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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.

2006

Feb	26th	Portarlington & Queenscliff Markets
	28th	Inaugural Drysdale / Clifton Springs Business Network Breakfast 7:00am at SpringDale - All owners of Businesses located in Drysdale/Clifton Springs invited to attend RSVP to SpringDale ph:52531960
March	1st	Drysdale-Clifton Springs Community Association Inc. public meeting, 7.30pm, Drysdale Fire Station
	3rd	Queen's Baton Relay on the Bellarine Peninsula
	4th	Drive In Movie Night – CHICKEN LITTLE at Clifton Springs Primary School
	10th	Term 1 Finishes
	12th	Bellarine Agricultural Show at Portarlington Recreation Reserve from 9am - lots to see and do
	13th	Labour Day Holiday
	15th	Commonwealth Games Commence
	19th	Drysdale Market
	26th	Portarlington & Queenscliff Markets Commonwealth Games closing Daylight Savings ends – turn clocks BACK one hour
	27th	Term 2 Begins - watch out for the 40km signs near schools
	31st	Nominations close for the Adrian Mannix OAM Community Service awards SpringDale Survey forms due back
April	1st	Bunyip Festival at Clifton Springs Primary School - 10am -3pm The Bunyip Plays Tricks in 2006 is our theme - lots to see and do
	14th	Good Friday
	16th	Easter Sunday
	25th	Anzac Day
May	8th	Neighbourhood House Week / Volunteers Week - contact SpringDale for more details Adrian Mannix Community Service Award Dinner - tickets available form SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, Drysdale Rotary Club and Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club
July	5th	Peninsula Players production

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Dear Friends old and new and ones I haven't met yet,

As this goes to print, the finishing touches are bringing the redevelopment of SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre to an end. Five years of planning, discussion and waiting and fifteen months of demolishing, building, painting and refurbishing, fifteen months of juggling, packing, unpacking and more juggling of people and groups and classes and equipment and treasures is coming to an end.

Last year was devoted to the renovation but this year will be devoted to consolidation of our relationships with people, internal and external groups and agencies. We have already started to work more closely with the Drysdale/Clifton Springs Community Association and with Bellarine Community Health.

As I have said before, sincere thanks must go to all the groups who have been so patient and thoughtful in the ways they have adapted to the changing conditions over the last 15 months. Bellarina Toy Library has had a couple of moves is about to move back into the middle building (our old Occasional Care Room / the old Toy Library Room). I thank them for their patience and understanding.

Now we need to support them as they support families and extended families by providing such a valuable service. Come along and visit them on a Saturday morning and borrow toys for your children or for your grandchildren.

Our courses continue to grow in number, now we have Seafood Cooking and Fire Safety, we are about to negotiate a course for 3rd term in Millinery (so you can make your own hat for the racing season – please register your interest asap). I'm hoping to line up a person to run a Picture Framing Course in 3rd term and I would also like to offer Fly Tying courses for fishermen/fisherwomen – anyone qualified? - Please continue to put forward your ideas forward - it helps us to continue to grow.

Occasional Care staff and children are certainly enjoying their spacious new building and the children have had many hours of fun rolling on the "deep pile" lawn that is in their new playground. The sessions are filling up but there are a few vacancies on some days so please contact Jean and Janet for more information.

We continue to try to support the community by welcoming new residents with a "Welcome" pack of information, we continue to

supply access to computers, printing and the internet, we continue to photocopy, fax and laminate at very reasonable rates, we continue to provide venues for events and occasions – hopefully there's something here for everyone.

I love to see the way so many people are adopting SpringDale as their second home – there are about 25 volunteers helping to run the centre and each person brings their talents to share with us and the community. I was so proud to see the Christmas Card that we sent out last year, it was designed and printed by 2 of our volunteers. The culmination of 2 different skill sets. Thanks so much Val and Joy. Thanks everyone who helps us and therefore does their best to help the community.

Looking forward to meeting you or seeing you again soon

*Anne Brackley and
the SpringDale Team*

**Do you know someone who
deserves to be congratulated
for their Community
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TRAVELTALK by Jenny and Laurie

The Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort is on Fiji's second largest island, Vanua Levu, an hour's flight from Nadi. Passing through the capital city of Savu Savu enroute to the resort, you get the feeling that progress has passed this island by. On arrival the Manager greeted us, an Aussie named Greg Taylor, who offered us a cool drink and a run down on the resort facilities. The resort is based on the style of an authentic Fijian village, and features luxurious bures set amongst magnificent gardens with wonderful ocean views and mountain scenery. Activities are based around cultural activities, and trips to local villages, markets and churches on Sunday are provided free of charge. Fijian story telling, basket

weaving, rainforest walks and edible landscape tours are all conducted by the native Fijians, including a very old and remarkable medicine man! Daily snorkelling trips to the reef were a highlight of our stay, and the variety of coral and fish was incredible. The Fijian divers accompanied us to point out various fishes, corals and marine life of interest.

Meals were served in the restaurant overlooking the pool and the ocean. Beautiful by day and romantic candlelit dinners by night, with the resident Fijian band singing their local songs.

The resort also features the most comprehensive spa and massage treatments in Fiji. The massage, which was

included in our package, was one of the most relaxing that we have ever had. The Bula club for kids is wonderful. Children are cared for by one nanny per child under five and over five one nanny per 2 children. There are two separate dining rooms, one for families and one for couples. Nannies are with the children until 9pm allowing parents to enjoy the cocktail hour and a leisurely, perhaps romantic dinner. When came the time to leave, the whole staff lined up and farewelled us with the traditional Fijian farewell song "Iso Lei". We left with tears in our eyes, sad to leave a paradise inhabited by such friendly and beautiful people.

The 16th Bellarine Agricultural Show

Portarlington Recreation Reserve

Sunday 12th March

(Melway Reference: 239 C2)

Come and enjoy a family fun day. Attractions include:

Gerry Gee and the Blasket family, Warren the Wandering Magician, face painting, lucky dips, jumping castle, guess the weight of the steer, "Cow Lotto", gum boot throwing competition, best decorated bike/skateboard & Lego competitions. A wonderful display of art, craft, cookery, floral art, plants & produce. Horse events, cattle, llamas, poultry, and pigeons. Miss Junior Show Girl, Tiny Tot Quest and Master Show Boy.

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Drysdale-Clifton Springs Community Association Inc.

Keeping The Communication Going.

The Drysdale – Clifton Springs Community Association Inc. (The Association) is a significant channel of communication between the residents of the Drysdale and Clifton Springs areas and the City of Greater Geelong Councillors and Officers, as well as the local State and Federal Government Representatives and Government departments.

The Association is an incorporated body specifically set up to provide members with the opportunity to identify and debate matters of community concern and to promote positive action directed to addressing these matters.

Community representation for The Association over the last twelve months has meant extensive involvement in:

- The Sport and Recreation Study.
- The Bellarine Strategic Plan.
- The repair and improvement of the Skate Park.
- The development of the Boat Ramp Area.
- The repair and upgrade of Jetty Road.
- The upgrade of the Drysdale

Primary School Sporting Area.

- The present and future needs of the youth and elderly of the area.
- The future of the Drysdale Waste Disposal facility in particular the heavy traffic flow through the main streets of Drysdale.
- The traffic problems at the roundabouts – particularly Jetty/Grubb Geelong Roads Intersection.
- The State Government Coastal Study.
- The improvement and extension of the existing sporting facilities.
- The planned establishment of Drysdale Neighbourhood Watch Program.
- The future Planning and Zoning of the area.

Many of these needs were emphasised through the Community's input at the Strategic Plan Meetings and particularly by those who took the time to fill in the Survey included in The Association's September Newsletter. We are most grateful to all who took part. All the surveys and their ideas and suggestions were submitted to The City of Greater Geelong for consideration. Many thanks for your contribution.

All of these areas have meant submissions and discussions with all three levels of Government. Not all of them have been met with what The Association considers positive responses and will continue to be pursued. Nevertheless, for the first time for a number of years Drysdale-Clifton Springs has been represented, has been listened to and has been able to present a good case for consideration.

However, a number have produced results. The Skate Park has been repaired and cleaned. The Boat Ramp area is much better than it was two years ago and the new Rotunda to be built by Volunteers will be a great asset. The construction of the new Aged Care facility has begun and the new A.B.C. Childcare is about to begin operation.

THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 1ST 2006 7.30 P.M.

AT THE FIRE BRIGADE ROOMS PRINCESS STREET DRYSDALE PLEASE ATTEND AND KEEP UP TO DATE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY ACTION.

All About Funerals



Do I have to think about it?

Tuckers Funeral and Bereavement Service is conducting a series of information sessions on funerals and issues related to the practices of the Funeral Director.

The session will cover questions such as:

What do we do when someone dies at home, at hospital or accidentally?

What are the legal requirements?

What options are available?

What documentation do we need to arrange a funeral?

How respectful is the funeral industry of the person who has died?

What preparation is carried out on the deceased?

Are they really our loved one's ashes?

Do funeral directors provide for culturally sensitive services?

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14 Princess St Drysdale, Ph 5253 1960**

Morning tea provided

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Want to be a Billionaire or a Lady Villain?

The timeless production of the Broadway smash hit musical, Annie will be staged by the Queenscliffe Lighthouse Theatre Group Inc. in September 2006 and the search is now on for the roles of billionaire Oliver Warbucks and the lady villain Miss Hannigan, in the show.

Director, Jon Mamonski says that it is important to cast these two roles early this year. "Because 'Warbucks' and 'Miss Hannigan' are principal roles in the show and the fact that Annie will be played by an 11 year old school student, it's important to cast now so that 'Annie', 'Warbucks' and 'Miss Hannigan' can get to know each other and schedule rehearsals into their 2006 calendar."

The role of Annie will be played by Brianna Giles, (recently in 'Les Miserables') and also by understudy, Anna Black.

The original Broadway production of Annie opened in New York in 1977 and ran for 2,377 performances. It won 7 Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Score with famous songs like "Tomorrow", "Maybe" and "It's A Hard Knock Life".

The venue for the Broadway show is the historic Queenscliff Town Hall which is classified by the National Trust and is having a makeover before the Commonwealth Games next

month. Jon Mamonski is delighted that this venue is available.

"The Queenscliff Town Hall just oozes charm and is a magnificent venue to stage such a lavish show.

"There is no doubt that, like the Queenscliffe Lighthouse Theatre Group, many fine singers and actors have trod the boards there over the past century," Mamonski said.

Prospective 'Warbucks and Miss Hannigans' can register for the audition taking place at the Queenscliffe Senior Citizens Hall, Symonds St at 2:30pm on Sunday 26 February by emailing their interest to bryan.hughes@optusnet.com.au or by phoning assistant director, Cynthia Hughes on ph: 52581282.

For further information, go to <http://anniethemusical.hopto.org> on the Web.

About the musical Annie

The musical Annie is based on the Little Orphan Annie comic strip. It is about the adventures the fiery orphan has, while trying to find a family that will take her in. Annie gets chosen to spend a short time with the wealthy Oliver Warbucks, whom she charms with her charismatic personality.

Annie's troubles start when the evil Miss Hannigan and her brother hatch a plan to end her happiness and make a lot of money at the same time.

About the Director

Jon has certainly made his mark on the performing arts scene, with a 'sea change' and starting with a principal role in the Cairns Choral Society's production of CHESH - The Musical, as well as roles in SOUTH PACIFIC and JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR. Jon has also worked back stage with this renowned group, turning his talents to technical direction for 42ND STREET and ME AND MY GIRL as well as producer for JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR, also fitting in a dramatic principal role for the Little Theatre's production of BREAKER MORANT. Jon has also directed the other 'Annie' in ANNIE GET YOUR GUN for the Society.

On the Bellarine Peninsula, Jon is well known for his work with the Ocean Grove Carols In The Park as well as having sung and recorded five albums from his studio in Ocean Grove.

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Bellarine Peninsula Railway-Drysdale

The madness of summer tourist season has passed & the BPR is settling into another year.

This month we will talk about a couple of popular topics, *History & *The Blues Train.

HISTORY 'DRIVE'-WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As the historians of the BPR, we are always happy to come across memorabilia, photo's & documents on the life of the Geelong-Queenscliff Railway. In recent times we have been in contact with the descendants of the original contractor who built the line. As well, we received a lovely letter from a lady whose family ran the tiny Marshall Post Office which we have proudly restored at Lakers Siding. Local people may well remember the Sayers family who ran Drysdale Station about 45 years ago. They too have been in touch. But we are still trying to locate photo's & memorabilia of ANYTHING to do with the railway pre 1976. There must be some out there! For example, we know that Wirths Circus Train visited town a few times- but we have no photo's. Likewise the Better Farming Train visited in 1928 but no pics have come to light. Ditto for tickets or photos of stations. Please, check those drawers! we'd love to see any of these things, & record them for posterity..

THE LEGENDARY BLUES TRAIN

What's it all about? Many have seen & heard it rock by on a Saturday night & if they haven't been one of the thousands who have sampled this delightful train, they ask some questions which we will try to answer!

* The Blues train is basically a 'dinner & show' on a steam hauled evening journey from Queenscliff to Drysdale

& return.

* The meal consists of a gourmet BBQ from well known Pasquinis of Point Lonsdale.

* There are 4 different music acts, one in each carriage. One carriage is a full dance car with stage & dance floor.

* The music is blues, soul & a touch of rock.

* The train stops at Suma Park, to enable patrons to use the loo, & partake of more bubbly from the fully stocked bar carriage.;

* 30 minutes is spent at Drysdale where Tea/Coffee/Ice Creams/Snacks & souvenirs are available

* The evening starts at Queenscliff at 7pm & ends there by 11.30pm.

* The crowd is very widely mixed among all age groups & full security is provided.

* The Blues Train is not suitable for children.

* At no extra charge is the unforgettable atmosphere of steam loco's working hard at night while you work hard dancing the night away or just sitting back & enjoying great music & company. Take it from us, you will make some great new mates on the night!

* The Blues Train has been operated for over 10 years by Hugo T Armstrong in co-operation with the railway.

* Cost- \$70 (Conc.\$65) Includes meal. Drinks at bar prices.

So if you've always 'meant to do it one day' -do it this year! Ride the Blues Train!

Finally by request, here is a 'cut out & keep' full BPR public timetable. Stick it on the fridge!

Until next month, Take Care.

Paul & Kate

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YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

Commonwealth Games

The excitement around the Games certainly seems to be building.

I'm looking forward to catching up with the Queens Baton Relay which arrives on the ferry at Queenscliff on Friday 3rd March. It then travels through the town and on to Ocean Grove, across the bridge to Barwon Heads, arriving at the MCG on 15th March. It's expected that there will be lots of people interested in seeing the baton which has travelled through all 71 nations of the Commonwealth, carrying the Queen's message for the athletes.

Of course it's particularly exciting for the children.

Another exciting Commonwealth Games activity for children is the ComPASS—the Commonwealth Games Passport project. Every primary school child in Bellarine will receive a ComPASS this term to allow them to take a virtual tour of Commonwealth nations and collect visa stamps as they travel. The ComPASS is part of an educational kit, which includes a world map highlighting Commonwealth nations, a Karak mascot visa stamp, certificates and a teacher activity book.

This is a wonderful way for children to learn more about the cultures, people and nations of the Commonwealth and I'm sure our primary school students will not only have lots of fun, but will

benefit from this unique learning opportunity – one of the benefits of having the Commonwealth Games held in Victoria.

Community Fitness Precinct at Drysdale Primary School

You'll remember last year I was delighted to announce a grant of \$105,000 for a community fitness precinct at the School.

The Government, through our Community Facilities Fund, provided \$47,500 in partnership with the City of Greater Geelong, with a matching grant of \$47,500, and the School contributed \$10,000.

The project involves upgrading and modernising the existing oval at the School with the addition of a number of 'exercise stations', lighting in the area for night time use, installation of an irrigation system and resurfacing of the oval to ensure the safety of all users.

It's great to see the work underway. It will be a much needed facility that can be used and enjoyed by the community, in particular the junior cricket and football teams.

SpringDale Neighbourhood House

It was great to visit the Neighbourhood

House just before Christmas and to walk around the impressive renovation and refurbishment, now virtually completed.

As many of you will know, this was a project that I was involved with from my days as Co-ordinator of the Centre and it was great to be able to announce the Bracks Government's commitment of \$367,000 to the work.

I look forward to the official opening later this year, in the meantime it's good to see so many people enjoying the new facilities.

2006 Victorian Education Excellence Awards.

Nominations for the 4th annual awards, celebrating the outstanding work of Victoria's Government school teachers and school leaders in improving schools and building successful lives for young people, are now open.

For the first time this year, the awards will include a new category for the most outstanding school leadership team. The \$50,000 award recognises excellence in educational leadership in Victorian government schools.

The awards feature seven categories: The Lindsay Thompson Fellowship Award (\$50,000), the Victoria Teachers Credit Union Outstanding Primary Teacher Award (\$10,000); the Outstanding Secondary Teacher Award (\$10,000); the Outstanding School Leadership Award (\$50,000); the School Leadership Team Award (\$20,000); and the Curriculum Innovation Award (\$20,000).

We are lucky in Bellarine to have such terrific staff in our primary and secondary Government schools, and I encourage parents, teachers and principals to look at the many inspiring success stories emerging from their classrooms and put in nominations for the 2006 awards."

As always, 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

5248 3462.



YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

Coryule ward update January 2006

The following is a brief update on the status of some of the major projects and issues.

Drysdale Recreation Reserve .

Discussions with the Football / Cricket / Netball / Little Athletics / Soccer / Fire Brigade / Drysdale Primary school representatives are at the following stage -

1. Netball – final drawings approved by the Netball Association and on the way for tender with completion hopefully prior to or just following commencement of the Winter netball season.

Major features of the upgrade will be male & female toilets plus change facilities – both not previously available.

2. Football – the long-awaited full size oval at the Drysdale Primary school is in the grass growing phase and when fully operational will cater for two junior sized cricket / football fields. Big thanks to the efforts of Lisa Neville, the School Committee, and both Aub Platt and Shaun Broadbent from CoGG.

Change facilities will need to be discussed with the School Committee and Dept. of Education.

Plans for the upgrade to the existing Reserve Clubrooms are to be completed within the coming four weeks and sent for tender.

Discussions with the Catholic Regional College for the use of their oval by the Drysdale Football Club are well advanced with a report on the ground condition, and any further work required, due this week.

3. Cricket – final details for equipment storage and shade covers are underway.

4. Market space – the idea is for the space to be fully grassed for soccer / little athletics / football and general outdoor activities when not required for the Sunday markets.

Final discussions on the upgrade plus the incorporation of seating and barbecue facilities under the trees have been held with all groups including the School Committee.

The damage caused by irresponsibly driven vehicles to this area is of major concern and a current proposal is to limit vehicle access both to / from Wyndham Street with timber bollards surrounding the area for further protection.

5. Future sporting facilities – the need has been identified and will be part of the

next stage on completion of the above developments.

Jetty Road

Shoulder widening works have commenced at Ada Street, adjacent to the Primary School, and will be in two stages to Portarlington Road.

Stage 1 – to be completed this financial year 2005/6 and Stage 2 the following year 2006/7.

Other projects for this year are as follows –

- a) Construction of the drop structure destroyed in the floods this time last year.
- b) Drainage work at the Wyndham Street intersection.
- c) Indented parking option at shops north of Pinaroo Ave. – under review for April 2006.

Beautification of Township entry / exit roads

Work has commenced with Parks and Gardens staff to improve the visual appearance through regular maintenance and tidying practices along with new plantings together with VicRoads to reduce visual signage pollution.

This work will be undertaken in conjunction with the Drysdale Reserve beautification program.

School crossings and road safety issues

Crimea Street school crossing – centre of the road refuge design submitted to VicRoads for approval with completion due early March, 2006.

Discussions continue with VicRoads and CoGG Engineering on the Anderson Road school crossing and general road safety issues involving Grubb Road speed limits, road shoulders, roadside vegetation and rubbish clean-up.

Princess Street – footpath extension along western side to be listed for future work and larger give way signage to be installed on the northern approach to the rail crossing.

Drysdale Village – traffic counts as part of a traffic impact study to be undertaken.

Hancock Street – pedestrian crossing on hold pending further discussions with traders.

Peninsula / Public Transportation

Discussions continue between Department of Infrastructure, CoGG Engineering, G

21 / Transportation Study team, and bus operators to provide an improved standard of service, involving bus shelters, timetabling to and from Geelong and also across the Peninsula, and drop-off and collection points within Geelong.

A review of Bellarine bus shelters involving size, locations and design will be undertaken early this year in conjunction with the local secondary Colleges and Ms Louise Mathews, Co-ordinator / It's Your Move program.

Bellarine Peninsula Strategic Plan / 2005 –2016

Environment & Waste Management

The Environment Management Strategy 2005 / 2010 final draft of is due for release and comment this week - the final document then due for presentation to Council for approval mid February, 2006.

The recently approved Barwon Regional Waste Management Group's 2005-2008 Business Plan supported the City's current waste management strategies – a key initiative being to investigate the feasibility of expanding kerbside collection to include food waste into the green bins with food waste making up between 45 and 77 per cent of all household waste reserves and

On-site educational days to be shortly undertaken for local residents relating to roadside reserves – specifically the interpretation of signage, evaluation of remnant vegetation, approval for work practices, role of Catchment and Land Protection Act and general advice and contacts.

Permits to burn policy – system to be reviewed after 2006 Fire Season

Council has committed to review the outcomes of the permit to burn system and implement necessary improvements to achieve fire prevention objectives for community safety and needs.

It has been suggested, for example, that primary producers with large land holdings in the future be exempted from the inspection (and therefore fee) component of the permit to burn system in recognition of their knowledge and experience of land management.

It is intended to consult further with community representatives towards the end of the current fire season to inform the continued improvement of the permit to burn system

*Cr. Tom O' Connor -
CoGG / Coryule Ward*

Ladies Probus Club of Bellarine Inc. Registered No A14696T

This Probus Year has almost past, and the club is wondering who will nominate for the next committee. I have noticed it is very hard to get members to consider joining a committee, and each year it seems to get harder. Maybe the age of the clubs members and their general health not being as good as they would like that extra commitments are out of the question.

Only one more month to go before nomination forms are collected, then off we go again.

Members are encouraged to write anything interesting from their past and present in the Newsletter the fol-

lowing month, we learn a lot about childhood memories, and places that are remembered from their growing up years.

We are hoping to get as many members as possible to join the Portarlington Fellowship Evening on Feb.22nd at 6.00pm. Last year was most enjoyable.

The Speaker for last meeting was Tehree Gordon, from Jirrahlinga Wildlife Sanctuary. What a fantastic speaker she was, covered everything from growing up, her parents, and her own ambitions which she has achieved with the help of her husband always at her side.

February Speaker was Shirley Watson, who is a member of this club. She gave us a interesting talk on her Granfathers Diaries.

The Luncheon Group continues trying out different places to eat and enjoy each other's company. The various activity groups still meet in members home and have a nice time.

The President and Committee have done a good job this year and I wish the next Committe a successful year.

*Until next time
Yours in friendship.
Iris Liz Tolton.*

Drysdale Guides

Thanks to everyone who has donated records and CDs for the auction outlined in last issue. We are still accepting more - please drop them off at SpringDale or ring 52531960 for collection.

Could the SpringDale Survey go to the back page and the Clifton Springs PS article go where the survey was - also the date at the bottom of the survey needs to be 31/3/2006

Singing for Pleasure

See the photograph of people enjoying themselves?

And there is still plenty of room left in the Community Hall for all the other ex-choristers, former operatic or musical society members, or folk who used to sing in groups of other descriptions, to once again enjoy working in a choir singing in full harmony.

SpringDale Singers was first started by

newly arrived residents of the Peninsula who found that they missed their singing and the fellowship that they had enjoyed. It has grown steadily from a few around a keyboard in a small room, to almost 40 members using the facilities of the Community Hall. Enough to sustain full soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections, and even to sub-divide these if necessary.

The music covers almost all the choristers tastes – on the last day of 2005 it was 'choir members choice' from the music list, and their selections included compositions from up to 200 years past, from simple folk and traditional songs through spirituals, anthems and famous classics to choruses from modern musicals, opera and oratorio.

Each week we have these 2 hours devoted to the enjoyment of music by those who sing it, with tea or coffee in the refreshment break included in the \$2.00 member's attendance fee.

The Singers operate as a section of the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, using the Community Hall in High Street, Drysdale each Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Members may join at any time, and both casual visitors and persons interested in finding out more about the choir are welcome to attend any session.



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GOLFING MEMBERSHIP

With only 4 months to go until our new membership season commences, we are offering pro-rata golfing membership for the month of March for only \$196.00 which entitles you to full golfing membership rights up until 30th June 2006.

As an added bonus any full golfing member of the Club may for next year subscriptions, pay their membership fees by instalments which will be 6 equal monthly instalments commencing from June.

Application forms for memberships are available from reception or the professional shop.

GOLFING CALENDAR

The Club recently held an Open Ambrose event which was sponsored by Turfcare Hire and a near record number of players attended with 70% of the players from other golf clubs. With the golf course in perfect condition, the best gross score recorded was 59, 12 under par, and the best nett score of 53 7/8 compiled by a team from Trafalgar

The Ladies golfing calendar is now in full swing with their next major event

being the Golden Putter to be held on March 20th with entries being at an all time record.

Pennant has now commenced for all teams and best of luck to all and lets hope that 2006 brings home some pennant flags.

GREEN FEES

With the course in superb condition and at only \$22 for 18 holes of golf, bookings are essential if you are looking for a social game of golf. Contact the Professional shop on 52 531488 to secure your booking.

PRO-AM

The club held a very successful McInerney Scrapmebels Celebrity Pro-Am on Sunday 15th January with a record spectator attendance. The professional winners were David Walker and Jason Norris tied on 68 with 8 others tied for 3rd on 69. The celebrity section was won by Geelong Footballer Matthew Scarlett on a countback from champion jockey Damain Oliver with Melbourne footballer Jeff White filling 3rd spot.

Our sincere appreciation to all sponsors and volunteers who helped to make this day so successful and we are already planning for next years event.

SPIN TO WIN PROMOTION

A new promotion is running on Friday nights with Bistro diners in the running to spin the wheel and have the opportunity of winning dinner vouchers, bottles of wine and cash. There a 4 spins every Friday night commencing from 7.45p.m. and to be eligible all you need to do is make a booking in our Bistro on Friday evenings and be present when the draws commence.

LUNCH & DINNER

The meal deal coupons have commenced after a short break 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 and bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 52 512501.

And don't forget the lunchtime blackboard special meals with prices commencing from \$6.50.

David Milne
Manager

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Currently Peninsula Players are facing a mini crisis with many of our younger members under the age of 30 leaving the district for either tertiary study or work commitment.

Within the ever expanding area of Drysdale/Clifton Springs there are probably a number of people interested

in live theatre, but have never participated in a theatrical group. If you are 17 years or older consider joining Peninsula Players—the cost is minimal, just \$10 yearly subscription. For this small fee you will meet and make new friends and be taught the basics and finer points of stagecraft. If you are a little hesitant at performing before an audience you may like to pursue your interests in back stage work, advertising, set building and design, front of house or become a general “dog’s body” and make the tea. It is fun and the more you contribute the greater the reward.

We consider we are a community asset contributing to local business by our purchases and supporting

Ann Nichol House via our Charity First Night. It has always been the aim of the Peninsula Players to provide live quality entertainment at an affordable price.

Our next production is scheduled for 5 July. If you are interested in joining us then please phone Dennis King on 5251 2431.



SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

The following survey is being conducted by the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre to assess the level of community awareness and to enable improvements to be made for future development.

Your help would be greatly appreciated by circling the appropriate answers below.

Q1 Do you know where the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre is located?

Yes No

Q2 Have you ever attended classes at Springdale?

Computer General Never attended

Q3 Would you consider attending a class in the future?

Yes No

Q4 Do you read the SpringDale Messenger?

Yes No

Q5 Has anyone in your family used Occasional Care?

Yes No

Q6 Have you ever used the computer or internet at SpringDale?

Yes No

Q7 Do you know that SpringDale has Special Interest groups?

Yes No

Q8 Would you be interested in any of the groups?

Scrabble Mah-jong

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Q9 Would you contemplate hiring SpringDale Hall for a birthday party, funeral or social gathering?

Yes No

Q10 When was the last time you visited SpringDale?

Never Last week Last year

Thank you for your time in completing the form. The survey will be analysed and the results published in the SpringDale Messenger.

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St. Vinnies finds good samaritans

With the decision to redevelop the property of St Thomas Church on Wyndham Street, the Drysdale Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society, lost its operating base. No meeting place. No shed for storing food. For the first time, the Conference itself became a needy party. Luckily, we found Good Samaritans at the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. Could they give us a meeting space? The affirmative reply was prompt; and on Saturday 4th February we held our first meeting there. I am sure we will be most comfortable here.

A layperson's movement, the St Vincent de Paul Society was founded in Paris in 1833 by Frederick Ozanam, a young professor at the Sorbonne

University. Today the Society has a world-wide membership of some 40,000 and an Australian membership of around 4000.

In Australia, the Society began in 1854, in Melbourne, then a rip-roaring gold-rush colony where many dreams of riches collapsed into misery and hardship.

St Vincent de Paul prefers to serve clients in their homes thus helping to establish personal relationships and, for some needy people, sparing embarrassment.

Our service is completely non-denominational. We don't ask people about their faith (or lack of it). During 2005

we made 172 house calls, involving 238 contacts with adults and 341 with children. In food, cash and services we estimate that our clients, in total, benefited by around \$7900. Within our limits, our range extends to such matters as debts, rates, rents, pharmacy, school shoes and uniforms. Beyond Drysdale-Clifton Springs, our area extends to Leopold, Portarlington and St Leonards.

Frank Colyer

Secretary

St Thomas' Drysdale Conference

St Vincent de Paul Society.

Summer Safety Tips

Already this summer we have seen significant wildfire activity across Victoria. This has caused major losses of natural vegetation and native wildlife, pastures, crops, livestock and a number of structures including some homes.

It is too late to prepare for the threat of a wildfire when smoke, embers and flames have arrived at your property. If you live in a rural setting or on the interface between a township and a rural area you need to take steps to reduce the risk to you, your family and property should a wildfire occur in a surrounding area.

In Victoria you have a choice to 'stay and defend' or 'leave early'. These are decisions that should be made now (if they have not already been made) and in consultation with your family.

If you chose to 'stay and defend', how you would safely achieve this needs to be carefully planned and include:

- Adequate, appropriate protective

clothing for all those who will be involved in defending the property.

- Adequate water supply and means of applying this to a fire, particularly spot fires.

- Work around your home to remove fine fuels (leaves, twigs, long grass etc) that may have accumulated. Other vegetation may also need review, however consult with your Council planning department prior to removing this.

- Consider carefully the placement of mulches around your garden and home. These have been shown to be a significant source of ignition on and around buildings. Careful storage of flammable liquids will also improve the fire safety of your property.

- Check the external condition of your home and other buildings for gaps in cladding, around windows and doors, and in roofs. Filling these gaps is critical to reducing the chance of embers entering your building.

For those who plan to leave their property early this also requires a plan and attention to detail is important. Remember that your pets and livestock need to be considered also.

To activate your plan it is important that you have access to up to date information on where fires are and what is happening. The ABC on 774 AM is a good source of current bushfire information as is the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

It is fortunate this summer that the loss of life and injury has been minimal, this is only possible if you and members of your community remain alert, take action to learn about wildfire and prepare yourselves accordingly.

For further information on preparing for wildfire go to the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or for a Bushfire Information Kit phone the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

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Why Should I Learn Another Language?



Laurent Boulanger

Even though we live in a country whose main language is English, there are literally tens of other languages spoken across Australia. The Internet also offers a wealth of information, sometimes in languages that

we cannot access.

In terms of education, research shows that student who take on a foreign language have increased analytical and interpretive skills. The Department of Education is so aware of such research that VCE student who study a language get bonus points in their final score, thus increasing their chances of getting into the course of their choice. Learning a foreign language also forces you to examine closely English grammar and structure and makes you a better communicator.

But learning a foreign language is not just for high school students. Adults who learn a foreign language, particularly those involved in medicine, law, engineering and information technology increase their job opportunities in markets that are often unfilled. Performing artists suddenly find opportunities they had never seriously considered. For example Australia's

Tina Arena has just released a French-only album in France and is one of the top-selling artists in that country.

As the job market is becoming more globalised, employers value staff with multiple language skills and regard such knowledge as a golden commodity. It offers companies or individuals the chance to expend their businesses beyond Australian shores.

Learning a new language can also expand your horizons when traveling around the world. With a new language, you'll be able to communicate first-hand with people from around the world in their native tongue. This will command you great respect from locals in any country.

Finally, learning a new language is a chance to socialise with like-minded people who are interested in other cultures. A new language opens doors of opportunities to meet and mix with like-minded people.

Laurent Boulanger teaches beginners, intermediate and advanced French at the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre. He is a qualified educator who specialises in both French and English. He is currently teaching postgraduate students up to Masters level at Swinburne University, where he is also a Ph.D. candidate.

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We are interested in obtaining any memorabilia concerning Portarlington's history such as photos, snippet, newspaper articles, etc. If anyone has items of interest that we could borrow, copy it, we would be most grateful. We will return these items once this process has been completed.

We are also interested in any research that has been completed on Portarlington that you or your family would like to share.

While we would love to assist with family research, but we are not set up

to undertake this research, however we can direct you to the appropriate organisation.

We hold regular meetings, sometimes with a guest speaker.

If you would like to attend the meetings, come along. They are very informal, we are very friendly, and morning tea is provided. The meetings are held usually on a Friday at the Old Mill in Portarlington.

Phone Lorraine 5259 1593 or

Gillian 5259 1180

Drysdale Senior Citizens club

Bingo has started once again and will be on every first Monday of the month and starts at 1.15pm. with a trading table.

Monday March 20th is our 38th Birthday and we will be having entertainment and afternoon tea This is for members only and there is no cost, so we hope to have a good turn out.

Monday March 27th and we are having Cliché Clothing with their winter selection which starts at 2.00pm, so we

thought we would have a light lunch beforehand of sandwiches and a slice with tea and coffee. Lunch will start at 12.30pm cost \$4.00 and \$2.00 for anyone who wants to come just for the fashion show.

We would like to invite anyone new to the district who may be feeling lonely to come up to the club and see what we have to offer. We will make you very welcome and are willing to teach you to

play indoor bowls, snooker, cards and craft work, so come up and have some fun. Anyone over 55 is most welcome.

To all our sick members we send our best wishes and hope you have a speedy recovery, and we hope to see you soon.

President: Esther Lornie

Secretary: Mary Hose

Why We Should Love Drysdale

By Carolyn Beasley

When people in Drysdale discover I moved here from St Kilda, they look incredulous.

'But why?' they ask.

'Don't you remember Melbourne?' I reply.

I remind them of all they're 'missing'.

A twenty minute queue on a hot day to get to the counter of your favourite ice cream shop. One year living in the same apartment block with twenty other people who ignore you when you pass them on the street. Community centres so busy that you have to book a spot in a course two semesters ahead. Shopkeepers who saw you every morning for 365 days but never asked your name. That was my life in Melbourne.

Do I miss it? No. Would you?

It took six months for my neighbour in St Kilda to say hello. When I moved to

Clifton Springs, my neighbour not only said hello on the first day, they baked me a cake and mowed my lawn.

People in Drysdale ask me if I miss the 'arts community' in St Kilda. Have you been to the Drysdale Community Crafts Shop or a local painting exhibition, I reply. People in Drysdale create, not just sit around slurping lattes talking and dreaming about it. What suburb in Melbourne has a craft shop stocked with local pieces? Where else can you meet the artful winemakers who make your favourite wines? Talk fishing philosophy on a pier with a mussel farmer as he debeards your dinner? Have a fish and chip shop know what 'the usual' is and tell you the secret way they made it?

We live scenes in Drysdale that could come straight from a movie. How many people in Melbourne can say they wake up to see kids biking in the morning with fishing rods sticking out of their school bags? Leaning on

surf boards at the bus stop? Hear the lonely boom of a ship's foghorn? See a piece of an old paddlesteamer wash up on the sand when walking their dog? These are the type of moments stolen by poets. But we get to live them everyday. These are the images dreamed about by my friends as they steer their car to the Princes Highway and aim for the waves of Ocean Grove or reverse their boat down the Clifton Springs boat ramp. I've never had a friend leave my house without requesting to take the real estate section of my local paper with them. They love that Drysdale is not Melbourne. So should we.

Clifton Springs was named after underground mineral springs on a property by the bay. Legend has it there is one spring still bubbling beneath us. A poet would say it's the passion of Drysdale's residents for their town that keeps that spring alive. Let's prove the poet right.

Pilates : what is it all about? How can it help me?

Pilates is a form of body conditioning that was originally developed by Joseph Pilates during the early 1900's.

Focusing on achieving control of the mind and body, Pilates utilises a series of exercises to develop muscle strength and co-ordination. It can also lead to numerous health benefits, including improved posture, flexibility, balance and a general sense of well being.

One of the greatest benefits of Pilates is the tendency to develop increased body awareness. How we hold and move our bodies are habits that are developed over a lifetime. Often, we just do these things without thinking about them. Sometimes poor movement habits can, over time, lead to physical limitations and discomfort. To prevent this we need to become aware of how we are using our bodies. In Pilates there is a strong focus on establishing correct posture and on integrating the whole body to work smoothly and efficiently. Emphasis is also placed on developing

our core muscle strength thereby protecting and supporting our backs.

How is pilates used?

* As an effective exercise program: it is available in both the gymnasium setting and some physiotherapy clinics. If run as a fitness program, classes tend to be standardised thus participants need to be relatively healthy.

* To prevent, rehabilitate and treat musculoskeletal injury / dysfunction: This is limited to some health care settings, such as physiotherapy clinics. These classes are open to people of all ages. Instruction and programming is usually either individualised or limited to smaller class sizes. Exercises can be modified to cater for clients of varying health and fitness capabilities.

* To improve sporting performance: there is a growing trend amongst amateur and professional athletes, as well as sporting organisations, to utilise Pilates as a means of improving sport-

ing performance.

* As a part of professional dance training.

How can Pilates Exercises be done?

* In the form of floorwork or by using fitballs: minimal equipment is utilized in either of these. As participants advance in their exercise competency, some props can be introduced to create further challenge.

* With the use of specialised Pilates equipment. This is usually only offered in physiotherapy clinics and some sporting organisations. Individuals generally have access to the equipment in the form of clinic memberships, similar to those of gymnasiums.

Monique MacLeod

Certified Pilates instructor,

Drysdale Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic.

Let's Make a Feature Film!

If you've ever been interested in making a feature film, this is your chance. The SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre is seeking expressions from people interested in being involved in shooting a straight-for-DVD release during the forthcoming school holidays.

The drama feature film will be shot on location in the Bellarine region and will be focusing on the lives of young people in the area.

Whether you're interested in acting or the technical aspect of film making, such as make up artist, sound engineer

or set designer, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity not to be missed.

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News from the Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail



Some recent Friends achievements have been:

- We now have a storage shed that is housing all our garden equipment, tree guards etc. that makes our “working bee logistics” a lot easier and quicker!
- 2 Friends Signs are now installed on the trail, one at trail start South Geelong, the other at Friends Park Curlewis. The Redgum Signs were designed by our President, Alistair MacIntosh, and the information panel was made by ex Geelong High School Teacher, Tim Rowley – thank you both!
- Preserving Oil has also been applied to the majority of Trail furniture over the Chrissy break thanks to Fred Cook and his dedicated team
- Our Friends web site is in the development stage and should be up-and-running very shortly. The Site is designed along the lines that the visitor can start their day or weekend at the

Waterfront, then take a bike ride on the Bellarine Rail Trail, and end the journey at Queenscliff Ferry. The web site goes into more detail about the trail and its quirks than other advertising mediums, and also has Links to other web addresses—that make it easy and convenient for the user.

A Friends “Wish List”:

Recently the State Government announced the Provincial Pathways Program which will commit \$8.0 million—over 4 years, that will become available (through applications)—to Councils and Groups that are involved in rail trail management and development. Our Friends group have put forward their ideas to the CoGG Advisory Committee—for new trail facilities: Some of our ideas are:

- Continue with Indigenous revegetation, those plants and grasses in mulched beds
- Provide new trail recreation furniture that is wheelchair compatible
- Provide Interpretive and kilometer signage
- Install new trail “Water taps and Stand-Pipes” at selected locations
- Provide unique indigenous & multi-cultural Sculptures and Artwork at the Heritage Shelters, that makes each Shelter more interesting, distinctive and attractive

• Provide a basic Camping Area adjacent to the Drysdale Railway Station
We also support ideas that are being promoted by other trail users, such as:


- The construction of “Heritage Shelters” that include toilets at some locations
- For safety reasons, re-direct the trail through “Laker’s Siding” and provide “bike lanes” on both sides of Murray Rd at Point Lonsdale (BoQ)
- Extend the trail at Sth Geelong to connect to Sth Geelong Railway Station plus existing bike paths
- Pave sections of the trail in built-up areas, including Drysdale & Leopold
The Friends group would welcome suggestions from readers, on any future improvements to the trail.

Finally, if any reader has an old self propelled, or ride-on mower they no longer require, our group would like to inspect either of these items. Please give Fred Cook a call on 52 502 719 See you on the Rail Trail sometime.

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Bellarine Table Tennis

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Monday, 10am - 12 noon for the over 50's (starting 30 January)

Monday evening, 6.30pm. - 8pm. juniors only, 8pm. - 9.30pm adults only

- over 18. (30 January)

Thursday, 10am - 12 noon for the over 50's (2 February)

The club will not meet during school holidays/public holidays.

Coaching sessions will start on the last

Monday in February at normal Monday meeting time for juniors and adults.

For further information contact Graham McColl on 5257 1673 for the over 50's and Ken McKay on 5258 2953 for the Monday evening sessions

School community news

Welcome back to all members of our school community. It has been terrific to meet the new students and their families of our school and we hope they feel welcomed and settled.

Our school term has begun well and we welcome a new member of staff, Ms. Lauren Roberts who is teaching the Grade prep/1 class. We said goodbye to retiring staff member Mrs. Brenda Millard who gave and outstanding service to education of over 40 years. Another staff member, Ms. Catherine Taylor was appointed to Barwon Heads PS.

Our new Principal appointment was completed late in Term 4 and Mrs. Debra Herbertson became the new

Principal of our school.

During the first week of term our Year 4 -6 students participated in the Annual Swimming Carnival at the Portarlington Pool. This even allowed our students to show their swimming skills and enjoy competing in the various events. Some students will gain selection to the Zone Swimming competition later this month following their outstanding performances.

In recognition of the Commonwealth Games our students have provided wonderful Artwork as a welcome gift for the Athletes and a student, Karlee Boon has had her Artwork incorporated into the Welsh National Flag as part of the Opening and Closing Ceremony.

We will also be playing host to members of the Welsh team and offering them a great Aussie welcome!

Our school will be hosting the Bunyip Festival this year on Saturday, the 1st of April, and plans are well underway to make it a great success.

Our Parents' Group have organised another terrific night of entertainment with the Drive-In on Saturday 4th of March. Tickets are available from the Office for \$20 per car and food will be available on the night. Gates open at 6.00pm and this night is open to the wider community.

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