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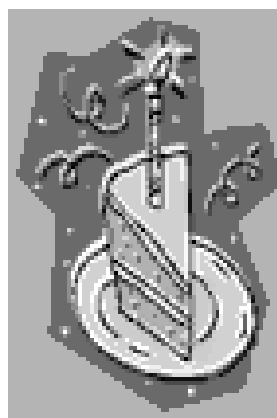
Congratulations - the SpringDale Messenger has been part of our Community for 15 years. Thank you to everyone who has breathed life into every issue. Many people have helped over the years. I'd like to name a few that I know of – Sue O'Connor, Brenda Platt, Maureen Naughton, Lisa Neville, Joyleen, Dianne Farrimond and more recently Judith Williams. Each person has brought skills and talents to the role they played in the production of the Messenger.

Thank you to our contributors who always provide information worth reading – every issue there always seems to be just enough information handed in to ensure an even number of pages to enable us to easily go to print.

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Here's a piece of our cake for you to help us celebrate

Just think 15 years of the Messenger means 14 years of 9 issues a year + 1 year of 11 issues = 137 issues and each issue takes lets say 40 hours for every issue to write the articles and about 20 hours to type, collate, edit and proof so that's more than 8000 hours that has been donated to our community – then add on the reading time - its hard to estimate how many hours of enjoyment it gives – we now distribute 4500 copies. Thanks for the part you play in this equation.



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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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| Nov | 30 | The Potato Shed, Drysdale 7pm till 9pm Information Evening. Summer Of The Aliens Contact Details: Jacquie Hall (Producer) on 52 512 759 or Jacquie_jae@hotmail.com |
| Dec | 3 | All Abilities Day at the Geelong Waterfront Crime Writers at The Ol' Duke 2-4pm |
| | 5 | SpringDale Singers Open Day 1.30-3.30pm |
| | 6 | Clifton Springs Pre-School AGM 7.30pm - Guest speaker will be Natasha Parkin, specialist on anaphylaxis |
| | 7&9 | Auditions for Summer Of The Aliens, 2007 |
| | 11 | Senior Citizens Christmas lunch 12noon |
| | 15 | Drysdale Ladies Day View Christmas lunch 10.30am |
| | 16 | Clifton Springs Golf Club Celebrity Golf Pro-Am Auction Christmas twilight Market followed by Carols by Candlelight at Drysdale Community Church, Jetty Road Drysdale. |
| | 17 | McInerney Scrapmetals Celebrity Golf Pro-Am at CS Golf Club Drysdale Community market Drysdale Uniting Church Family Celebration 6pm |
| | 24 | Portarlinton market |
| | 24 | Drysdale CFA escorts Santa around Drysdale / Clifton Springs |

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| Jan | 6,7 | Book sale St. James Anglican Church Drysdale |
| | 11-14 | Bellarine Woodworkers Annual Exhibition 10am-5pm Thurs, Fri and Saturday, Sunday 1pm-5pm at Uniting Church Hall, Hesse St Queenscliff. |
| | 13 | Portarlinton Mussel Festival |
| | 21 | Drysdale Community market |
| | 24 | U3A Enrolment Day at Civic Centre, Reynolds Rd, Belmont |
| | 28 | Portarlinton market |
| Feb | 11 | Rotary Family Fun Day at Point Richards |
| | 18 | Drysdale Community market |
| | 19 | Adrian Mannix Community Services Awards Dinner |
| | 25 | Portarlinton market |
| Mar | 11 | Bellarine Agricultural Show – Portarlinton Recreation Reserve |
| | 17 | Bunyip Festival at Drysdale Primary School |
| | 18 | Drysdale Community market |
| | 25 | Portarlinton market |

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NEWS FROM SPRINGDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Dear Everyone

It's been another busy month, we've almost planned the whole of next year. Our courses have been negotiated with our trainers, our dates for the Messenger for 2007 have been set (copy deadlines will be the first Monday in each month – for delivery late that month), sessions for Occasional Care have been planned and I think one day is already booked out for the year.

Included in the middle of this Messenger is our course guide for term 1 2007 - please feel free to start booking in for next year. We found opening the office during school holidays to be very stressful for our volunteers and staff, so we unfortunately will not schedule office hours during the school holidays. We apologise for this inconvenience but believe this will help our long term sustainability as we look after the people who look after you.

We have included a number of new courses once again, Dog Massage, Reiki, Chinese Cooking, Beginners Bridge and we have advertised Aged Care cert III for next May – we've had a few people interested but we need 14 are you interested? Please come and register. We also found we might be able to run a Stone Carving course – is anyone interested?

We are working with Bellarine Community Health to set up Community Kitchen sessions in the new year – a group would come together to plan, shop, cook and evaluate a meal and even take some home to eat or share. Please keep your eyes out for this and let us know if you would be interested.

Another opportunity exists for someone who has had experience in event organisation or who is studying event organisation – March is a busy time in our lives and I'm wondering if someone out there might like to coordinate Red Cross Calling for us and we also need people to help to call on homes in our area. Please contact SpringDale if you can help.

This year thanks to Chris, Paul and Michael, we've been able to help many people with tax help and hopefully it will be bigger and better again. Thanks for your time and efforts.

We've just held our 4th and most successful Business Breakfast so far – we now have 300 entries in our soon to be published and delivered Business and Services Directory – we still might be able to squeeze you in if you have something you'd like people to know about – call now – or at least be very ready for next year's edition.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us this year. SpringDale continues to be a wonderful place to be – everyday we wonder what question or challenge will be posed for us to try to help and maybe even solve.

Hope you enjoy the next couple of months until we talk again – please try to find the fun in all you do!

Yours very sincerely

Anne Brackley

for all the SpringDale team.

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During the past two years I have been teaching at the centre a variety of courses, all of which were aimed at helping individuals improve their skills in a particular field. Whether it was French, English Grammar or acting, the focus seemed to be on skills that help the individual.

With the passing of Bob, my beloved 16-year-old cocker spaniel cross this year, a shift has occurred in my thinking. Dogs give so much love to us, and yet they often ask nothing in return other than to be loved back. The trend nowadays seems to be to look after number one, and it's hard not to notice that we seem to be living in a 'me' generation. What about doing something to help us help others?

For 2007, I've decided to share skills with the community that would give individuals the ability to help others

and think beyond themselves. The first course is a 'Massage for Dogs' course, which will help owners to form a stronger bond with their best friends and also improve their health. The second is a Reiki course. Having graduated at Master Level, I am now accredited to share and teach the wonderful benefits of this hands on alternative healing technique. I am currently learning the skills needed to apply Reiki to animals and hopefully will be able to share what I have learned at some stage in 2007.

Why not do a course next year that will equip you for servicing others? Whether it be dog massage, Reiki, First Aid or many of the other courses offered through the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, let's make 2007 the year of giving to others what we have learned for ourselves. And let's do it with love

and heartfelt generosity in a world that is too often bombarded with negativity and self-gratification. Reaching out to someone, a person or an animal, and showing them that they matter is the greatest gift we can give.

Have a good holiday and festive season.

Laurent



Ladies Probus Club of Bellarine Inc.

This is the time of year to try and talk members into being interested in the next Years Committee. I really hope we can give encouragement and support to those that will consider it. Meanwhile we still continue to have good meetings and good speakers.

The speaker for October was Phillip Vaughan from the Australian Native Garden Centre on Portarlington Geelong Road. He brought with him a collection of plants and all the cultural notes, plus some stories of his gardening days in the Grampians. His funny stories and natural gardening

ability added humour to his talk. The members wanted to ask many more questions than he had time for but appreciated his visit anyway. We have invited him to return to us again when we will have more stories, more plants and time for questions.

We are making plans for our Christmas luncheon which is on our normal meeting day which will be a good day.

Several of our members visited the Bellarine Historical Society and Courthouse on October 20th then went to lunch at a local venue.

The next event is on Saturday 16th December where we attend the Belmont Uniting Church for "Candles on the Water".

We support Cottage by the Sea by donating loose change on meeting days. The Craft group hold their meeting in the Dungeon at the Springs function centre once a month and continue to swell in numbers. All other activities are held in member's homes, ie Mah-jong, Canasta and Scrabble.

Until next time.

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As our water levels slowly diminish and water restrictions become tougher, here are a few useful measures from some of our local residents to reduce water around your home.

- Wash hands in laundry with a bucket underneath – Barbara, Clifton Springs
- Take a bucket while having a shower and save the cold water – Pam, Clifton Springs
- Try planting water crystals which absorb water - David, Drysdale
- Shorter showers and share a bath – Sarah, St.Leonards
- Make sure your tap washers are OK – Robert, Portarlington
- Use water diverters wherever possible – Chris, Drysdale Village Hardware

CFA Christmas round

Drysdale Fire Brigade escorts Santa around Drysdale / Clifton Springs on Christmas Eve
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Bellarine Woodworkers.

Arrangements are well in hand for our annual exhibition which will be held at the Uniting Church Hall, Hesse Street, Queenscliff on 11-14 January 2007. The opening times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 1p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. All types of wood-

work will be on show as well as demonstrations of turning, scroll sawing and carving. Visitors will be able to purchase various items of woodwork at reasonable prices, and a raffle with excellent prizes will be held. The Barwon Valley Woodturners will show items of their work to

swell the number of exhibits.

Our annual toy program for disadvantaged children is also well under way, the recipients this year being Noah's Ark Toy Library.

Ray Austen

News from the Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail

News Flash:

Announcing that the Friends of the BRT have been successful in gaining an Envirofund Grant approved by the Federal Government's Environment and Heritage Department

This very welcomed funding boost for the rail trail – to be spent during 2007/08 will mean: 5000 more native trees, shrubs and understory plants plus 3000 extra native grasses, with more bird & animal nesting boxes to be constructed and installed at various locations.

Our achievements to date in 2006 on the rail trail are:

The group has approx. 2000 trees in credit at the Landcare Nursery through it's volunteer work. 4512 plants were installed this year & the number of volunteers hours spent on the trail was 1398.

Of the 4512 plants that have been planted out, 2172 have been grown by

Friends member Fred Cook. This is a wonderful effort and a big cost savings to our environment group!

48 different plant species have been planted on the trail. Eleven of those species are new this year!

Operationally: Due to the dry conditions, watering and mulching of the plantations is proving very essential. With the Stage 3 water restrictions in force our members are supplied with 25 litre plastic containers so that they can collect their domestic recycled and tank water. This water will be used keeping our new plantings alive over the coming predicted long hot summer.

Can you help in this regard? If you have any (approx) 15 litre clean plastic containers, with a screw top lid, and you don't want it any more – please call Fred Cook on 52 50 2719 to arrange pick up.

In another development we have produced a small Information Brochure for those people interested in our activities. Thanks to our Editor Tim Rowley for his layout and proof-reading effort on the brochure.

Finally, next year you will have a new Scribe bringing you the Friends news – a move designed to give our readers a varied, interesting and informative article always. Of course the best way to see what is happening on the trail is to enjoy a stroll or perhaps take a bike ride every other day, either way you will no doubt enjoy the outing! Make sure also that you have a safe and happy Christmas with your families and with a prosperous New Year thrown in as well!

Cheers, Trevor Jennings

Secretary FOBRT

friendsofbellarinerailtrail@hotmail.com

Bellarine Community Health Staff Christmas Concert for volunteers

The annual Bellarine Community Health Staff Christmas Concert for volunteers will be held at The Potato Shed, 41 Peninsula Drive Drysdale on Friday 8th December 2006 from 1.00

pm - 2.30 pm followed by afternoon tea from 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm. All BCH volunteers are invited to come along. This is our opportunity to thank you for your volunteer work throughout the year.

For more information please phone Elizabeth Hopkin on 5258 0853.

Please RSVP to Elizabeth Hopkin on 5258 0853 by 1st December 2006.



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Special thanks to our local family of volunteers - Gloria Ostler, Maureen Pova, Geoff Treyvaud, Mike & Jane Yeomans, Don & Di Turner, Arthur & Meg Courtney, Roy & Gwen Cook, John Buckle, Roy Pitchford, Arthur Taylor, Lindsay Walker & Chris Schultz. Without these stars, the place would be a lot poorer - thanks all.

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Drysdale in 1936

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From the Garden Gate

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Some Retirement Villages and Hostels encourage residents to have a small garden or a few pots, just as they have found it helpful to have a couple of pets around the place. We are in for a torrid time this Summer and it is going to be hard to sit by and watch our precious gardens wither. But the bottom line is, we must have drinking water ourselves.

Garden Club members and others of the "Bucket Brigade" who save water at every chance, are to be commended. They catch water in the shower while the 'hot' is 'heating up' and wash hands in a half bucket of water, then throw it

on the garden. Even the teapot of cold tea, helps!

Inspiration can be gained by visiting special gardens, which maybe have access to bore water. In January you may like to visit these:

* **January 20-21** 10am- 4 pm "Red Gums", 30 Drakes Road. Drysdale. (Featured on TV not so long ago)

*Daylesford district. **January 27-28** "Paradiso" 1089 Telegraph Road, Sailor's Falls.

In the garden now;

Watch out for sap sucking insects which become active in warmer months. Mites cause mottling on leaves, so remember to spray under the leaves as well as on top. Use pest oil or general pesticide that control mites. Also, be on the lookout for aphids on roses.

Group your pots together if you are going away, to make it easier for watering.

Feed tomatoes and other vegetables with a complete plant food.

Dead-head annuals such as petunias and perennials, to keep the flowers coming.

Lightly trim spring flowering shrubs including natives and perennials such as geraniums.

Lift, store summer dormant bulbs.

Net fruit trees to stop birds eating everything.

Set your mower blades higher so as not to scalp the lawn.

Avoid gardening in heat of day.

Meetings 2007 CliftonSprings/Drysdale Garden Club Inc.

First meeting for the year, 3rd Monday (February 18th) 7.30pm. Uniting Church Hall, Drysdale.

Contacts:

President - Wendy 5250 5545 or Secretary - Rae 5251 2600.

Drysdale Ladies Probus Club Inc.

Guest speaker for September was Mrs. Jan Anderson, visiting teacher for Hearing Impaired Children in the region. Jan gave us a most interesting and informative address on her work. A power point presentation showed many of the social outings enjoyed when all the students get together and realize they are not alone with hearing dif-

ficulties. Jan also played a tape which remarkably displayed the different tonal quality and lack of clarity caused by hearing loss. Jan is a very dedicated teacher who gave us a very helpful and enlightening talk.

The month of November brought about our Annual Fashion Parade hosted by

Michelle from Le Shah Boutique in the Drysdale Shopping Complex. As always Michelle supplied us with many delightful garments. Ten ladies offered to model the clothes and enjoyed doing so. Thank you Michelle for your time and dedication as host of this much looked forward to event.



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Bellarine Police Community Support Register

I was delighted to participate in the official launch of the Register at the Bellarine Police Station in Ocean Grove recently. The Register has been established thanks to the commitment and hard work of community members and will provide a wonderful service for people throughout the Bellarine Peninsula. Based in the Bellarine Police Station, local residents can register their contact details for use in emergency situations and, if they are interested, ongoing communication with the Register can be arranged through regular phone calls and a newsletter. Congratulations to all those involved with this terrific community project. For further information contact 5255 3968, or my office for more details.

Home and Community Care (HACC) Growth Funds 2006 - 2007

I am pleased to report that additional funding for HACC services from the State and Commonwealth governments was recently announced. Over \$1.3 million in additional recurrent funding will go to HACC services in and around Bellarine. This is great news and will significantly increase direct service delivery. In addition, there is \$229,000 in one off grants for minor capital works and equipment to the HACC services.

Among the local and regional organisations to receive the additional funds is Bellarine Community Health.

Details include:

- \$79,092.00 - Nursing Services
- \$90,146.00 - Allied Health Services
- \$50,000.00 - One-off, Minor Capital Works grant

Bellarine Peninsula Railway

It was good to join Rob Hulls, the Minister for Planning, in Queenscliff recently to announce funding of \$250,000 to the Borough of Queenscliff for the ever popular Bellarine Peninsula Railway. The grant will go towards the \$901,268 Bellarine Peninsula Railway (BPR) Development project.

As many of you will know, the BPR has successfully operated the 16.5-kilometre heritage railway for 28 years, including maintaining the railway infrastructure and a fleet of 13 locomotives, 18 carriages and another 60 vehicles.

The development project will include:

- Upgrading station platform surfacing and lighting at Drysdale, Lakers Siding and Suma Park to provide better facilities for charter businesses.
- Connecting a rolling stock turntable at Drysdale to turnaround passengers quicker on the Queenscliff to Drysdale return trip.
- Landscaping works at Drysdale to beautify the turntable and station area.
- Building a storage shed at Lakers Siding to reduce maintenance on rolling stock from a two to five-year cycle.

- Constructing a platform at the Marine Discovery Centre for school excursions.
- Security fencing and landscaping at Lakers Siding.

The BPR is recognised, not only a popular tourist attraction but also for its role in supporting local events, including the Queenscliff Music Festival, the Blues Train program and the community markets. Congratulations to Andrew Bridger and all those dedicated volunteers and best wishes with the project.

HMAS Canberra

I was very pleased with the recent announcement by John Pandazopoulos, the Minister for Tourism, that Victoria has won the bid to secure the former Royal Australian Navy Guided Missile Frigate, ex-HMAS Canberra, as a new artificial dive attraction. The Canberra is a large frigate 138 meters in length and requires complete stripping and decontamination before dives can occur. The Bracks Government has allocated \$500,000 and the Federal Government has also contributed funding toward the costs. A proposed site has been found at The Ships Graveyard, three kilometres south of Barwon Heads. Extensive environmental and navigational survey work has been undertaken to select the site. This will position Victoria and the Bellarine Peninsula as a nationally significant temperate dive destination.

Until next time

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The weekend of December 16th and 17th sees a big weekend of golf and events at the Club with the staging of a Sportsman's night and sporting memorabilia auction on Saturday 18th followed with the McInerney Scrapmetals Celebrity Golf Pro-Am on Sunday December 17th.

The weekend commences with the staging of the Sportsman's night and sporting memorabilia auction with a fantastic panel assembled, headed by leading racing guru Rob Gaylard who will MC the panel which will include ex Australian cricketer and ex Victorian captain Dean Jones, Hawthorn legend from the 80's Robert Dipierdomenico and ex Geelong Football Club captain Gary Hocking. Still to be confirmed are outstanding jockey Damien Oliver and a leading Australian golfer currently playing overseas.

To coincide with the evening, there will be sporting memorabilia up for auction with items including signed Geelong, Melbourne and Collingwood football jumpers, a round of golf for 2 people at Royal Melbourne Golf Club accompanied with golfing professional Mark Williamson and current Geelong footballer Matthew Scarlett, 4 burner BBQ and a full set Srixon golf clubs and bag.

The cost for the night is \$80.00 per person which includes a 2 course meal and refreshments for duration of the evening and bookings can be made by contacting the golf club on 5251 3391.

The major event for the weekend is the McInerney Scrapmetals Celebrity Golf Pro-Am, and with an increase in

prize money from \$10,000 to \$20,000, should ensure a high quality number of Australian professional golfers competing. Celebrities competing once again will be of a high calibre and will include the panellists from the Sportsman's night. There are only limited entries available for amateur golfers with morning shotgun price being \$80 and afternoon shotgun \$110 and entries are available from the club. The major sponsors of the event include McInerney Scrapmetals along with Geelong Express Skips, Blood Toyota and Press Here.

For further information concerning both events, please phone the club on 5251 3391 or 5253 1488.

Drysdale Senior Citizens club

Here we are again nearly at the end of the year, a few more weeks and it will be Christmas. The club had a very busy year and we are pleased at the way things have turned out, and the support we have had from all our members. Our Christmas Dinner is on Monday 11th December with a two course meal, lots of prizes and fun and to finish off we have entertainment which we know you will enjoy. This is for members only and the cost is

\$16.00 each and starts at 12noon.

We will be closing the club on Saturday 23rd December and reopening on Wednesday the 3rd January 2007. So we hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year and good health for 2007.

Before we close we would like to share a little verse with you written by one of our members.

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Clifton Springs Primary School

Another action packed month has seen the presentation of our school concert, 'CSPS Saves the World'. A spectacular musical performance by the students as they informed the audience about sustainability and ways to Reduce, Reuse or Recycle. Congratulations to Ms Nic Fenton on the great script and choreography and to the staff and students for their fabulous performances.

Two groups of Grade 5/6 students entered the Sprockets and Flares competition.

We entered the video category in which we had to produce a 3min video on something about the school. There were production requirements such as including a list of credits, that we also had to fulfil. Our video was called KKN – Kool Kids News and it was about the Nude Food policy we have at school. We were awarded Silver in the Geelong Region.

Melissa Trewin, Fiona Ritchie & Annallee Gore

We entered the power point category and our power point was advertising the Bunyip Festival, our schools

major fundraising event for the year. We were placed overall Gold award winners for the Geelong region.

Kris Vincent, Hayden O'Keefe & Samara Jahnecke

All Grade 5/6 students competed in a Trivia Challenge. The winning team of Melissa Trewin, Fiona Ritchie, Annallee Gore and Amy McNaughton, then competed online against teams from the region where they were placed in the top 10. The third round was at Melbourne University where the girls competed against 30 other schools in Victoria. They performed admirably to finish in the top 20.

Two teams competed in the Peak Fitness Challenge held at Surfside Centre last month. The students did a great job representing our school with Team 1 finishing 3rd and Team 2 finishing 9th out of 22 teams.

Following our School Organiser 'The World Around Us', the Grade 3/4 students had an excursion to Eastern Beach where they completed the Bollard walk, investigating the landmarks of importance in Geelong. The Prep-

Grade 2 students were visited by local Emergency Services and advice was given by Ambulance, Fire and SES Officers. Our Grade 5/6 students are busy investigating Civics and Citizenship, learning how decisions get made and how people can participate in the decision making process.



Drysdale Ladies Day VIEW club Christmas luncheon party

Our next meeting is on Friday 15 December at 10.30am at our usual lovely venue, - the Clifton Springs Golf Club Function Room. This time, of course, it's Christmas, & so plans for a festive lunch meeting are well under way!

If you would like to join a vibrant, friendly club (part of a nation-wide

network), meet interesting people, & enjoy a varied range of Guest Speakers from all over our community, then please phone Christine on 5251 1127 or Gloria on 5253 3256.

We support The Smith Family's wonderful program which financially assists disadvantaged children to participate

fully in school activities. This initiative, with full Government backing, is already a proven success in enabling school students to break the "cycle of poverty" through education.

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Local Bees Local Honey - Part 5

Last month we ended with the bee equivalent of the riddle of life. The answer was in the last paragraph and if it did not make sense you will not be alone, but as promised the answer is here. The drone bee is bred from unfertilised egg and in doing so they have no father only a mother and grandfather. The drone only processes half the normal number of chromosomes of a female bee.

Having mated and started laying eggs the colony now continues in the old hive site. In feral hives the swarming may happen several times over the spring and into summer this has the effect of weakening the hive and the swarms are weak and small compared to the first swarm of the spring. In commercial hives or hobby hives that people keep in their suburban back yards we take steps to prevent swarming.

Last September you may have noticed that we had a lot of fields with canola. If you are unsure what it looks like it was that bright yellow crop that can be seen for miles. In mid September we moved the hives to a new site on the edge of 200 acres of canola. Moving bees is a job to be done with caution as when something goes wrong there is a lot of stinging. When moving my hives I use the open hive method which means the bees are not shut into the

hive. I usually like to start at dusk and spend time planning the move and how I will load the trailer for ease of loading and unloading. At this stage I find my smoker of little use and while it is on the front of the trailer I don't usually light it. With the ramps in place I start loading the hives. Once I begin there is no stopping the bees will become a little agitated with the movement but as it is dark they tend not to fly but if you are close enough to the entrance they will take a walk up your body. Also I work in the dark as well any light will cause bees to fly and they will gather around the light. The vehicle is kept running while your loading as the vibration of the trailer from the engine will make the bees cluster in the hive. Once loaded and tied down we head to the new site. Unloaded at the new site the bees will now settle till dawn.

Canola produces huge amounts of nectar and pollen. The nectar while being excellent for the bees coming out of winter, the honey it produces is light and very sweet taste. The pollen while not ideal is plentiful and tends to make the bees aggressive. With these 2 items coming into the hive in large amounts the queen starts to lay as fast as possible to create more workers to cope with the large crop. This then creates

the problem of a population explosion in the hive and if not managed correctly they the hives will start to swam. Once the hive is in swarming mode there is little can be done to prevent it? The way I coped with the problem was to split the hives. Within 10 days of sitting hives on canola we started splitting. Splitting the hives creating 2 hives from one. Placing a new hive next to the old hive I open the old hive and take half the frames from the brood nest making sure they have brood of different ages including eggs and day old grubs. I replace the frames in the old hive with new frames, at this stage the queen is not important she will end up in one box or the other. Closing up the hive we now have 2 hives. The queen less hive will begin to create a new queen and the hive with the old queen will not swarm as she now has lots of room and new laying areas.

Mark Cornell, Leopold Honey, Apiarist C593

... we now have 5 people who would like to join Mark to learn more about Bees and honey in a Special interest group – we should have a day and time soon for regular meetings – please register your interest at SpringDale.

Portarlington Mussel Festival

One town - Many cultures
Saturday, January 13, 2007

The Port Arts Network, a dedicated team of volunteers working under the umbrella of the Portarlington Community Association, is organising the Portarlington Mussel Festival for Saturday, January 13, 2007. The festival will provide a fun day for all while also showcasing some of the local produce, history, artists and musicians that make up our wonderful town. Along with the carnival and regular monthly market, some of the quality restaurants will be cooking up a mussel storm and selling a variety of tasty take-away samples. A "mussel shuttle" bus will transport festival goers to and from Kilgour Estate

Winery where more gourmet mussels and local wines can be enjoyed. There will be a scavenger hunt for grown ups, "a mussel massage" for tired muscles, information on how to cook mussels, fashion parade, and more... Local producers will display their products in Parks Hall, Portarlington where there will be wine tastings, a display of model ships, and a history display. There will be craft displays and demonstrations, while local artists are invited to display and sell their artwork throughout the day.

Primary school children are encouraged to write a short essay or poem titled 'Who was William Buckley?' and present it on stage in the Public

Speaking Competition. (Entry forms for this will be circulated through primary schools on the Bellarine and local accommodation venues). Local musicians will perform on stage during the afternoon. **Entry is free.** Portarlington, with its strong historical link to the sea, is known for its mussel industry so naturally mussels will be a prominent feature in the restaurants and for sale on the pier. Mr Mussel, a local mussel farmer, is a generous sponsor for the festival and the festival committee is hoping to attract many more sponsors to help make it an ongoing success. For updates about the festival visit www.portarlingtontourism.com.au/news or email: portarts@yahoo.com.au



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Bellarine Police community support register Inc.

The Bellarine Police Community Support Register Inc was officially launched at the Bellarine Police Station on Thursday 19th October 2006. During the launch, Superintendent Steve Barber Divisional Commander Region 2, Division 2, Lisa Neville MP Member for Bellarine and John Fendyk Chief Executive Officer Bellarine Community Health emphasized the significance of the establishment of the Register. This police/community initiative, which had arisen as a result of community concern, was seen as a major network development for the local community and the police force on the Bellarine Peninsula.

As a gesture of personal support for the Register, Lisa Neville presented the Officer in Charge of the Bellarine

Police Station Snr. Sgt. Gary Coombes with a donation of \$500.00.

Older residents of the Bellarine Peninsula are now invited to provide personal information and contact details which will be entered on a confidential database. When required during an emergency this information will be accessed by police to assist them to implement appropriate action.

The Register has been established to provide peace of mind and a sense of security to older people particularly those who possibly

- reside on their own
- either have no family support or whose relatives live far away
- are housebound

- or by circumstances or choice, live a secluded life

Brochures and Registration Forms are available at pharmacies located on the Bellarine Peninsula. Registration is free of charge to all registrants.

The Bellarine Police Community Support Register Inc is a non-profit Association with Discretionary Gift Recipient Status (DGR) and all donations of \$2.00 and over are Income Tax Deductible. Donations should be forwarded to P.O. Box 33, Ocean Grove 3226.

For further information telephone 5255 3968 any weekday between 9.30am until 12 noon.

Ann Nichol OAM

Acting Chair Interim Committee.

Country Womens Association - Drysdale branch

Annual General Report

The Drysdale Branch of the Country Women's Association Annual General Meeting brought to a close the 2006 year on another highly successful note.

During the year Drysdale Branch has raised and distributed over \$5,900 primarily to local Charities and Community Groups.

Cash donations were made to:-

- The Andrew Love Centre Geelong Hospital
- The Geelong Hospital appeal for the Children's Emergency Facility
- Cancer Appeal - Biggest Morning Tea and Annual Raffle
- Cottage By The Sea
- Drysdale, Portarlington and Mannerim Fire Brigades
- Drysdale and Portarlington Scout Troops
- Drysdale and Portarlington Guides
- Drysdale and Portarlington Branches of Bellarine Community Health Service
- S.E.S. Drysdale

- Bellarine Show Association
- Christian Education in Schools
- Extensive donations of Trauma Dolls, Teddy Bears, Prem. Baby Gowns and New Baby Kits for The Geelong Hospital
- Knitted and crochet throw rugs to Grace McKellar House
- Jumpers for Aids babies in Nigeria in conjunction with Rotary Clubs Appeal
- Homeless Aid - Vic. Relief Appeal - Beanies, Scarves, Blankets & Gloves
- Special Men's Accommodation Queenscliff - Christmas Gifts
- Bushfire volunteer relief services
- Rural Ambulance Victoria - Drysdale Station

Finally a new, very special project was established in conjunction with the local Primary Schools. The CWA has set up a fund to assist children in these schools whose families cannot always afford to pay the full costs of school outings and camps. The funds are administered by the school authorities and distributed when and

where they consider necessary. The initial donation of \$500 per school was forwarded this year and the Members intend to add to these funds through future fund raising efforts conducted within our community.

We are really pleased to say, "When you support the efforts of the CWA you are truly supporting your Local Community at all age levels".

The newly elected Officers Bearers of the Committee are

President. Mrs. Joy Wallis

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Bayside Sharks Soccer Club

The Sharks second season of operating saw the club grow from having an under 11's mixed team in 2005 to having four teams in 2006 representing the North of the Bellarine Peninsula in the local soccer competition of the Western Victoria Soccer Association (WVSA).

We pride ourselves on being a friendly multi-ethnic community club with a philosophy of achieving the best possible performances whilst welcoming as wide a group of abilities as possible.

2006 Season Summary

Under 11's Mixed

We made great improvement over the season, with the best performance being a 4-1 victory over Kardinia A. The majority of the squad will remain together to develop further next season.

Under 13's Mixed

We battled well in a very competitive league against much more experienced opposition. The lessons the players learnt will be taken into next season, with the majority of players progressing into next years teams.

Senior Women's

Our team of local girls with limited soccer background struggled for numbers at the start, but we improved 1000% over the season and became very competitive physically and tactically. A measure of our improvement came when we lost narrowly 0-1 to runaway champions Surfcoast.

Senior Men's

The senior men's had the most success of all of our teams, finishing around mid table in division 2, with some excellent performances including a 4-2 win over competition finalist Breakwater B and a 6-1 victory over Surfcoast B.

Close Season Activities

Social Soccer happens every Tuesday at St Leonard's Lake Reserve (otherwise known as Len Trewin Reserve) at 5:00pm, with the emphasis being on fun.

Anyone can come down and have a kick, so don't be put off by worries about your fitness, age or ability.

2007 Season Preparation

We are expecting to field the following teams in next year's competition; Senior Men's, Senior Women's, Under 16's Boys, Under 13's Girls and Under 11's mixed.

We are always looking to welcome new players, coaches, volunteers and sponsors, so please get in touch if you are interested.

We are working to raise our profile in the community through local media, develop a more accessible website and obtain a grant to install training floodlights at St Leonard's Lake Reserve.

Many thanks to our major sponsors; Portarlington Country Butchers, Jennings Transport (Drysdale), Foodworks (St Leonard's) and Bluestar Wholesale (Drysdale).

All enquiries to Geoff Briggs, Club Secretary 0428 501 150.

Advent workshop

Christmas is coming – do you wonder what it is all about? Would you like your children to learn, in a fun and interesting way, the true meaning of Christmas?

Drysdale Uniting Church are hold a **Countdown to Christmas**, an Advent Workshop which will provide a Christ-centered experience reflecting the celebration, joy, wonder and mystery of Christmas for children. The workshop aims to enhance children's understanding of the biblical account of Christmas by providing relevant experiences through stimulating stories,

lively music and challenging craft activities.

The workshops will be held on **Thursdays, 7th and 14th December**, commencing at **5.00pm** with registration and finger food, concluding at **6.15pm** and on **Sunday, 17th December** with a special **Family Celebration** commencing at **6.00pm** with a sausage sizzle. Families and friends are encouraged to bring their children along to this event.

Countdown to Christmas will be held at the Drysdale Uniting Church and Hall, High Street, Drysdale (access from the car park in Palmerston Street).

There is **no charge** for this program. Enquiries and enrolments can be made through: Colleen Diamond, phone 5251 3749 or Val Lestrangle, 5251 3125 (AH).

Other Christmas Service Times at Drysdale Uniting Church

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