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ANZAC Day Commemoration Service "We Shall Remember Them."



On the 89th Anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli, the Drysdale RSL Sub Branch held their commemorative service and march.

A large crowd, including the Guides and Scouts, gathered at the Senior Citizens Centre for the service and later at the Cenotaph for the march past and the wreath laying ceremony.

The Sub Branch Vice President conducted the service. The Vice president first introduced those on stage then introduced the guest speaker, Captain Tamzin Varning.

Captain Varning gave an inspiring address.

Queens Scout, Haley Smith, recited a poem and later at the cenotaph, recited the ANZAC Requiem. John Brownhill assisted with the service, along with accompanist, Judy Grimm.

The salute to the cenotaph was taken by Captain Varning, followed by the wreath laying ceremony. Wreaths were laid by Captain Varning, RSL Sub Branch, Women's Auxiliary, Ian Kelly (representing Councillor Heather Wellington),

Legacy, Haley Smith, Guides, Scouts and members of the public.

An open invitation was extended for anyone to partake of a cup of tea and a BBQ lunch, provided by the Women's Auxiliary, at the RSL Rooms.

The most pleasing aspect of these ceremonies, is the increasing number of younger people attending.

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I am happily settling into Drysdale and thank you to all those people who have made me feel so welcome. The highpoint of my week is taking my son to the under 9s football on Saturday. The children are a delight to watch, whether they are doing up their shoelaces as the ball flies past them, or getting down to serious marking and kicking goals, giving us a glimpse of their future talents. (Go Hawks!)

I have also visited a few of our local cafes over the past few weeks, and if you haven't tried them, you really should. There is nothing like a coffee and a chat to help to take a few minutes out to 'smell the roses'! It is a peaceful pastime, indeed.

We welcome Karen Chatterton to our staff

All the staff and the Committee at SpringDale welcome Karen. Regulars to the centre will know Karen for her bright and cheery smile, her energy and her excellent office skills. She has been a dedicated volunteer at the centre for 3 years and we are very lucky to have her on our staff.

Neighbourhood House Week 2003.

On 7th May, we had a 'come and try our computers' morning. Those who have thought about doing a computer course, but weren't sure that it was the right thing for them, came and have a cuppa and talk to Lyn, who was able to answer your questions. We have many computer courses throughout the year, and Lyn will be able to advise you on the best for your needs. Come on - give it a go!

National Volunteers Week - May 12 -16 2003

The theme for this year is "Making a Difference".

The staff and Committee of SpringDale would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers (both past and present) for all the good work they do for the centre. What would we do without their happy faces, skills, and personal support? They really do make a huge positive difference.

Special General Meeting

A special General Meeting will be held at Springdale on June 19th at 10am. The object of the meeting is to pass amendments to the Constitution to comply with new Government Requirements. Copies of the amended Constitution are available at the office.

Local Centenary Medal Awardees.

Australian honours recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements

and contributions of extraordinary Australians. We are fortunate to have 4 very worthy Centenary Medal recipients in our midst!

John Brumley:

For service to the community and to health

Patricia (Pat) Chirgwin:

For service to community health

Vera (Florrie) Beck:

For long and voluntary service to the Country Women's Association and the community

Maureen Naughton:

For service to the community through the local neighbourhood centre and community newspaper (Maureen actually received her award for the hard work she did in bringing the SpringDale Messenger to us for more than 10 years!)

Congratulations to you all!

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The G.M.A.A. was originally formed in the 1960's, by a group of model aircraft enthusiasts who were keen to get involved in the development and use of radio signals to control the flight of model aircraft.

Actually, radio control had been around for some time before the 60's, but in a very rudimentary form. By comparison, today's equipment is superb - it is relatively cheap, very reliable and extremely sophisticated, which makes flying R/C model aircraft an almost obsessive sport.

The club was originally called the "Geelong Aeronautical Guidance Society", (G.A.G.S. for short) but, thankfully, some person or persons felt that the name GAGS was a bit of a joke (no pun intended!) so it was voted to change the name to our present identity.

A model aircraft flying field was established on the Belmont Common and operated there for a number of years until it was felt that, for safety reasons, it would be better to move further away from the centre of Geelong.

Because of the then not so reliable R/C equipment, accidental landings, whilst not particularly prevalent, were happening. I have been told of a model landing on the Barwon Bridge and also K-Mart car park! A few were lost in the Barwon River.

A new site in the Dog Rocks Road, Batesford, was found about 30 years ago and, after gaining local council approval and entering into a leasing agreement with a local farmer (Mr. Bill Honey) a new flying field was set up.

Due to housing development starting to creep closer to the Dog Rocks site, it was decided about four years ago to look for a new location, at which we could continue to pursue our sport.

A 'Field Finding' committee was set up to seek a new location, however, extensive searching around the Batesford and other areas proved fruitless. To find an accessible area not too far from Geelong and not too close to houses was almost impossible!

Eventually a possible site was found in Mannerim and an approach was made to the land owner (Mr. Gordon MacDonald) seeking his agreement to lease us some land on which we could establish a new facility. Mr. MacDonald agreed and a permit application was lodged with the City of Greater Geelong council. A little over 12 months ago we were given permission to proceed.

If you take a drive down Shepherds Road today, you will see our great new flying site, which is almost

complete. Visitors are always welcome to come and have a look, with models flying most weekends, weather permitting.

We maintain a membership of around 100, varying in ages from around 10, and up into the 70's. The sport is enjoyed worldwide and our Club members' fees include a component which is paid to the Victorian Model Aircraft Association (VMAA) to help support this administration and for Australia wide insurance coverage.

We are willing to advise prospective flyers on how to get into the sport and what to buy to get started. DO NOT go into a hobby shop, buy a model aircraft and then expect to go out and fly it - you will crash it!

You need to be taught how to fly - it is not as easy as it looks.

However, once you learn how, with practice, it becomes second nature and one of the most enjoyable past-times you could imagine.

So, if you are looking for a sport/hobby to take up, then come along to our field in Shepherds Road, Mannerim and see what we are about.

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Portarlington Primary School has honoured and remembered the victims of the Bali bombing by planting a wattle tree seedling provided by the Federal Government, Stewart McArthur, the Federal Member for Corangamite, has announced.

"The Federal Government encourages schools to commemorate

the Bali bombing by providing wattle tree seedlings.

"I am pleased to be able to participate in this planting ceremony - it gives the Portarlington school community an opportunity to remember those who died in such sad circumstances."

"Australian society has found it difficult to come to terms with the distressing loss of life on October 12 last year. Children in particular can be affected by such events and it is important for us to talk about and commemorate such a sad experience."

"I commend the principal and staff of Portarlington Primary for taking up the offer to participate in this tree planting as an important gesture to the local school community."

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Most taxpayers have heard about Do It Yourself (DIY) Superannuation Funds.

Over the past five years there has been a surge in the formation of these funds. Having control of the funds and being able to choose the individual investments has been the main attraction of DIY superannuants.

Of course there is a large responsibility on the trustees of Funds to invest the money wisely. Sometimes the sole purpose of the Fund, to provide for the members' retirement, is not fully considered when investment choices are made.

But recently it was reported that many DIY funds are having better investment returns than those funds which entrusted the moneys with professional fund managers.

Generally DIY Funds invest the money in Australia. They stick with bank deposits and the leading companies when investing in shares. Overseas share markets tend to be avoided, whereas the large superannuation funds have investments in American and European sharemarkets. These markets have had almost unimaginable downturns over recent months.

The costs of running your own fund needs to be considered. The formation deed cost is only around \$400 but ongoing yearly fees related to financial statements, a compulsory audit, income tax return, and a yearly fee payable to the Government can be significant.

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Don't forget that there is another stage in the superannuation process; income in retirement. This is where the advantages of DIY Super really shine.

Gradually, the idea of taking a lump sum on retirement is losing favour as retirees choose to switch to taking pensions. Want some reasons?

For a number of years the only choice for DIY funds was to pay allocated pensions. Several years ago the government introduced complying

pensions for self-managed funds. Paying a complying pension enables you to accumulate much larger amounts in your fund, yet still be subject to the concessionary tax benefits.

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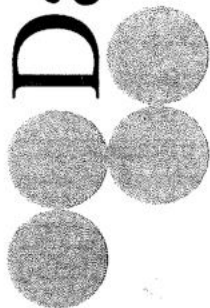
One important attraction of self managed funds is that if the member dies prematurely; the money remains in the fund and within the taxpayer's family. Previously some pension contracts had to be arranged with a life company, which normally gained a windfall of the remaining lump sum on a retiree's death.

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by Carol McCarthy

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It gave me great pleasure to be able to make a Member's Statement in Parliament describing the Festival and the contribution and commitment of so many parents, students and staff from both school communities.

I mentioned in particular Paula and Sarah Jenkins, Dianne Toe, Rebecca Smith, Robert Todd, Joanne Vincent, and of course Ann Brackley who oversaw the whole event. I'm sure we all look forward to next year's Festival, and to many Bunyip Festivals in the years to come.

Participating in the parliamentary process has been challenging, busy and exciting. Raising issues affecting the people of Bellarine in the House or directly with Ministers and their advisers is an important part of my work as your local Member. The committee work of the Parliament is also vitally important in developing policy and, ultimately legislation. The committees were announced recently and I am a member of the all-party Parliamentary Family and Community Development committee.

One of the first tasks of the committee, announced by the Health Minister, Bronwyn Pike, is to conduct an inquiry into the impact of declining bulk billing rates on the State health system and Victorian families. The inquiry will look at a range of issues, including:

- * the availability of after-hours GP services
- * potential measures to make it easier for people to access GP services, rather than being forced to attend emergency departments
- * which areas have the lowest bulk billing rates.

Access to bulk billing and the pressure on local GP services are issues that impact on many Bellarine

people and the results of the inquiry will be important in the debate with the Federal Government about ways to improve our health care system.

The Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Andre Haermeyer, announced that the 24 hour Ocean Grove police complex will be completed by the end of the year, and that there will be an additional 15 police initially, with further police appointed the year after. This of course will have a positive impact on the Bellarine community as a whole. This is really good news and it is also pleasing to be able to report that there is a clear, ongoing commitment by the Bracks Government to maintain the smaller stations, including the Drysdale Police Station.

Please don't hesitate to contact my electorate office if there are any issues you think we may be able to assist you with.

Lisa Neville MP
Member for Bellarine

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NEW BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ROADSIDE SIGNAGE

A key outcome of Council's Environmental Management Strategy and Biodiversity Strategy is to implement a program to install roadside signage to help raise the awareness of the region's unique native flora.

Roadsides now constitute much of the remaining remnant native vegetation that would have originally covered the whole municipality before European settlement. They provide remaining habitat areas and the gene pool of local plant species now lost from private land due to agriculture or development.

Remnant native vegetation on roadsides provides necessary wildlife corridors and habitat for birds, animals, insects and reptiles and it's important that we take action on protecting these areas. These areas need ongoing protection and require careful management to enhance biodiversity values. There are 318 kilometres of rural roads within the City of Greater Geelong containing 780 roadside sections with significant roadside biodiversity.

We need to acknowledge the importance of appropriate roadside management in an effort to protect our ecosystems and species.

We would appreciate your help in protecting these important remnant areas.

This includes not planting environmental weeds (The "Garden Plants Going Bush" brochure is available from Council Customer Service centres) or inappropriate clearing. Your help in alerting us if clearing is undertaken by service authorities or during road maintenance works, would be appreciated.

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News from the POTATO SHED Multi Arts Centre

April proved to be a very busy month at the Potato Shed in Drysdale. The diversity of the facility was proved with the different events and functions held during the month.

The Queenscliff ALP branch hosted a very successful evening with political icon Barry Jones. The City of Greater Geelong launched the Barwon Region leg of the National Youth Week, with bands, performers, rappers and Dj's entertaining the masses. Resident theatre group The Bellarine Jongleurs continued regular workshops and classes, along with rehearsals for BIG the musical presented by Catholic Regional College and rehearsals for the Rock Esteisdford by Bellarine Secondary College.

Art was also a big feature of the month with the completion of the painted mural on the SITA Big Bin, the Merge Mural Exhibition and some very colourful chairs painted for Youth week. The Drysdale Rotary Club attracted over 1100 patrons to

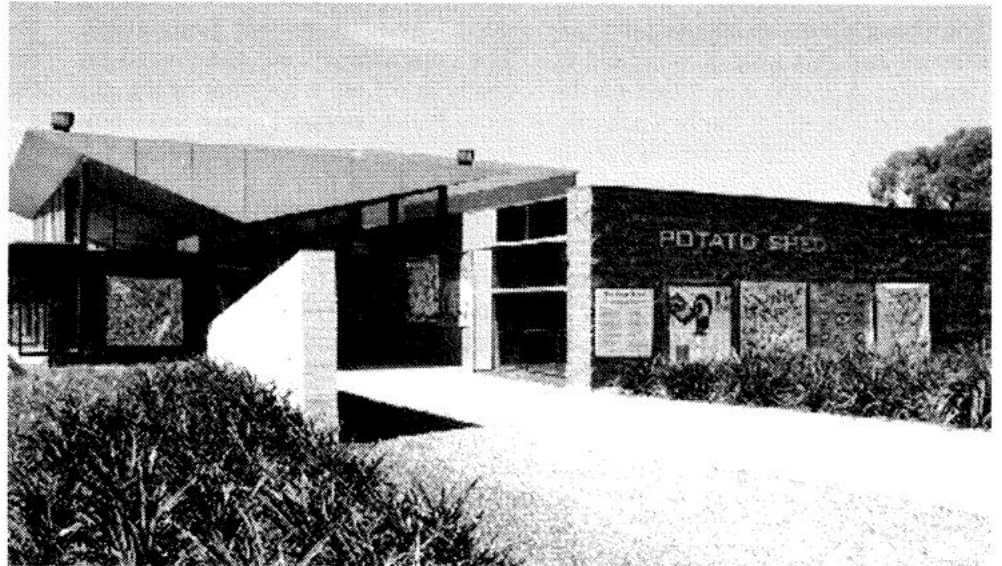
their annual art show held over the Easter Weekend

May kicked off with a very successful start to the Morning Showtime series. The Old Time Music Hall played to a pack crowd who delighted in being taken back to 1903 by the Drop of a Hat crew.

May also sees many workshops and fundraising nights from local community groups and organisations.

Art wise in May we have an exhibition of surreal paintings by Bellarine Secondary Students and the Big Bin.

Keep an eye out for the Spud Newsletter with a complete list of the events and activities at the venue. To receive a copy please contact Rob Macleod on phone 5251 1998 or e-mail rmacleod@geelongcity.vic.gov.au



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Remember, we provide all training so from Kiosk staff to Loco Firemen, Ticket sellers to woodworkers:- we have a job for you . Our famous (infamous ?) Blues Train will be rocking the rails during May - call in to the station for details.

On Saturday, March 29th, passers-by would have noticed an extraordinary number of people crammed into,

on to and around our huge 'V' class heavy goods steam loco. No, we weren't setting a Guinness record ! The occasion was the official naming of the engine the 'Garry G McDonald'. Over 150 friends of Gary's turned up to honour his achievements which include him being a past President and Treasurer of the BPR and being one of the driving forces behind the BPR and it's predecessor, the Belmont Common Railway over many years. Many people also know Gary Mac as one of the co-founders of West Coast Railway. Gary, who has been battling cancer was totally surprised by the occasion which featured a newly struck brass nameplate on the loco which was unveiled at Queenscliff by Mr Stuart Macarthur MP. The train, with Gary on board then headed for Drysdale where a pleasant afternoon was had by all.

Sadly, on April 25th 2003 Mr Garry McDonald passed away, we at the BPR, tourism and rail travel in general, are much poorer with his passing.

This column will be taking a couple of months break, due to Paul undergoing major surgery. Remember, the Drysdale to Queenscliff steam trains operate every Sunday & Public Holiday.

Call in and enjoy a pleasant winter's day outing.

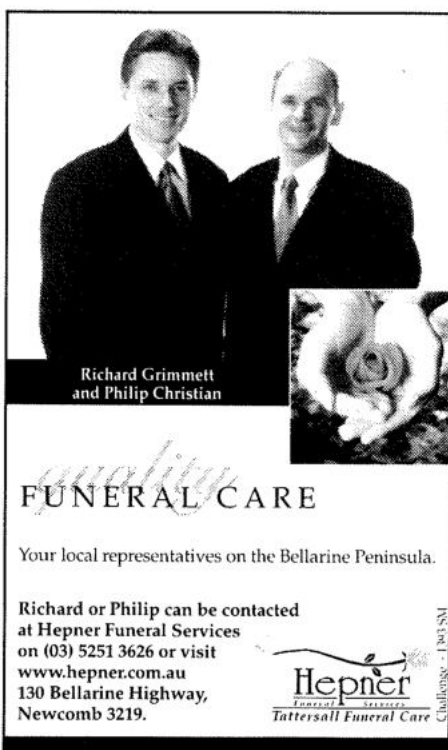
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Kinder is a gentle introduction to the school system for your child and any problems that may arise, can be overcome before they start primary school, so that there is minimal interruption to your child's progress in prep.

Many research reports that I have read recently on the benefits that children gain by attending kinder, seemed to have similar findings in each report. These were that:-

- kinder helps to ease the transition from home to school
- Children with kinder experience are more likely to come to school ready to participate in the school environment and they had devel

oped a good attitude towards learning

- the children had a greater sense of independence
- The children gained a lot of social skills, by learning what's acceptable, how to negotiate and cooperate with other children and make new friends
- they are less likely to be assigned to special educational classes during their school careers and are less likely to have to repeat a grade.

These are all important issues to consider for our children.

At Drysdale preschool we believe play is the basis of all future development. Kindergarten is a community place to foster friendships and support and encourage family participation.

Through play and guided activities we aim to:

- Respect the uniqueness and potential of each child
- Enhance each child's strength, competence and self esteem

- Ensure that work with children is based on their interest, reflects consideration of each child's perspectives and needs and lets children know they have a contribution to make
- Create opportunities for each child to use imagination and creativity.

The children at Drysdale Preschool have great respect for their kinder teachers. Judith and Rachel both have a calm, warm and friendly nature and the children just thrive on their enthusiasm.

Judith is the kinder teacher for both 4yr old groups at Drysdale preschool and has over 20 years of experience teaching preschoolers.

Rachel is the assistant for both 4yr old groups and teaches our 3yr old group as well and has 5 years of experience in kinder teaching.

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

We are now nearly 6 months into the year and as winter fast approaches, the Club has been busy with capital works on the golf course. In preparation for the back 9 holes grass replacement program, an upgrade and extension of the irrigation system on the back 9 fairways was completed in April which now gives us total water coverage of all fairways on the course. Hopefully this will alleviate the problems of barren fairways that we have just experienced on the back 9 holes due to the poor rainfall and lack of water coverage from the current system.

We are still waiting on permits for the stage 1 works of the car park and it is hoped that we will have received these, tenders advertised and works commenced before June's Springdale Messenger publication. The final capital works for the year will be the regrassing of the back 9 fairways which will commence in September and on completion will then give us 18 holes of couch fairways, a fantastic achievement in 2 years.

If anyone missed our last big show in April featuring the "Sensational Sounds" by all reports they missed a fantastic night. Appearing

live and direct from Queensland, our next show is on May 31st which is the "Neil Diamond Super Hits Tribute Show" with only limited seats available. If you are an Elvis fan, pencil July 26th in your diary as this is the date for the first time at the venue, "Elvis Leaves His Mark" featuring the very talented Mark Andrews.

And while on entertainment don't forget our free live entertainment every Friday night where we promote the best of local talent.

Our ever popular Morning Melodies will be on Monday 30th June featuring Peter Perez and the theme to be Xmas in June. You need to book in early to secure a seat.

With our new loyalty rewards program in full swing members are already taking advantage by utilising their card when purchasing a meal in the bistro, buying a drink at any of the bars or utilising our gaming facility. If you haven't a bar code on your membership card please see one of the bar staff so you can start accumulating points.

On the golfing side, Men's Pennant is in full swing and with only 2 rounds to go the Division 1 side is on track to make the finals in a very even competition Best of luck fellas over the next 2 weeks. The Division 1 reserve team has not been as fortunate but there is always next year. Ladies Pennant has just commenced and an update will be given in next months Springdale.

Another hole in one was recorded in April with Kevin Brown acing the 17th hole with the perfect shot, congratulations Kevin. Also congratulations to Colleen Manson and Amy Milne on making the final of the Betty Kernott district foursomes championships but unfortunately went down to the pair from Anglesea which was played at Barwon Heads.

Pro rata membership is now available and for only \$210.00 from now until September you can become a member of the club and enjoy full golfing rights. Membership forms are available from the office.

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Author, Rosalie Ham, visited Drysdale Library recently as part of the WRITERS ON THE ROAD program. She presented an enjoyable session sharing her experiences with patrons of Geelong Regional Libraries.

The summer school holiday session, PETS & PEOPLE, attracted some of our younger patrons.

The Sherry sisters used their creative talents during the activity and are seen here displaying their sock puppets.

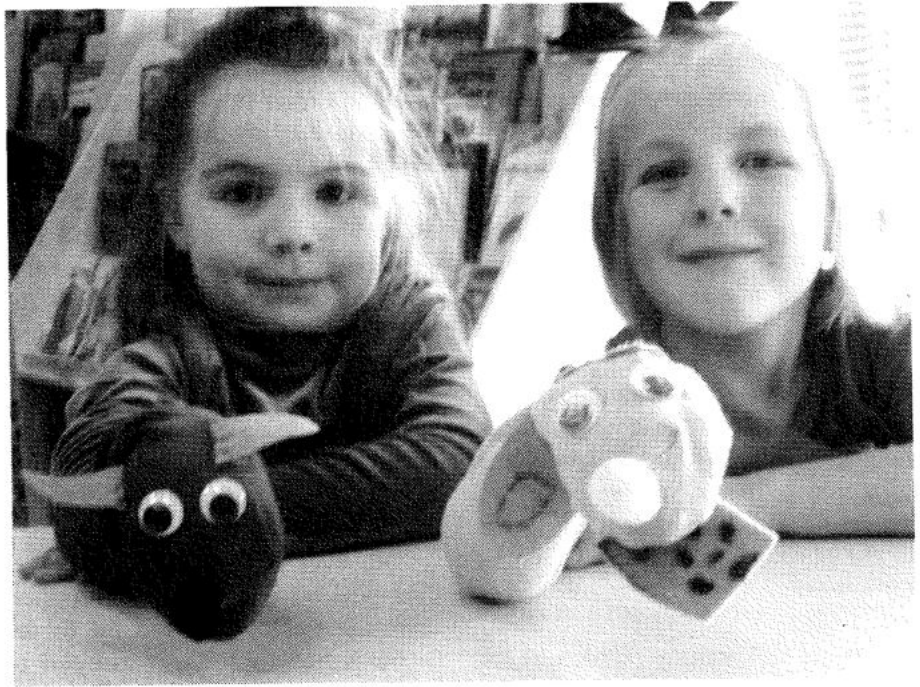
The Childrens Book Council of Australia 2003 Shortlist of recently published titles has been released. Copies can be obtained by visiting the CBCA Internet site or from the Library.

Happy Reading

Faye Munro -

Branch Team Leader -

DRYSDALE



DRYSDALE LADIES PROBUS CLUB INC.

In March, we held our A.G.M. and all vacant positions were filled and we are looking forward to a great 2003 - 2004.

On April 3rd, quite a number of our members attended the "Melbourne International Flower Show" which was a great success, and was enjoyed very much by all who attended.

All our groups are running very successfully, the crochet groups are

hooking some very beautiful articles, likewise our "Calamities" (needlework group). The Twilighters are singing their little (or should I say) big hearts out, giving pleasure to so many people, (shut ins and the like). The "Patchworkers" are patching and "The Happy Wanderers" are walking many kilometers and losing many kilos!!!!

The "Merry Munchers" went to the Ocean Grove Bowling Club to

munch up after our March meeting. Thirty-five members attended and had a great meal, and received a great reception on arrival. I believe they didn't need an armed guard when they left the gaming room. The April munch up will be held at the "Springs".

Until next time,

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The children have had a busy couple of months leading up to end of term. They took part in an egg-hatching program. Some eggs were hatched in an incubator. When the chicks got a bit older they were placed in a brooder box. The children were fascinated with the way the eggs hatched and then quickly changed from fluffy little yellow chicks to chickens with feathers.

No sooner had the chickens gone than they had Easter to get ready for, with the making of Easter baskets ready for an Easter egg hunt. There were squeals of delight as the children discovered Easter bunny had been on the last session of preschool. Watching them find the eggs and seeing the look of excitement on their faces was enough to brighten anyone's day.



(left) Brandon Peucker, Abigail Grace, James Morris, Caitlyn Alard and Allana Morrison are all very busy doing their pastings.

Now after a well earned rest, Term 2 has commenced and the fun and activities continue. There is now a shop in dress up corner and the children can now dress up and go shopping and take turns at being the shop-keeper.

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Sharon Reid.

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Jessie McPherson flexed her toes under the bedclothes, luxuriating in her vision of the day ahead. It was her weekly shopping day when Fred, the eldest of her four boys, drove her to town where she took advantage of two hours of shopping fantasy.

Fred jnr. was eight years old when Fred snr. drowned in a flash flood. It then behoved her (metaphorically speaking), to put her shoulder to the wheel for her boys. It had been a hard road, working in the cannery at peak period, and then filling-in with housecleaning jobs. The three youngest sought the bright city lights but Fred chose to remain in peaceful surrounds with the moon to light the way.

So while Fred attended to business, and today looked at the prices of a water tank to replace her leak-

ing one, she made her way to her favourite corner in the hardware store that held racks of illustrated packets of garden seeds. On tank water one could not afford a water-consuming garden. She had to limit herself to one climbing rose, two Marguerite daisy bushes and hardy Salvias with Marigolds in between.

But here, in her corner, she planted her colour of blue, with yellow in one plot and others with blue and orange, or pink, or white; boldly choosing flowering annuals and perennials, without financial or water considerations.

Ah, here was Fred now, wearing a huge grin on his face, and knowing full well where to find her. "Come on, Mum we'd best get cracking. Merle's expecting you for dinner." He took her arm and her

carry bag. "Got some pamphlets and prices on tanks, but we'll talk about that later. Hop in, Mum, the doors' open!"

Jessie hesitated for there on her seat was the largest bouquet of flowers that she had ever seen. "For you, mum." laughed her son. 'Lots of blue, just for you! Result of quickpick win," he added with a big hug. "Perfect flowers for a perfect Mum."

That night, as Jessie was nearly asleep in the midst of a field of blue flowers, she gave a little satisfied chuckle as she murmured, "And its not even Mothers Day!"

*Marie Peel
Springdale Writers C*

COMBINED CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF DRYSDALE.

On Good Friday about 120 people took part in a Walk of Witness through Drysdale following the Cross. This was our fourth walk and the numbers are growing each year. It was a meaningful and prayerful witness to the real meaning of Easter.

PENTECOST

On Sunday June 8th at 7.00pm in the Baptist Church, Central Road, Clifton Springs there will be an ecumenical Service of Praise and Workshop to celebrate Pentecost. The speaker will be Rev. Denis Plant. All

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The Northern Bellarine Hostel for the Aged Committee have handed the complete management and control of Ann Nichol House to Bellarine Community Health. (Formerly B.P.& H.Service)

This action follows the successful joint application between the N.B.H.A. and B.P.C.H.S. to the dept. for permission to extend an additional 30 low level rooms and ensuites.

Friends of Ann Nichol House will now be legally covered by Bellarine Community Health and will continue to fund raise to provide items as required for the care and comfort of the residents as well as fundraising for the building extensions.

Our members thank the Drysdale Groups who have supported us in the care of the Aged. Jenny Brown, (former committee member), and fellow craft ladies from Drysdale Craft Group. Magda Moore and

quilters who have made each resident welcome with their own personal quilt and recently the donation resulting from another masterpiece they created.

The ongoing donations and enjoyment from the "first nights" with Mr. & Mrs. Dennis King and the talented Peninsula Players.

For more information regarding our committee phone **Jean Cull 52592486**.

CARBON MONOXIDE; A SILENT KILLER

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless and tasteless toxic gas that kills many people each year and causes many more to be hospitalised.

In America it is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths and in the year 2000 five people died in Victoria alone.

Mick Cameron, Rural Ambulance Victoria Area 1 Assistant Manager Clinical and Education Services, says; "The problem is that people are often unaware that they

are slowly being poisoned until the symptoms are severe."

"Short term exposure to carbon monoxide causes symptoms similar to that of flu, with headaches, fatigue, nausea and dizziness."

"Prolonged exposure can lead to unconsciousness, and within 30 minutes possibly death."

Mr. Cameron said.

"People are often not aware that they are inhaling dangerous levels of carbon monoxide until it is too late because it is so difficult to detect."

"Knowing the possible contributors of CO gas around your house could ultimately save a person's life."

"Carbon monoxide can leak into the house through a blocked chimney vent, kerosene heater and

lamps, fire places, gas water heaters and stoves, charcoal grills and cars."

"It is important that you have an expert regularly check these devices around your home ensuring they are not faulty or leaking, and never run the car in an enclosed garage, even with the garage door open."

"If symptoms suggest possible carbon monoxide poisoning, move outside in the fresh air and immediately call 000 and ask for an ambulance." Mr. Cameron concluded.

Mick Cameron

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Ladies Probus Club of Bellarine Inc.

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Our new Committee Executive Officers were appointed at the March AGM. They are Bev Hansen - President. Val Lewis - Secretary. Norma Bushby - Treasurer. Along with the general committee members they make a good team. We continue to meet at the Springs on the 3rd. Monday of the month at 10.00am.

As a new venture on Thursday 1st May, a Craft and Chat meeting will be held in the Dungeon under the swimming pool area at the Springs for our members, between 1.30 and 3.30pm. Other groups -

Mahjong, Canasta and Scrabble are held in members homes, and are very popular activities. Also the club has talented ladies who make our greeting cards. They produce what ever card is required, and each member receives a Birthday Card on their Birthday Month at the meeting. We have talented members in our Probus who belong to the Peninsula Players, and Faye Connock performed her part well in the recent production of My Three Angels.

Our Speaker for April was unable to attend, so the members were called upon to stand in and tell a funny or meaningful story. Two

members told stories, one about a patient needing an operation on a remote island, and another told of a Q.E. 2 voyage. **A Trip on Friday May 23rd at 8.30am.** Cruise down the Yarra to Hobsons Bay to Williamstown. Lunch. Then on to Point Cook visiting the RAAF Museum. Our trips organisers : Phylis Logan and Audrey Graymore still manage to find good places for us to visit, and I understand it's not easy trying to fill a bus.

Until next time.

Yours in friendship.

Iris Liz Tolton.

LOCAL NOVELIST TELLS OF SHIPWRECK

Local novelist Rob. McCubbin, has been exploring a very special shipwreck in his new novel "Son of the Storm" due for release in July.

Rob. from Clifton Springs, found out about the shipwreck on a trip to King Island five years ago. Local researchers on the island told the story of the "Netherby" which was wrecked in the mid-1800s. A young couple named McCubbin were amongst the survivors, and Mrs. McCubbin gave birth on the beach two days later. "There's a great story here," said Rob.

This is an exciting novel, not a historical treatise. It is the story of a family from southern Scotland, facing troubled times in 1850. Forced out of their home, the young couple decide to join a brother in Australia,

and set sail. The first time they had seen a ship, or the sea.

Travel by sailing ship was not easy and Rob. has portrayed the trials and tribulations of sea travel in those days, by including colourful characters to broaden the story.

The shipwreck and what follows afterwards, are tense and graphic.

"Son of the Storm" will be published by Novel Books Inc. in U.S.A. in late July. It will be available as a paperback from Geelong bookstores, and as a download or book from Novel Books' website at www.novelbooksinc.com, from late July.

Autographed copies may be purchased from July, direct from Rob's

personal website which is <http://users.pipeline.com.au/robmac>

Research for the novel included two trips to Scotland, where he unearthed a lot of family history, while finding about Scotland's history and culture, essential for accuracy and depth in the story.

"Son of the Storm" is the first of a series. The follow-up, "Written in Sand" is set in Geelong in 1860. It is in production at present. A third story, "Cleft in the Clan" is in research.

Rob. can be contacted through his website. A review will be published in July.

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BEWARE OF EMERGENCY BOOK SCAM - AMBULANCE

Rural Ambulance Victoria (RAV) is warning the community, and local schools, to be wary of telephone requests to advertise in a "pre-ambulance emergency book".

Acting Area Manager Ian Crocos said a school in the State's northwest, concerned by the phone call it had received, had contacted RAV.

"The school told us it had been rung by a man claiming to be calling on behalf of the ambulance service and seeking \$395 for an ad in a publication called "How to respond before an ambulance arrives".

"This person is NOT acting on behalf of Rural Ambulance Victoria

and we are not involved in producing such a publication".

Mr Cross said the phrases "Victorian ambulance" and "ambulance service" and the name of Rural Ambulance Victoria had been used in the past in several apparent scams in country Victoria.

WET WEATHER ALERT - AMBULANCE

Rural Ambulance Victoria is warning motorists to be aware of the dangers of wet weather driving and the need for increased care.

Rural Ambulance Victoria Bellarine Branch Station Officer Ian Russell said, "It is important that people respect the different weather conditions and drive accordingly".

"This means slowing down, keeping more distance between yourself and the car in front of you and generally being extra vigilant", Station Officer Russell emphasized.

"Unfortunately Paramedics often attend an increased number of road traffic accidents in the wet weather; accidents that could have been avoided if drivers had taken the proper precautions".

People need to remember that roads are slippery, particularly after a long dry period, and they need to be careful turning corners and stopping suddenly".

"Unfortunately there has been an increased number of motorcycle ac-

cidents recently and motorcyclists also need to be aware of conditions when riding on the wet roads".

"Drivers may find it appropriate to put their lights on when driving, as heavy rain decreases visibility".

"Adopting these simple measures and driving to suit the weather conditions, could save your life and the life of a loved one", Station Officer Russell concluded.


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- 2 generous cups mashed ripe Bananas (4-6) chopped Pecans or Walnuts, optional.

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 - 125g. Butter
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 300g. Icing Sugar.

- 1) Sift flour, cinnamon & soda into large bowl.
- 2) Whisk eggs, oil and vanilla together
- 3) Add to flour mixture (MIX do not beat until all moistened)
- 4) Mix in banana, pineapple & nuts.
- 5) Bake in moderate oven about 50 mins. - 1 hour. Stand before turning out.

PORTARLINGTON RED CROSS MARCH APPEAL.

The Portarlington Red Cross Unit wishes to thank all who so generously gave of their time to collect, plus co-ordinate collectors for the "March Red Cross Appeal", also those who helped with the sorting and counting of money for banking. Your help was greatly appreciated.

A most sincere thankyou to all who so generously gave to the Appeal. The amount collected in the Clifton Springs, Drysdale and Portarlington area amounted to \$13,561.73.

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SPORTS REPORT

Portarlington Sailing Club

During the Labour Day weekend in March, some of our Impulse Fleet went into sail at the Victorian Impulse State Championship at Frankston. 20 yachts competed over the windy weekend, some difficult courses had to be manoeuvred.

Result were :

Stuart Quick 1st , Adam Tribe 2nd , Terry Johnson 3rd , Roger Kennett 6th , and Hayden Marshall 13th . Hayden is very new to the Impulse Fleet.

Allan (Buddy) Mckenzie, 1st Grand Master, (this section is for the sailor over 60 yrs).

Congratulations to these Members.

December 28th to January 3rd Portarlington Sailing Club will be host to the National Impulse Championships and also the National E National Championships. If anyone has an impulse or a National E in their backyard or shed, dust it off and come join us OR you may wish to Hire or Lease it to the Club for an

interested person to sail in the Championships.

A small fleet of National E yachts from Elwood visited the Club over the weekend of March 22 & 23. They had some good sailing over the two days.

April 13th was the last programmed sailing day for the season.

Some Club Members travelled to Lake Bolac to compete in their Regatta over the Easter period. Camping by the edge of the Lake and sailing in the four day competition.

BELLARINE'S BASKETBALL BONANZA

Do you have a passion to play basketball? If you do, why not join the Bellarine Peninsula Basketball Association?

The BPBA was formed in 1998 as an amalgamation of the Ocean Grove Basketball Association and the Drysdale Basketball Association.

The Association runs a summer competition in Terms 4 & 1 and a winter competition in Terms 2 & 3. School competitions will also be run during terms 2 & 3.

The age groups are from rookies (6 - 10 year olds) through to all junior age groups up to Under 18's. Men and women's competitions are also held.

The BPBA also trains representative teams who play in the GABA competition and tournaments around Victoria and sometimes interstate. These teams are selected from juniors playing in our domestic competition.

Games are played at the Drysdale Stadium at Bellarine Secondary College and the Surfside Stadium at Ocean Grove at various times and days, depending on the age group. A fantastic development program for primary schools is hoping to kick off this year, also extending to Secondary schools at a later date. Dean Uthoff and Melinda Birmingham are available to visit schools to run clinics which will be also being held at the Drysdale Stadium (the Drysdale clinics are booked out for this term).

The Oz Ball program will be run in Second term and is a skills program for junior players who are just beginning basketball.

Prospective players may enter as teams or individuals who will be placed in teams by contacting the centre by phone, e-mail or by putting their name on a waiting list at one of the stadiums when games are being played.


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Springdale Messenger BFL Player of the Year

Leaderboard (after Round 3)

- 9 Adrian Hildebrand
- 8 Adam Richardson
- 7 Brent Taylor
- 6 Peter Preece
- 4 Paul Frew
- Justin Higgins

Round 1 v Portarlington

5. A. Richardson
4. P. Frew
3. A. Eddy
2. B. Taylor
1. A. Hildebrand

Round 2 v Anglesea

5. A. Hildebrand
4. J. Higgins
3. A. Richardson
2. P. Preece
1. S. Craven

Round 3 v Ocean Grove

5. B. Taylor
4. P. Preece
3. A. Hildebrand
2. R. Holwell
1. M. Foot

DRYSDALE'S SWEET TASTE OF REVENGE

Drysdale have began the 2003 BFL season with a great sense of optimism after defeating reigning Premiers Ocean Grove in a sensational Grand Final re-match.

The Hawks managed to snatch a 28 point victory over the Grubbers - even with boom recruit and coach, Adam Richardson limping off during the match.

Richardson's departure from the field gave Ocean Grove star Mathew Jovanovic the freedom to move to full-forward and kick three goals to put the Grubbers back in the game.

But three valuable last quarter goals from Aaron Eddy gave the Hawks an unassailable 28 point lead and prevented an Ocean Grove comeback.

Brent Taylor, Aaron Eddy and Adrian Hildebrand managed to stand up for the Hawks, combining with twelve goals.

Taylor and Hildebrand have continued their rapid improvement in the BFL and have impressed coach Adam Richardson with there on-field pressure.

"They've both had terrific pre-seasons - they have improved enough to be in the senior line-up each week, and done the specific things on the field which they've been asked to do," Richardson said.

The Hawks have produced a wonderful month of football, but Richardson believes the team still has room for improvement.

"I don't think we've played our best yet but we're extremely happy with our players so far - we're four from four wins and the boys have really stood up," Richardson said.

"We just have to get our best team on the field and get fitter - I think that will give us a huge improvement and just to prepare ourselves each week," he said.

Richardson have the Hawks a scare during the match against Ocean Grove coming off with what appeared to be a serious knee injury.

But Richardson has discarded the issue and believes that it is only general soreness which will limit his playing capabilities until the up-coming bye.

"I'm playing a little bit but I'll be looking forward to the bye in a couple of weeks time," he said.

Richardson lead the Hawks to a brilliant start in round one with a nine goal haul and followed that up with another four in round two.

However, he believes he would not have the ability to relax on-field without the helping hand of his four assistant coaches.

"It's terrific, I have four other assistant coaches which help me out a lot and takes the pressure off me when I go out to play," he said.

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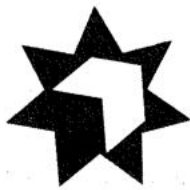
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Phil Cumming said that lack of feedback is inevitably translated into a low level of perceived agent activity.

"Vendors report that their number one need during this stressful time is up-to-date information that puts them right where the action is," Phil said. "Yet many vendors say they scarcely hear from their agent from one week to the next and have little idea why the property has not sold. They make the not unreasonable assumption that the agent has done very little on their behalf."

According to Phil one of the reasons that agents fail to provide adequate feedback is that while it's easy to get top marks for communicating good news, bad news takes courage and skill to convey.

"Agents don't realise that vendors want to know what's going on and they insult them by thinking they can only cope with good news," Phil said "Too many agents believe that

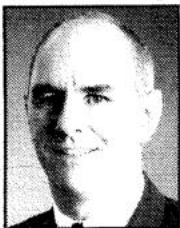
no news is good news and they shrink from communication information like negative inspection feedback or slow enquiry"

Phil said that paradoxically, negative feedback can be an important part of the selling process.

"A superior agent sees feedback as a springboard for action either by the vendor who might need to improve the presentation or vary the price, or by the agent who may want to adopt new marketing strategies or diversify the advertising campaign"

The agent you would give top marks for communication is also the one who is most likely to achieve the highest price for your property," Phil concluded. "After all, communication skills or the lack of them can make or break the negotiation process."

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