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## Cassie spells her way to Ozspell 2nd place

Cassandra Page, an 11 year-old from Drysdale Primary School, has come runner-up in this year's national Ozspell competition.

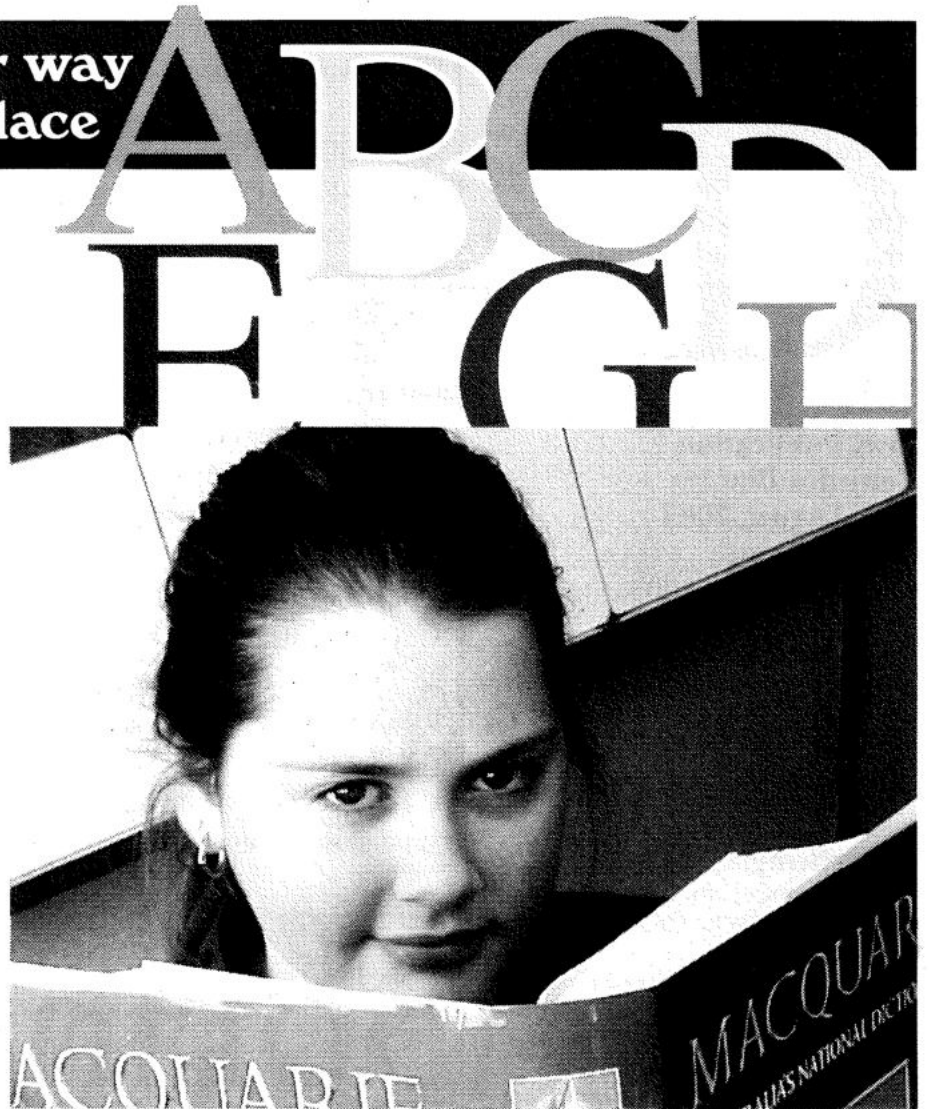
The competition, which was held from the 9th-11th of July in Sydney, and telecast on Channel 7 on Sunday 13th, featured 160 spellers from across Australia.

They were the top third of the top one percent of the 43000 spellers who entered Ozspell this year.

The eventual winner was 14 year-old Matthew Lau from Gladstone in Queensland.

So what is Cassie's secret to being a champion speller. "I listen to the word and try to identify the sounds. Then I try to see if there is a rule that I can apply to the word," she said. "And I practise a lot".

The words that Cassie spelt were populace, mediocre, tourniquet, tetraplegia, divertimento, synopsis, exigency, juvenilia, troglodyte and telekinesis. She missed out on censorious, which she spelled as censaurius, while Matthew correctly spelt tamarillo.



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The weather is starting to turn quite chilly and I am constantly telling the children to take their shoes off before coming inside. Mud puddles are starting to be a regular feature in our driveway and backyard, and as a result, the dogs come inside less and less! Poor things.

## Congratulations

To Cassie Page for her excellent result in the Ozspell competition. She has certainly set a high standard for her schoolmates. You can find out more about Cassie in our feature article on the front page this issue. Well Done Cassie.

## On the Sick List

We are sorely missing our dedicated volunteer and outstanding committee member, Ros Hallam, who is unwell at present. Ros, we miss your smile, your laughter, your stories and your special morning tea treats. Please come back soon.

## History Snippets

My mention last issue of some history of the Drysdale community hall, led to quite a bit of discussion about the accuracy of the information. People's memories are often unreliable! Thank you to everyone


who called me at the centre and I look forward to sharing with you any other snippets of our local history which come my way.

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# Buses on the Bellarine Peninsula - The When and Where

If you are ever in a quandary about when the buses leave and where they take you, we have available a bus time table in the office here at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. We are happy to provide you with bus time information, during office hours.

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Good Luck and Happy Bussing!

## CLIFTON SPRINGS PRESCHOOL - Central Road.



Left to right: Wild Action reptile handler, Luke Henderson, James Marshall and Jeremy Leaman holding Julius the crocodile.

The Fire Brigade also paid a visit and the children dressed up in a CFA

Coat and Helmet and were able to help squirt the fire hose. They listened intently as they were shown how the siren and lights work on the truck. They have

learnt about fire safety and what to do in case a fire starts in their home and at kindergarten, like the emergency phone number 000 and having a safe place to meet after evacuation, such as the mailbox out the front.

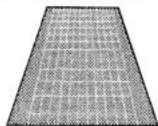
There was also an excursion to the Geelong Hospital where they visited the X-ray Department and the Children's Ward. The children were encouraged to dress up and play with different pieces of medical equipment pretending to be patients, doctors and nurses. A lot of fun. Also at the end of term there was an excursion to the Flying Bookworm Theatre Company where the children were able to help out with the acting out of stories. Some budding Oscar performances.

Enrolments for 2004 are now due. You are welcome to come and visit the Preschool and pick up an enrolment form while you are there. We have sessions for 3 year olds and 4/5 year olds. Numbers are needed ASAP so we can organize timetables for next year. For further information contact Eril, Julie or Katie on 52513158. Our Preschool is registered for the childcare rebate for both 3 and 4/5 year old groups. You can contact Centrelink regarding this.

Sharon Reid.

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The Children are well and truly settled in to the routine of Pre-school. Even the 3 year old sessions are seeing the children following routines and remembering each other's names. Second term was a very busy time for the children. They had a visit from the "Wild Action" group who bring reptiles around to the preschools and schools. The children were encouraged to touch them and nurse them where appropriate. These included snakes, lizards and even a baby crocodile called Julius.

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John Robb District Commissioner for Geelong Peninsula Scouts and retiring Group Leader of 1st Drysdale scout group, "handed over the keys" to Wayne Simpson, our new Group Leader.

John has given 10 years of dedicated service to 1st Drysdale overseeing the growth of the group, the introduction of girls and has maintained the aims and ideals of scouting in the community. As District Commissioner, John is responsible for the operations of 12 groups which form the Geelong Peninsula District and everyone at 1st Drysdale wish him well in his new role.

Our new Group Leader Wayne Simpson is no stranger to 1st Drysdale having served on the parents committee as Treasurer and President over the last eight years.

It is a family affair with his wife Jill, a Scout Leader, children Nathan and Nicole, Venturer and Scout respectively.

Scouting has become an integral part of the Drysdale and Clifton Springs community, having operated continuously since 1959. In those 39 years, several thousand children have been given the opportunity to participate in many and varied activities from games in the hall, camps, canoeing, hiking and Jamborees.

Although some types of activities have changed over the years to meet community needs, the basic Scout Law and Promise by which the children are encouraged to live by, has remained unchanged since Baden Powell introduced them in the early 1900's.

Currently 1st Drysdale has two Cub packs (8-11yrs) one Scout troop (11-15yrs) and a Venturer unit (15-18yrs) with a total of 60 boys and girls and 12 adult leaders.

To enable as many children as possible a chance to experience scouting, we have a waiting list for all ages. Parents wishing to enrol their children, can contact Heather Edsall (Registrar) on 5253 1588. At the moment, vacancies exist in the Venturer unit and girls and boys with no previous scouting experience are eligible to join. For more information contact the Venturer leader Danny Bright on 5251 3900.

Of course there is no waiting list for leaders. Giving children a chance to experience activities, make new friends and achieve goals while having fun, is very satisfying, although I think some leaders have more fun than the children. If you would like more information, contact Wayne Simpson on 5253 2024.

As well as the leaders and scouts, there is a team of very hard working parents who do all the background work in providing funds necessary to keep the group running. The parents committee looks after all the equipment, hall maintenance, and fundraising. People wishing to contribute in any way can contact our president David Gibbons on 5253 1396.

1st Drysdale takes this opportunity to thank the community for sponsorship and support in all our fundraising activities.

## VOLUNTEER AT SPRINGDALE

SpringDale is looking for a Volunteer who can help us out in our office.

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Action... Action... Action.... By the time you read this edition of the Springdale our Stage 1 Car park works will have commenced with these works going through until the 5th September weather permitting.

This will give the Club 60 additional car parking spaces to the West of the building, and also a new entry to the property driving in between 2 magnificent Canary palms with a turning circle at the front entrance for dropping off and picking up of patrons. The car park will be complimented with new lighting and landscaping and thankfully we can say goodbye to the old scoria driveway that has served us so well over the past 5 years.

Entry to the Club can be through the entrance on the Eastern side of the building or through the current front entrance when available. Plans for the works will be on display in the front foyer. We do ask for your patience over this 6 week period whilst works are completed.

Another sell out show at the Club with the Creedence Clearwater Recy-

clcd Super Hits show packing them in on July 9th. The Next big show is ELVIS Leaves his mark on Saturday August 9th which has also booked out with a waiting list available. On October 11th and the first time to the Club we have the Dean Martin Tribute Show with tickets only \$35.00 per person which includes a 2 course meal. Please book early for any of these shows.

Our regular free live entertainment continues every Friday night where we will continue to promote our local talent which also includes our quarterly Morning Melodies with June Fraser appearing at the Club on Monday September 29th and at only \$12 per person you need to book early to be guaranteed a seat.

The Mens golf is into the final rounds of the Club's major honour board events with the McInerney Fisher down to the quarter finals with the match creating the most interest between hot favorites Fraser Brown and Glen Hughan against the giant killers

and dark horses Kevin "Grandpa" Gemmell and Steve Geall.

Club Memberships will be due on October 1st and if any prospective golfer is considering joining a golf club I highly recommend Clifton Springs, with now the best time to join. Not only will you enjoy the benefits of our magnificent in house facilities, the social interaction of fellow golfers, but also reap the rewards of our ever improving golf course.

To compliment the rest of the entertainment the Club currently offers, Keno will be installed over the coming weeks and will be available in all areas of the Club.

With Xmas fast approaching now is the time to make your Xmas booking for that family function or work break up. With prices starting from \$21.50 per person we offer a Xmas function with all the trimmings and Peter & Kate will only be too pleased to take your booking.

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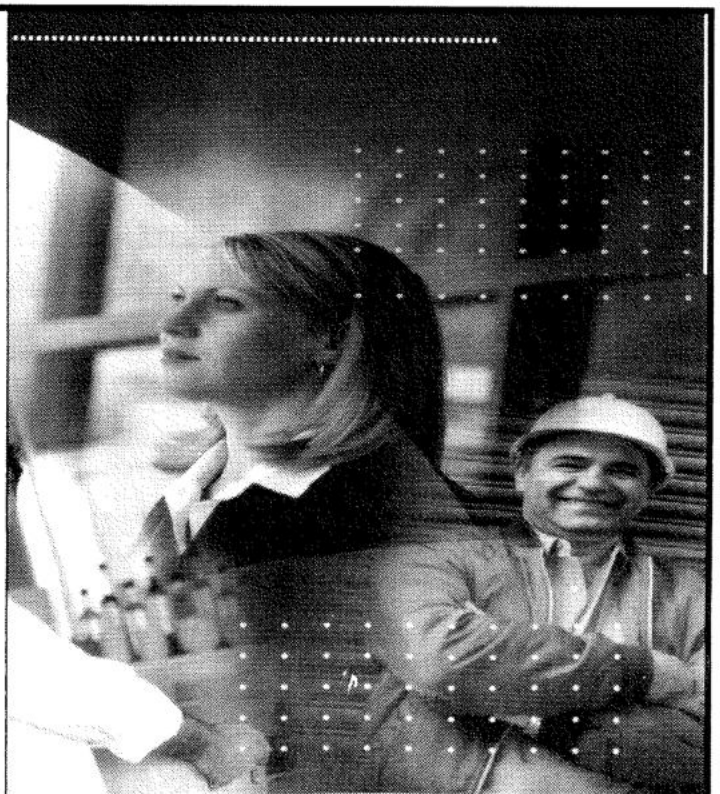
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Many people have asked - where is the big red engine gone? Well, the big red engine, more correctly known as 'M6' is on an extended stay in the workshops. She needs quite a few repairs, but our glamour engine will hopefully be gracing the track again early in 2004. Meanwhile, 2 engines that have not run for more years than we care to remember are well on the way to returning to service. The first, known as 'Vulcan 4' which once ran around the Geelong Cement Works and secondly our ex South Australian Railways 'T' class. Many may remember these 2 loco's from our early years and they will be warmly welcomed back to the track!

Finally in 'Loco News' our littlest engine, 'No 6' celebrates her 100th birthday in October. If only we all could be so fit at that age!

You may have noticed the wonderful job that the City of Greater Geelong have done on our toilet block at Drysdale. An amazing transformation of what was a very dated and plain looking building. Special thanks to Col Shephard, Brooke Williams & Cr Heather Wellington of CoGG, and the contractors who did a fine job. Work will commence shortly on more facilities at the station including Electric BBQ's, and a picnic shelter.

In May, three 'Blues Trains' ran, including a lunchtime service. All were heavily booked and the lunchtime one in particular proved to be a big winner. It is a great day/ night out, and is excellent value- check out the details at the station.

June saw the Drysdale Primary School enjoy a mid week train trip to Queenscliff.

Our childrens, party trains are running as always but need your help. We urgently need volunteer hosts/hostesses to help us provide this fun service for local families. It is a great day out, and you will be helping us keep this feature going. Usual day of operation is any Sunday, call into the station on any 'train day' if you can help with this or any other position on the railway.

Lastly, we have installed flashing light level crossing protection at Portarlinton Rd, Point Lonsdale. We hope the incidences of near (and not so near) misses at this crossing will be dramatically reduced. Thanks to the Victorian Rail track corporation for funding this work. Other crossings will have upgraded signage soon.

BPR trains run every Sunday, Public Holiday & Tues & Thur of school holidays departing Drysdale at 12.15 & 3.30

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Well, that looks nice - Lizard Island - I wonder why it's called Lizard Island? Oh! I see! It has big lizards there. What? \$740 a night! Who can afford that? I suppose millionaires can. I wonder have they got a backpackers place?

Trip across Canada, into the snow Fields - Whistler - say, that looks good. I'd need to be 40 years younger.

Now that's a thought - a cruise on a luxury yacht. What? That's expensive! Definitely not for me.

Palau - a little island off the Maldives. It looks beautiful - azure seas, good accommodation, just a tad too expensive. Wouldn't mind going, though.

Well now, this is more my style! Camping in Byron Bay. Can't get away long enough to enjoy more than a few days there.

Ah well - I can always wait until the next travel show, — and dream!

*Elaine Hurley*

**SHE MEANT WELL**

For all my vagueness I know today is the day.

There is extra activity and hushed voices. I hear the echo of it coming down the long passage to my cold little room.

I cannot escape. I am not held by bars or straps on my limbs. My body simply will not respond to my will. And my will is no longer strong. I come in and out of consciousness and wonder just how much time has passed but cannot communicate my thoughts. Those who care for me think I am gone. From snatches of conversation over me they have obviously done their tests while I have been unconscious, which must be long spans of time, for they have

found no sign that I still exist in this frail frame. My daughter sat by my side, tearfully agreeing with the doctors that there is no use in keeping me as I am, with no hope, and at first I silently agreed, but lately I have felt some strength returning and was even able to move a finger slightly this morning, but no-one noticed.

They are here now. I hear the rattle of instruments on a stainless steel trolley. The sharp jab and the cold flow of poison in my veins. My lungs are struggling now, it will be quick at least.

*She meant well.*

*Lia Kamp  
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## Spring is just around the corner

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The autumn session of Parliament has passed, but we'll be back there again in August for the start of the spring sitting of Parliament. Meanwhile I'm taking the opportunity to spend more time meeting with constituents and attending local meetings and events.

There have been some wonderful announcements in our area, with some local groups receiving funding.

I was pleased to attend the Bellarine Sports Centre and met with some of our local junior basketball players. I also announced with Bellarine Peninsula Basketball Association President Barton Van Laar the funding boost of \$6600 received by junior basketball on the peninsula from the State Government.

The money made available through the Country Action Grant Scheme, will enable Bellarine Peninsula Basketball Association to pay for development programs, taking basketball to the schools with special promotional efforts and training programs as well as establishing an Oz Ball program. The association has over 1000 players, including juniors from across the Peninsula.

Funding has also been allocated to local road improvement projects. Among them are \$174,000 to improve the road surface of Drysdale-St Leonards Roads at St Leonards; and \$132,000 for repairs on the Geelong-Portarlinton Road, east from Boundary Road. This is a major route in the region, which carries high volumes of commuter and tourist traffic and services light and heavy industrial precincts.

These projects are part of the Bracks Government's \$5 billion Linking Victoria transport strategy to link communities and foster economic development and jobs by revitalising Victoria's transport system.

I am a member of the parliament's all party Family and Community Development Committee. This committee is currently investigating community access to bulk billing and GPs and its impact on demand in our emergency rooms in hospitals.

We will be undertaking a series of public hearings in August and we will be in Geelong on Wednesday the 6th of August. Anyone interested in making a submission can contact my office for details.

In the month ahead I will be continuing to attend meetings, seeing constituents and preparing for the next session of Parliament, as well as spending some time with my son Sam.

If my electoral office can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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# WHAT'S ON AT CLIFTON SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL?

Contributions for this edition of the Springdale Messenger are from some Level 4 students following their four day Grampians camp.

## "GRADE 6 CAMP"

Grade six camp, hmm let me think. Well the first day we got there we unpacked and were ready to go. Boring, we had to go to the visitors centre first, but hey in reality it was fun, except walking back - it started to rain.

For our meals, well boy - they were delicious. First night we had a pasta dish, the next night we had a chicken roast and the last night my favorite, wedges roast potato with corn and lots more yummy stuff.

Oh no! The walk to the pinnacle! This was something I was not looking forward to doing. But then again, it was great! I really liked the look-out the best and seeing the view. We had tastes of water from streams.

I was even impressed by the bus tour! I really liked seeing the water-

falls like McKenzie Falls and Silver Band Falls. The most relaxing was the walk through Dallies Dell, it's a Rain Forest.

Now I am up to the best bit, going home! I missed mum and dad and as soon as I got home I told them all about it.

I really had a magnificent time.  
THE END!

By *Rebekah S*  
4TW

a flying fox and table tennis, and that was camp!

*Michael F*  
4TW

## GRADE 6 CAMP

Finally it's time for Grade 6 Camp! I am so excited. We were the only grade 6 students (so far) to go on a double decker bus and we might also be the last grade 6's to go to Halls Gap.

It took a long boring three hours to get there. The bus driver told us facts nearly all the way. When we got to Camp Acacia, Peter Van Den Hoax took us for a tour around the camp and told us the rules and where we were allowed to go and when. After we settled into our cabins we went for a walk to the National Park Visitors Centre to learn all about the Grampians and what happens. On the way back we saw a lot of kangaroos and deer. When we got back we had free time. There were trampolines, rope courses and flying fox. I spent most of my time on the trampolines because I learnt how to land on my feet after I had done a flip. Then we had tea. I was in the first group to do duty. After that we had to do our diaries and do our activity. Our activity was to watch a video. We watched Huckleberry Finn. Then we had to go to sleep but most of my cabin didn't go to sleep for ages and ages.

Next day we walked the worst thing ever, it was the pinnacle. It took four hours to get up, but the view was beautiful. When we walked back down it started to rain so it got very slippery. When we got back I could hardly walk.

Then we had a shower, did everything and got ready for tea and did everything else. Our activity this time was a dance contest. Then we went to bed and this time our cabin went to sleep straight away.

Next day was all right because we didn't walk very much. We went to Silverband Falls, Delley's Dell, McKenzie Falls and Beroka Look-out. I did everything I needed to. Camp Acacia was really fun!!!

*Brodie L*  
4TW

*Kerryn Driscoll*  
Class Teacher

## CAMP

When I got on the bus I felt so happy because I was just about to go to camp. It took a while to get to Camp Acacia because we had to stop for a snack and lunch. We stopped at Ballarat and then at Ararat for lunch.

When we got there we had a tour of the place, it was a bit boring, but then I knew my way around. After that we unpacked our things that we brought to camp.

On our walk to the pinnacle I slipped over a lot, but I didn't hurt myself. It was really high but it was a good view.

For my cabin's Red Faces act, we did the cat walk. Me and Ned dressed up as girls, Ryan dressed as a loser, Brody dressed as a fat dude and Josh was the commentator and what a good one he was! There were a lot of camp activities. They included a rope course, trampolines,

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Regardless of whether we win we are thrilled to make the final 3.

We've had a busy time here the last few weeks.

Brett took holidays and went travelling through India, Nepal and Thailand. He travelled with Geckos Adventure Tours and came back highly recommending them.

Lesley had 10 wonderful days touring Vietnam and Annie has just returned also from Vietnam and Cambodia.

I'm off to Vietnam and Cambodia myself in August. You can cer-

tainly see what destination has been flavour of the month in here for staff trips.

It sounds crazy, but Christmas is fast approaching. This year we are offering something very special for people who would like to be away for Christmas. A 13-day Christmas in the Canadian Rockies tour. Imagine Butchart Garden festooned with hundreds of thousands of coloured lights, The Rocky Mountaineer Train, a horse drawn sleigh ride on Lake Louise while staying at the beautiful Chateau Lake Louise, Christmas brunch and dinner at the famous Banff Springs Hotel. To start the trip off the right way, we're offering free limousine transfers from home.

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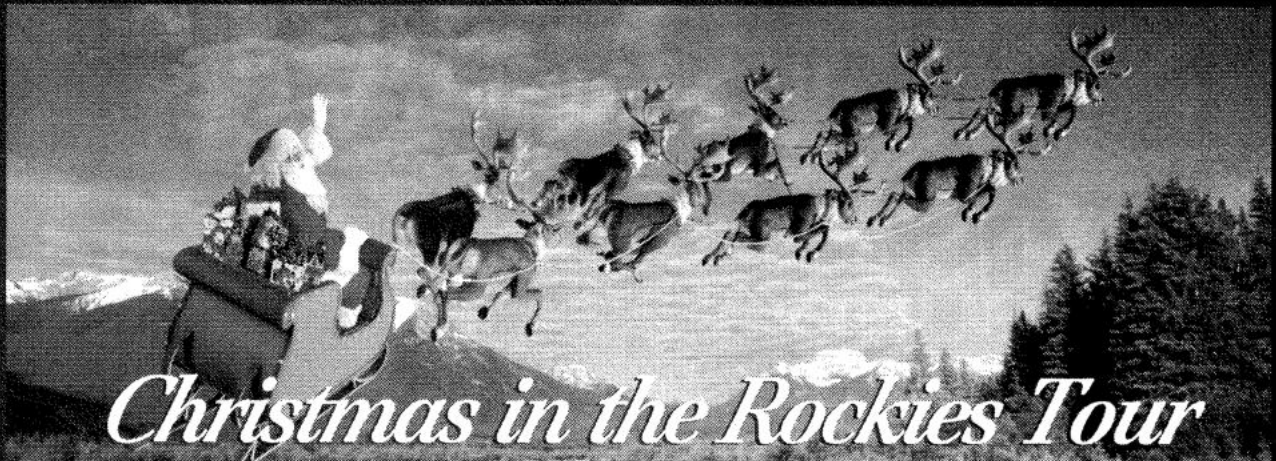
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# INTERVIEW WITH ROB McCUBBIN

When Rob found himself in possession of a 150-year-old will, handed down from his grandmother, his interest in his family history was ignited. From what Rob had been told, his grandmother had researched the family without the knowledge of her husband. When her husband saw the 'parcel', and realised the cost, he threw it all in the fire in fury. The only thing retrieved from the fire was the will, which Rob's grandmother had hidden. Although his book, *Son of the Storm*, is based on the truth, Rob says it is 95% fiction. In an interview with Rob, recently, I put the following 10 questions to him.

**Q1:** How do you come up with ideas for your books? Is it imagination, or does some object, event or place ring the bell?

Event I think. The passing of the will to me, and also a group trip to King Island. Here I learnt that two

of the survivors of a boat wreck off that rugged coast were McCubbins.

**Q2:** How much research do you do for your books? Do you do all the research before commencing, or do you research as the story develops?

I do a lot of research and it is ongoing. Kerrie Lee (Geelong Walking Tours) is a mine of information on early Geelong. I find people who have lived in different localities most helpful too.

**Q3:** Do you ever let your characters take on characteristics or peculiarities of your family or friends?

It can be an amalgamation of facts. I have a retired doctor friend who gives me information about different illnesses and afflictions before remedies were available. I use past memories of older people I knew in my youth.

**Q4:** Does your wife participate in your work - i.e. help 'edit' or offer suggestions or criticisms?

No to the 'edit', but if she reads and doesn't understand I will read and see if it needs to be re-written.

**Q5:** When writing are you consumed by the story until it is completed?

I write episodically, in chunks. I see pictures and then put the pictures into words. During each chunk I am

completely absorbed, but it doesn't dominate.

**Q6:** When your book is complete, how do you feel - is there a void, do you suffer withdrawals?

As each book ends I am researching the family archives for future books - a McCubbin family saga.

**Q7:** Are you actively involved with the community of Clifton Springs/Drysdale?

I am a keen bowler, and actually I am a past tutor, here at SpringDale, of photography, video production etc.

**Q8:** Are you a passionate person?

Ask my girlfriends! Don't you dare print that. I am passionate about my family, bowls and books.

**Q9:** Do you share the housework/home jobs with your wife?

Yes, I do the outside stuff and inside I do the shower recess and the kneeling jobs my wife is unable to do.

**Q10:** What type of father would you say you were, and what was the hardest thing you had to do as a parent?

I worked long hours, which prevented me spending as much time as I would have preferred with my family. I am trying to catch up on that now. The hardest thing, I'm not sure. I know I certainly did not enjoy enforcing the 11 pm curfew at my daughter's fifteenth birthday.

Thanks Rob and best of luck with *Son of Storm* and the following McCubbin sagas.

*Ros  
SpringDale Writers*

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In Victoria, storms cause more damage than any other event. Now that Winter is well and truly with us householders should be looking at ways they can minimise the risk to family & property before severe storms hit. Remember that your tree or shed can also cause damage to neighbours homes during high winds.

### Follow these tips:

- > Trim branches well clear of your house and your neighbour's roof. Call in the experts if necessary.
- > If a neighbour's tree causes you concern because it overhangs your house, have a friendly chat to see if you can come to an agreed course of action. Check your trees on a regular basis for signs of disease or rot.
- > Is your roof and guttering in good condition? Check that the tiles and mortar are sound.
- > On tin roofs are the roofing nails loose or badly rusted?

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- > Are the gutters and downpipes securely fastened?
- > Sheds should be firmly anchored to the ground, preferably to a concrete slab.
- > Clear your yard of loose objects that could become airborne during a storm, such as pieces of roofing iron or lightweight garden furniture.

## Other measures to take as the storm approaches:

- > Have a list of emergency numbers by the phone
- > Listen to your local radio station for weather updates
- > Have a portable radio and torch (with fresh batteries) handy in case the power fails
- > Make sure your pets are inside
- > Know where your first aid kit is after the storm:
- > Check your house for damage

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If you don't need help, check that your neighbours are OK. REMEMBER - Beware of fallen power lines. For more info go to [www.ses.vic.gov](http://www.ses.vic.gov).

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# Scouting News at 1st. Drysdale Scout Group.

## Jamboree '04.

This year is our fundraising year for the Australian Jamboree to be held in Adelaide. We have 7 Scouts - Liam Coleman, Andrew Taylor, Jarrod McNamara, Jessica Eichler, Nathan Peucker, Rory Williams and Mark McDonald - all representing Drysdale, who have been hard at work with their parents to raise the funds necessary.

The one thing I have to mention, is the generosity of the Drysdale and surrounding Communities who stop, buy a sausage and chat about their scouting days here in Drysdale and other places. These people speak with great fondness about their scouting camps and outings and we usually part on a laugh about the pranks the kids got up to. Guess what, they are the same things the kids do today! We just want to say thank-you

to all the wonderful caring people who help to give the kids a go.

## The Group

The Group held a Trivia Night on the 21st June, and apart from raising funds to help the group, we had a great time.

The night was terrific fun, with the "Crackerjacks" storming home to win the prize. Such a night can only be a success when you have support, every "local trader" That we approached for a donation was more than happy to give. We would like to thank everyone who donated to this great night and remind all our Scouting Families and Friends to shop locally and support the people who supported us.

Next Disco - 23rd. August at the Hall 7-9pm. \$3.00 Entry. D.J.-David.

Drinks and food for sale. Dance Competitions and prizes. All Welcome.

Garage Sale - On the 6th September we are having a Garage Sale, if you have any items to donate please ring us for collection or drop it into the hall any Tuesday or Thursday Night between 7pm and 8.30pm

I would like to thank all our leaders for their dedication and help. You are doing a great job! Jenny Eichler.

Anyone wishing to join cubs, scouts, venturers or become a leader. please contact Wayne Simpson on 52532024.

# Ladies Probus Club of Bellarine Inc.

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We had a good meeting at the Springs in June, it was very well attended considering it was a winters day.

The chatter in the room is always a good sign, and despite some people coming from other clubs on a regular basis to find they are attending the wrong meeting, on the wrong Monday in the month, it always causes a stir. We always invite visitors to stay but when they realise they are not with whom they think they should be with, they make a hasty retreat. I know for a fact some of our members have made the same mistake.

## May trip.

We had a very good trip from South Bank down the Yarra to Williamstown and then after lunch we went to Point Cook Museum.

Nan Almond did manage to find my Grandfathers grave in Belgium at the war graves site on her recent trip there with her son. It fills in my family tree research since I cannot get much further back without obstacles. We are lucky to have Nan as a member of our club, she is so talented in many ways, and I must admit I encroach on her generous nature some times.

The Speakers for June were Iris Astill and Liz Tolton

Iris read the text of Norfolk Island and touched on the history and customs, and I showed pictures and talked about the adventures we had whilst there in April.

Speaker for July was Grania Lohning, who talked about the History of Werribee Zoo.

The Group activities of Mahjong, Canasta, and Scrabble continue as before in members homes, and Craft and Chat is held in the dungeon at the Springs.

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# THE NEWS AT DRYSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term Two concluded with a farewell to Mr O'Connor. On Monday the 23rd of June, a final assembly was held in the school hall. School council members, parents, staff and students all contributed to this farewell ceremony. Mr O'Connor had been Principal at Drysdale Primary School for fifteen years. We wish him well in his retirement.

At Drysdale Primary School, there is always something exciting happening, even towards the end of the term. Mr Jon Madin, a gentle and inspirational musician was invited to conduct workshops with students from Year levels 4-6. The students enjoyed his musical talents and learned to play Marimbas and other musical instruments culminating in a performance that afternoon.

Term Three is well underway already. The topics being covered during this term are both educational and interesting in each year level. Both the Prep and Year One students have a busy term ahead. They are learning about the human body, particularly the heart, lungs, brain and skin. They are learning about the respiratory system, the benefits of sleep, exercise, food, water and air and sun safety. They will visit the "Life Ed Van. The "Life Ed Van" aims to provide students with knowledge and skills, which will enable them to lead a healthy life. Prep and Year One students also begin a swimming program, during the term.

Year Two students are taking a look at "The Past" this term. This topic involves examining and researching old-fashioned toys and previous clothing. This unit requires the students to identify the significant events in their own lifetime and create timelines. Soon they will interview the oldest person they know. This will encourage them to consider how many changes have occurred over time. To conclude this topic, an excursion to the "Werribee Mansion" at Werribee Park has been planned.

Although it is winter, we have not had a lot of rain! Year Three students are currently studying the topic "Water." They are learning about water conservation, the many uses of water, creatures that live in water, the water cycle and water sports. In Learning Technology, students are designing and producing water conservation posters. They will visit Wurdee Boluc to further their understanding of Geelong's Water Storage and treatment of water. The second theme to be studied this term in Year Three is "The Gold Rush." Students will learn about clothing, lifestyle and different cultures in Australia in the 1850s. They will participate in a simulated 1850s classroom and dis-

cuss differences between then and now. An overnight camp to Ballarat will bring this theme to life. Students will visit Eureka stockade and dress up in period costume as they explore the Ballarat Gold Fields.

The topic the Year Fours are currently studying is "Multiculturalism." Students are learning that Australian multiculturalism is the philosophy that recognises, accepts, respects and celebrates our cultural diversity. Students are studying a range of nationalities existent in Multicultural Australia and the customs, geography, history, language, art and the celebrations of these nationalities. This unit of work encourages students to compare different cultures and exercise tolerance and understanding of them. Students will soon taste some Asian cuisine at a restaurant and also take part in a dress up day.

The Year Five students are learning about "Land Explorers of Australia" The early explorers left extensive journals, very widely read in colonial society, which formed and reflected attitudes of Australian land. The students have been researching early explorers and reading some of their journal entries. They are combining this research with their writing skills and producing their own diary as an explorer. The Year Fives are also participating in the Bike Ed program-revising road safety and learning skills on a bicycle. Later this term, they will participate in a 25km bike ride to the Swan Bay Jetty. Chloe Mannix and Cassie Page both participated in the Oz-spell, spelling competition. Both girls did very well and deserve our congratulations! Read about Cassie Page's efforts on the front page of this issue

In this first half of Term 3, the Year Six students are studying the topic "Resources." This involves learning

about renewable and non-renewable resources, the effect of fossil fuels on the environment and alternative methods of producing power. The students are looking forward to designing and constructing their own solar efficient homes. The second topic for this term is "Electricity." Students will be learning about the development of electricity, its uses, safety procedures, electric circuits and lights.

## Other achievements.

The Year Six debating teams have been very successful so far this year. Their first debate against Roslyn Primary School was on the topic "that the Victorian Government should be funding the Commonwealth Games." The second debate against Belmont Primary School was on the topic "that cultural treasures should be returned to their country of origin." Both debating teams won both debates. The next debate will be held in August against Geelong Grammar School. The topic is "that mankind should invest in the exploration of space." We wish both teams the best of luck for this round.

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# SPORTS REPORT

## Springdale Messenger BFL Player of the Year

### Leaderboard (after Round 13)

32 Paul Frew  
20 Adam Richardson  
19 Simon Keating  
16 Brent Taylor  
14 Peter Preece  
    Aaron Eddy  
13 Adrian Hildebrand  
12 Justin Higgins  
11 Reece Holwell

### Round 9 v Queenscliff

5.A.Richardson  
4.P.Frew  
3.A Eddy  
2.J.Higgins  
1.G.Smethurst

### Round 10 v Portarlington

5.S.Nelis  
4.R.Holwell  
3.S.Craven

2.J.Drake  
1.J.Bliss

### Round 11 v Anglesea

5.A.Eddy  
4.J.Higgins  
3.R.Holwell  
2.T.Harding  
1.J.Drake

### Round 12 v Ocean Grove

5.S.Keating  
4.P.Frew  
3.T.Harding  
2.R.Holwell  
1.J.Bliss

### Round 13 v Torquay

5.T.Harding  
4.S.Keating  
3.A.Eddy  
2.J.Bliss  
1.R.Holwell

## SOFTBALL IN OCEAN GROVE

After 10 years in the Geelong Softball Association competition - Ocean Grove Softball Club (with the support of the Geelong Softball Association and the Victorian Softball Association) has decided to commence a junior competition in the Ocean Grove area.

The focus of this competition is for primary aged junior players.

The competition will be held on Friday nights - commencing 17th October and continue for 8 weeks.

All equipment will be supplied however there will be a cost of \$20 for the season, to cover insurance costs, as well as \$2 per game for umpiring.

Ocean Grove Softball Club currently has a fully qualified level 2 accredited coach as well as several level 1 accredited coaches.

During the competition several of the senior players, including Victorian and Australian representatives, will be on hand to assist the junior players.

For more details regarding this, please contact Kerri Ward on 52552274 or kaw\_43@hotmail.com or Chris McManus on 52262537 or cmcmanus@barwonwater.vic.gov.au.

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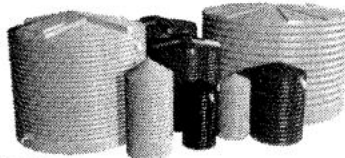
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# SPORTS REPORT

## Winged Hawks

Drysdale's season will be questioned within the next month, as they make an assault on the BFL Premiership. Injuries to key players including their captain Grant Foot, Peter Preece, Stuart Craven, Jason Drake and Justin Bliss has meant that the Hawks have a huge reliance on their young guns to lead them to the finals action.

However, even with a third of the side missing, Drysdale coach Adam Richardson is adamant the younger brigade can fill the holes. "We've nearly got 5 or 6 of our top senior players who unfortunately aren't playing," Richardson said.

"We're gonna give it a go and we didn't have most of those players towards the Ocean Grove game so it gives a perfect opportunity for all those young kids," he said.

The Hawks are currently in second position and look set to be the Geelong Amateurs biggest threat this season. "We were looking at the start of the season to finish in the top three... at the moment we are probably guaranteed second spot," Richardson said.

Drysdale have managed to thrash Ocean Grove, Anglesea and Queenscliff in the last month, as well as a narrow win against Torquay in blustery conditions. Richardson believes this is the time for the team to step up and play their best football.

"Coming up towards finals now, every time you come up against different sides you want to try and play the best footy you can - so obviously us losing one game in the first rounds we'll try and improve on that," he said.

The Hawks dominated against the reigning Premiers, Ocean Grove in Round 12, with a 96 point thrashing in one of the best Drysdale displays this season. "It was very good, the way I still look at it is last year they (Drysdale) beat all the sides last year comfortably and they lost the grand final."

"So yeah fair enough we won another game during the home and away, but at the moment we're treating every side that we come up against as the same and we just want to beat them no matter who they are"

"So the way they went about it and the way they came across for us

was probably the best game of footy we played all year," Richardson said.

With some experienced players succumbing to injury the Hawks have managed to blood some youth including Kel Bellears, Brent Taylor and Reece Holwell. "Brent Taylor and also Reece Holwell were a couple of young under 18 boys who got an opportunity last year and played a few games and were given a good pre-season this year... just their dedication and the way they approach their footy is second to none," Richardson said.

"They're regular senior players, they're at that stage where they pick themselves". "Young 'Squizzy' (Taylor), he's always kicking goals and giving us plenty of run with his athleticism and youth. Same with young Reece, he's probably the smallest bloke we've got out there in our side and he just crashes in there as hard as anyone of us," he said.

Richardson believes it is pivotal for the future of the club to be able to give some of the younger players a go. "It's the same with any club, you think of next year and years to come and you can't go out and buy players or anything like that on a regular basis."

"We're very happy this year, everyone who is playing at the Drysdale Football Club is all on the same incentive-based payment so we haven't actually paid anybody and we really rely on blokes like Squizzy and Reece and even young Kel Bellears to stand up and we think in year's to come they're gonna be 200 game players for the Drysdale Football Club," Richardson said.

Taylor has given the Hawks a spark up forward this season with his pace at ground level and he is cur-

rently ranked fourth in the Springdale Messenger BFL player of the year. Taylor says that it has been a huge transition from the Under 18's to senior football and has great admiration for his new coach, Adam Richardson. "I played half a season last year, and it was a big step up...just the size difference and it is a lot quicker," Taylor said.

"He's (Richardson) really good he gets around and talks to everybody and gives you the opportunity - if you want to play somewhere, he just gives you the chance to see how you go."

The Hawks suffered a blow in the early days of July when centre half-forward Stuart Craven went down with a serious knee injury. Craven was the club's leading goalkicker last season. With Craven out for the rest of the season with a knee reconstruction, Taylor will be given the huge responsibility of filling his shoes.

"We're not an overly tall side and to lose our key centre half forward of 6 foot 4, it struggles," Richardson said

"It gives young 'Squizzy' Taylor the chance to take up that centre half forward position which I believe is one of the hardest positions to play on the footy field," he said.


Although the Hawks will miss their experienced players, Richardson is confident his team has the talent to achieve Premiership glory. "The way our backline rebounds at the moment, and our on-ball brigade with Paul Frew and Troy Harding and young Reece Holwell and Adrian Hildebrand have been terrific in the middle for us," he said.

*By Brent Diamond*

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