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LET'S RAVE ABOUT THE BELLARINE PENINSULA CITY OF GREATER GEELONG YOUTH NEEDS STUDY

During late 2000 and early 2001 the City of Greater Geelong undertook a major Youth Needs Study on the Bellarine Peninsula. The report has now been finalised with some interesting findings and recommendations.

The project was to determine the needs of young people living in the coastal regions of the Bellarine Peninsula. The areas included in this study were Ocean Grove, Barwon Heads, Drysdale, Clifton Springs, Portarlington, Indented Heads and St Leonards.

There are approximately 2 140 young people aged between 12 and 17 who live in the coastal regions of the Bellarine Peninsula with the majority in Ocean Grove and Clifton Springs.

Over 1400 young people between the ages of 12-17 participated in the study and were asked a series of questions including:

- * What are the issues that affect you as a young person living on the Bellarine Peninsula?
- * What do you think would help in addressing these issues?
- * As a young person living on the Bellarine Peninsula what do you think are the needs of young people in the community?
- * What ways/things do you think would assist in meeting these needs?

A number of discernable themes were highlighted in the responses young people gave to these questions:

- * Perceptions and feelings of isolation
- * A lack of belonging between neighbourhoods

- * A sense of not being valued as young people within the community
- * Feeling alienated through lack of resources allocated to the Bellarine Peninsula

The major issues in order of priority as identified by young people were:

- 1) Boredom
- 2) Health
- 3) Transport
- 4) Crime
- 5) Relationships
- 6) Employment
- 7) Environment

By far the biggest issue was that of Boredom and the need to provide recreational opportunities.

Some of the suggestions from young people included - youth information service; youth spaces; improved transport to Geelong as well as across the Peninsula; job programs; Underage Raves/battle of the bands and more recreational opportunities other than traditional sports and skating.

These were just some of the suggestions from young people some of which are currently being developed since the study occurred. For example both the Ocean Grove Neighbourhood House and Springdale Neighbourhood Centre have developed youth groups and conducted Raves. Also additional funding has been provided for more Raves on the Peninsula.

However there is much to do and the report has outlined a number of recommen-

dations and the City of Greater Geelong have a project worker to assist in the implementation of some of the recommendations.

Some of the key recommendations include:

- * Development of a long term recreational strategy
- * Development of a strategy to involve young people in the design and planning of environmental projects across coastal towns
- * Increased involvement of community groups such as Neighbourhood Houses in coordinating activities and provision of parent support
- * Promotion of a positive image of young people through local media
- * Increased support for community centers and Neighbourhood Houses on the Bellarine Peninsula to develop models for youth participation in planning and management of activities and events.

This information will be a valuable resource for all of us in development programs and activities that bring the community together and meet the needs of our youth.

For further information contact Lisa Neville at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre 52531960 or Lisa Armstrong Rowe at the City of Greater Geelong 52270511.



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Car park Upgrade

First off an apology for incorrect information published in the last edition. We had received advice that the COGG budget did not include money for the upgrade of the car park between High Street and Princess Street. This information was incorrect and I am pleased to say \$45 000 was allocated in the COGG budget. This is great news as the car park has deteriorated since the building of the new toilet. It is also great news for those who are currently doing programs with us or using the Community Hall and finding it hard to get a park.

Public Transport

As part of the Bellarine Human Services Forum priorities we organised a forum to discuss public transport access on the Bellarine Peninsula.

The forum was well attended with over 60 people and organizations represented from across the Bellarine Peninsula. We were also pleased that John McHarry from McHarry's bus lines was able to attend. The purpose of the forum was twofold:

- a) input into the use of additional money allocated by State Government for public transport on the Bellarine Peninsula and
- b) development of long term priorities for improved public transport on the Bellarine Peninsula

The major issues raised in relation to current services were:

- 1) Lack of services to travel across the Peninsula
- 2) Frequency of services
- 3) Night services especially Friday and Saturday nights
- 4) Access issues for older residents and people with a disability including bus stops
- 5) Information about services including timetables, promotion and the format information provided
- 6) Environmental concerns in regards to diesel

The meeting made some suggestions that will be further developed into a submission to the Department of Infrastructure and Vic Roads. The main recommendations were:

- 1) To utilise the funding and additional bus to provide a circuit bus service to enable travel across the Bellarine Peninsula;
- 2) To provide a morning bus service from Ocean Grove to Queenscliff to ensure access to local schools
- 3) An extra bus service from St Leonards (approx 10.30 am)
- 4) Look at early morning bus services into Geelong
- 5) Consider changes in evening services to fit more with work patterns and recreational activities available in Geelong
- 6) Consider other major gaps in the current timetable (the Human Services Forum will make some suggestions in relation to this)
- 7) To better utilise current resources for example community buses; school bus services that are underutilized during school hours
- 8) To utilise community agencies and community newspapers to promote services and encourage patronage
- 9) To upgrade both bus shelters and access points to enable easier use of public transport for older people and people with disabilities
- 10) To look at the format of how information about services and routes can best be provided

These are the main recommendations. If you were unable to attend this forum but have some views or suggestions please contact me at the Neighbourhood House to ensure their inclusion in the submission. The submission will be completed by early September and details of final suggestions will be included in the next Messenger.

Thank you to all those who participated it was an extremely useful morning.

Writing Success

Congratulations to Kelly Dines - one of our Creative Writing students - who has just won a writing competition. WELL DONE If there are any other budding creative writers out there who would like to hone their skills please give us a ring and book into our various writing courses.

Annual General Meeting

It is that time of the year again where we close off the books for the financial year. This years Annual General Meeting for Springdale Neighbourhood Centre will be held on Wednesday the 11th September, 2002, 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

The guest speaker will be the Mayor of City of Greater Geelong - Barbara Abley, who will speak about "Council and the Bellarine Peninsula". The AGM will be held at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre in the Childrens center 14-16 Princess Street, Drysdale. To RSVP please ring myself on 52531960.

I hope to see you at our Annual Meeting.

*Lisa Neville
co-ordinator*

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Clifton Springs Primary School

The preps have been investigating Change using food as an interesting way to do this. The effects of chopping, mashing, grating, applying heat, juicing, combining different ingredients and so on have provided lots of hands on experience. The children have been writing, drawing and graphing their results.

In the level two area (grades one and two) the theme of safety is under investigation. The need for rules in the home, in schools and on the road has been discussed. The children will be bussing up to Safety Zone in Melbourne to consolidate and further develop their understandings of safety issues.

Level three (grades three and four) are involved in Bike Education. The children bring bikes to school

for a road worthy check and then learn skills such as riding in a single file, passing parked cars, overtaking other cyclists and maintaining balance whilst signalling. Road safety and bike maintenance are an integral part of the programme. After a number of shorter rides around the school grounds, the children will be embarking on a longer ride out in the community.

The children in Level four (grades five and six) have commenced their Health and Human Relationships study. Mr Richard Krechko has recently published an educational text called Health and Human Relations - An Integrated Approach using Cooperative Learning. It is anticipated that this text will support many such programmes in schools around the state. Richard has investigated cooperative learning in his Masters thesis and has fine-tuned his material after a

number of years teaching at grade six level. Past students of this school feature in the many photographs illustrating the text.

The grade six 3-on-3 girls basketball team competed in the grand final at the Arena, playing on the same bill as the Supercats. The team was Nikki Dell, Katy Craig, Katherine Sutherland and Erin Grant. The boys' team made it to the semi-finals. The team was Luke Allen, Ryan Hole, Ryan Whelahan and Jacob Smith.

All the children at our school are benefiting from learning a second language. Mr Chad Foulkes visited Indonesia when he was in year twelve and fell in love with the language and the place. Since then he has studied Indonesia at university and is currently doing Honors in Tourism and Cultural Exchange. He teaches the language in a context that has relevance to children using high frequency words such as 'I have.' and 'I want.' He says, "It is important for the children to learn language that they can use."

Clifton Springs Primary School aims to give all students the opportunity to develop to their maximum potential as a person and to become independent learners.

Margaret Linley

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What a lovely taste of sunshine we have had lately. Just the perfect weather for gardening. Which is exactly what has been happening at Kinder.

On August 3rd we bravely completed our own 'Backyard Blitz'. The new outdoor playground incorporates many new areas of play, be it quite imaginative play or rough

and tumble, we have allowed for it all, plus a planting patch where the children can experience a plants life cycle from seed to flower.

With all the winter nasties around we are having a timely visit to the hospital, but more about that next issue.

Picnic lunches were again a great success this term with parents bringing along a hot lunch to share with their child.

The children gave their best smiles on queue when they had their Kinder photos taken by a very patient photographer. From the result, it's easy to see Clifton Springs Pre-School is about to produce the next batch of super models!

Enrolments for 3 & 4 year old Kinder are filling quickly for 2003. For enquiries phone the Kinder today on 5251 3158.

Woodies on Display

Did you know your friend or neighbour was an artist? (woodwork artist that is). Well, come along to your local Library, here in Drysdale during August and see some of the wonderful range of handcrafted "Things" made by local people.

Members of the Queenscliff & District Woodworkers invite you to see and enjoy their work, and whilst in the library, why not take advantage of the services available from them and "Borrow a Book"?

The club hopes that the Library Display will become an annual event, and as well, the group runs a week long exhibition of crafts, skills and friendship each year in January. The 12th Annual Exhibition is to be held from the 22nd to the 27th January 2003 in Queenscliff.

The club now has over 80 members, mostly retired, drawn from all over the Bellarine Peninsula and these members have a large range of skills. The Library Display will show examples of wood turning, model ship building, carving, hand

made jewel boxes, and more, so do come along and see our work. Your neighbour or friend could well have his work on display.

This year, our members are working together in groups to produce 500 plus simple wooden toys for distribution to children. They are having nearly as much fun making these as we hope the kids get from them at Christmas.

We meet in the Drysdale Community Hall on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 2.00 pm and visitors are made most welcome.

Why not have a look at our web site on <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~woodiesq/>

Anyway, regarding the Library Display, as "Dipper" says in the ad. "BE THERE!!"

John O'Rorke
Publicity Officer
Queenscliff & District
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5253 1117

Toy Library

Term 3 is well underway now. Hope you all had a wonderful holiday at term end.

Toy Library no longer operates Thursday afternoons. We operate Saturday mornings between 10.30 to 11.30 behind Springdale Neighbourhood Centre in Princess Street.

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We also had our annual general meeting (AGM) where the whole

meeting was done as a News programme. Awards were given out, we had a change of committee and we all said a big thank-you to our Scottish leader Karyn, who has now gone on to New Zealand.

The ranger guides have recently had their own Super Hero camp

where we all had Super Hero names, and the leaders were the villains. We made a leaning tower of pasta, a survival hut and sun catchers. Dinner at 'The Mex' was fun too. However on the Sunday there was a tearful farewell to Karyn who has been our leader for six months.

The Senior Guides have welcomed a few new members and are taking part in the 'Winter Sleep Out' at Adventure Park on August the 10th. Sponsorship welcome.

The junior guides have been on camp as well. They had a 'Hippie' theme. They enjoyed tie-dying t-shirts, decorating jeans and 'com-

muning with nature,' following a trail set by Stacey. They have had major increase in numbers which is fantastic, and now have started a waiting list. If you wish to join the waiting list or find out more about Senior Guides, ring Anne Brackley on 52512250.

library line ...

There seems to be lots of good, new books around at the moment. Many popular fiction authors have new releases - Faye Kellerman,

Stephen King, Ian Rankin and Kathy Reichs just to mention a few. In non-fiction my suggested reading list includes: Domestic service in Aus-

tralia/B W Higman; The Boyds a family biography/Brenda Niall; and In Sunshine and in shadow/Martin Flanagan. For younger readers: The Diviners son/Gary Crew, and for very young readers: Jetho Byrde fairy child/Bob Graham.

Renewals on loans may now be made on a Renewals Telephone Number - 5243 8910. If you would like to use this service you will need the barcode on your library card, the barcodes of the items you wish to borrow, and a PIN number. If you do not have a PIN, visit the library to have one allocated.

August 17-23 is Childrens Book Week this year. The list of short-listed titles has been out for some time. Winners will be announced soon.

If you are in the Library, watch out for the Queenscliff & District Woodworkers Group display coming soon. Their work is excellent.

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Firstly, we are excited to announce the arrival of our new Red Group teacher, Mrs Judith Robertson. Judith has a huge array of experience and an abundance of enthusiasm towards children. Despite the unexpected changes in staff, the children have been quick to warming to her and have all settled nicely.

We also have a new President, Mrs Sonia Walder, and we wish her all the best for the rest of the year

The Wildlife Action Show proved to be a winner, as the children haven't stopped talking about the lizards, snake, and baby crocodile they were able to watch baby chickens hatch from their eggs, right in front of their very eyes.

Excited, chatting children on a bus started an excursion to the Geelong Hospital where they were taken around the children's ward for some show and tell of hospital experiences.

We would like to thank our committee who have been extremely busy with fundraisers such as a Trivia Night and Monster Garage Sale & Fete, just to name a few, which have enabled the kinder to update and obtain many new things for the children. Well Done Everyone!



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Frank Tigani from local accounting firm, FTA Accountants and financial planning firm, Fenwick Financial Services Pty Ltd says, "Tax is the single largest expense that most Australians will face over their lifetime - bigger even than paying off the family home. This means employing successful strategies to reduce your tax is essential to get ahead in wealth creation."

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purchase more assets and generate more income," he said.

Frank Tigani suggests that people looking to reduce their tax bill over the next 12 months should see their financial adviser as soon as possible to ensure they can maximise any available deductions. "As with all financial strategies, it is better to seek advice sooner rather than later to ensure you don't leave your run too late."

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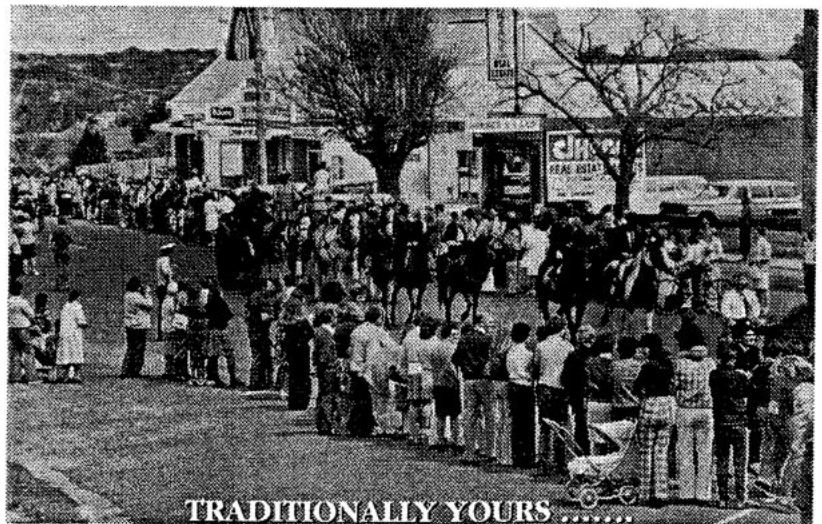
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The Membership is normally based on 140 Members, and when anyone leaves the place is filled from someone from the waiting list. Despite there being another Ladies Club, a Mens Club and a mixed club in this area the popularity of Probus Clubs continues to grow.

The members are encouraged to join the committee to find out the way the club is run and also to get to know the many members and interest groups. It is a good way to learn, and participating in the clubs activities is all part of the fun. Faye

the President this year is having a very relaxed time in the chair. It's just as well Richard is able to repair our gong hammer. Lets hope it will not fly off again!

We had very good speaker from the S.E.S. Chris Reynolds. What a wonderful service they provide and with so many of them it is all voluntary. We are lucky to have such dedicated people to call on in an Emergency. Dial 000 and ask for S.E.S. wait in the home till they arrive. (it may be Richard he's good at putting TARPAULIN ON THE ROOF AT 2.AM) so Faye said.

One of our members Phylis Kon and her husband Die had a Golden Wedding to celebrate on the 25.7.02 the club presented Phyllis with a boquet of golden flowers.

A trip is being arranged for August to visit Rupertswood in Sunbury on the 23rd.

I will report on this in the next issue. In November - A trip to Morningford Market at Heronswood is being combined with another club, this outing has yet to be given a date. The trip will cost \$27.00. Lunch is at your own expence.

Now that we start our meeting at 10.00am we seem to have time for one of the committe to give a 5 minute talk on their life so far. You can tell when the speaker begins that they will never get 60 - 70 - 80 years into a speech, so the best is selected to tell us.

It was good to see a few sick members returned to the fold. Our sympathy goes to the past President who last week learned her father had passed away. A great loss to the Wild Family.

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It is difficult to know exactly how many recreational fishers there are in the area and as far as I am aware there are no definitive figures available. One thing is certain however, and that is that recreational fishers are passionate about their sport.

The Liberal Party has announced that it has formed a Recreational Fishing Taskforce to investigate the needs of the recreational fishing fra-

ternity. The Taskforce will consist of three members, Geoff Craige from the Upper House will chair the committee and he will be joined by Martin Dixon, the member for Dromana on the other side of the bay, and myself, the member for Bellarine. The three Liberal MP's involved in the Taskforce are considered to be in touch with the needs of the recreational fishers throughout Victoria. We will be consulting over the next 3 or 4 months with people interested in recreational fishing, with groups (in particular) of anglers, boat owners and associated recreational fishing stakeholders including tackle shop proprietors as well as the general public.

The sort of things we will be looking at will be improved habitat (perhaps artificial reefs?), the improvement of access arrangements from such facilities as piers and jetties etc, enforcement issues and so on.

Your feedback to the Taskforce would be very much appreciated. Interested parties are invited to direct comments and inquiries to my office.

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at Ocean Grove will ensure greater police presence and quicker response times.

The Bracks Government has committed \$5 million for the construction of the Ocean Grove 24 hour Police Station and has employed over 800 extra Police since our election. The opening of the 24 hour police station will guarantee additional police on the Peninsula.

BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE

As Parliamentary Secretary for Education, I am delighted to announce the allocation of \$90,000 for the Bellarine Secondary College.

The funding will be used by the College to re-locate and create safe access to a dumpster. This grant forms part of the more than \$2.7 billion that Bracks Government has invested in education since coming to office.

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2. A minimum of three (3) drives per player and to be marked on the scorecard
3. All players to drive from tee.

Captain to choose the ball in the best position for the next shot.

4. For second shots - all players of the team to play their own ball which shall be placed within 30cm of the chosen ball.

The chosen ball does not necessarily have to be played first. Any order can be chosen by the captain but the chosen ball must not leave the original position.

5. If the chosen ball lie in a hazard or in the rough off the cut fairway the other players must drop their ball within a club length of the selected ball. The procedure to be repeated on all shots until the ball reaches the green.

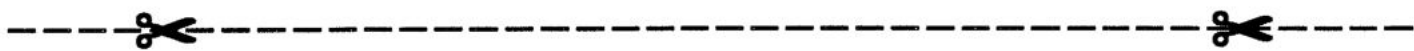
6. On the green.

Captain to choose the ball in the best position for putting.

Other balls to be placed as near as possible to exact spot.

Any order to be chosen, original ball may be marked and putted in any order, then as in best ball, a ball may be tapped in and the rest of the team try for a lower score.

7. Handicap 1/8 of aggregate handicap - fractions to count



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

We are now into the second half of the year and now is the time for your Club or organisation to start planning for that xmas luncheon or dinner. Our club offers its fantastic facilities for your xmas function with our xmas menu prices starting at \$21.50 per person. For all inquiries please give our caterers Peter or Kate a call.

The next big show at the Club returning by popular demand is the Glenn Miller Swing Band appearing on Saturday August 31st with a cost of only \$30 per person which includes a 2 course meal and show. To secure your tickets to this great jazz night contact the Club.

Over 150 people attended the Xmas in July morning melodies star-

ring Peter Perez who entertained all with a collection of xmas favorites.

On the golfing side as we head out of winter and commence the spring season all golfers are looking forward to the front 9 legend couch fairways come out of dormancy and commence their growing season. Hopefully by late September the Club will have fairways unparalleled in the past.

The Club will commence replacing the fence in Bayshore Avenue shortly in an effort to beautify this area but more importantly due to legal requirements associated with public liability, the Club needs to control the movement of traffic on the golf course which has come about due to the increasing number

of instances of non golfers walking on the course and being nearly hit by golf balls.

Other items of capital works under consideration is the building of a sealed car park incorporating kerb and channeling, lighting and landscaping with works hopefully to commence early next year.

The Clubs new golfing membership season commences on October 1st and now is the time to become a golfing member of the Club and reap the benefits of a full 12 months membership.

*David Milne
Manager*

Drysdale Senior Citizens Club.

The A.G.M. took place on July 8th. when a new committee was formed. We now have a husband and wife team at the helm. Laurie Colborne is the new President and husband Ron the new Secretary, congratulations to them, may they and their newly elected committee have a very successful year.

The trip to the Aquarium was a day out enjoyed by all who went on it. There are more trips etc in the off-

ing the President informs me namely a trip to a Black Pepper Outlet followed by lunch at the Casino and no doubt a little dabble on the Poker Machines. This is on Tuesday August 20th, at a cost of \$13.00. See Notice Board at the club rooms for times and pick up places.

There is also the Canberra trip on September 16th there are still some places available for this trip, non members welcome. There is a cas-

serole luncheon being held at the clubrooms on August 12th cost is \$3.50. the luncheon to be followed by a visit from the Geelong Mens Choir who will entertain the members. This venue is for members only. As this will have taken place prior to this edition being published I will report on this in the next edition.

Other activities in the offing hopefully, (depending on numbers interested) are, painting classes for beginners and also gentle exercise classes. See the club notice board for details. Tuesdays will most likely be the day for these activities to take place. Other activities enjoyed at the club are carpet bowls, cards (various games) snooker /pool, craft sessions and bingo is played on the 1st Monday of each month at 1.15pm. Non Members are welcome.

If you feel any of these activities would suit you, why not come and join the club, the President Laurie would be more than pleased to welcome you. Best Wishes and Get Well soon to all our not so well members. A big thank you as always to our volunteer drivers and jockeys. Until next edition.

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Drysdale Uniting Church News

'Café Church'

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Worship @ 9

At a recent Worship @ 9 service we enjoyed the musical talents of a few of our local youth with electric guitar, keyboard and vocals. Plans are underway for a Sunday evening service of worship in August with a focus on a style of worship to appeal to teenagers and young adults. Watch the church notice board for further details.

And don't forget!! Any kids in years 5 to 8 are welcome to attend our Youth Group on the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 6.30 till 8pm - for further details contact Jenni Nickelson, 52513714.

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TRAVEL TALK BY LESLEY JUDD

Thailand is often referred to as the 'land of smiles', as the Thai people are incredibly friendly. Thailand owes it's popularity to the remarkable variety of natural attractions which ranges from sandy beaches, islands to rugged hills, jungles & rivers. My 2 weeks to Thailand in June was spent mainly enjoying the beach life.

Our first stop was in Bangkok. This is a vibrant city filled with high rises and interesting smells! There are many shopping and market areas, one of the most popular is the 'Chatuchak Weekend Market'. This market is spread over 35 acres with more than 15000 shops & stalls and has over 200,000 visitors each day. This was certainly an experience meandering through the crowded market in very hot conditions wondering if you will ever find your way out again.

Onto Phuket to enjoy the beach life. Just an hour flight and 45 minutes driving and we were at Patong Beach. This is one of the most popular areas in Phuket with numerous resorts to chose from, plus an array of watersports, day tours, restaurants, shopping, bars & nightlife

to fill in your days and nights. This is a very busy place and really comes alive after dark.

After a week in Phuket we flew to Koh Samui for some relaxation. This is a smaller island and only 10 minutes from the airport to the main resort area. All the resorts are located along the beautiful sandy beaches, and they offer a variety of watersports and day tours, or you can cheaply travel around by motorbike or buses. This is a quieter island than Phuket but still offers great shopping and sensational food. Koh Samui also comes alive at night and the markets stay open late into the night.

Shopping is heaps of fun in Thailand, and you can purchase some beautiful Thai handicrafts as well as copy clothing, sunglasses and leather bags. Bargaining is expected and lots of fun. Eating is also a wonderful pastime in Thailand with a huge variety of cuisine. Our meals consisted mainly of noodles and stir-fries, which were very cheap and delicious.

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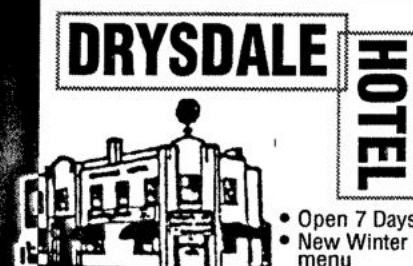
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We can also wear ourselves out with work and worry. Wouldn't it be wonderful if life didn't have to be so full of stress? Jesus says "Come to Me all who are weary and weighed down, and I will give you rest."

There are many things that can effect our peace of mind apart from worrying about provisions. One of these is guilt and regret. Jesus forgave the thief on the cross, the woman caught out in adultery and others. He also says He has not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Depression and a feeling of hopelessness are also common ailments in today's society, as they were when Jesus walked this earth. Jesus says "I have come to give LIFE abundantly."

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The June Meeting, was held at the new time of 10.00a.m., in the refurbished room.

Lynne Blake was our Five Minute Biographer, great to hear her interesting story, which was enjoyed by all.

Guest Speaker- Elizabeth Herzer, informed us of her visits to China and Tibet, yelling us of the hardships of women there and the extreme poverty.

Unfortunately time ran out before Elizabeth could finish, so she was requested to return and continue at a later date.

Our "Bus Trip to the Mornington Peninsula" consisted of two coach

loads of Probiants and friends departing Clifton Springs and onto Queenscliff, to embark on the ferry to Sorrento.

During the cruise we were lucky enough to be accompanied by two playful porpoises swimming on the bow waves.

Leaving the Ferry at Sorrento, we were driven to Portsea, then stopped on return at Sorrento for morning tea. Then onto Mornington for lunch and shopping at the famous market. After which, onto St. Kilda, to sample the cakes in Acland Street. A great day was had by all. Thank you Patsy.

The July Meeting, held at the same venue and at the same time.

Hazel Goodnight, born in Texas USA, was our Five Minute Biographer who told a very interesting story, of her life in Texas and Australia.

Guest Speaker, Walter Robson of Sovereign Hill-Ballarat, was entertaining and had us in stitches. He is a retired Lawyer and plays the part of, Dr. George Wakefield and explained how our predecessors, coped with enormous difficulties, during the gold rush.

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"If a person can carry out successful CPR with phone instructions, imagine how easy it is to learn this life saving skill and Rural Ambulance Victoria can train anyone in CPR in just two hours."

Mr Schurink said there was no doubt that prompt first aid and CPR in situations such as this resulted in lives being saved.

"In fact, we offer regular first aid courses to suit all people."

"Courses cover basic first aid, and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, and are available for individuals and for companies who wish to have their staff properly trained."

Mr Schurink said having basic first aid skills could help to save a life by stabilising a sick or injured person before the ambulance arrives.

"Various accidents can happen in the home, or perhaps an asthma attack, heart attack, dog bite, tractor accident, near drowning incidents, or road accident might happen in front of you."

"If you have the necessary first aid skills, and you're first on the scene, your actions could make the difference between life and death for the victim."

"Proper first aid training provides essential life saving skills, and also equips people to act calmly and decisively at the scene of a sudden illness or accident," Mr Schurink said.

"Rural Ambulance Victoria First Aid courses can be booked by calling 1800 248 859."

*Information: John Schurink
Area Manager*

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Springdale Neighbourhood Centre Annual General Meeting will be held on
Wednesday the 11th of September from 7.30 -9.30pm

The meeting will be held at Springdale 14-16 Princess Street, Drysdale.

Guest Speaker: Barbara Abley, Mayor, City of Greater Geelong.

Topic: "The Council and the Bellarine Peninsula"

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ROTARY CLUB OF DRYSDALE

The Rotary Club of Drysdale recently held its annual Changeover Night, saying farewell to Don Shields as President and welcoming Richard Trigg as the President and his Board for the 2002/03 Rotary Year.

It is a night of reflection for the Club of its achievements as a Service Club in support of our local Community as well as the contributions made on the national and international level.

Also new challenges and goals of "Service above Self" are put before the members for the ensuing Rotary Year by the new President targeting areas of special needs for the fundraising activities for the Club.

One of the highlights of the evening was the recognition by the club of Ron Piecock of Portarlington {member} and Mrs. Pat Peel of Drysdale as Paul Harris Fellows. Pat, the wife of Howard Peel, the Club's charter President, has been instrumental in forming "The Drysdale Ladies of Rotary" group who tirelessly support the club with all its major functions.

The Club has expended \$26,397 during the 2001/02 Rotary Year. Some of the major expenditures supported the following projects:

- a. Drysdale Community Health food bank.
- b. Ann Nichol House aged care expansion program for 30 additional beds.
- c. Nocturnal Dialysis project at the Geelong Hospital.
- d. Establishment of the new "Portarlington Bayview" Probs Club.
- e. Paul Harris Scholarships at Bellarine Secondary College.
- f. Hosting an exchange student from Thailand for 12 months
- g. Placement of local exchange student to Brazil for 12 months.
- h. Donations to the Rotary Foundation in support of International Projects.



President Don Shields handing over the Presidents Collar of Office to incoming President Richard Trigg.

i. Support for the rebuilding of East Timor.

The major fund raising activities by the Club are the Annual Easter Art Show now held at the Potato Shed at Drysdale and the miniature Train located near the Point Richards boat ramp at Portarlington. This facility operates every Sunday from September - June, and the second Sunday of each month during the winter period. Small Diesel type and Steam Locomotives provide a lot of enjoyment for the young and the young at heart. We also cater for special events and private parties. We ask you, the community, to sup-

port this project with your presence on our run days.

The Rotary Club of Drysdale has presently 40 Members and meets every Monday evening at the Drysdale Hotel 6.00 for 6.30p.m. start and we invite any professional/business people, male or 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 Phone 52511125.

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HOUSE NUMBERING CAN HELP SAVE LIVES

Rural Ambulance Victoria Area Manager John Schurink is encouraging residents to help emergency services by ensuring that houses can be visibly identified from the road.

"Lack of visible house identification is a major problem in many rural areas," said Mr Schurink, "and valuable time is wasted when we and other emergency services are unable to locate an address."

"This is often due to the poor visibility of house numbers which are often too small to be seen from the road, particularly at night."

Mr Schurink said shrubs or trees often obscured many house numbers.

"While this might not seem to be significant problem, even a few minutes delay in an ambulance finding a property can make the difference between life and death."

"This problem can easily be resolved by the use of reflective numbers painted on a post at the front of the property, as the numbers are highlighted by the headlights of a vehicle making it easier for emergency services to locate the appropriate house."

"Ideally, all the numbers should be in a uniform location and at a uniform height."

Mr Schurink said residents could have reflective numbering undertaken by a private contractor for minimal cost.

"We urge the community to support the numbering system to help emergency services to help you."

Mr Schurink said residents should be aware of their property number, or Vicroads or CFA map reference numbers.

"Providing this information can also assist emergency services in locating a property."

AMBULANCE BOARD TO MEET IN GEELONG

Rural Ambulance Victoria's Committee of Management is to hold its August Board meeting in Geelong.

Chief Executive Officer Doug Kimberley said the Board Members had made a decision to hold meetings in centres other than the Ballarat Head Office each quarter to make the organisation more accessible to the regional and rural communities it serves.

"Rural Ambulance Victoria was formed to provide a quality ambulance service, which meets the needs of people in rural Victoria and is committed to providing the best possible patient outcomes by continually improving the quality of service and being receptive to customer needs," said Mr Kimberley.

"By holding Board meetings in rural centres and inviting community leaders to attend a special public meeting and presentation we can receive feed back from the areas we serve and also communicate our objectives to the community."

Mr Kimberley said a number of guests had been invited to the August meeting, including local MPs, the Mayor and CEOs of the area's Local Government Authorities, representatives from the CFA, SES, Police and local healthcare facilities.

"Following the formal Board meeting, Area Manager John Schurink and I will make a formal presentation to the invited community guests to explain how Rural

Ambulance Victoria was formed, and our mission and vision for the future."

Mr Kimberley said the guests would be invited to ask questions to ensure they had a clear understanding of Rural Ambulance Victoria's goals and directions.

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Hawks pick up AFL star

The Drysdale Hawks may have some more firepower to its list with ex-AFL player Barry Young expected to play BFL finals footy.

Barry is brother of Drysdale coach Shane Young and had a fantastic career with Essendon and Hawthorn in the AFL.

It would be a magnificent acquisition to the team who are currently undefeated.

Craven's battle for Goalkicking Title

Drysdale Spearhead Full-forward Stuart Craven is battling it out for the senior goalkicking title. He is tied with Barwon Heads' Darren Aitken on 51 goals so far this season. Craven has been a valuable target for the Hawks and has played some instrumental games this season. His biggest game this season was against Queenscliff where he booted nine heroic goals. Seven of those were kicked in the third quarter in

an amazing personal performance. It would be a marvellous milestone for the club if he can keep kicking goals.

Milestone's have been a big thing this season down at Drysdale. Grant Foot was one who celebrated his 200th game against Barwon Heads.

Drysdale Coach Shane Young described Foot as an "excellent stalwart and clubman" after his stellar performance in his milestone.

Netball team looking the Goods

Drysdale's Netball team are also up there with convincing win's over Portarlington and Newcomb in previous weeks.

Drysdale has a very potent outfit with Jess Gallagher and Sarah Friend shooting accurately, assisted by Sarah Stratton's dynamic passing into the ring.

Jess Richards has also been a star for the team in defense. Her sensational defensive work cause problems for the opposition.

This team looks to be a very dangerous combination and will be up there towards the finals.

Can this be the Year of the Hawk?

While history suggests we shouldn't be getting too carried away, the Drysdale Hawks Football Club looks set for Grand Final appearances in three grades.

The seniors are undefeated and reaffirmed it's favouritism for the flag in round ten win against rivals, Ocean Grove by 42 points. Drysdale's team is proving to be too strong for the BFL with a host of talent all over the ground.

Stuart Craven is the league's leading goalkicker and is kicking bags of goals each week for the hawks. Simon Nelis has also been a notable goalkicker with a seven goal haul in round 11. Josh Inglis, David Bien and Marcus Drought have put in some hard efforts, as well as the younger brigade in Reece Holwell and Brent Taylor.

Drysdale produces it's best football of the season against Modewarre, as they annihilated the Warriors by 132 points. Marcus Drought and Peter Preece were two outstanding players in the game taking marks all over the ground.

It was top versus bottom when the Hawks took on Portarlington, and the result showed that with a 100 point thrashing - exemplifying Drysdale's relentless approach to this season.

The Hawks find themselves on top of the ladder, undefeated and with a massive percentage to show that this may be one of the best Drysdale Hawk teams yet.

But it's not just the seniors who are blowing the opposition apart. The Reserves are on top of the ladder, and with the firing power of Adrian Hildebrand - the hawks are almost unstoppable. While the Under 18's are almost as exhilarating. They are up there too, and are playing some excellent football. Lee Dimitrijeviski's work around the ground has been marvellous, as well as the brilliant passages from John Donnelly.

There is still a long way to go, but can this be the YEAR OF THE HAWK?

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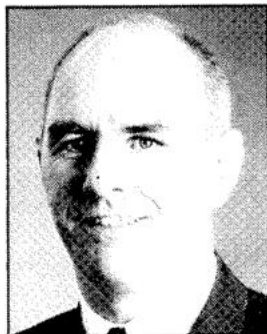
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The Property Seller's Catch 22

It is common practice to inflate the projected selling price of a property by a small percentage to allow for purchasers to negotiate.

It also allows for fluctuations in the market created by temporary surges in purchaser numbers.

Unprecedented levels of competition at the time of releasing the property onto the market sometimes result in a property selling for the asking price.

Properties in a highly sought after category or in locations where there is a shortage of property for sale usually have more room to inflate their asking price.

However for most properties, careful consideration should be given to the amount of negotiating factor:

If a property is more inflated than other similar properties on the market, the listing agent will have to "puff" the ad to attract purchasers to the property.

Over pricing is just the first in a series of events that causes the property to become stale on the market.

It's a Catch 22 situation.

If the ad is not as "puffed" as the price, the property will not attract inspections. On the other hand if the ad exaggerates the property's charms, purchasers will be disappointed when the reality doesn't match their expectation and the property will not sell.

In fact serious over pricing targets entirely the wrong market and gives any interested party a psychological advantage.

Purchasers feel they have plenty of time to make up their mind because they know that the price is putting most people off.

Properties that stay on the market for a long time at too high a figure often fail to attract offers. Ironically, the very strategy which the less market aware vendor uses to maximise the selling price ultimately lowers it.

The right negotiating factor should make purchasers feel the need to get in before someone else does.

Astute pricing is crucial to generating the kind of excitement and competition that will ensure the house sells in the shortest possible time for the highest possible price.

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