



# The SpringDale Messenger



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## Bowlers dress it up



Drysdale Bowling and Croquet Club Bowling Members, modelling their new shirts, demonstrating unification is working at Drysdale.



Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association

**Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association Public Meeting to discuss the future of the Beacon Point Reserve and other Community Issues.**  
**Wednesday, 5 October at 7pm,**  
**SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.**  
**Come along and have your say.**

## Anivention

AN OUT OF THIS WORLD FESTIVAL



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Saturday 1 – Monday 31

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## Messenger copy deadline

Drysdale Harvest Basket Produce Swap SpringDale 9am-11am

AFL Grand Final

2011 Geelong Seniors Festival

**Daylight saving starts 2am. Put clocks forward 1 hour**

Fairytale Birthday Bash Surprise for Kids - Potato Shed

**DCSCA Public Meeting - SEE PAGE 10**

School Term 4 begins

Wellness Day at SpringDale 10am

National Firefighters Remembrance Day

Royal Geelong Show

Aboriginal Evening at SpringDale

Drysdale Community market 9am-1pm

The Merger – Sportsman's Night 2 Potato - Shed

Aussie Flyboy - Christine Middleton Potato - Shed

Geelong Cup

Carbon Awareness Evening

Free Family Fun Day @ The Shed Potato Shed

Pink Ribbon Day

Celebrate the Arts Prep Workshops - Potato Shed

St Leonards Festival

CCP Halloween Fest (Bands) ALL AGES - Potato Shed

CCP Halloween Fest (Haunted House) - Potato Shed

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**WORLD PREMIERE - SUNDAY 30 OCT, 6pm - Potato Shed**

Portarlinton market 9am - 2pm



National Firefighters  
Remembrance Day

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

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# from the centre

Anne Brackley [centre coordinator]



## 'SpringDale Groups are growing'

One of SpringDale's core service areas is SpringDale Groups and I'm happy to announce our 40th Group has just started at SpringDale. This means that there are 40 different groups of people in our community who have a common interest that they wish to share. Some groups meet monthly like our Jigsaw Group, our Book Group, Coffee Club, German Speaking Group, Harvest Basket and our Raw Foods Group. Some groups meet every two weeks like our Bellarine Camera Club, our fairly new Scrapbooking Group, our Card Making Group, our Springers Quilting Group and our newest Writers Group.

Most of our groups meet weekly. Our Singers Group that has met weekly for almost 20 years, Bellarine Community Choir, Badminton and Volley Ball Groups, Line Dancing, Scrabble, Mah-jong and Card Groups, Life Drawing and SpringDale Artists Groups, our Textile and Craft Group, our Spinning Group, our Computer Users Help Group, our Homework Group, Drysdale and Portarlington Toy Libraries, our Pole Walking Group and our new Cycling Group, all our Kitchen Groups, St Leonards Community Space (which has groups of their own) and Sea Change Men's Shed Group, our Wellness Group and Reality Group. Finally, our Cheese Making Group, which has grown out of our successful Cheese Making Classes from the last twelve months, meets every couple of months to enable like minded people to make cheese together, share costs of cultures, share ideas, time and energy and share cheeses at the end of the session.

What does it mean to be a group of SpringDale? It means that SpringDale provides the *infrastructure* for each group. The one annual SpringDale \$5 membership fee will enable people to become part of any of these groups, dependent upon space in the group being available. Most of our groups have attendance fees of \$2 per session but some that have more costs pay up to \$11 per session. All groups pay \$1 per person to SpringDale to help with our running costs – electricity, gas, tea, coffee, cleaning etc and in our Annual Report you'll see that \$7,554 was attributed to Groups – Operational Share equates to 7,554 people who attended our groups over the year.

Each group accesses insurance via SpringDale insurance policies, our banking, our auditing, our premise and our storage, SpringDale's Committee of Management and the list goes on. We do ask each group to participate in whole of SpringDale activities if they can, our special weeks such as Neighbourhood House and Adult Learners' weeks. Each group is asked to write a couple of paragraphs for our Annual Report and to ensure that their activities are recorded.

The part I only realised recently was the saving to the community in the form all of these groups not having to have their own Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers etc. but each group may have positions of responsibility that relate to their true purpose ie. activity related rather than administration related. The saving in hours and responsibilities and costs, to our community, is huge.

If each of the 40 groups were incorporated in their own right it would cost \$42.80 to submit an annual return to Consumer Affairs, say \$40 for a gift to the auditor, \$650 for Public Liability to name a few. This equals \$732.80, multiply this by 40 groups equals \$29,312 and doesn't include any time, stationary, meeting place costs for the administration meeting etc. I honestly had never thought about the extent of savings to our community.

I'd love to call your attention to our Wellness Day on Monday 10 October, our Aboriginal Culture evening on Friday 14 October and our Carbon Awareness evening on 21 October.

*Lastly I have been asked to make a plea to our community – a very loved dog is missing from our community – Pickles – a fox terrier, that was released from his yard when a meter reader opened the gate. Pickles was seen being picked up by a lady near the corner of High and Eversley Streets in the centre of Drysdale. If you have any information about Pickles please ring SpringDale so we can pass it on. Please let us reunite this family. I have learned so much since finding out about Pickles' disappearance, puppy farms and all sorts of despicable things that I'd never heard of before. Please let us help this very hopeful member of our community.*

Looking forward to the opportunities that this month will bring – hope you are too.



## WHAT'S ON @ SpringDale

### DIARY DATES

- **Wellness Day**  
**Monday 10 October**
  - **Aboriginal Culture**  
**Evening**  
**Friday 14 October**
  - **Carbon Awareness**  
**Evening**  
**Friday 21 October**
- BOOK AT SPRINGDALE

## Course update Oct 2011

Traditional & Digital scrapbooking at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. 2 hours each fortnight, cost \$2 time 9.30am to 11.30am. Would you love to organise your precious memories by scrapbooking your photos. I can show you traditional & digital scrapbooking solutions. Material list for beginners, tools available for you to use & product available to purchase. Tutor Lyn Clough. Inquiries (03) 5251 3008.

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



# Vacation Care @ SpringDale

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# Mini artists making their mark

We all know pre-schoolers love to paint but to see them take special pride in creating a masterpiece for their Mum and Dad is very special. The kids at Clifton Springs pre-school are busy getting their artwork ready to go on display at the upcoming Art Market and Auction in October. The teachers have all spent a great many hours sitting down and helping the children create their own little canvas masterpieces that parents can purchase on the night. The younger children, not quite up to painting a picture, will be able to enjoy the creative design side of things; experimenting with hands and feet in the paint.

Other mediums will also be explored, creating that special memento of the Art Show. The show is also a fabulous opportunity for the little ones to socialize outside of kinder, in a family friendly environment and to introduce them to the local primary school.

Whilst the kids won't be able to take part in the auction being run as a fundraiser for the pre-school, children will be very busy on the night with art and craft activities and games - not to mention enjoying a fabulous sausage sizzle and cake stall. This is only the second year of running the event, but the 4 year old kids who were involved last year, as 3 year olds, know how much fun the night is going to be.

It will be a busy lead up to the evening and an electric atmosphere for those few hours, after which we're sure all the kids will head home proud as punch with all their hard work for the kinder.

Look forward to seeing you there.

**The Clifton Springs Kindergarten.**

**Clifton Springs Pre-School**

## **2nd Annual ART MARKET & AUCTION**

**Friday 28 October 6pm - 8.30pm**

**Clifton Springs Primary School**

**Gymnasium-Jetty Road**

**Clifton Springs**

**Entry Gold Coin donation**

- Children's Art Show
- Feature Auction • Market Stall
- Food & Drinks • Kids Art & Craft activities

*Support this community event and bid on amazing articles.  
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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECT



Have you followed the link from the SpringDale website [www.springdale.org.au/edp](http://www.springdale.org.au/edp) to keep up to date with our Economic Development Plan Project? The Drysdale By Pass Road, that was planned 30 years ago, could be the project that gives Drysdale the best chance for a vibrant future. We have received information showing that towns with populations over 3000 people, thrive once the through traffic is diverted around the town.

I have started to speak to groups about this project but would love to be invited to speak to more.

Please join in and be part of helping to shape our future. Let this be the first of many plans that we as a community determine for ourselves.

**Phone (03) 5253 1960 or email [coordinator@springdale.org.au](mailto:coordinator@springdale.org.au).**

*Please be involved and aware.*

**Anne Brackley**

# FREE FAMILY FUN DAY SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER @ THE SHED 11AM - 3PM

- Ballet ■ Karate ■ Acting ■ Painting
  - Train Rides ■ Story Telling ■ Hip Hop
  - Animal Farm ■ Face Painting
  - Badge Making ■ Outdoor Games
  - High Tea for Kids ■ Demonstrations
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GEELONG AND THE BELLARINE PENINSULA



The action is heating up with the city's events calendar ready to be enjoyed. So there's no excuse to stay indoors, head outside to see some amazing events being staged around your region this coming season!

## JAYCO HERALD SUN TOUR

Thursday 13 and Friday 14 October 2011

**Stage 2, Thursday 13 October**  
Ballarat to Deviation Road, Newtown.

Including the Masters and Amateur Criterium Races, and the Cycle Victoria School Zones Finals at the Belmont Criterium Track.

**Stage 3, Friday 14 October**  
Waterfront Geelong via the SurfCoast, Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove to Drysdale.

This stage features the Honda Hybrid Women's Tour Team Time Trial in Drysdale.

Visit [www.jaycoheraldsuntour.com.au](http://www.jaycoheraldsuntour.com.au)

## DRYSDALE WHEELIE DAY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Friday 14 October 2011  
Drysdale Primary School

To celebrate the Jayco Herald Sun Tour, Drysdale presents a week of cycling events and educational activities with lots of fun for the whole family. Visit [www.committeeforbellarine.com.au](http://www.committeeforbellarine.com.au)

## BUPA AROUND THE BAY

Sunday 16 October 2011  
Rippleside Park, Geelong to Melbourne

Visit [www.bv.com.au](http://www.bv.com.au)

## TOAST TO THE COAST

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 October 2011  
Geelong, Bellarine Peninsula and the Surf Coast

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Sunday 18 March 2012  
Portarlington

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Changed traffic conditions will apply to some of these events. For more information visit [www.geelongaustralia.com.au](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au)

## BICYCLE MAPS - CYCLING IN THE REGION

Geelong and the Great Ocean Road offer some of Australia's finest cycling, with world famous coastal scenery and a vast network of trails that provide great opportunities for all levels of cyclists, from families to seasoned professionals.

The City of Greater Geelong, in partnership with Geelong Otway Tourism, has developed maps to provide cyclists with up to date information on the range of rides that the region has to offer. The "Great Ocean Rides" maps have been divided into two booklets, catering for training and recreational cyclists.

The Great Ocean Rides booklets are available at City of Greater Geelong customer service centres, visitor information centres and online at [www.visitgeelongbellarine.com/great-ocean-rides](http://www.visitgeelongbellarine.com/great-ocean-rides)



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## Sports Precinct Funding

Recently in Parliament, I called on the State Government to commit to partnering with the City of Greater Geelong to fund the Drysdale-Clifton Springs subregional sports precinct. The CoGG has adopted a master plan for the sports precinct following substantial consultation and discussion with sporting groups and the local community. With the population of Drysdale and Clifton Springs expected to increase significantly, community infrastructure needs to be planned and developed now to meet both the current and future needs of residents. Sporting clubs are at the heart of our communities, particularly regional and rural communities.

Although the master plan is to be delivered over a number of years, the first stage has been identified as a priority. The \$3 million first stage includes a playing field with lights, a multi-use rectangular playing and training field and stage 1 of a new main pavilion. The precinct will be a multipurpose sports facility.

I will continue to push for the State Government to commit to this worthwhile and much-needed project.

## Drysdale Library

It is great to see that works have begun on the redevelopment of the Drysdale Library. The former State Government provided funding towards this much needed project, with the current facilities

catering for the growing communities of Drysdale and Clifton Springs and also servicing residents from surrounding townships.

Although the redevelopment means the Library will be closed while the work is completed, I am sure the new facilities will be well worth the wait.

## Victorian Seniors Festival 2011



The Victorian Seniors Festival is to be held again this year from Sunday October 2 to Sunday October 9. Of course in Geelong and the Bellarine the Festival extends throughout the whole of October. It is hugely popular and is the largest Seniors Festival in regional Victoria.

This year there are highlights including an art show, a traditional afternoon tea, sailing, dances, theatre, concerts and tours. Something for

everyone and I encourage you to get involved and enjoy what is set to be another exciting and successful Seniors Festival in our region. Festival programs are

available from councils, libraries, neighbourhood and community houses and all Coles outlets. For more information about events and free travel, visit [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au) or contact my office on (03) 5248 3462.

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

**Hon Lisa Neville MP**  
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**Lisa Shearer, Winner  
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## Geelong Seniors – Be inspired

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**The Wellness Workshop will be held Monday 10 October, 10am - 3pm, \$10pp includes lunch.** On Thursday 20 October National Seniors Open Morning will be at Drysdale Uniting Church Hall from 10am – 12noon. Also on Thursday 20 October the Melodaires will perform at the Drysdale Seniors Community Club from 1pm – 3pm at the cost of \$1. On Tuesday 25 October the Drysdale Croquet Club will hold a free Come and Try day. Visit [www.geelongaustralia.com.au](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au) for further information.

## ‘Girls Night In’ at SpringDale

**Girls Night In** will be held in conjunction with Curves on **Friday 28 October** from 7-9pm. There will be gift stalls, massages, paint your nails and so much including having fun. Book tickets at CURVES \$10pp. Get involved for a wonderful cause.

# Think Pink Monday 24 October



This October, Cancer Council's Pink Ribbon Day is your chance to help raise money for all Australian women affected by breast cancer. One in every nine Australian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer by the age of 85.

Whether you buy a pink product, volunteer your time, hold a pink fundraiser or simply make a donation, your help will make **Pink Ribbon Day** on, **Monday 24 October** a great success.


# Women's Health Forum

**For Women over 40 years of age.**

A joint event organised by **Bellarine Community Health and Drysdale Curves** on **October 13, from 6.30-8.30pm** at **Bellarine Community Health, Drysdale campus, 21 Palmerston Street, Drysdale.**

This is a fun evening of health information with a local GP as guest speaker and a door prize. Supper and goodie bag provided.

**For more information or to register contact Denise Heathcote at the Drysdale campus of Bellarine Community Health on (03) 5251 2291.**



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**Date/time:** Monday 17 Oct – Monday 21 Nov (6 weeks) 10am – 12noon.

## Bellarine Relay for Life



**Bellarine Relay for Life** will be holding an event on the Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 November at the Collendina Recreation Reserve.

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# Occasional Care Program in the spotlight



The huge display of toys representing thousands of children, all over Victoria, that this program supports.



Our very successful Occasional Care Program is unfortunately experiencing some funding problems. To support calls for State and Federal government ministers to come together to discuss options for this very successful program, I went to my first rally on the steps Victorian Government Parliament. We currently have a petition at SpringDale that we would love you to sign. The funding in jeopardy is "Take a Break" funding which helps us keep our prices low. Please feel free to help us if you can.  
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# What's the future of Beacon Point?

Beacon Point's future will be discussed at a public meeting on Wednesday, 5 October 2011 at 7pm at the SpringDale Hall. The Drysdale and Clifton Springs Community Association Inc. (DCSCA) is holding the meeting to give local people a chance to say how they see the future of this major piece of open space. The City of Greater Geelong owns Beacon Point. Local Councillor John Doull has told DCSCA that a Masterplan for the land's future will be developed by the end of 2011 and that he will seek funds from the council's 2012/13 budget to implement the Masterplan.

At present there are no signs that local people will be invited to participate in creating the Masterplan, so DCSCA is getting on the front foot and holding this public meeting so that the community can have its say on what should happen at Beacon Point. DCSCA will then present this information to the City of Greater Geelong. The meeting will also review the council's 2006-2016 Bellarine Strategic Plan. We're now halfway through the Plan's life, so it's a good time to assess how well the plan is meeting the needs of people in Drysdale and Clifton Springs.

The Plan was created with substantial community participation and it is the basis for a lot of the developments in our towns. However, there are no signs that the council will ask communities on the Bellarine their views on how this major influence on their lives and environments is working, so once again DCSCA is getting on the front foot and asking the community to have its say.

**For more information:**  
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## Opposing a 'rogue bridge'

The City of Greater Geelong (CoGG) has approved an 'unlimited load' bridge from Bayshore Avenue across Griggs Creek, allowing heavy construction machines to travel along narrow suburban streets into the northern end of the Jetty Road Urban Growth Area. CoGG's decision to approve this rogue bridge has evaded public scrutiny and contradicts earlier assurances to local people - via the formal planning process - that a bridge here will have minimal impact on their lives.

DCSCA is supporting local residents' opposition to the rogue bridge, arguing that it would take a heavy toll on their way of life, on their safety and on their fragile environment and cultural heritage. Further, the bridge will be the only point of access by police, fire brigade and

ambulances to the northern end of the Growth Area, increasing their response times significantly. If the bridge is unusable for some reason, those response times and associated risks will increase further.

## Votes of confidence in 2012 Festival of Glass



Exhibitors at the 2012 Festival of Glass have given it a strong vote of confidence recently. Five months before the Festival, more than thirty exhibitors have confirmed their booking; and eighteen exhibitors have, between them, donated prizes

worth a total of \$1,520 for the Festival Raffle. Chairperson of the 2012 Festival of Glass, Doug Carson said, 'The number and value of items donated is a strong vote of confidence by local glass artists and craftspeople in the Festival's potential to promote their work. It's clear evidence that the Festival has the potential to become a major showcase of local glass art, craft and industry, driven by the active support of local glass workers.'

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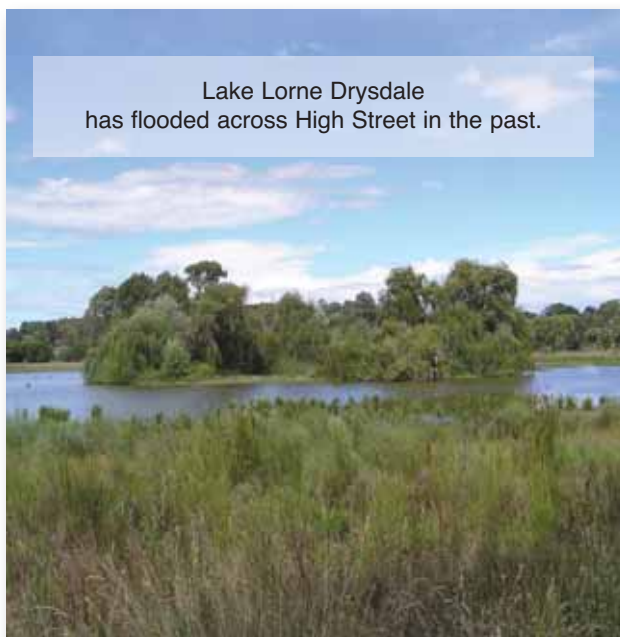
## kel's corner

Talking to Kel about Lake Lorne and the new Masterplan, that is being developed for the site, he remembered a tragedy that happened in 1953. "Lots of people would not have a clue about this. People have been surprised when I've told them about the lake being over full, flooding over onto the bitumen road. The lake was about 16 feet deep in the centre."

Kel's father, Franny, had a timber boat, called a clinker, down at Lake Lorne ready for the start of Duck Season. Prior to dawn, on the Opening Day, Kel's father went down to go duck shooting with Frank Sanderson. When they got there they saw the boat was missing. They looked around and thought they could see a boat on the lake and they called out "Have you got our boat out there?" Joe Butcher replied "No I haven't got your boat but there is a boat out here turned upside down."

Joe rowed his boat into the shore to pickup Franny and Frank. By this time dawn was breaking and they started looking around.

Lake Lorne Drysdale has flooded across High Street in the past.



They found Ernie Rodgers' truck parked in Station Street. They found Barry Rodgers' body tangled in some reeds and they surmised that Neil Rodgers, his cousin and best mate might have been with him, so started looking for him.

They asked Vin Capon, the blacksmith in Murradoc Road (a clever, great man – who would help anyone and was very well liked in the district), to make a grappling hook to drag that area of the lake, where they presumed Neil might be.

Joe Butcher (first cousin of Barry and Neil), Vin Capon and Kel were on the boat and they eventually found Neil clasping his new false teeth in his hands. Neither Barry nor Neil could swim and Neil was found with his waders still on.

The town was devastated to have lost two young men. Barry was about 18 and Neil a bit younger, they lived next to each other in High Street and their fathers, Ernie and Arthur, didn't speak to each other. On the day of the funerals, the 2 coffins left the 2 homes at the same time.

Unfortunately the boys weren't allowed to be buried together. Barry was buried in the Methodist area and Neil in the Catholic area of the Drysdale Cemetery.

This tragedy affected many lives in Drysdale and it might be fitting to have a plaque at the lake to signify this event.

Best wishes from Kel Davis and Anne Brackley (niece of Barry Rodgers).

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# Recipes from an Ex-Convict, Bessie Baldwin

Cook to Sir John and Lady Franklin at Government House, Tasmania 1842 – 1849

When Bessie Baldwin came to London in 1837 she was 19. Nothing is known about her parents or early childhood, but it is known that she came from Kent, so it is probable that she was born and raised on a farm. Because of her farm upbringing, she was fortunate enough to find employment with pastrycook and baker Thos. Edenwell, who, it seems, had his bakery hired by the House of Commons in Westminster, and was a self styled 'Pastrycook to the Honourable Members'. In October 1839, Bessie Baldwin was charged in the Old Bailey with 'Riotous behaviour'. According to the evidence it would seem that she was one of the early womens' liberationists. She had demanded a pay rise of a penny a week from her employers to bring her wages up to fivepence a week. Edenwell, who seems to have been a cheapskate of considerable note, refused the modest request. Bessie Baldwin set about wrecking his shop including, to quote from the evidence, 'assaulting the said Thos. Edenwell by striking him with a rabbit pie, then beating him around the head with the pie dish'. For this little escapade she was sentenced to transportation to the Colony of Van Dieman's Land for seven years. Quite a life Bessie had in being established at the settlement. Sir John Franklin employed her as a cook/pastry cook at Government House after an exhaustive search among the female convicts. When she took the position it was noted she became a "model of obedient womanly virtue". Such was her virtue in the culinary field that before Sir John relinquished his post in the Colony,

he granted her a pardon. Now comes the mystery. Bessie Baldwin never married in the Colony, and all that is known is that she left Tasmania in 1849 for New South Wales, and nothing was heard of her then or since. What remains are her recipes. These were recorded by a Governess to a landed family, and they have come down as some of the finest Colonial recipes ever.

Here are two recipes from the Colony. (*The Tasmanian Convict Recipe Book*). How things have changed in preparation and knowledge of good food practices.

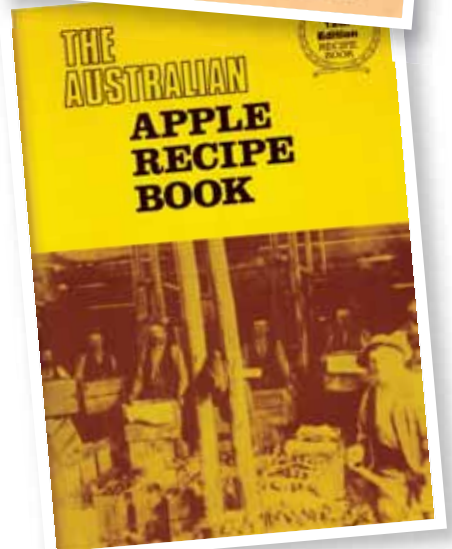
## Bacon Dish

Lay slices of bacon between slices of bread; cut to the same size, press together and dip in a batter made of egg, milk, and a little flour to thicken. Fry for 10 minutes and serve hot.

## Tomato Hash

Butter a dish well, put in a layer of sliced tomatoes, a layer of cold meat sliced thin, then a layer of bread and butter, and so on until the dish is full. Season with pepper and salt, beat 2 eggs and pour over the top. Bake brown.

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# Beautiful Apple Recipes from *The Australian Apple Recipe Book*

## Caramel Apple Ring

½ tspn salt  
2 tbspsn butter  
1 tbspn butter  
227g SR flour  
1 dspn sugar  
extra 2 tbspsn brown sugar  
¾ cup milk  
½ tspn cinnamon  
1 ½ cups cooked apples  
½ tspn grated lemon rind  
4 tbspsn brown sugar

Cream butter and brown sugar, spread over base and sides of 20cm ring tin. Sift flour, salt and sugar into basin and rub in the butter. Mix to a soft dough with milk. Roll to oblong shape 6mm thick. Spread with apple pulp mixed with brown sugar, lemon rind and cinnamon. Roll up to 50mm thick slices. Place cut side down in ring tin. Bake 25 mins in hot oven.

## Apple Cake with Crumble top

1 egg  
½ cup sugar  
2 cups SR flour  
½ cup milk  
stewed apples  
1½ tbspsn butter

Cream butter and sugar, add beaten egg and milk. Add flour to form a stiff dough. Divide into 2 parts. Roll very thinly. Place half in tin and cover with stewed apple (rather dry). Sprinkle with cinnamon and cover with the second half of mixture.

## Topping

Mix together 1 cup SR flour, ½ cup sugar, ½ cup butter. Rub together to form crumble. Spread evenly on top. Bake in a moderate oven for 20-30 minutes.



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# Safe garden pest control

Spring has sprung and I expect your vegie garden is looking as lush and healthy as mine. Unfortunately, all this tender greenery signals 'free lunch' to aphids, caterpillars, slugs, snails and a host of other unwanted, greedy guests. We're tempted to reach for the pest spray and teach those critters a lesson. Take your finger off the trigger for a moment, though!



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## in our gardens with steve williams

You can have a productive vegie garden without 'nuking' every bug in sight.

Here are some alternatives to pesticides:

### Use camouflage

Instead of planting your vegies in nice, straight rows, mix them up. Maybe grow a few chives or onions around your cabbages to confuse the pests. Strongly-scented plants such as rosemary, sage and many other herbs around your vegie garden can hide your tasty vegies from pests.

### Pick your battles

Tolerate a few aphids on your roses, and a few holes in your broccoli leaves. A small and carefully monitored pest population provides food for predators such as hoverflies and lacewings. They will make your garden more resilient to major attack. It's actually the larvae of hoverflies that are voracious aphid eaters, so you need to get a breeding cycle going.

### Recruit some allies

Flowers such as daisies, alyssum and marigolds are great for attracting predatory insects such as hoverflies and ladybirds. So too are coriander, dill, fennel and parsley if you allow them to flower.

### As a last resort

Use organic-approved pesticides which have low toxicity and/or which target a specific pest. Examples are horticultural soap sprays for aphids and biological caterpillar control based on the bacillus thuringiensis bacterium.



Top: Free lunch for Steve – not for bugs!

Left: Lizards are useful allies in the garden

For slug and snail control, use the iron-phosphate pellets like MultiGuard which break down into plant food. They will control slaters as well. Avoid metaldehyde pellets (typically coloured blue-green), which are toxic to dogs, cats and your garden allies such as lizards and frogs. They won't do you much good, either.

A word about home remedies: some of these work fine, but don't assume that they are harmless. Over enthusiastic use of a pure soap spray can seriously damage your soil, and chilli spray may kill bees.

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# our reader's feedback

## Library

I am disappointed that there is no local drop off point for the Library books whilst the Drysdale Library is closed for refurbishment.

**Matthew**, Drysdale.

*Editor: I know this is causing many people angst, and many extra carbon miles to return your library books, but it is only for a few more weeks.*

## Help Needed

What a great idea your new Help Needed column is. Am sure many people will find it useful.

**Tim**, Clifton Springs.

*Editor: It is great fun being able to match people and needs with each other.*

## Roads

The Basin Reserve Road is in a shocking condition and wonder when the Council will do something about it.

**Peter**, Drysdale.

*Editor: I'm sure the Council will grade it asap – have you let the Council know?*

*See Page 20, Neighbourhood Watch*

## New Housing blocks

How are the current facilities going to cope with all the new residents resulting from the new housing blocks being established?

**Rose**, Drysdale.

*Editor: I think there are some great opportunities for facilities to keep speed with development.*

## Car Safety

It worries me when I see parents help their kids out from the right hand side of the car. This is very dangerous and one day an accident will happen.

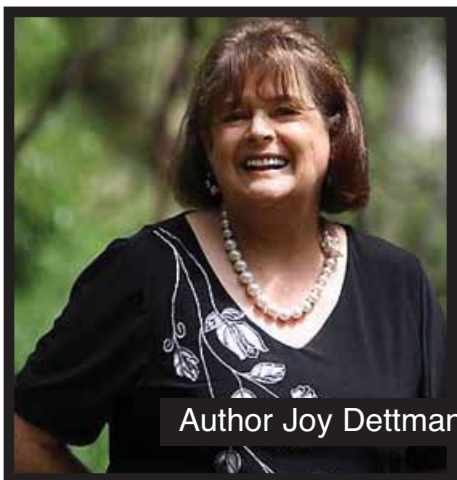
**Jim**, Clifton Springs.

*Editor: As a mum, I have cringed a number of times as I see children alighting from vehicles. We could hold a safety campaign about this here.*

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# Book Club - All about the Author



Author Joy Dettman

On Monday, September 5, the Book Club met to discuss Australian writer, Joy Dettman. Born in Echuca, one of seven children, her father was a bush poet but a hard man living and working through harsh times. Joy Dettman's own family consists of four adult children with two of her daughters having been born deaf.

Dettman's stories are set in small country towns in northern Victoria and there are many recurring themes throughout each of her books which seem to be drawn from her experiences of living in small country towns and listening to the tales of older relatives, yarn spinners and town gossips.

Her first novel, *Mallawindy*, was drafted in 1987 but not published until several years later after she had completed a writing course at TAFE and won prizes for her short stories. Dettman's work cannot be classified into a particular genre but she has the ability to capture the era and transport the reader back to the times about which she writes – mostly between the world wars or shortly afterwards.

She tells of extreme poverty and poor living conditions, there are dysfunctional families, cruel, abusive men and long-suffering wives

who are constantly pregnant. People die in the type of accidents common to those times, children are born to victims of rape and every family harbours dark secrets. With more than ten novels, reviewers have been rather kind to Joy Dettman, describing her work as addictive and riveting.

Our group was mixed in their reactions as none of us had read anything by this writer previously. It was felt that her ability to write short stories was unquestionable and *Diamonds in the Mud* contained excellent examples of this and managed to provide the reader with greatly varied stories, which is often difficult in an anthology.

We had a lively discussion but all agreed that Joy Dettman provides pure escapism and her books can be hard to put down. Her latest novel *Moth to the Flame* is the third in the 'Woody Creek series' and fans of Dettman will be pleased to know that a fourth book, *Wind in the Wires* is on the way.

New members are always welcome at our informal book group meetings which are held at Springdale on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm.

The book club review title for the October meeting is *Good to a fault* by Marina Endicott.

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# Freemasonry on the Bellarine

There are 2 Freemason Lodges meeting in the Bellarine, one at Queenscliff and one at Portarlington. Between them the combined number of active masons number around 120. Their aim is to support the community as well as assisting charity on the larger scale at home and overseas. Recent charitable contributions to local organizations by Freemasons include Ann Nichol House, The Drysdale Fire Service, Men's Shed projects, and participation in local community functions eg. mens health forums. Not to forget the annual Golf day in May at Portarlington Golf Club, where the proceeds assist an Aged Care facility in Melbourne and others throughout the state of Victoria. The Portarlington Masonic Centre, as well as housing "Arlington Lodge" is the home of Portarlington Neighbourhood House [PNH].

Through an amicable tenancy arrangement between Arlington Lodge and PNH, it has become a sizable community function arena over the past 3 years, running all types of facilities and functions, all community organized and mostly self funded.

The Bellarine Masonic Centre at Queenscliff, home of Cosmopolitan Lodge, is also used by, and is available for, the local community for various functions befitting their premises.

The general public will have noticed men wearing tabards showing "Freemasons Task Force" printed thereon at events like the Bellarine Agricultural Annual Show, Queenscliff Festivals and the like, assisting in crowd control, car parking and sale of produce as well as helping event organizers as required.

Each Lodge meets once a month at their respective centre's, doing what Freemasons do in ceremony and ritual each night, followed by a festive gathering entertaining visiting masons and sometimes wives and friends at "ladies nights". There are many non active Freemasons in the Bellarine area who would be very welcome to join in either of the two Lodges and re- affiliate their earlier alliances. Arlington Lodge [Portarlington] meet on the first Thursday of each month and Cosmopolitan Lodge [Queenscliff] meet on the second Wednesday each month.

To any man that is interested in bettering his self esteem and confidence and joining a principled fraternity that is established in every free country in the world, call the secretaries of the local lodges and find information about what Freemasonry is all about.

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## Toy of the Month



This month features a **wheelbarrow and gardening tools**. These child-size implements will encourage children to spend time in the garden with their families. As Spring is here what better way of spending time with the children than building a garden together.

**Ann Ferguson**  
*Toy Library Coordinator*

**The Drysdale Toy Library  
is open on Wednesday  
morning from 9am - 10am**

## Lions Christmas Cakes



Now is a good time to order a Lions Christmas Cake and contribute to the fundraising for worthwhile service projects in your local community. **If you would like to purchase a cake you should contact Murray Spencer on (03) 5253 2321 or any member of the Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club. The Lions Club is always grateful for your support.**

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# Anivention



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## SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Drysdale Guides are getting ready for Anivention on Saturday 19 November 10am – 4pm at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. We will have "Cos Play" fashion, cartooning workshops, some movies on show, stalls on which to seekout bargains and much more. The cost of the day is \$5. We are still keen to hear from anyone who might have skills to share on the day or would like to have a stall. Email [coordinator@springdale.org.au](mailto:coordinator@springdale.org.au)

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### Spare Time

The Friends at the Geelong Botanic Gardens are always seeking assistance with their various activities. If you have some spare time, please consider sharing it with the Friends.

### Corks

Bellarine Secondary College is collecting CORKS to support the Elephants at the Melbourne Zoo. Drop off at SpringDale or Bell. Sec. College.

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# All aboard the Buses at SpringDale



After a very successful presentation about Myki (note I can spell it correctly now) and the local bus network, thanks to Dale from McHarry's. We are working towards having these sessions quarterly at SpringDale. We learnt about Myki and how to scan on and off and what happens if you forget to scan. We learnt about the interchanges at each town on the Bellarine and

then we boarded one of McHarry's newest buses (only 1 month old) and proceeded on the No78 Route around Drysdale/Clifton Springs.

It was a very pleasant 60 minutes shared with other locals, who had an interest in getting around our area. I managed to grab a timetable for a couple of minutes to count the number of buses that pass by my house daily. I was wrong, I thought it was 26 buses Monday to Friday, but it was 27. Fewer on Saturdays and much fewer on Sundays but a great service compared with only a year ago.

Victorian Seniors Card holders are eligible for free travel on public transport across the state during the 2011 Victorian Seniors Festival, which runs from Sunday 2 October to Sunday, 9 October 2011.

Victorian Seniors Card holders must carry their Victorian Seniors Card with them at all times when travelling during the Seniors Festival. Seniors travelling on a seniors Myki will not be charged

a fare when touching on and off the system during Seniors Week.

Ben Sangster, Service Development Manager from McHarry's Buslines, said "This is a great opportunity for Seniors to use the bus to Geelong, to your local shops, across the Bellarine to Ocean Grove, Queenscliff or Torquay, or see places you may not have seen before, all for free. You may even want to travel down the Great Ocean Road for free."

myki



## Years ago

As reported in the Argus on Saturday 9 July 1921

### Geelong & District

Mr. W.J. Davey, who for eight years has been head teacher at the Drysdale State school, has retired from the Education department, after 44 years service. Mr.E.A.Edmets of Meredith has been appointed head teacher at Drysdale.

## Drysdale Croquet participants



## INTERESTED IN CROQUET ?

**THEN COME TO DRYSDALE'S 'COME N TRY' DAY - IT'S FREE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER, 2011 FROM 9.30am to 12.30pm DELICIOUS MORNING TEA**

In association with the Geelong City Council's Seniors' Festival, the Croquet Section of the Drysdale Bowls and Croquet Club is conducting a FREE, three hour session to introduce interested people to the wonderful world of croquet. Played by women and men of all ages, croquet is a sport that gives you gentle exercise and a good mental workout. Play can be social or competitive - your choice.

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**All equipment will be provided. Please wear flat soled shoes. Places are limited so bookings are essential - register by phoning Min (03) 5250 1071 or Jim (03) 5250 5250.**

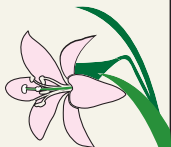
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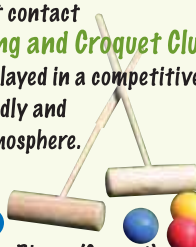


Have you ever considered playing **BOWLS or CROQUET**

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Dale Hateley (Bowls)  
0427 091 374

Min Rippon (Croquet)  
(03) 5250 1071





# Fix Our Streets

This is an opportunity for ALL residents to get involved and undertake an audit of the street where they live. Don't assume someone else has reported these matters to the relevant authority – do it yourself and take some ownership of your neighbourhood. It takes just a few minutes of your time to take a look along your street. Typical issues we encourage you to report are:

Abandoned Vehicles on public land, Cycle Paths, Bike Lanes - damaged pavement or obstructions on cycle ways or on-road bicycle lanes, cracked, lifting or missing pavement, issues with garbage or recycling bin collections, or damaged or stolen bins, illegal graffiti, overgrown grass or weeds on public land, Litter and Illegal Dumping - the location and nature of rubbish and debris dumped on public land, nature strip concerns such as line of sight, pedestrian or traffic hazards and unapproved structures, poor road conditions or potholes needing repair, feedback on road safety concerns in your street or neighbourhood, damaged, faded or missing street signs, used needles and other medical waste found on public land, dumped or abandoned shopping trolleys, damaged and hazardous trees, equipment or other infrastructure in suburban parks and playgrounds, feedback about volume of traffic concerns in your street or neighbourhood, trees and shrubs located on Council land that require maintenance or that pose an immediate threat to public safety.

For all of the above contact City of Greater Geelong (03) 5272 5272. Alternatively, email Neighbourhood Watch – Safer Communities Greater Geelong [www.nhwgreatergeelong@gmail.com](mailto:www.nhwgreatergeelong@gmail.com) and they will forward the matters for you.

For the following, make contact as listed:

**Arterial road and highway conditions, road maintenance issues, or traffic signals in your area, if lights are flashing, damaged or missing, call VICROADS reporting line – 13 11 70.**

**Stormwater concerns and water leaks on streets or footpaths in your area, call Barwon Water 1300 656 007.**

**Street and public area faulty lighting and outages, call Powercor 132 412 (24 hours).**

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# Businesses of the Month

I would like to congratulate a few of our local businesses for working well together. Firstly, **Drysdale Florist** has joined with another business person, who sells jewellery to share the costs of *mannig* the shop 7 days a week, which gives us the benefit of having this shop serving our community fulltime.

The **Volta Vacuum Cleaner** shop now stocks haberdashery, thanks to Lynette Willey (much to the surprise of Bob Willey), ladies who come in for vacuum cleaner bags are now getting wool and vice versa. If you don't want either of those, then Lyn also has the Bellarine Historical Society books for sale as Lyn is the new President of Bellarine Historical Society.

Lastly all the rubbish removalists and skip hire companies, **Dial a Garbo, Bellarine Bin Hire and Coastal Bin Hire** are working together and to share a site for their trucks, and backing each other up as necessary. Our goal is to recycle more and "save the world" said Jeff Foot.

Well done Drysdale businesses for being so supportive of each other and in this economic climate, these initiatives are to be celebrated.

**Anne Brackley**



## Drysdale Seniors

It sometimes can be difficult to find new ways to fill your days in retirement. The Drysdale Seniors Club can help you solve that problem with the many interesting activities they have on offer. Arts, craft, carpet bowls, snooker and bingo to name just a few.

**Now is the time to come and meet new friends at Drysdale. For further information phone (03) 5251 2983.**

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## Drysdale Ladies View Club

*We are moving....*

From October, we will be holding our monthly lunch meetings in the Function Room of the Portarlington Golf Clubhouse. We have enjoyed our time at the Leopold Sportsman's Club and now look forward to this new venture in Portarlington, which is closer to our home base of Drysdale. Meetings will still be on the fourth Friday of the month, at 10.30am for an 11am start. The format will remain the same, with business meeting, then our Trading Table, followed by a social lunch with an interesting guest speaker.

Our dynamic club is part of a nation-wide self-governing network of Womens' Clubs, under the auspices of The Smith Family, whose national "Learning For Life" programs we are proud to actively support.

These programs enable children in need, to participate more fully in a positive school experience and thus to want to stay on in the education system, thereby enhancing their chances of making a better future for themselves. In our region alone, there are over 700 children being assisted by these programs.

VIEW stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women, and we celebrated our tenth birthday in June, in the happy knowledge that our Club has thrived over the years and continues to fulfil its purpose of providing fun, friendship and interesting guest speakers, with topics drawn from a wide range of community activities, in a pleasant social environment for its members. We are one of Australia's leading womens' organisations, with over 20,000 members in 400 communities around the country.

Many of our members will soon be attending the National VIEW Convention, held this year at The Convention Centre in Melbourne, with nearly 1000 VIEW members who have journeyed from around Australia. Through strong VIEW networks, women are empowered to achieve new skills and confidence and to give voice (via the annual Conventions) to issues of national concern, all the way to Canberra.

**For more information  
phone Wendy  
(03) 5257 1009 or  
Jennie (03) 5297 8063.**

## Drysdale Community Market



The **Drysdale Community Market** is a great market set amongst the gum trees and rolling slopes of the Drysdale Recreation Reserve adjacent to the Drysdale Football Ground in Duke Street. On a busy Sunday the market has over a hundred stalls selling a wide range of items.

There are plenty of handcrafted items, fresh local produce and always some entertainment from buskers.

**The market starts at 9am and goes until 1pm on Sunday 16 October. The Drysdale Community Market runs from October to May and is held on the third Sunday of the month and is a fantastic money raiser for the Drysdale Primary School.**

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## Bellarine Community Choir

Our group has been very busy throughout the last year, performing at many functions on the Bellarine Peninsula and representing the Bellarine in Geelong and district.

We have an extensive repertoire singing in harmony and have taken part in a wide range of events including Christmas Festivals, Australia Day celebrations, birthday parties, social clubs and fundraisers.

We already have requests for performances in 2012.

Our group enjoys being good friends and singing and giving happiness to others through music. New members of our choir are always welcome.

We meet at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre each Thursday during school term time at 1.30pm.

**Please contact Jenny on (03) 5251 2676 for further information or we would be delighted if you would join us any Thursday. Many thanks to all who have supported us throughout the year.**



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## Crafty ladies and clever men



Last meeting was our annual crafty ladies and clever men show-and-tell of their hobby work. There was a magnificent display of varied craft and art work, from watercolours to woodwork, cross-stitch to crochet (well, I think one of the beautiful throws had been crocheted). Hours and hours of effort had gone into all the intricate work, and all the clever, crafty people are to be congratulated.

After the meeting we enjoyed a great lunch at Portarlington Golf Club.

Dickie and Nibs Briggs will be the speakers at our meeting this month, on Monday October 10, telling us of their 40 years living in the Third World. After the meeting we will lunch at the Queenscliff Bowling Club.

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 ladies and gents, and visitors and prospective members, singles and couples, are welcomed at all our meetings and activities.

**Please contact  
Dorothy (03) 5251 3702  
for further information.**



### What's cooking at the Show?

Merle says she started cooking in competitions when she was seven. She entered her ANZAC biscuits in the local show and won and has never stopped competing. In time her three children also entered, and one memorable time her young son's scone's beat hers in the senior section.

So when wondering what to do, get to perfecting your cookies, cupcakes and your slices ready to enter the **Bellarine Agricultural Show** cookery sections. Sections for adults, 13-16yrs, and also under 12's.

**The show is on March 11, 2012.**

What you can enter is found on our website-

**[www.bellarineshow.com.au/cookery](http://www.bellarineshow.com.au/cookery)**

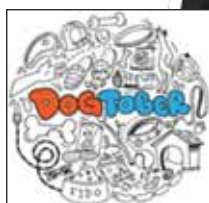
One special section is the VAS Ltd rich fruit cake – the winner of this qualifies for entry in the Group Final; the winner of the Group final then for the State Final at the next Royal Melbourne Show.

The Bellarine Show committee is hard at work getting ready for next year. Elections were recently held. President Graeme Brown is backed up by a group of very talented, caring, hard working committee members.

## One puppy at a time....

The Super Pups have dog-napped Dogtober for their fundraising and awareness month – but they need your help to make it the best Dogtober ever!

The entire month is dedicated to celebrating your dog – in fact ALL dogs across the country. The pups want you to take fundraising into your own paws, organising doggy themed events



or challenges to raise much needed funds and awareness for **Assistance Dogs Australia**.

To help you out the Super Pups got their wet noses together and thought of some really creative fundraising activities to dog-spire you!

This year we are aiming to raise \$520,000 – enough to train another 20 Super Puppies to help people with physical disabilities.

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## St Leonards Festival 29 October

The St Leonards Festival now in its fifth year, is held on the Saturday of the Melbourne Cup Weekend. The festival is focused on showcasing what St Leonards has to offer from local artist and entertainers to local produce and craft, as well as trying to include all community organisations. Another important part of our plan is to showcase the history of our town and region through photos and displays. Festival in the town centre with central stage – local bands, performers, dancers and presentations. Local food and wine for sale in the foodcourt. Free activities for children, Animal Nursery, Face Painting, Skate comps, and YouthCan Van.

## St Leonards Angling Club



St Leonards Angling Club and Bellarine Pirates Angling Club

Be part of the Bellarine Snapper Challenge which started on 1 Sep 2011 and will finish on 1 Apr 2012 and St Leonards Festival Fishing Competition on Saturday 29 October 2011. St Leonards Angling Club and Bellarine Pirates Angling Club is a family based club, which hold various competitions, mainly on a monthly basis. and encourage junior, senior, male and female participation in all aspects of the club.

**The club meet on the first Friday of each month at 7pm. Contact the President, Mark Wells on 0404 070 191 or email [lakobiwel@pacific.net.au](mailto:lakobiwel@pacific.net.au) for further information.**

## BELLARINE RAILWAY - Drysdale *Operated by volunteers since 1979*



"T251" & "Poziere" at Queenscliff.  
Photo- K.Kenny

Spring is on the 'turn' and that of course means lots of gardening, particularly weeding. The wet winter plus other causes outside of our control have left our station car park in a hideous mess.

We recently had the pleasure of being invited to the grand opening of the Bellarine Woodworkers new workshop located on railway land. A Big Welcome to this great bunch of people. I would encourage all those interested in wood craft to join the Woodies. The opening was in brilliant sunshine and was officiated by Anne Brackley.

Who would have thought back in 1979 that our humble little non profit railway would

grow into a recognised tourism generator? A recent economic study showed that we have provided not only tens of thousands of visitors to the area (that of course support local businesses) but we, ironically for a volunteer group, have actually helped create real jobs.

Finally, yes the rumours are true. You did see a new steam loco lurking around Queenscliff recently. This is Poziere, a British built tank locomotive from the time of the Great War. Another beautiful restoration job by our talented engineering team. Well done everyone. A big brother to Thomas. [www.bpr.org.au](http://www.bpr.org.au)

**Paul and Kathleen**, Station Managers, Drysdale.

## Royal Geelong Show 13–16 October

There is something for everyone at the **Royal Geelong Show**, whether it's watching the shearing or participating in the horse competitions, there is always something to do and most of it is free. For the kids there are plenty of rides and games to keep them amused. **Harry's Animal Farm** operates every day of the Show and entry to the pavilion is free. For adults and those looking for something a bit more, local produce, boutique breweries and wineries are on hand for tastings and our local tradies are showcasing the latest in **Home Innovation**. There are over 40 competitions on offer including beef and dairy cattle, dogs, sheep, poultry, rabbits, cats, homecraft, prime lamb, beef carcass, ute show, woodchop and vintage machinery



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