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## The winner of the Adrian Mannix Community Service Award 2006 is...

This year there are joint winners Norma and Lex Mortimer. Congratulations to everyone who was nominated and special congratulations to Norma and Lex.

Special thanks to Lisa Neville, who presented the awards and also gave our community an Honour board on which

to record the Adrian E. Mannix Community Service winner's names.

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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

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|-------------|-------|--|
| <b>May</b>  | 28    | Portarlington / Queenscliff Market   |
|             | 30    | “Living well with Diabetes” – Bellarine Community Health Drysdale - 1.30pm – 4pm   |
| <b>June</b> | 1     | Neighbourhood Watch - Drysdale - meeting 7pm at SpringDale   |
|             | 2-10  | 'Music Hall Memories' at Queenscliff Senior Citizens Hall  |
|             | 3     | Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show - Clifton Springs Golf Club   |
|             | 5     | SpringDale Messenger copy deadline   |
|             | 10-12 | National Celtic Festival – Portarlington   |
|             | 14    | Bellarine Historical Society, Old Courthouse Museum<br>2nd Wed of each month, 7:30pm                                       |
|             | 16    | Term 2 finishes  |
|             | 18    | Drysdale Guide Reunion afternoon tea 2-4pm at SpringDale   |
|             | 19    | Clifton Springs / Drysdale Garden Club, Drysdale Uniting Church Hall at 7.30pm Speaker- Graham Franklin – Swan Bay Nursery |
|             | 23    | Drysdale Ladies Day VIEW Club Meeting  |
|             | 25    | Portarlington Market   |
|             | 27    | Senior Citizens Trip to Casino   |
| <b>July</b> | 3     | Back to school for Term 3  |
|             | 5     | SpringDale Messenger copy deadline   |
|             | 5 - 8 | Peninsula Players production “Rachel”  |
|             | 10    | Senior Citizens A.G.M.   |
|             | 28    | Drysdale Ladies Day VIEW Club Meeting  |
|             | 30    | Portarlington Market   |
| <b>Aug</b>  | 5     | The American Trilogy Tribute Show - Clifton Springs Golf Club  |
| <b>Sept</b> | 1-8   | Adult Learners Week  |

## 2007

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| <b>Mar</b> | 17 | Bunyip Festival at Drysdale PS |
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# NEWS FROM SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

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

So much has happened in the last month – our Scrabble, Chess and Mah Jong clubs all celebrated their first birthdays – I played chess the other day with one of the members while he was waiting for another member of the group to arrive – let's just say it was a short game and I need to watch a few more strategic plays before I sit back at the table. All are welcome to each of these and the rest of our groups.

The wonderful Community Quilt which was made about 14 years

ago is now in a wonderfully grand position of honour – please come into the Centre and have a look. Congratulations to all the residents who hand a hand in making this creative piece of art which reminds us of our heritage and looks to our future. I get a thrill every time I look at it – and I'm so grateful to have it up at last.

The Adrian Mannix Community Service Award for 2006 has been awarded jointly to 2 people this year – Norma and Lex Mortimer for their many years of service to our community. Congratulations to all the nominees and to Norma and Lex. On the night our community was given a special gift from Lisa Neville, an Honour Board to

display the winners names of this award. This is now in another place of honour in the foyer of SpringDale. Please start to think about people that you could nominate for next year – the nomination forms will be out at the end of June.

Our Redevelopment was officially opened by Lisa Neville, we had a wonderful morning escorting people around our wonderful Neighbourhood Centre. It was great to see faces that haven't been to the Centre for a while and be able to catch up at least briefly.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Centre – come and see the Community Quilt or the Honour Board – or just come and have a cuppa. You're always welcome at SpringDale.

Yours very sincerely

**Anne Brackley**

*Coordinator SpringDale  
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# Ladies Probud Club of Bellarine Inc. Reg. Number A14696T

The time for writing another article soon comes around and to fit in something of new news, rather than relate events that have past, is not easy.

It seems to be the year for falls followed by a fracture sometimes of the neck, which incidentally has happened to two of our members recently who appear to be progressing despite having to wear a neck brace. They receive the most caring attention when arriving at the club for the General meeting. Another walking wounded fell and broke her patella, so a frame is her walking aid pro tem.

It is a worry with the onset of Osteoporosis the bones break so easily following a fall.

The Guest Speaker in April was one of our own members, who gave us a very interesting talk on Shetland Isles Lace, which included samples of her work and a summary of her trip to the Shetland Isles to find out more about how the very fine wool is spun. It is a very fine art and supposed to be a secret to all except the Shetland Islanders.

The May Speaker will be Lorraine Phelan. Her subject is The Old Families of Geelong as researched through Genealogy.

We hope to visit Werribee Zoo and Mansion House on May 18th. That is if we can get a full bus.

We hope we can invite interest from other clubs to fill our coaches if and when possible.

We shall certainly be looking for Indoor activities rather than Outdoor as the season changes to Winter.

*All for now.*

*Yours in friendship.*

**Iris Liz Tolton.**

## Lighthouse Theatre performs "Music Hall"

The Queenscliffe Lighthouse Theatre has commissioned Geelong's favourite musical identities, Ron and Maureen Sudden, as Directors of their coming production of the Olde English "Music Hall Memories" that opens next month. Ron also has the role of Musical Director.

The cast of over 30 singers and dancers from across the Bellarine Peninsula and Geelong have been in rehearsals since early February, and Ron says that he is delighted with the sound that is coming from the voices, particularly the harmonies of the chorus.

To be performed at the Senior Citizens' Hall, Symonds Street, Queenscliff over the period 2nd - 10th June, with seven performances, including two matinee

on the Saturdays, this delightful musical will feature songs from the music hall era of Britain in the early 1900s. Good "olde - fashioned" comedy, a barber-shop quartet, and four pretty, young and very talented dancers will add variation to the program. Songs such as "Lambeth Walk", "The Gendarmes' Duet", "Let's All Go Down the Strand" and "Maybe It's Because I'm a Londoner" will stir the hearts of audiences. Audience participation is encouraged.

The customary colour of costumes for which the Lighthouse Theatre has now become famous will be a special feature of "Music Hall". Under the leadership of Nan Allbutt as Wardrobe Mistress, a team of ladies has been beavering away, and the usual great

colour, and period costumes will be prominent in this production.

Evening performances on 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th and 10th June commence at 7.30pm; matinee performances on the two Saturdays, 3rd and 10th June, start at 1.30pm

Tickets for "Music Hall" go on sale at the Visitor Information Centre, 55 Hesse Street, Queenscliff on Monday 15 May. Prices are \$20 adults, \$18 concessions, children and groups of 10 or more. For ticketing information contact the Information Centre on 5258 4843.

For further information please contact BRYAN HUGHES, Publicity, Queenscliffe Lighthouse Theatre Group Inc Phone 5258 1282



**Calling all Drysdale Guides and friends** of Drysdale Guides to a celebration of Anne Brackley's 30 years of service as a guide leader.

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# Change of leaders at the 1st Drysdale Scouts

1st Drysdale Scouts has seen a change of leaders in the past 6 months. Ruth Gilbert is now Leader and Shayne Curran is Assistant Leader. Apart from having fun themselves, Ruth and Shayne are dedicating themselves to encourage scouts to achieve badges. The last couple of months have seen them attend Founders Day Camp at Ocean Grove and the Stradbroke Cup at Eumerella, where they achieved a Bronze Shield - well done everyone! They went on a hiking weekend at Jan

Juc. Scouts also attended the Anzac Day Parade. They laid a wreath and were very moved by the Service.

Over the coming months, in addition to usual activities, Drysdale Scouts will be hiking in the Brisbane Ranges, attending an 'Extreme Biking' camp at Eumeralla, putting their skills to the test during a 'Troop versus Parents' camp, visiting the climbing wall in Geelong and there will be a snow camp at Mt. Sterling near Mount Buller. Whew!

The scouts were recently at the Bunyip Festival, where they spent the day helping children construct a monkey bridge. The highlight of the day was the wind trying to carry away parents and leaders who were desperately holding down the tent! They succeeded.

January 2007 will see the Jamboree being held in Elmore. The children are excited at the prospect of being part of a 'city' of 10,000 to 12,000 Australian and International scouts. What an event! They are getting their required 'nights under canvas' before they are able to go, and of course, parents are furiously fundraising to ensure no-one misses out. They would love you to support them in their efforts.

To be a scout, you need to be 10½ years old. Scouting is open to girls and boys. If you would like more information, please call Ruth on 0438 322 278.





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# Clifton Springs Primary School

This has been a very active month for Clifton Springs Primary School, where the students have been involved in a variety of sporting activities and excursions.

The Grade 3 and 4 students had a sports day where the girls participated in a 'girls only' Basketball Clinic run by Basketball Victoria. The boys participated in Football and Soccer skill sessions and were given an introduction to self defence by visiting Soma Kai instructors.

## Sports Day – Student recounts

On Wednesday 19th it was Girl's Day at the basketball. When we got there we did some warm ups by up and down the gym. We got on the court and did some games. We got into groups. We started by doing dribbling. We had about 10 minutes on each activity. When we were doing dribbling we had to try and not look down at the ground. We had to wear these glasses that looked funny. When we were up to our third one we learned how to defend and to stop the other team to get goal. At the end we got a show bag. It was fun for all the girls.

*Erin 3/4C*

On Wednesday 19th Clifton Springs Primary School had a boy's day where we played footy, Soccer and did some self defence with people from Soma Kai. We also went to the art room, music room and for our last activity we went to the gym.

*Randy 3/4C*

## Creswick Landcare Centre

The Grade 5 and 6 students visited the Victorian Land Care Centre in Cres-

wick as an introduction to their new unit of study, 'Our Precious Earth'. The students participated in a range of activities that illustrated the impact of humans on the environment and what we can do about it.

## Student recounts

On the 19th of April all the 5/6 grades went to Creswick Landcare Centre, to learn about our environment.

It took 2 hours to get there. There were 6 groups and 6 activities to choose from. The activities were; insect collecting, nest boxing, habitat hunt, the Le Gerche walk, the seed collecting and ponding. My favourite activity was the nest boxing because the possums were so cute.

*Bella 5/6C*

Our group's first activity was a treasure hunt where we had to look for differ-

ent objects like animal's droppings, footprints, scratchings on trees, burrows and nests. We worked in partners and if we found the things we would mark them off our list. We also looked inside nesting boxes of different animals. Each nest box was designed for a certain animal. We got to look inside a possum's nest where two baby Sugar Gliders were sleeping. We also looked at a kookaburra's box, a bat's box and another possum's box but they were not in there.

*Adrienne 5/6R*

Our fourth activity was seed planting. Jim collected the pods and put them in a big bin. Then he put them in a sieve and all the seeds came out. He showed us heaps of different seeds that had come from all over the country.

*Maddie 5/6R*

*Checking the nesting boxes*



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# News from the Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail



## Hello to all our readers once again,

Even though we are having a very dry start to the year - we have begun our planting program on the trail - countering this dry situation with a lot of repeat watering of the first year plants. 682 plants have been installed over 3 locations and the number of volunteer hours spent by our members so far this year totals just over 500.

One of the major problems on the trail at present is the spreading of the (introduced) Broom plant behind the Curlewis Golf Course, which is growing predominately in clusters. Two working bees have been conducted in this area and much of the Broom has been removed. The Council supplied a lot of specialised removal / safety equipment that enables us to cover a good area fairly quickly.

Coming up shortly will be a write-up from field naturalist David King - who is an expert on bugs, reptiles etc. His write-up will concentrate on what creatures used to live on the trail, and also what creatures have been lost within this habitat, so we look forward to his findings.

The installation of 5 parrot nesting boxes is complete, those boxes installed at various locations between Moolap and Curlewis. More boxes are planned in the future, for other bird species and animals.

On a safety issue - our group is concerned about the (unauthorised) intrusion of cars onto the trail track, especially between Andersons Rd. Drysdale and Fellows Rd. Point Lonsdale. We are asking CoGG to replace the gates and barriers that have been damaged, and in some cases, removed or stolen. One of the main attractions of the trail is that it is CAR FREE and we want to keep it this way!

CoGG has once again supported our group with annual funding and we thank them and our two local Councilors for their continued support. Other "Funding Applications" have been sent

to the Federal Government Envirofund and one other environment organisation - so fingers crossed. More funds mean that we can eventually have a better trail that is more attractive and utilised community asset.

Finally, the CoGG Advisory Committee (which has 2 Friends representatives) is continuing to work with CoGG staff and other stakeholders, on a Draft Report that seeks to identify, and bring to reality, Priority Improvements on the trail - over the next 10 years. Whilst the final objectives are yet still to be determined, the themes of trail preservation, increased community participation, any new facilities designed to reflect a railway heritage, and group partnerships - are all central. More info on these developments as they come to hand.

*See you on the Rail Trail sometime.*

**Trevor Jennings**

*Secretary, FOBRT*

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I joined in 1996 as soon as I got my first pony. I was with the club for 9 years. My first reason for joining was so I could get regular monthly lessons, from a variety of different instructors. During my time at the club I had the chance to compete at many PCAV (Pony Club Association of Victoria) events. This opened up the doorway to many exciting and varied competitions and experiences.

The club is a great way to network and meet many new like-minded people. Usually each year a camp was put together as a fun way of mixing horses and socializing. At the end of each year an awards evening and break up is held. Awards are given out to the riders who have put in a superior effort all year, as well as an encouragement award to the riders who have attended every rally for the year.

The club meets each month with what is referred to as a rally. There are 11 rallies held a year. Every member is assessed and put into a group of riders who are at a similar level. Each group has a group leader who is in charge of the group and makes sure they are with the right instructor at the right time. When I was there we had 2 morning lessons, then lunch and theory, then 2 more lessons in the afternoon. The day's lessons were very varied and could range from: Dressage, Show Jumping, Cross Country, Polo Crosse, Games, a trail ride or any other riding activity.

The theory lessons were put in place so we could work on our certificates. The PCAV has created certificates at different levels at which you are tested on all aspects

of riding and horse knowledge. A teacher/ instructor would help us to go through what we needed to know.

As a typical young Pony Clubber, the rally day was something that was highly anticipated for me. I would wash and groom my horse and gear and make sure everything was just right. The excitement of waking in the morning and riding my pony down to the club grounds, seeing my friends, meeting new people and learning new things was just a few reasons why I loved to be a member of the Pony Club.

**Where:** Lake Lorne Recreational Reserve, Drysdale

**When:** Rally days are the first Sunday of each month, from February to December.

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# YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

## Celebrations! SpringDale Opening

I was honoured and delighted to have the opportunity to officially open the redeveloped SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, as the Member for Bellarine.

It was wonderful to share the celebrations with so many of you, especially those who have been involved in the Centre for many years, as volunteers, Committee of Management members and staff.

As some of you know, before being elected as the local Member, I was the Centre Coordinator and in that role worked with the Committee of Management on the original funding submission for the project. So, for me personally it has been great to see it successfully completed and welcomed by the community.

The entrance has a bright, open feel which is welcoming to visitors, the new rooms are well designed and the upgraded and refurbished areas give the Centre a brand new look.

This is now a terrific community asset and so many people will benefit from being able to use it for a wide range of activities and events.

I was delighted to be there to congratulate past and current Committees of Management, staff and volunteers who have worked so hard on this important project, including Maureen Naughton, Dorothy Chase, Dianne Farrimond, and Dennis King.

I would also like to acknowledge Anne Brackley, who has been involved throughout, initially as a volunteer and then as the Centre Coordinator.

Congratulations again to all those involved and my very best wishes for the future of the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

## Adrian E. Mannix OAM Community Services Award Dinner

It was great to be at the dinner on Monday, 8th May. This was another special event, the night before the official opening of SpringDale.

I was very pleased to be invited to present the Adrian Mannix Community Services Award 2006. I had the privilege of working with Adrian when he was Chairman of SpringDale. His contribution to Bellarine was extraordinary and his legacy is still felt today.

The Community Services Award is important for three main reasons:

- It enables us to remember and acknowledge Adrian's life and contribution
- It provides an opportunity to thank and acknowledge those in our local community who have made, and continue to make, an enormous contribution
- It encourages community service amongst other people.

The nominees for this year's Award and previous nominees are the lifeblood of our communities.

This year there are two winners - Lex and Norma Mortimer.

Congratulations to them both for their individual contributions, and also for their joint commitment and untiring service to the community.

Thanks to Drysdale Rotary, the Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Clubs and SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre who provide this important Award.

Congratulations again to all those nominated and particularly to Lex and Norma.

## ANZAC DAY

As always each ANZAC Day, there were marches and services across the Bellarine Peninsula.

This is such an important occasion for us to remember those who have been lost in war and also to acknowledge the men and women who served in those wars, and those still serving in the Australian forces, here and overseas.

It was an honour to attend the Dawn Service at Queenscliff and the 11 o'clock service in Portarlington, both memorable and moving tributes to our community's Service men and women.

## Coastal Spaces Policy

It was great to be in Ocean Grove with John Thwaites, Acting Premier and Minister for the Environment and Rob Hulls, the Minister for Planning, for the announcement of the Bracks Government's Coastal Spaces Policy.

The policy provides certainty in protecting our precious coastline and the surrounding areas. The feedback I have had from local residents from throughout Bellarine has been extremely positive.

The numbers of visitors and people wanting to live in coastal areas around Victoria is increasing each year so a long-term approach to protecting the coastline is essential, as identified in the Government's Victorian Coastal Strategy.

The policy is focussed on protecting the special values in our coastal regions that are enjoyed and appreciated by residents, holiday makers and visitors, and still providing opportunities for appropriate and sustainable development.

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# Every Mum a Super Mum.

By the time this goes to print, Drysdale and Clifton Springs Super Mum for 2006 will have been announced. We will have heard stories from sons and daughters about their wonderful, loving, amazing mothers, and we will have wrestled over which of the many entries to choose as our Super Mum.

The fact is that all of them deserve a prize. All of them are worthy of a weekend off from the relentless responsibilities and pressure of taking care of a home and a family.

Mothers' Day is a great time to express our appreciation for all that our mums do and have done for us, although

sometimes our limited funds or resources make it hard to show our mums just how very special they really are.

That's why we decided to run our Super Mum competition. And that's why we enlisted the support of our local schools and our extremely generous business community once again. We were amazed at the way they connected with this cause and donated such a wonderful selection of prizes that we were able to distribute amongst the finalist Super Mums.

For the next few weeks, our Super Mums will be feeling very special and very spoiled as they are winned and

dined, pampered and spoiled, compliments of the wonderful business men and women of Drysdale and Clifton Springs.

To all our mums, whether they were one of our finalists or not – we would like to acknowledge the amazing work that you all do as you take care of and prepare this next generation of young Aussies to take their place as our future mums and dads, profession people, workers, business people and leaders of this great nation.

*Drysdale Community Church.*

## From the Garden Gate

I don't suppose you considered that every month I had original thoughts to share with you. Well, actually I do most of the time, but this month I am relying on notes from a very nice diary which my beloved gave me last Christmas - "Beauty and Bliss". The notes for June include a word from Peter Cundall.

*'Winter is the busiest time for gardeners. It's the safest time for trees and shrubs to be planted or relocated, roses can be planted or pruned, and old perennial clumps lifted and divided to create more plants.'*

*Winter is also the most creative season. Add to this, cool sparkling days, perfect working conditions and the joy of being among the colours and scents of*

*winter flowers. Life in a Winter garden is indeed good.'*

Well, thank you, Peter. I had not actually thought of winter like that. To me, I had visions of snuggling up nicely with a book and only venturing out when the weather was *conducive*. Those of us living on the Peninsula know all about biting winds, don't we?

### What to do in the garden in June.

Start planting bare rooted roses. They are available in nurseries now. Prune fruit trees and vines.

Lift and divide dahlia tubers. Nip out the sweet peas at around 15 cms tall for a bushier plant with more flowers.

Plant lilliums. Move deciduous trees that are in the wrong place.

### Flowers and vegetable

Calendula, carnation, delphinium, foxgloves, gysophila, lupin, nigelia, poppies.

Asparagus, broad beans, carrot, garlic, leeks, potato, rhubarb.

### Meetings

Clifton Springs/Drysdale Garden Club.

June meeting. Monday June 19th. 7.30pm. Uniting Church Hall, Drysdale. Speaker from Swan Bay Nursery. ALL WELCOME

## Bellarine Historical Society

### Celebrating its 30th Anniversary

The Bellarine Historical Society monthly meeting will be held at the Old Court House Museum, Drysdale at 7.30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday each month. General business is followed by a talk from our Guest Speaker. Visitors are most welcome, as are new members. If you have an interest in local history / family history etc. we would welcome your support.

For further information contact on Lynette Willey (P.O. Box 53, Drysdale, 3222) or email [willey@netspace.net.au](mailto:willey@netspace.net.au)

**CURRENT DISPLAYS:** Holden Brothers Circus display and Ocean Grove Terrace at the Museum, 1st SUNDAY of the Month (MAY-DECEMBER) 1.30 pm. – 4.30pm.

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# Making Rain

## Doug Palmer on seeking solutions to Australia's changing weather patterns

*If nothing is done, Melbourne will be out of water by 2012. Such is the seriousness of the situation outlined in Doug Palmer's well researched paper on the water crisis we are facing in Australia.*

There is insufficient space here to do justice to Doug's address, however edited extracts from a report sent to the Federal Government, provides an excellent summary. The report was prepared by a group\* concerned with the lack of action on the water crisis. It urges the Federal Coalition Government to immediately investigate the use of Cloud Seeding to create the runoff needed to fill our water storage facilities and to return the 30% of rainfall lost over the last 20 years. We have 80% of our storage facilities empty, which has been the case for the last four years. Also many of our domestic reservoirs are critically low.

Large areas of the Wimmera and Mallee are slowly becoming marginal and will not be viable for farming. There is a large amount of scientific evidence stored by the Department of the Environment and Heritage Canberra A.C.T. to prove we have lost 30% of our rainfall over the last 20 years.

There is also very strong evidence that it can be associated with heavy industry, smelters, refineries and power generation using brown coal. Photographs taken by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) show large areas of cloud affected to the point of total suppression proving there is a cloud pollution problem.

Heavy Industry has been built around coastal areas close to shipping and transport in our area. However they are also down wind of our South West

Weather Pattern and as a consequence pollute incoming cloud with smoke particles that constipate the clouds and prevent the formation of rain droplets. The solution is to seed the suitable clouds with silver iodide.

There are some 40 countries around the world using seeding. documented evidence from Israel. Texas, Tasmania and the Snow Mountains Hydro Ltd., have all shown rainfall increases of up to 40%. The Federal Member, Mr. John Forest MP did an extensive study tour of the Texas Application and recorded his findings in his booklet "Harvesting the Skies".

World Leading Scientists including Professor Rosenfield of the Laboratory of Rain and Cloud Physics of Jerusalem. and Mr. Aron Gingis MRA, Dip Eng., lecturer in Cloud Physics at Monash University, have carried out research in this field with promising results.

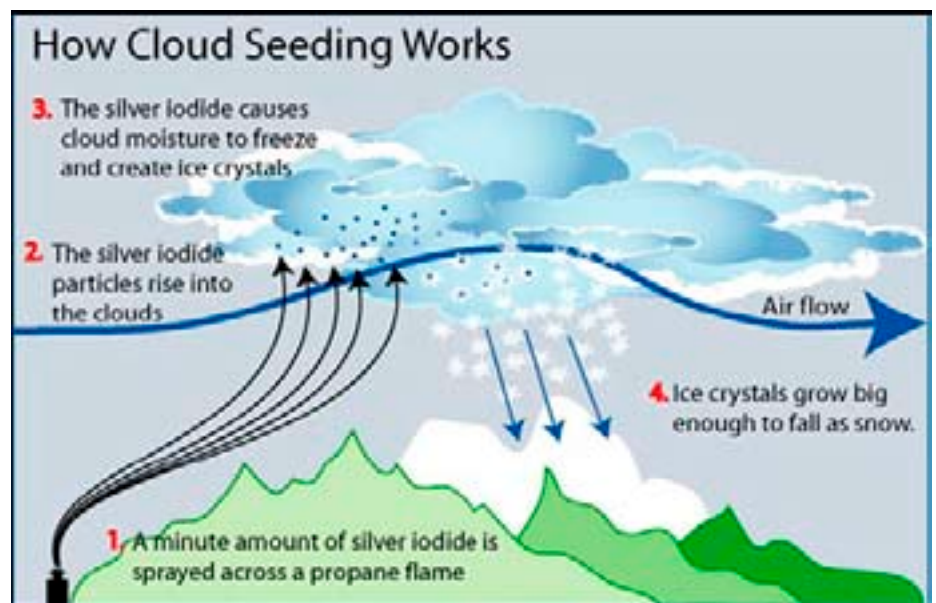
It is estimated that the cost of a seeding programme would be approximately five million dollars per year and would need to be conducted over a period of five years to monitor results.

These costs are minute compared with the \$150 million cost drought relief payment, and also the loss of \$10 million in primary production. \*The Group consists of a number of scientists and others concerned by the Government's lack of action to address the water crisis.

## The benefits of cloud seeding

Accurate recordings have shown the success of seeding, when Professor Daniel Rosenfield introduced cloud seeding to Israel. some 12 years ago using salt water out of the Black Sea, transforming the harsh environment into a productive food producing State. According to the cloud scientists some 40 countries around the world are using this method to enhance rainfall.

Some of the documented successes include seeding in the Snowy Mountains to produce more snow fall. Using rockets. the last three snow seasons have been the best for years. The cost was about \$3 million. Tasmania successfully introduced seeding because of a water shortage for the Hydro Power generators



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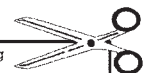
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# Clifton Springs Pre-School

It has been a very exciting and busy start to kinda for all us 4 and 3 year olds. Our new teacher Tania has brought with her loads of enthusiasm, ideas and a very funny New Zealand accent. Our Julie is still with us doing a fantastic job as always, encouraging and motivating us little treasures.

So far this year we have helped bring a handful of chicks into the world with

our "Living eggs" project. They have now gone off safely to a local farm to live out their days. Recently we put our artistic skills to use in decorating our very own library bags. Now that we have them we can borrow from our own library to take home and share with our family.

Kinda is all about further developing our skills to help us in our school en-

vironment next year. Our self-esteem, concentration, communication, play and problem solving are just a few that we have been developing and nurturing.

Enrolments for 2007 are currently being taken by ringing 5251 3158. Come and join us on a memorable childhood experience that is Kindergarten.

# The Drysdale Ladies Day View Club

Is part of a nationwide network of clubs for women. "VIEW" stands for Voice, Interests, & Education of Women, & is a valued part of The Smith Family. The Club members meet in friendship at the Clifton Springs Golf Club, on the fourth Friday of each month, to enjoy a social lunch, followed by an interesting guest speaker drawn from a wide spectrum of our community.

VIEW Clubs, in turn, support The Smith Family in their Learning for Life Program, which financially assists disadvantaged children to participate equally in school life, - over 400 in the Geelong region, & 23, 500 nationally!

"Learning For life" seeks to break the poverty cycle that can occur over generations of families. Students in

this program have the opportunity to change their lives, in the long term, through education, in order to build a better future for themselves.

The Smith Family, a large Sydney-based charitable organization, maintains a network of Education Support Workers in each region, including Geelong of course, to be responsible for students in the program.

General enquiries about this remarkable program can be directed to the Learning For Life Team on -- 1800 633 622.

For further info. re our local VIEW Club activities, phone Gloria - 5253 3256, or Christine - 5251 1127.

Next Club dates are June 23rd & July 28th.

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a volunteer who can become their new friend and mentor.

To find out more about Gateways Support Services Interchange Program call 52212984 and talk to Penny or Jenny. We will be happy to send you an information pack and answer any questions you may have.

## Neighbourhood Watch



Neighbourhood Watch Drysdale had a very successful meeting on May 4th with about 50 people in attendance. Many people have signed up to be volunteers. It was inspiring to see people so willing to help our community.

Congratulations to those present and to those who have offered support since. The proposed area is Jetty Road, Anderson's Road, Clarendon Street, Whitcombes Road

and Bayshore Avenue. If the spread of people is across the whole area, then 2 areas maybe set up that could have the option to meet monthly at the same time and place.

Next meeting is June 1st 7.00pm at SpringDale in the Recreation Room. Meetings are expected to last 30 minutes.

Hope to see you there.

## SPORTS REPORT

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# SPORTS REPORT

## Club legend plays 300th games

Club legend Jeff Stewart capped off a remarkable career this month by becoming only the fourth player in 127 years to play 300 games for the Drysdale Football Club. Jeff has been a much loved member of the club his whole life, playing every single game of his career from juniors through to seniors, in the brown & gold. He has also served the club diligently as a committee man for many years & has already been awarded Life Membership. Jeff is a remarkable clubman, selfless & dedicated, a fierce competitor & fantastic bloke. The club is indebted to you for your service & congratulates you on reaching this extraordinary milestone.

In on-field news, the club started the season with a big win over Queenscliff

before dropping the next two games to Torquay & arch rivals Ocean Grove. In both games the Hawks looked to be in winning positions before costly lapses in concentration allowed a flurry of opposition goals. A more concerted effort at Anglesea saw the boys return to the winners list with a hard fought victory that showed the importance of playing four quarters of hard disciplined football.

As expected Reece Holwell, Ryan Gatgens, & Simon Nelis have been the stars while Tim Marshall is in career best form. Luke Maher has been an outstanding target up forward booting 28 goals already this season, & looks to be well on the way to notching the magical ton, if he can play enough games.

In a marvellous reflection on our town & club, the under 18 team fielded two sides against Ocean Grove. It is fantastic to see this many youngsters wanting to play our great game & an even greater effort by both clubs to provide them with the opportunity. Football clubs are built on the strength of their juniors & everyone associated with the junior departments of these two clubs are to be whole-heartedly congratulated.

In other news the club would like to congratulate senior coach Joe Mclean & his lovely wife Deb on the birth of their son, Lachlan. All are fit & well & the mid-week birth ensured no interference with Joe's on field duties. We wish you all the very best.

Good luck to everyone on the weekend & GO HAWKS!!



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