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## CWA - Drysdale Branch Celebrates 60 Years



### CWA Motto

*Honour to God  
Loyalty to the Throne  
Service to the Country  
Through Country Women  
For Country Women  
By Country Women*

More than 100 people gathered to celebrate the 60th birthday of the Drysdale Branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) on Tuesday, 25 March. The CWA Victorian State President Mrs Helen Wall presented a certificate to the Drysdale President, Mrs Joy Wallis.

A birthday cake was organised for the occasion and Mrs Beth Crouch, a life member and one of the longest serving members, had the honour of cutting the cake. Councillor Barbara Abley launched the book – The History of Drysdale CWA Inc. Continued 1998 – 2008, 60th Anniversary. Councillor Abley relived significant events during 1948 and acknowledged the meticulous records of the CWA. A vote of thanks was given to Noel Lindsay for his contribution to the book.

Life membership was presented to Mrs Ruby Wylie, Mrs Betty Carlson and Mrs Shirley Lindsay. Some of the members then contributed to 'News of 1948' recognising the first Holden car, Rimfire the Melbourne Cup winning horse from St. Albans Stud and the birth of Prince Charles.

If you want a good afternoon tea and pleasant company with women who are active in community service the Drysdale CWA meet on the third Tuesday every month.



Top: Helen Wall, Joy Wallis and Cr Barbara Abley  
Left: Mrs Betty Crouch - cutting the cake



### Recent Lifetime Members

L-R: Rubie Wylie, Betty Carlson and Shirley Lindsay



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### Community Calendar

**SpringDale Community Calendar** is a SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre initiative to support the whole community.

The calendar is an 'easy to see list' of **happenings** in our area. To help you to plan an event, access our website [www.springdale.org.au](http://www.springdale.org.au) to view events.

If you wish to place your event in the **website, calendar** and further issues of **The SpringDale Messenger** please email, write or call the event details to our office.

### May 2008

- 11 Mother's Day**
- 12-18 Neighbourhood House Week**
- 13 SpringDale Business Breakfast 7am**
- 16 Italian Cooking in Portarlington**
- 17 St. Leonards Community Space Open Day 7am - 2pm**
- 18 Drysdale Community Market 9am-1pm**
- 22 Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**
- 23 Ladies Day View Club meeting at Leopold Sportsmans Club**
- 25 Portarlington market 9am-2pm**
- 28 Adrian E. Mannix Award Presentation Dinner**

### June 2008

- 6-9 National Celtic Festival Portarlington**
- 27 Term 2 Ends**
- 29 Portarlington Market 9am-2pm**



# news

from

The SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

Anne Brackley  
centre coordinator

Hi Friends

Unfortunately SpringDale is no longer able to offer the hall for evening hire to individuals. We have recently had a run of birthday parties at the hall and incidents outside the hall, traffic disruption and lack of respect being shown to our neighbours and the environment have lead to this result.

This time last year I wrote about respect and how I hoped that our part of the Bellarine could be known for the respect shown to everyone. I still hold on to this vision as a possibility.

The Community Space at St Leonards is now open for business and we look forward to working towards 100% use of the facility. There is a larger room to hold up to 20 people, a smaller room which would seat about 10 people and a computer room which will hold 6 people. There are already a few groups booked in and course ideas are coming through. There are still opportunities available for groups and classes.

Portarlington Neighbourhood House group is holding an Italian cooking session at Portarlington on Friday, 16 May starting at 11am, during Neighbourhood House week. We will learn how to make pesto and we will enjoy lunch together. The cost is \$10 per person. This enthusiastic group also runs a photography group on Tuesday afternoons and on alternate weeks there is a new 'Coffee, Cake and Conversation' – in the Portarlington Senior Citizens rooms – all welcome. Upcoming classes in May or June include a no fail boat licence course and a first aid course in Portarlington. Please register your interest at SpringDale.

We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Department of Planning & Community Development to purchase a set of laptops that can be used for classes in Portarlington, St. Leonards and other

parts of SpringDale. A new member of the Springdale team Pat Wintle has spent many hours collating information about the SpringDale groups, it's been a goal of mine for a long time, and it's great to have it come to fruition.

We are purchasing a coffee machine for our soon to be announced coffee courses. People with home coffee machines will find the courses a great help too, more news soon.

We have had ideas from a number of people concerning Ted Chidzey's memorial money; we are liaising with Glenn & Annett re their suggestions. A decision will be made soon. We miss him at Springdale and look forward to having a "Remember Ted day" in the near future.

Pole walking should commence soon, please register your interest.

Neighbourhood House Week is 12-18th. I hope you come and visit us and see what we have to offer at SpringDale.

**"Hoping to see you soon at SpringDale" Anne Brackley for the team at SpringDale.**

## PLEASE SLOW DOWN

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## What's New...

### Course update please note...

There has been a date change to the **First Aid-CPR-Defrillation** and the **First Aid - Level 2 Courses** see NEW dates below.

• **First Aid-CPR-Defrillation Course**  
Saturday, 24 May

• **First Aid - Level 2**  
Saturday, 24 - 31 May

### TUMMY HIPS & THIGHS

This course has already started but maybe you would like to join.

**Tuesday, 22 April, 6-7pm, 8 Sessions, \$80pp, Trainer: Sally McDonald.** This is a low impact class, toning thighs, buttocks and abdominal pelvic floor strengths.

### CUP CAKE WORKSHOP

Will be conducted by Debra Winter.

**Tuesday, 13 May, 6.30-7pm,  
OR Thursday, 19 June 6.30 - 8.30pm  
OR Saturday, 24 May 2-4pm. \$30pp.**

Our **Book Club** has gained a lot of interest but we are still seeking people wanting to join this new group. Please call and register your interest.

### SpringDale Business Breakfast

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre invites you and your business to come along to a **BUSINESS BREAKFAST** to meet and greet other business owners in the area on Tuesday, 13 May 2008 at 7am in the SpringDale Community Hall.

The guest speaker will be local resident and Business Coach, Janet Schultz. The cost is \$10.

**If you are interested in attending, this event, please ring SpringDale on (03) 5253 1960 to make your reservation.**

### Adrian E. Mannix Community Service Award 2008

The presentation will take place on Wednesday, 28 May 2008 at the Portarlington Golf Club at 6.30pm for 7pm start and members of the public are welcome to attend. This event is proudly supported by the Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club, Drysdale Rotary Club and SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. The two course dinner costs \$23.00 and tickets are available from the above organizations. This should be a wonderful evening and a great way to recognise the efforts of individuals in our community.



# Clifton Springs Neighbourhood Watch



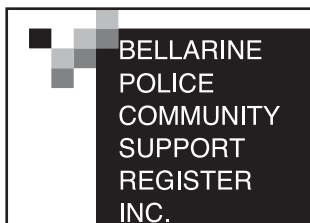
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**GLG 69 - Ron Renfrew**  
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Meetings to be decided.

**GLG 58,59 - Mark Cline**  
C/Springs Bowls Club  
Clifton Springs  
(03) 5253 2717  
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**GLG 68 - Doug Palmer**  
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available at Pharmacies on the  
Bellarine Peninsula.

This group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7pm all year round at the Clifton Springs Bowls Club. The following activities have been organised and new members are welcome to attend. Monday 12 May will be a talk from Consumer Affairs on Scams.

Monday, 9 June there is a Graffiti Project. Monday, 14 July a Winter Dinner will be held at the Clifton Springs Golf Club.

**For further information contact  
Mark Cline on 5253 2717.**

## Clifton Springs Primary School won the Environment Award

**Clifton Springs Primary School won the Environment Award** announced last Thursday at the first ever Impetus '08 Geelong Youth Awards. Their project was a whole-school initiative and has now been running for a few years. The original idea was created by a group of 12-year-olds who decided the whole school would have 'rubbish free' lunches.

They also created a vegie path, which they tend and use within their school community. Councillor Jan Farrell said 'This award acknowledges the potential for young people to identify an issue, develop some solutions and implement them. Their project has allowed them to care for their environment and be part of a bigger picture solution

## From Lisa Neville's desk



### Bellarine Agricultural Show

What a great pleasure it was for me to attend the 18th Bellarine Agricultural Show on Sunday, 9 March with the Minister for Agriculture, Joe Helper. It is such a great way to promote the best of the region's produce and livestock, and a wonderful way to bridge the gap between urban and rural communities. The Victorian Government is committed to assisting regional communities and has provided grants to the Bellarine Agricultural Society in 2004 and 2007.

### Grants for Bellarine and Geelong Disability Self- Help

Seven groups in Bellarine and Geelong have received self help grants under the Brumby Government's Disability Self help Program. Groups which received grants are assisting people with conditions such as MS, lupus, Parkinson's disease and cancer. This funding to disability self-help recognizes the vital role they have within the Bellarine and Geelong community. The Brumby Government has an ongoing commitment to providing financial support to disability self-help groups in recognition of the special contribution they play in supporting their members across the community.

### Free Books for Toddlers in \$2.1m Literacy Drive

Every Victorian toddler will receive a free picture book as part of a Brumby

Government drive to boost literacy by encouraging parents to read to their children. Under the Young Readers Program, parents visiting a maternal child health centre will be given a free literacy information pack when their child is four months old, and a free book where the child is two years.

The Young Readers Program will give parents practical information about how to help children develop literacy skills from a young age. The program is an excellent example of a community partnership, with the State Library of Victoria, the Municipal Association of Victoria and local library services all working together. All books in the Young Readers Program are written by Australian authors and have been selected by a reference group for appeal to children and parents from diverse cultural backgrounds.

**As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office on (03) 5248 3462 if there are any issues with which we can be of assistance.**

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*Rick says the best advice he can give anyone about general gardening and that is to sit back and watch ABC 2 - 'Gardening Australia' .... Thanks Rick, good advice.*

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For eight years he ran Merri Mowing, a gardening business in Woodend.

In 2006 he sold this business and moved to Drysdale where he set up The Mowing Bloke. His clients appreciate his attention to detail, his willingness to work, his reliability and honesty.

He has gained accreditation to work for Workcover clients who qualify for help with gardens and lawns.

**If you need help or advice in your garden, contact Rick on 0434 493 123.**



## ROTARY Art Show a Winner

The Andrew Love Cancer Centre, Geelong Hospital will be delighted by the success of the Drysdale Rotary Club's Art Show Easter Saturday and Sunday at the Leopold L.I.N.C. as they are the major beneficiary of this ambitious fundraising initiative. This was the 32nd Art Show run by Drysdale Rotary and with all that practice, and valuable help setting up/dismantling by a team of artists, it ran like clockwork with 134 artists, many local, submitting 486 paintings. In total, 68 paintings were sold, including five Acquisitive Sponsors and another by Silent Auction. The delicious Devonshire teas in the Rotary Ladies' café added to the occasion.

There were Awards for 'Best of Show', plus six 'Highly Commended' and Show Judge Amanda Hyatt had a hard task in making her decisions. In addition,



for the first time this year, local schools were invited to present a selection of their work and three took up the challenge: Drysdale and Clifton Springs Primary Schools and St Ignatius College.

Each school was allotted an Art Show Board and the school had the choice of which pupils' art to display. Amanda then had the additional responsibility to select one piece of artwork from each school which was awarded a \$50 cash prize – and many budding artists there were!

Drysdale Rotary also run an annual raffle in conjunction with their Art Show which raises an additional \$12,000 and no doubt many of you have bought a ticket or two and contributed to the magnificent success of this fundraiser.

**Drysdale Rotary Club now meets at Clifton Springs Golf Club every Monday evening, 6pm for 6.30pm. Enquiries: Roger (03) 5253 2557.**

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# 'Blessing of the Bonnets'

On a very hot Friday on the 14th March over 350 folk were cool and entertained at the Old Geelong Gaol. It was in the inner sanctum of the gaol where a re-enactment of the sentencing of the Convict woman Mary Clarke took place.

Cr. Barbara Abley opened the event and the re-enactment began with Captain Foster Fyans (Colin Mockett) outlining some of the trails and conditions of the 25,560 convict women who came to Australia. The audience was also entertained by the beautiful singing voice of Shirley Power.

Christina Henri the founder of 'Roses from the Heart' from Tasmania was on hand to accepted over 600 beautiful handmade bonnets made by individuals, school children, aged care facilities and various interest groups.

The bonnets were placed in a wooden boat and blessed by the Rev. Sheridan Hannah and the Rev. Frances Campbell. So far over 8,000 bonnets have been made and it is hoped that Victoria will boost this number during the next 12 months when the entire Victorian collection will be sent to Tasmania. The entire collection will travel to United Kingdom and Canada in 2010.

**Many thanks must go to the City of Greater Geelong, SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, Storage King, blue pencil publishing, Drop of a Hat Productions, The Geelong Regional Libraries, The Rotary Club of Geelong, Drysdale CWA, the wonderful Bonnet Makers and all who supported this event.**

In memory of our  
Convict women ancestors  
- an inspirational day.



Left: Ceremony organiser Pat Whitford in the company of Cr. Barbara Abley



Below: The symbolic candles being attended to by Rev. Frances Campbell

## Portarlington Neighbourhood House

I am working as part of an enthusiastic group to establish a Neighbourhood House in Portarlington.

This is the first time I have been involved in this very interesting and worthwhile area and am feeling keenly, the need to learn more about 'how the wheels turn'.

Being associated with SpringDale and Anne Brackley has been a great introduction to Neighbourhood House/Centre services particularly the nitty gritty of running a community organization following community development principles.

**Pat Crotty**

## Portarlington Neighbourhood House Group

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Assisting in the evening events were the 2nd/10th Field Regiment, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery. This Regiment was formed in Warrnambool, in 1859 as the 2nd Field Regiment.

The 8th/7th Battalion, The Royal Victoria Regiment was formed as the Ballarat Volunteer Rifle Regiment in August 1858 as a result of fears of a Russian invasion after the Crimean War. Between its formation and the outbreak of war in 1914, the Battalion went through a series of name changes. In November 1987 the Battalion was officially retitled the 8th/7th Battalion, The Royal Victoria Regiment. The Battalion's 'A' Company is based in Geelong.

## FORT QUEENSCLIFF

# OPEN DAY

Photographs courtesy Fort Queenscliff



The Australian Army Band - Melbourne was formed in 1940 at Caulfield. Previously known as the Victorian Line of Communications Band, the Southern Command Band and the 3rd Military District Band, the band assumed its current title in 1991. The band provides music for military ceremonies, regal and vice-regal occasions, and other events of local, nation and international importance.

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## Drysdale Ladies Probus Club Inc.



Top: Members celebrating their Birthday.



Right: Dr. Barry Edwards

The 18th Birthday of the Drysdale Ladies Probus Club was held at our February meeting. Our current President Gresta Dare congratulated the ladies commenting that "after 18 years we have such a strong active club with the three main ingredients - fun, fellowship and friendship - still going strong and in fact growing stronger." Our twelve foundation members were congratulated for the difficult task of beginning a new club. As well, the 17 past Presidents plus Gresta, were congratulated for the fine work they had achieved during their time in office. A delicious boiled chocolate cake was served and enjoyed by all members for morning tea.

After the celebrations members were treated to a talk by local Geelong resident and newly retired Dr. Barry Edwards. Dr. Edwards spoke about the wonderful work that he and others are doing to help the many sufferers of leprosy. He called his talk "Out of the Shadows." Unknown to many people is the fact that leprosy is still around and has been for many years. The work of Dr. Edwards and others

allows sufferers of leprosy to return to the community where they can be looked after holistically, medically and physically. 'The Centre of Hope' Leprosy Mission has 5,030 new patients in a year. India, while it is a land of possibilities has many, many poor, while numerous children live on or by the roads. Dr. Edwards said leprosy is a mildly infectious disease caused by Mycobacterium Leprae, the incubation of which can be up to 25 years. There is a terrible stigma attached to this disease and sufferers face rejection and isolation. However the King of Thailand bought a whole cabinet of handicrafts made by some persons with leprosy. This helped to alleviate much of the fear surrounding this disease especially in Thailand where it is also rife.

It was of great interest to hear of the dedicated work being carried out by a local resident such as Dr. Edwards and the Drysdale Ladies Probus Club thanked him for his time and presented him with a small gift.

**Yours in friendship**  
**Lesley Jones**

## Faith and Family

It can be unsettling to be taken by surprise or to feel like things are happening and you have no control, when all you can do is hope it will get better, stop, or turn around. That seems to be the experience of a lot of people at the moment with the uncertainty in the world money and stock sector.

When what you believed to be secure and what you have believed to be important becomes vulnerable you are faced with a reality check. What happens if I don't have this any more? How will my life change if those things I thought were secure no longer are? How do I really measure success in my life? What do I rely on for my sense of achievement and well being?

Times of nervousness and unsettling can be good for us. It can motivate us into a reality check and an assessment of what really matters, what our bottom line is. What are the things you reach for? What are the things you really need as the foundations begin to shake? What do I really believe in?

In all of this we can get a sense of needing to hang on to something bigger than ourselves and what we can accumulate or build. In all of this the things that matter most are the issues of faith and family. Trusting in a God who is above the circumstances and being a part of a family who cares more about you than they do about the things you do or make.

Difficult times can bring you back to the master plan. Psalm 20, verse 7, reads, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." Also, in Genesis 2:18, "It is not good for man to be alone." Faith and family, these are the hardest to replace. These are what we build on.

**Pr. Jake Hogendoorn**  
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was the real winner  
for the fight against  
Leukaemia

*Manfred and Wendy at work on a couple  
who have contributed to the cause...*



The Drysdale Hotel held a very successful World's Greatest Shave event again this year. Almost \$4000 was raised for the Leukaemia Foundation by the hotel alone.

There were also many people who attended the event to have their heads shaved or coloured who had also collected their own sponsorship on top of this amount.

This year a number of local school children had collected sponsorship and were very brave and had their heads shaved.

The money raised by the hotel was from head shaves and hair colouring on the night. There were also two raffles, one

for a plasma TV and the other raffle had 36 prize packs.

Most of the prize packs were made up of donations from local businesses who always support the night.

Everyone had a great night with the evening hosted by the very entertaining Bay FM's Mark Hyland. Mark has been a fantastic supporter of the event over the last few years. Later everyone enjoyed

the music provided by Paul Carrigg.

The Drysdale Hotel would like to thank all the local businesses for their support, especially Wendy & Manfred from Wiseguys who did all the head shaves and colouring during the night.

Thank you also to the people who helped out before and during the event.

## Drysdale Senior Citizens Club

A few new members have joined our club in the last couple of months. Our club day on Mondays is very well attended for indoor bowls and we have a lot of fun. So, please come up and watch and if you like, we will teach you how to play. Also on Mondays we have cards and snooker, so there are plenty of choices.

Thursdays we have a craft class which starts at 12 noon. The ladies do lovely work and they all help each other. This is followed by afternoon tea.

Monday, 5 May we have Danny Blume winter fashions coming to the club. Please note the time is 10.30am. Come along and bring a friend. Indoor bowls and cards will follow.

On Monday, 12 May there is Bingo and a Trading Table followed by afternoon tea. Please note that Bingo is held on the second Monday of May and not the first Monday. The date had to be changed because of Danny Blume coming on the first Monday.

**Esther and Mary 5251 2983**

## Drysdale Family Support

Drysdale Family Support is an initiative undertaken by the Drysdale Christian Fellowship and aims to support families in the local area. It provides a Foodbank Plus program to help local families in a very practical way and is conducted from the Drysdale Community Church premises and operates on a weekly basis. Donations, over \$2 to the Drysdale Family Support are tax deductible and all contributions are gratefully received.

**For more information please  
phone (03) 5253 2099**



## THE DRYSDALE VISION LOSS GROUP Inc.

The Drysdale Vision Loss Group Inc. holds meetings at the Bellarine Community Centre, Palmerston Street, Drysdale at 10am on the second Friday of every month except January. We have a guest speaker and discuss vision problems and availability of services. We also have

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Hi Again

I hope that you've started reading this page, as it is starting to find its way now. In this issue, I'll be reviewing a new film starring Jessica Alba, 'The Eye', and inviting you to get involved with the section. I stress again that if anyone has

any upcoming events that they would like to be publicised then don't hesitate to email me at [negative.film@gmail.com](mailto:negative.film@gmail.com).

It would be great to get to know more things that are coming up, for me, as well as for the readers.

# YOUTH PAGE WITH MATT WADE



## The Eye.

Run Time: 97 Minutes

A blind violinist receives a cornea transplant that will allow her to see the world that she has longed to envisage. After receiving it, she begins to have eerie visions of dark and terrifying things, and begins to come to the realization that it's because of her new pair of eyes.

*Feel like you've heard it before?*

You probably have, but this creepy flick is still far from original. It's actually an American remake of the Japanese version. Yes, now is the part where you get the sense of déjà-vu. Japanese remakes? Hollywood seems to be producing them every two months these days. They're obviously very well made movies to be chosen for re-making. Well... I feel it's a safe bet to assume it won't end with The Eye, after they had such success with The Ring franchise and The Grudge franchise.



**Stacey Robertson** –  
'I didn't find it thrilling. I'd much rather stay at home and watch the box with my friends'.  
(15, Bellarine Secondary College)



**Renee Wade**  
'It was good. Eerie with a few jumps'.  
(15, Bellarine Secondary College)



**Thomas Kennedy** –  
'At some points it was average, but throughout the movie certain scenes made you hold on to your seat. It was a scream'.  
(15, St. Josephs College)

*So how does The Eye compare as a movie?*

For any hardcore fans of the horror genre, this may disappoint. Sure, it has its moments (the part involving her oven definitely made a few people jump in the theatre), but if your on the lookout for blood and gore, or even a scary killer, then sadly this will only leave you with cheap thrills and an ending which will make you wonder, 'where's the twist?'. Don't get me wrong though. Jessica Alba, who plays the lead character, gives a believable performance as the scared young woman who doesn't understand what's happening to her. My personal opinion, however, is that she shouldn't have bothered trying her hand at creepy flicks, because it isn't her forte. If you get squeamish from scary movies, yet you wish to give the film a go, then this may be perfect. It's definitely creepy, but not so much, that you'll leave feeling seriously creeped out. This movie was watchable for a tiny scare, but only bother if there's nothing else on that you feel like seeing, or wait for it to come out on DVD.

If there's a movie that you've seen and you would like to tell us what you thought about it, then email in at the address mentioned above. Then we could add a review of it and publish it in the next issue.

**Until next time, Matthew.**

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 12-18 MAY 2008

Now is the time to help your local community by becoming a volunteer. Most people have skills that will help organisations and not-for-profit businesses. You will find it personally rewarding. Meals-on-Wheels are always looking for volunteers. Lions Australia are committed to serving our communities and need more volunteers. Each year many people give hundreds of hours to Ardoch Youth Foundation which make a difference to the lives of many young people and families. Maybe you can help by volunteering today. Volunteers are vital to Australia's social structure.

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The 2009 Bunyip Festival  
will be held on  
Saturday, 28 March  
at Drysdale Primary School,  
10am-3pm.

# The Bunyip Festival '08

- a great fun day for the Bunyip and families



Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 2008 Bunyip Festival such a success. All the volunteers who worked behind the scenes and on the day be they parents, teachers, carers or friends. Thank you to all our sponsors and people who helped us to raise funds to be split between the 2 primary schools.



We have already started to plan the Bunyip Festival for 2009 and call for people to coordinate areas and 'Not for Profits' to think about running food stalls. We call for major sponsors for our raffle and anyone with a great idea – now is the time for us to think about making 2009 the best Bunyip Festival ever. We are leaning towards the theme of 'Fine food and wine in 2009' but it has not been confirmed yet so there is still time for other suggestions.

**Thanks once again for your support. Anne Brackley on behalf of the Bunyip Committee 2008 and the Bunyip.**



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**This month we return to the usual guest speaker routine and look forward to hearing from Barbara Dequile of the Department of Consumer Affairs. She will be letting us know all the latest tricks of Scams and Scammers.**

**So if you have any of those letters from Nigeria offering to share a few million, or you have won lotteries in Spain or U.S.A. which you never entered, then this one is for you.**

The meeting will be held on Monday 12th May in the Members Room at the Clifton Springs Golf Club starting at 10am.

Forthcoming trips include a visit to Skilled Stadium and the Old Geelong Goal.

The creative "Crafty Friends" meet once a month and the Caravans/Cabins Group visit a number of locations throughout the year. Memberships are available for both couples and singles, new members and guests are most welcome.

For further information please contact **Brian Coles on 5253 1448.**

## Blue Ringed Octopus - in our Waters



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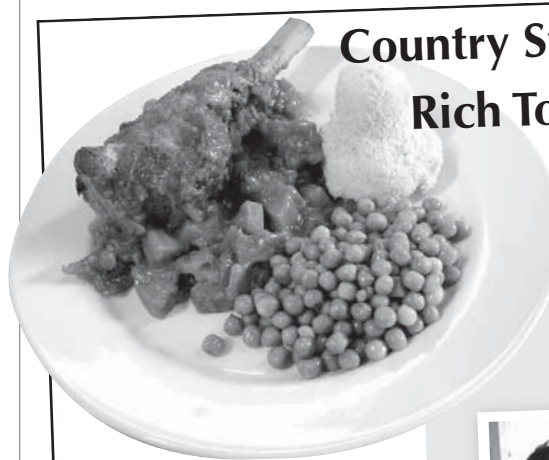
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**2 Lamb Shanks**  
Garlic, Mixed Herbs, Paprika

**Vegetables**  
Leeks, Onions, Carrots, Celery

**Rich Tomato Wine Sauce**  
1 cup red wine  
1 cup beef stock  
1 medium tin chopped tomatoes

**Method**  
Seal the shanks on a grill with garlic, mixed herbs and paprika. Place the shanks and spices into a tray on top of leeks, onions, carrots and celery. Pour the rich tomato wine sauce over the shanks and vegetables. Cook in a medium oven for 3 hours.

### Pommies William

**Method**  
Peel and mash 2 large potatoes. Add 50gm tasty cheese, parsley and chives. Let it cool to room temperature. Roll into a pear shape. Dip in flour, then beaten egg and next into breadcrumbs. Deep fry. Drain on paper then serve hot on a plate with shanks and green peas.

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## Mayday Blues

The Cook is sad – there seems no call for the sparks and spangles in the long meat – making months ahead, Oh Dear, mourns the Cook putting away platters and bowls meant for ceremonial splendour – Oh Dear, only flat plates, flat food, flat gathering! There is of course, Winter food and for a moment the aroma of Cassoulet floats into the Cook's mind and thoughts of Toulouse sausages, duck confit, fat creamy haricot beans. Momentarily gloom lifts there is a life for the Cook after ravishing inducements of Christmas and Easter Day. But then the Cook cries out – why, oh why do we eat such sad remainders of such fat and jolly and trusting animals. Oh to be a green grocer living with ripening fruits, glossy greens, enormous showy cabbages, rotund self satisfied pumpkins. Roasted, steamed, braised, fried, the chums of the Cook, vegetables give up their place in the sun to give us sustenance. The Cook is alive again ( am I an ogre to feel elated at their demise, she muses) throws on her hat and coat, grabs her purse and charges to the green grocer ...no Missy, not got them yet, sorry Mam you've just missed them – seasons finished for them. Oh! Growls the Cook, what rubbish! This is Autumn still – there should be heaps and heaps of bulging, warty, crabbed root vegies! What about a nice this or that or the other. The Cook grunts, grumbles and groans and then buys a bag of every variety of POTATO. Food is always a celebration muses the Cook looking in her diary to an event that has been haunting her. Oh of course! The rest of Easter Jubilation, Easter in the Russian Orthodox faith. The Cook turns to her much loved cook book – 'A Gift to Young Housewives' by Elena Molokhovets.

Some recipe with potatoes, the Cook thinks, eyeing her lumpy bag of sturdy spuds. Soups? Roasted? Salad? Fried? No, no, two dearly loved Russian dishes!

### Potato Pudding with Ham

#### Ingredients

2½ tablespoons butter  
6 eggs  
2lb garnets (1kilo) of potatoes  
½lb ham (250gms)  
½lb cheese (250gms)  
1-2 teaspoons butter

Cream 125gm butter until white, beat in 3 eggs and 3 egg yolks, and add about 1½ glasses (300gms) mashed boiled potatoes and ½lb finely chopped ham. Mix thoroughly and pile into a mould greased with butter. Set in the oven, when the pudding is ready turn it out onto a platter. Strew with cheese and pour on hot butter.

### Potato Croquettes

Peel and boil ¾ garnets (½ kilo) potatoes and immediately mash them with a wooden pestle while they are still hot. Add 1/3 of a glass (170gm) flour and some salt and form into croquettes, that is, into oblong pirozhki. Dip them into ground rusk crumbs and fry in 1/3 glass (170gm) oil or serve them as flat patties. To serve, pour on one of the following: mushroom sauce, herring sauce with dill, sour-sweet sauce with raisins, sour sweet sauce with onion, cherry sauce, red currant sauce or sprat or anchovy sauce. Or serve them with green peas.

'A Gift to Young Housewives'.  
Elena Molokhovets.  
Translated and annotated by Joyce Toomre  
Indiana University Press, 1992

## Biggest Morning Tea Thursday - 22 May

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for The Cancer Council will be held this year on Thursday, 22 May. The Cancer Council is committed to the prevention and control of cancer, to continue research initiatives, education programs and support services for those diagnosed with cancer, their families and carers.

**Springdale Neighbourhood Centre will be partaking in this event and if you, your family and friends are interested please ring 03) 5253 1960.**



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AI Gore Ambassador Steve Mullins will be delivering the latest information on Climate Change at the next meeting of the Portarlington Community Association which will be held in the Bayview Room at Parks Hall, Portarlington. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.  
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## from the garden gate



The end of March saw an extraordinary event. RAIN. Wonderful rain has finally fallen onto our parched soils. It was a joy to smell it and see it running off roof gutters into tanks. Have you noticed how everything looks cleaner and brighter now. I only wish that I had more tanks.

Autumn is a busy time for gardeners. Lightly prune salvias, catmint, canna, fuchsias and pelargoniums. Keep deadheading roses in readiness for their final Autumn bloom. Fork over the vegetable garden and mix in plenty of manure, leave for two weeks, then start planting the winter crops. These are broad beans, leeks, cabbage, onions, peas and spinach.

Now is also the time to start looking through all the seed, bulb and rose catalogues. Look in the garden to see where that bare-rooted fruit tree or rose would like a new home.

In March our guest speaker talked about Viticulture. This included the care and maintenance of grape vines, problems with birds and insects and the production of wine. I never realised that a glass of red had such an interesting history!

Our next speaker for May will talk about keeping goats, cheesemaking and Permaculture. We hope to see YOU there. Monday May 19 at 7.30 p.m. at the Drysdale Uniting Church Hall. Showbench and supper. Members please note that membership fees are now due. Visitors and new members are most welcome.

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## Bokashi Update - Anne Brackley



The garden has almost finished giving up her gifts. Unfortunately we were not home during the enormous wind storm in April and our tomato plants that looked as if they would live for ever were decimated. The corn cobs have all been picked – 38 cobs from 2 punnets of seedlings. The basil has given many leaves that have been converted to pesto in preparation for an Italian cooking day at Portarlington on Friday, 16 May (more details P3).

I have recently planted half a punnet of seedlings in a Bokashi prepared plot and the other half of the punnet planted in a control patch with similar dimensions.

I will provide the same amount of fluids to each but the control will only get water. This will enable us to compare the results.

I have performed this only with grass plots so far with very pleasing results.

We have more than 20 Bokashi buckets in use in the community so far and people keep reporting their results to me.

SpringDale has applied for a small grant to help fund a few more buckets to be trialed by influential community members and also to run a community information afternoon, to showcase the Bokashi system

and results. If you are interested in being part of this session or trial please register your interest at SpringDale.

Bokashi bucket kits are available from SpringDale at \$100 and extra Bokashi grain is also available.



**If you have some hints or perhaps an invention that may assist with gardening.... we would like to hear from you so send in your information and pictures or drop them into to...**

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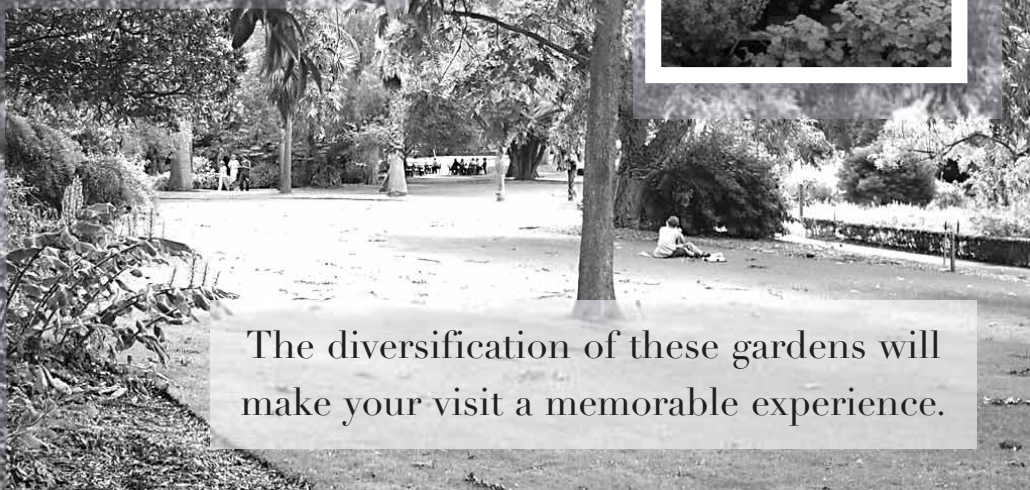
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The establishment of these gardens began in 1851 near Limeburners Point covering 81 hectares. This was the largest allocation in Victoria at that time. They were to be completely planted under the supervision of the first curator Daniel Bunce. The plan was soon changed due to lack of water and harsh winds coming from the bay.

In the centre of the plan, a two hectares sheltered nursery was developed and is now The Geelong Botanic Gardens as we know it today.

The rest of the area was planted out into open parkland with mainly conifers and today it is Eastern Park.

In 1959 the western boundary was extended by increasing the size to 3.6 hectares.

The temperate climate has encouraged the successful cultivation of many species of plants. Over 150 years the gardens have an eclectic and interesting mix of native and exotic plants.

The most recent addition is the completion of the 21st Century Gardens which contrasts with the heritage and history of the original gardens.

The GBG hosts guided tours, lectures, live music, art exhibitions and theatrical performances and the famous 'Friends of the Geelong Botanic Gardens' plant sale. You may even have your wedding there, visit the library and organise a visit for school groups and people of all ages.

Take your family and put the GBG on your 'to do' list soon and enjoy the experience.

For further information please contact The Geelong Botanic Gardens Eastern Park Geelong  
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## Planned Activity Groups (PAG) By Debra Winter

**Bellarine Community Health (BCH) runs Planned Activity Groups (PAG) at Portarlington and Point Lonsdale. The PAG program allows community members who are frail, aging, isolated, young or disabled to connect with their community and its services. This includes respite for both clients and carers.**

### Outings and Activities

Outings and activities for 2008 include; visits to libraries, internet café's, neighbourhood centres, art galleries, museums and education centres, and entertainment venues, a visit to the Drysdale horse whisperer, the 'Blessing of the Bonnets' at The Old Geelong Gaol. Twenty PAG participants, staff and volunteers participated in a boat cruise out of Geelong. The hour long cruise allowed all PAG participants, to hear and see the history of the Port from a comfortable, affordable and safe environment. For many of the participants

who ranged in ages from 34 – 93 years, it was their first time on a boat.

Regular events such as Australia Day, Valentines Day and Easter are celebrated. Footy tipping, learning to cook culturally different foods, maintaining a water friendly garden, and art appreciation, keep the program dynamic and busy.

### Information

Visiting information services, such as Consumer Affairs, dieticians, RSL volunteer support and recruitment officers provide up to date information to PAG participants. Registration with the police register has enhanced independent and safer living for those living at home.

### Ensuring safety

Participants of PAG plan the calendar of activities for the year together which enables them to choose activities suitable to their needs. It also supports their goals to remain safely living in their own home



*Outings for the elderly help to make them feel part of their community.*

and enhances their opportunities to stay connected within their community.

If you are interested in attending PAG please contact us. There are vacancies for the program. We can assist with transport and endeavour to accommodate a wide range of needs. Feel free to pop into the PAG rooms at Portarlington and Point Lonsdale to have a look at what is happening.

**For registration contact the Service Access Officer Alison Cook on 5258 0888. For more information about PAG contact the coordinator Debra Winter on (03) 5251 2291.**

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The key message is to seek professional help from those trained in movement and pain management. Physiotherapists will treat your pain and set out a management plan that will help you find a movement program best suited to your individual needs. Many people don't want or need the gym, some are aged and unwell and in a lot of pain, but we all need to move, well. Physiotherapists are well trained professionals who can help you find the best strategies to achieve your goal.

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# BLOKES

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# & THINGS

There are a couple of Clifton Springs Bloses (Pete & Barry) who spend a lot of time in their respective Sheds.

In their cases, the 'Sheds' might better be described as Home Engineering Workshops and are used for making Miniature Internal Combustion Engines and other interesting 'stuff'. Being a fairly solitary activity, it is good to have periodic contact with other people pursuing similar interests.

For Pete & Barry, this is achieved by participating in a network called 'G MEN' (Geelong Miniature Engineering Network).

'G MEN' was established to provide an alternative to Club Membership for local amateur engineers.

Unlike Clubs or Societies, 'G MEN' is a NETWORK without home base or assets.

There are no office bearers or committee (only an on line moderator). Size of the network is limited and participation is by invitation only. There are no fees. Communication between participants is mainly by means of a restricted on-line group site (although provision is made for the few participants without computer access). Scheduled visits by small groups to other participants' homes provide an opportunity to:-

- Enjoy fellowship without being encumbered by formal meeting procedures.

*Perhaps we would be surprised if we knew what is being achieved in many suburban 'Sheds'!*



Left: Barry admiring the (7) Cylinder Radial Aircraft Engine designed and built by Pete



Top: Ian and Cameron preparing the mould for casting traction engine wheel.



Left: Pepe with the 7 1/4 gauge steam loco he is building.

- Share knowledge and offer encouragement or support.
- Appreciate (and gain inspiration from) their host's projects or activities.
- Become acquainted with their host's workshop, resources and skills.

Resources are sometimes shared by arrangement between individual participants.

Excursions to places or events of interest are arranged by participants as required.

Several times each year, all participants gather at a convenient location for a social get-together.

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Left: Barry machining a connecting rod on his mill/drill



Below - Here several G Men are enjoying John's railway

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## Chantelle – 'Curves' Marathon Girl



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A familiar face in 'Curves' fitness centre for the past 7 months is Chantelle who entered the 'Run For Kids' on Sunday, 30 March in the City of Melbourne.

Chantelle pursued long distance runs and cross country competitions at about the age of 12 and started with Inter Club, and, has been running with 'Geelong Cross Country' for about 5 years.

Chantelle took up the challenge to run with the sponsorship from 'Curves' Drysdale and completed the 14 kilometers run in 59 minutes and placed 10th outright in her age group 10-30 years. The field of approx 30,000 people ran, walked and used other means to complete the course.

Chantelle received notification of her placement and a sports pack.

Her training regime is about 45 minutes to an hour each day and trains at Landy Field, along the Barwon River pursuing her own training program and listening to her favourite music while putting one foot in front of the other.

She has a great deal of enthusiasm for her sport and her quote to others is *"Never give up, keep going always and have faith in your own abilities"*.

It is obvious that Chantelle has faith in her own abilities to complete and place as well as she did. Her fellow work members are very proud of her efforts.

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### 'CURVES' Supports Communities World with 10th Annual Food Drive



L to R: Lisa Barker and Val Smart showing off some of the food that was collected at the 'Curves' centre.

Curves 30 Minute Fitness and Weight Loss Centre in Drysdale recently joined the Curves International Inc. "Curves Food Drive" to benefit local food banks.

"We are so excited to announce that the wonderfully caring members of Curves donated 782.6 Kilograms of food which has been handed over to the Drysdale Family Support Foodbank Plus program. The Food Drive promotion allows Curves to help more women reach their fitness goals, while giving back to the community simultaneously," April Archbold, the owner of the Drysdale club said.

Foodbank Plus is able to help local families in a very practical way. "We offer support to all families on the Bellarine Peninsula. People who attend will be welcomed with respect and can be assured of a caring and confidential atmosphere," said Becky Olver, Coordinator.

"The need in our community is increasing. Our goals of empowerment and strengthening our community are complimentary. We are delighted to have the opportunity to partner our local Curves club and we have been totally overwhelmed with the thoughtful generosity of Curves members. The donations from this food drive will enable us to offer a huge array of quality choices to our families" said Ms Olver.

Following up on a suggestion put forward by a Curves member, Curves will accept ongoing food donations, throughout the year, that will be passed on to the Foodbank Plus program.

"We are very keen to provide our members with a convenient way in which to express their ongoing concern for fellow community families." said Ms Archbold.

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# Bellarine Sharks



## Indoor Soccer has started with a WIN...

**The Bellarine Sharks Indoor Soccer Team, was established in the summer of 2007-2008.**

The team had a successful first season with a runners-up finish in the final against Barwon Strikers with the score (2-3).

It was a great fast game with the Sharks scoring first, thanks to Jayden's free kick. Jessica scored in the second half with a great kick from outside the penalty area. There were some great saves from Bradley in goalkeeping and our defence did some wonderful work in stopping Barwon Strikers from getting anymore goals.

I would like to thank all the parents for bringing their kids to play on Sunday mornings and the great support during the summer season. The winter seasons started on April 6th and I hope we will see the kids back to try again and win the winter season. Thank you all for a great summer season.

**Frank Galan**  
**Bellarine Sharks AFC**

## Bellarine Sharks Association Football Club COME AND JOIN US...

The new Geelong Regional Football (soccer) Association season has started. The local club has lost a few players over the close season, but the loss of those few has been critical to several teams, with the under 14 females, under 15 males and senior womens teams not having enough players to be entered into competition. Whilst this has been a blow for the club, it has been even more of a blow to those players still keen to play, thankfully many of them have found spots at the other local clubs and we wish them well for the new season with their new team mates. The financial risks in terms of potential fines for entering an under strength team are disastrous for a club our size, so after a review by the clubs committee, the following plan has been drawn up to increase participation numbers:

- The club has been renamed Bellarine Sharks Association Football Club (previously St Leonards Sharks AFC) to better reflect the diversity of the membership and to represent all of the townships in the north of the Bellarine.
- The club is looking to run soccer programs in 2008 at the primary schools in St Leonards, Portarlington, Drysdale, Clifton Springs and Leopold with a view to forming under 10's or under 11's mixed teams, potentially training and playing from those locations in 2009.

**All interested parties please contact Geoff Briggs on 0428 501 150**

The teams that have been entered into 2008 competition are the under 11's mixed (sponsored by the Bellarine Peninsula Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank), under 13's mixed (sponsored by Portarlington Newsagency) and senior mens (sponsored by Bayside Security Doors & Shower Screens). If you want to play, coach or volunteer in some other capacity, or simply watch our games, **COME AND JOIN US!**

**Keep an eye on our website**  
(under development)  
**www.sharksafc.com.au**  
for further information, or contact  
the club president, Geoff Briggs  
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### Education Week

Education Week happens across Victoria in all state schools, during the week beginning Monday 19th May. This is a time to celebrate the achievements of our students in all areas of the curriculum.

While Drysdale Primary School classroom programs focus on the development of literacy and numeracy skills for all, children also study topics in Science, Health and Humanities, all the time learning about the world they live in, the lessons of history and the part they can play in protecting the future of the planet. Specialist programs in Music, Art, Physical Education and Information & Communication Technology compliment the classroom programs and provide opportunities for all children to experiment with their creative abilities and their individual talents.

Computers and information technology play an increasingly important part in the way children learn. Teachers use interactive whiteboards, digital cameras, video cameras, scanners etc. and many computer software programs to help children learn. It is an exciting time for children and teachers to engage in learning.



Top: Stephanie O'Dowd using a computer to complete project work.

We want school to be a happy place for children and a time which provides special memories. A time to grasp opportunities and accept challenges. A time when we can support children to be their best.

**Come and visit our school during Education Week. Further information about special events planned for the week will be available in the school newsletter, The Link, which is published weekly and available at [www.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au](http://www.drysdaleps.vic.edu.au)**



Children having fresh fruit after a school walk.

### The Bunyip Festival

A resoundingly successful day, thoroughly enjoyed by many people, was held for both the Drysdale PS and Clifton Springs PS communities. The festival exemplifies people working together to benefit a whole community. Thank you to the host school, Clifton Springs, to the many parents and friends from both schools who helped in the preparation and assisted on the day and to the huge number of businesses that provided sponsorship for the festival. Finally congratulations to Anne Brackley for her co-ordination of the festival. This annual community festival provides a wonderful opportunity for families to have fun together and benefit the school communities.

## Drysdale Football Netball Club

The season has kicked off with a great start by all teams against Barwon Heads on Saturday, 5 April. The Drysdale teams winning seven out of ten games against the home sides.

In the A Grade clash the usually tough and unrelentless Barwon Heads side had a few big names missing, with our girls capitalising and running away with a very convincing win of 54 to 30. The strong combination of Victorian netballer Olivia Wilson in Centre and Victorian and Geelong Basketballer Olivia Cameron in Goal Attack setting the team up for a huge win with best on court performances.

This season the Drysdale A Grade will be a tough team to beat and if their first game was any indication of what's in store for the rest of the year it is sure to be exciting!!

In other grades :- B Grade 43 to 22, Best : R. Blair, H. Kennedy; C Grade 25 to 26, Best : T. Maher, L. Mallett; D Grade 32 to 30, Best : J. Connally, J. Thomson; 19 & U 36 to 24, Best : E. Trehwella, A. Davis; 17 & U 17 to 31, Best : K. Stockman, T. Justice; 15A 53 to 10, Best : S. Peters, H. Kennedy; 15B 55 to 3, Best : A. O'Dowd, E. Chester; 13A 18 to 19, Best : B. O'Dowd, C. Vincent; 13B 27 to 9, Best : Z. Barrow, O. Wild.

The girls named in the Bellarine Rep sides have presentation at Buckleys on May 2nd and play their first tournament at Waverley on May 4th. Goodluck to the following girls :- 13&U Millie Deaath, Cassie Vincent, Chloe McDowell, Brittany O'Dowd, Grace Alsop, Abbey Lane. 17&U Kate Burnett, Hannah Chester, Daina Flynn.

### DINNER DANCE AUCTION

**We are holding a dinner dance auction on Saturday, 28 June at the Geelong Football Club.**

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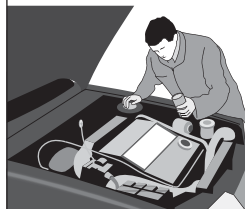


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## Drysdale Guides - Had fun at Lady Stradbroke Camp



Drysdale Senior Guides had 100% participation at the latest region camp and were awarded a gold certificate for their efforts. The girls enjoyed a camp based on the theme of hippies and peace. A group of junior Guides also attended and participated fully.

It is always rewarding to see the girls use their life skills that they have practised in such a positive way. We look forward to our next challenges that the girls decide to attempt. Drysdale Guides meet on Thursdays at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre and still maintain 10 Guide Laws that enable decision

making to be much easier.

The first Guide law is 'A Guide is loyal and can be trusted'. I have tried to live by these laws for the last 43 years. Guides also have a promise, which commits you to always do your best and a motto which encourages you to always be prepared. Guides have shaped my life, it has always encouraged me to 'have a go' and see what you can achieve. We currently have opportunities for girls and adult women to join Drysdale Guides.

**Please contact Anne Brackley  
(03) 5251 2250 for more details.**

## CORYULE WARD/UPDATE

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

### Clifton Springs Coastal Management Plan

The long awaited Clifton Springs Coastal Management Plan to guide the conservation and management of the township's coastal reserve system has been approved by Council. The Plan was prepared in consultation with an Agency Advisory Group, representatives from relevant State Government agencies as well as the Wathaurong Co-operative; and the Community Stakeholder Group, comprising residents and members of local clubs and associations, all of whom are owed a special debt of gratitude for their patience.

### Key recommendations from Clifton Springs Coastal Management Plan include:

- Beach renourishment from the boat harbour to Long Jetty including installation of groynes that would also improve pedestrian access along the coast and protect the archaeological remains of the mineral springs complex – planning already commenced.
- Heritage Landscape Plan for The Dell, mineral springs and Second Dell to guide future works to improve visitor facilities and access – work well underway already.

- Repair/replace the closed stairs at Edgewater Drive.
- Investigate construction of an all-weather path from The Dell to Scarborough Creek along with picnic facilities and new beach access east of Beacon Point.
- Construction of a footpath along Bayshore Avenue and Clifton Street.
- Construction of an all-weather path from the entrance of the boat harbour to Griggs Creek.
- Weed control and revegetation within the coastal reserves.
- Future development west of Jetty Road to include provision of a cliff top shared trail with connections to a path along Griggs Creek and beach access, lookout point, and public facilities including picnic and play equipment.

Funding for implementation of these recommendations are proceeding with the initial State Government grant of \$500,000 from Minister Lisa Neville along with an estimated additional \$200,000 of Council funds subject to 2008/9 budget considerations.

### Bellarine Connections

The Bellarine Connections program is now underway with Peter Hibbert running the project aimed at improving the availability of all public transport services in conjunction with bus and taxi companies as well as the Queenscliff ferry and Vicrail services. For more detail, contact Peter on 0447 449337 or wait until the detail is up on the website.

### Drysdale/Clifton Springs Structure Plan

Preliminary work on the 3D Virtual Reality modeling to display the present and proposed features of the whole township is coming along nicely. We are not exactly sure of the finishing but I will keep you posted.



### Drysdale Library/Geelong Regional Library Corporation

Discussions continue with the Geelong Regional Library Corporation and interested community support groups relating to plans to upgrade facilities in Drysdale. We would like to see it more as a community hub providing a modern facility and service for all ages and abilities. There will be an amount in the forthcoming 2008/9 budget suitable for the preparation of a report to scope the project.

### Drysdale/Leopold Pony Club

The Drysdale/Leopold Pony Club arena is now completed and in use and the official opening was held Sunday 6 April at the Club grounds.

I look forward to any suggestions from the public and until then I will keep you updated in next month's newsletter.

**Cr. Tom O' Connor**

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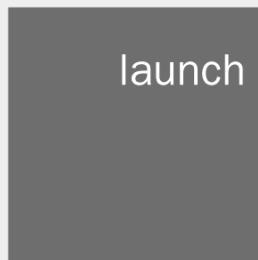
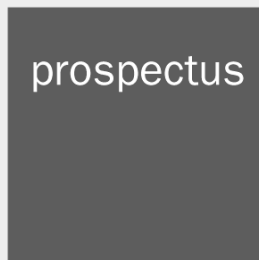
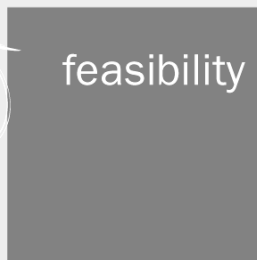
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