 2 began with bright eyes as the children returned to Kinder, freshly painted with a rainbow of colours. The outdoor play area also had a revamp during the holidays.

This term we eagerly await a visit from the Wild Action Reptile Show. Parents will embark on their shopping tour. We will also participate in a get to know one another Picnic Lunch at Kinder.

For those parents, grandparents or special people we will be holding a 'Special Friends' night to give those who can't attend Kinder during session times the chance to have a look around and be involved in their child's Kinder years.

The change of season brings about lots of discussion on the wonder of nature, which seems to go hand in hand with a child's nature to wonder.

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BELLARINE ADULT RIDING CLUB.

The Club was formed at a Public Meeting in February 2001, and has quietly gone from strength to strength, with currently 22 Members, and regular enquiries from interested people.

Our Meetings are held the first Monday of each month, and the rallies on the second Sunday, starting at 10.00 A.M., at Lake Lorne Reserve, also the Drysdale/Leopold Pony Club grounds. The meetings are open to Members and all interested people, with supper afterwards. The rallies are instructional - including both flat-riding and jumping, with a social get-together for lunch, then more lessons, or some social activ-

ity, such as a trail-ride, afterwards, for those who are interested. We also have a very informative monthly Newsletter, to let people know what is happening, and when.

The Club is affiliated with the Horse Riding Club Association of Victoria, which gives the Members many advantages, including a very good Insurance cover. To join, Members must be 18 years and over., and we have both riding and non-riding categories. Our colours / polo-tops are jade green with navy blue trim, with a smart logo, but Members are not required to purchase these, unless they wish to compete.

People join Riding Clubs for many reasons. The instructional rallies, and being able to get their horses out with other horses: the "horsey" social aspect: to compete - there are 6 categories of competition - dressage, show-jumping, eventing, combined-training, showing and navigation-rides. Riders are "graded" according to their and their horse's ability, in each discipline, so that they are competing on an equal footing with others.

For enquiries and/or further information, please contact Tricia - 52533057.

Portarlington Red Cross

The Portarlington Red Cross Unit wishes to thank all those who so generously gave of their time to collect for the March Red Cross appeal, also a big thankyou to those who co-ordinated the collectors, plus the counting and sorting of money for banking, your help was greatly appreciated. Our grateful thanks also goes to all the people who so willingly gave for the 'Appeal'.

The total collected was \$9,883.65.
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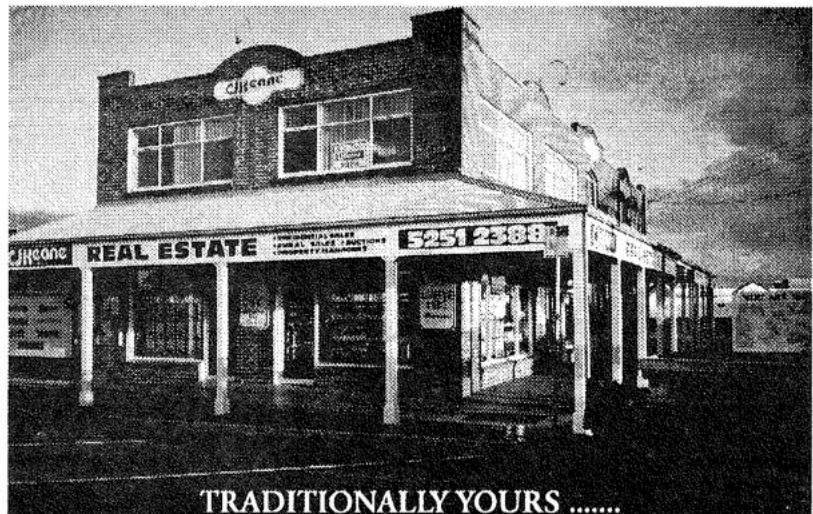
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Drysdale Uniting Church News

'Young-Youth' Group

The Drysdale Uniting Church 'Young-Youth' Group for Year 5 to Year 8 students is off to a very successful start. The kids have enjoyed a variety of activities, including window painting, banner-making, egg-decorating, and even an egg throwing competition. Recently a 'World Record' night was held, with records being broken in all sorts of incredible events, such as 'One-legged balancing', 'Cheezel stuffing', and 'Balloon Breaking'. Anyone in year 5 to year 8 is welcome to come along and join in the fun - on the second

and fourth Fridays of each month from 6.30 till 8 pm.

KFC - (Kids For Christ)

KFC is held every Sunday during our 9am contemporary worship service and is open to all children, no age limit. A lectionary based learning program is offered, led by a team of leaders dedicated to teaching our children the importance of faith in Jesus Christ.

An overnight camp was held at Mirrabooka, Ocean Grove, on the weekend of May 18/19, culminating

in an outdoor service of worship in the grounds of the camp on Sunday May 19.

Service Times:

Worship @ 9 - Contemporary service - Sunday morning at 9am (including Kids for Christ)

Traditional worship service - Sunday morning at 10.45am

Combined service - 5th Sunday of the month - Sunday 30th June at 10.15am

Young-Youth Group - Second and fourth Friday of each month - 6.30 to 8pm

(10th May, 24th May, 14th June, 28th June)

DRYSDALE LADIES PROBUS CLUB INC.

REG. NO. A0021357E

We had a most interesting April Meeting - new President Bev Hutcheon is doing a splendid job.

Our 5 Min Biographer, was newly elected Secretary Guesta Dare, who spoke about her life, and how much she enjoyed being an Infant Teacher.

Our Guest Speaker for the day, was Ken Matchett. He acquired hundreds of medals and trophies as a maratron runner, would you believe, he is 80 years old and looks so fit and healthy.

He used to regularly do 90 km a week when he was young, and 60, now he does one long run a week, and a lot of shorter ones. He said he was not a health food fanatic, and enjoyed a

glass of wine with his evening meal. Amazing gentleman !

We all headed for "The Godfather" Leopold for lunch. So very yummy We have a picnic on Wed. 8th May at The Dell. All welcome.

So all Mothers have a wonderful Day.

Our Anzac Day seems to be getting bigger, better and "more spiritual"

*Keep well, hoo roo for now.
Jeanette Derham*

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Drysdale Senior Citizens.

The club rooms have been a hive of industry having had a number of members helping to give the place a face lift as it were. It is surprising what a bit of spit and polish can do. I am sure that President Jean was most grateful for the help given. Millers Fashion Parade was a great success and there were heaps of bargains to be had by all. A Day Trip has been arranged to go to the Dandenongs early May. More on this in the next issue. We have had two weddings, one in April and the other early May. Our best wishes to both couples for the future. Autumn is slowly coming to a close. With Winter just around the corner the

club extends a warm welcome to all over 50's to join us at the club rooms. Our activities and the days they are on are as follows:-
The first Monday of each month Bingo is held at 1.15, and also cards. Every other Monday is Carpet Bowls and Cards.
Tuesday afternoon. Snooker/Pool is played.
Wednesday afternoon. Carpet bowls, cards, and Snooker/Pool.
Thursday afternoon. There is Square Dancing, if you are interested, they have a good time, with good music, or just come and watch. Thursday is also a Craft afternoon with some lovely ladies doing their own thing, there is also Snooker/Pool.

Friday. Once again Carpet Bowls and Snooker/ Pool.

Why not come along and see for yourselves. You will be made most welcome. Trips are also on the agenda from time to time.

With Winter coming on come and keep warm at the club rooms and join in the activities suited to you.

The A.G.M. is coming up in July. Members please note your attendance is important.

Our thanks to our wonderful drivers and jockeys that ferry our members to and from the club rooms each Monday as required.

*Until Next Issue.
God Bless. Yours sincerely,
Iris M Astill.*

Bellarine Hydroponics Open Day.

Bellarine Hydroponics is a family run business, which has been growing hydroponic tomatoes on the Bellarine Peninsula for over eight years. They began with one greenhouse and two years ago expanded with the construction of a second high tech greenhouse.

Bellarine Hydroponics employs several casual workers to assist with picking and related tasks and recently took on a full time apprentice. The business has also supported local primary and secondary schools

with their science and horticultural programs.

The bulk of their produce is sold to specialty fruit and vegetable stores in the Sydney area where their fruit is in high demand due to a reputation for reliable quality. However, a proportion of their fruit is kept available to supply the steady demand from local customers in the Geelong area - people who enjoy a fresh, tasty tomato. Both regular and cherry tomatoes are available from the farm between October and June

and from the Ocean Grove market when it is operating. A range of gourmet tomato products, using their fresh tomatoes, is now also available.

To satisfy the curiosity of many of their customers Bellarine Hydroponics is holding an Open Day on Sunday, 2nd June, from 10am to 1pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to view the crop and to learn about hydroponics - the seven metre long plants will amaze! Tastings of preserves and fresh produce will be available. Bellarine Hydroponics is located at 190 Drakes Rd, Drysdale - off the Portarlington road - near the top of the hill. Free admission.

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Bellarine Peninsula Railway - Drysdale

Drysdale station was buzzing with activity over the Easter Holiday period. Our annual Easter Showcase was again successful with most of our fleet of loco's, carriages & wagons from around Australia running extra services. Many photographers were noted lurking about, one big attraction being a very lengthy goods & passenger train which recreated the heyday of branch lines. Unfortunately, our biggest engine, 'Big Al' (Spirit of Alcoa) or more correctly V class No. 1209, spat his dummy on Easter Thursday and was told to sit in the corner and did not participate in the festivities! The event attracted visitors from far and wide with many enjoying a stroll around Lake Lorne and visiting local shops & galleries before catching a later train. Our fair town of Drysdale attracted many positive comments from visitors.

The railway has had a bumper year so far, the support from local people in particular has been uplifting to say the least-Thank you all. We will continue to improve the railway station area and in time we hope to attract a bigger slice of the tourist market into Drysdale/Clifton Springs. Our town has much to offer, but is sometimes 'overshadowed' by nearby seaside resorts.

We would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to get

together with us to promote tourism in Drysdale.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - We at BPR are looking into semi-regular 'family days' at the station reserve. This would combine stalls from local groups, steam train & gangers trolley rides, in fact anything you can dream up! Good exposure on the main road and a great shady park to boot! A good opportunity to promote your group and raise funds. Schools are encouraged also. Please write to P&K Kenny 39 Drysdale St, Portarlington or Email kpkenney@iprimus.com.au to register your interest/idea.

The famous 'Blues Train' returns in May. This combines sensational music acts with food, drink & an evening out you wont forget. For details contact 'Ticketek', or call in to the station and pick up a brochure.

Winter is nearly here and the BPR is a perfect way to spend a wintry day with the family. Trains leave Drysdale for Queenscliff every Sunday, Public Holidays & Tues & Thurs during school holidays at 12.15pm & 3.30pm. For further info call the station anytime on 5251 3725.

New Volunteers are wanted - call a/h on 5259 2758

Our web site is at www.bpr.org.au

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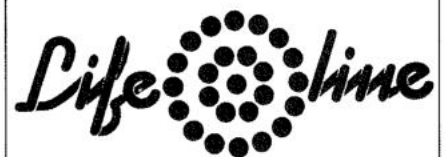
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WINTER BASKETBALL SEASON KICKS OFF FOR 2002

The Bellarine Peninsula Basketball Association Winter season kicks off from 15th April with over 100 teams involved.

The Summer season had just finished with the 'Old School' team defeating Ocean Grove in the Men's division one, while the 'Breakers' defeated the 'Coutas' in the Women's.

The Winter season commences the start of the school term two and finishes at the end of term three. While the summer season begins in term four and finishes in term one the following year.

Some marvellous basketball is played in the competition, and the association is always looking for extra players. If you have an interest in basketball - there may be a team for you! Ages run from Girls/Boys under 12's to Men and women in the upper divisions.

If you want to learn how to play basketball, there are beginner nights for girls on Mondays and boys on Wednesdays. There are also rookie competitions and for the more experienced players - Division one and two. So here is your chance to show

your stuff as a basketballer, with a competition to suit you.

The competitions are played at two excellent arenas - the Bellarine Basketball centre and the Surfside sports centre. There is also a membership payment of just \$32 for Juniors and \$42 for Seniors which includes player insurance and registration.

So if YOU are interested in playing basketball for 2002 - contact the Bellarine Peninsula Basketball Association on 52562866.

Just A Minute - with Neville Bruns

This month I went head-to-head with Geelong Football Club Grand Finalist - Neville Bruns. Bruns was a local in Drysdale, and used to own the old Sportspower store in Drysdale.

B. What are you doing with yourself right now?

N. "At the moment, I am renovating my house which is a lot of work. I have just retired from Real Estate management"

B. What was your biggest career highlight as a footballer?

N. "Obviously the '89' and '92' Grand Finals were great to play in, but at the same time they were both a low light because we lost. Also playing in state games was great."

B. Are you still involved in football at all?

N. "No not really at the moment. That's right - (not involved with the Geelong Football Club in any way)"

B. Do you still get fans come up to you in the streets at all?

N. "Yeah I still have people recognise me, which is good"

B. How do you think the cats are going at the moment and how can they improve?

N. "On the weekend (against Adelaide - Rnd 2), they showed signs of improvement. They have a lot of young players who are going to im-

prove and a quality coach, so hopefully they can win a few games."

B. Who do you think will win the BFL Grand Final this year?

N. "I haven't really followed the BFL much since I have moved from Drysdale, but there is no doubt Ocean Grove will be up there for another year because they have a very strong team and they will be hard to beat. But I would hope to think Drysdale will give it a good shake."

B. Thanks very much for your time Neville

N. "No problems. Thanks"

Drysdale Hawks bounce back against reigning Premiers

The Drysdale Football senior team, inspired by a three quarter time speech from coach Shane Young, turned the tables with a close victory over reigning Premiers Ocean Grove.

The game was always going to be a beauty, going into the start of a new season with the strongest two teams slugging it out in Round one.

The Hawks trailed by eight points at three quarter time, and kept the Grubbers goalless in the final quarter to manufacture a marvellous victory by 15 points.

Josh Inglis was arguably best on ground for the hawks, while two promising future stars - Marcus Drought and Reece Holwell worked tirelessly in a tight encounter.

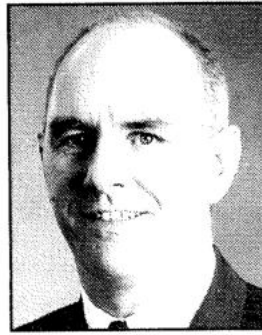
Corey Phillips could be the recruit of the year for the Drysdale Hawks, as he has played some excellent football so far. While Stewart Craven was sensational against the Amateurs with a six goal performance for a 46 point victory. Drysdale's brilliant start to the season is something that has to be admired, and they seem to be full of confidence to bounce back

after there loss in last year's BFL grand final.

The Hawks went on to thrash Anglesea in Round two by 140 points with Drought and Nelis kicking five goals each. Drysdale have also gone on to have wins against Portarlington, Queenscliff and the Geelong Amateurs to be the only undefeated team in the competition so far.



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WILL YOU BE INTERESTING AT 65?

What happens to most people when they come to the end of their working life? What do they live on?

The statistical breakdown of the one hundred of today's sixty five year olds in terms of their financial position shows how little most people do to prepare for retirement.

Of those sixty five year olds still living (twenty four are deceased although technology is improving life expectancy) sixteen will still be working, but not necessarily out of choice.

Over the years their savings and investments have been insufficient to give them the lifestyle they want. A further fifty four will be living on the pension with its obviously restricted lifestyle choices.

Only five out of the hundred will have any sort of financial independence.

This doesn't mean they have limitless lifestyle choices but they are financially comfortable.

Interestingly, only one will have achieved actual wealth, not because it's not possible but because most people haven't taken the necessary step. The myth that prevents many people undertaking planned longterm investment is that they need a high income. However statistics show that it is not always high income earners who achieve wealth - rather it is those who, by living beneath rather than beyond their means, have borrowed money to invest in real estate. Most of them started by borrowing to buy their own home when they were young.

It is an acknowledged fact that the world's wealthiest people have become so through buying property.

Late twentieth century economy of language uses the noun impact as a verb.

Will improved life expectancy and declining welfare availability in the early twenty first century create use for interest as a verb meaning to earn interest? Will you be interesting when you reach 65?

Source of Statistics: Jan Somers Building Wealth Through investment Property.

Jan is not an accountant and doesn't have a background in the real estate industry. She is a high school maths teacher who retired to raise her 3 children - and took advantage of her time at home to develop her interest in property investment. She was so successful that her family now have total financial security.

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