



# The SpringDale Messenger



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## \$50,000 Grant to plan our Economic future



Photograph Lyn Ingles

**L-R:** David Koch MLA, presenting Anne Brackley SpringDale Centre Coordinator, and Jonathan Harris SpringDale Committee President, with a grant certificate for \$50,000 for community projects.

I am so excited. David Koch MLA formally presented a \$50,000 grant to SpringDale to help to fund the development of a new Economic Development plan for Drysdale Clifton Springs and a skills development plan for SpringDale, as we become a Registered Training Organisation.

The goal is to encourage every business in Drysdale Clifton Springs to participate in this process and to create the best, most comprehensive plan that we can. We will hold community information meetings as well to encourage our whole community to participate in this process.

Benefits for SpringDale include a list of the skills needed to support the existing businesses and any new business ideas so that we have a course development plan in place and businesses will have a greater understanding of the facilities that SpringDale shares with our community.

A few years ago, as part of the development of the City of Greater Geelong Structure Plan for Drysdale Clifton Springs, many people missed out on the opportunity to participate in this process. We are striving to ensure that every business is involved.

Being a member of the Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association, I was part of initial discussions between the committee and also with Terry Demeo, City of Greater Geelong which produced this idea and the grant will enable it to be a reality.

SpringDale looks forward to working with Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association and many other groups to ensure that the outcomes of this project is as good as they possibly can be.

Please contact SpringDale to let us know your business details, although we currently work with more than 100 businesses each year in the development of our Business and Services

Directory, we know of at least 300 other businesses in the Drysdale Clifton Springs area but we are not sure how many we don't know about.

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or email [coordinator@springdale.org.au](mailto:coordinator@springdale.org.au).  
Anne Brackley

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**Friday 1**

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**Saturday 2**

The Sum Of Us Potato Shed  
Harvest Basket at SpringDale, 10am



**Monday 4**

Book Club at SpringDale, 7.30pm

**Sunday 10**

The Sum Of Us Potato Shed

**Tuesday 12 to Friday 15**

I Henry Robot Potato Shed

**Friday 15**

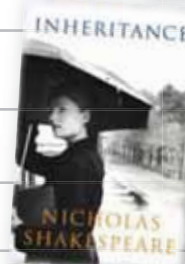
Austen Tayshus Potato Shed

**Monday 18**

School Term 3 commences

**Tuesday 19**

Me'n'Me Mate Potato Shed



**Saturday 23**

Otway Fly bus trip. Departs SpringDale 8am. \$20 Book Now!

**Wednesday 27**

Bokashi Workshop at SpringDale, 7.30pm

**Thurs 28, Fri 29 & Sat 30**

Little Shop of Horrors Potato Shed

**Sunday 31**

Portarlington Market 9am-2pm



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## from the centre

Anne Brackley [centre coordinator]



### 'We love recycling at SpringDale'

We love finding new homes for things and we love giving things a new home if we can. Over the last month we have gratefully received a piano from Drysdale RSL which has been on our wish list for more than 5 years.

The Drysdale Football Club gave us an oven and dishwasher that was excess to their needs, to help support the wide range of cooking activities that happen in our kitchen. It is with the support that we have received from the Bellarine Peninsula Community Bank, Portarlington Drysdale Lions Club and other fund raising that we will be able to remodel the SpringDale Kitchen and leap forward in the support that we can give to our community. It is an exciting time for us, this plan has been more than twelve months in coming to fruition and we thank everyone involved in making this come true.

We love to recycle people's skills, that have gained in other parts of lives or to give opportunities to young people starting off. During a session led by Meredith Shears, a Regional Career Development Officer from the Department of Education, I realized how important volunteer opportunities are to assisting people to create interesting and rewarding career paths. We were told that young people are not volunteering. I have to dispute this statement.

My experience is the young people are keen to give their time to worthy causes and to enable them to gain experience. We currently have two young people volunteering more than 5 hours each

a week in order to gain work experience. These young people are focused but also open to helping in any way they can. They bring a different energy with them and this is great for SpringDale.

We thank Teresa for facilitating our Julia Childs' Day and Jackie for the Italian night. Those involved had such a great time. We thank these two ladies for their time and expertise and we thank everyone who helped to make both activities so successful. We now look forward to a Russian day/evening with a few people volunteering to be involved. Teresa is keen to hold an Indian event and I am in discussions with people from Wathaurong to plan cultural activities later in the year.

As we prepare for our Annual meeting in August, I'd like to invite people to consider being part of the SpringDale Committee of Management. The Committee of Management meets once a month with other meetings as needed. The time commitment would probably average 5 hours per month. During this coming year we will be creating a new Strategic Plan as we complete the current 2009 – 2012.

**Regards and best wishes from**  
**Anne Brackley**  
for all the  
*SpringDale Team.*



## COURSE UPDATE @ SpringDale

### ABOUT TO COMMENCE

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**Dates/times:** Thur 28 July – Thur 1 Sep  
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**Fee:** \$120 or \$60 Conc

## Vacation Care @ SpringDale

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### Change of dates for the Art Classes for Term 3 are:

#### Discovering the Artist Within

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**Dates/times:** Tue 2 Aug – Tue 20  
Sep 9am – 11am (8 sessions)

#### Discovering the Artist Within

An Intermediate Art Course in Drawing and Painting for Adults

**Dates/times:** Tue 2 Aug – Tue 20  
Sep 11am – 1pm (8 sessions)  
or Wed 3 Aug – Wed 21 Sep  
10.30am – 12.30pm

**SpringDale** is a not for profit community business. It has five key service areas – **Children's Services:** Occasional Care and Vacation Care, **Publications:** The SpringDale Messenger Magazine, Course Guide and Business and Services Directory, **Classes:** Cheese Making to MYOB, Yoga to Excel for Business, Special Interest Groups – 35 of them – Welcome Morning Tea group – Pole Walking, Book club – Raw Foods. **Community Support:** This includes hall hire, photocopying, internet use and many more services.

We have approximately 3.5 equivalent full time staff members and currently have 97 volunteers who share from an hour a month to 3 days a week with us and our community. We appreciate feedback and encourage the development of new groups, classes and ideas.

### Sharing ideals and services



We are located at **17-21 High Street Drysdale** and run programs at Drysdale Senior Community Club, Drysdale Scout Hall, St Leonards Community Space and St Leonards Recreation Hall.

Our organisation started 22 years ago and our hall is about to turn 100 years old.

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## BEWARE!!! - more scams

### Travel Scams

You receive an email with the offer to get amazingly low fares to some exotic destination but you must book it today or the offer expires that evening. If you call, you'll find out the travel is free but the hotel rates are highly overpriced.

Some can offer you rock-bottom prices but hide certain high fees until you 'sign on the dotted line'. Others, in order to give

you the 'free' something, will make you sit through a timeshare pitch at the destination. Still others can just take your money and deliver nothing.

Also, getting your refund, should you decide to cancel, is usually a lost cause. Your best strategy is to book your trip in person, through a reputable travel agency or proven legitimate online service like Travelocity or Expedia.

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# Bellarine Jongleurs Acting in Horror!



For the adult production in July, we are performing *Little Shop of Horrors* with young local talent, including Brandon Davey who is our director. The show will have some of our old favourites including Rob McLeod as the plant voice. It will be on **July 28, 29 and 30 at 7.30pm.**

# Variety of shows

The *Sum of Us* starring John Jarratt will kick off a very busy July and if you hurry there might still be tickets available when this publication hits your letterbox! School holidays are upon us again and the gang from Theatre 3triple2 are back with an original play *I Henry Robot*, the story of a malfunctioning robot and the misadventures that follow. Full of the usual catchy tunes and colourful characters, always a great option to keep the kids entertained. Changing vibe completely we welcome one of Australia's biggest names in comedy – Austen Tayshus with his show *The Merchant of Menace*. Morning Showtime will see Adelaide's Splash Theatre Company present *Me'n' Me Mate*, featuring Australian ballads and yarns from Lawson, Paterson, CJ Denis & others, a true celebration of Australia culture. And to round out the month Blunt Productions are presenting *Little Shop of Horrors*, starring many familiar members of the community. This will be lots of fun so get your tickets early.

**For further information on any of our upcoming events or to book tickets call the Potato Shed on (03) 5251 1998. Tickets can also be purchased at any City of Greater Geelong Customer Service Centre.**

## WIN A DOUBLE PASS TO



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# WHAT'S ON IN JULY

**Saturday 2 July**  
**The Sum Of Us**

8pm Adult - \$24 Conc - \$19

**Tuesday 12 – Friday 15 July**  
**I Henry Robot Potato Shed**

3triple2 for Kids School Holiday Show

10.30am & 1.30pm daily

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**Friday 15 July**  
**Austen Tayshus**

8pm Adult - \$25 Conc - \$22

**Tuesday 19 July**  
**Me'n' Me Mate**

Morning Showtime

10.30am \$14 incl. morning tea

**Thurs 28, Fri 29 & Sat 30 July**  
**Little Shop of Horrors**

7.30pm Adult - \$20 Conc - \$15

Group Discounts available for all shows.

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**Thurs 28, Fri 29, & Sat 30  
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## Course & Groups Update



### Cheese Club

Please note: The Cheese Club is on the first Saturday of every second month. If you have a cheese to share bring it along. The club is open to people who have attended cheese classes at SpringDale. Coffee cost is \$2. Cost is \$1 plus cost of ingredients. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Next meeting:** Sat 2 July at 10am, then Sat 3 Sept.

### Dance for kids

Toddlers dance activity – lets have fun to music together. Please register your interest. **Date/time:** Tue 26 July from 9.15am – 10am \$5 per session.

### Raw Foods Group

The group has been changed to the first Saturday of each month from 12 noon til 2.30pm. Cost is \$4 donation. All welcome to attend. Please bring a raw plate to share, from vegies, fruits, nuts, seeds and more.

## Julia Child's Luncheon



*and the Italian Night - served up wonderful delights at SpringDale*

*Far Left: Teresa and participants enjoying their Julia Child Day  
Top Right: Jackie and Anne enjoying preparing food for the International Italian night.*

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## ADRIAN MANNIX COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to Anne Brackley who has received the 2011 Adrian Mannix Community Service Award. Anne is well known in the community as the Centre Coordinator of the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre and has been involved with the committee for more than a decade. I had the pleasure of working with Anne when I was Coordinator of the Neighbourhood Centre prior to being elected as the Member for Bellarine. I know Anne gives a large amount of her personal time supporting all the activities at the centre. Her enthusiasm is infectious and she is an integral part of everything that happens at the centre. Anne encourages people to get involved in the community and if she hears that the community wants or needs something - she takes immediate action, advising those who need to know and works tirelessly to get the results. Anne is also involved in Guides, the annual Bunyip Festival and other community work such as serving on the committee of the Potato Shed. I am delighted to see Anne's hard work and dedication to the community rewarded and recognised with this award.

I would also like to acknowledge the Rotary and Lions clubs of Drysdale and Portarlington and also the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre for continuing to support this award to ensure that we have opportunities each year to recognise important volunteers in our community.

## DRYSDALE-CLIFTON SPRINGS SPORTS PRECINCT

Recently in Parliament, I called on the Minister for Sport and Recreation to support and commit funding to the development of the Drysdale-Clifton Springs sports precinct or, as a minimum, to agree to come with me to visit the proposed precinct and meet some of the clubs that are involved there. While a number of South Barwon sporting clubs and infrastructure were committed to in the State budget, I was disappointed to see that the Drysdale-Clifton Springs sports precinct was not. The need for the proposed sporting precinct to be located near the Potato Shed, the Bellarine Secondary College, St Ignatius College and St Thomas' Catholic Primary School was identified as part of the master planning process for the growth in Clifton Springs.

The former state government committed \$500,000 to the first stage of the development and would have provided it had we won the election. This proposal is about building for the long term and I will continue to push for this much needed infrastructure for the Bellarine.

## CHURCH HALL WORKS START

I was delighted to see the commencement of work on the St James' Anglican Church Hall in Drysdale. The St James' Church and Hall are historic landmarks in the Drysdale township and the Hall is in constant use by various community groups who will also benefit from the update of facilities. As the Member for Bellarine, I was pleased to support their applications for funding under the then State Government's Heritage Grant program and the Community Support Grant - Building Community Infrastructure program. While I understand more funds are still required to complete the entire project, I am pleased to see funding from the former State Government has assisted the church commence the much needed restoration project.

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.



Mark Edwards, General Manager of Geelong based **Wathaurong Glass and Arts**, presented personalised commemorative glass plaques to members of the organising committee of the **2011 Festival of Glass**. Each personalised plaque bore the message: *'Wathaurong Glass and Arts. Presented to (name) in appreciation of your commitment to delivering a successful Festival of Glass - 2011'*.

At the presentation, Mark Edwards said, 'We thought that the Festival was a great idea and so we supported it from the start. It was a very successful day for us and we're happy to offer these plaques in

## Festival Award from Wathaurong Glass

L-R: Festival of Glass Committee members Patrick Hughes, Doug Carson, Mark Edwards, Lyn Ingles, Glenda McNaughton, Anne Brackley, Michelle Payne.

appreciation of the Festival committee's hard work.'

In reply, **Festival of**

**Glass** chairperson Doug Carson said, 'We're very grateful for these very generous gifts. Wathaurong Glass and Arts was an early and enthusiastic supporter of the 2011 Festival and their striking display of decorative, domestic and corporate glassware, each featuring distinctive Wathaurong images, was one of the highlights of the Festival. We look forward to welcoming them again in 2012.'

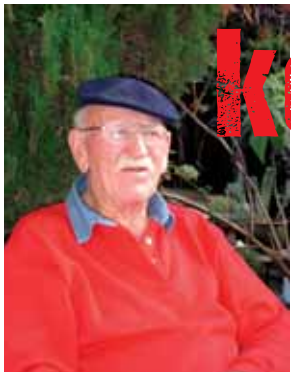
The 2011 Festival of Glass was held on February 20 at the Potato Shed in Drysdale. It attracted over thirty glass-related artists, craftspeople and businesses and over six thousand visitors.

**The 2012 Festival of Glass is on Sunday, 19 Feb 2012** (venue/s to be announced). **For more information:** <http://festivalofglass.blogspot.com>  
See also [www.wathaurongglass.com.au](http://www.wathaurongglass.com.au)

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## Kel's corner

We continue our interesting talk with Kel on asparagus grown in the area.

"Initially the paddock was ploughed with a 'mullboard' plough and then a small furrow was made and the asparagus crowns were individually planted and then a small mound was created around each crown and fertilized with animal manure. In the first year some sprouts appeared, which were left to grow up into a fern that was about 3 feet (90cm) tall with red seed pods (like boxthorn berries). The fern was left till it dried off, then it was cut and burnt. The second year the same thing happened and then the third year it would start producing and slowly get better each year.

Lots of women were employed to cut asparagus especially during the war and a number of men were employed after the war. AJC (Australian Jam Factory) employed many men and women at their factory on the corner of Springs Road and Whitcombes Road. Tom Matthews used to look after the steam engine which powered the factory. This went on until the land started to be bought up by Wilmore and Randall for subdivision into hundreds of house blocks in Clifton Springs. The farms were gradually bought and subdivided and gradually the asparagus phased out. The AJC factory was used for a while to process olives brought in from elsewhere and then to process straw for bottle a packaging."

Kel is still sad that so much great food producing, farming land was split into house blocks. I think my grandfather, Ernie Rodgers, carted the asparagus to market – I know he carted it somewhere.

**Kel Davis & Anne Brackley**



*The Drysdale Asparagus Factory and picture below asparagus crowns*



### Footnote:

*Many people have spoken to me about asparagus since the first half of this story went to print. Many conversations have taken place reminiscing about those days in Drysdale. I've also had the privilege to read the Bellarine Historical Society's book "Asparagus" for sale \$6 from the museum and from Volta Vacuum systems in the arcade. Kel has found me an asparagus crown and we visited Mark Chirgwin's farm in which he still grows asparagus commercially in Drysdale.*

## Years Ago

As reported in The Argus  
Tuesday 20 October 1936.

### DRYSDALE

The newly erected Drysdale asparagus canning factory is treating the local asparagus crop and employing about 30 hands.

If the pea crops are good the factory will can some of the green peas this season.

## Gordon Harding awarded Drysdale RSL Life Membership



Gordon Harding was awarded a Life Membership for the Drysdale RSL from the Return Services League after 55 years of service. He joined the RSL in 1946.

Mr Harding has been devoted to the RSL. Mr Wisby, Sub-branch President presented the award to Mr Harding with heartfelt congratulations.

Mr Harding has served as treasurer, vice president and has been on the committee and has been trustee of the Drysdale RSL for 27 years.

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# Responding to issues

DCSCA responds to issues raised by local people (including the need for a swimming pool), but we also try to be proactive through four programs. Here is an update on developments in each program, previewed in previous DCSCA Messenger columns.

**Our Open Spaces Network** is building a collection of open spaces protected from development, linked by walking or cycling tracks and supported by 'Friends' groups. The Dell is one such open space and DCSCA was among several community groups involved in creating the new signage at the Dell and the magnificent new lookout above it. Currently, DCSCA is working with the council to establish a Northern Cycle Trail connecting several sites in the Network, including Drysdale station, the Recreation Reserve and Griggs Creek.

**Streetscape to Artscape** program is creating a trail of art exhibits, each reflecting local people's memories of our towns and hopes for their future. Local artists have joined the program and DCSCA is seeking funds to support it.

**Festival of Glass** offers a unique showcase to local glass artists, craftspeople and companies and encourages others to establish themselves here. The 2011 Festival attracted around 6,000 visitors, plus extensive coverage by the media and the tourism industry. Planning for the 2012 Festival is underway.

**Going Green on the Bellarine** is DCSCA's program that promotes the area as a showcase for tomorrow's 'green' economy, bringing new technologies and jobs. At DCSCA's invitation, the council's Economic Development Unit will hold a workshop in Drysdale later this year, where local businesses can explore the area's potential to attract new 'green' jobs and industries.

## Contacting DCSCA:

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DCSCA's blog -  
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Patrick Hughes,  
DCSCA Secretary

## our reader's feedback

### The Nelson's Sixty-Fours

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this great book written up in last month's Messenger. The authors should be congratulated on recording an important part of naval history.

**Gordon**, Drysdale.

*Editor: We are lucky to have such talented committed people in our midst.*

### Asparagus

What a shame that asparagus is not still grown in the Drysdale area. I object to buying asparagus from Peru which is usually available from Safeway.

**Patty**, Clifton Springs.

*Editor: Perhaps it is something we could grow in our community garden when it is set up.*

### School Lights

After travelling extensively through Victoria I wish that all school crossings would have illuminated flashing lights at appropriate times, to ensure the safety of all.

**Pam**, Drysdale.

*Editor: School times can be tricky in areas that you don't know well.*

### Worthy Winner

Congratulations to Anne Brackley for winning the 2011 Adrian Mannix Award. She certainly does a lot for the community.

**Helen**, Drysdale.

*Editor: Anne gives 100% to all she does.*

### Well done pedestrians

It has come to my notice that the walking student population must be taking note of the article that was in the Messenger about walking along the roads in the morning and afternoons to and from bus stops. There has been quite a shift from the 'wrong side of the road to the right' so to speak. It is much safer for pedestrians and drivers to see each other to take avoidance action if necessary. Parents keep advising your kids about road safety and which side of the road is correct, it is such an important issue with so many sharing the roads these days, we all should be mindful and courteous to all users, bike riders, motor cyclists, walkers and drivers.

**Lyn**, Clifton Springs.

*Editor: It is good to know that the Messenger can make a difference in something as important as this safety issue.*

### Good on you mate!

10 points to the elderly gentleman who tapped on the side window of the car of a young female 'P' driver who parked in the disabled parking outside the ANZ Bank. She got quite a shock at his display of attention getting, but it worked, when asked why did she park there when there was another driver displaying a disabled sticker on her windscreen was waiting to park. She responded *she was in a hurry and it was too far for her to walk from the other carpark*. Honest yes! but I don't think she will do that again. Embarrassed at the situation has been her lesson in courtesy and respect for those few parking lots available for so many.

**Christine**, Leopold

*Editor: We should always take notice of the parking signs, especially disabled.*

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## National Diabetes Week

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**For more information about Type 2 diabetes prevention programs visit [www.diabetesaustralia.com.au](http://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au) or call the Diabetes Infoline on 1300 136 588 or (03) 9667 1777.**

*Diabetes Australia is committed to turning diabetes around through awareness, prevention, detection, management and a cure.*

## Mediterranean Breakfast Plate

The recipe has been taken from the Diabetes Weight Loss Plan, distributed by Simon & Schuster, available at \$34.95 (RRP) from leading bookstores or Diabetes Australia on 1300 136 588.



*Throughout much of the southern Mediterranean you may see this on the breakfast menu. Make sure the tomatoes are at room temperature for the best flavor. Serves: 3*

### Ingredients

4 large tomatoes, cut wedges  
200 g cucumber, cut in chunks  
100 g reduced-fat feta cheese, cut in thin slices  
9 black olives  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
Freshly chopped marjoram, to sprinkle  
Freshly ground black pepper, to sprinkle  
6 slices oat, soya and linseed bread to serve

### Method

1. Arrange the tomatoes, cucumber, cheese and olives on three plates.
2. Sprinkle with olive oil, marjoram and pepper and serve with bread.

**Nutritional Information: Each serving provides** - Key nutrients 1539 kilojoules; 368 g calories; 18 g protein; 10 g fat; 4 g saturated fat; 45 g carbohydrate; 10 g sugar; 7g fibre; 873 mg sodium. GI estimate low.

## Biggest Morning Tea

Thank you to all the people who came along and supported such a worthy cause, as we raised \$205.00 for the Cancer Council of Australia. It was a nice time to get together and have a coffee and chat amongst friendly people, but still have one thing in common, and that is to help raise funds for cancer research.



## Wellness Group

The Wellness Group at SpringDale is going well with an average of twelve attendees. So far we have experienced many wonderful presentations including massage, aromatherapy, meditation, belly dancing and Tibetan healing bowls, along with a talk on toxic chemicals. Maggie Gove presented an interesting demonstration and talk on the benefits of Bowen Therapy and Jarrod Carter offered a Zinc Test, an Iridology examination and

an enlightening talk on Naturopathy. Everyone left the building well informed, healed and happy. There will be many more exciting presentations including, introduction to raw food, blood group diet, pole walking and humming for health. **Why not come along to SpringDale on Mondays at 11am to 12.30pm and join the fun.**

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# Members celebrating their achievements

Drysdale T.O.W.N. Club celebrated our members' achievements for the T.O.W.N. year in May with a Biggest Morning Tea. We raised \$337.65 for the Cancer Council of Victoria.

Achievements are broken into several categories and our Biggest Loser for the year was Mary Bebic. Betty Spence and Lyn Ward were runners-up. Our Graduate of the Year was Peg Shears with Eileen Skelhorn and Sue Jones as runners-up. Our Mini-Graduate of the Year was June Heywood with Maureen Gati and Ellen Veith as runners-up.

A special award was given to Margaret Kingsland, who, despite being unwell and unable to exercise very much still lost a lot of weight. We would like to congratulate all our winners on their great effort.

Over the next few months our focus at Drysdale T.O.W.N. club will be on Food, Glorious Food. We will discuss the merits of bagged and fresh vegetables, Herbs for

Health, After a Pig out-What, 20 Ways to Quit Chewing the Fat, What goes in your Shopping Trolley and Is Food Controlling you?

**If you are interested in good health, losing weight and good companionship why not join Drysdale T.O.W.N. Club. We meet Wednesday mornings from 9am to 11am at the Drysdale Football Clubrooms. For more information please call Lyn Ward on (03) 5253 1292 or mobile 0417 536 619.**



Top left: L-R: June Heywood, Maureen Gati, Ellen Veith.  
Top right: L-R: Eileen Skelhorn, Peg Shears, Sue Jones.

Right: Seated: Margaret Kingsland,  
L-R: Lyn Ward, Mary Bebic, Betty Spence.



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Dry July is about clearing your head and making a difference. Get healthy, challenge yourself, encourage positive change and a healthy attitude to alcohol consumption. During Dry July an individual or team can sign up to the challenge of a month long sponsored abstinence from alcohol. The funds raised directly benefit the lives of adults living with cancer across Australia. Daniel MacPherson, host of Dancing with the Stars, will be swapping cocktails for mocktails to raise money for this worthy cause. **For further information visit [www.dryjuly.com](http://www.dryjuly.com) or phone 1300 379 585. Dry July is a national, not for profit, charitable organisation and donations over \$2 are tax deductible.**



Ed Halmagyi  
Celebrity Chef

"This will be my third Dry July, and I'm looking forward to it just as much as last time. You see, chefs like me have something of a reputation for enjoying the odd pint after work ...OK, maybe a couple. So it's a fantastic opportunity to cleanse and reset. I support Dry July because I believe in the health message and also the chance to help raise much-needed funds for cancer patients. But given that one of my closest family members was diagnosed with a very difficult cancer in the last year, this time it's personal."

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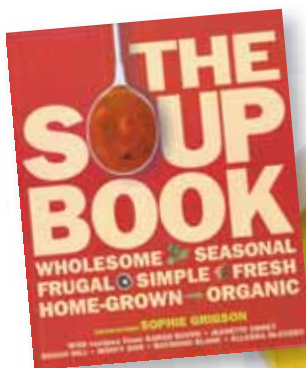
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The vegetables and fruit should be very soft at the end of cooking.

Stir in the stock, then blend the soup in batches. As each batch is done, pour it back into a sieve set over a clean saucepan. Press the contents through with the back of a ladel, a wooden spoon, or a pestle.

When all the soup has been sieved, reheat it very gently, then season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper. Serve garnished with toasted pumpkin seeds.

*Can be frozen up to 3 months.*

- 60g unsalted butter
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 200g diced pumpkin
- 2 sharp-tasting apples such as Granny Smith, diced
- 150ml hot water
- 1.2litres cold vegetable stock or chicken stock
- salt & freshly ground pepper
- 30g toasted pumpkin seeds to garnish

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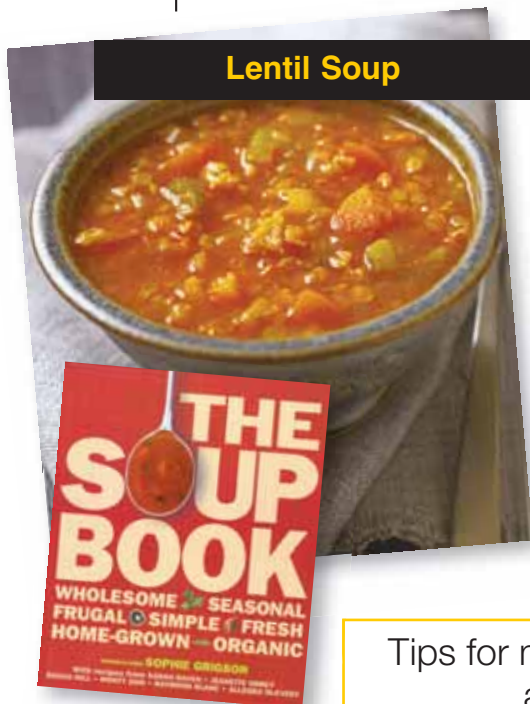
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# Soups with a difference



## Lentil Soup

1 tbsp olive oil  
2 onions, finely chopped  
2 sticks celery, finely chopped  
2 carrots, finely chopped  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
1-2 tsp curry powder  
150g red lentils  
1.4 litres vegetable stock  
120ml tomato juice or vegetable juice  
salt and freshly ground pepper

Heat the oil in a large pan over medium heat, then add the onions, celery and carrots. Cook, stirring for 5 minutes, or until the onions are soft and translucent.

Add the garlic and curry powder and cook, stirring for a further 1 minute, then add the lentils, stock, and tomato juice.

Bring to the boil, then lower the heat, cover and simmer for 25 minutes, or until the vegetables are tender. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper, serve hot.

Can be frozen for up to 3 months.

## Tips for making healthy choices at fast food restaurants

### Make careful menu selections

Pay attention to the descriptions on the menu. Dishes labeled deep-fried, pan-fried, baked, batter-dipped, breaded, creamy, crispy, scalloped, Alfredo, au gratin or in cream sauce are usually high in calories, unhealthy fats or sodium. Order items with more vegetables and choose leaner meats.

### Undress your food

When choosing items, be aware of calorie and fat-packed salad dressings, spreads, cheese, sour cream, etc. For example, ask for a grilled chicken sandwich without the mayonnaise. You can ask for mustard or condiment and add it yourself, controlling how much you put on your sandwich.

### Special order

Many menu items would be healthy if it weren't for the way they were prepared. Ask for your vegetables and main dishes to be served without the sauces.

Ask for olive oil and vinegar for your salads or order the dressing "on the side" and spoon only a small amount on at a time. If your food is fried or cooked in oil or butter, ask to have it steamed.

### Eat mindfully

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It's time to appraise the garden with a fresh eye, plan for next summer and hatch a cunning scheme to fit in one more vegie bed somewhere. Raised beds give the suburban gardener flexibility. They can be established on any surface, even a sloping concrete driveway with a little ingenuity. They can also be packed up and moved, with a bit of bother. This month I'll look at the no-dig 'lasagne' bed.

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*Top:  
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*Left:  
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So, I filled the bottom 30 cm with any old hard, non-toxic rubbish. Plastic flower pots, broken pallets, whatever. On top of that went a layer of weedmat to keep the growing medium from falling through. Then I built up successive layers of lucerne hay or pea straw, sheep or cow manure and compost. Each layer was liberally watered. The top layer was a good-quality potting mix. That was 10cm below the rim of the bed, allowing seedlings some protection from windy weather.

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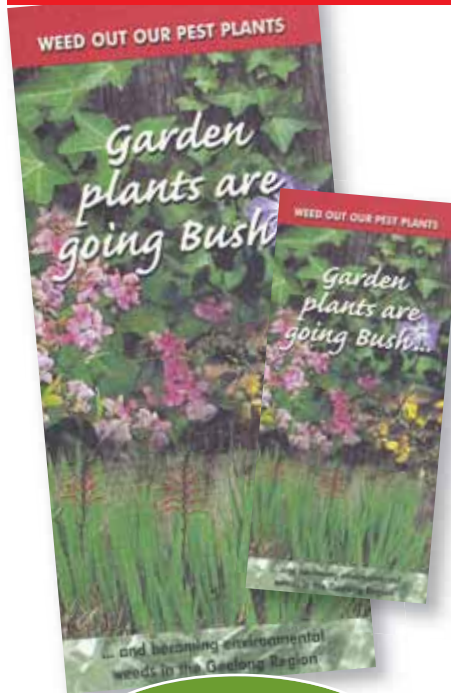
Bokashi, a food scrap recycling system, has been a way that we have used food scraps and encouraged our community to go greener. We have tried to model best practice and to inform the community about the benefits of fermenting food scraps to create a potent "juice" that will help to sustain vegetable growth and potentially help to increase the organics in the topsoil and help to drought proof our environment.

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Some of the highlights around Maryborough being *Worsley Cottage*, the *Old Flour Mill* which is now a *Sew what Display*, and the Maryborough Railway Station. Two trips to Maldon. One to catch the Steam Train to Castlemaine. Just so easy to see the hours go by. So much to learn of our history in all the towns. There was tremendous friendship and fun on the trip. All agreed, what happened on the trip stayed on the trip.

Heather Gould



Footnote: Ladies visit [www.maryboroughflourmillgallery.com.au](http://www.maryboroughflourmillgallery.com.au) and enjoy what this site has to offer. If you like sewing this has a wonderful historic collection of sewing machines and associated utilities. Easy to see why it was a great source of historical curiosity.

## Good for a laugh



There is a real art in relating a joke. Many of us can't remember the punch line or instead, can't remember the joke at all. At the May meeting of the Drysdale Ladies Probus Cub, members were releasing large quantities of endorphins, due to excessive laughter, thus increasing our immune system and lessening stress.

Enid Baker, a sought after as speaker, kept us all entertained with a plethora of tales and jokes, some with actions including her audience, as witnessed by the accompanying photo. It really does make one feel elated after a good laugh.



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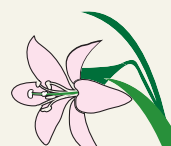
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At our May meeting Christine Middleton gave us A Scottish Tale, a tale of love through war and peacetime, accompanied by harp playing and soft singing. Many members were able to join in singing the old refrains, and there was a tear in many an eye. Afterwards we lunched at The Springs, where we enjoyed the food and company.

At our meeting this month, on July 11, Christine Sherwill will speak to us of the benefits of aspirin for elderly folk, to be followed by our Birthday Luncheon. We are planning a Mystery Tour and a Christmas-in-July in the Dandenongs for coming months.

Our meetings are held in the Members' Room of the Clifton Springs Golf Club from 10am on the second Monday of each month. We are a combined Club for women and men, and visitors and prospective members, singles and couples, are welcomed at all our meetings and activities.

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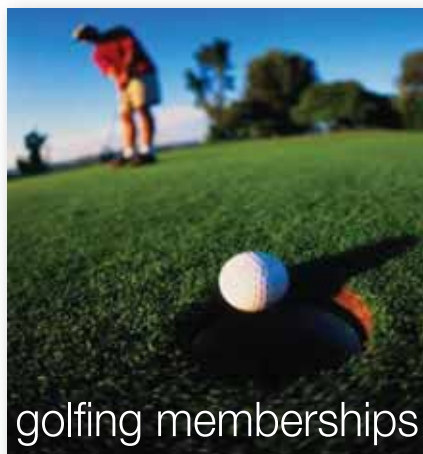


## Drysdale guides are winners too.

Drysdale Guides congratulates Anne Brackley on winning the Adrian Mannix Community Service Award for 2011 and appreciates the fact that Anne is going to put the \$500 prize money towards subsidising new uniform tops for each guide and leader to meet the State requirement on being in the new uniform by the end of 2011.

Past and present guide leaders were at the dinner to see Anne presented with the trophy and cheque. Anne recently celebrated 35 years as guide leader at Drysdale Guides.

Well done Anne and thanks for your commitment to the young people of our area.



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Along the section of the trail between Whitehorse Road and Kildoray Street near Moolap, several working bees have carried out more than 800 new plantings. A considerable amount of weed spraying and mowing has been done, and many tonnes of mulch spread to consolidate the benefits of good rainfall. Two new picnic tables have also been constructed and installed, one just south of Whitehorse Road and the other near Kensington Road.

Much has also been achieved in the vicinity of Melaluka Road, where we contributed towards Clean-up Australia Day, recovering 11 garbage bags of litter, a quantity of polyester piping and just one lonely discarded car tyre.

## Lone Pine tree planting

During April our volunteers joined with members of the Ocean Grove RSL and members of Legacy in planting a Lone Pine tree in the Avenue of Honour on the rail trail at Curlew. The tree is significant in being a direct descendant of the original Lone Pine seed brought back from Gallipoli, and is one of 18 in the Geelong and Bellarine region likely to eventually grow to a height of about 15 metres. The ceremonial planting was conducted by John Burton of Geelong Legacy, Alistair Macintosh, President of the Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail, and Bill Huggins, President of the Ocean Grove RSL.



Above: The planting of a Lone Pine tree in the Avenue of Honour

## Scarborough history

Recently we installed signage to indicate the location of the former railway siding known as Scarborough on the rail trail at Curlew, immediately behind the Curlew Golf Club. This siding handled outgoing produce from district farms and also served to bring supplies to local area farmers. A group of investors bought and subdivided adjacent farming land in an attempt to develop the area but the financial crash of the early 1890's brought this ambitious venture to a close. The railway siding was closed down in 1914.

## Volunteers

We have welcomed several new faces to our group this year, lessening the workload on our regular stalwarts and adding impetus to our efforts to further improve the Bellarine Rail Trail as our very own local - free to use - recreational asset.

If you haven't already done so, please contact us to add your own contribution to this highly successful joint community effort.

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## 'Green Army' inspecting produce in their area

The Green Army, a group of twenty Grade 6 students from Drysdale Primary, took a break recently from their gardening tasks and took to the back roads of Drysdale. The boys have been busily helping the grade 3 kids with their kitchen garden but with two teachers Mr James Field and Mr Matt Green they rode their bikes to visit some of the interesting Primary Producers around Drysdale. The children visited Anne Wilson's Hot houses where hydroponic tomatoes are



grown, Wilds cattle farm, Robinsons vineyard and finally Manzanillo Grove where Renate showed the children some of the equipment they use to extract high quality oil from their olives.

*Students Trent Gething and Forrest Baylor 'Getting the good Oil' on the finer points of olive oil production from Renate Kint of Manzanillo*

## Scarborough Estate, Drysdale

*[From the files of the Bellarine Historical Society]*

Scarborough is a town on the North Sea coast of North Yorkshire and is the largest holiday resort on the Yorkshire coast. The town was founded around 966 AD as Skarðaborg by Thorgils Skarði, a Viking raider.

The name Scarborough was also popular in the district of Drysdale in the 1880s and the first school at the Springs, Pt. Lonsdale was known as Scarsborough. c.1880's. The teacher was Molly Short. Presumably one of the original land owners of the peninsula had connections to Scarborough or perhaps the region reminded him of English views.

In 1885 the Scarborough Estate, 164 acres to the north-east of Drysdale was offered for sale in five to twenty acre lots, with some smaller villa sites facing the bay. In the form 'Scarboro' the name had been used for a boarding house at Clifton Springs, owned by Thomas Bates, and run by Mrs Hayman.

In 1888, the Scarborough Estate and Land Investment Company was formed with 18 shareholders, comprising merchants, business men, a banker, a surveyor and a member of parliament: shares were valued at £2500 each. Lots mainly of 5 to 20 acres in area were available to buyers, with some smaller villa sites facing the bay. The land acquired was Drysdale and Newcombe's original Coriyule estate plus two additional lots to the west, some



*Scarborough is a town on the North Sea coast of North Yorkshire*

1800 acres altogether: £45,000 was paid for the land, £5600 for improvements, and £638 for building the Scarborough railway siding.

The railway station operated between the late 1800's and 1914, and was a factor in the failed attempt by a group of investors to promote land sales in the area.

On 15 February 1890 the Scarborough Estate advertised for tenders to lease the following portions for a period of 2 years: 1000 acres known as 'Curlewis' currently in the occupation of Mrs CUTHBERT; 'Coriyule', 740 acres in the occupation of Mr FORD; Some sales were made before the financial crash and subsequent depression of the early 1890's, which resulted in the abandonment of the scheme. The company was wound up in 1895 and the land later reverted to farming.

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# Adrian Mannix Award - Anne, well deserved winner

## 10th Annual Adrian Mannix Community Service Award Dinner

Portarlington Drysdale Lions Club hosted the 10th Adrian Mannix Community Service Dinner. One hundred and seven people from Adrian Mannix's family, Rotary Club of Drysdale, Portarlington Drysdale Lions Club, SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre and members of the public were in attendance.

Robert Wilson-Browne compared the evening and welcomed Tony Featherston, General Manager of The Cottage by the Sea, as our guest speaker. Lex Mortimer spoke of his time as a Councillor of Bellarine Rural City Council with Adrian and their achievements.

Shane Coles took the opportunity to recap how the award originated and presented Anne Brackley with the 10th Annual Award. Anne's participation in local activities includes 35 years as Guide Leader, 11 years Convenor Bunyip Festival, years of service at executive level for Clifton Springs playgroup, Dysdale Pre School, Clifton Springs



Photographs courtesy Colin Harding

Pre School, Drysdale Primary School Council, SpringDale Committee of Management and she is currently in her third year as President of Bellarine Secondary College.

Anne accepted the award on behalf of all the people that she has shared these experiences with over the years and shared the rest of the evening with family and friends.



Left: Anne Brackley being presented with the Adrian Mannix Award for 2011 by Shane Coles.

Right: Tony Featherston guest speaker for the evening.

**Nominations for the 11th Adrian Mannix Award can be completed and sent to SpringDale anytime before 31st March 2012. Nomination forms are available from SpringDale and may be down loaded from the SpringDale website. [www.springdale.org.au](http://www.springdale.org.au)**



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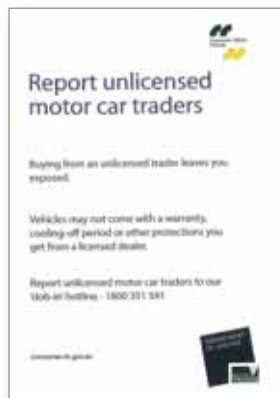
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Our diverse community - Understanding and supporting key community groups.

Training for a positive future  
- Meeting employment preparation and adjustment needs.

Maintaining social connections  
- Keeping people connected.

Enabling the Centre to meet future needs  
- room for our Centre to grow.

Going even greener - Building on our sustainable foundations

Getting governance and management right  
- Continuously improving our capacity to operate a great centre for our community.

And the best kept secret of all to help achieve these goals are the volunteers / over 60 of them who readily volunteer their time and skills to help make SpringDale tick.

We are coming towards our annual General meeting and are seeking your support, your volunteering, to take on and share some of the tasks from our willing team.

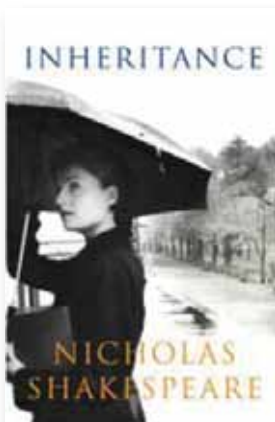
**Help us continue making a difference by bringing your fresh ideas and energy - firstly by contacting the Centre and then by your attendance at our Annual General Meeting in August**



## The Book Club - *Inheritance* by Nicholas Shakespeare

The book club met on the first Monday in June to discuss Nicholas Shakespeare's novel *Inheritance*. This romance, printed in 2010 marked Shakespeare's ninth book.

Starting in Western Australia in 1960 the novel quickly progresses to London in 2005 where the story really begins. Andy Larkham leaves his desk at Goodman's Publishing House to attend the funeral of his ex-teacher Stuart Fernivall. Running late he arrives at a crematorium and finds himself in a wrong chapel where Christopher Madigan's funeral is in progress. This error leads to unexpected consequences. The plot continues with this easy to read story of love, wealth,



tragedy and betrayal eventually becoming unravelled when Maral Bernard, Madigan's housekeeper tells the story of Madigan's tragic but very profitable life.

The general consensus of members was that we all agreed that Andy was quite a weak character, needing a good push to motivate him. Maral was a strong character that brought the story to its climax. Some members did not rate the book very highly but others thought it worthy of an average 7 out of 10.

**Our next meeting will take place on Monday, 4 July at 7.30pm when we will discuss**

**Paul Murray's book *Skippy Dies, Part 1 Hopeland*. All are welcome.**

*Edit from Wikipedia: About the Author*

### Nicholas William Richmond Shakespeare

Born 3 March 1957 in Worcester, Shakespeare is a British journalist and writer. Born to a diplomat, Shakespeare grew up in the Far East and in South America. He was educated at the Dragon School preparatory school then Winchester College and Cambridge and worked as a journalist for BBC television and then on The Times as assistant arts and literary editor. From 1988 to 1991 he was literary editor of The Daily Telegraph and The Sunday Telegraph.

His time in South America is represented in two novels, *The Vision of Elena Silves* (1989, Somerset Maugham Award, Betty Trask Award) and *The Dancer Upstairs*

(1995, American Library Association Award). Other less well known works from this period are *The Men Who Would Be King* (1984), *Londoners* (1986) and *The High Flyer* (1993). In 1999, Shakespeare published his biography of Bruce Chatwin to widespread critical acclaim. This was followed by the novel *Snowleg* (2004, long-listed for the Booker Prize, Dublin IMPAC Award) a 'place' book, *In Tasmania* (2004) and *Secrets of the Sea* (2007). Shakespeare has also produced several extended biographies for television on



**Nicholas William  
Richmond Shakespeare**

Evelyn Waugh, Mario Vargas Llosa, Bruce Chatwin and on the actor Dirk Bogarde (Arena 2001, BAFTA "Best Arts Documentary Award", RTS "Best Documentary Award"). *The Dancer Upstairs* was made into a film in 2002 for which Shakespeare wrote the screenplay and which John Malkovich directed. Shakespeare was nominated as one of Granta's Best of British Young Novelists in

1993 and has written articles for Granta, the London Review of Books and the Times Literary Supplement among others.

Shakespeare's novels place ordinary people against a background of significant events, as with *The Dancer Upstairs*, which

deals with Abimael Guzmán, leader of Peru's Sendero Luminoso; and *Snowleg*, set partly during the Cold War in the German Democratic Republic.

In 1999, he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

In 2009, he donated the short story *The Death of Marat* to Oxfam's 'Ox-Tales' project, four collections of UK stories written by 38 authors. Shakespeare's story was published in the 'Earth' collection.

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## Clifton Springs Primary School

As we look to the end of the first semester, we reflect on another term filled with events!

We continue to participate in the TravelSmart Program and have our 'Walk on Wednesday' competition. Two Golden Sneaker Awards are presented to the grades each month that have the highest percentage of children walking or riding to school and it's terrific to see some grades up to 75%.

Education Week was in May, during which our Media Team visited the local Pre-Schools to present the Audio Books they had made of the Pre-Schools favourite book. We ran group tours of our school for prospective families and children which were well attended. The week finished with Open Day where families were welcome to come and see their children at work after assembly.

Our Annual Athletics Sports were held at the fabulous Landy Field and despite a wet start to the day, we were able to complete a great days activities. The sports were closely fought out, but Bayshore House came out victors in the end, closely followed by Springs and Dell House in equal second place with Coriyule coming in third.

In June we had 12 students attend the Geelong Robocup Dance competition at the Potato Shed. The Clifton Springs students had a great day working with students from Bellarine Secondary



College producing and programming robots which then competed against each other in the Dance competition. The competitors were judged on the timing of the robot to the music, the variety of movements, how entertaining the dance was and the costume the robot had. The winning robot of the day was built by St. Leonards Primary School but two out of three of our robots came in equal second. The teams are really keen to participate in the State Competition in August at Science Works.

**Just a reminder that we are now taking enrolments for 2012. Enrolment packs are available from the Clifton Springs Primary School Office or please call 5251 3581 to make an appointment.**

## The Celtic Festival through Lottee's eyes



I went to the **Celtic Festival** on the Sunday in Portarlinton. There were lots of people around but it was ok. There were tents all over, some for music, some for crafts and some for food.

I went into one of the craft tents and the first thing I saw was a table full of cupcakes and other treats. At first I thought they were real, but when I saw the labels I found out they were soap. They still smelt good enough to eat. The next thing I saw was a stack of amazing jewellery. My two favourites were an owl and a love heart.

The next tent I went into was an entertainment tent. I watched highland dancing and enjoyed the music and songs of a

band called Killarney. I was only at the festival a short time but I liked what I saw and enjoyed a walk along the main street.



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# Drysdale's Soccer Teams Proving Competitive

With a third of the 2011 outdoor campaign now completed, the coaches of SpringDale FC's mens teams will be laying down their plans and setting team and individual targets for the rest of the season.

In Division 2, the first team has performed strongly against the majority of its opponents, including a 2-0 victory over Surfside Waves (Ocean Grove) courtesy of goals from Dougie Weeks and Aaron Pollard. A depleted side was given a reality check two weeks later in a 0-6 defeat at high flyers Barwon Heads, but coach Daniel Roddis will be optimistic of a top four finish when key players return from injury.

In Division 3 the reserves have exceeded expectations and the pre-season target of finishing off the bottom of the ladder has been adjusted to a mid table target, as the blend of youth and old legs has proven competitive against many of the more ambitious teams in that league. Coach Craig Plummer has managed to get his side to gel after a very short period of time and has instilled a fantastic team ethic.



Junior numbers continue to grow for the clubs under 7's and under 9's teams and planning is under way for the introduction of an under 11's side representing Drysdale & Clifton Springs.

For further information,  
visit the club website  
[www.springdalefc.com.au](http://www.springdalefc.com.au)  
or contact Geoff Briggs  
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## DRYSDALE HAWKS

We are more than half way through our football season and it will be a challenge for the Hawks to win another flag.

Round 12 for the Hawks is home against Portarlington on 2 July. A Bye for all teams has been scheduled for 9 July. Round 13 is away against Angelsea on 16 July, Round 14 is home against Geelong Amateur on 23 July and Round 15 is away against Newcomb on 30 July.

Come and see some big hits, tackles and marks at your local footy ground.

## Go Hawks



## SpringDale Going Greener

One of **SpringDale's Strategic Plan Goals** is **Going Greener** and one of the ways we have decided to promote this goal is to encourage the use of cycling in our community. We have been thinking about a bike rack for a while and when Tom O'Connor suggested it again we tried even harder.

One of our volunteers, Gordon, suggested using the rubbish bin enclosure to support the bikes. After talking to the City of Greater Geelong about this and receiving their permission, we created the sign and are now testing out this idea.

It's very timely as we are starting a bike riding group with Marilyn Townsend as the group leader.

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