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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.

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| March | 27 | Term 2 begins – watch out for the 40 km signs near schools |
| | 31 | Nominations close for the Adrian Mannix OAM Community Service Awards |
| | | SpringDale Survey forms due back |
| April | 1 | Bunyip Festival at Clifton Springs primary school, 10 am-3 pm. |
| | | The Bunyip Plays Tricks in 2006 is our theme- lots to see and do |
| | 10 | Clifton Springs/ Drysdale Combined Probus Club meeting 9.30am |
| | 12 | Bellarine Historical Society meeting - 7.30pm at the Old Court House Museum |
| | 14 | Good Friday |
| | 16 | Easter Sunday |
| | | Our Women Our Children Easter Egg Hunt, Bellarine Estate |
| | | Drysdale Market |
| | 17 | Clifton Springs/Drysdale Garden Club, Uniting Church Hall at 7.30pm. Speaker - Rita Oliver |
| | 21 | Aspergers/Autism Youth Group - meeting to register interest in establishing, at 7.30pm in SpringDale Hall |
| | 25 | Anzac Day |
| | 30 | Portarlington/ Queenscliff Market |
| May | 8 | Neighbourhood House Week/Volunteers Week- contact SpringDale for more details |
| | | Clifton Springs/ Drysdale Probus Club meeting 9.30am |
| | | Adrian Mannix Community Service Award Dinner- |
| | 15 | Clifton Springs/Drysdale Garden Club, Uniting Church Hall at 7.30pm. Topic - Irises |
| | 28 | Portarlington/ Queenscliff Market |
| | 30 | Business Breakfast at SpringDale |
| June | 10-12 | National Celtic Festival- Portarlington |
| | 16 | Term 2 finishes |
| | 28 | Community Association Meeting |
| July | 5 | Peninsula Players production |

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Dear Friends of SpringDale and/or residents of the best part of the world

Wow – has it been busy at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. We now have almost 20 volunteers helping in the office, who are trying to get to know their new home town or trying to learn skills to gain employment. We welcome their time energy and skills.

Many new residents have found us and have joined our interest groups or courses – a number of community groups wish to use our facilities. Toy Library has moved. The Jigsaw Club has spread out their jigsaws. Most of our groups are flourishing and new groups are being suggested. We have some people who wish play Mah Jong at night and every day there is a new suggestion. Belly Dancing starts on Tuesday 4th April.

We've held our first Business Breakfast which was attended by about 50 people and it was a huge success. The group has decided to meet once every 3 months and so

the next breakfast will be on Tuesday 30th May at 7am – 8.30am or until you are ready to go. We hope to have guest speakers and maybe people from within the group would like to share their experiences and expertise as well. The Business Network Breakfast is for any businesses that operate or are owned by people in the Drysdale / Clifton Springs area – all welcome. Please contact SpringDale for more details.

Some new courses that joined our schedule in the last few weeks are eBay Sellers course, Make your own makeup, Doll Making, a Milliner's workshop to create a headpiece for the Spring Carnival or for the next wedding you're invited to, an extra Drawing on the Artist Within Course has been scheduled for 4pm-6pm Wednesday evenings, Advanced Digital Photos and Video course and lastly 2 new dance/movement classes to help with various pains and ailments or simply for empowerment. Contact SpringDale to register your interest in these – confirmed dates for courses

follows later in this newsletter or register your interest.

Our Web site is really coming along all our courses are listed, a copy of the Messenger will be available to view and many other interesting features about our groups and other services. Its quite exciting to see many hours of planning come together.

Once again I would like to thank the Committee of Management and all our volunteers who do their best to make SpringDale the place that it is today.

Yours very sincerely

Anne Brackley

A very happy member of our community

PS Suggestions are always welcomed at SpringDale

Work Wanted:

3 young eager volunteers at SpringDale would love to gain employment in the Administration/ Office field. All have the relevant work experience, are motivated, computer literate, and willing to learn more. For more details contact Anne Brackley at SpringDale on 5253 1960.

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**Nominations close Friday
31st March 2006**

Bellarine Historical Society report



The Bellarine Historical Society monthly meeting will be held at the Old Court

House Museum, Drysdale at 7.30 pm Wednesday 12th April. General business is followed by a talk from our Guest Speaker Lionel Bigmore, a prisoner of war during the Second World War. He was also a Drysdale local and will share some of his amazing life experiences and memories with us.

Visitors are most welcome as are new members. We always need help with

various tasks - sorting, indexing, cleaning of museum pieces etc.

For further information contact Lyn Willey (PO.Box 53 Drysdale 3222) or email willey@netspace.net.au

Don't forget the Holden Brothers Circus display and Ocean Grove Terrace display at the Museum, Sundays from 1.30 - 4.30 pm.

Clifton Springs Primary School



(Karlee and her artwork)

Clifton Springs PS was given a wonderful opportunity in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games to be twinned with the country of Wales. Not only was contact made between schools, but one of our student's art work (Karlee from Grade 4) was selected to be printed onto the reverse side of small Australian Flags. These were carried into the opening ceremony by the Welsh athletes. Karlee was invited to meet the Welsh team and

officials at their Welcome Reception in Melbourne.

All senior students wrote letters to each Welsh athlete and these were on their beds as they arrived at the Commonwealth Games Village.

Clifton Springs PS had a visit from the Welsh team manager and a representative athlete on the 9th March. The official welcome included the exchange of gifts and the viewing of some videos

of Wales and a Welsh school followed by an Aussie/ Commonwealth Games Day Celebration and Aussie picnic lunch (Vegemite sandwiches, lamingtons and pavlova) with the students and their parents.

Other activities conducted over the term have been the induction of our Student Leaders at assembly, the Grade 5 /6 swimming program and Zone Swimming Sports. Our Parent's Club organised a terrific Drive-In at the school grounds and we are now getting ready for the Bunyip Festival which will be held at our school on Saturday, the 1st April.



Portarlington Pre-School is now taking enrolments for the 3 year old **Pre-Kinder Group** for 2007.

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Aspergers/Autism youth group

Children with Autism/Aspergers syndrome often have unique needs that make socialising very difficult in the type environment that most youth groups offer. Often for these children the thought of joining a social group is anxiety provoking as they just don't seem to fit in as easily as the other kids do.

As a mother who has two children with Asperger's Syndrome I have found that they, along with several

other children within our community, desperately need a youth group that can cater for their specific social needs in an understanding and caring way. Unfortunately there is not one locally available. Therefore, I am hoping to establish a youth group to cater for the needs of these children along with their similarly challenged peers.

A meeting will be held at 7 pm on Friday April 21 at Springdale Hall, and I

warmly welcome all of those parents and children who are interested to discuss the establishment of a group. Alternatively please feel free to contact me to register your interest, and to discuss any of your ideas, as your input is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you there,

Kym Willis

Ph: 5253 2613

Our women our children Easter egg hunt

Hop out of bed on Easter Sunday, hop on down to Bellarine Estate Winery & Restaurant and join the Easter Bunny and the scampering feet for the region's inaugural Our Women Our Children Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday April 16!

The Our Women Our Children Appeal Community Events Committee, together with Bellarine Estate, is hosting an exciting event for the Our Women Our Children Appeal. The Barwon Health Foundation's Appeal, which runs from February to Mothers Day, is aiming to raise \$350,000 for a Paediatric Unit in the Geelong Hospital's new Emergency Department.

The Committee, made up of a group of experienced Volunteers, raises funds every year for the Our Women Our Children Appeal.

Founding President, Monique Holmes-

Richardson said "The event is a wonderful opportunity for the Community to come together and offer support to the children and their families who use the facilities at Barwon Health. Bellarine Estate provides the perfect setting for an adventurous Easter Egg Hunt with its rolling hills and charming vineyards. The day promises to be an entertaining family day with a great Easter reward."

Families are invited to bring along a picnic hamper and rug. In addition to the Easter Egg Hunt, there will be entertainment for the children, live music, food and drink available and local produce stalls.

Early Bird tickets cost \$30 per carload or \$40 at the gate which includes all childrens activities. For bookings via credit card, contact Barwon Health

Foundation on 03 5260 3355 or send a cheque or money order made payable to Barwon Health Foundation at PO Box 118 Geelong VIC 3220. For further information about the event, please contact Monique Holmes-Richardson on 0418 518 883.

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Traveltalk by Carol McCarthy

It's been a busy year so far. Our first group for the year has just returned from Peru. Lesley and I went to Kuala Lumpur in February for the International Conference where both stores excelled in receiving awards. Jean is off now with our next group to Vietnam and Cambodia. Jean will tell you more about that trip next month.

My husband, Glenn and I have also just been on our annual trip to Tassie where this time we stayed at beautiful Freycinet Lodge. We spent 4 wonderful days eating crayfish, oysters, scallops, drinking some excellent local wines and trying to walk off the effects on the many bush walks. We also got a bit more adventurous and tried quad biking – loads of fun.

Peru was amazing. The coastal des-

ert and inland rainforest was such a change from here. We had our own private tour with Peregrine Adventures for just the 10 of us. A perfect choice. After a couple of days in the capital, Lima, we drove south along the coast to Nazca where we took a scenic flight over the famous Nazca lines. Bazaar! We headed on to the beautiful city of Arequipa, where we had our first taste of high altitudes.

The altitude caused us to slow down for a couple of days while our bodies adjusted. We traveled on to Puno via the burial chambers of Sillustani. From Puno we took a boat to the floating Uros Indian Villages on Lake Titicaca. One of the most beautiful drives in the world is between Puno and Cuzco. Amazing views

and the road reached 4800 metres. From Cuzco we traveled out to the Sacred Valley, did some fantastic shopping at the Pisac market and then caught the train up to the Machu Picchu. It was cloudy and a little wet up on the mountain and that added to mysterious atmosphere. It was a wonderful trip and made even more special by the friendships made with the small group experience.

We have more small group tours coming up this year. In August Avril is taking a group to Turkey and Greece and in September I'm off to South Africa. If you are interested in these or have any ideas on other destinations please give us a call on 52511125 (Drysdale) or 52561888 (Ocean Grove)

Clifton Springs/Drysdale Combined Probus Club Inc.

The next meeting of the Clifton Springs/Drysdale Combined Probus Club will be held on Monday, 10 April, commencing at 9.30 am at the Clifton Springs Golf Club in the Members' Room. New members most welcome. Please note the Club's monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of the month. For further information please phone Graham Sewart on 52 51 2667.



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What a busy term at Drysdale Primary School!



What a great start to the year everyone has had at Drysdale Primary School! The term has certainly flown. The children have settled in very well to their new grades and are quickly getting to know their new teachers. In the last couple of weeks the Preps

have smoothly made the transition from half days to full days. We have another delightful group of Preps this year who are very eager to come to school and learn. In the morning they always greet you with a nice big smile on their face.

Over the Christmas holidays we were very lucky to have our large oval dug up and reseeded. Everyday this term the children have been eagerly watching it grow thicker and greener. Recently the oval was given its first mow and the grass is starting to look a lot stronger. When the children return from the school holidays, they will be allowed back onto the oval.

During the last week of term 1, Drysdale Primary School were involved in a Healthy Eating awareness Week. A group called 'Kidz Bodz' educated the students and promoted healthy eating habits. The students participated in an education session, a whole school walk and were exposed and encouraged in different healthy lifestyle activities.

Also during the final week, the family dance and barbeque will take place. Children from each year level worked really hard learning a dance in PE and Music. The children were very excited about performing their dance on the night to their friends and family.

Breaking with tradition to the lead up of the Bunyip festival, Drysdale Primary School is trying something a little bit different this year. We spent the entire last day of term 1 focussing on the theme of the Bunyip Festival. During the day children rotated, as a grade through six different activities involving 'The Bunyip'. At recess and lunchtime there were lots of fun and exciting activities. The children prepaid for the days festivities and were given coupons to participate in up to five of the activities at lunch and recess time. A lot of work went into preparations for the day and it was a great success.

Danielle Thompson
(Drysdale Primary School)

Drysdale Community Church

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Why do they do that?

Practices, traditions, habits, people have all sorts of reasons for doing what they do. People have their reasons but those reasons are not always known by others who then don't understand why they do it or even what they are doing. Over time even the people doing certain things can not know why they do it, it's just always been done that way or at that time.

Another thing that happens with special days or events is that people attach other things or practices to the day and after a time it is no longer about what it was originally intended to be. Things get lost or swallowed

up in advertising and the addition of what seem to be good ideas. Sometimes the trimmings start to become more important and more of a focus than the original event.

Christmas and Easter are classic examples. Ask some people what Christmas is about and they say it is about family and getting together, and about doing something special for those you love. They say it is a time of love and good will. Ask about Easter and a reply could be that its about chocolate and hot cross buns.

There are people who do not have an understanding of these events but are connected to the result of the celebrations, holidays and gift giving. They don't know about the origins or the reason for the event, they just enjoy

the side benefits.

This Easter Drysdale Community Church would like to invite you to join us as we get together and focus on what Easter means to us and for others. We will be having a Service on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, both at 10.00 am. During these Services we will be looking at and discussing the meaning of Easter for individual people.

It won't just be someone talking about it, we will be having video presentations and interviews to explain what it really is about and out of that you may discover "why we do what we do".

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I am very pleased to report that planning for the official opening of the Centre is well underway. In fact by the time the Messenger hits the streets the date may well have been decided and you'll have heard all the details from Anne Brackley.

The feedback I've had is that staff and volunteers, and those of you using the Centre are very happy with the look and feel of the new facilities.

I was pleased to be involved with the original submission, when I was co-ordinator at SpringDale, and I look forward to celebrating the completion of the project with many of you who have been involved along the way – it will be a great occasion!

Bellarine Seniors Register

Members of the Portarlington Community Association have proposed this very exciting project for Bellarine – the establishment of a Seniors Register. There are Seniors Registers in several

areas of Victoria, including Rosebud, Waverley, Oakleigh and Shepparton, all working in slightly different ways, but all run by volunteers in conjunction with local Police.

Older, vulnerable people within the communities register vital information and contact details and if they wish can have regular contact from a volunteer. In this way people, particularly those who are isolated through ill health, frailty or disability, are connected into their communities.

Local and regional Police, including Senior Sgt. Gary Coombes, the new officer in charge at Bellarine Police Station, were keen to discuss the idea further and a meeting is planned to begin to look at the detail of how such a Register could be established for Bellarine.

I will of course keep you posted on the process as it develops, including consultation with the relevant organisations and agencies across the Bellarine Peninsula.

Mobile Office at SpringDale

Throughout the year, as in past years, I will be holding mobile offices across Bellarine. They have proven very popular, particularly with those of you who have difficulty getting in to see me at the electorate office in Newcomb.

Next month, all residents of Clifton Springs and Drysdale will receive a letter with details of the time and date, inviting you to contact my office to make an appointment. This is an opportunity for me to hear from you about your concerns.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me at the electorate office if there are any matters I may be able to assist you with.

Until next time,

Lisa Neville MP

Member for Bellarine

5248 3462.

Toddler Days

The Clifton Springs Playgroup is up and running again. Seeing the smiles, giggles and intellectual and social learning that takes place proves that no matter the age, sharing in activities and games rewards both the child and the parent. Children at Clifton Springs playgroup jump on trampolines, paint, play in the sand, ride little bikes and are challenged with puzzles books and social interaction. Parents reap the benefits too. Here you can share stories with other parents, learn different methods of parenting and observe new and wise parenting techniques. All of this is done over a hot drink and biscuits.

The great thing about playgroup is that it is run by parents. Parents tirelessly join the committee, become leaders or assistants of playgroup sessions and work at bringing in more funds to keep the group going. These parents are dedicated to not only giving their children a good time, but also organizing excursions and events that include the whole family. One of the excursions organized second term is a visit to the Playschool concert in May. Of course there is also the always popular family night out at the Peninsula where dads and working mothers get to meet each other and interact with the children as well.

What I've noticed the most about the Clifton Springs Playgroup is the friendships that are made, both child with child and parent with parent. What a unique way of bonding.

The Clifton Springs Playgroup is held at the Clifton Springs Golf Course meeting rooms next to the old Clifton Springs Pool. If you wish to participate in sharing this special time with your child then you can contact any of the following committee members.

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Bellarine Community Health provides its services through four community health centres, a house in one township, two aged care facilities and in people's homes. There are 100 low care beds, including 20 Dementia Specific. Bellarine Community Health provides accommodation through 16 independent living units.

A strength of Bellarine Community Health has been to focus on community participation at all levels. This results in Bellarine Community Health

setting the strategic directions to meet changing needs and demands.

Bellarine Community Health has a strong membership and volunteer base of over 1100 which increases to grow annually.

If you would like further information or an application for membership, please call the Bellarine Community Health Inc on 5258 0888 or visit the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre or phone 5253 1960.

Fostering a Child's Future



There are many stories highlighted within the community about children and families and the happy experiences and times that they share together. Unfortunately not all children within our area are able to enjoy such closeness with their family. Mercy Children's Services is a part of MacKillop Family Services in Geelong. We are an agency that provides foster care services to children who temporarily cannot live at home with their family. Examples of why the children are not at home range from a parent who is sick and unable to

care for their child, to a child who has suffered abuse within their family.

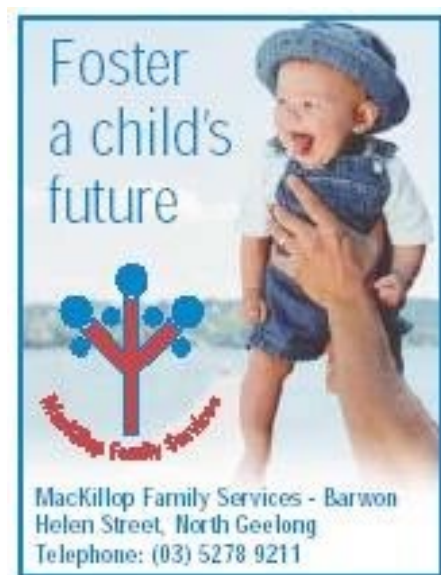
Children in care face many issues including the loss and grief of being separated from their families, friends and homes and the trauma associated with child abuse.

Foster families care for children within their own home. They are required to respond to the needs of children in care and do an amazing job in meeting the unique needs of children and creating change within their lives.

Foster Parents are voluntary and receive a small reimbursement for having a child in care. Many Foster Parents talk about receiving many rewards from assisting a child to move on with their life. At the same time foster parenting can be very challenging.

The recruitment of foster parents is an ongoing challenge and we are keen to recruit new carers for our region which

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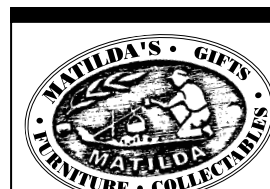
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Ladies Probus Club Of Bellarine Inc. Registered No A14696T



The present year of this Probus Committee has almost come to an end, and some new and some old members take up their positions at the A.G.M. on March 20th. 2006.

We have found it gets harder each year to get members to join the committee and be committed to the club for the

time in office. Other clubs have the same problem, even to having no nominations for some positions. It seems the aging process has taken its toll, the membership is frail or with sick husbands and cannot take on such tasks, and then there are those who are already into everything and cannot

take on another thing.

I am to be the 2006-2007 President with a new committee for the next year. This is to follow the AGM of course. Most executive committee members are asked to re-nominate which is a pity because fresh ideas and a new face is more pleasing to the membership. So as a recycled President I shall be back again.

The President and her committee have done a good job this year and we all thank them for their efforts on behalf of the club.

The Speaker for February Meeting was Shirley Watson one of club members who is always a reliable person to have as a club member, to give vote of thanks, and speak on the Bellarine Ladies Club Birthday Celebrations. Her talk was prompted by another member who studies Genealogy, and found that Shirley's ancestors came from Cornwall, so Shirley was asked to speak about Cornwall and her Grandfather's Diary's. This took much research by Shirley to find out where her Grandfather was born, worked and the type of job he did, which was Tin Mining and he stayed with that occupation for many years. It was the story of the times and hardships family's contended with.

There will be no Guest Speaker at the AGM.

Our last club activity was to attend the Portarlington Fellowship Evening at Point Richard. Many people attended from different clubs in the area and we had a fun time. The evening was marred only by the cold wind that ended the gathering rather prematurely.

Until next time.

Yours in friendship.

Iris Liz Tolton.

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Geelong Legacy Club Inc.

Presidential Changeover / War Widows Wear Well

Sladen House, Pakington Street, Geelong, proved again to be the ideal venue for the annual Presidential Change-over of Geelong Legacy Club Inc. on Sunday 26 February 2006.

Legatee President for 2005-2006, Joe Ralph, a former resident of Torquay, who with wife Margaret has

now retired to live at Beechworth in north-east Victoria handed over the role to incoming 2006-2007 Legatee President Brian Wrigley, a veteran of the Vietnam conflict, where he served with 1RAR. Brian and his wife Janet live at Highton.

People who view WWII as ancient history will be surprised to learn that in the community of Australia are tens of thousands of War Widows with an average age of 81. Understandably the

home in which they raised their family in many cases has not worn as well as the lady-of-the-house.

That is the reason Legacy members are seen in the doorway of the supermarket or the train station each September shaking tins begging for your support.

**Please remember
Legacy next September.**

Scrabble

Scrabble is a word game with lettered tiles placed in a crossword puzzle. Scrabble is a challenge and keeps the brain ticking over. If you would like to play scrabble, please come and join a friendly group of people every Tuesday from 1.00pm-3.00pm at the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

Bellarine Community Health service

Chronic obstructive pulmonary support group

This is a group that began in July 2002 to assist people with any form of Chronic Respiratory Disease. The group took the form of an education session on a relevant topic then time for some gentle exercise and a chat with other clients with similar issues.

This year as a response to the evaluations we are trying a different format.

There will be a 6-week program where you will have an assessment with the Physiotherapist pre starting and a program of activity planned for you over the 6-week period. The Physiotherapist will be present each week.

There will also be a talk on a relevant topic each week from a Psychologist/ General Practitioner /Pharmacist/ Dietitian/ Occupational Therapist

Starting: Friday April 21st for 6 weeks.

Time: 1.30pm until 3.45pm.

Venue: Ocean Grove Community Health Centre.

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From the garden gate

Going interstate for weeks on end at the height of Summer, is not to be recommended.

The "under gardener" did his best, I am sure. A bit of water was sprinkled around from time to time, but his "pruning" was, as ever, a dangerous undertaking. As well as removing some unwanted ivy, a couple of desirable plants were also sacrificed.

The holiday was nice though!

What to do in the garden now

A great time for planting out all potted plants including citrus and natives. Prepare cold-climate bulbs such as tulips

and hyacinths for planting, by storing them for six weeks in the crisper section of the fridge (mark the packet so they are not confused with onions).

Planting- Flower garden.

Alyssum, calendula, carnation, forget-me-not, marigold, stock, sweet pea, and early Spring flowering bulbs - daffodil, freesia, jonquil, ranunculus, ixia, sparaxis.

Kitchen Garden - broad bean, broccoli, lettuce, onions, radish, silver beet, turnip.

Enjoy the International Flower and Garden show!!

Clifton Springs/Drysdale Garden Club - meetings third Monday of each month.

Uniting Church Hall. High St. Drysdale 7.30 pm. Speaker and supper.

Monday April 17th (Easter Monday) Speaker. Rita Oliver, well-known local gardening expert.

Monday May 15th. Topic - Irises. ALL WELCOME

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Drysdale Senior Citizens Club

Once again we are into Autumn and the year is going by so quickly we can't keep up with it.

Monday 6th April we have Bingo and the trading table and we have to thank all the ladies who bring up things to sell, especially the ladies who bake all the lovely cakes, we are a lucky club with a few ladies who are excellent cooks.

Another of the club activities is our craft days every Thursday they are a group of ladies who get together and make clothes, toys and blankets for World Vision, who then distribute them

to under privileged children, so if you knit or crochet come up and join them they will welcome you and give you a cup of tea, a nice way to spend an afternoon.

On Thursday mornings at 10.30 - 11.30 we have an exercise class it's a good workout and only costs \$4.00 for members and \$5.00 for non members we are getting a nice little class together now. Just come up and watch and see what we do.

Now in May we are having a trip to Castlemaine, we have two prices \$21.00 for the bus and bring your own

lunch or \$33.50 and that is the cost of the bus and a two course lunch at the Bridge Hotel. So you can pick either one it's up to you. Come and put your name on the list at the club and tell us what you want

It should be a good day anyone can come and bring a friend.

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Drysdale – Clifton Springs Community Association Inc. Quarterly Meeting Report.

The Drysdale - Clifton Springs Community Association Inc. held its' Quarterly Meeting at the Drysdale Fire Brigade Rooms Princess St. on Wednesday 1st March. Some forty people attended.

President Wayne Elliott welcomed attendees and briefly outlined the major areas of work that had been undertaken by the Committee Members since the last meeting.

Reports as follows;

Bernard Filbay – The Clifton Springs Foreshore Advisory Committee

Bernard reported that this would be his last report in relation to the foreshore at Clifton Springs. The City of Greater Geelong had dissolved the Committee after ten years of skilled volunteer service despite the fact that less than half the project had been completed. Although the existing Committee Members strongly objected to this move, through the City CEO and Cr. O'Connor, the indication is that the City will not entertain re-establishment under the original 1996 Terms of Reference, nor would the Council resource any replacement Committee. He thanked everyone for their support over the past ten years and wished all well in any future efforts in regard to the improvement of the foreshore.

Paul Jones - Youth Activities.

Paul reported that the main repairs to the Skate Park had been finished.

Directional signs for public toilets at Clifton Springs Tennis Club area are in place. He will continue to work in conjunction with local young people in the area, Drysdale Police, SpringDale and Tim McDonald – City of Greater Geelong on all matters brought to The Associations attention.

Carl Schoemaker – Bellarine Strategic Plan Community Representative.

The Bellarine Strategic Plan meetings first started in late 2004. The main Committee made up of representatives of the Townships, Rural Areas and Tourism was established in 2005 and meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Potato Shed. It is envisaged that the Chairperson, Cr. Farrell, will table the completed document at the City of Greater Geelong Council meeting in April 2006.

The survey circulated in October in this area received 300 replies and these are being converted into a report and summary sheet. The main items of concern for local residents were The Dell, The Pool, Recreational Facilities, Traffic, Parking, Footpaths, Public Transport (Peninsula Wide), Green Belts and future Development.

The 1992 Structure Plan for this area will NOT be changed through the Strategic Plan Process

Sergeant Ralph Cornell – Drysdale Neighbourhood Watch.

The new Drysdale Neighbourhood Watch will be established at a meeting

to be held at The Community Hall on Thursday 30th. March at 7.30 if there is sufficient community interest and attendance. One area of Clifton Springs has a most successful, hardworking group and, although a previous effort failed to establish a Drysdale group, it is hoped this effort supported strongly by the local Police and The Community Association will succeed. The Serious Crime Rate in the area is low and Sergeant Cornell believes that the establishment of Neighbourhood Watch in the area will help to keep it that way.

Tim McDonald – Introduction of Customer service Staff City of Greater Geelong.

City of Greater Geelong Customer Service Coordinator Tim McDonald introduced Vickie Harris – Customer Service Team Leader and Melissa Evans – Drysdale Customer Services Officer, also representing Dianne and Jeni her fellow staff members. They are at the Hancock Street Office to assist the Community in all matters connected with The City and its' services. They also accept requests for maintenance of public areas, which are the Councils responsibility. Vic Roads services and information are available at the Centre.

Cr. Tom O'Connor – City Update – Ward Issues and Concerns.

The Councillor is aware of a number of Issues that are causing concern in the Community. Request for service forms



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Three other major concerns of those who attended the Meeting were brought strongly to the attention of Cr. O'Connor.

- a) The possible repair of the Pool.
- b) The progress of the \$200,000 installation of a junior oval and upgrade of the area at McLeod's Waterholes.
- c) The reinstatement of the recently disbanded Clifton Springs Foreshore Advisory Committee. They were the designated Community Representatives advising on the works planned to be carried out in the foreshore area over the last ten years. This Committee was

disbanded by the City of Greater Geelong in December 2005 as no longer needed despite the fact that much of the proposed works are still incomplete.

Three Motions were put regarding these Issues and unanimously carried by the Meeting. The Drysdale - Clifton Springs Community Association Committee was asked to forward them to The Mayor, Councillors and City of Greater Geelong Officers for action.

Neighbourhood Watch

Drysdale Community Hall

Thursday 30th March
7-30pm to 9.30pm

We urge all residents to attend this very important meeting, it is in your interest. All aspects of Neighbourhood Watch will be explained by Senior Constable Andrew King who is responsible for

23 areas in the Geelong district.

Maps are being drawn up to cover the Drysdale area and can be viewed on the night.

This project is being promoted by the Drysdale / Clifton Springs Community Association with Angela Chisholm and Doug Palmer acting as conveners.

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New Dance And Movement Classes

Jenny Bond was a local resident. Currently fieldwork placement has given her the opportunity to work at the Royal Talbot in Kew which is a rehabilitation centre specializing in patients with Acquired Brain Injury. With her nursing background she can see vast scope of practice associated with the medical field. Jenny has formulated a couple of new courses, please register your interest in these.

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