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Crimea Street Refuge



Its here - a safer place for children to cross High Street in the morning and in the afternoon on their way to and from school - on the designated bike path. Youth members have already been spotted using it. This is the culmination of many years and hundreds of hours of effort. Liaising with Lisa Neville, VicRoads, City of Greater Geelong and finally Tom O'Connor took up the cause and achieved an outcome for our town and our residents.

I am sure anyone who has tried to cross High Street to get from the Drysdale Railway Station to the continuation of the railtrail, during the Christmas holiday season, will also make good use of the "refuge".

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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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| July | 3 | Back to school for Term 3 |
| | 5 | SpringDale Messenger copy deadline |
| | 5 - 8 | Peninsula Players production "Rachel & A Sunny Morning" |
| | 7 | Single Mums Support Group starts 12.30 - 2.30 |
| | 10 | Senior Citizens A.G.M. |
| | 11 | Diabetes Week: Healthy Living Morning Tea at Ole Duke, Portarlington with Bellarine Community Health Service |
| | 17 - 23 | Drysdale Community Craft Shop Closed for maintenance |
| | 20 | Ladies Probus Club of Bellarine "Christmas in July" at Mount Martha Hotel |
| | 28 | Drysdale Ladies Day VIEW Club Meeting |
| | 30 | Portarlington Market |
| Aug | 3 | SpringDale Messenger copy deadline |
| | 5 | The American Trilogy Tribute Show - Clifton Springs Golf Club |
| | 7 | Danny Blume Fashion Show at Drysdale Senior Citizens |
| | 27 | Portarlington Market |


Sept 1-8 Adult Learners Week

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NEWS FROM SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Dear Friends

For the first time in 2 and half years - I was struggling to think of something to share with you - then I watched the movie "Field of Dreams" with Kevin Costner and realised what I needed to write. As the film says - "If you build it they will come!" People are coming to SpringDale weekly for all kinds of reasons. They come to do courses, they come to drop off children to Occasional Care, they come to be part of a group that ranges from Singing to Ball room Dancing, Writing to Life Drawing, Chess to Mah Jong, Scrabble to borrowing Jigsaws, Toy Library to Pain Management.

People come to use our computers, they come to photocopy, fax, laminate. They come to be part of Peninsula Players, Drysdale Guides or the Queenscliff and District Wood Workers. They come to volunteer, to fill in some hours, they come to gain experience or to share skills. They come to make friends and to be a member of the most quickly growing not for organisation in Drysdale and Clifton Springs - each week we gain a few more members. They come to be part of the Business Network that we are establishing.

They come to advertise with us so they can help us and hopefully we can help them through your support of our local businesses.

Here's some news from some of our groups, classes and services. If you would like a copy of term 3 (July - September) class and opportunity guide please ring, email, fax or write

to us and we'll have it in the mail asap. Also I call your attention to our website www.springdale.org.au - please check this for the most up to date information.

Looking forward to seeing you next time you pop into SpringDale.

Bye for now

Anne Brackley Coordinator of your Neighbourhood Centre.

Art is alive and well in Drysdale!

SpringDale Life-drawing Group

The tentative idea of starting a life-drawing group for practising artists in the area has developed into a flourishing Monday afternoon gathering from 1.30 to 3.30 pm. It has had very little publicity and now averages 10 participants, who provide all their own equipment and drawing materials. There is no tutor. The sessions are divided into 5 week blocks, and we are still working out the logistics.

The recreation room at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre is an ideal venue as it has good lighting and excellent heating. Perhaps there is potential for another life-drawing group to meet in the evenings?

We want to employ a wide range of models so are interested in finding experienced models who live in the area. At present, most of the life models come from the other side of Geelong. Contact the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre for further information.

SpringDale Art Classes for July - August

Discover The Artist Within courses for adults, and a fun version for children, have been running in term 2, led by tutor, Annette Playsted, an artist and registered Art teacher, now living in Drysdale.

Students from the Term 2 courses have expressed how much sheer enjoyment and confidence they have gained from Annette's stimulating teaching, especially the variety of the experiences, her gentle nurturing and the right brain training included in the sessions.

Term 3 enrollments are now being taken and new students are welcome.

Children's course - Tuesday 4 - 5.30pm

Adults courses - Wednesday 4 - 6pm or Thursday 1 - 3pm)

Calling for Expressions of Interest in a Watercolour Workshop to be run by Charles Moody. Charles is a fulltime artist, who works from his studio in Geelong and usually offers workshops at the Geelong Art Society. Contact SpringDale for more details and to register your interest.

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Tax help at SpringDale will commence in the week beginning 17th July and run until the end of October.

Please ring 5253 1960 for more details or to make an appointment.

Hat making workshops

We are advertising Hat making workshops for Wednesday 26th July. These workshops will be run by an experienced milliner and prior to that Secondary School teacher. The cost of the course is \$50 plus \$20 for materials – feel free to bring along a hat or

head piece to freshen up and any bits and pieces that you would like to use. Susan will have extra more expensive embellishments for sale at the workshop. Please let the office know your preferred colour scheme when you book in.

Single mums support group

We are setting up a support group for single mums with young or older children. It will be held every Friday during term three, starting on 7th July from 12.30 – 2.30 p.m.

The goal for this term is to build

relationships and provide emotional support in a friendly, caring atmosphere. Life is a SpringDale Group run by group leaders from Drysdale Community Church.

Cost is \$4.00 per week, which covers



a yummy afternoon tea and childcare! Hope to see you there.

Memory enhancement training

Are you losing your keys too often? Did you forget the name of the person you were introduced to just moments ago? Did you forget a family member's birthday or an appointment you had

the other day? Have you ever got to the car park only to be stung by the realisation that you couldn't remember where you parked the car?

Memory Enhancement Training could be for you! Classes start on Wednesday 12th July from 9.30 – 11.00am. Call SpringDale now and enroll.

SpringDale Classes for July - September are filling fast - please contact SpringDale if you would like a Class and Opportunity Guide

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Drysdale Ladies Probus Club



The monthly meeting of the Drysdale Ladies Probus Club is held on the 4th Monday of each month at the Clifton Springs Golf Club. As well, groups such as Happy Hookers (crochet), Calamities (needlework), Bits & Pieces (patchwork) and Happy Wanderers (walking) are held on specific days during each month.

A Book Club is also in the process of being formed.

The photo to the right shows some members of the Happy Wanderers walking group enjoying a relaxing moment after they had walked from Queenscliff to Point Lonsdale where they enjoyed a coffee before walking back again.

Drysdale Ladies Probus is an important component of our local community.

Drysdale Ladies Probus Club offers a chance to meet with friends, listen to in-

teresting and informative speakers, and share in organized trips and outings.

Bellarine Community Health Service.

DIABETES WEEK!!!

HEALTHY LIVING
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WHERE: OLE DUKE -
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WHEN: Tuesday 11th July 2006
TIME: 10am until noon

DETAILS: Come along to an informal gathering where Health Professionals will be available to ask your questions re Diabetes Management/ Diabetes educator/ Podiatrist/ Dietitian / Community Nurse.

There will be information to take away, door prizes and morning tea provided.

No need to book just turn up.

For more information call Margaret Ahern, Primary Care Nurse, Bellarine Community Health, Portarlington Centre 5259 2537.

Peninsula Players Inc

A great programme is offered to our audiences for our next production. A one-act play "A Sunny Morning" by Joaquin and Seraphina Quintero, features two of our well known actors - Faye Connock and Bruce Murray. The play is directed by Simon Taylor, also well known by our audiences for his many and varied roles performed with Peninsula Players. This is his first production as Director and we

know that you will be pleased with the results.

"Rachel" by Ken Cotterill, directed by Ken Hemmens and Dennis King, has two acts and features Meryl Friend and Lee Foyster. 'Older' members of the audience may remember Meryl, who started her acting career with Peninsula Players when she was just 18 years of age. She is now the mother of a daughter and two sons and lives in Geelong where she has performed regularly with Geelong Repertory Society.

We are delighted to welcome Meryl back to Peninsula Players for this sea-

son. Shane James is also welcomed back after an absence for 2 years. We like to introduce new actors from time to time and are pleased to do so in these productions.

"A Sunny Morning" and "Rachel" will be performed at Drysdale Community Hall on Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th, Friday 7th and Saturday 8th July, 2006. 8.00pm sharp. Price of tickets still only \$12.00.

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Greetings to all the readers of SpringDale Messenger. It was mentioned to me last week that what I write about has already past, and that someone would have liked to have joined our trip to the Zoo, but by the time the Messenger had reached her the trip had already taken place. This is happening because we write our articles a month in advance each time, so one month it tells you what we are going to be doing, outings wise and the next month is to tell you where we have been. When anyone reads of where

we are planning to go, if an interest in joining us is expressed to SpringDale, they will give out the contact person so arrangements can be made. Most clubs have difficulty in filling the coaches so any vacant seats will be offered to anyone interested.

The trip to Werribee Open-Range Zoo lived up to expectations.

Visitors are taken on a fifty-minute guided tour on board a specially provided bus. There are also two walking trails. The Zoo features rhinos, hippos, giraffes, zebra, deers and antelopes from Africa & Asia American bison, camels, monkeys, cheetahs, meerkats, serval cats, kangaroos, wallabies and emus. The group photo was taken

outside the safari bus.

We also visited The Mansion House which has long been regarded as Victoria's finest rural colonial homestead. There is so much to see in the mansion and also the gardens are spectacular.

The next trip out for us is a 'Christmas in July' event at Mt. Martha Hotel on July 20th.

Lorraine Phelan gave an interesting talk about early immigrants to Geelong who were from Switzerland, Germany and Ireland. They were researched by Lorraine in connection with their occupations and most were found to be vine growers and set up vineyards in Geelong and surrounding areas.

We have a Police Community initiative being discussed by Ann Nichol at our June Meeting.

Peninsula Players are producing a play called "A Sunny Morning" where we will see one of our members Fay Connock participate. "Rachel" is also on the programme for July 5th -8th.

Yours in friendship.

Iris Liz Tolton

Portarlington Pre-School is now taking enrolments for the **Pre-school (four year old) Group** and **Pre-Kinder Group** for 2007.

For the Pre-school group, the child must have turned 4yo by April 30, 2007 and for the Pre-kinder group, the child must turn 3yo by the beginning of Term 1, 2007.

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Clifton Springs Pre-School

Clifton Springs Pre-School in Central Rd, Clifton Springs are now taking enrolments for 3 and 4 yr old classes for 2007. Act now to secure a place.

You will be interested to know that the new teacher Miss Tania O'Hanlon has brought with her a young, fresh, inclusive and vibrant approach to education. Tania has a particular interest

in the community and takes great pride in being involved in all aspects of the running of the kindergarten, including working bees, being a board member and strong, constant communication with parents.

Tania's personal teaching philosophy is that children grow up as competent, confident learners and communicators,

healthy in mind body and spirit, secure in their sense of belonging and in the knowledge that they make a valued contribution to society.

Call into the Pre-School to see Tania or Julie on Tues/Wed or Fri to have a look around and pick up an enrolment form for 2007.

Art Fever at Drysdale Primary School

To celebrate World Environment Day on Monday 5th June schools were asked to make up their own dream school using a lot of recycling materials. Over the last month Drysdale Primary School Grade 6 students Jordyn, Tikayla, Karly, Katelyn, Elodie, Grace and Karly have all worked very hard in creating their dream school. They used newspaper, foam, paddle pop sticks, fairy floss sticks, wire and lots more recycling materials to create a school that they could only dream of attending. Their school is in a castle, with a beach surrounding its boundaries so that they can go swimming whenever they want. The school also features a chairlift, beach houses, slides and lots of other fun things.

We have been learning about Primary colours. Primary colours are blue, yellow and red. I painted a picture of myself in yellow with blue spots.

Rebekah Prep B

This term we have been learning about sea creatures. We are now making an octopus out of paper mache. It's really gluey and messy, but lots of fun!

Caitlin 1C

I have been doing a painted green background for my stegosaurus.

Holly 2D

In art I made a bye plane. It was made out of paper mache, cardboard roll, tissue paper, match sticks and icy pole sticks. It was striped blue and green.

Harry 3C

In art we are learning about space. I made an alien out of bits of paper.

Josh 4D

In art grade 6's have been making paper mache fish. The paper mache is really messy and gooey. My fish is painted pink.

Tegan 6V

Mrs Thompson

Drysdale Primary



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We had the Book Fair running in the Library for a week, exposing our students to a wide range of books and novels.

Ten students and a staff member headed to Somers camp on the Mornington Peninsula for 10 activity filled days with 150 other students from our region. All the students found the camp to be extremely rewarding both socially and physically.

Our Grade 3 /4 children visited the Western Treatment Plant in Werribee to support last semester's curriculum, and the Grade Prep – 2 students went to a performance by a visiting Fairytale Puppet Theatre

Student Recounts from the Western Treatment Plant

On Friday May 19th, the Grade 3/4's went on an excursion to the Western Treatment Plant, (Sewerage Factory), in Werribee. The place where it gets cleaned there is a tower where it burns the methane out of it which helps clear the sewerage. A lot of the sewerage goes into a place where there are giant

stirrers. There was a big model that showed us the water cycle, how the water gets to our homes and where it goes to after its been used. A lot of things can dissolve but a lot of rubbish takes a long while. That is why rubbish such as plastic bags and cigarettes are passed on through to the sea and a lot of animals die.

Then we went to the frog centre. There were about 7 different frogs that were extinct. One of the species was extinct in 1966 and the last one died in the man's hand. The Growling Grass Frog lives near Clifton Springs. The brown coloured frogs are the ones that live near Clifton Springs and dig under ground. Frogs, unlike humans can stay under ground for 6 years without food or water. A lot of the time they are under ground they are asleep. When they come up they wouldn't be dying of thirst or really needing some food. Frogs can live in different habitats. Some live in wet forest places and some live in desert places that dig for water under ground. In the other room there were frogs that lived in a tyre, a toilet and a broken drum. **Julia 34A**

Student Recount from Somers Camp

When the 10 kids went to Somers we had heaps of fun. One of my personal favourites was archery, besides the Challenge swing and High ropes course. I liked it because it wasn't too

easy or too hard. Archery was also open in the morning activities when you could choose whatever you wanted from certain activities. I was the second best in my group. The second time my group did archery I got 9 bullseyes all up. There were 20 people in each hut including a hut teacher. Each day we had a hut inspection competition. The all-over winners were hut one. Each child there had \$8.00 to spend at the canteen but we only got to spend it after tea each night. All in all everyone had a great time. **Ben 56C**



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- City Learning & Care, Drysdale
- Drysdale Preschool
- Drysdale Primary School - OSHC
- Clifton Springs Pre-School
- Clifton Springs Primary School - OSHC
- Beacon Point Pre-School, Clifton Springs

Services will receive individual grants of up to \$5,000 for things like new sporting equipment, digital cameras and new fridges, or to brighten a room with new carpet or furniture.

I know how important good quality services are for families and the role that Kinders and Childcare centres play is central to the lives of those with young children. This funding is one way in which the Government can support the work of these vital services and assist them to be accessible and to meet the needs of local families.

Record Funding for Neighbourhood Houses

As many of you know, I have a particular interest in the work of our neighbourhood houses in Bellarine, having worked at SpringDale before being elected to Parliament.

So it was a great pleasure to be able to let them all know about the \$27.8 million funding, over four years, that has been allocated to neighbourhood houses. SpringDale will be one of the houses eligible to apply for funding for

extended hours and I will work with them to achieve this.

The increased funding reflects the Government's commitment to building stronger communities and the recognition of the vital role neighbourhood houses play in that process. Staff and volunteers at SpringDale certainly fulfil that role, connecting people and providing opportunities to develop friendships, have fun, learn new skills, and be part of the community.

School Start Bonus & Apprentice/Trainee Allowance

This year's budget provides for a \$300 School Start Bonus for all parents with students commencing in Prep and Year 7.

Families with students who started in Prep and Year 7 this year will receive \$150 payment to be made at the start of Term 3.

This acknowledges the additional costs for families when their children start in Primary School and High School and this will assist in meeting those costs.

To encourage young people to continue with their apprenticeships and traineeships and offset some of their costs, all first year apprentices and trainees will receive a \$500 Apprentice/Trainee Trade Bonus.

In addition there has been an increase of the Apprentice/Trainee Accommodation Allowance from \$9 to \$25.

Parents Returning to Work

Under the recently announced Parents Returning to Work program, up to 1700 parents will receive \$1000 work training grants.

The grant can be used for training courses at universities, neighbourhood houses, TAFE institutions and private registered training organisations. It also includes childcare, books, and first-year HECS fees.

To be eligible, parents must have been out of the paid workforce for two years or more and be caring for children 12 and younger.

I encourage any parent considering a return to work to consider applying for a grant under this program. The next round of grants opens on June 14. For more detailed information call 1300 303 413, visit www.parensreturnto-work.net.au or contact my office on 5248 3462

Parliament House Open Day - Sunday 25th June

The Parliament of Victoria's annual Open Day will be held on Sunday 25th June, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m..

Each year the Open Day attracts in excess of 5,000 people and is a great opportunity to visit the Parliament and tour areas not usually open to the general public.

The theme of this year's Open Day is the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Parliament of Victoria and 150 years of democracy in our State.

If you would like further information about the Open Day, please contact my office on 5248 3462.

Until next time,

Lisa Neville MP

Member for Bellarine

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Commendable Community Contribution

Congratulations to Anne Brackley on her 30 years as a Guide Leader. Anne is an inspirational community member, who gives her time and knowledge selflessly. We wish, on this special occasion to acknowledge and honour her incredible contribution to the Australian Guiding community.

Anne's Guiding journey started at the tender age of seven. As a Brownie she worked hard to achieve the prestigious Golden Hand Badge. In awe of the much bigger and scarier Guides, Anne was reluctant to move up into the senior age bracket. Luckily for the Guiding family, after some encouragement, from her supportive mother, Anne flew up to Guides on a pink cloud. Unfortunately, the Drysdale unit was disbanded when Anne was 14. This did not deter her, who at that time was working towards the Queens Guide Badge. Through sheer luck, Anne was invited to join the Portarlington Unit where she finished her Queens Guide and went on to become one of the finest leaders Guides has ever seen.

30 years later, Anne actively works to impart the timeless Guiding values on young women in the Drysdale district. After reflecting on all the changes she has seen throughout her expansive Guiding experiences, Anne believes the lessons Guides teaches are the same today, as they were when the founder of Guides and Scouts, Lord Baden-Powell, first conceived them. Uniforms

have changed, badge systems have been altered, but Anne teaches young women how to be contributing members of society, show compassion, have loyalty, be trustworthy, promote ever lasting friendships, impart valuable time management skills and most importantly encourage the desire to help others.

Anne is my personal Guiding role model, and I am sure any girl who has ever had the privilege of being led by Anne would emulate my praise of her. In her modest re-telling of her early years, she recounts her own Guiding role models. Mrs Bigmore, Anne's Brownie leader taught her patience, a virtue which Anne displays in limitless quantities. Mrs Deeath always encouraged all her girls to give it a go, and instilled the belief that nothing is impossible if we only try. Also, Betty Quirk, another of Anne's influential leaders, was responsible for shaping Anne's ideas of leading from the front, and not asking of girls what she could not do herself. It was from Betty that Anne's love of the outdoors came. As well as being inspired by others, Anne has been, and will continue to be, a Guiding inspiration to many.

Guides has taken Anne to many places and in numerous capacities. Anne has been a Treasurer of the Australian International Committee of Guides Australia, a trainer for 25 years and a district leader for almost 10 years. She visited Bangladesh twice as part of the Australia Bangladesh Child Health

Project. Her mission while there was to promote awareness of problems such as sanitation, clean drinking water, immunization and other child health issues, as well as working to instill long term commitment of local leaders to deal with such problems. When I spoke to Anne about this project, it was obvious that it had a significant impact upon her life. The experience simply fueled her desire to help, an attribute Anne has passed on to countless others. Anne also visited one of the four Guiding world centers, 'Our Cabana' in Mexico, as a part of the 'Fiesta' of ideas. Anne does not consider these incredible journeys as her most rewarding Guiding experience. Instead, she believes that watching girls grow into community minded young women, who take pleasure in contributing to society and humanity is the most reward she could receive as a Guide Leader.

Anne is grateful to her family and her past leaders, for their assistance and tolerance over all these years. Contributions as large as those made by Anne, not just to Guiding, but the wider community, require extensive support. However, it is the community, especially the Guiding community, who have been blessed with Anne, and it is her we all thank for her support. Congratulations on your fantastic achievement, and I thank you, on behalf of all Guides, for your passion, your commitment and your amazing contribution. You are our Guiding Light.

Drysdale Community Craft shop

The Drysdale Community Craft shop will be closed for maintenance from 4pm July 16th to 11am July 24th. Any queries may be directed to the secretary on 5221 7060 or the shop between 11am and 4pm daily before close of business on July 16th on 5251 1605.

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Bellarine Railway - Drysdale



A busy morning at Drysdale sees Klondyke arriving from Queenscliff whilst the 'Seaside Explorer' waits a clear track for its departure. Both trains were fully loaded. Photo courtesy Matthew Kenny.

No, it's not a misprint! The railway has shortened its trading name from Bellarine Peninsula Railway.

This is for a couple of reasons. Primarily to 'tie in' with the overall marketing name for our region 'The Bellarine', it's less of a mouthful & our rubber stamp can be smaller!

Recent happenings - Our very nice tank engine 'Klondyke' was returned to service after an overhaul. She looks and sounds a million bucks! Many people ask why she sounds different to our other loco's. This is because she burns recycled waste oil, not coal. Which of course makes Klondyke a very useful engine indeed (and economical). Klondyke has an interesting history. Built in Adelaide in 1927, she was put to work helping to build the city of Canberra. Later she worked in Queensland & then New South Wales before being acquired for service on our railway. A couple of years ago, we loaned her to the famous 'ABT Wilderness

Railway' in Queenstown, Tasmania where she ran the very first service on that incredible railway. She has hauled everything from sugar cane to sewer pipe, transmission lines to tourists. So Klondyke is arguably Australia's most travelled locomotive!

Speaking of 'very useful engines' THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE is coming to Drysdale! Yes, Thomas, Sir Topham Hatt & some of the other characters will be making some very special appearances later this year! Watch this space or drop in to the station for more details as they come to hand. We hope our engines won't become too 'star struck' when Thomas & the mob from the Island of Sodor get here!

The railway is continuing to work closely with the CoGG & Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail in order to enhance the facilities along the trail & railway. We were very proud to see that Fred Cook was recently nominated

for the OAM. Fred is one of the tireless Friends of the Rail Trail volunteers & his group has achieved great things. Good on ya Fred!

SICKIES - A couple of members of the Drysdale station family have been unwell of late- here's hoping good health returns to Jane Yeomans, Roy Pitchford & Gloria Ostler.

Fares - We finally have had to increase our fares by a small amount. Whilst we resisted this for probably way too long, we of course like everyone else have had to try and absorb increasing costs, particularly insurances. A sad sign of a world gone nuts if you ask us! However, we have retained our FAMILY SAVER ticket at the old price which offers excellent value for money.

The new Fares Drysdale to Queenscliff are -

Adult Single \$10 Return \$18

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Pens. Single \$7 Return \$14

FAMILY SAVER Return \$48 (1 Adult & 5 Children or 2 Adults & 3 Children)

Train departure times from Drysdale are the same at 12.15 & 3.45pm (Sundays, Pub. Hols & Tues & Thurs during school holidays and 11.30am & 3.30pm on Tues & Thurs OUTSIDE school holidays.)

Remember prior bookings are not required, simply 1-turn up, 2-buy ticket, 3-ride!

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Until next time, take care

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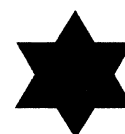
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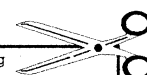
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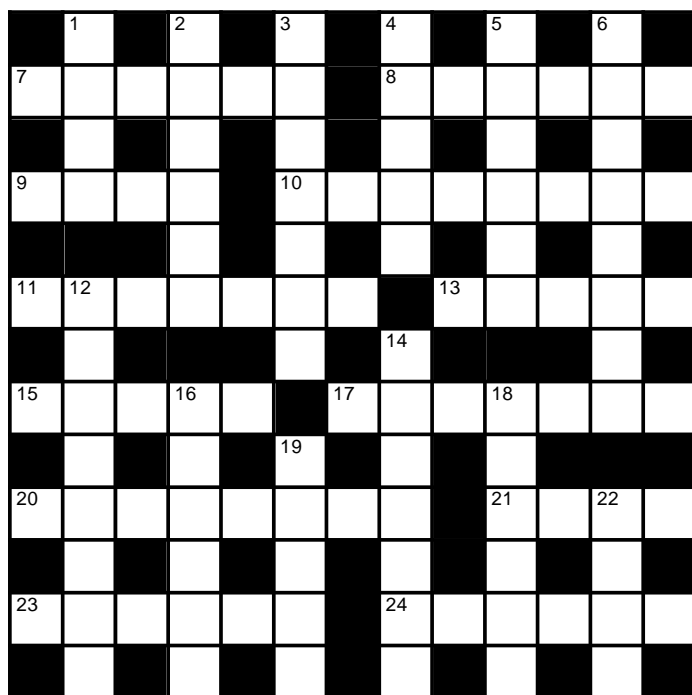
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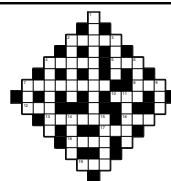


Across

- 7 Satirical. (6)
- 8 Cancer or Capricorn. (6)
- 9 Independent passage at the end of a musical composition. (4)
- 10 Power of vision. (8)
- 11 Elections. (7)
- 13 Russian emperors. (5)
- 15 Metal fastener. (5)
- 17 Take a quick note of. (3,4)
- 20 Shortened. (8)
- 21 Average. (4)
- 23 Warning light. (6)
- 24 Shine. (6)

Down

- 1 Group of three. (4)
- 2 Involve. (6)
- 3 Inflections. (7)
- 4 State. (5)
- 5 Logos. (6)
- 6 Sophisticated (8)
- 12 Spoke off the cuff. (2-6)
- 14 Canal boat in Venice. (7)
- 16 Chop and change. (6)
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Down: 1 Trio, 2 Entail, 3 Accents, 4 Utter, 5 Motifs, 6 Highbrow, 12 Ad-libbed, 14 Gondola, 16 Switch, 18 Damask, 19 Agent, 22 Aura.

Across: 7 Ironic, 8 Tropic, 9 Coda, 10 Eyesight, 11 Ballots, 13 Tsars, 15 Clasp, 17 Jot down, 20 Abridged, 21 Mean, 23 Beacon, 24 Lustre.



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Over four one and half hour sessions, parents on their own or with their partner, are taught the techniques of baby massage by an accredited baby massage instructor. Each session addresses

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We encourage parents of babies of 4 – 6 weeks to crawling to participate. No pre-requisites required.

Mary Wilson is a registered Midwife, Baby Massage Instructor; Lactation Consultant will deliver the four week course at the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

The course commences on 12th July 2006 and will complete on 2nd August 2006.

As places are limited in a group, your early enrolment will avoid disappointment.

Enrol at the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre or call 5253 1960.

Queenscliff and District Woodworkers

With winter upon us, it is a good time to get into the workshop, that is, if you are not heading off to a warmer climate.

This year, a number of groups within the club are operating with a new spirit of enthusiasm, many members engaging in new areas of the hobby.

A wood-turning group for learners has proved very successful, as has a furni-

ture-making group. Scroll sawing, box making and model boats groups also continue to attract new members.

Our annual toy-making program for disadvantaged children will shortly commence, and preliminary arrangements are being made for our annual show in January next.

Anyone interested in woodwork of any description are invited to attend our meetings, held at 1.30p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Community Hall.

Direct enquiries to President Bev Love 5259 3994 or Secretary Dennis Bate-man 5251 3368.

Drysdale Senior Citizens Club

Last month we had a wonderful trip to Castlemaine. We had morning tea on the way up, a guided tour around Castlemaine, a lovely lunch and then

on the way home we visited the chocolate mill and tasted the goodies. The weather was one out of the box. So everyone had a lovely day.

Monday 10th July is our A.G.M and we would like to see as many members as possible, followed by indoor bowls, cards and snooker.

Once a month we have been having lunch at the Clifton Springs Golf Club, our next one will be on Tuesday 18th July we book for 12 noon, if you haven't got transport let us know and we will arrange something for you.

Monday 7th August we are having a fashion show by Danny Blume this will

start at 2pm. So we will have a light lunch of soup and sandwiches starting at 12 noon. The lunch and show costs \$5.00. Show only costs \$2.00. Everyone is welcome to come along. As the fashion show is on the first Monday in August we have had to change our Bingo day to the second Monday in August which is the 14th August, please make a note of this change in your diaries.

Our club is going very well, so if you would like to come up and see what we do you are most welcome.

To all sick members we hope you are feeling better, we are thinking of you and hope to see you all at the club soon.



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SPORTS REPORT

Crunch time for Hawks

The Drysdale Hawks season is on the line after an indifferent first half of the year. Finals are still a real possibility but an improved effort against the top teams is required with a pack of very competitive sides waiting for the young Hawks to falter.

Inconsistency has been the teams achilles heel with opposition teams taking full advantage of Drysdales lapses. However, the Hawks have been in winning positions in all games & if they can maintain concentration for the whole four quarters, anything is possible. The recent game against Newcomb was a classic example of this. For three quarters Drysdale competed with & beat their bigger, more experienced, & highly fancied opponents but a disastrous second term cost them the game as the Power piled on seven goals to two.

The efforts of some players however can not be questioned. Luke Maher has been a colossus all year at full-forward kicking bags of goals week in week out.

Opposition teams are fully aware of his dominance & often have two or even three players trying to curtail him, usually to no avail, but he can not do it alone & other avenues to goal must be found.

Reece Holwell's performances have been nothing short of outstanding. His ability to push himself, his courage, & his desire are setting standards which all players should be striving to reach. Reece is one of the fittest players going around yet finishes each match exhausted, he does not know how to give up. Simon Nelis, the skipper, is all class. Opposition teams love to hate him, he talks the talk & walks the walk, is strong & extremely skillful. Grant Foot is having another great year.

At an age when most players would be entertaining thoughts of retirement Grant continues to amaze & intimidate opposition teams, he is a marvelous servant of this club.

Too much is often left to these guys, yet one young player to really step up

this season is Julian Hildebrand. After many setbacks due to injury in previous years Jules has strung together a series of very impressive performances this season. He is young, cocky and gifted, lets just hope he can stay fit. Unfortunately injuries effect all clubs and Drysdale is no different with several big names being struck down.

'Boomer' Hildebrand, Justin Higgins, Josh Inglis, Ryan Gatgens, & Peter Preece have all had their troubles this year & we hope their luck changes in the second half of the season. If the Hawks can get their best side on the ground, regain some confidence, & stay focused anything is possible but they are fast running out of chances. One thing is for certain, they need your support, so get down to the ground & get behind your team - in the closest season in years, it might just be the difference.

Good luck to all teams on the weekend & GO HAWKS

From the garden gate

Garden Club members enjoyed some very sensible advice recently from Rita Oliver who lives at Portarlinton and is well-known and respected by gardeners down this way. Everyone was commenting about the lack of rain for our gardens over the past few months, and comparing our area with other areas which did better. Rita suggested that we should start with a plan, think about the actual weather conditions and soil down on the Peninsula (not what our most favourite plants might be).

Sensible people will choose plants that are indigenous to this area, or at the very least, plants that do not require lots of water. At the end of Rita's talk, the gardeners felt that they knew a

little more about "How to be a Better Gardener", her topic for the night.

A local nurseryman told me that he is not selling nearly as many 'exotic' plants, but has stocked up on natives, which are what so many people are now buying. We do complain about our lack of water, but remember the farmers, too. They depend on their crops for their livelihood. There has been some rain lately, but we have not "caught up" yet, and more stringent water restrictions are imminent.

WHAT TO DO IN JULY

Prune roses, cutting hard for new growth. Prune hydrangeas. Plant polyanthus.

Flowers and Vegetables to plant.

Calendula, delphinium, gloxinia, gypsophyla, larkspur, lobelia, mignonette, nemesia.

Asparagus, broad beans, cabbage, chives, onion, peas, potato, rhubarb.

Meetings. Garden Club Clifton-Springs/Drysdale

July, Monday 17th Social Dinner at Clifton Springs Golf Club. 6.30 p.m. No formal meeting in Hall.

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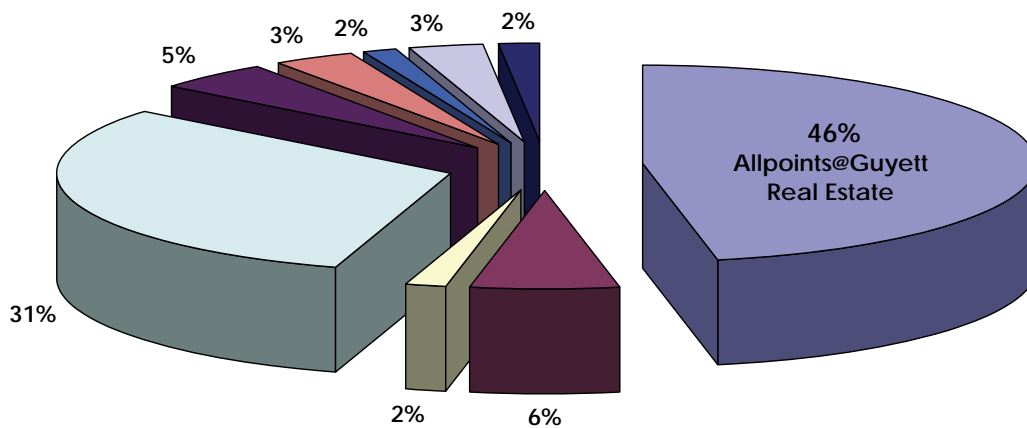
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