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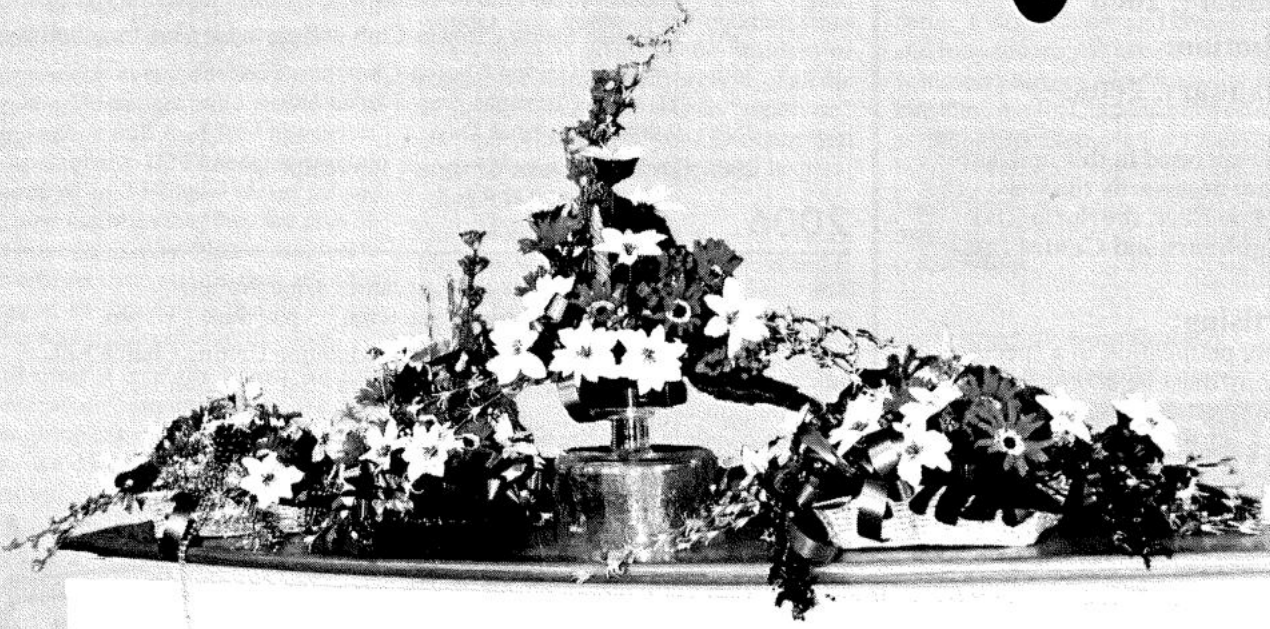
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## Community Calendar

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

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| Dec | 4th  | Clifton Springs Golf Club AGM 10 am.<br>Clifton Spring Tennis club "Get together Golf day".                   |
|     | 5th  | Last bingo session at Senior Citizens.  |
|     | 8th  | Annual Advent Workshops Drysdale Uniting Church<br>5.00pm to 6.30pm.  |
|     | 12th | Christmas dinner at Senior Citizens.  |
|     | 15th | Annual Advent Workshops Drysdale Uniting Church<br>5.00pm to 6.30pm..   |
|     | 16th | Drysdale Ladies Day View Club - final meeting for this year,<br>at 11.00 am at the Clifton Springs Golf Club. |
|     | 17th | 17th Drysdale Cricket Christmas party - 6.30pm.<br>Portarlinton Market.                                       |
|     | 18th | Drysdale Market.<br>Drysdale Uniting Church family event.   |
|     | 19th | Ladies Probus club of Bellarine Christmas luncheon - 12 noon.   |
|     | 23rd | Drysdale Senior Citizens Club will close for Christmas holidays   |
|     | 24th | Drysdale Uniting Church-Christmas Services<br>11.30pm Christmas Eve   |
|     | 25th | 9.00am Christmas Day  |
|     | 28th | Drysdale Senior Citizens Club re-opens  |

### 2006

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| Jan | 7-8   | 8th Annual Book Sale, St James' Church Hall,<br>Collins St., Drysdale. Sat. 9 am - 5 pm, Sun. 1 - 3 pm.                          |
|     | 19-22 | 14th Annual Woodworking exhibition Uniting Church hall,<br>Hesse street, Queenscliff. Thurs - Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5.                 |
| Feb | 6th   | Bingo starts again.  |
|     | 14th  | Country Womens Association -<br>Sausage Sizzle Luncheon at Noon.<br>Senior Citizens is having Danny Blumm<br>fashions at 1.30pm. |
|     | 15th  | Clifton Springs Golg club Annual Pro-AM.   |
|     | 20th  | Clifton-Springs/Drysdale Garden Club.<br>First meeting Uniting Church Hall,<br>Drysdale. 7.30 pm.                                |



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# SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

## Dear Friends Neighbours and visitors,

Everyday our centre gets better. It's getting better equipped to help whatever community need arises. At the moment we are setting up a couple of computers to be used at anytime by our community for resume or invitation writing to surfing the internet or researching your family tree - this is a well needed resource and we will have it. What will be next is probably determined by your requests - so keep those suggestions rolling in.

The Committee of Management has decided to change the SpringDale Messenger a little - next year there will be 11 copies instead of 9. Copy deadlines will be the first Monday of the month and it will be delivered in the last week of the month. Hopefully this will make timelines easier for our contributors. Please ring or email for a contributors / advertisers pack.

We appreciate every advertiser in the SpringDale Messenger, who enable us to provide such a well read free newsletter. We do apologize to U2 Fitness for running their same ad in 2 issues - please go and try the new facilities that they are providing for our community. Please mention to our advertisers that you saw their ad in the Messenger, so they know that this is the effective way to advertise in this area.

We still offer 3 free ads a year for any "Not-for-profit" organization. We had another group ask us about this during the month - we'd love the opportunity to help each group.

Also the Course Guide and the new Business and Services Directory will be delivered later in December ready for the New Year - we are organizing some great courses for our area.

We will be running Integration Aide and Aged Care courses in conjunction with GATE in the New Year. We have already

received about 1/2 of the names we need to run these courses - please let us know if you are interested so we can schedule them. By providing them in Drysdale / Clifton Springs - think of the saving in petrol costs. By providing them during the day with child care potentially available - think of the saving in family life. By providing them in our area think of the better trained community we'll have around us.

We have found a chef to run Thai cooking classes and we have found a trainer to run Vegetarian cooking classes. We also have built a following for our Home Style cooking classes and in the New Year they will branch into sauces and relish making and many more. The place just continues to get busier.

The new Occasional Care space is looking brilliant. Our staff and families have been very understanding of the redevelopments that have happened around us all year - I wonder how many of the children from this year will go on to be builders or painters or plumbers etc because of all the work they have been able to "supervise" all year. Thanks for your patience and understanding - the facility will be great when it is finished!

Our groups continue to grow - Our French group now has about 20 members and is meeting alternate Friday evenings - cost is \$2.00 to join SpringDale and \$2.00 per visit to the group and please bring something French to share !!! Please ring SpringDale for their next meeting date. Ma Jong is also going strongly with about 14 members - some accomplished players and some raw novices learning. Its great to hear their excited calls throughout Wednesday morning. Our Chess group meets on Wednesday afternoons and this is also going well as is Scrabble on Tuesday afternoons. The SpringDale Singers continue to delight our ears on Tuesday afternoons and the Computer Users Help Group is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

They meet at 4pm after our computer classes have finished for the afternoon and before the evening ones begin. Our Toy Libraries, Jigsaw club, and Friendly writers groups all provide a service for self help in our communities.

We still have one craft group - the Springers quilters, who meet at SpringDale on the last Thursday morning of the month. Maybe there is room for another weekly craft group again at SpringDale ??

Lastly the ad hoc services we provide for the community will be extended even further with Basil Ristevski offering to support a legal help initiative at SpringDale similar to the Tax Help we were able to offer this year. Please ring SpringDale for more information. The other big acquisition to help our community is the purchase of 100 dinner plates, bowls, side plates, cups and saucers and knives - dinner and bread and butter, forks - dinner and dessert, dessert and soup spoons and teaspoons. One of our volunteers can see an opportunity for us to hire these out for Christmas or a celebration as well as for their use for a fee if you are hiring the SpringDale facilities.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas Season and wish you peace for the coming year.

*Yours sincerely Anne Brackley*

*For the whole SpringDale team.*

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## Drysdale Ladies Day View Club

Thank you for your constant support throughout this year. It has been very much appreciated by all of the View Club Members. Our final meeting for this year will be held on Friday 16th December, at 11.00 am at the Clifton Springs Golf Club. Come along to our spectacular Grand Finale, with great entertainment and lots of laughs. Look forward to seeing you there. For more information contact Christine on 5251 1127 or Gloria on 5253 3256.

Merry Christmas to all!!!

## Drysdale Senior Citizens club

By the time the Springdale Messenger is published we will be into December, so we would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and plenty of good health and happiness for 2006. The club has had a very good year, and we hope to continue this next year in 2006. There are a few things left for December. The first Monday December 5th we have Bingo. Everyone is welcome. It's a bit of fun and everyone enjoys it. On Monday 12th December at 12 noon we have our Christmas dinner, members only. We have a two course meal plus tea and coffee. Plenty of prizes to be won, and after lunch we have some entertainment. The cost for all this is \$16.00

The Club will close on Friday 23rd December for Christmas holidays and re-open on Wednesday 28th December. There will be no Bingo in January, but it will start up again on Monday 6th February.

On Tuesday 14th February 2006 we are having Danny Blumm fashions at 1.30pm. The cost is \$2.00 and includes afternoon tea. Come along and have a look.

Best wishes to all our members, especially the sick ones. We hope to see you all again in the New Year.

*President - Esther Lornie*

*Secretary - Mary Hose*



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# Clifton Springs Primary School

## Some student reflections:

This term, our Grades 5 & 6 students enjoyed three days at Camp Wilkin, the Prep and Grades 1 & 2 students visited Science works, the Grades 3 & 4 students had Steve Fleming visit to discuss 'Science in Toys', Jon Madin came to instruct all classes in Marimba workshops and our Annual School Concert was held at the Arena in early November.

On Wednesday October 19th, the Preps and Grades 1 & 2 students went to Science works. We saw a show about Simple Machines then we went to Nitty Gritty Super City where we built a wall. There was a long drop and a Space room with a telescope. There was a Lego city. It had the MCG and a Zoo. I liked the mirrors because I was big then small. There were magnifying glasses over fake butterflies. There were lots of pulleys. The one with three pulleys lifted the load the easiest. I had heaps of fun.

*Angus 1/2S*

On Friday October 14th the Grade 3 & 4 students had an incursion called The Science of Toys. We learnt how toys work. My favourite part was the magic barrel. It was made of wood with string attached to it. It stopped and started. It was lots of fun.

*Natasha 3/4A*

Last week a man called Jon Madin came to the school and told us how to play his instruments like Echo Cellos, Curly Dingers, Float wakers, Marimbas, Drums, J-Pipes, and Aggy Shakers. Also most of the students and teachers did some chiselling to tune two more Marimbas for the school concert. Every body in the school had a turn at the instruments. Last Thursday we had the final concert. It was great fun. I would like to thank Mrs. Smits for a fantastic day.

*Brooke & Annallee 5/6C*

Thursday last week was the school concert. There was a big audience at the concert. All my family was there.

When it was our grades turn, I was nervous. Tahlee and Katelyn were next to me. At the end the crowd clapped and cheered.

*Jasmine 1/2M*

On Thursday November 3rd we had our School Concert at the Arena. We did a song that we made up called 'The Skeleton Rap'. We were very amusing. Our skeletons lit up. Then we danced to 'The Delightful Crazy Frog'. It was really fun.

*Cassie 3/4A*

As we draw closer to the end of the year our school would like to wish everyone in the wider community a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to our school year beginning on Tuesday, the 31st of January, 2006 and welcome new students, staff and families.

*Acting Principal*

*Mrs. Debra Herbertson*

# Country Womans Association - Drysdale branch

The Drysdale Branch of the Country Women's Association closed the 2005 year on another successful note as they celebrated the Christmas Season with their final General Meeting and Luncheon. The final donation for the year goes to 'The Bellarine Ambulance Auxiliary of Rural Ambulance Victoria' for the new emergency equipment needed by our paramedics to carry out their life saving work.

During the year Drysdale Branch has raised and distributed some \$3,200.00 primarily to local Charities and Com-

munity Groups. Cash donations were made to The Andrew Love Centre Geelong Hospital; Cancer Appeal - Biggest Morning Tea and Annual Raffle; Cottage By The Sea; Drysdale, Portarlington and Mannerin Fire Brigades; Drysdale and Portarlington Scout Troops; Drysdale and Portarlington Guides; Drysdale and Portarlington Branches of Bellarine Community Health Service; S.E.S. Drysdale; Bellarine Show Association and Christian Education in Schools. Extensive donations of Trauma Dolls, Teddy Bears,

Prem. Baby Gowns and New Baby Kits for The Geelong Hospital, produced by the Craft Group Members, were also made during this very active year.

The New Year will begin at the February Meeting 14th. February 2006, with a Sausage Sizzle Luncheon at Noon. Any ladies interested in joining this very busy and enthusiastic group are most welcome. If you are interested in joining The Drysdale Branch of the National Women's Organisation of the C.W.A. please ring President Dorothy Chase on 5251 3702.

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We had fabulous flights with Singapore Airlines, with a great stop at Singapore airport on the way there and back, managed to fit in a massage and a bit of retail therapy.

On arrival into Rome we headed to Sorrento and down the spectacular Amalfi Coast to Positano. Then by boat to Capri We ascended to Capri town by funicular railway and browsed through the elegant shops. On our return to the mainland we headed north and visited the Commonwealth

War Cemetery at Monte Cassino before continuing to Rome.

While in Rome we visited the renowned water gardens of Tivoli, the ancient Roman port of Ostia, had a guided tour of the catacombs, St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City, Trevi Fountain and managed to squeeze in some shopping and of course sat in the many squares and sampled the red wine and pizza.

We then headed north to the hilltop town of Orvieto, famous for its ornate Cathedral. Then on to Montecatini where we spent the next two nights. Montecatini is a wonderful town to base yourself to explore Florence and the Tuscan region.

Through the vineyards of the Chianti region en route to Assisi we visited

the tomb of St. Francis and the frescoes of Giotto in the great basilica. In Assisi I sampled the local speciality of Pasta with truffles – beautiful. On to Perugia were we enjoyed a walking tour showing us the Exchange Building, Priors' Palace, great fountain and the Cathedral and then finished with Perugian chocolate and coffee.

It's been 15 years since my last visit to Italy and I was pleasantly surprised. Meals and drinks were very similar prices to home. The shopping was fabulous, especially for shoes and boots.

Once again Insight was fantastic with their smaller group size and terrific hotels. If you are planning to go to Europe don't forget the earlier you pay the more you can save- up to 7.5%. Give us a call for more information

## Combined Probus Club of Clifton Springs/Drysdale Inc

PROBUS - The name comes from an amalgam of 2 words PROfessional and BUSIness Clubs and are sponsored by a Rotary Club, but on formation are self governing. Membership is for retired and semi-retired people who are looking to expand their interests and

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# Annual Book Sale 7th - 8th January 2006

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## News from the Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail

The Friends indigenous planting program on the rail trail has continued over the last few weeks - with the "year to date" plantings approaching 5000. During this time also our volunteers installed the last of the 4 picnic tables near Christies Rd. Leopold thereby completing the COGG funded program which saw the tables installed at various locations between South Geelong and Curlewis.

The public's positive reactions to the picnic tables has been such that our group is endeavouring to seek additional "Private Sector" funding so that more can be installed and duplicated within certain areas. In future, a proportionate amount of any new tables will cater for wheelchair access. Another idea that is in the prototype stage is to install push bike racks near the picnic area - given that not all new bikes have stands.

Also, in support of our environmental endeavours, Alcoa has provided all our volunteers with Fluoro Safety Jackets so that our "working bees" comply with OH&S and COGG safety guidelines.

A new project that has just been approved and started, is the revegetation of the trail area between Jetty and Portarlington Roads, Drysdale - an area that is now designated for the Drysdale RSL, in memory of those who did not return.

The Friends group does have two representatives on the COGG Advisory Committee for the trail and is putting its' view forward on some issues that it deems need attention. One such issue is the obvious lack of a basic "camping area" mid point on the trail at Drysdale - where cyclist can pitch a one-man tent for an overnight stay and rest. Toilet availability on the trail and direction / distance signs along the trail, are also being brought to the attention of the two Committee Councillors.

Finally, over the summer months when our planting program stops, volunteer activities will be redirected towards applying such things as "preserving oil" to the trail seating and tables. They will also hopefully be building and installing "nesting boxes" for birds and animals, and researching the need for some of our volunteer individuals to become more trained in "seed collecting / timing etc." and then the eventual propagation of those seeds - within a reasonable low-cost facility.

See you on the Rail Trail sometime.

**Trevor Jennings**

Secretary, FOBRT

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## Letter to the Editor"

On behalf of the Drysdale/Clifton Springs community and all the volunteers at Springdale, I would like to thank Anne Brackley, Co-ordinator of Springdale Neighbourhood Centre for her commitment throughout the year.

Anne is full of energy and always willing to help anyone. She works long hours, many voluntary, to keep the centre functioning properly.

Judy Williams

Clifton Springs 3222



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## Community Meeting with the Planning Minister

It was great to see so many of you – about 160 people - at the meeting with Rob Hulls, the Planning Minister, on October 14th. The feedback has been extremely positive.

I was pleased to be able to arrange for the Minister to be there and I know he saw it as an important opportunity to hear the views of residents from across the Bellarine Peninsula, and to respond to questions.

As indicated at the conclusion of the meeting, all additional questions will be responded to as quickly as possible.

## 2006 ANZAC of the Year Awards

It is always a pleasure to let you know about opportunities to nominate someone who has made an exceptional contribution to our community. The 2006 national ANZAC Awards is such an opportunity.

The Awards are for individuals or groups for service to the community in a positive, compassionate and selfless way, demonstrating tenacity, endurance and constancy.

There is also the ANZAC Peace Prize, awarded to an individual or group for outstanding efforts in promoting international understanding and peace.

More information and nomination forms are available through our offices, and I encourage you to consider some of the terrific work done by people in our community who you could nominate. Nominations close on the 16th December, 2005, so there is still plenty of time.

## New Grants Programs Announced

As you know I'm always pleased to report on new State Government grants programs that may be relevant for your group or club.

## 2005-06 Restoring Community War Memorials Grants Program

This is the second round of the program, which provides up to \$7,000 to assist ex-service organisations, local councils, schools and community groups to preserve, restore and enhance local war memorials and honour rolls.

## 2005 Active Club Grants

This is a new round of funding from VicHealth, with a focus on sporting or recreation clubs, and regional leagues or associations that provide community sport and recreation opportunities.

Grants of up to \$2,500 are available for equipment or training programs with the aim of increasing participation, particularly by those most disadvantaged and young people.

## National Youth Week 2006 Grants

National Youth Week will be held from 1st-9th April and grants of up to \$5,000 are available to support local events and projects organised by young people, supported by council, community organisations or their schools.

Guidelines and application forms are available from my office, and I would be delighted to provide you with further information and support.

## Task Force to Work with Small Businesses

You may have seen the announcement by the Minister for Small Business, Andre Haermeyer, of the formation of the Ministerial Task Force on Small Business. I am pleased to have been appointed to the Task Force, with an additional role focussing on Women in Business.

The Task Force will provide greater support to the small business sector, as well as augment the existing advisory bodies, the Small Business Advisory Council and the Ethnic Enterprise Advisory Council."

One of the first projects for the Task Force will be working with the Minister to develop the Government's Small Business Statement. There will then be an ongoing liaison role with small business operators and representatives, tracking the needs of small businesses and the challenges they are facing. This will ensure that the Minister is well informed and that the Government is able to develop responsive, appropriate policies.

The needs and issues concerning small businesses in Bellarine have always been important to me so I am particularly pleased that this new role will mean even greater input to policy development at a Ministerial level. I look forward to continuing to work closely with our local Business Associations and small business people across the Bellarine Peninsula.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there are any issues I may be able to assist you with.

*Lisa Neville MP*

*Member for Bellarine.*

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# Countdown to Christmas!

Drysdale Uniting Church is holding their annual Advent Workshops for children of kindergarten age to grade 6 at the Drysdale Uniting Church and Hall, High Street, Drysdale (access from the car park in Palmerston Street).

Put the dates in your diary now!

Thursdays 8th and 15th December 2005, 5.00pm to 6.30pm and

Sunday, 18th December 6.00pm

The purpose of the workshops is to

provide a Christ-centered experience which reflects the celebration, joy, wonder and mystery of Christmas. The workshops aim to enhance children's understanding of the biblical account of Christmas by providing relevant experiences through stimulating stories, enjoyable music and challenging craft activities. The Sunday evening will be a family event with everyone invited to come along for a sausage sizzle tea, followed by fun activities.

There is no charge for this program, but donations towards the cost of food and craft materials are welcome. Inquiries or enrolments can be made through: Colleen Diamond, phone 5251 3749 or Val Lestrage, 5251 3125 (AH).

## Christmas Services

11.30pm Christmas Eve

9.00am Christmas Day

regards Val

## Garden Notes - Clifton Springs/Drysdale Garden Club

A plant always makes a welcome gift and for one that does not require a lot of water, try the Sedum. The flowers are quite attractive and this plant will reward you by multiplying next season.

Last year, I suggested a real little pine tree in a pot - a red pot if possible. Then it can be decorated and later when it is out of the pot, it can find a place out in the garden.

Most Nurseries now have a gift section, but be warned - their items are not cheap!

If you buy a plant such as Poinsettia, from a super-market, you'll want it to last as long as possible. It's a good idea to remove it from the pot after a few weeks and put it in the ground in a sheltered spot or in a larger pot with fresh soil. The Growers use substances to make the plants presentable from the point of sale, but often these plants do not survive for much longer.

Only one word of "SHOULD'S" for this season - make sure every garden bed is well mulched. You want to cut down on too much watering. Always water the ground before you put down the mulch.

PLANTING GUIDE: Flowers.- Ageratum, alyssum, aster, begonia, nasturtium, marigold, pansy, petunia, salvia and zinnia seedlings. Keep snails away.

Recently, coffee dregs were recommended to me as snail defender - they get quite 'high' on the coffee and then die, apparently.

Bulbous Plants - dahlias - can be planted now, if not in the ground already. Nip out the central shoot from the dahlia to encourage bushiness.

Stake tall dahlia and gladiolus and inspect for thrips. Spray with garlic if necessary.

Vegetables -- Keep plot weeded and

watered. Tie up tomatoes, liquid feed as required.

In December plant basil, beans, broccoli, brussel sprouts, carrots, cauliflower, cucumber, herbs, lettuce, melon, parsnip, potatoes, pumpkins, radish, silver beet, sweet corn, squash, tomatoes.

Enjoy picking your flowers and eating the vegetables you have grown. Keep covered from mosquitoes.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS - see you next year!

Wendy Hebbard

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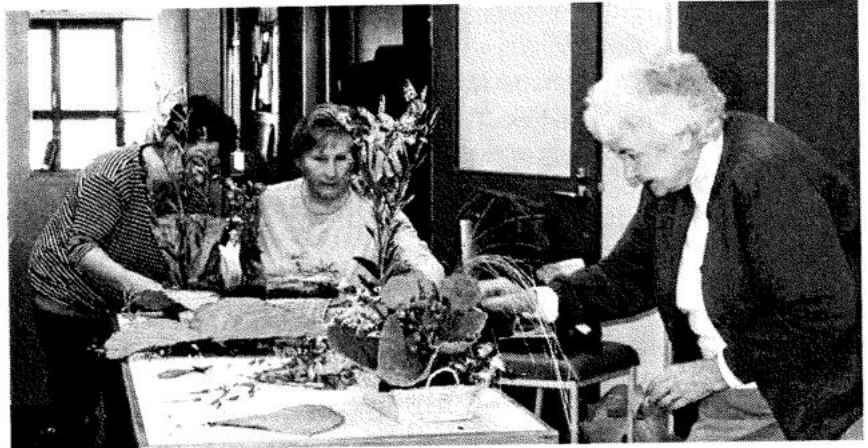
## Floral Art

During Term 4 our Floral Art class produced some absolutely beautiful works of art. Arrangements that would take your breath away were put together by students who not only gained confidence with each piece they made, but also had loads of fun doing it! I was amazed at how the tutor 'Lisa' was able to teach her class how to create some

beautiful flower arrangements that you would pay an absolute fortune for. One of the students, (Martha) sent us this note to describe how much she enjoyed the class – 'The floral art course with Lisa was amazing. The lessons were well constructed and informative, but most important of all, we had sooooo much fun! Thanks Lisa. I will be back

next year!'

If you would like to take home a beautiful table arrangement that you yourself have made, be sure to keep an eye out for the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre course guide, Term 1, 2006, where you will find the information you need to enrol in this class.



## Want Lessons From A 'Celebrity Cook'?

Celebrity cook Lorayne Winter will finally be revealing her country kitchen secrets in a short cooking course at SpringDale in February.

The short course will focus on freezer friendly country-style meals for busy people on the go. The recipes taught can be negotiated, but will feature summer foods such as roulades, golden syrup dumplings and heartier specialties like casseroles.

Lorayne is an experienced cooking tutor and her previous 'Country Cooking' class at the centre attracted students from all age groups. 'Lorayne's relaxed and friendly teaching style made it seem like we were going on a cooking adventure each week,' says one student. 'Together we made traditional recipes like rhubarb cake, foolproof sponge, and meatloaf. But Lorayne's versions of the recipes

were often lower in fat and salt than the original. Great on the tastebuds and kind to the hips!'

Lorayne worked hard to develop her unique cooking style. She ran the enormously popular 'Dallimores' eatery in Drysdale for over six years. In her years at the café, Lorayne introduced some of 'Dallimores' most sought after dishes, including salmon roulade and lumberjack cake. Her unique nasturtium twist on the 'Ploughman's Lunch' and her 'Devonshire Teas' are fondly remembered by locals and passing visitors.

Whilst the class focuses on country style fare, the techniques learned prove useful for all other types of cooking. 'I love gourmet cooking and can make complicated dishes like soufflés,' says one student from last term, 'but I'd never really learned the basics like how to roll a roulade with a teatowel and why my

sponges kept collapsing. The class covered these and other secrets like how to get cream to beat up more and why people sometimes put lemonade in their sponge cakes.'

Students found that once they'd learned to perfect a seemingly simple sponge or roulade, they could improvise on the recipe. 'From the base sponge recipe, we could make it ginger or chocolate. Once we learned how to make a roulade, we could transform the recipe into the goat's cheese and basil ones like the TV chefs do.'

The class will take place once a week in Springdale's expansive and modern new kitchen.

For details, contact SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre on 5253 1960

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

# Adrian E. Mannix O.A.M.

## Community Services Award

### Nominations are now being called for 2006.

The Drysdale Rotary and Portarlington /Drysdale Lions Clubs, together with SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, provide this Award to recognize the voluntary contributions of Bellarine residents in the local community, in memory of Adrian E. Mannix O.A.M.,

who carried out an extraordinary amount of volunteer work in the area.

An individual or organisation from within the community nominates a person they would like to acknowledge for the work they do in this area. Previous nominees are eligible for nomination. The final winner of this Award will receive a Trophy and \$ 500-00 to donate to

the charity/cause of their choice.

There are many people in our community who put an enormous amount of time and effort into local groups, charities and causes. This Award allows us to recognize their contribution and say THANK YOU!

Please contact the SpringDale office on 5253 1960 for a nomination form.

## Made For Community.

We are made for community. Most of us dread the idea of being alone forever. There are times when we would all like to have a few moments when there is no one else around, however, we are made to interact with other people and to do things in partnership.

One of the feelings that comes with depression is feeling alone or isolated. When we are or feel alone, we also feel vulnerable, unappreciated, devalued, or insignificant. When we feel like we are part of a team and appreciated, our self worth increases and our self-esteem is improved. We were made for community.

By design we need to be in relationship with other people and we need to be in life giving supportive relationships, not a relationship that is one sided. Mutual care, support, and concern are all a part of a healthy relationship. People watching out for each other and help-

ing in a time of need brings a sense of security. People loving and respecting each other and accepting differences as different and not wrong, brings a sense of belonging.

Today we live in a world where we can have our own home theatre system, we can shop on line, email our family or next door neighbour or even our co-worker at the next desk, do aerobics in our lounge room, go to church in our lounge room, have a home gym, and generally become quite self-contained. Many people don't know the surname of their neighbour or the name of the street that is just around the corner from their own.

We can live a very isolated existence if we want to and our busyness pushes us in that direction. We pursue lots of things to improve our quality of life, and get our children involved in lots more to

make their life better. Yet, we miss the very thing that can make life richer than we had hoped, community.

We are all part of our local community and it gets as good as we make it. Invest in the local community and the lives of others and we will be richer for it. God wants to be a part of our lives and wants us to be a part of His. He wants to commune with us. We will all be better off for it. God made us for community, with Him and with each other. It only gets as good as we make it.

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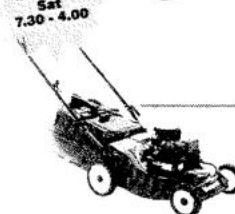
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# Geelong Gem & Mineral club inc.

The aim of our club is to further the craft of Lapidary and its' allied activities which include silverwork, the study of minerals, beading, faceting and the art of cabochon cutting, all of which lead to the construction of fine and unique pieces of jewellery.

The hobby gives a high level of satisfaction, especially if you have found the attractive stone, cut it and manufactured a setting to show off your workmanship in a fine piece of jewellery.

The Geelong Club can rightly boast excellent Clubrooms and workshops equivalent to the best in Australia. The Clubrooms are located adjacent to the reserve in Vines Rd., West Geelong. Our contact person is Mr. J. Tennant. Ph. No. 03 5274 1864 or write to The Secretary, P.O. Box 662, Geelong.

## ACTIVITIES

**Monthly Meetings** - These are held on the second Tuesday of each month commencing at 8 pm. Sometimes guest speakers, films or demonstrations follow the meeting and as always an opportunity to chat with other members over a coffee or tea.

**Field Trips** - Involve a visit to a site of geological interest or an opportunity to fossick for raw material or specific artefacts such as shark teeth or fossils which may exist in the area. Occasionally field trips will visit other clubs or shopping venues where raw materials

or minerals may be purchased at trade prices.

**Workshops** - The club has well equipped workshops that cater for general cabochon cutting, opal cutting, faceting, silverwork, and enamelling.

Workshops open times for trained members are:-

Monday, Thursday & Friday from 7.30 - 10.30 pm.

Wednesday from 10.30 am - 4.00 pm.

Training classes are Wednesday from 7.30 - 10.30 pm.

**Training Programs** - Training Programs for beginners are held each Wednesday night between 7.30 - 10.30 pm. Courses cover Faceting, Cabochon Cutting, Silverwork and in the near future, Enamelling. When the need arises specialist courses are organised eg. Carving, wire wrapping. A fee is charged for these courses to cover costs.

## EXHIBITION

The Club holds a two day public Exhibition, this is an important fund raising activity for the club. The Exhibition displays our Lapidary work and specimens, it also includes Showcase Competitions, demonstrations, club stalls, trade stalls, jewellery sales and general fund rais-

ing activities. The Exhibition is generally held early November of each year.

The Geelong Gem & Mineral Club is affiliated with the Victorian Gem Clubs Association. This gives interested members the opportunity to compete at a State level and also at a National level. The Club is proud of its achievements at these levels with many of its members achieving success in these wider arenas.

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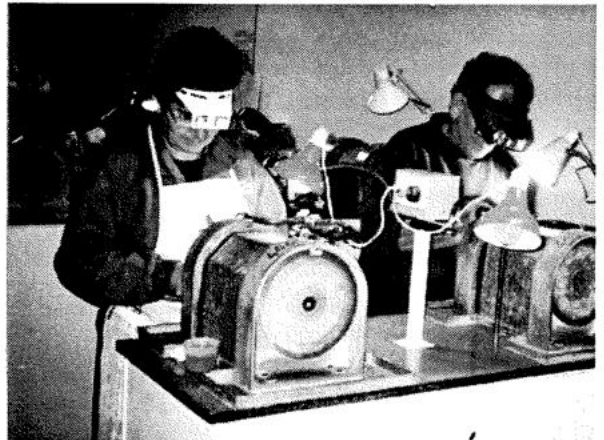
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as soft tissue massage, articulation, manipulation and stretching. Treatments are tailored to each patient, regardless of age, making Osteopathy suitable for the whole family.

Dr. Belinda Kelly is the Osteopath who has recently commenced practicing at The Drysdale Clinic, 15 Collins St, Drysdale. Dr. Kelly is a Registered Osteopath and a member of the Australian Osteopathic Association. "Osteopaths work to assist the body's functioning, utilising a gentle, hands on treatment approach. We offer patients advice, exercises and rehabilitation activities so the patient can assist with their own healing. This helps patients to recover quickly from injury, and ultimately leads to them requiring less treatment," said Belinda. "We also spend time explor-

ing all factors which could be affecting the presenting problem. This starts at the initial consultation where a thorough medical history is taken. Then, to determine what structures are causing the pain, orthopaedic and Osteopathic examinations are conducted. Whilst treating the patient, I discuss what is happening in their body to cause this pain. It is very important for people to understand why they are in pain, as they can then make changes themselves to assist with their recovery."

For an appointment or to discuss Osteopathy and its benefits for your health please call Belinda at The Drysdale Clinic on 5251 2865.

General Medicine and Myotherapy appointments are also available at the Drysdale Clinic.

## Drysdale Guides

The Drysdale Guides along with all of Barwon Region Guides are joining with Rotary to help the Multiple Sclerosis Association - we are collecting no longer used and or wanted records and CDs which will be auctioned in June 2006 in North Geelong. If you are having a clean out of cupboards and come across records or CDs that you no longer need please bring them to SpringDale or ring Anne on 52512250 to arrange collection.

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## GOLFING CALENDAR

The mens club championships have just concluded with Anthony Milne adding another championship to his repertoire with a 2 shot win over talented junior Luke Allen. B Grade winner was Peter Smith, C Grade Darryl Mohr, D Grade Brian Corbett and Junior winner Luke Allen.

The ladies A Grade championship was won by Kelly Brooks, 1 shot from Anitra Franklin with B Grade going to Irene Lawrence, C Grade Viv Benham and D Grade to Jan Brown.

## GREEN FEES

With the Christmas holidays approaching and the golf course in the best condition in the history of the Club, at only \$20 for 18 holes of golf, you could not go past a round of golf at Clifton Springs. It is advisable to make a booking at the professional shop and enjoy a beautiful moment on our fairways.

## PRO - AM

The club is gearing up for its annual Pro-Am to be held on Sunday 15th January 2006 with entry forms available now. With our new major sponsor McInerney Scrapmetals of Moolap, this event promises to be bigger than ever with a top range of professional and celebrities expected for the day.

## TRIBUTE SHOWS

Our last tribute show for the year was the Eagles Experience which had been sold out for quite some time and the show lived up to its reputation with a great night entertainment enjoyed by all. Keep an eye on this space for new acts coming in 2006.

## NEW YEARS EVE

With New Years Eve right on us bookings are filling fast for this very popular night and with Cool Change supplying the entertainment, a great night is guaranteed with tickets only \$60 per person which includes a 3 course meal and the entertainment.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club will be holding it's Annual General Meeting on Sunday December 4th commencing at 10.00am and with all Committee positions vacant, a large turnout is expected. The meet-

ing will be followed with an Ambrose golf day.

## CLUB SURVEY

A club survey was conducted recently and the results have been tabulated and a final report will be released to members shortly. I would like to thank all who participated in the survey and your feedback will be instrumental in assisting the Committee determining aspects of the operations.

## LUNCH & DINNER

Anyone looking for that late Xmas function, Peter and Cate will only be to happy to assist you with your function and are available on 52 512501.

With the release of a new menu, summer now with us and magnificent views over the bay, what a better place to dine than in our bistro. Our meal deal coupons continue their popularity and are applicable from Sunday evening through until Thursday Evening and at only \$5.50 for the second meal (conditions apply) this represents great value but are to cease shortly as normally happens over the Christmas holiday period. And don't forget the lunchtime blackboard special meals with prices commencing from \$6.50.

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## Queenscliff and District Woodworkers

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We have commenced making toys for the Noah's Ark Toy Library for their Xmas party.

They will have around 30 children with various types of disabilities, so the toys that we are making are special for the needs of each child.

We are also making some toys for the Drysdale Kindergarden to suit their education program.

It was very pleasing to receive news from World Vision Australia that the tsunami toys have arrived

in Ache Indonesia, and the World Vision Education section in Ache are administering the distribution of the 2712 toys.

As well as the busy toy program, all members are making articles for our "14 th Annual Woodworking Exhibition" to be held at the United Church Hall, in Hesse Street Queenscliff on January 19th to 22nd opening daily from 10am to 5 pm except Sunday 1pm to 5 pm.

Admission is the same as last year at \$3.00 with children under 15 free.

We will be showcasing the talents of our members from all parts of the Bellarine Peninsula, and will include woodturning, model boat

building, wooden boxes and many other forms of woodcraft.

Once again we will be holding our raffle at \$2.00 per ticket and the prizes are:

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# Ladies Probus Club of Bellarine Inc.

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This is the last report for this year. I wish to send to all the members and readers of this Messenger Greetings for Christmas and the New Year. Many of our members have been sick this year so I wish them and their supportive families an improved year with better health. For some who have lost a loved one and continue to live without their lifelong partner, the saying that "Time heals" does help.

Our President Shirley returned from China with wonderful photographs and stories about the mountains that she could not get out of her mind. We were expecting Peter Hitchener to be our guest speaker for the October meeting, but he was unable to attend.

The members rallied round and filled the time slot with songs, stories, and

experiences in their working life that were funny. Jokes were told and a 'Buying a Bathing costume for the fuller figure' brought the house down and caused so much laughter it was good to hear. We all enjoyed the meeting even without Peter.

The November speaker will be Rosemary Kerr one of our members who will speak on Nepal.

The trip to Hanging Rock plus a picnic went well in October. We are to be advised of further trips in due course.

The Group Activities continue where members meet in their homes. Activities are Mahjong, Canasta Scrabble and Craft and Chat.

Luncheon group decide and book in advance where they will be having lunch on Probus meeting day. They

travel around the area trying out the local venues, and also the Golf Club where we meet.

Lillian Turner, one of our Honorary Members and a wonderful lady, passed away in hospital this month and many members from the club attended her funeral service at St. James Anglican Church. She will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with her daughter Val and family.

We will be having our Christmas luncheon on our usual meeting day and we look forward to that on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

Until next year, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

*Yours in Friendship,  
Iris Liz Tolton*

# Springdale Mah Jong Club.



On Wednesday morning the twittering of sparrows echoes through the community house. This is the name given to the shuffling of the Mah Jong tiles before each game.

A dozen enthusiasts then begin building their walls. It does not matter whether one is a beginner or more experienced, all players soon become entranced by the game. The dice is thrown and the tiles distributed, each player eagerly anticipating the gaining of a flower or dragon. The object of the game is empty one's hand by combining like tiles together, much like some card games. When this is achieved the player will utter a delighted "Mah Jong", and the scores are calculated.

If you would like to learn the how to play this game, you are welcome on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

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# SPORTS REPORT

## Drysdale Cricket Club

Summer is well and truly here and another season is underway at the Drysdale Cricket Club.

The Club this season has registered its largest ever number of players with 5 senior sides, 10 junior sides, a disabled side and a strong Milo program. Over 300 players have joined the Club this season making it one of the largest in Geelong cricket. Following the large investment of a new training net complex last season, this year has seen further investment back into the club with fantastic new deck and outdoor furniture, entertainment system and state of the art junior roll out pitches that allow 2 games to be played on the same ground. The Club is working closely with the City of Greater Geelong and will continue to improve the facilities for all members and the community. Watch this space as some more exciting improvements are about to happen. The club is also proud to

have received Level 2 accreditation to the "Good Sports" club program. The program recognizes clubs that work toward providing a safe, healthy and inviting atmosphere for all. The club is about to undergo the process to apply for level 3 accreditation.

### Seniors

The club appointed GCA star batsman Jason Mallett to lead the club this season and his impact has been seen both on and off the field already. After 4 rounds all 5 sides are sitting inside the top 4 in each grade with the promise of a strong year ahead. There have been many new faces to the club this year including, Matt Wilson, Nathan Silvey, Travis Harbottle, Tim Brown, Anthony Hayes, John Gibson to name a few. With the inclusion of some talented players up from the juniors the season ahead looks bright. One of the exciting effects of a strong club has been that all senior sides so far this season have been filled by senior players with up to 5 players a week rotating for a rest. The one exception has been young wicketkeeper and U17 captain Jacob Smith. The strength was highlighted in round 4 with wins in every grade.

### Juniors

The Drysdale club is this year fielding one of the largest junior groups in the Geelong area. Players are being supported well by a fantastic group of coaches and parents each week. Every team this year is playing in a great new coloured playing shirt complete with numbers and they look sensational. The season has started off well with all teams finding their feet and putting in some good performances. With continued support the future of cricket in Drysdale & Clifton Springs looks bright.

### Milo Cricket

Now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, Milo Junior cricket is alive and well at the club. Simon Farrell is leading a group of helpers with 90+ 6 to 9 year old boys and girls each week as they

begin their introduction to cricket. Milo is a great way for children to get familiar with the game and the club invites all interested players and families to join on a Thursday at 4.30pm at the main ground.

### Disabled Cricket

This year is our second year with a team in the Geelong & District Disability Competition. Tim Scott & Grant Simpson look after our Drysdale team as the club continues to support and provide a game of cricket for all. The team has started with 2 losses following last season's premiership win and will be looking to a game at home on December 4<sup>th</sup> to get the ball rolling. The club hosts Werribee & Newcomb in what should be a great day of cricket.

### Club News & Information

The club is providing a bi-monthly newsletter "Hawk Talk" with loads of club information and news. Keep up to date on what is happening around the club by picking up your copy at either the Club, Mortimer's Petrol Station or The Drysdale Village Milk Bar.

### 2005 Christmas Party

The annual Club Christmas party is on again with an invitation extended to all Club members and their families. Whether you are playing in Milo, Juniors or Seniors you are invited to our biggest function of the year. Santa will be arriving and there will be loads of entertainment for all including jumping castle, Harley Rides and the drawing of the clubs' Giant Xmas raffle. Mark it down in your calendar now!

*Drysdale Cricket Club 2005 Christmas Party. 6.30pm Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>*

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## Clifton Springs Tennis Club Inc.

Jetty Rd Reserve, Clifton Springs

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Ladies - Debbie Ph 52532735  
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### Congratulations

Congratulations to our two Midweek ladies teams who made it into the finals of the Bellarine Association.

Section 1 were in 3<sup>rd</sup> place after the home & away rounds and came through with a victory in the semi against Wandana Heights. Now on to the preliminary final. Section 7 came into the finals in 4<sup>th</sup> position. Unfortunately we were defeated in the semi by Eastern Districts but well done for being there ladies.

Next midweek season will start in February, so if you are thinking about Tuesday ladies tennis, give Debbie a call on 52532735. There are a range of grades to suit all standards and its social, fun & fitness.

### Summer

Nearly half way through the Summer Saturday season already. Our 3 Senior teams are consistent & all sitting in 5<sup>th</sup> place although we all hope for improvement in the second rounds.

Many of the Junior teams are having success with everyone being competitive. The section 3 girls are playing terrific tennis in what is the top girls grade, the standard is high & we are learning all the time. Our two section

10 teams are 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder and look to have an exciting match when they play each other. The section 16 boys have improved outstandingly and are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place however, they won the match against the 1<sup>st</sup> placed team & are looking confident. Section 21 girls are undefeated & definitely look the team to beat for the season. Sections 21, 22, 23, 25 & 28 are in the final fours and improving all the time. Our beginners girls in Section 31 are in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and coming along really well. Our Section 33 team is undefeated and meets the top team next week in what promises to be a nail biting match. Great tennis from all our juniors.

### Night

Night tennis is booming along with the promise of warm nights to come. The Tuesday night men's comp has now started with 16 men playing in a short term comp. There are still a couple of spots if you are interested, it's social & lots of fun & we cater for all standards. Call Bruce on 52505427 for information & to register your name. We have permanent & emergency spots for all nights.

### Social Scene

The "Welcome Night" was terrific with about 50 players taking advantage of the opportunity to try out the new range of Wilson racquets. Our next event is Sunday 4/12 for the "Get Together Golf" day. We have arranged for 9 rounds of golf & bbq lunch at Curlewis Golf Club, no experience necessary & from the number of names down already it looks like a great day for golfers & pretenders alike.

We now have a separate junior social committee who are coming up with a range of fun, non tennis social activities for our junior members. Details will be in the newsletters. First up will be the junior Christmas break up at Splashdown, details are on the notice board so come along.

## Bellarine Table Tennis Club

The Club has been meeting since 2001 and being presently the only incorporated table tennis club in this area, draws its members from all over the Peninsula.

The club has six tables in operation and caters for the young and not so young. Table tennis is a sport for all ages. Since 2001 the Club has arranged for a qualified coach to come to Ocean Grove to teach those who are interested the latest rules of the game and some techniques to play a better game. Everybody is welcome - different times of coaching for different age groups.

When there is enough interest, the Club will arrange a six week coaching program early in 2006.

The Club meets weekly at the Memorial Recreation Hall, 123 The Avenue, Ocean Grove

Mondays - 10am-12 noon (Keenagers), 6.45pm onwards juniors and 8pm onwards seniors.

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