



The SpringDale Messenger



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ANZAC Day - a time to reflect



Top: Marching down High Street, Drysdale
Below: 'Handing on the baton'



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. Two course lunch is available. Adults \$5 and children \$1.

Further information can be obtained from Bill Hutcheon on (03) 5253 2996.

Drysdale RSL Sub-Branch

The Drysdale RSL Sub-Branch holds monthly meetings on the second Thursday at 1.30pm. The Sub-Branch is currently looking for new members of any service, men and women.

The present membership is growing after a very successful open day was held. Those interested can contact Bill Derham on (03) 5251 1102.

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.**

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 \$5 following the service.



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SATURDAY	3	• DRYSDALE HARVEST PRODUCE SWAP AT SPRINGDALE 9-11AM
SUNDAY	4	• EASTER SUNDAY • DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
WEDNESDAY	7	• WORLD HEALTH DAY
THURSDAY	8	• THE PERSPECTIVES TOUR FEATURING • HOUSE VS HURRICANE - POTATO SHED
MONDAY	12	• TERM 2 BEGINS
SUNDAY	18	• WORLD HERITAGE DAY • DRYSDALE MARKET 9AM-1PM
TUESDAY	20	• MORNING SHOWTIME - POTATO SHED
THURSDAY	22	• FRIDAY DIRE FEAR POTATO SHED
FRIDAY	23	• FREE HEARING SCREENING AT SPRINGDALE • DIRE FEAR - POTATO SHED
SATURDAY	24	• ST JAMES' CHURCH CARBOOT SALE 8AM • DIRE FEAR - POTATO SHED
SUNDAY	25	• ANZAC DAY SERVICE 10AM DRYSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL THEN DRYSDALE CENOTAPH AT 10.50AM • PORTARLINGTON MARKET 9AM-2PM
MONDAY	26	• ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SPRINGDALE CLOSED
TUESDAY	27	• NEW RESIDENTS MORNING TEA - SPRINGDALE 11AM
WEDNESDAY	28	• COSI - POTATO SHED
THURSDAY	29	• COSI (SCHOOLS SHOW) - POTATO SHED
FRIDAY	30	• DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES - POTATO SHED • FREE SEMINAR FUNERAL CARE, SPRINGDALE 1-3PM

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from the centre

with Anne Brackley [centre coordinator]

**SpringDale
Neighbourhood Centre
will be CLOSED on
Monday, 26 April.
ANZAC Day Holiday**

Dear Friends

A couple of months ago I wrote of gentleness and many people seemed to appreciate that sentiment. I also value positive thought and energy. I love to have positive, happy people around me. So many positive people help at SpringDale or visit every day.

By sharing a vision of inclusiveness of all ages, all abilities and by providing a caring, safe environment for a wide variety of ideas to grow and become something with their own life, allows for a wonderful place to visit and absorb.

People often mention the positive warmth that they feel when they walk in the door at SpringDale. If you didn't feel it when you were in last, please give us another chance.

During this month, the idea of *Life Membership* became a reality thanks to Harold Waldron the Pole Walking group leader and ground work put in by Chris and Pam Reymers a few years ago. Our annual membership is currently \$5 and you can now also pay a life membership which is \$100 and never have to worry about it again.

Gaylia came through the door and has started running *Slow Cooking Classes* and is facilitating the Men's Kitchen group on Wednesday nights. Sheila walked through the door and is now facilitating our Meditation group and our English as a Second Language group. Eileen came through the door and has warmly adopted the idea of *Welcome Morning Teas* for new residents. Peter came through the door and Maths

— he was surprised to find that it is already happening and is happy to join in and help the team.

A new Volley Ball group has started on a Monday morning at the Scout Hall, the Sharing of Wisdom group has gained a number of new members, the Writers group continues to grow in numbers and who knows what our next group will be.

We quickly organised a trip to a Japanese Summer Festival recently and would love to have a list of people who would like to be invited to any extra things that we organize. It would be great to have your contact details especially email if you have it. We continue to work towards a trip to Daylesford on a Sunday in May and we have had calls to visit Science Works and Point Cook. Please register your interest in these activities with our office on (03) 5253 1960.

I remind everyone that this free magazine is provided to you because of the support of our advertisers. Please let the businesses that you support know that you saw their ad in the SpringDale Messenger or encourage them to advertise.

Part of our current annual plan is to encourage groups from St Leonards to contribute to the Messenger and to also gain extra advertising to support this. We also plan to increase the number of Messengers printed to 7000 and home deliver in St Leonards. We'd love to hear your thoughts on this. Part of our rationale is our strong connection to the St Leonards Community Space and the Sea Change Men's Shed. We feel this is a way to enhance our relationship and support the St Leonards community.

Hoping to see you at SpringDale soon

Warm regards
Anne Brackley
for the SpringDale Team.

UPDATE @ SpringDale



WHAT'S NEW

An Extra Art Class in Term 2

Due to the success of the Discover the Artist Within classes, a Tuesday group will again be run in Term 2.

Discover the Artist Within / Part 1

Tuesday 20 April – Tuesday 8 June

Date/time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

(8 sessions)

Tutor: Annette Playsted

Fee: \$130

Introduction to the Human Energy System

Learn about auras and chakras and how to work with them to enhance wellbeing.

Date/time: Tuesdays 10.30 – 12noon

Tutor: Sheila Crowley

Bridge

Bridge for beginners starts on 14 April.

Coping with Change Discussion Group

Explore the changes we face in our lives and share ideas about their impact and the opportunities they present.

Date/time: Tuesdays 2pm – 3pm

Facilitator: Sheila Crowley

English Language Support Group

This is designed for people whom English is not their mother tongue.

Date/time: Mondays 10.30 - 12noon

Tutor: Sheila Crowley

Bus trips

A *Cross Peninsula Bus* trip will be on Thursday 13 May leaving SpringDale at 9.30am and returning approx 2pm.

The Bus trip to Daylesford is on Sunday 16 May leaving SpringDale at 8.30am, cost \$20. Book now.

Ballet Classes

We had a successful day for the Ballet info session with Allegonda. As a result, there will be a new course starting on Monday 19 April from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

Homework Group

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Business Networking at SpringDale



Guest Speaker - Neil Yeomans
Drysdale Smash Repairs

It was great to see our Business Network friends again at the first breakfast for 2010. It was also wonderful to have some new friends join us.

SpringDale Business Network originally grew out of a desire to provide a place for local business owners and managers to come together for friendship and support, to be informed about local community and business

issues, and to provide a place where we could bring and exchange ideas on life and business together.

Each day we have opportunities to support our local businesses and community groups, and this was the theme of February's Breakfast. Taking a moment to think about where we will make our purchases, which businesses can service our needs, and how these choices will benefit not just us, but the community.

Neil Yeomans, the owner of Drysdale Smash Repairs, had a number of years in the insurance business. Neil spoke about how our choice of insurance

provider can have quite an impact on local businesses.

Speaking mostly about motor vehicle insurance, Neil informed us that some of the bigger insurance companies will insist

on using their own repairers and even their own tow trucks, taking away business and dollars from our local community.

Following on from the thought of our community supporting local

business, came thoughts on how local business can support the community.

We spoke of a number of businesses who support our community in a variety of ways: Mortimer Petroleum, Drysdale Smash Repairs, Curves

Gym, Lyn Ingles blue pencil

publishing, Bendigo Bank, Second Chance Shop. There are also the community groups such as Lions Club, Rotary, Drysdale Harvest Basket and of course SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre who are so valuable to this area.

Each of these businesses or groups simply uses the resources and sometimes the waste or *leftovers* - to meet a need



Next Business Breakfast
Monday, 24 May
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that another group or organisation has. As we all work together we can add value to each other.

By keeping our eyes and ears open and perhaps taking a fresh look at how we do business, perhaps we can come up with some fresh ideas which will enhance the lives of those who live alongside us, and that will ultimately enhance our lives as well.

Next breakfast is on Monday, 24 May. We would love to see you.

Dianne Bennett,
Coordinator
SpringDale Business Network.



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Our AGM was held in February when a new committee was elected under the leadership of President Brian Coles. A new member was inducted at this meeting, which was followed by a friendly lunch at The Springs bistro. The Crafty Friends and Coffee Club recommenced in February.


The speaker for March was Tim Acton from Seniors Travel who outlined the many options for coach travel for Seniors and provided many amusing anecdotes. Also, our Caravan Friends group enjoyed a spell at Warrnambool Caravan Park, eight vans in all, the girls had lots of shopping, the weather was kind and everybody enjoyed the companionship and venue of the trip. Trips have been planned for Camperdown and Daylesford in the next two months.

Our next meeting will be on April 12 when our speaker will be Amy O'Brien from Barwon Waste Management. Come along and hear what happens to our recycled waste.

We still have memberships available for both couples and singles. Guests and visitors are most welcome to all our meetings, held on the second Monday of

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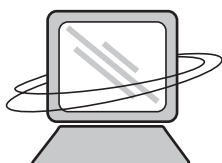
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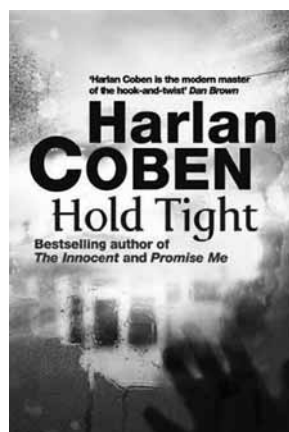
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GLG 69 - Steve Ball
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The Book Club - *Hold Tight*

On Monday March 1 the Book Club met to discuss Harlan Coben's *Hold Tight*. Harlan Coben is a popular writer with many titles to his credit. *Hold Tight* is the story of several seemingly unrelated groups of people whose only common thread, where it exists at all, is the great lengths that the parents will go to for their children. Gruesome murders, schoolyard bullying, teenage friendships and suicide, drugs, the internet, parental surveillance of teenagers' activities by electronic means and a medical practice with a young patient requiring a kidney transplant are just some of the themes in a seemingly unrelated series of events. More than 30 characters play major parts in the story and it is not until toward the final chapters that the plot seems to come together.

While fans of Harlan Coben will undoubtedly enjoy this action-packed page turner, Book Club members were divided in their opinions of this book. It provoked lengthy discussion of the writer's motives and whether this is a realistic snapshot of modern life for the parents of today's teenagers.



Discussion of the issues raised in this novel made for an interesting and sometimes hilarious meeting.

The Book Club usually 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. As the first Monday in April falls during the

Easter break, the meeting will be held instead on April 12 when we will discuss Henry Handel Richardson's *Australia Felix*. The book title for May 3 is Kerry Greenwood's *Heavenly Pleasures*.

Our meetings are very informal and new members are always welcome.

For more details, contact the Springdale Centre on (03) 5253 1960.

It's a Party at the Potato Shed



It was fantastic to see so many new (and old) faces at the opening Spud Club for 2010. We have such a lot of hidden talent around here and what a great way to end the working week, relaxing at the Shed. By now you should all have seen the Season brochure for 2010 'Join the Party', if you don't have a copy give us a call and we will send one out to you. Our Morning Showtime season will kick off with those *Grumpy Old Men*, this time with their *Travelling Rock 'n' Roll Show*, always lots of fun not to mention a delicious morning tea. Coming up next in the Season line up is *Dire Fear* presented by Broken Leg Productions, a new production company that has been created to produce creative arts works aimed at people 16 – 35 to get out and enjoy the arts whilst raising money for a local charity. Definitely worth a look. This will be followed by the highlight of the Potato Shed season *Così*, the touching story of Lewis who directs a group of patients at a Melbourne mental asylum in a production of Mozart's *Così fan >!* Tickets are selling fast so get in quickly to secure a seat.

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Travels to Argentina with CISV

By Isabella Searle



I was chosen to be in an Australian CISV delegation that was made up of 2 girls, 2 boys and a leader. Our trip in December 2009 was to Buenos Aires in Argentina, South America. CISV is an international organisation founded to help promote social justice and peace between countries. CISV stands for Children's International Summer Villages. The program includes camps held in various countries for children aged 11 years old and which go for 28 days in the summer holidays. I wanted to go on the trip so I could have a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet other people from different cultures and get to know what it is like in a different country.

'I wanted to go on the trip so I could have a once in a lifetime opportunity'

At the camp there were 60 children from delegations from 12 different countries and they were all very nice people.

We learned how to be a leader and a lot about peace around the world and how people can work together to get along.

Some of the good things at the camp were doing lots of fun activities together, having excursions and learning about all the other countries and cultures. We also had a casino night where we played card games and had fake money and we also had a fake fortune teller.

In the future I can continue to be involved with CISV and volunteer to go on different camps as a leader or a JC (Junior councillor).

I had a brilliant time at the CISV camp in Argentina and I feel like I have learned some valuable information and made friends that I will have for a long time.

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The cool days of

Autumn



'Replace plants that you are pulling out with pansies and violas for a beautiful winter display'

With the cooler days of Autumn, now is a great time to get out into the garden. The relaxing of the water restrictions will help to rejuvenate many tired gardens. No plant is drought proof and many of our gardens have suffered through these tough times. One or two healthy plants are better than two or three sick ones, replace these with tougher varieties such as grasses or succulents or the good old fashioned geraniums. Follow this with some mulch and an instant television-style garden appears.

Some quick tasks to do in the flower garden are to either cut back your petunias or pull them out and replace them with pansies and violas for a Winter display. Cut back hydrangeas and also pelargoniums and geraniums.

Deadhead roses to promote another flush in Autumn. You can also start selecting bulbs from catalogues in readiness for Spring. Before planting out bulbs, store them in the crisper drawer for about six weeks; this creates a false Winter.

In the vegetable patch things get a bit busy. If the tomatoes have finished pull them out and put them into the compost. Dig up potatoes once the tops have browned off, leave them in the shade for a day and then store them in a cool dark place. Use a fork as a shovel can pre-slice them for you. Harvest pumpkins and store them in the shade on a bench. Prepare the garden for Winter vegetables now. Add more compost. Sow seeds of broad beans and peas. Plant seedlings of broccoli, cabbage, spinach and lettuce.

Update on the no dig garden. The crops that have come from this little plot are amazing. I have picked bucket loads of tomatoes and zucchinis, along with cucumbers and loose leaf lettuce.

As this was just a 'see how it goes plot', I am now a converted no dig gardener. All I have to do for the next planting is to top up with compost, manure and pea straw and we'll be off again. I love sitting down to dinner, a vase of flowers from your garden on the table and your own vegetables on the plate and saying this is from our plot to plate. Nothing tastes sweeter than home-grown. So out you go and start a no dig garden.

Till then, happy gardening,
Lorraine

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Drysdale & Clifton Springs Community Association Inc.

DCSCA's 'e-members' will know that we're using our blog increasingly to tell people what we're doing and to ask them for their views. If there are items below that interest you, but you lack access to a computer, please just drop us a line to PO Box 581, Drysdale 3222.

Engaging with Councillors

The DCSCA Committee has initiated quarterly meetings with our two local Councillors - Rod Macdonald (Cheetham Ward) and John Doull (Coryule Ward). Notes of our first round of meetings with them are on our blog. If you would like us to raise an issue at our next meeting in late April, please tell us.

Rezoning Drysdale

CoGG proposals to rezone parts of Drysdale generated some vigorous responses - see DCSCA's blog for our analysis of the results. We helped a number of residents to question the proposals at the Council meeting in Portarlington and we attended the Council meeting on March 23.

Civics and Citizenship

DCSCA is discussing with local schools how we might act as a resource for teachers as they introduce their students to various aspects of civics and citizenship.

The Drysdale Festival of Glass

DCSCA has initiated this unique Festival, which will happen early in 2011 and will combine art, craft and

industry in a celebration of the beauty, usefulness and adaptability of glass. In mid-March, DCSCA established a committee to organise the Festival and work is well under way. For more information - especially if you'd like to participate in the Festival - see our blog and/or e-mail us; and watch for news updates in the Bellarine Times.

The City of Greater Geelong's 'Community Consultation' policy

DCSCA continues to press the Council to adopt some simple benchmarks of quality in its public consultations that would allow citizens to see how their views have affected decisions. If you'd like to read DCSCA's suggested benchmarks of quality, see our blog and/or ask us for a copy.

Contacting DCSCA:
PO Box 581, Drysdale, Vic. 3222
or dryclift@bigpond.com

Please visit our blog -
drycliftdays.blogspot.com/ -
and tell us what you think.

Patrick Hughes, Secretary

Welcome Morning Tea

New residents to Drysdale are welcome to call into SpringDale for coffee and a chat on Tuesday 27 April at 11am and meet other newcomers to the area.



**outside
the
BOX**
with Pierce Jaques

What is an avatar?

The word comes to us from Sanskrit, and translates as 'a form of self', and describes 'the living embodiment of god (or godliness)'; think totems, animal spirits and familiars.

In the late 20th Century this took on a reversal of sorts. An avatar became the 'artificial (virtual) representation of a corporeal entity'; think 'The Matrix', where real people are plugged into a machine to live their lives in a comfortable simulation - while their bodies are used for more nefarious purposes. An important similarity is that avatars don't need to be a facsimile; in as much as a god can be an animal, so too can your virtual self be a chimera, an abstract shape even. This definition is used in relation to virtual worlds, on the Internet, like Second Life.

Now we have the film Avatar, where the meaning has changed once more to represent the living embodiment of a corporeal 'operator' - rather than a god. I wouldn't go as far to describe Sam Worthington as a god, or Keanu Reeves for that matter, I guess it's just a matter of taste.

While this film is very much science fiction, what we have today is UAVs, and other unmanned military vehicles are on the way, where soldiers can wage war without ever having to step onto the battle field.

If this all seems a bit too much, I guess you should all take a nice Blue Pill and have a good lie down!

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Giant Charity Auction

Portarlington Football Ground

Sunday 11 April

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Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club

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CHURCH HALL RECEIVES HERITAGE FUNDING BOOST

It was a pleasure to meet with Acting Vicar, Reverend David Lamont and members of the parish community recently to announce the St James' Anglican Church in Drysdale has received a \$50,000 heritage grant, sharing in more than \$2 million worth of new grants to preserve and protect heritage across the State. The funding is for restoration works of the Church Hall which is in constant use by various community groups who will benefit greatly by the proposed update of facilities. The Church will contribute \$50,000 towards the total renovation cost of \$100,000. Works include restumping, investigation of the structural adequacy of the introduced steel beams and external timber and roof repairs. The St James' Church and Hall are historic landmarks in the Drysdale township and I am delighted that this funding boost will allow the parish to commence the much needed restoration project. I congratulate the parish community for their hard work in planning and fundraising for these works.

LOCAL LANDCARE GROUP RECEIVES GRANT

Bellarine Landcare Group Inc. has received more than \$4,000 from the latest round of Victorian Volunteer Small Grants. The State Government supports the vital work of volunteers through these grants and I am delighted to see Bellarine Landcare one of 20 projects to benefit from more than \$54,000 in small grants announced recently.

The focus of Bellarine Landcare's project is to recruit volunteers to assist with the elimination of pest plants and animals from a section of the popular Bellarine Rail Trail.

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BELLARINE RESIDENTS LOOKING AFTER EACH OTHER

I was pleased to visit the Bellarine Police Station at Ocean Grove recently to meet with members of the Bellarine Peninsula Community Register. The Register was established in 2006 and volunteers have been helping hundreds of Bellarine residents. In particular, they assist isolated residents and vulnerable people living in the Bellarine electorate. This is a great local initiative run out of the Bellarine Police Station. A \$10,000 State Government grant will allow them to continue to play an active role in providing support to those in our community that need it most.

Registers provide important information about local conditions and safety issues through regular mail outs, newsletters or telephone calls to those who have registered.

For more information about your closest Community Register, contact the Office of Senior Victorians on 9208 3874 or email enquiries@seniors.vic.gov.au

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

Hon Lisa Neville MP
Member for Bellarine
(03) 5248 3462

The Annual Walk of Witness

*The Annual Walk of Witness
by the Christian Churches of
Drysdale/Clifton Springs will take
place on Good Friday, 2 April.*

*The walk will leave St James'
Anglican Church at 11.15 am and
proceed to the Uniting Church.*

*All interested people are invited to
take part in the walk and to enjoy
hot cross buns and tea afterwards.*

Toy Library

The Toy Library is open every Tuesday morning from 9 until 10 and contains a very wide selection of toys. Ride on and push along toys are very popular at present. There are trikes, cars, wheelbarrows, scooters and prams.

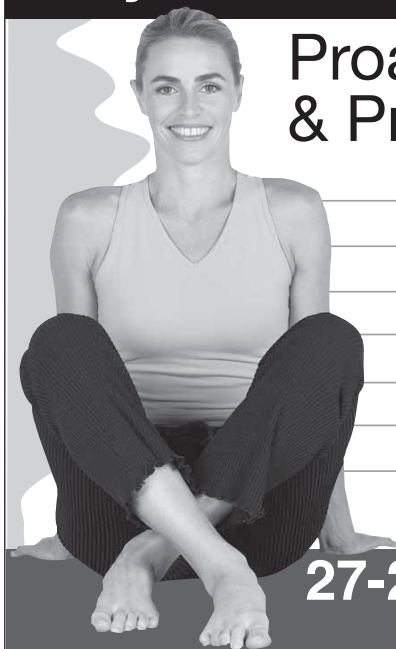
"A two year old craves exploration. He loves to investigate everything, and his imagination is one of his most powerful brain tools. To him a wooden spoon could be anything from a boat paddle to a spaceship." (Christina Pilkington). A ride on bike for example can be a racing car.

Come along and see what the library has for your child.

Ann

Toy Library Co-ordinator.

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Drysdale Community Church has been a part of this wonderful community for almost thirty years and while we have had a number of name changes and venues, our mission remains the same: we are here to serve the community. Perhaps you would like to join with us?

Through the leadership of our senior pastors, Jake and Gayle Hogendoorn,

we endeavour to live our lives in a way that reflects the life of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We do that in a variety of ways.

On most days, various groups are meeting and activities taking place at the Church building at 276-290 Jetty Road. In addition to providing a place of Christian worship on Sundays along with our Kid's Church, we also provide a Youth Group on Friday nights, two Play Groups on Tuesday and Wednesday, and groups for Men (Wednesday night), Women (Thursdays), Seniors (Wednesdays) and Young Adults (Monday nights).

Drysdale Family Support is also a department of the Church and provides assistance through our Foodbank and Counselling Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays and various seminars and courses as scheduled.



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Drysdale Guides

100 year celebrations have started and will continue all year. Maybe you have seen my car with 100 years of Guiding Flags on it.

The next event will be on Saturday 22 May at the Melbourne Show Grounds for current members, then its campfires all over Australia on Saturday June 19 and

near the end of the year Barwon Region is holding a special day and we would love to hear from anyone who was a Guide at any stage of their lives which includes Brownies and Rangers too, Leaders, Commissioners and Support Group Members all will be welcome. Please email on brackent@aanet.com.au or drop a note into me at SpringDale.

Recycle mobile phones

Girl Guides Australia has partnered with Clean Up Australia to recycle old mobile phones. For every phone recycled Girl Guides earns \$1.50 and will be helping lead the way to bring about environmental change. Please hand in your old mobile phone at SpringDale and help the Guides and the environment.

Warm regards
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for the Drysdale Guide Family.

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With the long term goal of promoting healthy active lifestyles by encouraging individuals, families, friends and clubs to enjoy the great outdoors, GACO will coordinate a one night 'camp-out' across the country with the aim of introducing people to the fun and adventure of camping out. For further information please visit

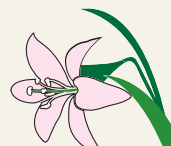
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1 cup onion diced
1 cup snow peas
2 cups silverbeet/spinach sliced
½ cup Thai chilli stir fry paste
2 teaspoons lemon grass
1 tablespoon soy sauce
2 teaspoons chicken stock powder
2 tablespoons cornflour

Method

Cut chicken into bite sized pieces. Coat a non-stick frypan with cooking spray, sauté garlic, ginger and chicken for three minutes.

Add ½ cup of water, carrots, broccoli and onion and cook for three minutes.

Add snow peas and spinach and cook for three minutes then add chilli paste, lemon grass, soy sauce and chicken stock powder.

Combine cornflour with remaining water, add to pan, stir continuously until sauce has boiled.

Serves: 4

Cucumber Relish

A traditional accompaniment to satay, this relish is known as Ajad in Malaysia and Indonesia. But do not limit this to just satay, it's a great condiment for noodle dishes or with rice can assist to tone down a spicy dish at the table.

1 shallot
1 small peeled & diced carrot
½ cucumber, seeded and diced
2 to 3 chillies finely sliced (optional)
125 ml white vinegar
175 ml white sugar
Pinch salt

Method

Prepare all ingredients.

In a small bowl mix shallots, carrot, cucumber and chillies. Set aside.

In a small pan, combine vinegar, sugar and salt and bring to the boil over high heat.

Pour the vinegar mixture over the vegetables. *(They should be completely immersed)*. Let cool at room temperature before serving. Can be stored in the fridge for up to 3 days.

Serve as a relish for grilled or fried foods.

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Watercolour Workshop

Sunday 9 May, 10am - 4pm

Learn the fundamentals of working in this painting medium. Annette will teach you skills through hands on exercises designed to explore many watercolour techniques. Experimentation will be encouraged.

Creative & Experimental Drawing Workshop

Saturday 5 June and Sunday 6 June, 10am - 4pm both days

Expand your horizons, build your imaginative powers, improve the expressive qualities of your artworks. Participants will be introduced to mixed media drawing techniques using collage, a wide range of drawing media and monoprintmaking. The expressive power of line, colour and contrast will also be explored.

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We had a lovely term one at **Clifton Springs PreSchool** with new friends to meet and plenty to do. Both our 3 and 4 year old groups have settled in well with lots of games and activities to get to know one another and learn our new friends' names. We welcome new 3 year old group teacher Laura and welcome back Donna to the 3 year old group and hope they are settling in as well as the children.

The children have enjoyed Sharon's icecream shop and the seaside themed activities, as well as playing in our fabulous playground and enjoying the weather while we can.

A big thank you to all families for participating in the chocolate drive fundraiser and for providing photos and details for our Friendship Book to be shared so the children can get to know one another and encourage interaction with one another.

Prospective parents are advised that Clifton Springs PreSchool is currently at full capacity and early enrolments for 2011 are advised.

Please contact the PreSchool on (03) 5251 3158 to arrange a tour and to meet our wonderful staff.

We wish everyone a happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday break.

Awards Day at Portarlington Probus

Recently the Probus Club of Portarlington held an Awards Meeting.

Life Membership was awarded to 2 founder members for their dedicated service to the club over the 14 year life of the club. Sylvia LeMarquand and Tom Scott were presented with their certificates and Life Membership medallions by President Ethel Gibb, in addition 35 members were presented with their 10 year membership pins.

The opportunity was also taken to present certificates of appreciation to 5 other members for their services to the club.

The speaker for the meeting, Colin Simpson, gave an inspiring talk on *Rideability Victoria* the rather pedantic new name for *Riding for the Disabled*, about the incredible benefit to people with a range of disabilities of horse riding. The meeting was followed by the annual sausage sizzle.

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Beginners Painting

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Mah Jong

Learn how to play a great game
Wednesday 1.30pm-3pm

Local History Workshop

Meets 1st Wednesday of the month 11am

Card Playing

Starts 15 April, Thursday 1pm-3pm

Book Club

1st Thursday, 1pm-3pm

Casual Art Group

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month
9.30am-12noon

Art Appreciation

Come along & discuss art
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Scrapbooking & Card Making

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8 Sessions

Lions sponsor swimming for children with a disability.



At their last Business Meeting, the Lions Club of Portarlington/Drysdale agreed to sponsor private swimming lessons for two local children with a disability. This was in response to a written request from the Pool Manager, Fiona Roberts' who has come across two children needing one-on-one swimming lessons when no one else is attending the Pool. The Lions Club had just received a donation from a past Lions Member Jack Elliott, who was a close friend of the Late Adrian E Mannix OAM and a member of his Portarlington/Drysdale Club some years ago.

Jack Elliott had requested that the donation go towards a cause to do with the memory of Adrian Mannix. The funds will go through the Lions Adrian Mannix Trust Fund, which was created several years ago to help local children in need of assistance.

By coincidence, the Adrian Mannix Memorial Fund was established at the time that young Carter Hardiman, who was born with 'platypus legs', was in desperate need of an operation to amputate both his lower legs which had no bones in them. The cost of the operation including provision of artificial legs, was \$5,000 and the Lions Club decided to fund the cost. However a generous surgeon offered to carry out the operation free, so the money was used to establish the Lions Adrian Mannix Memorial Trust Fund. Young Carter is one of the children now being sponsored using that Trust Fund.

Lions are always looking for more members to help in their work for the community.

Anyone interested in joining can contact Membership Officer Lion Ian Cook on (03) 5251 3779.



Calling all artists and student artists, who are looking for an evening Life Drawing class. This would run weekly and be untutored at the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

Please give your expressions of interest to the front office or call (03) 5253 1960.

SpringDale Writers' Group

Therese Bryant

The SpringDale Writers' Group began late last year and presently a small number of people are coming together to share their writing. This group brings with it a wealth of life experiences that they use as the basis for their writing.

The group provides a forum for creative talents to come together, to share ideas and give constructive feedback if desired to the individual writers. Topics are discussed when the group meets to assist writers with a theme for their writing and communication between members is open and friendly. Respect is the key word used in the Charter that was developed by the group's members. We believe that we all have a right to our opinions and to be able to express our views in a non-threatening environment. Respect includes the copyright of all writers.

The group plans on meeting other groups throughout the Bellarine Peninsula and is in the process of developing a Facebook page to communicate with other like-minded people throughout the country and internationally.

BE PUBLISHED.... Members have been invited to be roving reporters for the SpringDale Messenger, so if you would like us to report on your SpringDale Group or community event, please contact the Centre.



SpringDale Writers meet at the **SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre** on **Monday afternoons** from **2pm – 3.45 pm** with a break for tea and coffee and some socialisation.

A contribution of \$2 is paid from each member to the Centre at each session to cover expenses.

We invite interested people of all ages to ring **SpringDale** on **(03) 5253 1960** to find out more about this fabulous group or you can just turn up on the day.



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Session 1

What is stress?

Explore what causes stress and where it sits in our bodies.

Session 2

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Hearing not as good as it should be?

Free Hearing Screening at SpringDale



It's a fact of life that, as we get older, hearing loss develops, impacting both our relationships and quality of life. Indeed, hearing loss is far more common than people think. Research confirms that half the Australian population over the age of 60 has significant hearing loss. Unfortunately, these people often delay seeking professional help, either due to lack of information, or through self-consciousness.

Australian Hearing offers free screenings

to pensioners and DVA card holders as a community service. A Hearing Screening is an important first step in making help available.

The Commonwealth Hearing Service program offers government subsidised hearing care to pensioners and most veterans and at the screening we will be only too happy to answer any questions and provide detailed information on hearing and the hearing care programs available.

Australian Hearing will be at SpringDale on 23 April from 1-4pm and each appointment goes for 15 minutes. Please book early to avoid missing out on this excellent opportunity.

Who is your City of Greater Geelong Councillor?

Many residents, who come into to SpringDale, don't know who their Councillor is. Drysdale/Clifton Springs is the lucky community that has been split between two council ridings. Part of Clifton Springs and all of Portarlington and St Leonards are in Coryule Ward (which doesn't contain the Coryule Homestead). The Councillor is John Doull. Drysdale and the rest of Clifton Springs is in the riding with Leopold and Moolap, called the Cheetham Ward. The Councillor is Rod MacDonald.

Over the last twelve months I have been involved in 3 separate Community Consultations. Each has been handled very differently. The first was managed by a Council officer, Carmel Boyce. Carmel organized a number of meetings that were not advertised well as she regularly missed the City of Greater Geelong deadlines to get information on their well read pages in many local newspapers. Carmel organized a community survey on a very hot weekend late in January 2009. Carmel then based her findings that became the basis of her plan. Neither Councillor came to any of these meetings. In December last year, I was invited to a meeting hosted by Councillor Rod MacDonald, attended by about 40 other people from some Drysdale/Clifton Springs based sporting clubs and selected other organisations. The meeting was called to discuss the master planning of the space up near the Potato Shed that is planned to be a sporting/cultural centre.

Another consultation is around the master planning of the recreational areas in St Leonards. I'm involved as the Coordinator of SpringDale supporting the Sea Change Men's Shed group. The community consultation in St Leonards included a survey sent to all homes 500m around the area in question. The consultants have also spoken to key groups about their wishes for the area. I understand Councillor John Doull is very interested in this project. I appreciated hearing Paul Jamieson, Manager Community Development City of Greater Geelong, speak of the reason for the plans being developed by Carmel Boyce and consultants. He brought the reasons for this project into perspective and I just wish he had spoken to the residents about the plan and the reason for their development.

I really wish each of our Councillors would take advantage of being able to speak directly to us each month via the SpringDale Messenger as the Councillors before them have done. I look forward to seeing them at more of our events and meetings so that we can come to better know them before we need to vote again.

Anne Brackley
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Check your Health



World Health Day on April 7, 2010 will focus on urbanisation and events will be held globally to show people how to improve their health.

Maybe on this day it is a good time to ascertain if all your regular health checks are up to date. The main aim of a check-up is to detect illness at an early stage, or better still prevent illness occurring in the first place. It is surprising how many conditions are picked up on routine medicals. For women pap smears, mammogram, blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, obesity and bone density tests are all important. While for men prostate, blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol levels are vital. If you have not had these tests lately, then ask your GP about them.

You never know it might be worthwhile.

Research has shown that your social life has a huge impact on your health and wellbeing and becoming a member of a group and being around other people is very good. Since ancient times, the practice of Yoga and Meditation has had a profoundly positive affect on people's lives. Yoga is particularly good for restoring your stamina and revitalising yourself. It is for people of all ages and levels of fitness and is beneficial on a physical, mental and spiritual level.

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Great Shave at Clifton Springs Primary School



Clifton Springs Primary school students have a strong tradition of helping their community. Seven students and a teacher, Ms Costa, recently shaved their heads for the Leukaemia Foundation's Shave For a Cure. The students on the Junior School Council held a Crazy Hair Day and collected gold coin donations. The students in the participating team collected sponsors from the wider community. Parents and students gathered outside the library to watch the great shave. After the shave, Junior School Council held afternoon tea to thank their supporters, especially AMF Hair Design. Team Clifton Springs raised over \$4000. Well done to everyone.

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Take off your clothes and look what happens

The Bare Necessities Calendar was a big success, making a whacking profit of \$16,500. A big thank you to all who bought calendars, sold calendars, gave them away to their friends and, of course, to those who were bravely involved. The few calendars that were left have been donated to other good causes and the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre generously purchased all the spare envelopes – so a terrific success all round.

Fundraising continues at an increased pace for St James' Church Hall in Collins Street, Drysdale with the planning application for the Restoration due to be submitted to Geelong Council shortly. *Jim's Family*, the fundraising group at St James', is hosting a series of Car Boot Sales at the Hall on the last Saturdays of April and May, (24 April & 29 May) so if you have any unwanted items you'd like to sell, now's your chance. Car Booters \$5 per vehicle and entry is from 8am, browsers are free. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and Men's Shed.

The Aerial Photograph of Drysdale in 1936 is still raising funds for the Hall – it comes in Black & White or Sepia. A3 photos are \$30 and make wonderful presents or historical records. Smaller sizes are available on request, contact Pauline Cline on (03) 5253 2717. Pauline also has lovely colour photographs of St James' Church for sale, also to benefit the Restoration Fund. Please give her a ring if you would like to see what is available.

Once restored, this Hall will be a great asset to our local community, as a modern venue available for hire. With St James', it is part of the Anglican Parish of the Bellarine, which also includes St John's in Portarlington and St Paul's in St Leonards. If you would like to help by making a donation, please make cheques payable to St James' Restoration Fund, or if you have fundraising ideas you would like to pass on, the Parish would love to hear from you.

Please contact them at PO Box 365, Drysdale 3222.

our reader's feedback

Great Mag

I am new to the area and very impressed with your magazine.

Marie Reed
St Leonards

Thank you Marie, we try exceptionally hard to produce and present our magazine to this high standard. We appreciate your thoughts. Please keep reading.

A Pot of Green and Gold on Bellarine Peninsula

It may come as a surprise to some people to realise that we already have a well co-ordinated Landcare program, and a very productive Landcare Nursery which has already produced 750,000 trees, grasses and shrubs and is well on its way to its first million.

Approved by our National, Victorian and Local Governments based at Bellarine Secondary College and supported by our local community, the Nursery has supplied the many Landcare projects, which have already transformed large areas of the Bellarine Peninsula into havens for endangered species of native birds and animals, providing shelter from the strong winds that lash our coast. Staffed by an increasing number of volunteers and co-ordinated by a well qualified horticulturist, Bellarine Landcare Nursery is a friendly place in which to give back to our community.

Tom O'Connor's plan to establish a large commercial enterprise could well endanger all of these projects and make indigenous plants much more expensive. It is quite clear to me that there is no valid reason to duplicate and jeopardise the already highly successful Landcare program on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Concerned Volunteer

Drysdale Ladies Probus Club Inc.

Craft, books, walks, knitting and outings with the 'Merry Munchers'

What a lot has happened for the Drysdale Ladies Probus Club over the past Probus year. All of our activity groups have flourished. Lots of craft items made, many books read, plenty of walking and caravan/cabin outings and of course lots of coffee and chats. Trips and outings have kept the ladies busy too. The Merry Munchers have munched their way through some excellent menus at different venues. Many ladies contributed over 300 knitted items and windcheaters and clothing items as well as a large stock of foods for Cottage by the Sea, as our Christmas charity.



Perhaps the biggest undertaking was the change of venue, after meeting in the same place for over 19 years, the Club now meets at the Drysdale Football clubrooms.

February saw the Club celebrate its 20th Birthday with 130 cup cakes as birthday cake and morning tea. Seven of the remaining nine Foundation members were each presented with a 20 year membership pin. What a wonderful way to finish off the Probus year with the new Committee taking office for the April meeting.

Heather Joseph
President, Drysdale Ladies Probus Club

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25 Years Celebration and gift of the Club Commemoration booklet



Incoming President Noel Lindsay presenting the booklet to Mr Ken Brand.

The 25th Annual General Meeting of the Mens Probus Club of the Peninsula was held at the Drysdale Football Club Rooms on Monday 1 March 2010. Special guests in attendance were Mr Ken Brand, Rotary District 9780 Probus Chairman and Board Member Probus Sth Pacific, Cr Rod McDonald CoGG, District Probus Presidents Mr Ron Medson [Leopold Combined], Mrs Heather Joseph [Drysdale Ladies Club], Mrs Pat Peel [Bellarine Ladies Club], Mr Keith Pettigrew [Vice-President Leopold Gateway Club]. Several past members attended including Past President Mike LeFebvre.

Mr Ken Brand chaired the election of office bearers and presented President's

Top Left: President David Kerr presenting a well deserved Life Membership to Club Historian Bill Hutcheon.

pin, two 25 year pins to foundation members Harold Woolcock and Noel Lindsay and 25 year certificate to the Probus Club. 25 year celebrations continued when members and partners met for an anniversary lunch on 12 March.

A commemoration booklet was produced by the club and copies given to all members and guests.

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Its all go at the Bellarine Sharks Soccer Club for 2010

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 90 players.

2010 will be another growth year for the club. This year The Sharks hope to enter Under 8, 2xUnder 10, Under12, Under 14, and both Senior Men and Womens' teams in the Geelong competition. We still need players in all divisions. We have been supported so far with sponsorship/grants from the Bella Fruitz, St Leonards Bakery, Barwon Water and the Victorian Volunteers Grants Program. Our sponsors have ensured that we can provide players with membership at reduced cost. Bella Fruitz has kindly sponsored our senior women's team however we still need sponsors for all other teams.

Preseason training for juniors is on Sundays between 3 and 4pm and between 4 and 5pm seniors at the St Leonards Football Ground. During the season, training will be on Friday nights



from 4.45 to 5.45pm. Games are played on the weekend. 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 games and training.

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, friendly, family environment.

For further information please call Murray or Donna on (03) 5257 2106. GO SHARKS

SpringDale Football Club gears up for 2010 winter soccer

Contact Geoff Briggs
on 0428 501 150,
or visit our website at
www.springdalefc.com.au
for further information.

The club is finalising its preparations for the 2010 juniors and senior mens outdoor soccer season. The teams will certainly look the part as they take to the field for the first time, the junior teams will proudly display the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre logo on their shirtfronts and the senior mens will wear the Headspace Barwon motif with pride, as the club puts the townships of Clifton Springs and Drysdale on the regional outdoor soccer map.

Training for juniors is each Friday at 6pm, initially on Clifton Springs Primary School field, but as the weather and daylight start to turn against us, we will move indoors to the Drysdale Primary School hall. There may still be places for players in our junior squads, so please get in touch or come and join your friends who are already coming along to training. Girls and boys of all abilities and confidence levels, who turn twelve this year or younger will be made very welcome.

The 2009-2010 mens Bellarine Futsal League Grand Final was played at a blistering pace, with Sodas lifting to produce the outstanding team performance of the season to overcome the more experienced favourites Ev's Army, by 7 goals to 2 to win the finals series trophy.

In addition to the team trophies, individual player awards were presented after the game, with Craig Plummer (Ev's Army) picking up player of the tournament award and dream team membership. The other players chosen for the dream team were; Hayden Marshall (Sodas); Tom King (Sodas); Liam Nelson (Ev's Army) and



Jesse Hughes (Barwon Heads). Jordan O'Connor (Barwon Heads) picked up the Sportsmanship Award for being the player who best demonstrated the spirit of the game and fair play over the season. Our thanks to Ocean View Health Club for their generous sponsorship of the Bellarine Futsal League.

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Youth Foundations Victoria (YFV), North Bellarine site is excited to invite applications to their third grant round. Last year 11 youth led projects were funded by the young board who have called themselves MISSION. YFV North Bellarine is supported by the Victorian Government and the Bellarine Peninsula Community Bank Branch Ltd. The initiative provides local young people with the chance to shine.

The MISSION board encourages young people to think of a project, activity or group that could be formed and apply for money to do it. Previous projects include: local gym group, community film and youth events.

What do you think local young people need?

What could you do to help?

Get your idea off the ground, apply for the money and make it happen.

Contact Rob Evans and the MISSION board today.

0458 013 662 or revans@glastonbury.org.au

Applications close Friday 23 April.

Drysdale Senior Citizens Club

Yoga, snooker, bingo & lots of fun

April is upon us already, with the club going ahead in leaps and bounds.

We have a full program with activities on every day and even on Thursday evenings from 6 – 9pm we have yoga and snooker.

Carpet bowls, cards and snooker are on Mondays, Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays. Yoga on Mondays and Thursdays. Tuesday is Bingo day and once a month we have a barbecue, on Wednesday mornings gentle exercises, and our craft group meets on Thursdays. Concerts, outings and lunches are starting again this month.

Weight Watchers now meet here on Tuesday mornings.

New members, 55 years and over are always welcome to come along and join the club.

For enquiries, phone (03) 5251 2983

77 years ago

As reported in The Argus on Monday 18 December 1933

New Zealand Trade / Growers Desire Reciprocity

Geelong. Sunday. – At a large meeting of onion and potato growers of the Bellarine Peninsula held last evening at Drysdale, it was decided that the potato growers should express their willingness that the embargo on the importation of New Zealand potatoes should be removed with the object of inducing the Dominion to remove the embargo on Australian onions.

Adrian E. Mannix Community Service Award 2010 Dinner

This presentation will take place on Monday 31 May at the Portarlington Golf Club at 7pm. A two course dinner costs \$23 and tickets are available from Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, Lions Club of Portarlington/Drysdale or Drysdale Rotary Club.

This should be a memorable evening and a great way to recognise the effort of individuals in our community.



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Chess is a winner at Drysdale Primary School



Students concentrating on their moves with other pupils anxiously watching on.

Playing chess has a growing following at Drysdale Primary. Each Friday a dedicated group of young players goes to the library to test their skills against each other and against Mr. Geoff Webster. Geoff comes along to play against the children and to teach them new moves and tactics along the way.

At the end of last year a Grade 6 boy, Troy Farrimond, organised a knock out tournament with 72 players from Grade 2 to Grade 6. The tournament ran over two weeks and followed the strict rules of championship chess with everyone aspiring to be the Garry Kasparov of the event. In the end, after some very tight struggles, Isabella Searle was the champion and Michael Gardner the runner-up. Mr. Ian Cook, from the local Lions Club, very kindly came to present trophies which had been donated by Lions. With the growing interest in chess playing we are looking forward this year to having more chess events at the school.

Clare Wilson Principal



kel's corner

It was interesting to hear about one of Kel's finds last month "but that was only one of many" says Kel.

"I would regularly cart cattle for Kayne and Shelton, carriers located in Mount Gambier. Brian Gallop and I would leave Drysdale at 1am in our semi trailers and arrive in Mount Gambier at about 7am. Our trucks would then pick up 20 head of cattle each from farms and take them to local sale yards. At about 12 noon, we'd then load cattle for ourselves from Millicent or Penola and cart them back to Newmarket for H. Greenham. This was a slow trip back especially with an east wind. The starter motors on new trucks now are more powerful than the engines



One of the trucks that Kel drove

we had in the semi trailers. Often we'd have to stop and reload the stock to freshen them up. At about 3am the next day we might stop on the side of the road for a short sleep at Mortlake ready for the dash to Newmarket by 6am. We'd arrive back in Drysdale at about 9am and start washing out and repairing the trucks. We had two 70 gallon tanks, one on each side, for petrol and one 30 gallon tank under the seat and these would last the whole trip. Then we'd try to have a rest for a couple of hours before doing local work for the rest of the day."

"After talking about this – if you had a bed here, I'd lie down and go to sleep. I feel tired just thinking about it."

One time "I was taking a semi load of cattle from Mount Gambier to Newmarket. I stopped just out of Colac to check the load and while walking round the passenger side looked down. To my amazement, I thought I was seeing things. I found a wad of notes – it was pounds not dollars. I tried to find an owner

for them in Colac but I was told – if you found it out there you'd best keep it. This was great news to me. As I was getting very small wages, I had my belt tightened to the last notch to make my stomach feel full. I proceeded to the first shop that sold pies, bought 4 pies, ate them and loosened my belt."

I wonder how Kel recorded this in his log book!

Looking forward to the next episode

Regards Anne

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Clifton Springs Community Men's Shed Inc.



Meets each Monday @1.30pm rear of 41-51 Central Rd, Clifton Springs. Clifton Springs Community Men's Shed Inc. aims to provide men of all ages a place to integrate, socialise and partake in organised activities, with an emphasis upon improving self esteem and men's health and relationships. This is particularly important to single and/or infirmed men so they may maintain a degree of self worth and useful input to our community.

After 12 months our membership is 34 and with tremendous support from many sources including the Lions Club of Portarlington/Drysdale, we are fully incorporated, and have a formal tenancy agreement that gives us security of tenure.

An additional shed has been erected thus providing storage space to ensure clear and safe space in our current workshop area.

We have a commitment to establish a computer kiosk to be available and supervised for a number of hours every week. Regular social activities are held along with featured guests who provide insights to issues which effect mens health or our local community.

The year ahead provides many challenges as we seek to have the electric power capacity into the facilities improved and increased. Likewise we need to have a water supply direct to our kitchen. It is also anticipated that we will have the shed open more often and for longer periods.

Provisional plans have been drawn and an application submitted for a major grant that will provide extra accommodation effectively doubling our work and leisure areas. Substantial written support has been received from many sectors including State Member Lisa Neville, City of Greater Geelong Councillor John Doull, Bellarine Community Health, Drysdale/Clifton Springs Community Association, Lions Club Portarlington / Drysdale, Springdale Neighbourhood Centre and individuals.

Thank you to all who have contributed and supported in so many variety of ways.

For any information see you at the Shed or contact

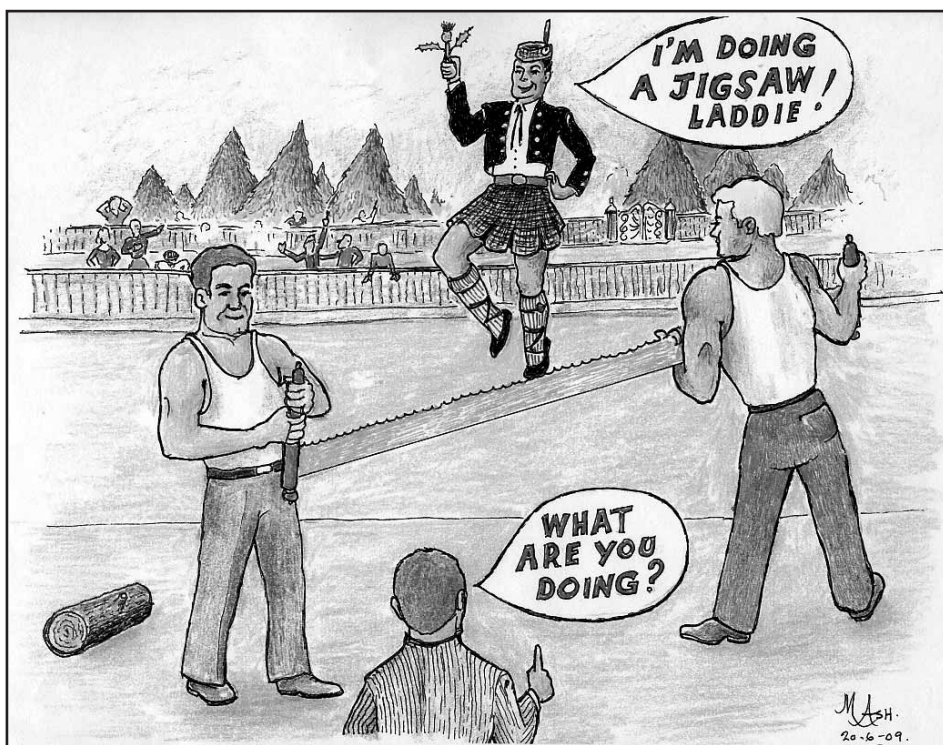
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any Mon – Wed between 9am & noon.

To assist our funding needs we have collaborated with the Bellarine Churches Network in hosting a 'Breakfast with Guest' Kevin Fuller a Drysdale born and raised former Director of Administration & Finance with Target, later with Myer and several executive positions with Australian and USA Corporations, along with much international travel and a term as World President of Gideons International.

The breakfast will be at the Springdale Centre on Saturday 29 May at 8am.



Mal is a member of the Springdale Jigsaw Group.

Go Hawks

The Bellarine Football League commences this year on **Saturday April 3.**

The Drysdale Hawks play away in the first round at Ocean Grove and have trained hard in the preseason. Good luck this year and hope it will be another successful won, winning back to back.

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