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Will you be there??

Last year the Roulettes came to the Bunyip Festival - did you ??

The 23rd Bunyip Festival - celebrating our mythical Bunyip that lives in Lake Lorne - is being held at Drysdale Primary School, on Saturday March 29th from 10am to 3pm.

What can you expect at a Bunyip Festival? Well it is a day out for the

family. There will be rides - mini train rides, Harley rides, a large slide to venture down, a jumping castle and more. There will be BBQ food available and hot potatoes etc. to tempt your taste buds. There will be showbags, face painting, hair spraying, children's craft activities, lots and lots of market stalls and there will be demonstrators of all types. There will be sporting competitions, lucky wheel, and we've decided to have 2 auctions again: one at 11.00am and another at 2pm. There will be Vintage cars and motorbikes on display, there will be many community groups represented and demonstrating their skills. There should be something for everyone.

This year we will host the 3rd Bunyip Festival Ferret Cup and we

thank the Geelong Ferret Club for their expert assistance. There will be local performers taking center stage. It will be a great day.

If you've never been before, please come and have a look. I think you'll like it. If you've been before, please come back and enjoy yourself and help both our local primary schools to earn a little extra money, while you have a pleasant few hours.

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The City of Greater Geelong have advised that the Drysdale Hall redevelopment is going ahead in 2003 with Tenders being called via the Geelong Advertiser on February 22nd, with the works to start by mid-year. The redevelopment involves building new offices, linking the Hall and other buildings and refurbishment of existing areas. This facility will provide much needed extra space for Springdale Courses, user groups, community groups, service groups and residents. We will keep you informed throughout the process, and will make every attempt to minimize the impact on our programs.

In the next Issue we will be introducing our new Co-Ordinator, who will help us through these exciting times.

Term 1 - Community Education Programs.

Once again there has been an enormous response to the variety of pro-

grams we provide, and new members joining our special interest Groups. It is not too late to book in for many of our Courses. Some of our more popular classes, such as Yoga are booked out early, so why not put your name down on a waiting list for next term. Many of our Courses coincide with the Occasional Care to cater for parents.

Adrian Mannix OAM Award.

The nominees for this year's Award are included in this issue. These people are wonderful examples of the Community Spirit that keeps so many of our volunteer organizations viable. Thank you to those people who took the opportunity to highlight the hard work these people do, so that we can show how much we appreciate their efforts. Choosing a winner will be a truly difficult task. The winner will be announced on March 24th and presented with their Award. The results will be pub-

lished in the next edition of the Messenger.

What's Coming Up

The Messenger is looking at putting in a regular column showing a diary of what is coming up in our area. If you would like to include your special event, please let us know.

March 15 & 16

- Bellarine Agricultural Show

March 24

- Adrian Mannix OAM Award Night

March 29

- Bunyip Festival

Our condolences go to the Serle family on the recent death of Brian. Brian Serle was a Life Member of both the C.F.A. and Drysdale Football Club, and his presence in the Football Ticket Box and his other voluntary contributions to the Town of Drysdale will be greatly missed.

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Adrian E Mannix Community Service Awards 2003 Nominations

The Adrian E. Mannix Award was established in 2002 by the Lions and Rotary Clubs and supported by Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, to recognize the voluntary contributions of local residents to their local community.

Although only one person can be a winner, all the nominees are worthy of this Award. These people do not ask for accolades or recognition but by bringing the significant contributions these people have made to our attention, we are able to show them our appreciation.

(Please note the Nominees are listed in alphabetical order)

Nominee: Merrilyn Anderson

In 1992 Merrilyn was elected as the Honorary Secretary of the Portarlington Development Association. During the nine years she served as Secretary she was closely involved with the Pier Development, Adventure Park behind Parks Hall, Fiesta and Seafood barbeque, Retention of Police residence, the Inaugural Natural Gas Committee, Community Day Expo held in Parks Hall in 1998 and supported the young people seeking to obtain a skate park in the town. In 1998 Merrilyn became one of the key people working towards the establishment of a Community Bank in Portarlington, and in 1999 Merrilyn assisted with arranging the Inaugural Line Dancing Long Weekend held in Portarlington during March.

Nominee: Jocelyn Banks

Jocelyn's selfless & unobtrusive devotion to her community includes the Environment: - weed removal for Landcare & Edwards Point and care of newly planted trees by school

children (all ongoing), Animals: - both domestic and native (which she is helping to reinstate in a protected environment at Lara) as well as support for our elderly persons in transition to Aged Care, and volunteer receptionist at Health Link on Thursdays. Additionally, Jocelyn is a volunteer fundraiser for the Anti-Cancer Council, the Children's Hospital Appeal and Cottage by the Sea.

Nominee: Kay Butler

Kay has run the Portarlington Scout's Secondhand Bookstore 6 days a week for the last 18 months. She volunteered her services although she had no affiliation to Scouts. Kay has cleaned, sorted & reorganized the bookshop, with her work increasing sales. This has enabled the Scouts to replace camping equipment, and recruit young children to attend scouting activities, something that they otherwise would not be able to afford.

Nominee: Jean Cull

Jean has led by example in caring for the young and the aged. She was the first female Councilor in the Bellarine Shire, serving for 6 years. Jean has held positions in fund raising for the building of Ann Nichol House and continues voluntary work with "The Friends" of Ann Nichol House. A Wing at A.N.H was named Jean Cull in recognition of her commitment. A Foundation member & current President of Ann Nichol House for 9 years, Jean has also been a Justice of the Peace for 26 years and Guide leader at Portarlington & St. Leonards for 9 years.

Nominee: Pam Davis

Pam joined Drysdale R.S.L. in 1967 and has been an active member of the Women's Auxiliary for 35 years - 33 years on Committee as an Office Bearer. She also has 10 years service in Bellarine Health Service, volunteers for the Drysdale Auxiliary Meals on Wheels and became a Life Member of the Drysdale Football Club in 1987.

Pam works untiringly for anything she is involved in, is dependable, has a lovely quiet personality, and does so much good without fuss. Pam is held in high esteem in the Drysdale area.

Nominee: Robert Gibb

Robert has been a Volunteer Member for the Gas Committee, Ambulance Committee, Probus Club of Portarlington, past member Lions Club of Portarlington/Drysdale, Sailing School - R.G.Y.C., Port Report, and Secretary for the Portarlington Mill. He has also been the Volunteer Auditor for the Tennis Club - Jengaleers & SES and Barwon Bulldogs.

His Fund Raising Projects (Through Garage Sales - Big Shed, Portarlington) have raised money for the Skate Park, SES, Leukaemia Fund (Bluey Day), Baycity Concorde and Portarlington Toy Library. Robert is a Volunteer Worker for the Street Lights for Christmas, Guides Portarlington, Bluey Bay (Golf Club) and the Bellarine Agricultural Show, as well as being Santa Claus for the Fire Brigade, Carols by Candlelight Portarlington & St. Leonards and Barwon Bulldogs.

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Nominee: Trevor Hockley

Trevor has, over the past 3 years, committed himself to raising funds to at least cover the rent on Leukaemia House in Geelong, fundraising on a more or less full time basis. Trevor is, by far, the driving force behind the Portarlinton Golf Club Leukaemia Day held every July for the past 3 years. He runs a Golf Day and Auction at Portarlinton and so far has raised approximately \$44,000 for this Foundation.

Nominee: Sydney Payne

Syd Payne's list of community involvements over many years include: - Scouting, assisting St. John's Ambulance & Red Cross. With the Geelong Football Umpires League he was Field Umpire, Assistant Coach helping young umpires, fundraiser and put in 200 hours building the first Clubrooms, becoming Life Member in 1962. He is Past President of the Indented Head Powerboat & Angling Club, saved 5 people from drowning, did fund-raising for Clubrooms and attended distress calls at night. At the Lions Club of Portarlinton/Drysdale he has 26 years perfect attendance, was an instigator of Bellarine Elderly Peoples Homes known as Lions Village, putting in many hours on

fundraising activities, and is currently Lion Tamer. Other associations include: Barwon Masonic Lodge, Indented Head Boat Club, Volunteer Air Show Downunder, Bellarine Mark Masonic Lodge, St. Albans Football Club, Portarlinton Probus, and Foundation Member of Bayview Probus Club.

Nominee: John Robb

John was a Scout Group Leader for 10 years (1988-1998) with 5 years as District Commissioner from 1998. During his years as Group Leader of Drysdale Scouts, John has spent countless hours overseeing the running of Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers as well as the recruiting, training and management of Leaders & Committees. The past 5 years as District Commissioner for Geelong Peninsula District shows John's commitment to youth in Scouting in our area.

Nominee: John Rule

John co-ordinates and participates in a singing/band group called the Troubadours. Over 2002 they entertained (at no cost) 60 Aged Care Centres within our area. The work John and his team do has brought happiness to a lot of lonely aged citizens and has broken the sometimes

dull existence of living in an Aged Care Centre. They and John especially, spend many dollars in these productions.

Nominee: Lesley Taylor

Lesley's Volunteer Contributions include: Drysdale & District Health Centre (Since it began), Drysdale Football Club, Drysdale Community Crafts (Treasurer), Drysdale Fire Brigade, Drysdale Cricket Club, Uniting Church Drysdale, Geelong Hospital Auxiliary, Drysdale Primary School, Needy Families Xmas Appeal and Meals on Wheels in the Drysdale/Clifton Springs area. In many of the above areas Lesley is involved with catering - her cakes etc. are delicious. Lesley has lived in this district all her life. She is quiet and unassuming, but always ready to help anyone. As a member of Drysdale Fire Brigade (before it was automated) she had the task of ringing the bell to alert firemen and residents that there was a fire and they should attend immediately. She has given exemplorary service to many organizations in the district and is a public-spirited person indeed.

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A bus trip and train ride away is the fascinating Bridge over the River Kwai and Death Railway. You can stay overnight in a comfortable hotel or do as I did and rough it by staying on a jungle river raft suspended over the River Kwai. Elephant rides are available from the local villages.

I also visited Chang Mai, spent two nights on a rice barge, explored the ancient site of Sukhothai and Ayudhya.

Thailand is a diverse country which appeals to many travellers wanting new experiences and of course a much warmer climate! This is only a small sample of the attractions in Thailand without mentioning its neighbouring countries which can be combined on many tours. Geckos have budget tours available for the younger traveller wanting security but freedom whilst on tour. Peregrine Adventures offer a range of escorted tours for traveller's young at heart. Whatever your age or budget we will find a tour to suit.

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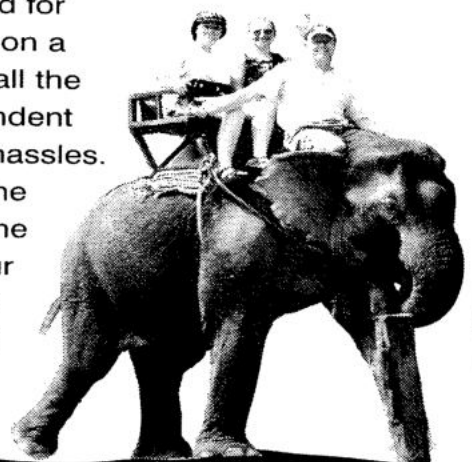
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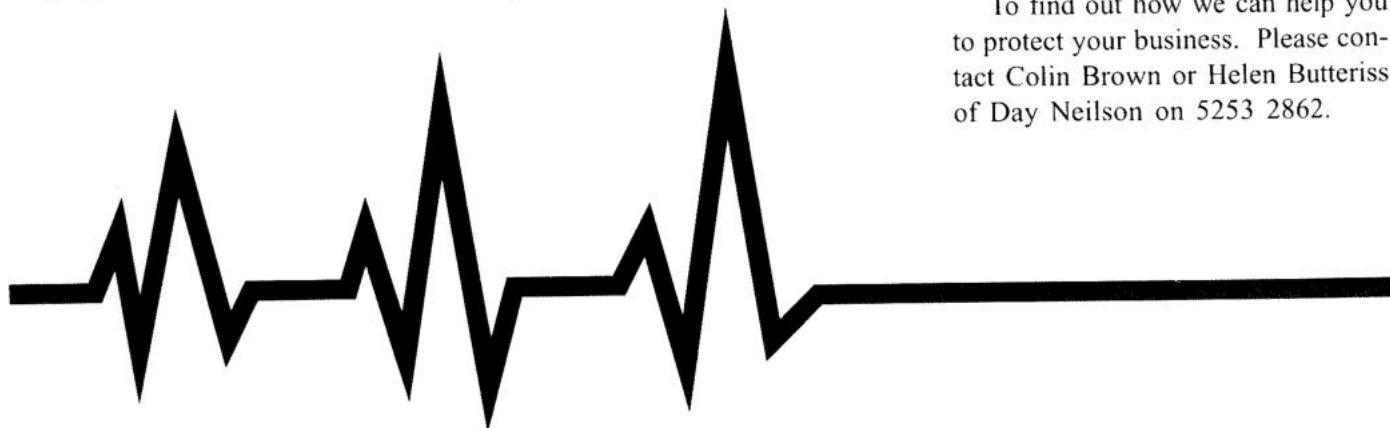
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Kerry Dewar
Co-ordinator

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The children in levels one and two have already begun a "buddy" program where they are matched with a level four buddy and participate in a variety of activities throughout the year. Our annual swimming sports have also been held and were a great success, with victory going to Dell House.

The level one students are working on the theme this term of Me and My Family. The level two students' theme is The Beach, with an excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium planned.

The level three theme is Travelling The Great Divide (on the internet), and the level four theme is based on Australia's History and Geography.

At a recent school assembly student leaders were introduced to the school and presented with badges. The following students were chosen as School Captains:

Olivia Dalton and **Dylan Bauer**.
The students selected for House Captains were:

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Captains: **Corinne Reid** and **Aaron Wray**

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Kerryn Driscoll
(Class Teacher)

Following is a report from our school captains,

The school year of 2003 at Clifton Springs Primary has gone off to a very smooth start, with the new preps and teachers settling in extremely well.

Our new area outside the canteen has been used quite regularly, with plenty of shade now available for hot days.

Our swimming sports were great for levels three and four and now eight students are off to the Zone Swimming Sports at Kardinia Pool. Best of luck to: Dylan Bauer, Shelley Calder, Olivia Dalton, Zoe Smith, Keenan Boon, Ari Levenson, Nelson Davies and Julia Grant.

*Best of Luck for 2003,
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It was a climbing rose which Jill had planted after the death of her baby, Amy. Jill had taken the naked Amy out to lie with her on a rug in the sun. The rug was under a climbing rose. Not this one. That original rose had been deep in colour and strong in fragrance. It had died the day they buried Amy. A bee sting had proven fatal for Amy. They now knew Amy had been allergic to bee stings, but at four months, they were unaware of the fact. Jill had cut and ripped out that dead rose, roots and all, with such a vengeance. As time passed and wounds healed, Jill had planted the new climbing rose. It was white with pink flushes. Petals

which were as delicate as a baby's skin. The fragrance soft and inoffensive as baby talc.

Why she had felt the compulsion to go to the nursery that day, Jill could not explain. She skirted the crowd, drawn to an isolated corner where old pots, rusted tools and forgotten things were stored. Little green branches beckoned to her on the breeze. She lifted the pot and gasped. Taking the pot to the nurseryman, she enquired as to the price. "Strange", he said, "I've never heard of this variety of rose before". He searched the catalogue for the price and finding nothing; he smiled and said "This must be my gift to you." Jill thanked the man in a daze and hastily returned home to plant her new rose. The label she placed in a silver frame along with Amy's baby photos.

The label read, "Forever Amy."

*Rosalind Hallam,
Springdale Writers.*

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Although they have only been attending for a couple of weeks, the children seem to be settling in rather well. A few tears that disappear as soon as mum or dad are out of sight. The children are finding their way around and are playing well together with "that girl" or "that boy". There are a few budding artists among them with plenty of artwork to be seen whether it be painting, pasting or drawing. Dress up corner seems to be getting quite a work out with

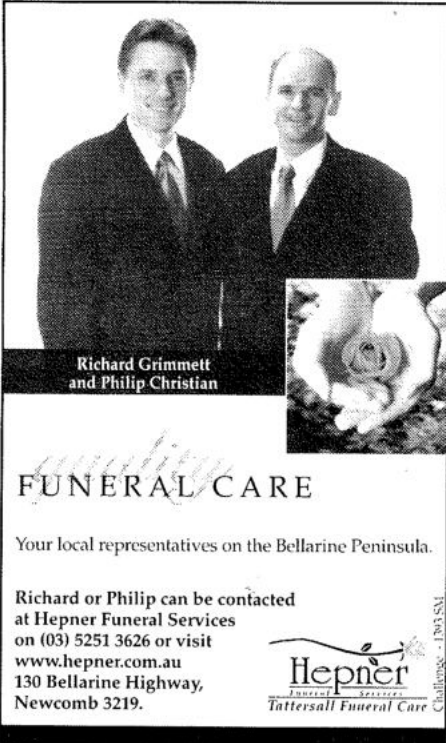
the girls dressing up for parties and feeding their babies before they go out.

The hot weather was made a bit more bearable with the outside play-time use of water either in the sand-pit or filling bottles with coloured water. Squealer and Scamper the guinea pigs are a big hit, being very well fed and the children enjoy lining up for a nurse and a pat. There is also a family of magpies living in the trees around the Pre-School.

They fly down into the yard and the children have been able to feed them as well. Their names are Maggie and Max and their baby is yet to be named. They love mince meat.

There are still some vacancies in our 4/5 year age group. If anyone is interested please do not hesitate to contact either Eril or Julie on 52513158. You are most welcome.

Sharon Reid



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It's been a busy time since I wrote my first column for the Messenger in January.

The electorate office in Newcomb Central is now up and running, staffed by Cameron Granger and Sue Spence.

After nearly four years as the Co-ordinator of Springdale Neighbourhood Centre it feels strange not to be driving out to Drysdale every day. I of course miss the work and the daily interaction with the local community who used the Neighbourhood Centre. However, I am enjoying my new role and dealing with a broader range of community issues and am sure I will maintain a strong link back to Springdale. I do thank everyone for their support during my time as Co-ordinator.

The official opening of the new Parliament is being held on Tuesday, 25th February, and the sitting dates continue through until the end of May. This is a very exciting time and I look forward to becoming involved in the

issues and debates. There are a number of important pieces of legislation to come before the Parliament in this session and I will keep you abreast of some of the key ones.

One of the recent issues of great concern to all Victorians has been the bushfires, which still continue to burn. The commitment and courage of the CFA has again been demonstrated. A number of local crews participated in the fire fighting efforts and I thank them for their enormous contribution and their commitment to protecting local communities.

I was pleased to attend the second meeting of the Bellarine Community Forum at the Drysdale Community Health Centre on the 13th February. The Forum provides such an important venue for community groups and service providers to come together to focus on local concerns and to work on developing innovative projects, affecting communities across the Peninsula. I look forward

to having a continuing involvement with the BCF.

As many of you will know, the 2003 Victorian Seniors Festival is being held between 16th and 23rd March. The Bracks Government is providing \$1 million to stage local community events throughout the State. Seniors Card holders will be able to travel free in the city from 16th - 23rd March and in rural and regional Victoria on 15th, 18th-20th and 22nd March. If you do not have a Seniors Card but think you are eligible please contact my office and we can provide you with the forms and eligibility criteria.

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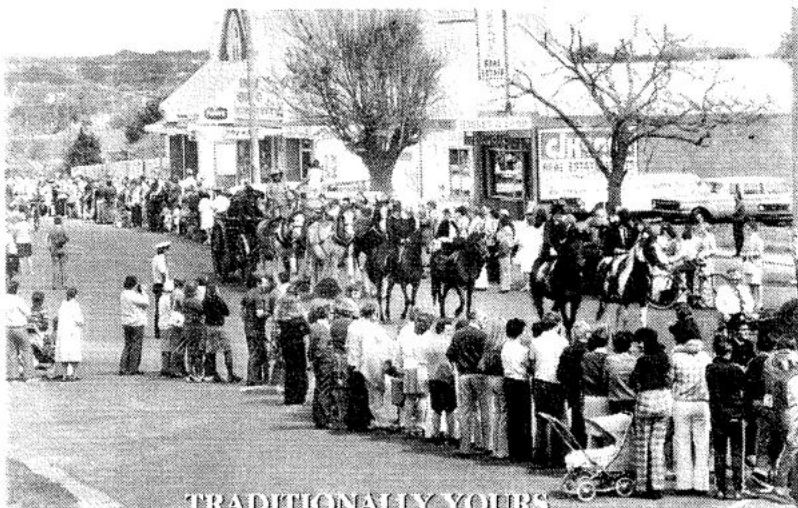
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The Australian Resuscitation Council (Victorian Branch) today congratulated the Victorian Government, Rural Ambulance Victoria and Metropolitan Ambulance Service on the introduction of the new Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) pilot program announced today by the Victorian Minister for Health Ms. Bronwyn Pike.

"This exciting initiative has the potential to significantly improve survival from cardiac arrest in public places such as shopping centres, tourist facilities and sporting venues" said Australian Resuscitation Council (Victorian Branch) Chairman Mr. Tony Walker.

Survival rates from out of hospital cardiac arrests have been traditionally poor (3-5%), however studies have shown that the initiatives

such as the Public Access Defibrillation program announced today, can see these survival rates increase to more than 70% in public venues.

The Australian Resuscitation Council, and its member organisations, recognised the importance of early defibrillation programs such as Public Access Defibrillation, and have been actively working with State and Federal Government in the development of initiatives to reduce the time to defibrillation and improve survival from cardiac arrest.

Cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in Victoria and usually occurs due to an irregular heart rhythm. This rapidly leads to collapse, loss of circulation and death if not treated quickly, with a 10% reduction in survival that a victim remains untreated.

"A cardiac arrest is treated by administering an electric shock to the heart using a defibrillator. In the past defibrillators were only able to be used by health professionals such as Paramedics, Doctors and nurses, however this life saving skill is now able to be provided by first aiders with minimal training using Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)" Mr. Walker said.

"An AED automatically analyses a victims heart rhythm and advises the operator through voice and visual prompts to push a button to deliver a shock if required. They are simple to use, extremely safe and will not allow inappropriate or unnecessary shocks to be delivered" Mr. Walker said.

"There is no doubt that the introduction of EAD as part of a coordinated Emergency Medical Services system can save lives" Mr. Walker said.

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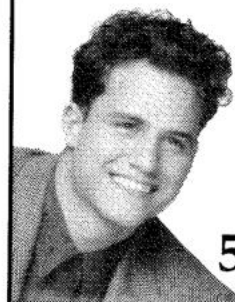
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We are now into 2003 with further capital works to be undertaken during the year. Plans have been finalised for the first stage of the new car park with tender documents to be advertised shortly with works to commence as soon as possible. During May/June the back 9 fairway irrigation system will be extended in preparation for the next major project on the course which will be the conversion of those fairways to legend couch grass in late September.

On the entertainment side the Club secured a 2nd BABBA show on Friday 14th February with both shows selling out. A fantastic entertainment was enjoyed by all on both nights. The next big show is the "Sensational Sounds" show on Saturday April 12th being a tribute to the Beach Boys, Everly Bros, Cliff Richard and the Shadows, Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons with tickets only \$35.00 per person which includes a 2 course meal and the show. Following the "Sensational Sounds" we have direct from Queensland the "The Neil Diamond Super Hits Show" on Saturday May 31st and you will need to book early for these 2 superb shows.

To top off our entertainment over the next 2 months we have the re-

turn of Morning Melodies on Monday 31st March featuring the musical talents of Ron Sudden with the cost only being \$12.00 for the show and lunch.

All members will now be aware of the fantastic rewards loyalty system that is now in place with rewards points given for the purchase of any products in the Bistro, 3 bars and Gaming room. The points may be redeemed for cash at any time or accumulated and used to go towards your membership fees when they become due.


The Club held a district open ambrose event on the Australia Day weekend and the net winners was the team of P.Finch, T.Finch, D. Brown and D. Rippon with a net score of 54 1/8, second position going to P.Grigson, C.Grigson, D.English and M.Roberts 54 1/2 with third position occupied by R.Fishwick, A.Fitzpatrick, D.Wilson and G.Tomlinson with a score of 55. Gross winners were F.Brown, P.Smith, R.Lambert and D.Milne with a score of 59.

We are also fast approaching the pro rata period for memberships and as from April 1st full golfing memberships are only \$210.00 for the last 6 months of the golfing year. Membership forms are available from the office.

The club has certainly felt the impact of the new smoking regulations with a downturn of over 7% in turnover from our gaming operations which may delay future capital works projects but we do remind all patrons that the club has smoking facilities available.

And don't forget Saturday March 1st which is the day for our annual BBQ day with all funds raised going to the Geelong Hospital which is a combined day with all Tabaret Venues in the Geelong area. In the past over \$100,000 has been raised each year to assist the Hospital in the purchase of much needed equipment and improvements.

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The very successful Charity Golf Day at the Clifton Springs Golf Club was also a great money raiser for the club and "Ann Nichol House" was the main beneficiary receiving a cheque for \$4,000.00 after a fun-filled day.

The audited accounts for the club shows donations for the last financial year totaled more than \$13,000.00 which included \$1600 donated to local schools. This year will show an even greater amount returned to the community.

The club gave a generous \$5,000.00 to the Portarlington Skate Park early in their fundraising and club members are very gratified to see the youth of the town getting so much fun out of the well designed facility.

The club was able to make a significant donation to allow Nick Larionow, born with cerebral palsy, to attend the International Paralympic Championships in France in July.

In August, thanks in part to a donation from the club, a group of 6 students from Bellarine Secondary College attended the Alpine School at Dinner Plains where they studied land care and other environmentally important issues.

The community of Portarlington and Drysdale will no doubt have seen the Lions in their many other low key projects such as putting on a sausage sizzle for such events as "Carols by Candlelight", cutting up firewood from fallen trees when

land-owners request it, and making it available, free of charge to needy persons in the community. These and many other small tasks make up the Lions year and make our community a better place.

Adrian Mannix Memorial BBQ opening

On Sunday 23rd Feb the Portarlington Drysdale Lions Club officially opened the BBQ facility in the park next to the tennis courts in Drysdale on Portarlington Rd. The park was opened by one of the late Adrian Mannix's family in an informal ceremony on followed by a free BBQ provided by the Lions Club. A plaque was unveiled in tribute to the late Adrian Mannix OAM, who was well known on the Bellarine Peninsula until his untimely death two years ago.

Ladies probus Club of Bellarine Inc. Registered No. A14696T.

Faye's year has flown by as President and it has proved to be a happy relaxed one. Her committee has worked hard all year and now it is Bev Hansen's turn to be President. Bev is not new to the committee, and I'm sure will do an outstanding job.

The January Meeting was, as we thought, a double act of Faye Connick and Margaret Wild telling us of their recent trip to France, and places of interest they visited. They came prepared with French Flags and

Berets and of course each reported a passage of their journey. They had a great time and would love to go again.

The Speaker for February will be Gerald Heywood a Civil Celebrant.

Diary dates.

Portarlington Friendship Day. Tuesday 18th Feb. at the Railway Site.
Mystery Trip. Friday. March. 21st.

Probus Rendevous. All clubs to be invited to Cairns in September.

Activity Groups.

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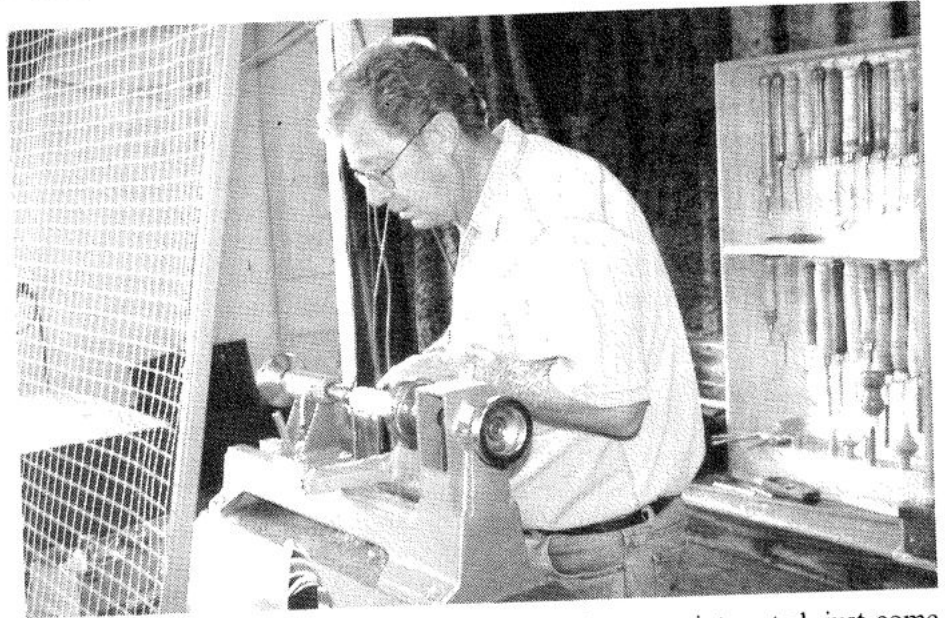
Well, this year, the Queenscliff & District Woodworker's 11th Annual Exhibition broke all records! In spite of a very hot day (45 deg C or 113 deg F on the old scale), the numbers attending exceeded last year by over 10%, some 1800 people through the doors.

We had a ball! The Expo was a showcase of our member's work and as well as these exhibits there were plenty of well priced articles to take home as a memento of show. Each visitor was presented with a small hand made gift as they left the hall.

One of the star attractions was the display of model ships made by members (and some ships still under construction), and there was always a crowd of fascinated visitors asking questions from the "ship wrights".

We had displays of wood turning, scroll saws, pyrography (burning pictures onto wood with hot wire), as well as a roster of members to welcome visitors and to talk about their hobby.

As one comment from our Visitor's Book put it, "A magnificent show, and all that for an entry was only \$2.00 ??". Incidentally, funds raised at the Expo will help to finance this year's "Toys for Tots" program,



providing eco-friendly and sturdy wooden toys for needy kids.

So, if you, missed the show this year, pencil into next year's diary (or on the wall, or somewhere) the dates 21st to 26 January 2004. Then come to historic Queenscliff visit our show, and have a wonderful time.

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Now, we can't control the way others treat us, but we CAN control the way we react. The best reaction is to believe what God thinks of us. After all, He made us didn't He? Why take on board what other mortals think of us when we can be affirmed by our Maker? And here

we are not talking about the rights or wrongs of our behaviour, but our worth as a human. God's standards of acceptance are not our standards.

God made us because He wanted to. He doesn't have a norm. We are all out of a different mould; we are all a part of God's wonderful variety. How exciting! Psalm 139 tells us that God knew us even in our mother's womb, that we are wonderfully made, that He understands us, and that His thoughts towards us are precious and too numerous to count. He is lovingly thinking about us every moment of the day.

God's love towards us is unconditional. He thinks we are worth dying for. And what's more He even wants to adopt us as His children. 1 John 3:1 says "see what love the

Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

Who cares? - God cares!

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BEWARE OF HEAT AND SMOKE

Rural Ambulance Victoria is urging the community to take basic precautions to avoid heat-related injuries and illnesses, and respiratory difficulties caused by bushfire smoke.

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

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

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

Mr. Walker said people should also maintain their body's fluid lev-

els by drinking plenty of water, rather than just tea or coffee, as these drinks can reduce the body's fluid levels.

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

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

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

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

"If left untreated, the child could die".

Mr. Walker has also renewed the warning for people with respiratory illnesses, who could be affected by smoke from the bushfires.

"The smoke could easily trigger or worsen bouts of respiratory distress such as Asthma and chest infections", said Rural Ambulance Victoria's senior clinician Tony Walker, "and could make breathing difficult for those people in the community with respiratory problems, especially the elderly".

"We are urging anyone with respiratory problems to remain indoors as much as possible, and to use any medications they have for their condition according to directions".

Mr. Waker said anyone experiencing breathing problems not relieved by their medication should dial 000 and request urgent ambulance attendance.

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DRYSDALE CROQUET CLUB

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Come for part or all day and try your hand.

Croquet sometimes is thought of as complicated, and Association



Croquet which has similar tactics to Snooker, may be challenging. However the game which is demonstrated is "Aussie Croquet" which is an easy to learn, fun to play, variation of the prime game. Croquet can also offer sporting opportunities and enjoyment to those with particular physi-

cal disabilities. So come and try Croquet at the Drysdale Croquet Club (rear of Bowling Club) on Clifton Springs Road.

Booking is preferable - Ph: 5257 1457.

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WHAT DO THE LOCALS SAY?

Many vendors say they find it hard to decide which agent to use to sell their home.

Choosing an agent is not very different from choosing a doctor or any other service provider. If you were new to the area and were looking for an accountant or a plumber, you would ask local residents to make recommendations based on their experience. The best source of first hand information about local agents is someone who has recently bought or sold a house in the area. If you don't know anyone who has recently bought or sold, long term locals such as newsagent, dry cleaners, conveyancers and so on are always a ready source of information about who has the community's confidence.

The obvious question on every prospective vendor's lips is whether the agent in question sold the house for the best price in a reasonable time. But research shows that an issue seldom raised at the start of marketing becomes the main cause for concern when things go wrong: lack of feedback.

One of the key questions vendors should ask their sources is whether their agent stayed in constant communication and provided regular feedback at every stage of the marketing process.

Knowing what is going on every step of the way reduces vendor stress and contributes to the successful sale of the property. It can help the property sell faster and for a higher price.

If your checks reveal that an agent has a first class reputation in

terms of service, feedback and results there is no need to look any further.

Above all, vendors should take their time when selecting an agent and not let themselves be put on the spot by pressure selling techniques designed to get them to sign "now". After all, for 97% of Clifton Springs home owners the family home represents their single greatest asset and as such their most significant financial transaction.

Everyone has heard the three most important criteria for choosing a house to buy, Location! Location! And Location! Choosing an agent can be summed up in a similar way - "Reputation! Reputation! And Reputation!"

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