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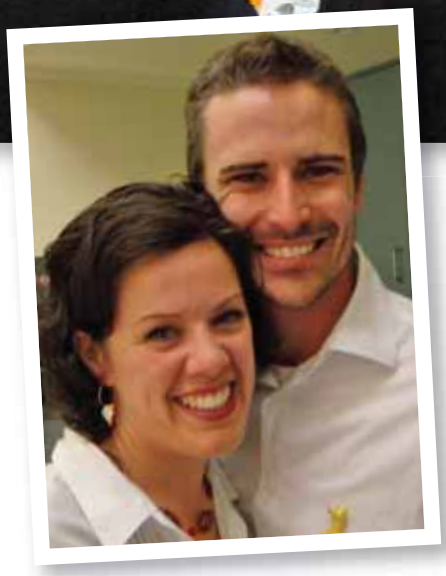

Tim & Bree Elam

People from the community came together on Friday evening 6 March to enjoy a time of fun, food and entertainment to raise funds for the Victorian bush fire victims. The effort was initiated by Tim and Bree Elam of Drysdale who felt that we as a community needed to do more to support those who had been struck by such tragedy.

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Community Events & Entertainment Calendar

April

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- **Boo Hewerdine** (The Studio)
- **Term 1 ends**

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- **Spud Fest** (Potato Shed)

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- **Daylight Savings ends**

10

- **Good Friday**
  'Walk of Witness'
  St. James' Anglican Church
  11.15am

12

- **Easter Sunday**

17

- **Spud Club Open Mic Night** (Potato Shed)

18

- **Singles Party +35** (The Studio)
- **Geelong Harmony Chorus**
  'More Songs at the Supper Club' (Potato Shed)
- **Car Boot Sale** - St James' Drysdale

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- **Drysdale Market**
  9am-1pm

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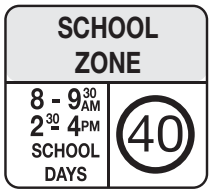

- **Term 2 begins**

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- **Morning Showtime 'Over The Sea to Skye'** (Potato Shed)
- **Bokashi Workshop**
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- **Karaoke Night to Aid Bush Fire Relief** (Potato Shed)
- **Drysdale VIEW Club**
  11am Leopold Sportsmans Club

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- **Anzac Day & Service**
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- **Portarlington Market**
  9am-2pm

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from the centre

with Anne Brackley [centre coordinator]

Hi everyone

SpringDale has been so busy lately with a wedding, a celebration of a life, 2 birthday celebrations, a fundraising dinner, school reunion, Trivia night, a City of Greater Geelong Community Consultation, a new church started along with all the other things that happen normally. Many people who come in say "It's busy here!" We all just smile and nod and sometimes say "You should see it when it's really busy". We never know what opportunities each day might bring.

The other day a friend rang to let me know that she was concerned that people might not know that elderly and infirmed people may be granted special dispensation to water their gardens from 9am-10am a couple of days a week as it is unsafe for them to be out at night. Barwon Water can be approached by people who meet the criteria. We have included an article from Barwon Water about this subject and water saving tips.

As we approach school holidays again SpringDale will be open from 9am-12noon daily except for Good Friday and Easter Monday. On Monday 21 April we will resume normal office hours of 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday. We have been staying open until 5pm for about 6 months now and it seems to be working well with Brett at the desk and many people helping him. His fan club continues to grow daily.

The Bellarina Toy library was one of the first services established at SpringDale more than 16 years ago. There has been a short list of champions who have managed this service capably over this period. Helen Searle has been the driving force behind the Bellarina Toy Library for the last 4 years. But Helen's children are now older and she is ready to follow them into other opportunities. Just as we were trying to find other ways to manage this service a new champion came forward, Megan Conn. Megan has always wanted to help to manage a toy library. Helen, Megan and a few other people have spent many hours sorting and checking the hundreds of toys over the last few weeks. Megan now hopes to welcome many new people to this service. Sessions are now on every Tuesday morning from 9am-9.45am at SpringDale.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Clean Up Australia Day, but wouldn't it be better if we all tried to pick up a little rubblish everytime we see something. Thanks to the City of Greater Geelong officers who get out of their rubbish trucks and return empty rubbish bins to the driveways of the disabled or elderly people. Once again I am surprised that neighbours don't provide this service.

Warmest regards
Anne Brackley
and the SpringDale team.

UPDATE @ SpringDale

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We have had a great response to the Lead Lighting Course. Book your place now to avoid disappointment.

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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 Monday, 25 May 2009 at 7am in the SpringDale Community Hall. The guest speaker will be Jake Hogendooren talking on Time Management.

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I first started with private clients and then when I received a phone call from SpringDale asking if I would like to run their computer classes, to which, I said yes, and then I began teaching at SpringDale back in mid 2000.

Since then, I have also run computer classes at Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre, Bellarine Living & Learning Centre as well as Queenscliff Neighbourhood House.

I am still teaching at SpringDale and now at St Leonard's Space and the class members and I have a lot of fun whilst learning.

Since then I have enjoyed myself immensely teaching people of all ages and levels to use and enjoy the computer. I believe there is no point having a computer if you can't use it. So several years and many people and places later I am still doing just that.

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with Anne Brackley

Wow what a wonderful response we have had to our 'On the Buses' idea. 10 people so far have their names on the list to come touring with us on the cross peninsula bus. The first date we have picked is Friday, 8 May and our first destination will be to Ocean Grove. David will be our tour leader and I'm hoping to be able to join in too.

I understand that dates and days of weeks will affect whether people can attend but hopefully we've picked a good start date. Sorry if it does not suit you. Please let us know better days of the week so people can attend. I would love to do this and I'm hoping other people will find this to be interesting as well. The cost will be kept to a minimum. A day ticket on the cross peninsular bus is $3.40 and a concession day ticket is $1.70. The only other costs are whatever your lunch and any purchases cost.

The Bus trip to Melbourne and South Melbourne markets has enough for one bus and we are now filling the second. What a great day when SpringDale 'hits' the markets! The cost for this excursion is $20 and we would love to fill the second bus. There will be room under the bus for eskies etc to hold any purchases that need to stay cold.

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NEWS from Lisa Neville MP — Member for Bellarine

Victoria's Bushfires

As I know you are well aware, we are confronting the most devastating natural disaster in Australia's history, with more than 200 deaths and over 2000 properties lost in the tragic Black Saturday fires. I would like to offer my sincere sympathy to those of you who have lost family and friends. As Minister for Community Services, I have a major responsibility for the relief and recovery effort. I have spent two weeks meeting with families and individuals whose lives have been so devastatingly affected whilst visiting relief centres throughout the bushfire affected areas. Many CFA and Red Cross volunteers from Bellarine have been directly involved in fighting the fires and in the relief effort. They are still doing a wonderful job and I thank them for their commitment and great contribution.

People across the State, including from Bellarine, have rallied to support all those who are facing the challenges of rebuilding. The generosity of our community has been terrific. Your thoughts and your prayers are also an important part of our ongoing support to all those who have lost so much, and I invite you to sign the condolence book at my electorate office – Shop 1, Newcomb Central, 71 Bellarine Highway, Newcomb.

For more information on how to help please contact:

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Blood donations can be made via the Red Cross, visit **www.donateblood.com.au** or call **13 14 95.**

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Improved Bus Services

Geelong and Bellarine bus services and central interchange will be overhauled as part of an $80 million State Government package, following approval by the City of Greater Geelong for a new bus hub to improve connections for commuters. Council has agreed that Moorabool Street will be the location for the new central bus stop.

This is terrific news for Geelong and Bellarine Peninsula passengers as it will allow for future bus service improvements to be finalised. This new central interchange will allow passengers to transfer easily from one bus to another, rather than having to walk a considerable distance to change buses. It will also encourage more people to take the bus instead of driving into central Geelong as there will be better public transport access to businesses and services.

Department of Transport will continue to work with the City of Greater Geelong and local bus operators to introduce route and timetable improvements announced under the Victorian Transport Plan. The Government's investment of $80 million to boost local bus services will deliver the new central bus interchange, as well as more frequent bus services, extended routes and increased operating hours.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office if there are any issues I may be able to assist you with.

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ANZAC Day - a day to remember

Local residents will meet this year at the Drysdale Primary School Activity Hall at 10am for an ANZAC service then proceed to the Cenotaph in High Street, Drysdale for a wreath laying ceremony around 11am. Refreshments will be available in the RSL Hall following the ceremony.
Further information can be obtained from Bill Hutcheons on (03) 5253 2996.

The ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Fort Queenscliff is a memorable one and the gates open at 5am with the service commencing at 5.45am. It is useful to bring a torch and breakfast will be served for the cost of $3 following the service.

Drysdale RSL Sub-Branch

The Drysdale RSL Sub-Branch hold monthly meetings on the second Thursday at 1.30pm. The AGM was recently held and new office bearers are President, Geoff Wisbey, Vice-President, Geoff Zanker, Secretary, Bill Hutcheons, and Treasurer, Josh Gay and Committee comprises Kevin Davis, Gordon Harding and Neil Mannix. The Sub-Branch is currently looking for new members of any service, male or female. The present membership is 68 members of which 4 are Vietnam Veterans and 4 Affiliated members. Those interested can contact Geoff Wisbey on (03) 5251 2470.

The Drysdale RSL Women's Auxiliary meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm in the RSL Hall, Princess Street, Drysdale. If you are interested in joining this friendly group, you can telephone Pam on (03) 5251 2328.

Book Club - *The spare room*

On Monday 2 March, the Book Club met to discuss *The spare room*, by Helen Garner. Garner is a well-established author with many novels, short stories and screenplays to her credit, as well as several non-fiction books. *The spare room* is her fourth novel. Several members who had been away returned and we were happy to welcome three new people to their first meeting.

The spare room tracks events when Nicola comes from Sydney to stay with her friend Helen in Melbourne. Nicola has advanced cancer and has come to Melbourne for three weeks of unorthodox treatment that she believes will cure her. Helen's desire as a friend to look after Nicola changes gradually into first a responsibility, then a burden; and as the treatment worsens Nicola's condition, Helen's concern for her gives way to concern for herself (and for Nicola's other friends). Everyone enjoyed reading the book and it prompted lively discussion, leading to our highest rating so far - 9/10.

The Book Club meets at the SpringDale Centre on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm for about 90 minutes, ending with a cup of tea. At our next meeting on Monday 6 April, we'll discuss Victoria Finlay's travel memoir, *Colour: Travels through the Paintbox*. Then on Monday, 4 May, we'll discuss *Gomorrah*, by Roberto Saviano.

New members are always very welcome. For more details, contact the SpringDale Centre on (03) 5253 1960.

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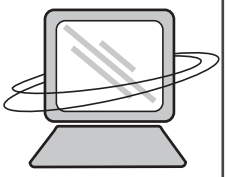

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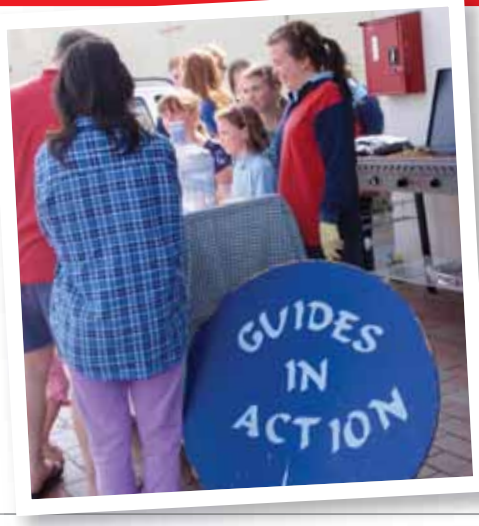
Drysdale Guides in Action

Our two youngest leaders decided that Drysdale Guides should help the Bushfire survivors. They encouraged other leaders, many of our guides and a number of parents to help. They also asked Safeway to support the efforts and they donated an $80 gift voucher. In 5 hours the Guides turned that voucher into 10 kilos of sausages, 6 loaves of bread and sauce and it was then turned into $630.40 of donations from very generous community members, who may or may not have taken a sausage from our barbeque.

Sometimes fundraising can leave you a little flat, but this did not happen on this day. Most people were very happy to help Drysdale Guides help someone else.



Thank you so much to everyone who made the day so successful.

We also felt very privileged to attend a community consultation organised by the City of Greater Geelong concerning foot paths and many other aspects of life in Drysdale/ Clifton Springs. The Guides participated fully in the evening and enjoyed playing a part in democracy.

For more information about Guides in Drysdale please contact Anne Brackley on (03) 5251 2250.

Curves members help fire victims

Curves members quickly and generously rallied to the aid of our fellow Victorians during the recent bushfire disaster. Masive amounts of clothing, bedding, shoes and kitchenware were collected by Curves Bellarine.

"Our members were just so thoughtful" said Ms April Archbold, manager of Curves Bellarine. Even the founder of Curves, Mr Gary Heavin from Texas USA generously contributed $10,000 to the appeal.

"It was incredibly touching to see so many personal toiletry items and baby goods donated. In fact so much was given that we didn't have the space to store it", said Ms Archbold. Fortunately, Anne Brackley from the SpringDale Neigbourhood Centre kindly offered to help out until the truck organised by the Curves Victorian Co-Op could collect the items.

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'Health through eating' By Angela Walker (accredited practising dietitian)

Sue saw the dietitian at Bellarine Community Health as suggested by her doctor because she had just been diagnosed with pre-diabetes. Sue knew that the few extra kilos around her tummy had not helped either.

Daily intake:

- **Breakfast :** 2 slices of white toast + spread of butter + jam, cup of tea / milk / 2 sugars
- **Morning Tea:** biscuit, tea
- **Lunch:** sandwich with cheese and ham, tea
- **Afternoon tea:** dry biscuit
- **Dinner:** steak/chicken with potato, peas + corn
- **Dessert:** tinned fruit + cream
- **Supper:** tea

Sue is keen to reduce her cholesterol and blood pressure through what she eats instead of medication.

Compared with the 'Australian guide to healthy eating' Sue's eating habits had some positive's; regular meals, adequate protein and iron from meat/chicken. Sue could improve her diet: more fruit, vegetables, low fat dairy and reduce high fat foods like butter, cream biscuits and cheese; reduce foods high in refined carbohydrates (white bread) and sugar and salt.

Sue agreed on setting weekly goals:

- **Week 1:** change to multigrain bread (lowers effect on blood sugars)
- **Week 2:** replace sweet biscuit with piece of fruit (fruit contains less fat to help weight and cholesterol)
- **Week 3:** try 50% reduced fat block cheese in sandwich (less fat)
- **Week 4:** replace dry biscuit with unsalted nuts (lower in salt for blood pressure)

After four weeks Sue's waist had decreased by 2cm and daily blood sugars were lower.

Added goals:

- **Week 5:** change cream to light ice-cream (less fat)
- **Week 6:** reduce sugar in tea to 1 tsp
- **Week 7:** add vegetable to sandwich
- **Week 8:** include sweet potato (lower glycemic index)

Sue felt positive she could continue these goals. These changes have helped Sue lower blood sugars, lose waist and reduce her cholesterol and blood pressure. Sue is feeling more energetic and is now going to walk daily with her neighbour.

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Through Giggles we hope to give local parents and children the opportunity to connect with other families and provide educational and fun experiences.

Guest speakers are invited to discuss and focus on personal wellbeing centred on the parent and child. From health and nutrition for our babies, toilet training, sleep and settling to reading with our children to name a few.

Statistics show that townships within the Bellarine have the lowest measure of children entering early childhood education experiences (44.2%), and some of the lowest measures of pre-school participation (27.6%).

Giggles operates in a supportive environment where everyone is welcome. It is a great way to meet new people within your local community and allow your children the opportunity to participate in both structured and non-structured play.

It's all cooking @ SpringDale

Every week about 24 men enjoy cooking at SpringDale. They meet in 2 groups on a Wednesday and on a Thursday. They plan, shop, prepare, cook, eat and clean up together. There's always lots of fun and laughter. We recently had a couple of guest chefs. Peter shared his bread making talents and Tony shared his international stir fry techniques. It isn't a class, it's a group of people sharing talents and skills.

Earlier this year we started a Friday Kitchen for Women and this has kicked off wonderfully. A small group of women are enjoying cooking together each Friday and there is room for a few more.

It costs $2 to be a member of SpringDale and $1 a week to help cover electricity and gas and then it's the cost of the ingredients which works out to be about $3 a serve. The group then enjoys the delights they have prepared.

We had some enquiries about starting other groups in the evening or maybe Saturday morning – we simply need a few names and a champion to get it to start.

So if you would like to be part of a group like this at a different time of the day please contact SpringDale and if you would like to share your talents in the cooking arena with others please contact SpringDale phone **(03) 5253 1960.**

BELLARINE POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT REGISTER INC

The Register was launched in October 2006 for the purpose of providing a data base for people to register their personal and contact details. This information is accessed by Police in the event of an emergency and was accessed during the recent spell of extreme weather conditions.

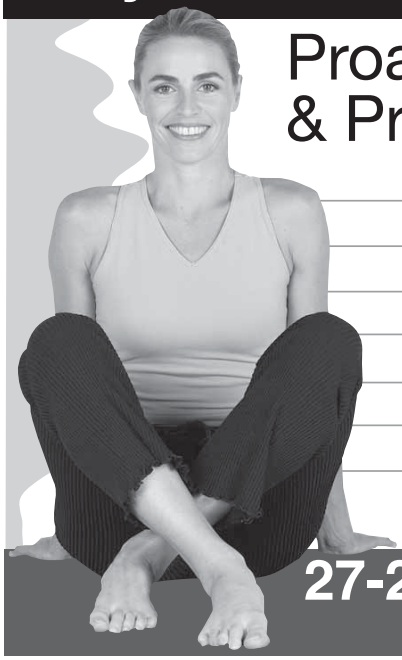
Brochures and Registration Forms are available at all pharmacies on the Bellarine Peninsula. Registration is free and is available to people of all ages residing on the Bellarine Peninsula.

You are invited to attend an Afternoon Tea to talk about the Register with the Committee and if possible to meet a member from the Drysdale Police Station.

The Afternoon Tea will be held in the SpringDale Hall, 17-21 High Street Drysdale on Thursday 7 May 2009 at 2pm. Admission by a gold coin donation. Parking available at rear of Hall.

For further information please telephone (03) 5259 2763.

Drysdale Health Group



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Our caring community supports Bushfire Appeal

Music, auctions, games, great food, CFA members recalling experiences, the evening was a moving experience.

Cassandra Ellis singing *Land of Dreams,* written by local artist Roma Waterman

The night centred around a delicious 3 course meal that was beautifully prepared by Chefs Lauren Ellis (of Sticky Fingers Catering) and Rachel Pickett (formerly of Kalamata Café) also Harold Edwards. Without the help of various cheerful volunteers, including the Drysdale Girl Guides, to serve, these meals would not have been nearly as enjoyable.

Throughout the evening the group took part in various auctions and games, and enjoyed a solo sung by Cassandra Ellis. The song *Land of Dreams,* written by local artist Roma Waterman, brought a tear to many eyes as it empathised with the hurts of those struck by the Black Saturday fires. The song is now for sale on iTunes with all proceeds going to the bushfire appeal.

A group from the CFA were the guests of honour and were kind enough to share with the group some of their experiences from the fires. They also gave a generous donation toward the fundraiser.

The evening was sponsored in part by Clifton Springs Baptist Church and Pastor Tim King, but also many others from the local area. We would like to thank the Apollo Bay Colonial Cottages, Ocean Grove Holiday Park, The Zoo, Cafe 8, Drysdale Hotel, Em-Vious Hair Studio, Get Smart Hair Salon, Video Ezy, Scotchmans Hill Winery, blue pencil publishing, Virginia Dyson, and Phyllis Hodgson who gave generously for door prizes and raffles. Thanks go to Bella Fruitz and Hommy's Butchers for providing some of the food used to create such delicious meals.

We would also like to thank the SpringDale Neighborhood Centre who gave us so much support as well as the use of the hall. The sum of all money raised for Baptcare is about $2500. What a great gift.

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$6 each

Cooking @ the Centre

Vegetarian Lasagna

This delicious vegetarian lasagne recipe is highly nutritious and easy to make. Serves 6-8

Ingredients:
1 jar meatless pasta sauce
Small packet of light mozzarella cheese
1 kg pumpkin cut into 2cm cubes
Sea salt
freshly ground white pepper
1 cup olive oil
8 sage leaves finely sliced
½ cup pine nuts
1 large onion
2 cloves garlic
½ tablespoon dried basil
½ tablespoon dried oregano
300gm eggplant, peeled and cut into 1cm squares and salted for twenty minutes
1 capsicum cut into 1cm squares
2 zucchinis cut 1cm squares
800gm chopped tinned tomatoes
75 gm butter
75gm flour
500ml milk
300ml sour cream
500gm spinach
200gm instant lasagne sheets
80gm parmesan grated
Chilli flakes

Method
Preheat oven to 175c. Place pumpkin in a baking tray. Coat with chilli flakes and season and drizzle with a little olive oil. Bake for 20 minutes. Add sage and pine nuts and turn pumpkin over. Bake for a further 10 minutes or until soft and golden. Add remaining oil to a saucepan, cook sliced onion and garlic with the dried herbs until soft, about 15 minutes. Rinse salt from the eggplant and fry with the onions for 5 minutes. Add jar of meatless pasta sauce, capsicum and zucchini and cook a further 5 minutes. Check seasoning, add tomatoes and simmer until thick, about 20 minutes. Meanwhile, melt the butter in a saucepan and add the flour. Cook gently for 5 to 10 minutes. Gradually add milk and mozzarella cheese, stirring constantly to prevent lumps forming. Allow to boil, stir through sour cream and reserve. Saute spinach in a little extra olive oil and cover the bottom of a 15cm x 20cm baking dish. Cover spinach evenly with lasagne sheets. Cover with pumpkin mixture and pour over half the tomato mixture and then half the white sauce. Layer with lasagne sheets and repeat with remaining tomato mix and add white sauce. Sprinkle with parmesan and bake until golden, about 45 minutes.

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A busy start to the year with the Caravan & Cabin Friends visit to Port Fairy attended by 19 members. This included an evening at Flagstaff Hill in Warrnambool enjoying the laser light and sound show. David Holland and Margaret Holzgrefe are welcome new members to the 2009 committee.

The first trip for the year for the year was to 'The Heights' which not surprising is one of the most popular National Trust

Properties in the area. After an extensive guided tour covering the history of the house and its contents, lunch was taken at the Great Western Hotel.

Our last meeting held on Labour Day was a Trivia morning designed to get the brains working followed by a BBQ lunch. Next month the meeting falls on Easter Monday when our guest speaker Margaret Beatty will talk about organ donation.

Memberships are still available for both couples and singles. Guests and visitors are most welcome to all our meetings held on the second Monday of each month at the Clifton Springs Golf Club, Members Room starting at 10am.

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Where do you purchase scissors with reverse blades and left-handed musical instruments? Ironing is a tedious task at any time, but being left-handed makes it even more difficult.

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Adrian E. Mannix Community Service Award 2009

The presentation will take place on Monday, 25 May 2009 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 organisations. This should be a wonderful evening and a great way to recognise the efforts of individuals in our community.

National Smile Day Wednesday, 1 April

An Inspirational Thought, Motivational Thought - The Value Of A Smile
by Author Unknown

A smile cost nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

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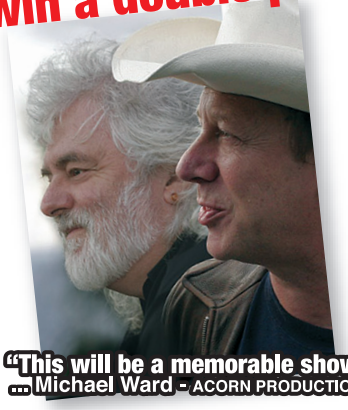

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Almost every Internet Service Provider, dialup or broadband, will provide you with some free space as part of your internet connection. This can range from hundreds to thousands of megabytes. This may not be a lot of space, when you compare it to the size of the average photograph, however you can always increase this space by paying a little extra each month.

The ISPs provide this space to you for hosting you own web content, so why not use it for storing your files online – rather than putting a website there? In order to do this you need a reasonable functional FTP program – we use FTP Commander at SpringDale – and the account settings from your ISP. (FTP stands for File Transfer Protocol.) The most important thing to remember about the internet is that it is a public space, so any file that you upload using FTP can be accessed by anyone using a web browser. However this can be overcome if you need to protect your files from unauthorised access.

In the next Messenger I will explain FTP further, and File Permissions which are used to restrict access to files and folders.

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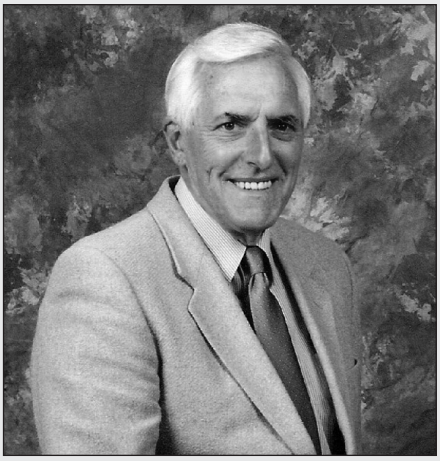
Obituary

Jack (John) Gillies



Jack passed away on December 19 2008 aged 82. For over 50 years Jack and Dot (who passed away in August 08) have been familiar and friendly faces in the Drysdale community.

The Gillies family moved to Drysdale from Maidstone (Footscray) in 1958, and soon became involved in many aspects of community life. As young Jeff, the third child, grew up Jack was always on hand to transport the local junior football and cricket teams to their away games in his 'trusty' (or should that be 'rusty') combi ute. More sedate transport was offered for the family's involvement in Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts and Uniting Church Youth Group activities.

As the Gillies Poultry Farm expanded, Jack became possibly one of the biggest local employers. Many of the town's young people, among others, would have their memories of after school, Saturdays and holidays spent collecting, grading and packing eggs under Jack's watchful eye.

When heart problems forced him into retirement, and the business was sold, Jack & Dot moved into the 'house that Jack built' on the hill of their property in the now officially named 'Gillies Road'.

With time on his hands, Jack became more actively involved in community work and activities with the church of which both he and Dot were founding members – now known as Drysdale Community Church. Jack and Dot often hosted visiting missionaries and ministers, in addition to the steady stream of family members who would come back to visit.

Jack was on the committee of the first combined churches foodbank program, served on the oversight of this new and growing church, and was always on hand to help at fund raisers and working bees as the new church building in Jetty Road was built.

Jack was always willing to help others with his time, his possessions and his skill as a carpenter. There would still be many people in the Drysdale/Clifton Springs area who would have evidence in their homes of Jack's generosity and skills. Many would still remember a time when Jack had given them a hand. His motto was 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you'. Even when Dot passed away in August, Jack continued to help on the Drysdale Family Support Foodbank team, and at Second Chance Clothing opportunity shop.

Jack will be remembered by all who knew him as an extremely warm and generous man with a great sense of humour. A man of great integrity and compassion, a man who loved his wife, his family, his church, his community and his God. Jack and Dot have three children – Julie, Dianne & Jeff; nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Drysdale Senior Citizens Club

40 years young

We celebrated our 40th birthday at the club on March 23 and were entertained by Shirley Power, followed by a lovely afternoon tea. Everyone enjoyed the day.

Monday 6 April is Bingo and our trading table followed by a nice cup of tea/coffee. So come and join us for a fun day. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, 21 April we are having a trip to Roberta's Cottage in Winchelsea for lunch. The bus will cost $20 and you buy your own lunch. We need 23 people to fill the bus, so please come along and join us. If you can't come up to the club, give us a ring and we will put your name down. Phone (03) 5251 2983 and ask for Mary or Esther.

The club is going very well but we always welcome new members. Please call in sometime and see what we have to offer.

Every Monday we open at 12.30pm and have cards, snooker and indoor bowls. If you don't play any of them, come along and we will teach you. It's a lot of fun. Tuesday we are closed. Wednesday at 1pm we have indoor bowls and snooker and we need a few more snooker players. Thursday at 12noon we have afternoon craft class or just a chat and cuppa. Friday 12.30pm it's snooker and indoor bowls again. Saturday 12noon is cards or snooker. So why not come and see us, you will be very welcome. All our members are very friendly.

We would like to wish all our sick members a speedy recovery and hope to see you back soon.

Esther and Mary.

Potato Shed applauds public support for Bushfire Appeal

We want to start this months update by saying thank you to all those involved in making our February Spud Club a wonderful success and for helping us to raise $1,614.45 for the Bushfire Appeal.

A special thanks to members of the Encore Theatre Company for volunteering their services on the night and for contributing to the grand total. It was great to see our very own stand up comedian Blaise White get up and perform, it would be great to see more budding comedians at future open mic nights. There were a few other newcomers to Spud Club who had such a great night they have promised to return with their friends so the secret is out!

The Geelong Harmony Chorus are returning in April with More Songs at the Supper Club, another cabaret style show, always a great night of entertainment. Morning Showtime kicks off for 2009 with Over the Sea to Skye. The show features 14 traditional Scottish songs accompanied by the true emotional and heartwarming stories behind each one. The second morning showtime is Queen of Bingo, the perfect show for everyone who loves a laugh. Lots of audience participation including a quick game of bingo! So that nobody misses out on the fun there will also be an evening performance of Queen of Bingo, see below for details!

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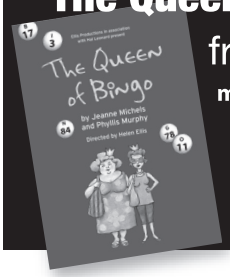

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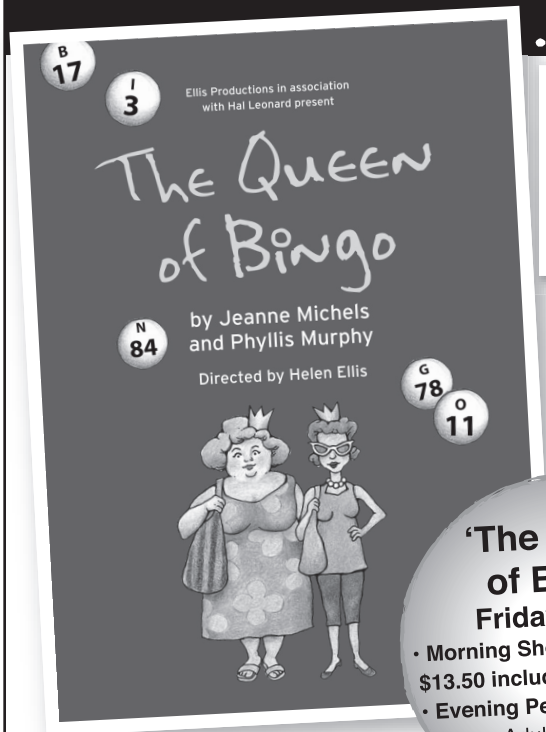

'The Queen of Bingo'
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Morning Showtime
Tuesday 21 April
'Over The Sea to Skye'
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Spud CLUB

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Friday 17 April
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- **31 March - The Write Stuff**
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- **4 April - Spud Fest - All Ages Event**
1.30pm – 10pm $15.00 entry
- **17 April - Spud Club - Open Mic Night – all welcome!**
6.30pm – Children / Teenagers, 8pm – Adults
$5 entry includes 1 complimentary drink.
- **18 April - Geelong Harmony Chorus**
'More Songs at the Supper Club'
8pm. Enquiries - Gill (03) 5248 4587
- **21 April - Morning Showtime - Over The Sea to Skye**
10.30am, $13.50 includes Morning Tea
- **24 April - Karaoke Night to Aid Bush Fire Relief**
$5.00 to Enter, $5.00 to Sing
- **1 May 'The Queen of Bingo' Morning Showtime - 10.30am**
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Bacchus Marsh

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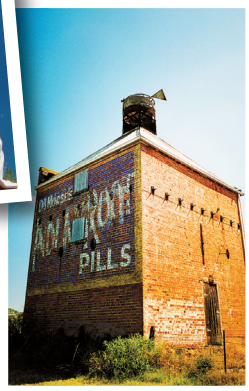

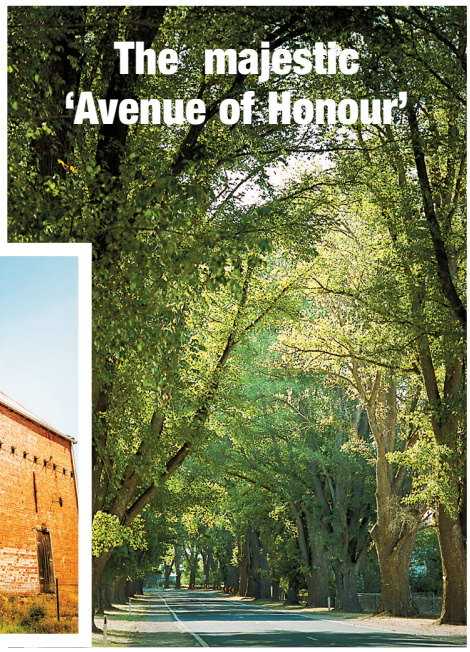

Top: Ta Pinu Sculpture

Right: The Chickory Kiln

Bacchus Marsh is approx 1 hour from Geelong and is a combination of country living with city attributes. It is surrounded by orchards, deep gorges and forests that all contribute to a wonderful tourist destination. The Werribee Gorge, Lerderderg Gorge, Brisbane Ranges and the Long Forest Nature Reserve which is the southern most remnant of mallee vegetation in Victoria are all within easy access to Bacchus Marsh.

The 'Avenue of Honour', which is lined by hundreds of elm, oaks and plane trees, planted to honour those who served during World War I. The 'Avenue of Honour' is a wonderful entrance to the business section of town. It is worthwhile stopping in the 'Avenue' and take in the beauty and majesty of these truly memorable line of dedicated trees.

There is a mix of modern and historical buildings including the historic Court House, the Tudor-style Border Inn, the Blacksmith's Cottage, and a number of churches dating back to the 1800s.

The Chicory Kiln, in Taverner Street, has been preserved since its construction in 1885 when chicory roots were roasted before being ground and added to coffee.

There are B&B's, hotels, motels and caravan parks that offer a large range of accommodation for a great family weekend stayover, and for the kids Bacchus Marsh has a public swimming pool in Grant Street, and something for the family if you value a good round of golf, the Bacchus Marsh Golf Course which was was established in 1907 is gently undulating and offers panoramic views of the picturesque Lerderderg Valley. Whether you want to go gliding, play golf or shop at some of the best roadside stalls, ask at the 'Tourist Information Centre' where staff will be happy to introduce you to this beautiful town.

Visit: www.discoverbacchusmarsh.org prior to your trip and be informed about this beautiful inland and diverse area.

Bush Fires - Carla Evans

What else could be said about the ravaging bushfires of Victoria. Yet I ached to be released from the words churning within when visiting Kinglake and the Whittlesea areas. The road leading to Kinglake, governed by police blocks and only accessible with a police pass and a purpose to visit the 'place of mass destruction' displayed still smouldering tree stumps and naked soil bereft of the undergrowth of the Australian bush. The wind carried the smell of fire and spasmodically the unmistakable aroma of burnt flesh. Men were cutting down unstable trees, burnt cars, shells of former glory, stood deserted in blackened paddocks. Spacious homes were now crumbled ruins of brick, galvanised iron and twisted steel and everywhere was ash that found its way into clothes, mouths and eyes.

Visible was something that made my heart leap; from one burnt branch waved the Australian flag. It sent a message of courage, healing and hope. This flag under which many people have died, that has been desecrated, abused and argued over, stood tall and proud while its vivid colours contrasted deeply against the background of death. The former Kinglake town is now Headquarters of those bringing aid and care; care for the garage proprietor who stood at his bowsers, pumping petrol to fleeing cars whose tanks were empty. When he too had to flee, the explosion heralding the destruction of his business and home was clearly heard. Here, destruction has levelled society; no one is above or beneath his neighbour. Many are running on automatic pilot, they are exhausted. Having survived the fire, losing friends, homes, employment and robbed of all earthly possessions, they sit huddled in small groups, relief in finding others who have survived and endured. They huddle in silence, remembering those who did not survive.

Now they have another enemy to face; not insurance companies, being homeless, jobless or childless, being a widow/widower, the enemy is looters; thieves who would take what little is left. Two lock up sheds contain new clothes and tools needed for rebuilding, a padlocked gate guards the entrance to animal food. At night, these exhausted survivors protect from looters what has generously been given.

This is not the spirit of Australia. This portrays scum with no heart or compassion. Strong words, but you and I know they could be stronger! The death toll still rises. Lost stock has not been counted, but their screams of fear and approaching death by fire will rise through the nights to call out to those who owned and who heard but were unable to help.

We hear of bravery and those who rob, steal and lie. We have seen how efficiently volunteers and resources are used to help those who for a moment of time have forgotten how to smile and laugh. We are one, yet we are many. We come from many nations to be one nation and combined we are the heart, the soul of Australia. Out of the ashes we will arise again, wiser for the knowledge experience brings.

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After the last bell at DPS

'Good facilities at Drysdale Primary School allow different community groups to keep fit.'

The bell goes at 3.30pm but that is not the end of the day at Drysdale Primary. Each evening and on the weekend too, groups are using the school facilities. On three days after school the Active After School Communities program is run. Groups of children participate in activities ranging from athletics to circus skills to yoga to soccer. These energetic sessions provide opportunities for the children to exercise, make friends and have fun.

The After School Care program caters for up to 40 children. It is a service the school provides for working families. The program runs from the hall and keeps the children occupied in a happy, secure and caring environment.

A number of local groups hire the hall to run different activities which provide opportunities for members of the wider community. Karate, soccer and junior games are a few of the activities on offer.

The school oval is used by many sporting groups. Junior and senior cricketers, junior footballers, the Little Aths group and Auskick footballers train and play games on the oval. As well many individuals and families use the track and fitness stations around the oval. Drysdale Primary is fortunate to have good facilities. We like to share these with community groups. We hope to develop in the children a sense of ownership and an understanding of the responsibilities that come with using shared facilities.

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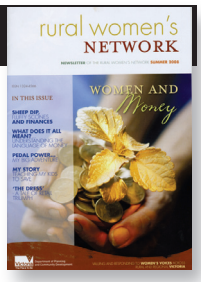

If you would like to read an interesting and informative newsletter, start with the Rural Women's Network. This is a free newsletter published by the Rural Women's Network on behalf of all women in rural and regional localities of Victoria. The Rural Women's Network is involved in a variety of activities aimed at engaging, supporting and involving all Victorian women. It is funded by the Victorian Government in the Department of Planning and Community Development.

The Rural Women's Network can be contacted on (03) 9208 3650 or 1300 366 356 or visit the website at www.ruralwomen for further information. You can collect a copy of the newsletter at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

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Dear Readers,

I received this poem from my friend Pat and I am sure some of you may have already read it. I was preparing the editorial for the SpringDale Messenger Magazine and felt it should reach those who are not connected to the Internet. The Author is unknown but the verses sound out a clear message to how we all felt and still feel after this very sad tragedy. I was as touched reading it today as when I was watching the graphic images on the television. So many lost so much during the fires and we should all still do as much as we can to ensure their lives move to normality or close to, as soon as possible. Other thoughts go to the wonderful Volunteer firefighters, police and associated services for their tireless efforts in fighting such a tyrannic adversary. **Lyn Ingles**

The Day Australia Cried

We love to hate Victorians throughout the footy season
Just for the fact they're from Victoria would seem a valid reason,
They tend to think Australian Rules belongs to them, at least
In the west we simply label them the know alls from the East.
But Australians came together, sporting squabbles set aside,
When disaster struck Victoria, the day Australia cried.
We've seen pictures in the papers; we've seen them on TV
Homes and buildings burnt to ashes, the pain and misery
The faces of survivors, the tears they tried to hide,
Gave us just the briefest glimpse of how they feel inside.
We saw the flames engulf the trees; we saw the sky turn red,
And, in the aftermath, the cars, where some died as they fled.
We heard the graphic stories of the panic they felt that day,
As the townsfolk faced decisions, should they go or should they stay?
The horrors of reality, their lives gone up in smoke,
The loss of whole communities with pretty sounding names.
The toll we don't want to hear, the numbers who have died,
On that black Saturday, the day Australia cried.
The worst peacetime disaster Australia's ever,
In surroundings long regarded as being lush and green,
Drought throughout the country had left it tinder dry,
At the mercy of the fireballs that rained down from the sky
The fires that raged through the hills that February day,
Have changed the course of countless lives in every kind of way.
There's absolutely nothing left of the futures that were planned,
Just twisted tin and ashes and scars upon the land.
Survivors say they'll build again in their old neighbourhood,
And life will become normal, and life will become good,
But their lives will be so different and they won't forget the cost
Of absent family and friends that they have loved and lost.
No matter where you come from, or how far you may roam,
There's some place in Australia your heart will know as home
But above all we are Australians, State issues can't divide
And we won't forget what happened The Day Australia Cried!
Author Unknown

Centacare Catholic Family Services through the Centacare Rural Information and Support Program (CRISP) provides a free counselling service on Monday mornings at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre in High Street, Drysdale. The service is also available at Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre on Monday afternoons and on Tuesdays from 11am.

In addition to free counselling with qualified and experienced counsellors for individuals, couples, families, adolescents and children, CRISP offers group workshops and information sessions.

These initiatives are part of a Federal Government funded program to support rural communities in times of dryness and climate change.

The aim is to encourage emotional well-being in times of financial and other pressures that lower mood and self-esteem, increase stress and challenge personal and family relationships.

Together with Drysdale and Ocean Grove, CRISP is active across the Geelong region and provides its services in Torquay, Winchelsea, Bannockburn, Rosewall and McKillop Street, Geelong.

If you would like to talk things over with a counsellor you can begin by phoning Centacare Geelong on (03) 5221 7055 to arrange a local appointment.

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around the **garden**

'Bokashi - making a difference to your garden'

Bokashi Update - Anne Brackley

How are the Kangaroo Paw and Grevillea going in a bed prepared with Bokashi? I hear you all asking. I am pleased to say that they have settled in brilliantly. They were planted in a small raised bed with Bokashi material in the bed in mid January and watered in with diluted Bokashi liquid a couple of times. They survived the incredibly hot dry February with few waterings and now look so very happy.

In the last week we have sold 5 Bokashi buckets. One person who was sharing her experiences with growing tomato plants last summer was so upset that she had such prolific foliage that the tomatoes wouldn't ripen. I said I had exactly the same problem last year. This year I was ruthless every time I saw a shoot that detracted from the main growth line of the plant because it was heart wrenching last year to cut the plants back to a third to enable the tomatoes to ripen.

We would love to showcase your successes here – please send in your results.

The next Bokashi workshop will be Tuesday, 21 April at 7pm in the SpringDale Hall.

Looking forward to talking about Bokashi with you at some time. Please register your interest with the office at SpringDale.
Phone (03) 5253 1960 if you would like to attend a Bokashi Workshop.

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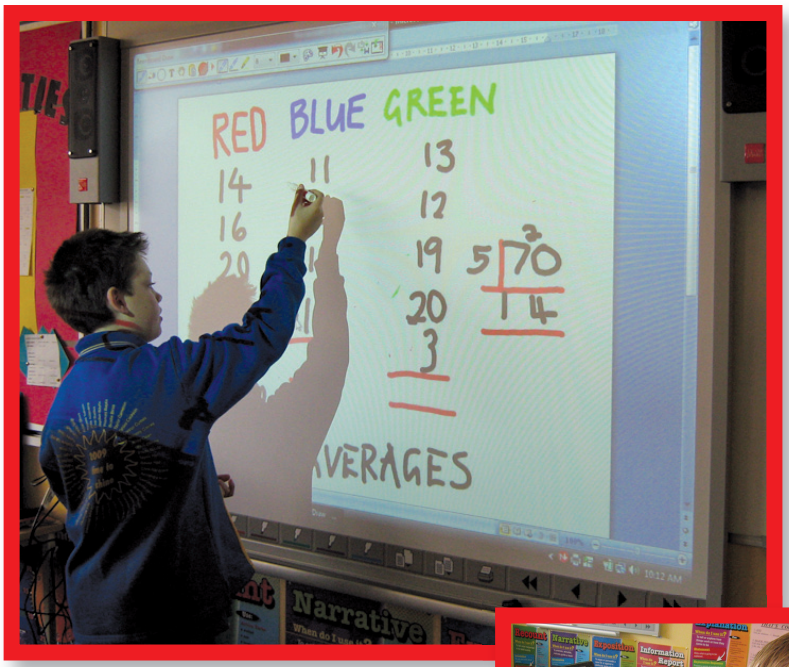
ICT Program @ Clifton Springs Primary



Our students, teachers and parents have embraced our ICT program with much enthusiasm and there is great learning happening across the school. Our school is achieving a personalised learning environment using laptop computers, Desktop computers, Interactive Whiteboards and the new Netbooks, for our grade 5 students.

We have a group of Grade 5/6 students who are training to become ICT mentors and they are working with teacher, Mrs. Bentley to produce some movies filmed in and around our school using Movie Maker. We hope to hold a film night in the near future. Some of our classrooms now have interactive whiteboards and these are another resource for our teachers to use and a great learning aide for students. These interactive whiteboards allow our students to research using the internet, complete maths tasks, reading and show their creative talents. To quote some of our students: "Learning is fun. Learning is easier and I am improving". Teachers are also enjoying this ICT rich environment as they notice that students are more engaged and interested in their lessons.

Above: Shaun working on the interactive whiteboard

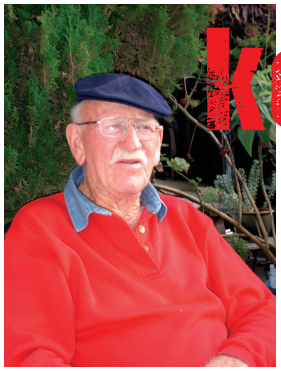
Right: Nathan apllying his time on the laptop computer

Students quotes -

'Learning is fun, learning is easier and I am improving'

Our Parents' Club have organised another Drive-In this year and this is always a great event and much fun for the wider community. We sincerely thank the 21 sponsors who have supported this event as it raises valuable funds for our school and the wider community for coming along to enjoy the movie with us.

Plans are underway for our 20th Anniversary Celebration on the November 20, 2009. We look forward to meeting up with past students, parents and staff and will be holding a number of celebrations, including a Bush Dance and an Open Day for our Community.



Kell's corner

One of Drysdale's most interesting characters is Kell (Lawrence Francis) Davis and he has agreed to share his stories, his knowledge of the area, his wit and wisdom with you.

The story of the Davis' family's version of mobile communications on the Bellarine in the 1930's and 40s.

Kell's father, Francis Davis, had a job with the Bellarine Shire to drive the first Fordson mobile grader. (It's apparently still sitting in a paddock on the corner of Banks and Swan Bay Roads.) The grader was known as 'Leaping Lena' and she was used to grade all the gravel roads on the Bellarine Peninsula. Kell recalls that in those days we used to have lots of rain and Lena would regularly get bogged. Being only two wheel drive, the front wheels would dig in, sink and get bogged. Francis would take his mobile communications with him each morning. He carried a box with 3 homing pigeons in it. If Lena got bogged he would send a message home to 'mother'. Kell's family lived at the National Bank building (now William Sheahan Funerals) and Kell's mother would find the pigeon, read the note, find the Shire Secretary (the equivalent of the Chief Executive Officer) Arnold Dean, to get help. Mr Dean would then organise a farmer and a team of horses or send the old tip truck to hook onto the grader and help it out. This could take hours. Kell's father would fill in the time rabbitting and if he got a hare it was very special.

Kell's mother was paid 10 shillings a week to clean the National Bank. The Bank was only open 3 afternoons a week. Bank staff would travel from Portarlington, where the branch was situated. Before living in the bank building, Kell's family lived in a small house in Collins Street. He says it was so small they used to have to paint the furniture on the walls.

Next time we might find out about some of the many and varied factories that operated in Drysdale during the 20th Century, or maybe some wartime stories, or who knows where our chats will lead – hope you'll travel this path with us.

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Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail

The Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail group enjoyed another year of accomplishment in 2008.

Led by our untiring Works Coordinator Fred Cook, our volunteer members collectively spent another 1600 hours of their time throughout the year engaged in propagation of new seedlings, planting, weeding, mulching and watering. Despite the drought conditions causing a reduction in the number of new plantings compared to the previous year, nevertheless a total of 7700 new plantings were achieved. This brings the progressive total of new plantings to more than 40,000 since the group began in 2002.

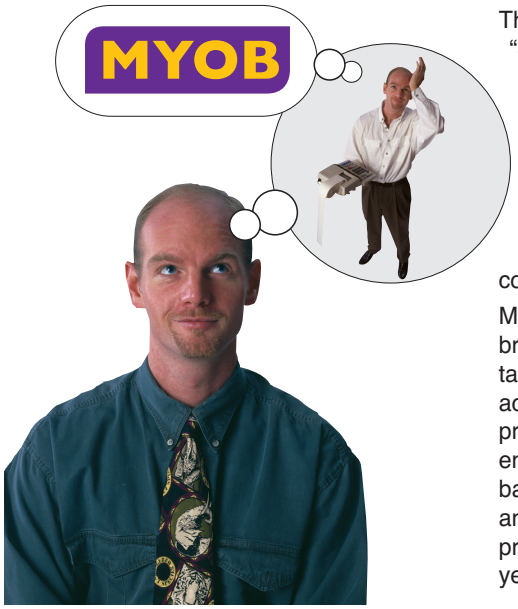
As a non-profit organisation one of our biggest hurdles is to finance the cost of new seedlings, but in 2008 we made great progress in this direction, courtesy of facilities now made available to us at the Barwon Water Community Nursery. Many of these seedlings have already been planted, whilst we have built up a substantial stock which will enable further new plantings along the trail in 2009. We were also pleased to gain several new members during the year to add to our team of more than 30 people who generously give of their time and energy as dedicated workers. We are saddened to record the recent passing of one of our foundation members, Stan Dickson of Ocean Grove, who gave many hours helping the group get established in the early days, and was instrumental along with Wally Gee in developing the RSL plantation along the trail at the site of the former Curlewis rail station.

> '40,000 new plants since 2002'

Several of our members were among a group of 24 volunteers who took part in an Indigenous Seed Collection Field Day in December 2008, organised by Greening Australia in conjunction with the Bellarine Catchment Network. Two sites were visited to obtain seed from indigenous plant species. The Curlewis Road site known as 'Friends Park', provided a variety of seed species including Giant Hop-bush, Sweet Wattle, Gold Dust Wattle, Golden Wattle, Kangaroo Apple and Golden Spray. The second site visited was in Banks Road Mannerim, where landholders allowed us to visit their private property on which they have restored a large acreage by natural revegetation without a single planting, following a burn-off. Seeds obtained from this site included Black She-oak, Drooping She-oak, Golden Wattle and Hedge Wattle.

Once again we extend a warm welcome to those people who may be interested in joining with us in this revegetation project along the Bellarine Rail Trail.

Peter Cowden



Since the introduction of the GST in 2001, businesses have been required to complete a quarterly BAS (Business Activity Statement) for the Taxman.

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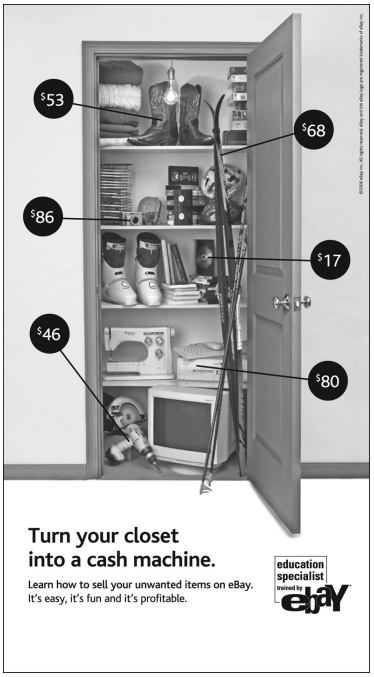

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Barwon Water considers applications for water restriction exemptions on the grounds of age, disability or disadvantage on a case-by-case basis. The most common request is to alter times permitted for garden watering.

Chairman Roger Lowrey said Barwon Water recognised the 7pm to 8pm timeframe was not suitable for everyone. "We are happy to accommodate the needs of customers who are elderly or have a disability and cannot water during by the permitted evening hours," Mr Lowrey said.

People seeking exemptions can telephone Barwon Water's restrictions hotline (03) 5273 4488.

Application forms for filling pools and spas and watering new turf can be downloaded from Barwon Water's website **www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au** or by **telephoning the restrictions hotline.**

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It's all go at Bellarine Sharks

The Bellarine Soccer Club is a 'Good Sports' family oriented club servicing the townships on the North side of the Bellarine Peninsula. Starting with a single team 2004 the club has grown to seven teams this year with around 100 players.

2009 will be another growth year for the club. This year The Sharks hope to enter 2xUnder 10, 2xUnder12, Under 13, under15 and Senior Women teams in the GRFA competition. We still need players in all divisions but especially under 15 and Women's teams. We have been supported so far with sponsorship/grants from Lisa Neville, St Leonards Bakery, St Leonards Foodworks, Barwon Water and the Victorian Volunteers Grants Program. Our sponsors have ensured that we can provide players with membership at reduced cost. Currently we have no team sponsors and we would be interested in hearing from any organisation who could help.

Pre season training will be on Sunday afternoons 4pm Juniors and 5pm for the Women's team. During the soccer season juniors will train Friday nights from 4.45 to 5.45pm and Women Thursday evenings.

Games are played on Saturday except for Under 15 and under 10 who play Sundays. The club needs more junior coaches and the club can organise free training and coaching certificates to those parents who can help out. Fees this year have been kept as low as possible and include the uniform and all game and training fees. Fees are $95.00 for under 10, $140.00 under 12, under 13 and under 15 players. Senior player fees are $180.00 for those under 18 and $200.00 for other senior players. Fees should not be the reason for not playing. Please see Murray or Donna if you need to have the fees paid over an extended period of time.

The success of our club is measured by the families who return each year and bring their friends to join in the physical activity in a safe family environment. Having won our first premiership flag last year the club is looking forward to another successful season in 2009.
For further information please call Murray or Donna on (03) 5257 2106.

Anyone for Korfball

What is korfball I hear you say?

Korfball is a sport that is a bit similar to netball and basketball while still being uniquely different. It is the only true mixed gender team sport in the world, has been played at the Olympic Games and is currently played in around 60 countries in the world.

Australia has participated in the past 7 Korfball World Championships which are played every 4 years in various countries all over the world and local Drysdale resident Helen Searle is a former National team coach and player in this exciting and popular sport. Helen now wants to teach local residents how to play korfball with the emphasis on a social game with fun and enjoyment.

Korfball can be played by the whole family together with work colleagues and friends.

Imagine playing a game each week with your whole family or a group of friends cooperating and working together while exercising in a fun and social setting.

If this interests you then come along to Drysdale Primary School Hall on Sunday May 3 and 10 from 7-8 pm and have a try at playing korfball. No equipment is necessary except shoes suitable for running around on an indoor court.
To begin with only children above primary school age please. Individuals or groups of people are welcome to attend as we would like as many people there as possible so that we can learn how to play the game of korfball. If enough interest is shown then a social competition will be set up following the "come and try sessions" for people to participate in on a weekly basis.

For further information about Korfball please contact Helen Searle on (03) 5251 2784

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