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Wishing you a very safe and happy Christmas From all at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

Christmas is a special time for thinking about our family and friends, making lists and organizing get-togethers and presents, but it can also be a time to think about people we don't know. Have you thought about charity?

"For thousands of years, humanity has understood the need for charity great figures of the ancient past supported the concept of helping each other. The history of philanthropy is the history of civilisation.

Historical records show that the ancient Babylonian King Hammurabi, writing about 2000 BC, entreats his subject: "...to see that justice be done to widows, orphans and the poor."

Moses, nearly 3,500 years ago, appears to be the originator of the "tithe."

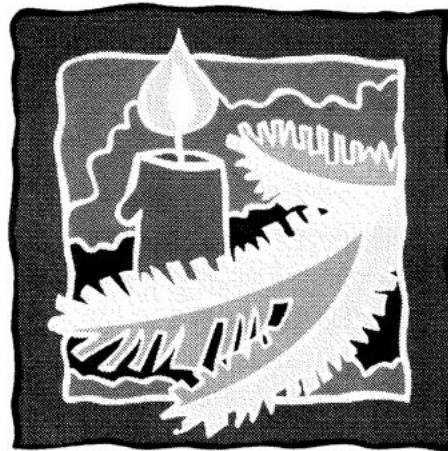
Confucius (551-478 BC) put the act of philanthropy on a more spiritual and philosophical level when he stated:

"He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own."

Plato bequeathed valuable land to his disciples so they could maintain

his Academy; in a similar way the Egyptian king, Ptolemy I, founded and endowed the famed museum and library in Alexandria.

All the great religions, including Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism,



and Islam, recognise and encourage the duty of materially well-off persons to aid the less fortunate.

An Australian historical note - within 25 years of European settlement the first of the modern charitable organisations was formed in Sydney. The Benevolent Society of NSW

was formed in 1813... and is still going strong.

The needs of our modern society has placed great strains on the philanthropic organisations. On the one hand is affluence, on the other, the ancient curse of poverty which still exists throughout the world." From the History of Charity - Auscharity website

There are lots of people who need our help, especially at this time of year, when so many people can feel left out.

Have you thought about:

- Putting a present under a wishing tree?
- Donating blood?
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Haven't we had some long hot days, to give us a taste of Summer? I carry a hat and sunscreen permanently in the car, now. Christmas creeps closer and we find ourselves, in the office, constantly asking, "Where has the year has gone?"

Vale - David Stone

We were saddened to hear of the passing of David Stone - a well known Drysdale figure - after a long illness. Our sincere sympathies go to Dulcie and her family.

The Adrian Mannix Award, 2004

Once again, the Rotary and Lions clubs, together with the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Inc. are hosting the third annual Adrian Mannix Award.

The award is an opportunity to recognize the voluntary contributions of many people in our area, who do so much! You will find an application form in this edition of the Messenger. Any enquiries, please call us here at SpringDale 5352 1960

Occasional Care

Don't forget, we provide an occasional care service, here at the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. If you need a 3 hour break to do some Christmas shopping, or just relax, please give Jean or Sonia call to book your place.

Meetings And Events

Does your group meet regularly, or are you planning an event? If you would like us to let our readers know about

your group or happening, please call or email us with the details, and we will include the information in our 'Happenings' page, in future issues. email: office@springdale.org.au or phone 5253 1960

Everyone at SpringDale wishes you a Merry Christmas.

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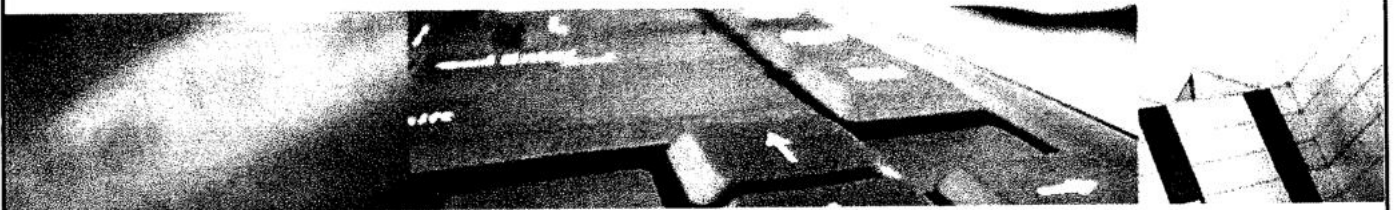
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Drysdale Fire Brigade brings Santa to Drysdale/Clifton springs Christmas Eve from 6.30pm

Time does not permit Santa to go down every street, drive and court etc. Listed below is the route that the fire truck will take so you can see Santa.

Route 1

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Crn Whitcombes Rd - | 30 Edgewater Dve | 60 Jetty Rd | 17 High St |
| Portarlington Rd | 31 Centaurus Ave | 61 Ada St | 18 Granville St |
| 2 Whitcombes Rd | 32 Country Club Dve | 62 Adina Way | 19 Palmerston St |
| 3 Dumburra Ave | 33 Country Club Dve | 63 Allara Crt | 20 Newcombe St |
| 4 Carawatha Ave | 34 Bayshore Ave | 64 Achilpa Ave | 21 Duke St |
| 5 Turana Ave | 35 Bunganowee Dve | 65 Hill St | 22 Wyndham St |
| 6 Pandandi Dve | 36 Barangarook Dve | 66 Mokera Ave | 23 Jetty Rd |
| 7 Waulu Ave | 37 Bunganowee Dve | 67 Mirrabooka Dve | 24 Thomas St |
| 8 Dundundra Dve | 38 Bampi St | 68 Yarramundi Dve | 25 Central Rd |
| 9 Beacon Point Rd | 39 Boonderabbi Dve | 69 Carapooka Ave | 26 Boonderabbi Dve |
| 10 Coorumbly Ave | 40 Bamba St | 70 Pinaroo Ave | 27 Buketilla Ave |
| 11 Gumbowie Ave | 41 Bayshore Ave | | 28 Boonderabbi Dve |
| 12 Dundundra Dve | 42 Springs St | | 29 Boolara Ave |
| 13 Gwinganna Dve | 43 Bungalalli Ave | | 30 Bundarra Ave |
| 14 Thamballina Rd | 44 Bogon St | | 31 Parakoola Dve |
| 15 Narawi Ave | 45 Clifton St | | 32 Leawarra Way |
| 16 Dandariga Dve | 46 Berrigan St | | 33 Barrands Lane |
| 17 Gumarooka Ave | 47 Bayshore Ave | | 34 Parakoola Dve |
| 18 Tarpeena Way | 48 Elanora Way | | 35 Almerita Ave |
| 19 Derribong Way | 49 Yarramundi Dve | | 36 Amarina Rd |
| 20 Thamballina Rd | 50 Goondiwindi Ave | | 37 Lacoora Ave |
| 21 Beacon Point Rd | 51 Mirrabooka Dve | | 38 Barrands Lane |
| 22 Dandariga Dve | 52 Yarramundi Dve | | 39 Nash Ave |
| 23 Cabarita Way | 53 Jetty Rd | | 40 Condy St |
| 24 Coolangatta Dve | 54 Bayshore Ave | | 41 Kimberley Ave |
| 25 Beacon Point Rd | 55 Kewarra Dve | | 42 Carolanne Dve |
| 26 Camberwarra Ave | 56 Kanyanya Ave | | 43 Tony St |
| 27 Coolangatta Dve | 57 Kadumba Ave | | 44 Barrands Lane |
| 28 Country Club Dve | 58 Kiama Way | | 45 Carolanne Dve |
| 29 Callisto Ave | 59 Kewarra Dve | | 46 Hancock St |

Route 2

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Crn Bayshore Ave - | 30 Bundarra Ave |
| Clifton Springs Rd | 31 Parakoola Dve |
| 2 Oakden Rd | 32 Leawarra Way |
| 3 Geelong/Portarlington Rd | 33 Barrands Lane |
| 4 Bennett St | 34 Parakoola Dve |
| 5 Rowe Crt | 35 Almerita Ave |
| 6 Bennett St | 36 Amarina Rd |
| 7 Clifton Springs Rd | 37 Lacoora Ave |
| 8 High St | 38 Barrands Lane |
| 9 Eversley St | 39 Nash Ave |
| 10 Princess St | 40 Condy St |
| 11 Buccueugh St | 41 Kimberley Ave |
| 12 Clarendon Rd | 42 Carolanne Dve |
| 13 Huntingdon St | 43 Tony St |
| 14 DeBurgh Rd | 44 Barrands Lane |
| 15 Bridge St | 45 Carolanne Dve |
| 16 Station Rd | 46 Hancock St |

The Drysdale Fire Brigade wishes the residents of the Drysdale/Clifton Springs a very safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year Year.

Queenscliffe

<p>Dentist: Dr Brenda Loh B.D.Sc. MELB</p>	<h1 style="margin: 0;">DENTAL</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">SURGERY</p>	<p>65 Hesse Street Queenscliff</p>
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COMPUTER USER/ HELP GROUP

This is a new group we are trying to get up and running. The aim is for people to meet monthly (2nd Tuesday of each month) to discuss computer problems and share particular areas of general interest.

When: December 9th (Tuesday)
Where: Springdale
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14 Princess Street
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Time: 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Cost: \$2 (free tea and coffee)
Facilitator: Brent Godkin

Ring Springdale on 5253 1960 to register your interest.

Drysdale Ladies Probus Club Inc.

Reg No. A0021357E

Christmas is fast approaching and so is the "Break up" parties, Christmas shopping, holiday arrangements etc, a really busy time. About 105 members are attending our clubs Christmas Luncheon, which is being held at the Bellarine Estate Winery and a great day is guaranteed.

The Happy Wanderers are wandering into The Four Points Sheraton for breakfast to celebrate their Christmas Break-up, and 28 ladies in our Crochet groups are going to celebrate at The Springs, so I can see a lot of dieting taking place after Christmas. A very successful fashion parade, sponsored 'La Shah' Boutique Drysdale, was held at our October meeting which was very popular and well received.

'Oaks Day' yes, some of our ladies had a wonderful day out at the 'Oaks' returning home tired, broke, dying for a cuppa but very satisfied.

Our November meeting will see us handing over all the goodies our ladies have so generously donated to our Charity of the year, which this year is 'Cottage By The Sea' we will also be having an arts and crafts exhibition, showing off many beautiful items made by our ladies and after the meeting many ladies will head off to the Grand Hotel, Portarlington for another great lunch. After the October meeting our Merry Munchers went to the 'Homestead' in Wallington and enjoyed a lovely lunch.

We have had a very happy, busy and enjoyable year and would like to thank all responsible people for making this great year possible. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

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Glad Sharp.*

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Interestingly, most of us will have no hesitation insuring our home, cars, caravan, etc. but when it comes to parting with hard earned dollars to pay for life insurance, income protection and trauma insurance, we start to look for 'reasons' not to. "It costs too much, nothing's going to happen to me, don't need any more insurance, prefer to pay the extra money off my mortgage", etc. You have probably used one or more of these phrases yourself in the past.

If you are like most clients I talk with, you will know more people that have been diagnosed with cancer or heart problems than have had their home destroyed by fire. Yet whilst few of us live in uninsured homes, many of us don't see the need to have trauma insurance that covers these conditions.

Your ability to earn income is arguably your greatest asset. So if you haven't insured your most important asset, it would be a good idea to work out just how long you could live off

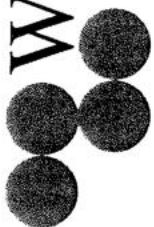
your savings, or which assets you would have to sell first if you were unable to work due to a serious accident or sickness. Once you have completed this exercise, you should consider the benefits of transferring your risk to an insurer.

Discussing personal insurance needs isn't everyone's favorite topic. But if you have debts that you don't want to leave to your partner or family, or if you have income that you wish to protect, then it is essential for your financial wellbeing to address these issues. Don't put your head in the sand believing that 'it' will never happen to you. Rather, prepare yourself and your family now for the 'what if it does' situation instead.

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One of the major issues raised was the fountain at Clifton Springs which is currently inoperable. I have since met with Council to discuss this and have been advised that there are serious structural problems. The City's engineers are looking at the options for the fountain and in the meantime a temporary garden is being installed to make sure that the area still looks attractive. If you want to comment on the fountain contact Aub Platt, who is managing the project, at the City of Greater Geelong, telephone 5227 0270.

It was great to be able to launch the 40 kmh School Speed Zones within the City of Greater Geelong and the Borough of Queenscliffe at

suddenly spotted running down Clifton Springs Rd, unfortunately too late for the photo but nevertheless there to celebrate the new signs.

The School Speed Zones policy is an important part of the Bracks Government's arrive alive! road safety strategy. The issue of speeding and the safety of our children as they come and go from school is a major concern, and I'm sure that drivers will become used to the changed speed limits outside schools across the State.

The Education Blueprint for government schools was also launched this month and will provide exciting opportunities for students, parents and teachers across Bellarine. The aim of the Blueprint is to make sure our schools give every student the chance to reach their full potential. Initiatives include the \$150m Leading Schools Fund for which secondary schools can apply for additional teachers and facilities to develop a distinctive learning focus, and the \$5m annual fund for professional development for teachers. The recommendations will be implemented throughout the 2004 school year.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office to discuss issues of concern to you, and I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Thanks to all of you who came to see me at the Drysdale "mobile office".

It was good to be able to talk over and follow up on issues that are of concern to you locally, and we will certainly hold another one next year.

Drysdale Primary School. Stefan Vogrin, Lollypop Lady, Vivienne Marles, Erin Keating, School Councillor, Nicola Ebbels, and Principal Clare Wilson joined me to unveil the sign. Lisa Elliott, a major contributor to getting this policy in place, was



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UPDATE ON THE DELL

Land slippage has continued to occur at The Dell, the natural amphitheatre on the foreshore at Clifton Springs.

The slippage was first identified when a tension crack appeared in November 2001. Since then, the City of Greater Geelong has worked with geo-technical consultants to thoroughly assess the site and begin works to reduce the slippage.

The slippage is affecting a large slab of the cliff face, which is being 'pushed' upwards and outwards by underground water pressure. The most recent repair works have concentrated on drilling a series of bores at the site and installing pumps to reduce the underground water pressure.

The bores have been drilled into three different underground layers - a sand layer up to 17 metres deep, a basalt layer around 25 metres deep and a gravel layer approximately 30 metres deep.

The pumps are working continuously to remove water in an attempt to lower the water table.

The pumps will need to operate for several months before the next stage can be considered. The underground watercourses are very complicated and include fresh water, salt water and spring water.

Following a monitoring period the City will introduce longer-term engineering works for The Dell.

The proposed works involve the construction of a three metre deep

concrete pit on several of the vertical wells to allow the installation of a gravity drainage line to discharge ground-water. This method is less prone to failure and has much lower maintenance costs than pumping. Once these are installed, approximately 12,000 cubic metres of soil fill will be placed on the lower portion of the site to help prevent further slippage.

'This quantity of soil will not dramatically change the appearance of The Dell, at most it will reduce the height difference between the lower car park retaining wall and the foreshore,' said City of Greater Geelong General Manager City Services, Terry Makings.

'The works will be undertaken as quickly as possible but residents need to be aware that geological events such as land slippage require considerable monitoring periods between each stage of works. The existing conditions require stringent safety measures to be imposed on the site that must be adhered to,' Mr Makings said.

Whenever workers are on site, someone monitors the devices that record movement at The Dell. They also carry out regular visual inspections of the tension crack and other features on the site to ensure any appreciable movements are quickly assessed. A warning siren will sound if any movement is detected and the

workers will move immediately to an assembly area at the foreshore.

'In geological terms, a movement of just a few millimetres is significant so while the outward appearance of The Dell may have hardly changed people need to be aware that the site remains unstable,' said Coryule Ward Councillor, Heather Wellington.

'The risk to public safety is real and under no circumstances should people enter the site,' Cr Wellington said.

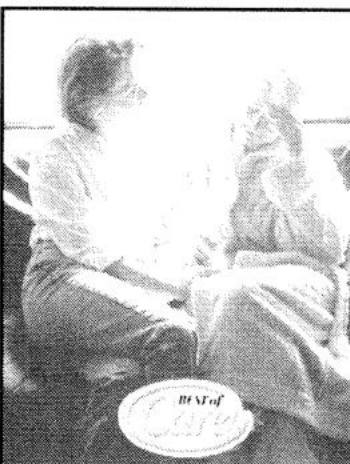
'We ask that residents continue to be patient and respect the barricades and warning signs until the safety of The Dell can be guaranteed.'

'The Dell has been a popular picnic spot for generations of residents and the ultimate aim of the remedial works is to restore the site as one of the Bellarine Peninsula's best loved attractions,' Cr Wellington said.

The Dell at a glance:

- * A natural amphitheatre at Clifton Springs
- * Closed because of land slippage
- * Remedial repair works ongoing
- * Residents' homes are not at risk

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I was in India and Nepal in April this year and found it to be a fantastic experience with the Taj Mahal being one of the best things I have ever seen. It's not a country for the faint-hearted but well worth the experience.

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

As we fast approach another Christmas the club is becoming a hive of activity with lunch and dinner trade attracting good numbers, so if you have not arranged your Xmas function, you will need to act quickly and all bookings can be made by ringing 52 513391.

Landscaping works have commenced in the new car park and I pass on the committee's thanks to those who have volunteered their time to complete these works. The back 9 fairways are steadily progressing and starting to show a green tinge after the coldest October in 47 years. With the right weather conditions a rapid improvement will be evident over the next four weeks.

The club will be busy with club and entertainment functions over the next 2 months with the following coming up:

Friday December 5th:

Golf Presentation night

Sunday December 7th:

Annual General Meeting
(10.00a.m. start)

Wednesday December 10th:

Xmas morning melodies (Ramble Tamble)

Wednesday December 31st:

New Years Eve (Music by Charli)

Saturday February 14th:

The return of BABBA.

Bookings are being taken now for the above (except the A.G.M.) and all inquiries to the club on 52 513391.

We will also be commencing our 5th birthday celebrations (since being in the new clubhouse) shortly and notices will be forwarded to all members soon.

Another promotion we have running whilst our back 9 fairways are closed is our '\$12.00 till Xmas' promotion whereby you can play golf at the club for only \$12.00 per round up until Christmas.

A golfing membership at Clifton Springs makes the ideal Xmas present and for only \$450 you can enjoy golf 7 days a week on a fully couched 18 hole golf course plus magnificent social facilities.

With this being the last Springdale prior to Christmas, on behalf of the Committee, Staff and Management, I would like to wish all a very merry and safe Xmas and a happy new year and look forward to seeing all enjoying themselves at the club.

*David Milne
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GOODBYE TO DRYSDALE PRESCHOOL

The children from the 4yr old groups at Drysdale Preschool are preparing for their end of year concert, which will mark the end of their kinder days and they will have to say goodbye to some of their kinder playmates. Some great friendships have been formed over the year and the children have had a wonderful time learning and experimenting with different things and activities, to help prepare them for school.

Many of the children's favorite activities have been painting, pasting and making many other art creations, doing puzzles and having a turn on the lap top computer. They enjoy story time and just love it when Debbie the music teacher visits the preschool once a fortnight for their music lesson. The children help care for the preschool's pet fish and Bluey the pet lizard.

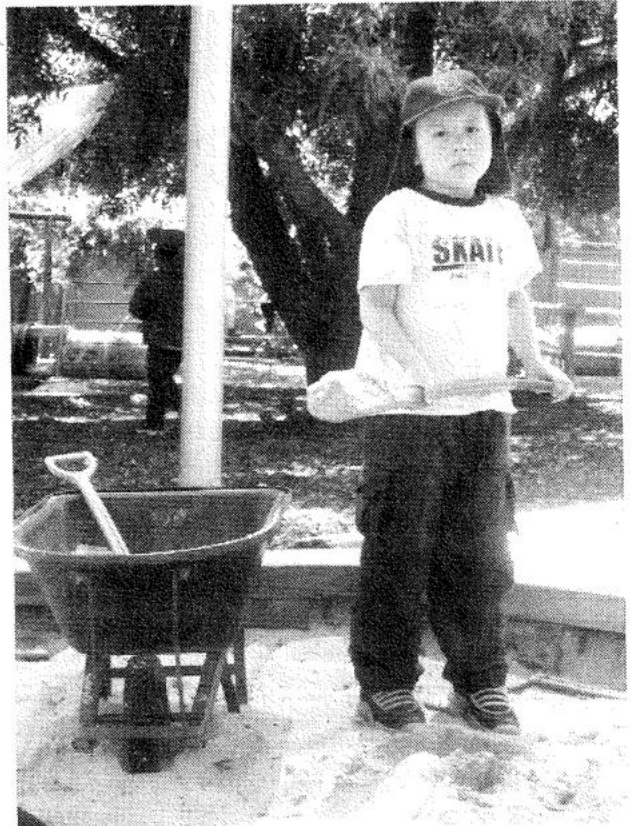
Outdoor play is a great time for the children to socialize with one another and have fun exploring. At Drysdale Preschool, we are very fortunate to have a large outdoor area that has plenty of shade and has been beautifully landscaped to encourage the children to be adventurous. Children love to climb and there are many opportunities for them to do this in a safe environment at Drysdale Preschool, as the equipment has been set up appropriately for them. The fairy garden is a favorite and is constantly being

added to - many picnic lunches have been enjoyed in this area. The children also have a cubby house and enjoy fishing off their little bridge and the sandpit, mudpit and swings are very popular too!

The children have had quite a few memorable excursions and family fun days/nights over the year and our most recent ones have been a trip to the Marine Discovery Centre in Queenscliff and the Grandparents/special persons day at the preschool. The children were delighted when their grandparents/special person came to spend the day with them at kinder, and have lunch with them as well.

Soon the children will be visiting a local bakery and they are excited about being able to make their own breadroll which will be cooked for them so they can eat it too.

It has been a busy year for the children at Drysdale Preschool and it has been rewarding to watch the children become confident little people, ready to move on to primary school.



Many thanks to all the staff, parents and family members who have helped make this year a great success at Drysdale Preschool.

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FLOWER SHOW EXCELS!

A very successful Annual Flower Show organised recently by the Clifton Springs Drysdale Garden Club rewarded both members and visitors alike with a stunning display.

Whilst roses were not as abundant as previous years - funny how the drought aided roses!, there were

plenty of other flowers on show from Irises, Pelargoniums, Sweet Peas, Daisies, to flowering shrubs, pot plants, hanging baskets, ferns, vegetables and so on.

A great variety of plants were sold throughout the day at very rea-

sonable prices, and the cake stall sold out quite quickly too.

The judges praised entrants for the high quality of their entries in all sections and awarded the Perpetual Aggregate Trophy donated by Gwen Madison to Kath Evans. Best overall Horticultural, Jim Stebbing.

Norma Taylor won Best Overall Floral Art. Lorraine Wikman came first for her Table Centre and Basket of Flowers.

A day's excursion to the Mornington Peninsula a few days later to look at gardens, and visit to a local Pelargonium expert's garden, concluded a very busy end of October for club members.

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The Bellarine Jongleurs Theatre Company's year is fast drawing to a close. We have successfully completed the production *Zombied* with the Jongleurs, followed by a holiday pantomime *Little Red Riding Hood*, both staged at the Potato Shed. Our annual Variety Night concert was once again a huge success and we are now gearing up for *Carols By Candlelight* to be held at 8.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve in the Drysdale Village Square. The venue may change if the renovations due to begin at the Safeway complex, are started. Anyone interested in assisting with this program can contact Lorraine Hall on PH: 52 512893 for further details.

Also coming up in the new year we have *Dreams II* which will be performed in the Geelong Botanic

Gardens from Tuesday the 13th to Saturday the 17th of January. This is a follow up to the very successful *Dreams I* which was produced last year. The production features lots of fairies and goblins and will appeal to all age groups. The last performance saw many small children arriving in their fairy costumes, with a packed lunch or tea to share with their families. They then were able to mingle with the cast and have photos taken with their favourite character.

Next year the Jongleurs hope to combine with the B.J's group to present the musical *Annie*. We are looking forward to this opportunity. As we are heading towards our planning for 2004 we are calling for any new members who would like to join any of the four groups that we have

operating to contact either Lorraine Hall on PH: 52 512893 or Jacqueline Hall on PH: 52 512759. The four groups are as follows: B.J's for ages 5 to 11, Jongleurs for ages 12 to 17, Jesters for adults, and Body Junction - an advanced dance group. All groups except Jesters rehearse at the Potato Shed in Drysdale.

The Jesters adult group will be performing a Christmas show at the Potato Shed on Sunday the 7th of December. Adults are encouraged to be along their children plus a hamper of goodies to enjoy while the performance is being viewed. For more details on this performance contact Kerrie Reynolds on PH: 52 532865

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Bellarine Jongleurs Inc.

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Adrian E Mannix Community Services Award

The Award is an opportunity to recognize the voluntary contribution of individuals made to residents in the local communities of Clifton Springs - Drysdale - Indented Head - Portarlington - St Leonards - Wallington.

The Rotary and Lions Clubs, together with SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre have joined together to provide this Award, in memory of the contribution made by Adrian E Mannix O.A.M. The final winner of the award will receive a Trophy acknowledging their contribution and \$500.00 to donate to the charity/cause of their choice.

The person must be nominated by an individual, or organization from within the community. Finalists will be chosen and notified by the Selection Committee, consisting of representatives from the Lions & Rotary Clubs and SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

Applications should be posted to: Adrian Mannix Award
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P O Box 80
Drysdale Vic 3222
Or faxed to: 5253 3050
Closing Date: Friday 13th February, 2004

Here is a snippet from the SpringDale Messenger archives about Adrian, and why he received his award.....

ADRIAN EDWARD MANNIX O.A.M. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

- * 5 years Councillor - Bellarine Rural City Council
- * 1 term as Mayor of Bellarine Rural City Council
- * 25 years - Member of Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club and past District Governor of District 201 V2 (63 clubs)
- * Life member of Drysdale Football Club
- * 15 years as Treasurer of Drysdale Football Club
- * 8 years - Group Leader - Drysdale Scout Group
- * 4 years - Treasurer Drysdale Primary School
- * 2 years - Secretary Drysdale Bush Nurse Centre
- * 6 years - Committee Drysdale Cricket Club (active player for 5 years)
- * 6 years - Committee Lions Village for the elderly
- * 4 years - Committee of Management SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre
- * 2 years - Chairman SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre
- * Member of Inaugural Working Group to set up Drysdale/Clifton Springs Community Association
- * Committee Member Clifton Springs Foreshore Improvement Committee
- * 6 months Manager Portarlington Foreshore Committee

As clearly indicated above, Adrian carried out an extraordinary amount of Community work and gave greatly of his time and himself to his Community.

After his marriage and the arrival of his two children he worked, with other parents, to provide educational facilities in the district to a level of which today we are justly proud.

His tenure as Mayor of the Rural City of Bellarine was as the last full term Mayor prior to amalgamation.

All this is, no doubt, a common thread among many good hard working Australians. However, we feel Adrian stands out as exceptional because of the severe physical disabilities which he had from birth.

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Adrian E Mannix Community Services Award Application Form



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Rotary Club of Drysdale Inc.

Club number 18227, District 9780

Did you know that on 25 February, 2005, Rotary International celebrates its Centenary? Are you also aware that the Rotary Club of Drysdale has been an active part of the Bellarine community since 14 May, 1975!?

To celebrate both Anniversaries and the contribution that Rotary has made towards enhancing the life of our community, local Rotarians are proposing that a ROTUNDA be erected on the lower western side of the 'Village Green,' located to the left of the High Street as you approach our Town main roundabout. The cost involved will be met by Rotarians as part of their Community Service obligations.

The purpose of the Rotunda is to provide a pleasant meeting place for

all citizens that is safe and affords protection from the extremes of the weather. Its proposed location adjacent to the main town shopping precinct and the Senior Citizens' Centre means that it would be easily accessible and enjoyable to ALL!

We are seeking your comments on this Proposal. From early December, posters will be placed in public areas throughout Drysdale for community information purposes. In addition, from mid-December Rotarians will be available at the main shopping centre with a Petition inviting you to record your views on whether or not you support this initiative.

If there is community support to proceed, a formal Planning Application will then be submitted to the City of Greater Geelong Council for consideration.

Our Rotary Club welcome your views regarding whether there is community support for seeking Council approval for this Project.

Accordingly, Rotarians will be available at the Drysdale Shopping Centre area over the next month with a Petition seeking your support.

Any separate comments should be submitted in writing and can either be lodged with Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, or posted to:

The Rotary Club of Drysdale
PO Box 123
DRYSDALE 3222

Addressed for the attention of
President Elect, Tony Cole.

*We look forward to your support.
The Rotary Club of Drysdale.*

YOUR GARDEN - WHAT TO DO OVER SUMMER

from the Clifton Springs-Drysdale garden Club.

(President 52505545-Club meets third Monday evening. Uniting Church Hall. 7.30 p.m)

Water the garden seldom but deeply. Water plants growing in containers daily. Provide water for

birds.(Observe water restriction hours !)

PLANTING GUIDE Annuals and biennials - ageratum, alyssum, aster, begonia, impatiens, lobelia, marigold, nasturtiums, pansy, petunia, phlox, portulaca, salvia, zinnia. These can be planted early, but need cossetting.

Divide and re-plant overcrowded bearded iris in early Summer. Nip out central shoots of dahlias to encourage bushiness and stake them and galdioli.

Vegetables. Tie up tomatoes, liquid feed as required. Pick and enjoy your vegetables.

December - plant - basil, beans, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, capsicum, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cucumber, herbs, lettuce, melons, parsnip, potatoes, pumpkins, radish, silver beet, sweet corn, squash, tomatoes.

January. Basil, beans, beetroot, brussel sprouts, carrots, celery, dill. Lettuce, parsley, parsnip, radish, silver beet, summer squash.

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AMBULANCE WARNS ON SNAKE BITES:

Rural Ambulance Victoria is warning residents they need to be aware of the risk of snakebites. "Paramedics have already attended several cases around the State where the patient has been bitten by a snake," said Bellarine Branch Station Officer Chris James, and we have heard of other reports where animals have been bitten or snakes have been seen around properties.

"If bitten, remain calm as your chances of recovery are good." Mr James said in the event of a snake bite, it was critical that an ambulance be called on 000 and provided with enough information to allow Ambulance Paramedics to be dispatched to the scene. "In some remote areas, the person making the 000 call may be asked to wait by the phone so the Ambulance Service can call back and relay accurate directions to assist the ambulance to the location." "It is important to remain calm and provide us with all the information we need, including accurate directions and descriptions of localities," Mr James said, "as this can assist in saving the patient's life."

"Lives can also be saved if the patient is provided with immediate first aid treatment for the snake bite, prior to the ambulance's arrival." Mr James said the appropriate first aid treatment involved the following procedures:

* Ensure that the ambulance has been called on 000 and that some-

one is available to meet it and guide it to the patient.

* Check for dangers and establish whether the patient is conscious.

* If no response to a firm "shake and shout", check patient for breathing and a pulse. If these are absent, commence CPR immediately.

* If the patient is conscious, keep them calm and warm. Do not allow excessive movement as this facilitates the spread of venom.

* If bitten on a limb, wrap a crepe bandage over the bitten area. If you don't have a bandage, tear some cloth into strips 10-15 cm wide. Bandage upwards from fingers or toes to cover as much of the arm or leg as possible. The bandage should be firm, but not too tight, and can be wrapped over clothing.

* Keep the limb still by using a splint, such as a piece of wood, umbrella or rolled up newspaper.

* Carefully monitor the patient's breathing and pulse, and advise the ambulance service immediately if the patient starts to experience difficulty breathing.

"The importance of appropriate first aid cannot be stressed enough," said Mr James, "and Rural Ambulance Victoria offers a range of course from basic to advanced to enable anyone to help save a life."

"You can enrol in any of our courses by contacting Rural Ambulance Victoria on 1800 248 859.

DRYSDALE COMMUNITY CRAFT MARKET

The Drysdale Market swung in to action again in October. Where once troops and horses destined for the far off shores of Egypt made their final preparations and later a dishevelled group of itinerate gypsy workers set up camp for the duration of the potato harvest, you can now wander beneath the elegant spreading boughs of a fabulous avenue of oaks and enjoy the Drysdale Market experience.

The market is nestled in a small truncated valley, an explanation for its shape still eludes geographers and is flanked to the west by McLeods Water Holes, once the only reliable permanent water hole on the Peninsula, a critical factor no doubt to the successful survival of the original inhabitants of the area, the Wathurong tribe. The last visual remnant of their habitation of the area was a canoe tree which burnt away completely in a runaway grass fire in the early 70's.

The market has run continuously for over twenty five years breaking only during late autumn and winter. The markets' vitality relies heavily on the creative talents and hard working efforts of over 100 stall holders. Share in their creativity by purchasing a trinket or delicious treat which is guaranteed to be hand made, cooked or grown. The market operates every third Sunday from 9am to 1pm, from October to May. Our Christmas market is the largest of the season and offers many ideas for gifts and lots of Christmas edibles for those who have 'run out of time' to do their own! See you there!

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LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE RETURNS!

The Queenscliffe Lighthouse Theatre is returning to the stage later this month with another lively musical production, "Almost Anything Goes". This series of variety concerts follows the two very successful productions "Opening on Broadway" and "Hollywood Musicals Revue" in the last 12 months.

Under the direction of Clifton Springs identity Alan Wilson and musical direction of Liz Coyne, the company plans the first two performances for Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd November at the Queenscliff Senior Citizen's Hall. A company spokesman said that further concerts were scheduled for the first half of next year.

The programme will have music for all tastes, with numbers performed by ensembles, duets and solos. Complimentary drinks will be available at the theatre from 7.30pm, with curtain at 8.15pm. Tickets are \$10 and \$8 (concession) and may be purchased from the Queenscliffe Information Centre, 55 Hesse Street.

The spokesman said that one the aims of the variety concert series was to provide an opportunity for members to sing together between major musical productions - the next major production being planned for October 2004. He also said that he was aware that many people had missed out seeing the productions of "Broadway" and "Hollywood" and urged patrons to avoid disappointment by being early to purchase their tickets.

For further information contact Betty on 5255 2819, or the Information Centre on 5258 4843.

Local Artist Awarded Funding

Local artist, Margaret Cameron from Indented Head, has been awarded a grant from the Federal Government's arts funding and advisory body - Australian Council, Stewart McArthur, the Federal Member for Corangamite has announced.

Mr McArthur congratulated Ms Cameron on her success in securing a grant of \$6,000 and commended her on her hard work and efforts.

The grant will assist Ms Cameron in participating in the Roots in Transit IV Theatre Festival for Women, in Denmark. The festival focuses on skills and arts development. Ms Cameron will also present a number of workshops in theatre making and will also present her solo performance, Knowledge and Melancholy.

The grants are part of the Australia Council's Theatre Board funding program.

'Applicants for the Council grants are rigorously judged by a committee of their fellow artists around Australia. The Council's selection criteria seeks the highest standards in artistic achievements,' Mr McArthur said.

Mr McArthur said the local community benefits from these projects as they boost local pride and identify and increase the choice of arts and cultural activities in the area.

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CLIFTON SPRINGS PRESCHOOL - Central Road.

Life is never dull at the Clifton Springs Preschool. Earlier in November we celebrated Grandparent's week. The children were able to invite their grandparent's to come along and see what they did at preschool. All who were able to attend had a great time. There is nothing like being able to show off to your Grandparents.

They also had a visit from Faye Muir our local Indigenous Preschool Field Officer. They also attended the Narana Aboriginal Centre. They have been learning about the Aboriginal Culture and doing a bit of hands on painting and music making.

They also had a visit from Maryanne O'Rielly who is part of a State Government Program for Responsible Pet Education. They were shown how to enjoy their pet and other dogs safely. Parents were also invited along.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Garage/Carboot sale in October. Thank you to all the stallholders and those who donated various items to be sold. It was a great success. All the leftover items were donated to the fire brigade for their stall the following week.

We still have some vacancies for both our 3 year olds and 4/5 year old groups. If you are interested in enrolling your child at our Preschool in 2004 please contact Eril, Katie or Julie on 52513158.

A big thank you to the Committee and the parents who helped this year, we wish the children well as they prepare for school. Thank you also to Eril, Katie and Julie for making my daughter's preschool year such a wonderful experience. She has certainly enjoyed every minute. A Merry Christmas to all and a safe holiday season. Goodluck to the Clifton Springs Preschool in 2004.

Sharon Reid.

NEW BUS SERVICE - A BOOM FOR BELLARINE

Quietly, and without any fanfare on Monday the 19th of May a brand new McHarry's bus left the bus bay at Drysdale at 9.40am bound for Queenscliff via Ocean Grove and Point Lonsdale. This was the start of a completely new service, which will be know as the CROSS PENINSULA SERVICE. This initiative will open up the Bellarine Peninsula to a lot more people and add a flexible system, which has been needed for quite some time.

The above event is the culmination of a lot of hard work and planning. I can remember as a member of the St Leonard's Retirees Association Committee at least three years ago going to meetings in Drysdale Community Centre where a very committed Ms Lisa Neville (as she was then) pushed for a service such as this. Lots of different ideas were discussed and this appears the most flexible arrangement. The timetable has built in connections with bus and train arrivals and departures.

This new service provides for three buses to start from St Leonards daily. The 9.00am, 12.00pm and the 1.25pm through Indented Head at 9.05am, 12.05pm and 1.30pm and Portarlinton at 9.20am, 12.20pm and 1.30pm through Drysdale where you will need to changeover to the Queenscliff bus which then proceeds to Ocean Grove, the Health Centre,

Point Lonsdale Post Office, Queenscliff and then on to the ferry. The return times from the ferry are 10.40am, 12.40pm and 3.40pm. A lot of thought and hard work has gone into producing the new schedule and McHarry's are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Updated timetables for this route are in the June edition of the Port Report as a pull out page.

The new bus caters for all, including wheelchairs etc. The floor design enables it to be lowered to street level for easy access, a welcome innovation.

This new service is part of a grant of \$160,000.00 for an improvement of services to the region obtained through Ms Lisa Neville now M.L.C. who was very pleased to announce the opening as a particular response to the communities requests.

The service will run for a period of 12 months when the costs and income will be reviewed. It is now up to the residents of the Bellarine Peninsula to take advantage of this major transport improvement and support it fully.

On a romantic note, the very first person to use the service from Drysdale, was a Mrs Marion Bonney of Portarlinton. It was not love at first sight with the driver as it was her husband Frank who was driving.

Alec Finney.

ST LEONARD'S PROGRESS ASSOCIATION CHANGE IN MEETING DATES:

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WHAT'S ON AT CLIFTON SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term has been extremely busy with all levels being involved in our Annual School Concert as well as many other exciting activities. Following are reports by some students expressing their thoughts and feelings about some of these.

Level 1 Swimming Reports

I went to swimming. I did a torpedo and I did a backstroke then we got out.

Shaun IBM

When we go to the pool we float with noodles and we hop up, jump down and we sometimes get to play with the boards. My teacher told us to go down to get the fish. The fish had numbers. My number was ten. Then we get out. Then we get our bags and go into the change room to get dressed and then we come out and sit down.

Taylah IBM

I can torpedo and I can do free-style. I like my bathers. It is a one piece. My teacher said I am a good swimmer.

Shannon IBE

Level 2 Werribee Zoo Reports

When we went to Werribee Zoo I learnt that ostriches have big wings.

I learnt that zebras are brown and black not white and black when they're young. I learnt that there is a kind of animal called a serval. I learnt that emus have split feathers. We got to see a stick insect and go to the zoo school. We went on a safari trip and learnt that Werribee Zoo is getting some lions, for Christmas.

Brandon 2AC

I learnt that at the circus they paint horses with stripes instead of training real zebras. I also learnt that meerkats eat grubs. A fact is that a giraffe prefers eating standing up to reach tall trees. Another fact is that if a giraffe scratches they can lose the hair on their skin. It is good that we got to see the meerkats stand up.

Gemma 2KD

I felt good because we got to see lots of animals. I learnt that a baby bison is called a pumpkin. It was good that we got to see a bandicoot. A bandicoot is rare.

Jesse 2SD

School Concert

On Thursday it was our school concert. It was exciting going on stage. My songs were Bella Bella and Mambo Italiano. Every grade had to do a different country. My class did Italy. The grade sixes did Australia and the teachers did "We will Teach You". It was a great concert.

Fiona 3ES

Level 4 Peak Fitness Challenge Reports

On Thursday 30th of October three teams from Clifton Springs Primary School set off to compete in the Peak Fitness Challenge at Deakin University. There were ten heart-racing events that they participated in. There were many good competitors from all the schools that entered. There were many trophies and medallions brought home by the Clifton Springer's. The other schools were very competitive but Clifton Springs won the Peak Fitness Challenge Cup for the second year in a row.

Jacob Rossi & Ryan Birse.

"Help I'm going green". Peak fitness didn't get off to a great start for Clifton Springs as one of their competitors got sick and had to leave from team one! Three teams from Clifton Springs Primary School set off on the 30th of October, to win the peak fitness trophy once again. Ten events took place at Deakin University. We battled against many different schools and team one managed to come out on top once again! Teams two and three did very good as well. Zoe Smith was the fittest girl out of EVERYONE there; she also won three medals in separate events!

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Prep children singing Advance Australia Fair at the school concert, with their level 4 (grade 5-6) buddies

Landscape Design Tools

The art of Landscape Design has been around for a very long time. It can be seen in the medieval gardens that surround ye olde English castles or in the ancient Chinese gardens that surround their temples. The form and balance achieved in these differing styles of gardens can only be attributed to someone giving a great deal of thought to how it needed to look. These days people tend to buy a bundle of plants at the local market, throw them in the garden and wait to see what happens. So much more can be achieved with the space around where you live, if you stop and think about what you want to do in it

Most people have problems in imagining what a landscape will look like on it's completion, when currently all you have is weeds. There have been some clever developments in digital imaging and computer design software over the last 10 years. These can be used help the

imaginatively impaired to see the potential of the fruits of their labors. One such product is PRO Landscape (used by Alinga Landscape Design). It provides the means to change a digital image of an area by adding in new plants and features as well as hiding existing features. A large library of plant images can be used to simulate planting on a digital image of an area, i.e. no digging, just looking. This can be very useful in determining the look and feel of the garden by the way the plants look together on the picture. The software then provides the feature of growing the plants over a period of time to truly appreciate the look of the garden in the future. Not bad without one hole having to be dug.

Along with detailed measurements of the area in question, the software can then be used to develop a detail planting plan from the information recorded on the image of the 'new' garden. A scale plan of the

'new' garden will list all of the plants required, where they need to be planted and how big they will grow. The software also provides a means whereby a quote for the supply of the plants required can be developed. So you know how it is going to look, what you need to get to make it look that way and how much it is going to cost you.

The only bad thing about this is that the good software is generally more expensive than most people want to spend for their own personal use. People who do this for a living, Landscape Designers, see a tool such as this as a great benefit to their ability help people develop a landscape that they are happy with. From a designers point of view, that is the ultimate test of whether a design is good or not, customer satisfaction.

Neil Muhllan

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We are suddenly into Summer with a vengeance and we can always rely on the President Bev for some gardening tips. Quite a few cuttings and plants in our garden are from Bev and everything does well. I have just returned from Brisbane where the vibrant colours are plentiful and lush growth is seen everywhere. Couldn't stand the heat though it was an exceptional heat wave, and as soon as it was time to return the temperature dropped to 25 degrees that would be normal for this time of year.

I would find that very pleasing all the year round. (Some folks are hard to please)

Our membership now set at 130 continues to rise and fall with new arrivals and departures. With the area developing locally there is always a need for more Probus Clubs. It is a good thing to be able to make new friends in a new area, especially the widows who are seeking company.

The next trip organised is on November 21st, and will include the sites of the Macedon Ranges, a lunch at the Church of the Resurrection and afterwards a visit to 2 gardens before returning to the Springs following a lovely day out.

We had a treat at the last meeting of Devonshire Tea. This we ate whilst chatting to each other and helped

along with a sing along tape of Max Bygraves.

The November Speaker was Mr Stuart Peel who spoke about The History of Drysdale. This subject is very well known to Stuart and he knows so much we all enjoyed hearing about.

Christmas Luncheon is organised for December Meeting day as well as Christmas entertainment.

I will take this opportunity to wish all the readers of the Messenger, and those who compile it a very Happy Christmas. Also the members of this club.

Yours in friendship.

Iris Liz Tolton.



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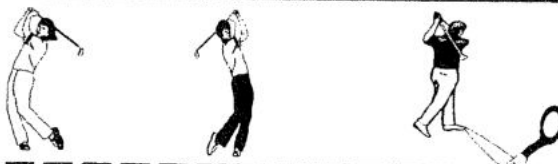
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THE NEWS AT DRYSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term Four at Drysdale Primary School has been very eventful. The students at Drysdale Primary have participated in a range of activities. Here is the update....

The Grade Four camp to 'Kangaroobie' in the southwest of Victoria, was a positive social time and valuable learning experience for the children. The children stayed on a farm, visited various historical and maritime sites and participated in outdoor adventure activities. Thank-you to the staff and parents who assisted in making this camp a success. Congratulations to the children who behaved so well.

Day 1. We had to be at school at 8:30am. We left school at 8:50am and we arrived at Glenample homestead at 11:20am for lunch and to have a tour around Glenample. The two survivors from the Loch Ard stayed in the Glenample homestead. By Jamie S. 4D

Day 2. The first thing group B did was farm activities. We got to go in the trailer. We hopped out of the trailer and ran after the cows. It was fun. After the farm activities we did canoeing. I was in the canoe with Teagan. She was good at it. After we learned how to canoe we had to put all the canoes together and Nathan had to stand up and walk across. Then we had a race. By Naomi M. 4D.

Day 3. We got up early, had breakfast, put our bags on the bus and got on ourselves. We stopped at lake Petrobe for snack and played in the playground and in the big maze. We went to Flagstaff Hill and saw a video about a ship, had a lesson with Colleen Fawkes and then we had a walk around the town. We had McDonalds and then came home. By Gemma B. 4D

On the 24th of October 18 Grade Four students played in a marimba band at the Poppykettle festival. The children combined with students from four other Geelong schools to play many practised pieces on the marimbas. As they played their music in Johnstone Park, many people stopped to watch and listen. Thanks to Trish O'Connor for organising this opportunity and to the children's parents who helped on the day.

On Friday the 14th of November the fabulous artwork done by Drysdale Primary School students was displayed at "The Art Show" in the hall. The display was magnificent. It included colourful paintings, modroc masks, paper mache sea creatures, minibeasts, pastel dye pictures, clay dinosaurs, sailing ships, Aboriginal art and much more. Everyone who attended was impressed with the artistic and inspirational work done by the children.

A BIG THANK-YOU to Jenny Gault (Art teacher) for all of her time and effort. Jenny Gault worked patiently and consistently with the students each week-exposing them to many aspects of art. Thank-you to the parents and helpers who assisted in any way with this event.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS.

Seventy pupils from Years 3-6 from Drysdale Primary School participated in the Australasian Schools English Competition. The competition assessed students' abilities in reading comprehension, language skills, spelling and punctuation.

Laura Johnson and Karissa Walker (Year 6) and Cassie Page

(Year 5) achieved High Distinction awards. Well Done.

Congratulations to Samantha Haigh, Chloe Lilkendey, Brittany Phillips and Bradley Trehwella (Year 4) Liam Nelson and Laura Shandley (Year 5) and Nathan Beattie and Ivan Blackett (Year 6) for their distinction awards.

Eight students achieved Credit awards. Well Done to Kielan McAlinden (Year 6) Adele Izzard (Year 5) Juanita McNamara, Stephanie Stott, Lachlan Patten, Cassandra Orcsik (Year 4) and Jordan Nelson and Amanda Rechenberg (Year 3) Two students, Tamara Wright and Estell O'Connor (Year 3) received achievement awards and 48 pupils received participation awards. Well Done everyone.

Karissa Walker, Laura Johnson and Cassie Page.

In the State Primary Athletics Finals, Ainsley McPherson and Bianca Wright ran well in their distance races. Ashlee Maul, Hayley Govan, Rachael Ricardo and Erin Keating finished 5th in the Girls Relay. Erin Keating received 2nd place in Long Jump, with a brilliant 4.5m jump.

The school year is coming to a close. The students at Drysdale Primary School have worked well throughout the year and all staff are proud of their achievements. This is our last contribution for the year. Have a safe and happy Christmas and look out for our contribution in the Springdale Messenger, early in 2004.

Amanda McPherson
(teacher)

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Dementia and the best of Care

Our local community has done some amazing things. We might be sleepy hollow but we sure know how to care. Take the area of care for people with memory loss and confusion otherwise known as Dementia

Those of you have been out to visit Sims Lodge at Point Lonsdale will know what a perfect environment is created there for those who have memory loss and confusion. The building has stained glass windows, an open fire to gather around and a large kitchen table to sit at. There is a lovely cottage garden to wander in and enjoy the spring weather. It is the kind of place that a visitor can't help thinking this is perfect for those later years and melt any negative pre conceived ideas of an aged care facility.

Sims Lodge is a wonderful achievement for the people of Queenscliff and Pt Lonsdale The family members of people who have had Alzheimer's contributed to designing the model of care that has become a shiny example of best practices. The community raised money to build an ideal place for

those who lived locally or who had chosen to retire to the area.

In Geelong another Model of Care that continues to be emulated Nationally and Internationally is St Laurence House. This respite house is set within a grand old building in Newtown . St Laurence House is designed to care for people with memory loss and confusion for a day or over the weekend which gives the family members an opportunity to recharge their batteries without making the big decision of placing the person into a large aged care facility. It is an excellent stepping-stone to facing the difficult decision of long-term care

Once again the weekend care was specifically built into the model of care because that was what family carers stated was needed to enable them to keep on keeping on. The need was for a small group in a homely setting not in a big hall or where there might be 30 residents. St Laurence House have a maximum of 10 guests at one time. Families wanted to make sure the time away from them was not scary or

intimidating but nurturing and peaceful.

They wanted care that has reminiscing, triggering memories of years gone by. The people who have Dementia cannot remember what has happened in recent time, meaning a half hour ago but they can often remember childhood events. This is because what has been in the brain the longest stays the longest

I referred to St Laurence House being a stepping stone however even this can seem like a giant leap to families who are committed to caring for their loved one. Families need to have a flexible care arrangement. A one on one situation, something that is tailor made for their own individual needs. A program designed to fill this need, is now available, (Take A Break) and it is funded under the National Respite for Carers Program. This can be accessed easily and is a great chance for the dedicated carers to recharge their batteries. There is no assessment needed simply phone Best Of Care 527203133 for more information on this wonderful program.

TALE of a BOX

by Rob. McCubbin

Back in 1850, it took three months for a sailing ship to reach Australia's shores from 'Mother England'.

Not much has changed, it seems!

In mid- July I ordered another box load of my novel "SON of the STORM" to be sent from the Printer in South Carolina, to me here in Geelong.

Six weeks later, I began to worry.

The previous box had made the distance in four weeks, and had arrived in perfect order. So at six weeks I was slightly perturbed.

Two weeks later I was e-mailing the publisher and printer with queries about the missing books.

Had they sent them to Drysdale in California? Or in Turkestan? Or Siberia maybe?

Had they gone by slow boat to China?

I was assured that they had gone by Economy Air, which could take up to six weeks, and would probably drop onto my doorstep any day now.

But the U.S. Post Office could not trace second class mail, so there was no way of finding out where they were.

I asked the publisher what would happen if they were lost, envisaging some lowly-paid U.S. postal clerk selling them at flea markets and pocketing the money, seeing they were third best seller on the Fictionwise Lists in the U.S. My publisher was at a loss... this sort of thing had never happened before... she would take it up with the Printer...

I was also faced with doing book signings without any books! The Claytons signings....

Away on tour for a few days, I got back to find a card in my post-office box.

Presenting it at the counter, I was ecstatic to be handed a large box full of lovely books.

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I think they had come by sea... one of the rubber stamp-prints on it looked decidedly Chinese...

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Talking with Your Family

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It makes good sense to regularly stop what you're doing and simply sit and talk with those close to you, your partner, children or parents. Every day is loaded with opportunities for this sort of interaction - time spent in the car, at mealtimes, evening walks, washing the dog. With very little effort we can make each day memorable by talking and laughing with our kids.

How you express yourself is just as important as what you say. Children will take their lead from you in many, many ways. Be conscious of how you communicate your feelings. For example, match your body language with the content of your message. Avoid loud and aggressive shouting matches. Practise

calm. Rehearse what you want to say particularly if it won't be what your child wants to hear.

It is possible that the reason that people have two ears and one mouth is for listening twice as much as talking. Being a good listener helps your child feel loved, even when they are upset and you can't fix the problem. Ask them for their ideas and feelings before beginning to talk about yours.

Listen to your child when they approach you with a question or somehow indicate they want your attention. It is often the case that the important thing about questions is to make a response that encourages your children to seek a solution for themselves. Every time parents provide an answer or make a criticism or correction, the potential for a meaningful interaction is reduced. A useful approach to questions is to stop what you're doing and attend to your child. In this way you are creating with your children their treasure-trove of special times and events.

Notice what your child is doing well. Comment and give praise to let them know exactly what it is you ap-

preciate about them. For example, "That's nice" is not really an adequate description of how you feel about something they are engaged in. Be specific and include a reference to what they are doing.

So, turn off the television, get involved in a shared task and TALK with your kids. After all, they take a lead from you when they form their values and attitudes to the world. Share the things that are important to you. Enjoy the interactions that result and be cautious when correcting. Involve your child's friends in casual discussions. If you lay the groundwork early (some parents start talking to their child soon after conception), chances are you will enjoy a fantastic relationship with your child that enables and encourages them to talk to you about anything!

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Prepare for holiday season

Rural Ambulance Victoria today encouraged Victorians to ensure they are properly prepared for the coming school holiday season. "School holidays are a time when many people travel," said Acting Area Manager Mick Cameron, "and being out of their normal environment there is an increased risk of accidents or mishaps".

"The holiday season can easily be made safer by taking some basic precautions as you prepare for your holidays".

"We recommend that you carry an appropriate first aid kit while travelling, and that at least one person in the group has appropriate first aid training".

"The role of Rural Ambulance Victoria does not cover just emergency response. It also involves risk awareness and prevention, as it is better to be prepared for an accident or emergency, than see something happen and be unable to assist".

Mr Cameron said Rural Ambulance Victoria was also asking drivers to be especially careful on the region's road during the coming

school holidays, to help reduce accident trauma. "A split second is all that is needed to create a family shattering tragedy on the roads".

"Driving too fast, lapses in concentration, travelling while tired, drink driving and driving unroadworthy vehicles are all con-

tributing factors in fatal road accidents", said Mr Cameron.

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SPORTS REPORT

BFL's Super Coach

Drysdale tried to do it last year, and the Geelong Amateurs tried to do it this year. But just how did Ocean Grove manage to win against the odds and put themselves into the BFL history books?

Former Ocean Grove coach Mark Neeld lets us know his secret to success in his short, but illustrious coaching career so far. Coaching has been a dream come true for Ocean Grove coach Mark Neeld. This season he took the Grubbers to their fourth successive BFL Premiership in his four seasons as coach, as well as being short-listed for an assistants role at the Geelong Football Club.

Neeld began his football career at St Josephs before being recruited by Geelong in 1990. He played 48 games with Geelong and 26 games with Richmond before retiring in 1996. In 1997, he began coaching the Old Geelong Grammarians until the 2000 season where he was appointed coach of Ocean Grove.

His success at Ocean Grove has been astounding, right from the beginning when he took the Grubbers to a premiership in his debut season in the BFL. Since then, he has four premierships against his name and has become the league's super coach. However, Neeld believes 2003 was the most enjoyable of them all.

Ocean Grove were all but written off heading into the second half of the season, and even up until the final round of the home and away season, the Grubbers were battling for that crucial double chance against Anglesea.

"The seniors was just a phenomenal performance, with just six weeks to go we were seventh on the

ladder and people were saying 'you're not going to make the finals at all' and then to come through and win the premiership again was just sensational," Neeld said.

"We were fully focused on round 18 and beating Anglesea and as soon as we beat them, on the drive back to Ocean Grove - that's when we started thinking about finals and playing Drysdale in the first final," he said.

The Grubbers took a similar path to the finals last season and Neeld believes the confidence grew among the players as soon as the finals began. "I had confidence in my players, I had confidence that they would put the plan into action and we would just sit back and see what happens which in the end that's the way it turned out, which is fantastic."

Ocean Grove used 46 players in the seniors this season, and Neeld says that planning as well as making sure that "every player does there job" has been the key to his team's success this season.

"We plan it from a players perspective, we try and give everyone who's showing some form in the under 18's and reserves a senior game - we try and look at as many players as what we possibly can in the seniors," he said.

"All good plans can come unstuck in terms of injury when that hits. We have a fitness coach who's in consultation with the rest of the coach's plans, the players fitness and the intensity of training and all those sorts of things."

"We try and get it right so when the finals come around, we know exactly the team we need to have

out there and the players know exactly the job they need to perform," he said.

"I think one of the keys to our success especially in the last two years, is that every single player does there job."

Neeld admires the simplistic way the Ocean Grove Football club works, starting from the President all the way to the "person who starts on the bench".

"It's a very interesting club - there are certainly no heroes and no one gets lorded for being champions and all those sorts of things, everybody just knows the role they have to play," he said.

"Whether that be the President, whether that be the secretary, whether it would be the captain or whether it would be the person who starts on the bench - they know what their role is and they just go and do it and there is very little fanfare."

"I think that's important, everybody is expected to train, everybody is expected to do the right thing by the club and they do it," he said.

The Grubbers had gone into the past two grand finals as the 'underdogs', however Neeld dismisses any suggestions that there was any less pressure on their behalf. "It's not easy to play a grand final. I think we probably went into that day very, very well prepared and willing to do anything for one another to win and grand finals are very hard to get into so when you're there you may as well win them and we gave every single thing we had," he said.

"On the ground, the players were just phenomenal they did everything they possibly could for one another and I think whether you're favourites or whether you're underdogs you need to take that type of attitude into the grand final because they're very, very tough to win."

Ocean Grove pride themselves on being honest and having a good work ethic, and Neeld says that pride was driven through to the players up until this year's grand final.

"I think everyone has got a fairly good work ethic and they're very



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Hawks snare Cordy

honest for one another and they just work very hard," he said.

"We've got a philosophy that you can always learn and always improve and right up until the night before the grand final we were trying to find out things about our opponents and put it into our game plan and everything I asked those players to do - they did - and then probably did a little bit more," he said.

The Grubbers achieved the inevitable task of taking out the under 18's, reserves and the seniors in 2003. And in 2004, Neeld is looking to conjure up same result, but this time at the helm of GFL based club, St Josephs.

"I'm extremely proud of what the club (Ocean Grove) has achieved over the four years and more so of what the club has achieved this year. On grand final day we won the under 18's, reserves and senior premierships which is an outstanding achievement for any football club," he said.

"I would probably want to achieve a premiership in all three grades again, and you'd never ever get sick of feeling what you do when the final siren sounds on grand final day. Once you've won one, you just want to keep on winning them all."

Neeld has become even more passionate about his coaching since being appointed coach of Ocean Grove in 2000, and the success has driven him to go on with his coaching career. "I enjoy it, I'm passionate about it and I've been very fortunate to be very successful and now I want to try and be as successful as what I possibly can and hopefully one day for me, that will be working at an AFL club," he said.

The BFL super coach is enthusiastic enough to take his coaching career as far as possible within the next few years. "I want to go as far as I can with my coaching whether that's an AFL assistants role or whether that is getting a job in the TAC cup and that's where I eventually want to head, whether that be next year or the years after that," he said.

By Brent Diamond

Drysdale have appointed former Geelong Falcons coach Brian Cordy as it's coach. Cordy signed a two-year contract with the Hawks, that will see him back in the coaching ranks in 2004, after stints with Bell Park and the Geelong Falcons.

Cordy will take over from Adam Richardson as the senior coach, after Richardson stepped down last month citing personal reasons. Drysdale President Alan Bliss believes Cordy is the obvious choice to lead the team to their first Premiership since 1985.

"We wanted a non-playing coach and we wanted an experienced person and he fits the bill excellently, he comes highly recommended from the football circle," Bliss said.

"We thought we were ready for a non-playing coach which allows Adam (Richardson) to concentrate on playing football," he said.

Despite rumours, Richardson will continue to play for Drysdale, while Kilpatrick will continue to assist with coaching. With Cordy's addition, Drysdale now have one of the most formidable and experienced coaching panels in the BFL, which currently includes Adam Richardson and Glenn Kilpatrick as his assistants.

"With Brian's (Cordy) experience and knowledge of football, he's got a wide range of skills that we can bank on, and Adam (Richardson) and Glenn's (Kilpatrick) knowledge of the club and the players and the background. I think it's a great mix together that can push the club forward," Bliss said.

Cordy's football experience dates back to the early 80's when he played 124 games with Footscray, and boasts almost twenty years of coaching experience since then. Cordy is excited to be at the helm of

Drysdale and is hoping he can change the culture of the club - into a respected one.

"I'm pretty excited to be here. I would really like the Drysdale Football Club to be respected in the football community and I'm not sure it is at the moment," Cordy said.

"I think we have a bit of a history of not playing so good at the end of the year and I have some thoughts on that and how we go about it, but we'll wait and see," he said.

The Hawks have also swooped on talented Lara ruckman Luke Maher to add some much-needed height to the team next season. Maher has good agility for a ruckman and is keen to move to the Drysdale area. Drysdale President Allan Bliss believes Maher will improve the Hawks' lack of height in the ruck.

"We just needed a bit of height, out of the finals teams last year we were probably one of the shortest," Bliss said.

The 27 year old is hoping to bring some success to the club after being part of the 2000 Premiership team with Lara.

"Obviously you wanna play well, but at the end of the day it's a team game, you really wanna win a flag and I know the club hasn't won one for a while so that'd be nice," Maher said.

"We (Lara) won one a couple of years ago and you can't beat the feeling and it would be fantastic to win one out here," he said.

In other news from the Hawks Nest, Paul Frew has come away with the 2003 Drysdale Best and Fairest award.

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