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15th Bellarine Agricultural Show Portarlington

Sunday March 13th 2005

Here are just a few of the events happening at this year's 15th Bellarine Agricultural Show.

Arena events including: Welsh Ponies, Horses, Cattle, Poultry, Craft, Fancy Pigeons, Cookery, Flowers.

Kids events including: Best Decorated Bike, Best Scarecrow, Novelty Events, Music, Rides, Displays and Food.

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Community Calendar

Springdale Community Calendar - a Springdale Neighbourhood Centre initiative to support the whole community.

This calendar will enable you to quickly look up what is happening over the next couple of months (maybe longer) in our area. There will be a calendar for the next 12 months put on our website - accessible to all groups to help when planning events. If you would like to place an event on our calendar on the website and also in the next couple of issues of the Springdale Messenger - then please email, write or ring the details of the event through to the Springdale Office.

2005

- March**
- 13th Bellarine Agricultural Show
 - 14th Labour Day Holiday
Seniors Week - Dou "Kilyn time" and afternoon tea
 - 16th Clifton Springs/Drysdale Garden club outing to Mt. Macedon
 - 19th The Bunyip jives in 2005 Festival - Drysdale Primary School
 - 20th Drysdale Market
 - 21st Adriane Mannix O.A.M. Community Award Presentation Dinner
Clifton Springs/Drysdale Garden club meeting -
Uniting church 7.30pm
 - 25th GOOD FRIDAY
 - 26-27 Rotary Club of Drysdale
29th Annual Art Show - Leopold indoor Neighbourhood Centre
 - 27th EASTER SUNDAY (Daylight savings ends)
 - 31st Lisa Neville "Mobile Office" at Bellarine Community Health Centre
- April**
- 4-17 School Holidays
 - 4th Senior Citizens 36th Birthday afternoon tea
 - 17th Drysdale Market
 - 24th Portarlinton Market
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SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Hi friends

This term is proving to be very successful for SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre – every course that has been asked for has been run and most courses that were suggested by tutors have been able to be run too.

So far it has been a term of learning and consolidating for staff and volunteers at Springdale. We are learning how to deal with providing courses on a building site and how to work in well with the Drysdale Scouts and the Drysdale CFA who are kindly letting us share their community facilities. We are extremely grateful for their kindness.

If you would like to do any course over the next couple of terms. I need to know or requests as soon as possible – so we can make them a reality !!!!

We have been working closely with the newly incorporated Drysdale / Clifton Springs Community Association and we encourage every citizen, every community group and every business located or affiliated within the Drysdale / Clifton Springs Community to become a member of the Drysdale / Clifton Springs Community Association. Likewise for other residents and other groups to join their Community Associations. A Community Association provides your community with a consolidated voice. It allows you to gain momentum for ideas and to be able to present the vision for your community to all levels of government. Please feel free to collect information on becoming a

member of a local Community Association from Springdale Neighbourhood Centre.

We have been able to welcome Springdale Jigsaw Club, Springdale Solo group, Springdale Segullar Music group and the Portarlington Toy Library as our members over the last couple of months. We look forward to people asking about these groups and to becoming members of these groups.

The redevelopment of the Springdale Neighbourhood centre is going well. The slab for the new offices has been laid, new sky lights have been installed in the hall, which should make the hall more user friendly during most days. The builders and associated contractors are ensuring that the redevelopment is on track.

Last year it was suggested that we make another Community Quilt that could be unveiled at the opening of the redevelopment. So far we have completed a few squares but we would love any community groups or individuals to help us with some squares, especially if you didn't get a chance to help with the beautiful Community Quilt that was created about 12 years ago. Both will be displayed in the new foyer of our Community Centre.

I draw your attention to any courses that are still to begin – Setting up a web site using templates (I attended the first one of these earlier in the term and soon you'll see plenty of changes with regard to the SpringDale Website), an afternoon scrapbooking session,

the Boxcercise session and the flower arranging course. Next term we will have food handling and supervisor courses on a Tuesday, in third term on a Wednesday and in fourth term on a Thursday. We are trying to prearrange courses so you can book in well ahead if you like.

We are hoping to run First Aid sessions in the afternoon or evening – but this will only happen with your support. If you are a volunteer of any sort, a First Aid course is essential training. If you are a volunteer you will be able to receive the training at a discounted rate

I continue to love the Centre and the opportunities that we are able to fulfill or create to ensure that all the community that we deal with hopefully leave us a little more satisfied than they arrived. Please let us know if there is a course or opportunity that you would like us to support. We still need an adult orchestra / music group. Are you interested ?????

Lots of love and good wishes from Anne Brackley, staff and volunteers of Springdale Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

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It exists to promote a sense of community and connectedness.

- The community is welcome to promote activities and accomplishments through articles of interest to our readers.
- We ask contributors to limit their articles to 350 words and a photo or 400 words without a photo.
- Because of the inclusive nature of SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre we do not include controversial, political or insensitive articles or advertising in our newsletter. However, to preserve equality it is our policy that candidates in Federal, State or Local elections are limited to a 150 word article only.
- Businesses are welcome to advertise in our newsletter and in so doing contribute to cover the costs of producing a newsletter which is free to the public.

- In regard to initial advertisement setup, a fee of \$20 will be applied.
- Not for profit/charitable organizations will receive 3 free 5cm x 6cm advertisements annually. These advertisements will be placed in the issues of the organizations choice. (However, initial advertisement setup fee of \$20 will be applied)
- A surcharge of \$10 will be applied for small changes and alterations made to advertisements.
- Businesses who purchase a full page advertisement are welcome to submit, free of charge, an additional related article of 350 words.
- We will review this policy during the annual policy review procedure.

Article formatting:

- We require articles that are submitted electronically to be Word documents.
- If photographs are to be submitted electronically, it is requested that they come as an extra attachment.
- When submitting an article we require headings to be formatted in upper and lower cases.

Thank you for your co-operation.

From the Garden gate.

Once again, in our garden, the tomatoes have not flourished as hoped. - better go down to the local roadside stall and buy sauce tomatoes!

People are saying this was not a good year for apricots either. Our experiences may be different, but I do hope the next months are fruitful ones for you in the vegie patch and fruit-tree garden. Our shelves are loaded with jars of freshly-made plum and apricot jam. Lovely!

Jobs to do in the garden.

Cultivate garden beds ready for planting of bulbs and seedlings for Winter/Spring flowering plants. Dig in animal manure or blood and bone. Up-date fixed watering systems. Trim roses, daisies and other spent flowers. Water fruit-trees deeply so that deep established roots are reached. Feed citrus trees to avoid yellowing and encourage fruit set and yield. Protect grapes or fruit using anti-bird netting.

What to plant now.

Aquilegia, candytuft, carnation, cineraria, cornflower, pansy, primula, snapdragon, stock, viola, wallflower. Carrots, citrus, herbs, lettuce, radish, broccoli, dwarf beans, leeks, parsnips, silver beet, spinach.

Clifton Springs/Drysdale Garden Club.

Garden Outing to Mt. Macedon. March 16th. Money due at meeting. \$20. (enquiries 52505545)
March Garden Meeting. Monday March 21st 7.30 pm. Uniting Church Hal, Drysdale.

Wendy Hebbard - Ph: 5250 5545



15th Bellarine Agricultural Show Portarlington

Sunday 13th March 2005

Attention to all school students

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The Adriane Mannix O.A.M. Community Award Nominees

Through selfless acts, the following five nominee's for the Adriane Mannix O.A.M. Award have contributed to the betterment of our community. They are: Mrs Florrie Beck, Mrs Patricia Bell, Mrs Ethel Harrold, Mr Ted Hoppe and Mrs Joan Strachan.

By disregarding their own interests in place of others, showing the better side of humanity, these volunteers have devoted their time and energy to worthy causes within the Bellarine region.

Adriane Mannix O.A.M. Award recognises the voluntary contributions of Bellarine residents within their local community. The Award is in honour of the memory of Adrian Mannix, an outstanding individual who contributed enormously to our region.

Compassion, concern and commitment are resounding features found in each of the nominations for the Adriane Mannix O.A.M. Award.

Mrs Florrie Beck, a tireless fundraiser and volunteer is

dedicated to helping others in our community. She has been recognised for her outstanding contributions to the region through her participation with the Red Cross, Meals on Wheels and her work with the C.W.A.

Mrs Patricia Bell is one nominee recognised for her selfless dedication and commitment, with 50 years of voluntary service to committees and organizations, particularly numerous health service, in the region.

Mrs Ethel Harrold has been described as having 'more energy than someone half her age'. Her efforts are always directed towards helping others more needy than herself. Her commitment to helping the blind in various ways from learning Braille to fundraising has been duly noted.

Mr Ted Hoppe's nomination has been based on his inability to refuse anyone in need of help. He has been described as 'always helping somebody'. He is recognised for the support he

offers others via his assistance to Health Link and Safety Link.

Mrs Joan Strachan has been described as displaying exceptional dedication to worthy causes. Mrs Stachan illustrates the positive nature of volunteers, through her work at Cancer Relief Hospice Care and the Drysdale Care Concern Op-shop.

It should be noted that these nominees have contributed to an outstanding number of organizations, too many to cite here. They are all winners in their own right and deserve our congratulations.

The presentation evening for the Adriane Mannix O.A.M. Community Award will be held on Monday the 21st of March 6:30pm at the Portarlington Golf Club. If you wish to attend tickets can be purchased from the Lions Club of Portarlington/Drysdale, Rotary Club of Drysdale and Springdale Neighbourhood Centre for \$20.00.

Drysdale Rotary's New Easter Art Show venue.

The Rotary Club of Drysdale's 29th Annual Art Show will have a new venue for Easter 2005.

Firmly established as one of the premier art exhibitions in Geelong region, the show will be staged at the new Leopold Indoor Neighbourhood Centre on Easter Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27. The LINC building is situated in the Leopold Primary School grounds at the corner of Bellarine Highway and Kensington Road.

The Rotary exhibition was moved because it had out-grown the Potato Shed at Drysdale. The new venue will allow a better display in the spacious auditorium and has better

facilities for catering and other attractions.

It is anticipated that more than 600 paintings will be on display and for sale. Patrons will also be able to enjoy Devonshire teas and light luncheons and select from the cakes, preserves and plants for sale.

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 5pm on Easter Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday. Just before the show closes there will be the drawing of the traditional raffle featuring prizes of paintings by Hugh Guthrie and Bruno Callori, a Tasmanian holiday package, Bellarine Estate wines and accommodation at the View's End Bed and Breakfast.

Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Andrew Love Cancer Unit and Cottage by the Sea children's home. Profits from the art show will support the many Rotary community projects including construction of a rotunda on the Village Green at Drysdale.

This is a special year for Rotary as it is the Centennial of the worldwide service organization.

There will be awards totalling \$4925 for winning artists at the Easter exhibition and entries will close with the secretary, Mike Rickard, 36 Darrambal Crescent, Leopold, 3224 on Friday, March 4. (Phone 5250 3361).

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GOLFING MEMBERSHIP

New golfing members continue to join and reap the benefits of being a member of Clifton Springs Golf Club with the cost for joining in March only \$285.00 which entitles you to full golfing membership until September this year. Application forms are available from reception or the Professional shop and with the course in superb condition, now is the time to join.

GOLFING CALENDAR

Club golfing fixture books are now available from the Club and has the full golfing calendar listed including all district events. Important events coming up in March are the mens Foursome Championships, Tuesday Autumn Trophy over 4 rounds and Senior Pennant commences and for the Ladies their major event in March is the Popular Golden Putter event on March 7th. Ladies Otway Pennant has also commenced with us hosting on Friday 11th March.

GREEN FEE AND MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

Play 3 rounds of golf for only \$20 per round and receive the 4th round free and if you decide to take up a golfing membership we will deduct 50% of the green fees paid (\$30) off the membership fees.

BABBA SHOW

A sell out crowd attended the Babba Show on Friday 11th February and once again a fantastic night was had by all. The next tribute show at the Club is the Beatles tribute show "Rubber Soul" on Saturday 14th May with bookings now being taken.

RECENT STORM DAMAGE

As with numerous other householders and property owners we suffered some storm damage on the course with 20 large trees and

limbs brought to the ground. Also of a concern has been the number of detached limbs still in trees. We have had tree contractors on site during February removing the debris.

LUNCH & DINNER

The meal deal coupons are proving as popular as ever and all members and guests are advised to make advanced bookings when dining at the Club. The meal deal coupons represent great value with the coupon entitling you to the 2nd meal for the only \$5.50 on presentation of the coupon. And don't forget the lunchtime blackboard special meals with prices commencing from \$6.50.

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Classes recommence February 2005 - New student enrolments are being accepted now.

Phone Debbie Lee - 5250 3244 or 0418 317 487

End of year performance held at Ford Theatre, GPAC.

(No sewing involved)

Bellarine Peninsula Railway - Drysdale

The daily summer train service is over for another year & our band of volunteers worked hard to ensure all our customers were happy. The cool conditions saw only a couple of hot days requiring use of one of our diesel engines so steam ruled supreme most of the time.

This month we will look at some history around the railway station and perhaps answer some questions.

The station opened with the railway on May 21st, 1879. The Drysdale Post & Telegraph Office was located at the station until 1881 when it moved to the site opposite the hotel.

Until 1910 a tea stall operated at Drysdale Station.

The weighbridge between High & Station St was cast in Liverpool England & installed in 1884.

A Mr George Lewin was the first weigher & he was paid one pound per week for opening 8am-4pm 6 days a week. The weighbridge is in fact operable, merely being 'blocked' (secured) when the railway closed in 1976. The small timber office was moved to an adjacent backyard for use as a shed but sadly no longer exists. Near the

weighbridge is a horse trough (still in use) The age & origin of which is unknown. Further along is the so called Shepherds Cottage. This has no railway connection but is thought to be the peninsula's oldest building. It was placed on the site by our friends at the Bellarine Historical Society. Beyond the end of the current railway at High St & stretching into the distance toward Geelong are the original 'broad' or 'Irish' gauge tracks. The track is intact as far as Curlewis. Back toward the station on the flat grassed area next to the Lake was where the main goods shed, cattle & sheep race & crane were located. Our long term goal is to rebuild these structures. Beyond the loco water tank (formerly from Avoca) on the left of the main line is a 75 foot electric turntable. This came from Hobart & was placed in its pit in 1996. It still requires a sizable investment to complete. The wagons in the siding are from all over Australia. Of note is the tanker wagon which came from the old 'Ghan' railway, NT. Another interesting wagon is an ancient wooden Tasmanian open truck. The large 'hopper' type ballast

wagons are part of our operating fleet and are regularly used on track works. Finally, the apple trees in the park behind the station building once stood in a fenced backyard which was provided as the station master lived in the building.

The station facilities began to be removed after the station master was abolished in 1953.

In 1972 the station building was sold and shifted to a new site elsewhere in Drysdale where it remains in use as a stylish residence. Upon closure in 1976 all that remained of Drysdale's railway station was one siding (originally there were four) the van goods shed (still on site) & a 30 foot section of platform. After reopening as the BPR in 1980, all the features seen today began to slowly be added as funds permitted. The current main building dates from 1989 & is a replica of the original design.

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Drysdale Rotary Club

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Drysdale Rotary Club celebrated by opening 2 new free BBQ's at our Point Richards Children's Park and then providing free entertainment to the community.

And what a great success. Families turned out in amazing numbers.

4,650 rides were taken on our miniature trains, which includes

both steam and diesel engines with the crowd estimated to been between 6, 500 and 7, 000 people.

Our special thanks to members of the GSMEE who provided their exciting steam engines and to local MP Lisa Neville who declared the BBQ's opening.

It was a wonderful carnival atmosphere, with families enjoying the attractions, which included a farm animal display, face painting, jumping castles and slides as well as refreshments. The Girl Guides were

busy cooking pancakes, and model boats and train displays attracted a lot of interest.

Adding to the day was also a display of classic motor bikes, MG's and other vintage vehicles and 2 dune buggies!!

The club members worked long and hard but all went home well satisfied to have shared such a wonderful day and to have celebrated 100years with so many in our community.

Drysdale Ladies Probus Club

By the time you read this, it will be March, with only ten months to Christmas, or should I say nine weeks since Christmas. Time certainly gets away from us, with so much to do and so little time to do it, but isn't it great that we can be kept busy in this great community of ours.

Our Probus Club certainly has plenty groups and activities to keep us busy, and with our A.G.M

coming up at the end of March with several new committee members, who knows what ideas they might come up with in 2005-2006.

In February we had Tehree Gordon as our guest speaker talking to us about her year as 'Senior Australian of the Year'. What a wonderful lady and a great role model. Marian King told us a wonderful story of her life coming

to Australia from Holland, then touring around Australia with a friend on a motor scooter. It is wonderful to hear the great stories that our members have to tell about their lives , as really, everybody has a "Story to Tell" and we love hearing about their life experiences.

*Bye for now
Glad Sharp*

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15th Bellarine Agricultural Show Portarlington

Sunday March 13th 2005
Only a week to go!!

Once again this annual event is almost here, and the hard working, tireless efforts of The Show Committee are coming to fruition.

Due to the spiralling costs of insurance, permits and security etc, these events can only proceed with public support. If you can participate in any horse riding event, Beaut Ute Competition, Gum Boot Throwing, or enter your favourite pigeons or rabbits- then this is the show for you!

With fun for the whole family, this enables all ages to display their talents in cookery, craft, art, photography,

china, painting, knitting, patchwork etc. Special sections in Aged Care for those in retirement facilities. New 70's section for those at home, vintage machinery, horticulture, and craft demonstrations.

And something for the kids **FREE ENTRY.**

For Primary School Students- best decorated bike

For Secondary students- best dressed scarecrow, PLUS lots of novelty events.

We urge you to get behind this organization in the hope that these shows will continue in the future.

Show schedules are available from numerous businesses, Banks, Post Offices and Library in the Bellarine District or phone Roma Burns on 5259 23 90 for a copy to be sent to you.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL COMPETITORS!!

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Character Focus for the month of March 2005

Forgiveness vs. Rejection

Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and not holding a grudge. Food for Thought

The word *forgiefan* appeared in Old English before 900 A.D. It literally meant "to give up" and was used to indicate someone giving up a claim against another or granting a pardon that precluded future legal action.

For-give-ness n 1: a release from fault or offense; pardon 2: absolution from payment 3: a renunciation of anger or resentment against an offender.

1. Who does bitterness damage in the long run?
2. What attitudes must a person express when seeking forgiveness?
3. What attitudes should you demonstrate when working to

resolve an offence with the others involved?

4. What can you do to heal the wounds?
5. How do you determine an appropriate level of restoration in a particular relationship?
6. What does it mean to "forgive and forget"?
7. How can you refocus on your responsibility and move forward?



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Hi Folks,

First of all-Happy New Year, even if it is early March when you read this report. So to recap lets go back to December and start with the very successful break-up at the Portarlinton Golf Club, and where the Woody of the Year was awarded to Geoff Anderson. Geoff has been a member for the past five years and plays a very active role in the kids toy making program, as an added interest Geoff edits and distributes the clubs newsletter on a regular basis, therefore he is a very worthy winner.

In January, over a four day period, we held our annual Woodworking Expo at Queenscliff and once again this proved to be another success story both in relation to public and member participation.

All the raffle prizes were made by the members and for the first time all were won by 'locals'.

- 1st Prize Childs Dexter Rocker
Patricia Payne
- Ocean Grove
- 2nd Prize Shaker Wall Clock
Vicky Crowley-Clough
-Point Lonsdale
- 3rd Prize Coffee Table
Dr Dan Hurley
- Drysdale
- 4th Prize Document Box
Isla Collier
- Clifton Springs

Thanks go to all the shop keepers, business people, firms and the media who assisted in the promotion of the show. A very special thanks to the members wives who made the sandwiches and kept the billy hot in support of those on the duty throughout the four days.

This year is already shaping up to be a busy one, with our first activity being a trip to Daylesford to see the methods used for steaming timber. Not only do these visits improve our general knowledge of woodworking, as they mainly involve travel, they also become an enjoyable social outing.

So don't forget, if you would like to further develop your woodworking abilities or convey your existing knowledge, then come along and sit in on a couple of meetings and see for yourself.

1st and 3rd Monday of each month, commencing 1:30pm at the Drysdale Community Hall (Springdale) High Street, Drysdale.

Kevin Cass
Public Relations Officer

Seniors's Week

The Senior's festival is coming up in March and we are having entertainment by the Duo "Kilyn Tyme" followed by a nice afternoon tea. This is on Monday March 14th at 1.30pm a \$2.00 donation at the door. Everyone is welcome come along and enjoy a nice afternoon.

On Monday April 4th we will be celebrating our 36th Birthday. We will be entertained by the Melodaires

with afternoon tea and birthday cake to follow, this is for members only and there is no cost.

We are trying to organise a trip in April, but we have not finalised the arrangements yet, so keep watching "Town by Town" in the Echo, for further information.

We have a lovely club here and we always welcome new members, just come up and have a chat with

us, don't sit on your own we will teach you to play indoor bowls, snooker, cards, craft or patchwork. Look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes to all our sick members, and hope we see you back soon.

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Drysdale Rotary Fun Day

I was delighted to be invited to officially open the new BBQ shelters at the Point Richards Miniature Railway Station at the **Rotary Fun Day** on the 13th February.

The State Government provided \$20,000, with Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee and Council together contributing a further \$20,000 for this terrific project.

As you're probably aware, the Rotary Club of Drysdale operates the Point Richards Miniature Railway for children at the Rotary Children's Park. It was a lovely day, with hundreds of visitors enjoying the festivities and admiring the new shelters.

This facility is managed and maintained by the Drysdale Rotary Club. Congratulations to President Keith Winter and Rotary Members, without their consistent hard work and commitment we would not have this terrific asset in our region.

The miniature railway is great fun and a big hit with the kids and I encourage you all to visit the Park and enjoy it as much as we all did on the Fun Day.

Clifton Springs Harbour Upgrade

As you know the upgrade to the Clifton Springs Harbour is being jointly undertaken by the State Government and Council, with the Government contributing \$200,000 to the project.

You have probably seen that some of the work has been completed, however, some residents have raised concerns with me about decisions taken by Council on this important project. As a result I have arranged to meet with Council to discuss these concerns and will keep you informed of the outcome.

Clifton Springs Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program

Clifton Springs OSHC program received \$3,000 from the State Government to assist them to apply to the Commonwealth Government for additional places.

OSHC includes before and after school programs as well as vacation care and the grants - four in Bellarine - were provided for schools and community groups who currently do not operate an OSHC program, or want to expand an existing program.

As I'm sure you'll agree, these programs are important for so many families who are managing both work and family commitments and the Bracks Government is urging the Commonwealth to increase the overall funding for these programs and provide a significant, long-term investment in all Victorian child care services.

Boating Safety Grants

It was great to join the Minister for Transport, along with representatives from Bellarine Bayside, at the recent announcement of a funding boost to improve boating safety and facilities across Victoria.

I'm delighted to report that Bellarine in particular has received significant resources, including:

\$312,676 to the Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management to upgrade **boat ramps** at

- Steele Rock, Fairfax Street
- Portarlinton Seaside Resort
- St. Leonards

I know this will be welcome news to all of you who enjoy fishing and sailing along our beautiful coastline.

Drysdale Mobile Office - 31st March 2005

The success of last year's "Mobile Office" in Drysdale has encouraged us to run another one this year. This is an opportunity to raise issues with me, particularly for those of you who have difficulty getting in to the electorate office in Newcomb.

I will be at the **Bellarine Community Health Centre, 21 Palmerston Street, on Thursday, 31st March, 2005. Please phone my office for an appointment.**

For those who would like to just have a chat and a cup of tea, please come and join me at the Centre at 2.00 p.m.. If you are able to come, please phone my office, so that we have an idea of numbers.

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

The State Government has committed \$367,000 to the redevelopment of the Centre - a project close to my heart. It's wonderful to see that the temporary fencing has gone up and after some delays with the building permit, construction has finally begun. I'm sure we all look forward to watching its progress.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office if there are any issues we may be able to assist you with. I look forward to another busy year, working with you and on behalf of the people of Bellarine.

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Traveltalk by Avril Lucas

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These tours are for all ages. If you've always wanted to explore exciting areas a little off the beaten track and are fit, fun and with a good sense of adventure this type of trip is for you!

The first trip is late May travelling to the lovely old colonial city of Hanoi, Vietnam, cruising the calm waters of Halong Bay, then northwards to visit the colourful minority groups in the hills of Sapa. We then cross through spectacular mountain scenery into China, visiting Kunming a city of wide

boulevards, tranquil gardens and picturesque lakes. Then on to the beautiful Li River at Guilin and the amazing limestone karsts that rise dramatically from the deep green rice fields at Yangshuo. Continuing on to the vibrant city of Hong Kong before returning home.

The second trip is late August flying to Helsinki Finland and on to St Petersburg in Russia the "Venice of the north" with its opulent palaces and museums. On to Moscow the vastness of the Red Square, the Kremlin, fabled palace-fort of gilded domes and royal treasures. Then travelling on the legendary Trans Siberian railway across Siberia spending time at Lake Baikal and the

beautiful town of Irkutsk. We leave Russia behind and continue on the Trans Mongolian Railway into Mongolia, we now have time in the grasslands with the Mongolian nomads and stay the night in a traditional Ger and on to Ulaanbaatar. The last leg of our rail journey takes to Beijing, one of my favourite cities! While here we go to the Great Wall, The Forbidden City and have time to explore many more delights of this great city before returning home.

For more details on these or any other holiday that takes your fancy please call in to see us at our Drysdale or Ocean Grove stores
Tel: 52511125 or 52561888

Bunyip Festival - 2005

The 25th Bunyip Festival – celebrating our mythical Bunyip that lives in Lake Lorne, Drysdale – is being held at Drysdale Primary School, on Saturday March 19th from 10am to 3pm.

What can you expect at a Bunyip Festival? Well it is a day out for the family. There will be rides – a large slide to venture down, a jumping castle, a chair-plane, an abseiling wall and more. There will be a BBQ food available and hot potatoes, chicken sate sticks, pizza slices, pancakes, sno cones, fairy floss and bunyip smiles or grins (slices of watermelon !!) to tempt your taste buds. There will be showbags, face painting, hair spraying, there will be demonstrators of all types, and we've decided to have only one auction at 12 noon and to have a silent auction during the day. There

will be many community groups represented and demonstrating their skills. There should be something for everyone.

A special draw card last year was our very high quality market stalls – there were 60 last year and we expect about 100 this year – be prepared to find lots of great things to buy.

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

Hope to see you there – Drysdale Primary School, 19th March, 10am – 3pm. We're not sure if the Roulettes will be there again but I'm sure there'll be something to interest you.

Peninsula Players

Due to the alterations to the Drysdale Community Hall, the first play for 2005 will be performed from Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd July. The play "Charlies Aunt" by Brandon Thomas, to be performed "in the round" will be directed by Kenneth Hemmens.

"Charlies Aunt" calls for three young men who are Oxford University Graduates and three young women of similar age and also three mature men and one mature woman.

Auditions will take place on the 4th April at 7:45pm in Drysdale Community Hall. For details contact Ken Hemmens on 5243 2402. All welcome.

2005 is a milestone for Peninsula Players INC, as it celebrates its 20th year of productions on the peninsula. We at the Peninsula Players have enjoyed offering live theatre to the community and thank our loyal patrons and sponsors for their support. We look forward to the next 20 years.

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Barbara's year as President is coming to an end and I understand the present committee is prepared to stand for nomination again for the next year when Shirley Craig will be taking up the Presidents role. One position remains to be filled, that of Vice President. This is a learning position for the preparation to be President the following year. It is always a hard time filling the vacant positions so I am sure Shirley will be busy trying to get her Vice President for the next year.

Barbara and her committee have done a good job this year, and every President brings her own special talents and with a loyal team it works well.

Our club will be celebrating it's 18th birthday this month, and has

seen many changes since it's inception.

We had a very good speaker named Tony Gough who worked on the original Snowy Mountain Scheme. He had a great sense of humour and has, over a period of time put his engineering experience into print and had copies available, should anyone want to read it.

His story was graphic and detailed, and certainly made us aware of the mammoth task of moving rivers to capture the flow to irrigate the land and also spread the water to where it was needed.

The Speakers for February were from Vision Australia. Olga Givoye and Jason McGregor talked of the work done by their organization.

A trip to Echuca in April is being planned, so hopefully it will be a full bus. It is a four day trip with good events planned for each day.

There is another card playing group hoping to commence a game of Solo when sufficient members can be organised.

Sylvia Spruit has done a great job with making cards for our birthdays etc. and tells us that another lady member has also shown an interest in making the cards along with Sylvia.

We are blessed with so many gifted ladies in our club.

*Yours in friendship,
Iris Liz Tolton.*

Give Guiding a Go !!!!

Drysdale Guides – helping girls and young women grow into confident, self respecting, responsible community members.

While doing this we also gain a lot of life long friends along the way!! On Thursday evenings at 4pm the Drysdale Gumnut guides and Junior Guides meet and at 6pm on Thursday evenings the Senior Guides and Ranger guides meet at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre.

What do guides do At the moment we are still meeting at Springdale and trying to work around the renovation – this has caused us a couple of more challenges than usual but I'm sure the final results will be worth it. We - make things , We – share time and skills and fun , We – learn skills , practical things like cooking and eating, camping and caring for the

environment, We - have fun with ageless games and activities, and We – facilitate leadership development and Self esteem improvement. **FUN ! FUN ! FUN !** Why not give guiding a go!

Guides is "girl driven" so the girls work out what they want to do and we try to "make it so". At the moment our Senior Guides and Ranger Guides are working towards a Region Competition Camp in April and our Junior Guides and Gumnut

guides are planning some exciting activities for the rest of the year.

Lisa and Kelly Shearer made us proud through their efforts of supporting Rotary's Fun day – they made about 200 free pancakes and also collected \$142.75 for the Tsunami Appeal – thank you to everyone who made this day such a success.

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Clifton Springs Primary School

We've had a great start to the year and would like to welcome our new families and teachers, Ms Nicola Fenton and Ms Catherine Taylor to the area.

The Preps have settled in well and started full time at the end of February. All grades have spent the first few weeks involved in our Learning to Learn Program where the teachers worked with the students to establish the best learning conditions in the classroom. Students have determined the best way they

learn and have experimented with music, whether they work better in groups or as individuals, where in the room they prefer to learn and other physical influences. All students are drinking water and grazing on 'brain food' such as fruit, vegetables, seeds, dried fruit or plain crackers, during class time.

Students from Grades 4-6 dissected a sheep's brain to identify the various parts of the brain.

We cut the sheep's brain into its hemispheres. We could see veins and a white brain stem which we cut in half. It was difficult.

Gabby Wray

We cut up a sheep's brain into its left and right sides. We cut the cerebellum in half and it looked like a leaf. We could see the grey and white matter. The sheep's brain is much smaller than the human brain.

Jesse Stent

Extreme Makeover

It is interesting to watch some of the new shows on television that deal with quick makeovers to improve people's looks and homes. They change the hairstyle, change the style of dress, teach them how to set a table and make spectacular cocktails or go through the painful process of cosmetic surgery to assist people in feeling good about themselves and feel approved.

While I acknowledge the great results that are brought in these shows, I sometimes wonder if it is gone about the wrong way. It seems that there is a new coat of paint applied to the outside when it really needs work done from the inside out. The core or the foundation needs work to make the outside look better.

Placing new trendy furniture in a guy's bachelor pad won't change the guy and the flat will probably look just as messy a short time later. A new set of clothes is fine as long as someone keeps supplying the new clothes. Teaching him how to make one meal is fine if you only ever want to eat one thing.

A better way is to renew the foundation, the core, of the person. Renewing an attitude or an understanding will have much longer lasting effects than a superficial makeover. Let the change work from the inside.

It is like the difference between Christianity and religion. Religion deals with the outside and looks for external change. Christianity is about

relationship and heart. God is interested in relationship with us and not in our outward compliance to a set of perceived rules and regulations.

Christianity is not a makeover, it is a transformation from the core.

If nothing changes, then nothing changes.

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Jake Hogendoorn

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- In decimal currency, what is 2 - 10 - 6d?
- In scrabble, which tile is worth 5 points?
- What is the highest possible total score in Tenpin Bowling?
- In which Stalag were Hogan's Heroes held?
- In which Australian State or Territory is Monkey Mia?
- On which date did gangster Squizzy Taylor die in a shootout?
- Who was the waiter in Fawulty Towers?
- What rank is Frank Burns in M.A.S.H?
- What is the worlds highest mountain?
- What is the Capital City of Germany?
- In rhyming slang, what is your Gregory Peck?
- Who was the male star of Green Acres?
- Who were televisions Avengers?
- Which Australian Test Cricketer was well known for the Sandshoe Crusher?
- In which year did Pharlap win the Melbourne Cup?
- Which frontiersman was born on a mountain top in Tennessee?

Answers on page 18.

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SpringDale Jigsaw Club

Is it a club, is it a library, or is it something else? And how did it come into being? People ask lots of questions! Well, here's some answers from Joyce and Neville, the parents of the SPRINGDALE JIGSAW CLUB.

This is the story of the birth and development of the Jigsaw Club.

In November 1992 we moved into our new house in Ocean Grove. In Melbourne we had many friends and neighbours who shared our interests in doing jigsaw puzzles, and as a result we were able to lend and borrow between us. But in a new area to us and not knowing many people, what were we to do? We only had 20 jigsaws of our own and had already done these many times. Surely there must be others down here also interested in doing puzzles, but how to contact them?

We put a notice on the notice board at Coles (or was it Tuckerbag then?), but got no response. Joyce met a lady in the toy shop while she was looking for a not-to-expensive puzzle to buy, and discovered she also enjoyed doing jigsaws, Joyce invited her around to borrow some of ours, and we borrowed some of hers. We talked about the possibility of getting others interested to borrow and lend. She was willing to add her puzzles to our 20, and so in February

1993 it started. But we needed more people and of course more jigsaws.

Then we got the bright idea of advertising in the Town by Town section of the Echo inviting people to come on the first Tuesday of each month to the Jigsaw Club to borrow puzzles from our home. We had several inquiries and people started to come, delighted with the idea, and many were only too willing to add some of their puzzles to the library.

They paid 20 cents for each puzzle they borrowed, and at first this was partly spent building up our stock of puzzles, but later it was donated to 'Concern', a Geelong-based Welfare Agency.

Gradually as our puzzle library grew, the storage and the setting up each month to display the puzzles became a bigger and bigger job, started usually in the weekend. As many people were unable to come during the day, we decided to also open on the Monday night before, and so the numbers of members and puzzles grew and grew. From a small beginning of 20, it is now estimated that we have more than 2,000 puzzles, and they still come!

The morning tea-time has also developed. Friendships have formed-a real sharing time of joys, difficulties and interests. So it is also

a Club-a meeting place for friends and those with similar interests,

You may well ask why do so many people do jigsaws? Some find it fills in time; for the incapacitated or recuperating it helps recovery; it can take the mind of worries and difficulties; it can keep the mind active and alert; satisfaction comes on completion, bringing enjoyment of recreating lovely pictures and oh what a challenge! It also can be a co-operative family activity.

So the Jigsaw Club is a library, but also a club-a meeting place for friends and those with a similar interest.

We are thrilled at this new stage of development-a permanent home-a new area for potential members-but we are also sad that we may lose a few members who would find it difficult to travel to our new home.

The official opening of the SPRINGDALE JIGSAW CLUB by Lisa Neville M.P. was on the 3rd March in the Community Hall, High Street, Drysdale. Come along and take some jigsaws puzzles too.

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3. Bart Cummings
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5. \$5.05
6. 'K'
7. 300
8. 13
9. Western Australia
10. 27-10-27
11. Manuel
12. Major
13. Mount Everest
14. Berlin
15. Neck
16. Eddie Albert
17. Sam Snead & Emma Peel
18. Jeff Thompson
19. 1930
20. Davy Crockett

The Diversity of Our Region- The Highland Gathering

If you are looking for entertainment on the weekend, Victoria's largest Highland Gathering is set to be held on Sunday the 20th March at Queens Park.

This year will mark the 48th Highland Gathering. It is an annual event that brings together people and traditions from the British Isles. It is a day of celebration, featuring traditional dancing, music and sports.

According to Organiser Claire Guiney the event has something for everyone, 'there will be events for

the kids, an animal nursery, jumping castle and painting tent. For the adults we have wood chopping and archery'.

With an expected crowd of 8,000 the Highland Gathering hosts many events which include: The Victorian Pipe Band Championships, Highland Dancing Competitions, Scottish Folk Music and Celtic markets.

'It will be a great, fun day for the family', explains Ms Guiney. The Highland Gathering is set to run from 9:00-4:30 on Sunday the 20th March at Queens Park.

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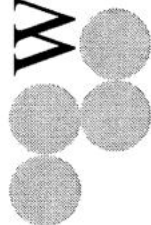
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WHEN: the group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

WHERE: Drysdale Community Health Centre.

TIME: 1.30pm until 3.30pm

COST: gold coin donation.

CONTACT: Margaret Ahern, Primary Care Nurse Bellarine Community Health, Portarlington Centre.

Phone 52592537 for more information.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday March 9th

GUEST SPEAKER: Gay Vickers, Psychologist, Bellarine Community Health.

Talking on Anxiety Panic disorders.

Geelong's Naval and Maritime Museum

Situated at The Stables of Osborne House, Geelong's Naval and Maritime Museum takes pride of place along the water front, boasting some of the best views of the bay.

The Naval and Maritime Museum has a vast and coloured history. It is the site of the first Royal Naval Collage in 1913 and Australia's first Submarine Base in the 1920's.

Once owned by the Harbour Trust, the museum is a non-for-profit organization which is home to an array of Naval and Maritime pieces. The museum has a collection which ranges from large scale

models, uniforms and medals to photographs, relics and displays.

The museum allows for a trip back into the Port of Geelong's history. Both informative and educational, the museum is full of Geelong's history dating as far back as 1802.

To find out more about the Port of Geelong's history, the Naval and Maritime museum is open seven days a week from 10am to 4:30pm. The museum is situated in Swinburne Street, North Geelong.

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Drysdale Netball Club INC

Player Registration

We are now seeking interest from any players, teams, coaches or umpires for the up coming Saturday season. Starting 2nd April, to be played at Drysdale Recreation Reserve. Players of all ages (must be born on or before 31/12/1999) and abilities, male or female. Competition includes 9/Under (Netta), 11/Under (Modified), 13/U, 15/U, 17/U, and mixed.

Training:

Training commences on 10th March, 4.00-5.00pm at Drysdale Netball Courts, Duke St., Drysdale.

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A Soccer Club for the North side of the Peninsula

About 18 months ago preparations were being made to form a soccer club in St Leonards. Murray Hall (a Physical Education Teacher from St Leonards) and Carey Bell (an experienced female soccer player from Drysdale/Clifton Springs) gained qualifications as junior soccer coaches and started the "Goal Kick" program at St Leonards Primary School in March 2004. This program had an initial enrolment of 24 boys and girls and ran for 12 weeks. The blend of coaching talents and the enthusiasm of the children ensured the success of the program.

Each week the children warm up, skill training and a 6 side game to finish. Encouraged by the success of the program Murray was able to obtain a small establishment grant from the Greater City of Geelong, which enabled the children's parents to form a club called the Bayside Sharks. The Sharks continued their junior coaching in spring at the school. Interest in the club has grown with 40 children from the North side of the Bellarine Peninsula now being exposed to soccer in St Leonards.

This year the Bayside Sharks will enter its first team with the Western

Victorian Soccer Association's home and away season in the under 11 age group. The club will play their home matches at St Leonards and the City of Greater Geelong will provide goals and a suitable pitch once the cricket season has finished.

Interest in the club continues to grow and it has recently been approached by a senior soccer coach (currently playing in England) who intends to form a senior Sharks team in 2006. Any support from local businesses during this formative stage at the club would be much appreciated. The Bayside Sharks is a "Good Sports" club and consequently promotes a drug free environment for children to play soccer. This year the Bayside Sharks will once again run a "Goal Kick" program for the 6-8 year old age group on Friday nights together with the under 11 training.

Home and away games will be on Sunday mornings and anyone who would like to encourage our local team are most welcome.

Further information about the club can be obtained from Murray or Donna on 5257 2106.



SPORTS REPORT

Clifton Springs Tennis Club Inc.

Jetty Rd Reserve, Clifton Springs

Contacts

- Seniors - Alison Ph 52512543
- Juniors - Liz Ph 52513602
- Night - Peter Ph 52513531
- Ladies - Glenda Ph 52512796
- Coach - Mark Ph 52414089
(Mobile no. 0416288956)

Into the Finals

With only three matches to play after the holiday break, teams have been jostling for a place in the finals. Rain caused the cancellation of the first match on 29/1 and so there has been intense competition over the remaining two matches.

Senior Saturdays

Congratulations to Section 10 who look to have secured a place and depending on last round results may finish 2nd to 4th.

Sections 5 and 12 have been competitive and finished 5th in their respective grades. So close!

The end of season break-up dinner will be at "The Mex" on Grand Final night and all players and families are welcome.

Junior Saturdays

A great result for our junior players over this summer season.

We look to have 8 of our 12 teams into the finals.

Good luck to Sections 8, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 29 and 32. Well played all, especially our new beginners who have shown great improvement over the season.

Mid Week Ladies

Congratulations to the Section 8 ladies team who played off in last season's Grand Final against Jan Juc. Well played to Sue C, Kaye S, Heather P and Cath M. Unfortunately the result did not go our way but we were there.

We have 4 teams playing in the new season which started in February. Sections are 1, 3, 6 and 9. Hope everyone enjoys their Tuesday morning tennis.

Country Week

Congratulations to all our players who participated in the Ballarat country week tournament in January. 8 of our players went along as part of the Tennis Geelong contingent. Lots of social fun & great tennis.

Special congratulations to Craig M who was a member of the u/19 A side, who were undefeated premiers. Congratulations also to Corinne R & Stephanie M who were members of the u/15 B premier side. Terrific Tennis. Country Week at Creswick (below)

Players Wanted

Now is the time to register your name if you are interested in playing Saturday Senior or Junior Tennis. Teams must be registered in March although the tennis winter season starts after the holidays in April. We need men! Especially for Saturday Seniors. We try to cater for all standards so if you are looking for a game then give Alison a call on 52512543.

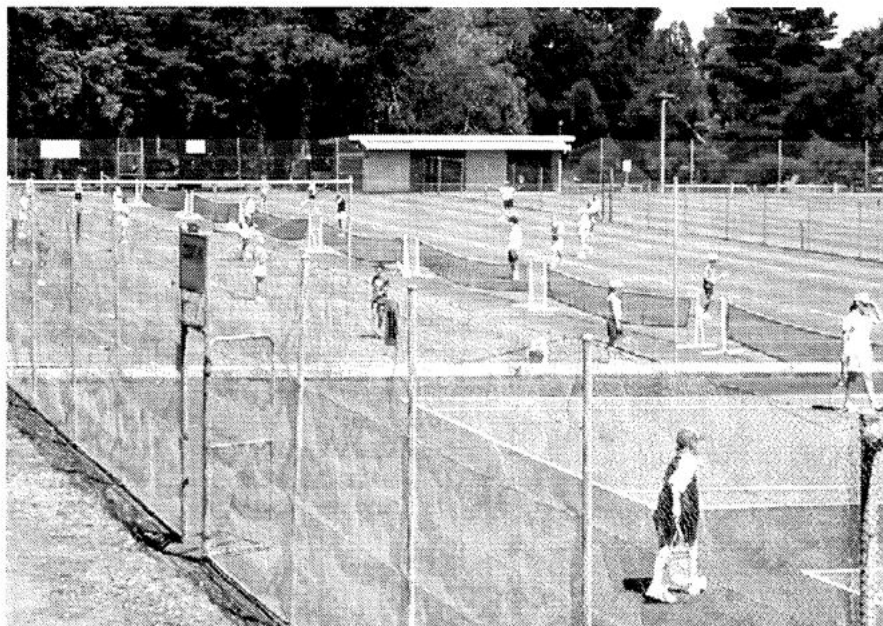
With over 20 grades in Junior winter competition, there is a place for all. Call Liz on 52513602 for information or to register.

Night Tennis

It's a busy time at night with three adult mixed competitions now playing on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Balmy summer nights are terrific for tennis so we'll make the most of this short, sharp season.

We are always looking for emergency players so if you would like an occasional game, call Liz on 52513602 (Mondays), Peter on 52513531 (Wednesdays) and Sue on 52531973 (Thursdays).



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All ages can participate so it's a great sport for the whole family to enjoy together and is great fun for all ages and abilities.

Interested? Then join us for a 'come and try' session at the Wallington General Store on the Bellarine Hwy, Wallington each Sunday from 1.30pm. Boules will be provided.

A number of local people are already hooked on the game so the chance is you will meet someone you know as well as having an opportunity to meet some new people.

Interested and want more info, then come along on Sunday and have a go or call

*Bernard on 52 583 188 or
Elaine on 52 532 434.*

We look forward to meeting you.

EXCLUSIVE: Your guide to the 2005 BFL season

Brent Diamond believes 2005 will be the year of the Ammos as they aim for back to back BFL flags. But just who are their challengers? Brent takes a look at just which teams can take it up to the almighty Geelong Amateur.

Drysdale will need its younger brigade to step to another level this season if it has any serious premiership aspirations.

For too long has the team relied on its core playing group. It's a group that have been courageous and had some brilliant local football careers. But they have failed to deliver what the Hawks have been searching for - for 20 years...a premiership.

And that has never seemed so far away than now.

The team is currently at its most fragile; full of promise and great expectations but without the on-field leadership and stability to have a crack. The old heads are getting younger and maybe the old cliché could be the catch cry for this season - you just can't buy experience. But the turn-over had to happen. Last season from a Drysdale point of view was very predictable. Predictable in the sense that when they entered the finals series - they already looked defeated. Down and out with nowhere to go but to hit the showers for a long hot summer. They've had plenty of time to think about their futures; some have gone; some have stayed and some are just there for the ride hoping it will just swing their way.

Out of the long-list of departures during the pre-season, Brent Taylor was the biggest. A mobile target on the forward line with loads of talent and poise, Taylor craved success and has outstanding leadership that

saw him touted as a future captain of the club at just 20-years-of-age. Then you have Aaron Eddy who has been a handy player over the years and veteran Darren Wilson who one can only admire playing footy at 42.

Years of experience has gone, but in comes some youth and enthusiasm which are desperate to represent the brown and gold. A bit of unpredictability about the Drysdale line-up starts to come to mind. Who will play at full-forward this season without Adam Richardson? Who can step up and help the likes of Simon Nelis and Justin Higgins in the midfield? And just who can provide some on-field leadership and the spark which the team has been lacking in the team for at least the past decade?

Those questions will not be answered until the season gets underway, but there is a huge chance for some up-and-coming players who may have otherwise been grounded in the reserves or under 18's last season.

Expect the likes of Cody Gibb, Michael Tilley, Andrew White, Mitch Cuthill, Julian Hildebrand, Todd Kingsbury and Lee Dimitrijeviski to make a more consistent appearance at senior level this season.

Ryan Gatgens looks destined to make the jump up to senior level after having a big season in the under 18's last year. Gavin Humphrey, Toby Welk and Mathew Aylwin give the team some much-needed depth.

Despite the future looking bright, coach Brian Cordy needs to look to the immediate challenge ahead, and what a mighty big one it is.

Geelong Amateur is united and setting an incomprehensible task ahead to be the bench-mark of the competition.

The majority of their team have shrugged off several lucrative offers to stay with the club with only one thing on their mind - back-to-back premierships.

The reigning premier will begin the 2005 season as the early season flag favourites and will do so this time with their greatest arch-rival Ocean Grove weakened through several key departures.

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The Grubbers face a similar situation to Drysdale as they search to replace some experience and aim to inject some genuine excitement into their senior team. 2004 was the test for Ocean Grove and they passed with a grand final appearance, but 2005 could prove to be coach Damian Clark's biggest challenge in football as he works with his youngest team ever. Known as the most successful local football team in Geelong, Clark is adamant his team can continue its success from the past decade and showcase some hidden talent from his under-18 brigade.

Portarlinton will quite comfortably be the biggest story of 2005. No matter where they finish on the ladder, they have finally recruited a big-name player to the club in former Geelong and Lara gun Paul Lynch as their playing coach. Their recruiting net will more than likely be aimed at the Lara Football Club with GFL interleague midfielder Aaron Langsworth leading what could possibly be another few former Cats to the club. It's a big win for the Demons and the red and blue flags could be waving a lot more this season after several years at the bottom of the BFL ladder as well as even battling its own demons to stay in the competition. The Demons won't be finalists this season, but expect them to finally climb from the bottom rungs of the ladder and follow in the same footsteps of the Newcomb Power.

Newcomb will improve even further this season after recruiting some more big guns including ruckman Mark Stewart from St Albans.

The Power showed enough glimpses in 2004 that they should be finalists this season.

Brent's predicted 2005 BFL ladder

1. Geelong Amateur
2. Barwon Heads
3. Queenscliff
4. Drysdale
5. Newcomb
6. Ocean Grove
7. Portarlinton
8. Anglesea
9. Torquay
10. Modewarre

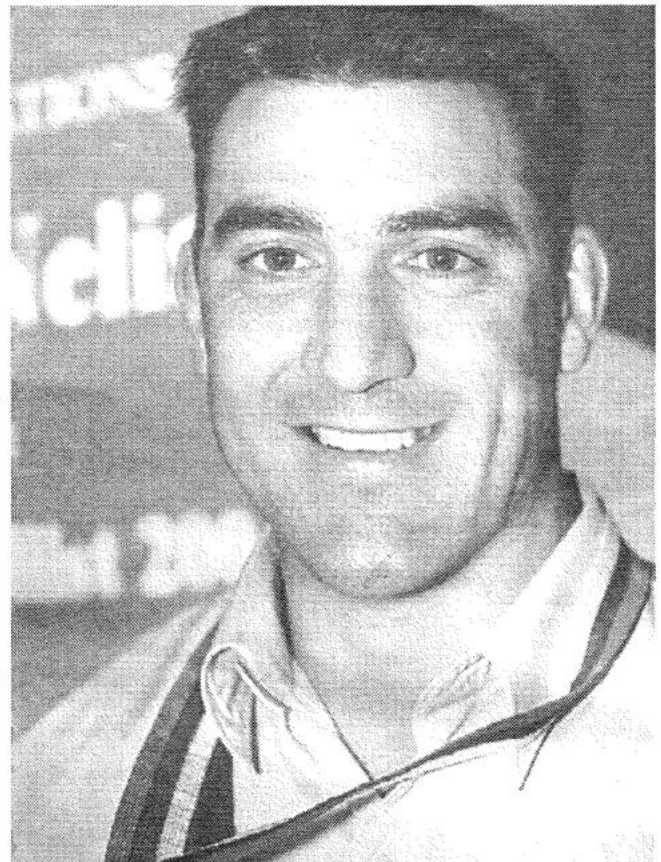
Meanwhile, Drysdale will enter the BPCA cricket finals as premiership favourites after some flawless displays this season. Portarlinton and St Leonards will be once again the teams to watch out for in the finals. Tim Marshall has been a revelation for the Hawks throughout the season and will be the key to his team's flag hopes.

Finally, on a personal note I would like to thank all the sporting groups which have been nothing short of sensational in helping me gain some experience and write some good stories over the past three years. From Allan Bliss, Adam Richardson and Brian Cordy at the Drysdale Football Club to Darren Barmby, Greg Scott and Laurelle Stratton at the cricket and netball clubs respectively. I would also like to thank Dawn Caddy and the crew at Safeway Drysdale for their continued support throughout my years at university. And of course the entire Bellarine community and readers of the Messenger for your on-going support - Thank you.

By Brent Diamond

** Brent Diamond will be taking a break from the SpringDale Messenger in 2005 as he pursues a career in journalism. It was in February 2002, that Brent began his monthly sports column for the Messenger under former coordinator Lisa Neville. Everyone at the SpringDale Messenger thanks Brent for all his contributions over the past 3 years and wish him well for the future.*

2004 Lee Ash Medallist Simon Nelis will be hoping to repeat his stellar form from last season.



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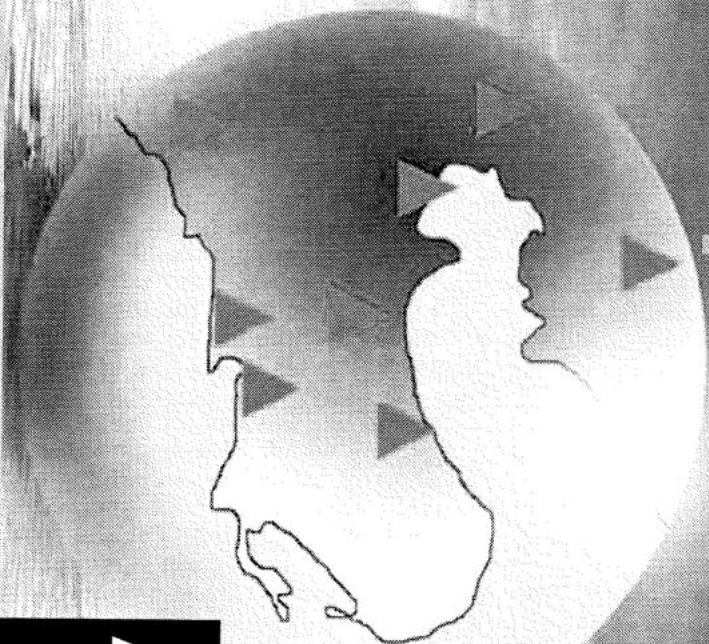
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