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The SpringDale Messenger WINNER



Left: Anne Brackley, Editor receiving her Winning 'Editorial Column Award' from President, Mary Jo Vondra

Above: Community Newspaper Association Victoria 2011 Winners

I'm so excited. SpringDale Messenger is the winner of the Editorial Category, Community Newspaper Association Victoria Awards 2011. Most of our SpringDale Messenger team, Lyn Ingles, Julie Aylwin and I, represented SpringDale at the Awards Dinner.

I can hardly believe it, the Coordinator's Column from the September Messenger won the category. This warms my heart, as I failed HSC English, and continue to strive to overcome that mark on my life (maybe I'll stop worrying about that now).

“ Twenty years recording, printing and delivering the voice of the community to our community. ”

Thank you to Lyn Ingles for all your energy and expertise that helps our magazine to appeal to so many people. Thank you to Julie Aylwin for putting our Messenger in front of so many

The award is only part of it, this issue completes 20 years of the SpringDale Messenger. Twenty years recording, printing and delivering the voice of the community to our community. Thank you to Brenda Platt and Sue O'Connor for starting this icon of the North Bellarine.

Thank you to Maureen Naughton and Lisa Neville for continuing this project.

Thank you to everyone who helps to bring each issue together. Thanks to our authors and contributors. Thank you to our advertisers, who help us raise \$7000 a month to continue to keep our magazine free to our readers.

business people. Special thanks to Judy Williams who volunteers and devotes many, many hours each month to ensure each and every article and advertisement is excellent.

Thank you for all the great comments you share with us about our SpringDale Messenger. It is your goodwill that helps us to strive to better each issue.

Anne Brackley

Coordinator SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre
Editor in Chief, SpringDale Messenger

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Drysdale Harvest Basket Produce Swap SpringDale 9am-11am

Sales Bonanza & Sausage Sizzle, Drysdale Bowling Club 10am-3.30pm

Recycle Week

Remembrance Day at the 11th Hour

Spud Club Theatre 3triple2 6.30pm Potato Shed

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Portarlinton market 9am-2pm

The Grumpy Old Men's Take on Christmas 10.30am
Potato Shed



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from the centre

Anne Brackley [centre coordinator]



"The best job in the World"

Dear Everyone

SpringDale runs on goodwill. The goodwill of our almost 100 volunteers, who invest hundreds of hours a week and perform such a wide range of roles, the goodwill of our tutors to provide the best services for our people under all circumstances, the goodwill of our staff to give far more than expected and the goodwill everyone who attends and shares SpringDale is the main currency of SpringDale.

From the 2010-2011 Annual Report you will see that SpringDale receives \$400,000 income and spends almost the same. But this shows only part of the income and expenditure. The 100 volunteers give approximately 15,000 hours a year which equates to another \$225,000, if we cost a volunteer hour at \$15 per hour. Some of the roles that our volunteers perform are worth so much more than \$15 an hour and so I would suggest that our real total of income is probably nearer to double what our bottom line shows on each side, because our in-kind assistance is spent completely as it is given.

Goodwill promotes a positive attitude, which in turn promotes more goodwill. I love to hear about all the extra opportunities that SpringDale helps to foster outside SpringDale. Many people have commented on the positive energy that they experience when they enter SpringDale. We try our hardest to ensure that the needs of each person is met every time they come to SpringDale and this is much easier if people approach us with an attitude of goodwill.

I remember listening on the radio, to a speech given by Frank Costa to the Geelong Cats supporters, in which Frank spoke of people and I paraphrase, getting to know each other

builds respect, respect builds trust and trust builds unity. It is this unity of purpose which helps to progress SpringDale and in turn progress the goals and dreams of all those involved. As I listened to Frank's speech, I was overcome by emotion and I understood a little more about how the universe works. This is not something that can be achieved quickly and cannot be pressured into becoming a reality. It is a slow steady process. Each interaction reinforces and builds on the last. Every positive experience promotes goodwill and builds trust.

Thank you to everyone who helps to make SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre such a special place to be. It has taken 22 years to build these strong foundations. We continue to build on our foundations safely and surely, with purpose, conviction and with the best interests of all in mind. If you haven't been through the doors please think about making time to visit us. Although our office hours are 9am to 5pm weekdays there is often something happening at SpringDale between 8am to 10pm each day. I'd love to help bring the activities of SpringDale to come to life for you so please feel free to ring SpringDale and book a private tour. Please feel free to suggest new activities or programs and also feel free to suggest other times for our programs that would suit you as most activities only need 3 or 4 people to get started. We love to hear your ideas and work towards making them a reality. I may ask you to write an article about your suggestion to encourage others to join you in your quest – this usually is the best way to get an idea become a reality.

Anne Brackley

Coordinator SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre
"The best job in the World"

WHAT'S ON @ SpringDale



A Day of Art Workshop for Adults

A taste of all that Annette teaches.

This is a workshop for people who would like to see if making art is for them. An enjoyable time is assured of trying out drawing and painting art materials and experimenting and exploring the possibilities. No previous experience is needed and those wanting to rekindle an earlier interest in making Art are most welcome.

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Dates/times: Sat 5 Nov 10am – 4pm

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Please contact SpringDale if you can offer assistance to any of the following:

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our reader's feedback

GO Cats

Well done Cats. You are the greatest team of all.

Pearl, Clifton Springs.

Congratulations Lisa

It is great to see Lisa Shearer awarded the Ted Chidzey prize.

Jenny, Drysdale

iPods and traffic - a deadly mix

It was most upsetting to hear and read about the young lady who tragically lost her life on crossing the train tracks whilst listening to her ipod device. It is the very same thing I see everyday with kids going off to school with earphones attached to their ears and crossing the busy morning

roads to meet the buses with little care and attention and walking the wrong direction on the roads.

Do most kids not know that facing oncoming traffic is the correct way to walk along a road? If you can see them, they can see you.

I see the SpringDale Messenger ran a campaign and illustration in the **April 2011** issue and it is exactly that which needs to be posted in all schools. We don't want a tragedy to happen in our area, and, have students crying and feeling lost over another who has lost their life not being attentive on the road.

Please kids, walk with purpose and safety. Walk with care and attention to what is happening around you. Be alert. Teachers, say something in class, ask if kids in your class know which way to walk, if they don't know tell them, show them. Parents when your kids are walking off to school and there is no footpath, show them the safe way.

Everyone has a duty of care to protect the kids on our roads. This is one way of insuring they are informed, by us as adults leading the way.

Call the SpringDale Office for a copy of the diagram that was published.

A great community initiative.

Lyn, Clifton Springs

CSPS Parents' Club Drive-In 2011

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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2011

*11th hour of the
11th day of the
11th month.*

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, November, a service will be held by the Drysdale RSL at the Cenotaph in the main street of Drysdale. Members of the public are welcome to attend the service commencing at 10.55am and are invited afterwards to the RSL for a cup of tea. Children representing local State Schools and Secondary Schools of Drysdale, Clifton Springs, Moolap and Wallington will pay their respects.

For further information contact Geoff Wisbey on (03) 5251 2470.



Fun Family Fun Day was success

We hope you had a great time at our *Family Fun Day* and a big thanks to all those locals who supported the event – we are looking forward to a return event next year. Well, November may prove to be the busiest month at the Shed with a whole stack of different activities. For the dance enthusiasts we have The Australian Ballet dropping in for a day series of workshops including a special public open session at 4pm on November 16, Deakin Arts will present *In Transit* on Sunday 13 and we will also host *Dance Initiative* with *Maiden Voyage Cabaret* and *Attitude Dance Concert*. Throw in a mix of great theatre with the touring production about life in regional Australia - *The Weather and Your Health* and those *Grumpy Old Men* return with a fun filled *Morning Showtime* all about Christmas. Local groups the Bellarine Jongluers are back with *Variety Night 2011* and 3Triple2 present a couple of events the *Open Mic Night* and a great 10 x 10 minute play presentation on November 19.

See you at the Shed.

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5 Nov • Cannibal Rapture
Original musical 2pm. Tickets \$24 & \$19

11 Nov • Spud Club Theatre 3triple2
6.30pm - Youth, 8.30pm - Adult
\$6 Entry includes complimentary drink

12 Nov • The Weather and Your Health
– 8pm. Tix \$24 & \$19

13 Nov • In Transit - Deakin Arts Graduate Performance
2pm Gold Coin

16 Nov • Australian Ballet Workshops
Free workshops book in now

16 Nov • Attitude Dance Concert 8pm

19 Nov • 10 x10 Short Plays Theatre 3triple2
\$10 entry

25 Nov • Jongleurs Variety Night 7.30pm

26 Nov • Maiden Voyage – Cabaret 8pm

27 Nov • Maiden Voyage – Cabaret 2pm & 7pm. Tix \$30

29 Nov • The Grumpy Old Men's Take on Christmas
10.30am. Tix \$14 includes morning tea

**12 Nov
The Weather
and Your Health**

**29 Nov
The Grumpy Old Men's
Take on Christmas
10.30am**



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The Lookout

I remember the lookout on top of Murradoc Road Hill, high point was on Hutchinson's property. It was built by the Progress Association and dismantled in 1946 - the view was spectacular and it was close to 360 degrees. It was the greatest view on the Bellarine Peninsula. There was a beacon on top of the hill and others on the Scotchman's Road Hill top and Knights Road. These three allowed Captains line up the Beacons and to help guide the boats through the channel.

The lookout was used by many people – families would enjoy the view and take visitors up to enjoy the view. People would ride in horse drawn vehicles as very few people had cars.

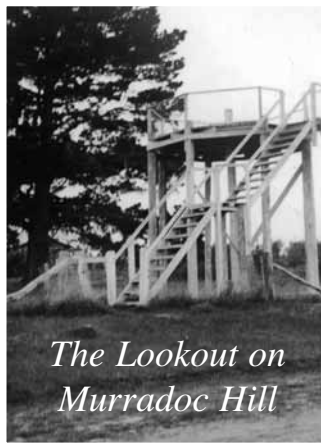
My aunt and uncle, Cecil Ingles and Anne (nee Carlon) used to come from Soho Road by horse and jinker to visit us at the National Bank. Fred Young used to drive past in a horse and jinker nearly everyday delivering mail.

Thanks to Jocelyn Mannix for supplying the photo of the lookout. Jocelyn is the daughter of Bill Huctinson the owner of the property on which the structure stood.

While we are thinking about ships - S.S. Time ran aground on Corsair Rock off Point Nepean, it was loaded with sugar which dissolved. The sacks were dried on the railings on the jetty's and on fences around the peninsula and I carted all the empty bags to Drysdale for Leo Cooney and Bill Young etc for their crop harvest.

We look forward to another lookout being available to promote economic development and tourism in our backyard.

Kel Davis



Microchipping at SpringDale

SpringDale Community Centre is the venue for the Microchipping and Registration Roadshow on Wednesday, 23 November from 4.30pm - 7pm. Cost \$15 for microchipping and half priced registration as per the 2012 Application of Registration of Domestic Animals. Blue Pension card applies (*not health care card*). Animals must be microchipped before being registered (in other words we are unable to "just register" an animal - it must be microchipped as well). If the 2011 registration has not been renewed, a 12 month fee is applicable.

Desexed or sterilisation certificates must be produced to receive reduced fees for desexed animals.

If animals have been microchipped previously, a copy of a microchipping certificate must be produced to enable the animal to be registered. Cats must be contained in some form of enclosed carrying device. Dogs must be on lead and muzzled if not well behaved around other animals. Owners are responsible for cleaning up their pets waste. We will be able to take cash and credit card transactions only and not eftpos on the day. Prepayment may be made at any Customer Service Centre.

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New figures released by the Blood Service show that 1800 people booked in

for their first blood donation during National Blood Donor Week, 17 to 23 July, smashing the previous week's tally of 1200 new donors.

But with demand for blood and blood products set to double in the next decade, the Blood Service is encouraging more people to join the growing army of lifesavers, even though National Blood Donor Week is over.

<https://www.donateblood.com.au>

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Telecross is a service from Australian Red Cross that provides the elderly and housebound with a daily phone call to ensure they are safe and well. Telecross calls are made by trained volunteers daily at an agreed time and can alert relatives or the emergency services if necessary.

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James Hardie

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Lunches for kids

Come lunchtime there is plenty of competition for most kids' attention, so their lunchbox needs to be interesting enough to get them to stop long enough to eat, or to entice them away from a quick hit of fast food. Boring food just won't do it.

The best way to keep kids (and probably everyone else too) interested is to vary the contents of their lunchbox. And remember - ask them what they like and include favourite foods, but also gradually introduce new foods that they just might enjoy. Think beyond the plain sandwich.

And do let your child help choose their lunchbox (an insulated one is best) - a lunchbox they love may be just enough to encourage them to get it out of their schoolbag.

Things to consider:

Serving sizes. Adjust these to suit your child's appetite. A smaller serve that is eaten is better than a large serve left in the lunchbox. Instead of several sandwiches with the same filling, pack a savoury roll, some dried fruit and nuts, a homemade cookie and a bunch of grapes. Get some nutritional balance and variety into the lunchbox every day.



Shredded Cheddar & veggie roll-up

- ½ cup grated cheddar cheese
- ½ cup grated carrot
- 1 tomato, sliced
- ½ small red capsicum, chopped
- 2 pieces wholemeal pita bread
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon tzatziki

Layer cheese, carrot, tomato and capsicum on half of piece of bread. Season with salt and pepper if desired, and spoon tzatziki over.

Roll up tightly and wrap well.

• Tzatziki is a greek dip of yogurt and cucumber. You can substitute ½ cup cream cheese, combined with ½ teaspoon crushed garlic, if you like. You can add any favourite vegetables to this roll-up - cooked green beans, asparagus spears, grated zucchini are just some of the options.

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Let your appetite be tempted on Friday evenings.



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Lunches for kids

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½ cup grated carrot (optional)
1 short stick celery, thinly sliced

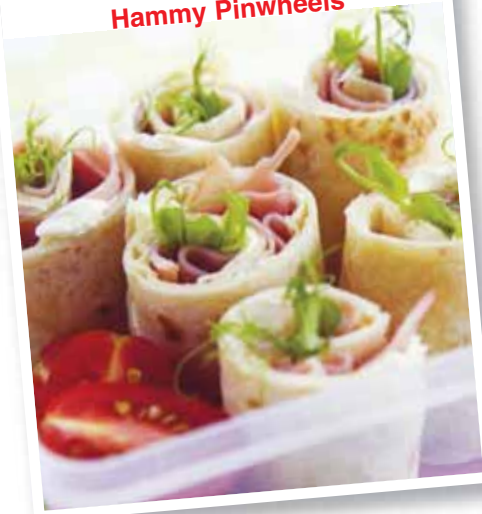
Spread peanut butter on the bread slices. Layer the first slice with grated carrot (if using) and sliced celery. Top with second slice of bread (peanut butter facing up). Repeat filling layer, then top with final piece of bread (peanut butter facing down).

Press lightly, then cut sandwich in half.

• For a sweet version, omit the carrot and celery and use sliced banana instead, drizzled with a little honey.

Makes 1 sandwich.

Hammy Pinwheels



Hammy pinwheels

2 slices soft white or wholemeal bread
2 tablespoons light cream cheese
2 thin slices ham
pea sprouts (optional)

Cut crusts off bread and lightly press each slice with a rolling pin to flatten.

Spread bread with cream cheese, making sure to spread right to the edges.

Lay a slice of ham on each bread slice, then roll up (as for a Swiss roll) and press lightly to secure. Cut each roll into three pinwheels, and garnish with pea sprouts if desired.

• Pita or other flat bread can be used, for a looser roll-up.

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Woodies Workshop opened

This project has been a space long awaited for

Our new workshop was officially opened on August 29 by our good friend, Anne Brackley, in front of a crowd of one hundred, comprising members and wives and supporters of the club, to whom we are extremely grateful. Instead of cutting a ribbon, Anne sawed through a wood batten.

Since the opening, much work has been done lining the walls, building cupboards and benches and installing equipment, which included a large dust extractor,

purchased with a grant from the City of Geelong.

Special interest groups are now using the premises and we invite anyone interested, male and female, in taking part or learning woodturning, toy making, intarsia and scroll sawing, model boat building and box making.

Joinery and carving are being investigated as possible new group categories.

Anyone interested are welcome to attend our meetings which are held on the first and third Mondays of the month at Springdale Hall at 1.30pm or call President Charlie Christiaans on (03) 5251 3484 or Secretary Martin Horevoorts on (03) 5250 3929 for details.



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Fee: \$160 **Tutor:** National First Aid

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Did you know penalties apply if your pets are not registered?

Visit your local Customer Service Centre and take advantage of half price animal registrations available for six months (new registrations only) at current fee schedule*.

Alternatively attend a microchipping and registration roadshow where you can get your cat or dog microchipped for \$15 per microchip and half price registrations at the same time. Animal Officers will be at the following locations dates and times:

- **Geelong West Town Hall - 153 Pakington Street** Thursday 3 November from 4.30pm to 7.00pm.
- **Grovedale Community Centre - 45 Heyers Road** Tuesday 8 November from 4.30pm to 7.00pm.
- **Barwon Valley Activities Centre (BVAC Belmont) - Lot 1 Barwon Heads Road, Belmont** Monday 17 November 2011 from 4.30pm to 7.00pm.
- **Springdale Community Centre - 17 High Street, Drysdale** Wednesday 23 November from 4.30pm to 7.00pm.

Cash transactions only on the day. Prepayment is available at the City's Customer Service Centres. Cats must be in an enclosed container. Dogs must be on lead at all times (and muzzled if they are not well behaved around other animals).

For more roadshow dates and further information visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/residents/animals

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Special Birthday for Wilma

Wilma Bath recently celebrated another milestone in her remarkable life when she reached the wonderful age of 90 years. The occasion was celebrated by 70 members of the croquet fraternity at a social day at the Drysdale Croquet Club. Attendees included representatives from all the clubs in the Geelong Croquet Association together with many of Wilma's close friends.

Wilma can truly be described as the matriarch of croquet in the Geelong area. She has been not only a top class player, but also coach and mentor to numerous up and coming players. A Life Member of the Drysdale Club, Wilma was recently awarded the prestigious Certificate of Meritorious Service by the Australian Croquet Association.



Wilma Bath cutting her birthday cake accompanied by Drysdale Croquet Club President, Jim Saunders.

National Recycling Week

National Recycling Week this year runs from 7 to 13 November and it is a good time reduce, reuse and recycle. SpringDale takes every opportunity to recycle and help the community and environment where possible. During the month of November you can drop off a boot load of unwanted goods for \$10 at Drysdale Recovery Centre. Please make sure you keep up the great recycling work on the Bellarine.

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The walnut is one of the oldest and most revered nuts on earth – archaeologists in France, more particularly the Dordogne department in Aquitaine (once known as Périgord), discovered petrified shells of nuts that had been roasted during the Neolithic period, more than 8,000 years ago. Whilst both nut and the oil extracted from it have been known since ancient times, it probably disappeared in parts of northern Europe during the glacial period, to be reintroduced by the Greco-Roman conquerors and invading Barbarian hordes. Walnuts belong to the Juglandaceae family and are deciduous trees that can grow up to 40 meters. There are 21 species in the genus that range across the north temperate Old World from south east Europe east to Japan as well as from south east Canada to



California and south to Argentina. Today, the leading commercial producers of walnuts are the United States, Turkey, China, Iran, France and Romania.



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WORLD DIABETES DAY

World Diabetes Day on Monday, 14 November raises global awareness of diabetes, its escalating rates around the world and how to prevent the illness in most cases. It is estimated that more than 220 million people worldwide have diabetes. This number is likely to more than double by 2030 without intervention. Diabetes Australia is committed to turning diabetes around through awareness, prevention, detection, management and a cure.



Each year **Movember** is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in Australia and around the world, with the sole aim of raising vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and depression in men. Show your support and help a worthy cause.

<http://au.movember.com/about/>

The Movember Effect: Awareness & Education, Survivorship, Research

The funds raised in Australia support equally the two biggest health issues men face – prostate cancer and depression. The funds raised are directed to programs run directly by Movember and our men's health partners, the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and beyondblue: the national depression initiative. Together, the three channels work together to ensure that Movember funds are supporting a broad range of innovative, world-class programs in line with our strategic goals, in the areas of

awareness and education, survivorship and research.

For more information about the programs we are funding please visit the following:

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Cycling is fun and it helps keep you fit. Recently we rode to Queenscliff via the Rail Trail on Wednesday. There was a stiff breeze (understatement) and it did not start raining until about ten minutes before returning to SpringDale.

We were well home before it started to pour.

Welcome to Pamela who is able to join us on Wednesdays. Why not become part of this cycling group and join enthusiastic cyclers on their adventures.

For further information contact SpringDale on (03) 5253 1960.

Marilyn

Gala Day Parade - fun for a good cause

On **Saturday, 19 November**, Geelong again celebrates **Gala Day Parade** and Family Fun Day at Malop Street Central and Steampacket Gardens, Waterfront Geelong.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECT



In 2009 the Drysdale/Clifton Springs Structure Plan was adopted by City of Greater Geelong. This plan is available on the City of Greater Geelong website and was updated in 2010. This plan highlights Drysdale/Clifton Springs being a growth area for housing, but limits economic

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development. In learning about another City of Greater Geelong development, Armstrong Creek, everyone involved in this project is working towards 1 in 3 people being able to live and work in that area. Drysdale/Clifton Springs is likely to experience 25% of the development happening in Armstrong Creek, so I believe that we must strive for 25% of the infrastructure being delivered in order to give us a similar work: life ratio. Whilst attending a G21 planning forum, I have actually fine tuned that desire to a simpler and achievable elsewhere. For each new house there needs to be a new job created in our area.

As SpringDale is working towards being a Registered Training Organisation we have a need to uncover the types of jobs that all our businesses perform and what sort of businesses they are likely to perform into the future and therefore the skills required and therefore the training courses that also might be required to support these jobs and businesses.

We were lucky enough to receive a grant from a part of Victorian State Government and Adult Community Further Education, now also called Learn Local. This \$50,000 grant is enabling us to have the time to interview many of the businesses in Drysdale/Clifton Springs, to speak to community groups and to inform the public, about our plan to become a Registered Training Organisation and also to talk about economic development in Drysdale/Clifton Springs in general.

Showbiz with Alan and Lorraine Wilson

Alan and Lorraine Wilson from Clifton Springs are both busy people when it comes to Showbiz. Alan is Director of the popular Melodaires and Lorraine the Manager of the group, who are all experienced local entertainers and who love to perform. There are nine in the group, plus Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Coyne at the piano and Kevin 'Simmo' Simmonds on drums. The Melodaires were part of the Geelong Seniors Program during October with shows at Drysdale, Grovedale and Ocean Grove. Lorraine is always pleased to take bookings for a fund raiser, community function or a party. Phone her on (03) 5251 2563. Alan and Lorraine are part of the cast in Queenscliffe Lighthouse Theatre's forthcoming production of

We have a small group of community people who have been helping to steer this project and reviewing a vast library of documents that may support the future of Drysdale/Clifton Springs and help us to focus and celebrate our point of difference. We have been conducting interviews and building relationships with many businesses and will continue this through November, I would love to have a chat with you, about your business and your aspirations. We have scheduled an evening to showcase these findings and will be updating these arrangements on our website.

One of the questions that is being asked is to highlight the benefits of doing business in Drysdale/Clifton Springs seems to revolve around the friendliness of our people – what a great point of difference. I'm not sure where this research will take us but I think many of us are enjoying the journey, which is the real purpose of Community Development and what SpringDale strives to do everyday at every opportunity.

Please keep up to date with our *Economic Development Project* on the SpringDale website and please email me if you would be happy to schedule an interview coordinator@springdale.org.au.

We currently know of more than 400 businesses in Drysdale/Clifton Springs and I am trying to speak to every business.

Anne Brackley

Coordinator SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

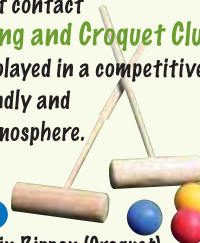
DeCadence - Fabulous Pearls of the First Ten Year. Director Marion Melrose has chosen some exciting "Pearls" from the company's seventeen shows to celebrate its ten years of musical theatre. There are 50 members in the cast, including children, who are rehearsing songs from The Sound of Music, Annie, The King and I, Rendezvous with Richard Rodgers, Hollywood Musicals Revue and more. *DeCadence* will take place at the newly renovated Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall in Bowen Road, Point Lonsdale. Shows are Thursday 3 November and Friday 4 November at 7.30pm and Sunday 5 November at 2pm and 7.30pm. **Tickets are available at the Visitors Information Centre, Hesse Street, Queenscliff. Phone: (03) 5258 4843. Come along and be entertained**

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A field of 93 ladies played 18 holes of golf which was followed by a two course meal, raffles and a trading table. Over \$4,000 was raised and these proceeds will be donated to the Geelong Hospital for the purchase of a Portable Suction Unit for Birdsey 5 Wing.

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in our gardens with steve williams

Rarin' to go

With the return of longer, warmer days I'm itching to get my summer veg into the garden. My tomatoes, eggplants and capsicums are all sturdy, vigorous seedlings. For the last two months they've been pampered and protected in a propagator and then in a cold frame. Now it's almost time for them to get out there and earn their keep. However, there are two further steps I take to give them the best possible start in life.

Firstly I harden off the young plants. The garden is a much harsher place than a cold frame: there are wide temperature variations, harsh sunlight and chilly night breezes. By moving the cold frame to a sunnier part of the garden and leaving the lid open on mild nights I try to acclimatise the seedlings for a week or so before transplanting them. I want my tomatoes to have sturdy stems with a purple tinge at the base, not sappy green ones.

Secondly, I check that the soil in the vegie beds is warm enough. A soil thermometer takes the guesswork out of this. Ideally the soil will be at least 15°C at a depth of 10 cm – right where the root zone of the young plants will be. You can help the soil to warm by stripping off any mulch for a couple of weeks.

When I transplant seedlings into the garden, I usually protect them with clear plastic tree



Top: Vigorous tomatoes like this Amish Paste need a sturdy frame to support them.

Left: Capsicums grow well in a 45-litre bag and only require a light bamboo frame.

guards for a couple of weeks, that gives the seedlings additional protection from fierce winds and a little extra warmth and humidity. Transplanted seedlings look tiny in the garden, but it's important to remind yourself that these will be big, vigorous plants that need plenty of room to grow. All of these solanaceae need support for their heavy fruit and top growth. For tomatoes I build a sturdy frame about 2 metres high. For eggplants and capsicums a much shorter frame will do the job.

Large-seeded veg such as the cucurbitaceae – cucumbers, zucchini, pumpkins etc – and bush or French beans can be sown direct at this time. Simply poke them into a compost enriched, moist soil, then water well and off they go. When the seedlings emerge, be sure to protect them against snails and other pests.

More gardening info in our Drysdale Harvest Basket blog.

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- Undertake seed collection activities in field.

When: Thursday 17 November, 9.30am to 3pm.

Venue: Bellarine Secondary College and Bellarine Landcare Nursery, Belchers Road Drysdale.

Day 2.

- Seed collection, cleaning and storage
- More seed collection in field and then a 'how to' process, clean seed ready for storage.

When: Friday, 18 November, 9.30am to 3pm

Venue: Swan Bay Environment Association, Queenscliffe Community Nursery, 79 Nelson Road, Point Lonsdale

What to bring: BYO lunch. Pen and paper, plant ID books and hand lens if you have them. Please wear clothing and footwear appropriate to the weather and outdoor conditions.

Further registration & information:

Local contact **Matt Crawley**
Bellarine Catchment Network
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Further information or to register by Friday 11 November 2011 places are limited.

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Combined Probus Club of Clifton Springs/Drysdale

The speaker at our last meeting was Nichole Baker from the Red Cross who told us of their seven priority areas, viz.:

Strengthening disaster and emergency services, Increasing international aid and development, Together as partners with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Overcoming social exclusion by providing bridges back into the community, Tackling entrenched locational disadvantage, Championing International Humanitarian Law, and Addressing the impact of migration.

Nicole also outlined the Breakfasts for Schools program in place in some areas of Australia, which evoked much discussion re parental responsibility. After the meeting we enjoyed a fine lunch at The Springs.

Our **November meeting, Monday 14**, will be our annual Trivia Morning, to be followed by our Spring BBQ. Our meetings are held in the Members' Room of the Clifton Springs Golf Club from 10 am 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.

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Grade 6 Musical, *Back in Time*. The story centered on two Drysdale students who discovered a time machine and travelled back in time to visit prominent historical figures like Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, Ned Kelly and Albert Einstein. These characters were then brought back to the year 2011 and handed in as their overdue history assignment.

The production was directed by Ms. Kethly Hemsworth, who also wrote and choreographed the musical, along with the assistance of the Grade 6s themselves. The music was performed brilliantly on the night by the Grade 6 band.

The Principal, Mr Stephen Barry, said the concert "exceeded all expectations" and that the entire school was "very proud of what all the children were able to achieve."

Mr. Chris Williams and Ms. Kethley Hemsworth are to be congratulated on all their efforts to prepare all the children, with Mr. Williams relishing the challenge in his first year at Drysdale Primary School.



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props, staffing the canteen, selling tickets, setting up the hall and the many other tasks that make a successful event like this possible.

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Thefts of vehicle number plates continue to be an issue as do petrol drive offs. These crimes are very closely linked. Vehicle owners are urged to secure their vehicle's registration plates by attaching one-way security screws. These are available from Neighbourhood Watch – Safer Communities Greater Geelong. Simply email us at nhwgreatergeelong@gmail.com to obtain a set of security screws.

CARAVAN THEFTS

A spate of thefts of caravan thefts recently has seen caravans stolen from driveways or front yards during daylight hours. This is a timely reminder to residents who have just returned home from their winter travels up north, to apply some sort of locking device to secure their vans.

WHEN IS IT TIME TO STOP DRIVING?

If you are unsure of your driving ability, have a driving instructor check your driving and make suggestions on aspects that might need improving. Many driving schools offer driver assessment and refresher courses. If you are concerned that you or an older person you know well, has lost the capacity to drive, encourage them to go for a medical check up. While giving up a licence and the independence it provides is difficult, it can

become necessary for your safety and the safety of others on the roads. RACV has safety educators who give talks to groups. If you belong to a group of people interested in improving their driving, or if you want further information, contact the RACV "Years Ahead Program" on (03) 9790 2915.

Drysdale Neighbourhood Watch

The Drysdale Neighbourhood Watch Group GLG68 had ceased operation and would like to thank everyone who helped over the years, the advertisers, volunteers, office bearers and SpringDale Community Centre.

Barbara Lamperd

Many Hands Make Bright Work

We are so fortunate to have the Drysdale Community Craft Club amongst us. They produce such beautiful work and make charitable donations from their profits. If you have not yet visited their shop in Drysdale High Street, just opposite the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, then an inspection is encouraged. And with Christmas looming, it is a wonderful opportunity to snap up some beautiful, unique, hand crafted presents at very reasonable prices.

In addition to making items for sale, the Club also produces hundreds of knitted Care Bears for the benefit of Cottage by the Sea, which provides holidays for disadvantaged children. Some bears are sold in the shop to raise funds for Cottage by the Sea, but most are donated to them, to be distributed to the children. Some kids have never owned a toy and these colourful, cuddly bears bring much joy. Making these bears is a labour of love but, with the numbers involved, it can get very expensive. This is where Connectair comes into the picture for donating its surplus polyester wadding to charitable craft groups for the last 7 years. Drysdale Community Craft Club has been so overwhelmed by the support from Connectair that they wanted to express their sincere thanks.

Pauline Cline



Director of Connectair, Peter Dear, being presented with a soft toy and thank you card by Kaye McIntosh, President of the Club. Also present are (from L to R) Lorraine McCallum (Coordinator), Leah McInnes (Vice President), Cheryl Healy (Secretary) and Sue O'Shannassy (Coordinator).

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PROPOSED BRIDGE IN BAY SHORE AVENUE

Many residents in the area have raised with me their concerns about the impact this bridge will have on their quality of life. Over the last couple of years, at various stages of the process of the rezoning of the Jetty Road area for residential development, I have written and spoken to Council about these concerns.

Recently I also raised the issue in Parliament, outlining residents' concerns and urging Council to continue to have further discussions with them about alternative options. A hearing at VCAT is scheduled in the next few weeks. This is an important opportunity for residents' concerns to be further heard and explored by the Tribunal.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Friday October 28, 2011, was World Teachers' Day, which was a wonderful

opportunity to celebrate the important role that teachers play in the education of our children. Here in the Bellarine electorate, we are lucky to have excellent educational facilities including government, independent and Catholic schools. It is the dedication and professionalism of the teaching staff that ensures the high standard of our local education and shows an admirable commitment to creating positive learning environments for our children.

As the Member for Bellarine, I would like to voice my appreciation for the hard work and dedication shown by the many teachers across the Bellarine and thank you all for the contribution you make not only to the lives of your students, but also to the wider community.

LOCAL HISTORY GRANTS

I encourage Bellarine community groups to apply for a share of \$340,000 in funding to tell their local stories. The Local History Grants program provides grants of up to

\$12,000 for projects that will preserve and increase access to Victoria's history. Projects can include written histories, preservation of collections through to exhibitions and multimedia presentations.

Full details are available online at www.prov.vic.gov.au/community-programs/grants-awards or contact my office on (03) 5248 3462. Applications close on Friday November 11, 2011.

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**



Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association

The Bellarine Strategic Plan - where should we be now?

The Bellarine Strategic Plan was created in 2006 to guide developments on the Bellarine Peninsula for a decade. The Plan is now halfway through its life and the City of Greater Geelong (CoGG) has employed K2 Planning from Geelong West to conduct a mid-term review during October and November. (K2 Planning is a specialist social planning firm with experience in assessing social impacts, planning for community infrastructure and engaging communities. www.k2planning.com.au) Extensive public consultation marked the Plan's creation, so we can expect that the mid-term review will feature extensive consultation with the people affected most by the Plan, i.e. those who live, work or study on the Bellarine Peninsula.

DCSCA is a member of the Affiliation of Bellarine Community Associations (ABCA),

which looks forward to participating in K2 Planning's review. (The ABCA includes all nine Bellarine community associations and is the democratic 'peak body' for Bellarine community issues.) The ABCA has discussed such a mid-term review with CoGG's senior management team; ABCA members have extensive experience in planning, conducting and evaluation public consultations; and several members have conducted their own 'mini-reviews' of the Plan, looking primarily at issues in their particular communities.

Support grows for 2012 Festival of Glass

The CoGG has expressed its confidence in the 2012 Festival of Glass by investing \$6,000 dollars in it. The money is a grant from the council's Arts and Culture Department, which also supported the inaugural Festival, which was held in February 2011. The inaugural Festival attracted around 6,000 visitors to a very crowded Potato Shed and received substantial media coverage. The 2012 Festival of Glass is being held at the nearby Bellarine Basketball Stadium, which is a much larger venue. However, almost forty sites have been booked already and there are still four months to go. More information:

www.festivalofglass.net.au

OR <http://festivalofglass.blogspot.com>

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

**For up-to-date news, please visit
DCSCA's blog -
drycliftdays.blogspot.com/**

Patrick Hughes, DCSCA Secretary

Walking Home 2011

Walking home is a walk to raise the awareness to homelessness in our region. The walk on Saturday 12 November begins in Queenscliff, travels along the Rail Trail and finishes at Johnstone Park Geelong. For further information visit www.walkinghome.org.au or contact Damien Bernasconi on 0418 347 617.

Run Geelong

Last year, Run Geelong with 8,100 participants raised \$270,000 for the Geelong Hospital Children's Ward and this year's event promises to be bigger and better. On Sunday November 20, runners and walkers of all abilities can challenge themselves with either a 12km or 6km course that starts and finishes at Kardinia Park and visits some of Geelong's most iconic landmarks such as The Waterfront, City Centre and Eastern Gardens. Show your support for our kids and help raise as much as we can for the Geelong

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Drysedale Guides

The excitement is building, Aniventon is almost here. What is Aniventon? It is a Guide suggested, Guide led, Guide organised event which helps people to come together to celebrate all things Anime, Sci Fi and Cartoon related. It will include stalls of merchandise, stalls of food, opportunities for people to dress up or Cos(costume) Play and to take photos and the opportunity to have fun in Drysedale together. The girls have attended other similar events in Melbourne called Supernova and Manifest and we are very happy to bring these opportunities to Drysedale.

We thank the local Youth Foundation M.I.S.S.I.O.N. group who awarded us \$1750 to help make this dream a reality and we thank the Rotary Club of Drysedale for \$500 to support this initiative and we thank



Drysedale Guides helping our community by planting 1000 trees on the Rail Trail.



Portarlington Drysedale Lions Club and Lisa Neville for their support as well. Many of us attended G.A.M.E. – Geelong Anime and Manga Expo at the Newcomb library and we are happy to work with the Library team to present a similar workshop at Aniventon.

Aniventon is being held at SpringDale on Saturday 19 November 10am – 4pm, entry is \$5 and please feel free to dress as your favourite character. We expect to see Dr

Who, the Stargate team, various Anime characters, some Disney Characters and many others. This will be a fun filled day and we hope everyone joins in to make it successful. Please feel free to email any questions to coordinator@springdale.org.au

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Children's Parties at Portarlington Miniature Railway

It is the time of the year where the weather is improving and the kids need to be in the fresh air. Do you have some birthdays coming up? Want to do something different for your child's birthday? Don't want the mess at your house? Need space for the kids to run a muck, burn off some energy? Well the kids would love to come to the Miniature Train down at Point Richards Road, Portarlington. The Drysedale Rotary Club will make the train available for 2 hours, for you to have your children's party. A jumping a castle can also be arranged and if required for an extra charge the club also has a Barbeque Trailer. The Train runs on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 11am to 3pm but other times can be booked to accommodate your requirements. **Funds raised from the train are used for various community Rotary projects.** **Contact John on (03) 5259 1340 for costs, bookings and queries.**



Lions Community Raffle raises over \$9,000



Portarlington/Drysedale Lions organised their Community Raffle earlier this year to provide an opportunity for various groups in the North Bellarine area to raise funds for their own needs. More than 25 groups were involved including youth groups, sporting clubs, churches, community committees, schools and others.

The concept was simple, although a bit of a challenge for Lions to manage. The Lions Club

provided the prizes and funded the printing of tickets and other expenses, and each group was offered [free] as many tickets as they could sell.

The value of the tickets sold was donated back to the organisation which sold them. Because Lions had provided all the prizes and expenses involved, each group made a total profit of that amount. Numerous businesses donated prizes or gave heavy discounts to provide a total of 20 prizes totaling over \$5,000 for the lucky winners. The raffle was drawn during the Lions Club's Youth of the Year Final dinner on 14 September by Pam Evans, whose Portarlington Girl Guides sold one of the highest numbers of tickets. Winner of the major prize, a \$1,000 gift voucher from Betta Electrical Geelong, was Ron West of Portarlington. Acting Club President, Terry Parsons, said that Ron was a very worthy winner. His involvement in much local community work is very well known. "This was

a great concept" said Lion Terry. "We may do it again next year as our experience should make it easier to conduct and nearly all groups say they want to be in it again. We are grateful for the generosity of businesses who provided prizes and also for the ticket sellers from the participating groups".

Many thanks from the community that you support.

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Bellarine Show Spring Thoughts



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Many flower and vegetable sections, both adult and kids sections to enter. Check our website www.bellarineshow.com.au for further information.

While pottering out around the shed, keep an eye out for any old garden implements from grandparents still resting there, for next year we are looking for people to volunteer display items for our *Horticulture History* – from garden to tractors.

Contact Graham on (03) 5251 3379 if you would like to be part of the display.

Our machinery guys are once again hard at work getting their sections ready for entries. You can enter:-

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The Book Club -

Good to a Fault by Marina Endicott

On Monday 3 October the Book Club met to discuss *Good to a Fault* by Marina Endicott.



Clara Purdy is a single woman working in a mundane insurance job. Having nursed both of her parents until their deaths some years apart and with a brief and distant failed marriage; she sees her life as - "an un-finished sampler, half the letters unstitched, the picture in the middle still vague." A car accident occurring in her lunch break one day turns her calm and ordinary life upside down. She finds herself responsible for three small children, their aging and ill-tempered grandmother and their mother who is diagnosed with cancer while in the hospital after the accident. The father of the children quickly absents himself from the scene as he cannot cope with his wife's illness.

The book is filled with characters who are all complex, from the children, their parents, a brother of the mother, the vicar and his wife who deserts him, Clara's neighbours and relatives and of course, Clara herself. Clara finds that she is actually a good mother substitute, falls in love with the children but continues to pray for their mother's recovery. There is much soul-searching as to their motives by many of the characters and complete acceptance of themselves with their many faults by others.



Group members had varied opinions of this book, some finding the plot a little implausible, but nevertheless enjoying the story. There were philosophical questions for the thoughtful reader and a glimpse into the Canadian medical system which another member found interesting.

Most of those who thought that the first chapters indicated a predictable plot were surprised by the complexities of the story. All agreed that the large cast of characters and their interactions were easy to follow which is not always the case. Our group enjoyed a spirited discussion.

One reviewer has said "Marina Endicott is really funny, a sweet-natured but sharp-eyed and quick-tongued social observer in the Jane Austen-Barbara Pym-Anne Tyler tradition, who can wring love, revulsion, and hilarity from readers in a single page." We tend to agree and rated this book 8 out of 10.

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 that we will be discussing in November is *Before I Go to Sleep* by S J Watson. For more details, contact the SpringDale on (03) 5253 1960.

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1pm Carpet bowls, snooker
5pm-7pm WACS

Thursday

9am-11am Line Dancing
12.30pm Arts, craft, chat & tea

1.30pm Choir Practice
6pm - 9.15pm Yoga

Friday

1pm Carpet bowls, snooker

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Bellarine Business Women Jump on board

BELLARINE BUSINESS WOMEN

The Bellarine Business Women hosts and supports women who own a micro or home based business on the Bellarine Peninsula. What distinguishes The Bellarine Business Women from other women's networking groups is that the meetings are for local Bellarine women specifically who own a micro or home based business. Sarah Valentine, the founder of The Bellarine Business Women, says "Women do business with people they like. If you can create an environment where they can meet like minded women who they connect with, then business will naturally flow".

The Bellarine Business Women offers more than a monthly meeting. The website will offer a member's area with business resources and an online forum. This will grow to be a one-stop-shop for women who own a small business. Kaye Clancy, a local Ceramic Artist said "I thoroughly enjoyed the night, and it was great to be surrounded by such inspirational women. I think that everyone has a lot to contribute as well as gain, and think that we

will all be able to build some long term relationships, on both a personal and business level. I look forward to making some great friendships as well as learning and sharing ideas."

The Bellarine Business Women is the first women's networking group specifically supporting local Bellarine women who own a small business. Support includes monthly meetings, online resources, business coaching, network and social events and an online directory of members. The Bellarine Business Women encourages women who are thinking of starting a small business to come along to see the resources and connections available to them right from the beginning of starting a business. The organisation is in its infancy and is growing rapidly. New members are always welcome and the first meeting is only \$15. **The meetings are held in the evening of the first Wednesday of the month on the Bellarine.**

Contact Sarah Valentine 0412 199 46 info@bellarinebusinesswomen.com.au

www.bellarinebusinesswomen.com.au

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bellarine-Business-Women/165809843490314>

Memorial To Animals In War

Created by artist Steven Holland, the Memorial's main feature is a large bronze horse head, an Australian War Memorial collection item, and the only remaining fragment from the original Desert Mounted Corps memorial, destroyed during the Suez Crisis of 1956. The RSPCA's National President, Lynne Bradshaw, said the Memorial acknowledged the significant contribution animals have made during times of conflict. "Pigeons carried urgent messages between the trenches and military headquarters; camels, donkeys and horses provided vital transport for people and equipment; dogs worked as messengers, trackers and guards; and cats patrolled navy ships for mice, rats and other pests. "Animals not only served man but provided companionship and comfort and their very presence in the darkest of times was treasured by the people they stood beside.



"This memorial pays tribute to this relationship but also aims to educate the Australian community about the value of animal life. Their service was as perilous as it was varied and like the people they served, many thousands of animals never returned home."

Every Australian community has a war memorial of some sort, honouring those who've given their lives to serve this nation. Many animals have also served Australia alongside the men and women in our armed forces. Dogs, pigeons, donkeys, camels and of course horses. Until now there's been very little to mark the roles of these animals.

Tumut based stonemason Andrew James and his team, were commissioned to craft a granite monument which has just been unveiled at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. It's topped with a bronze horse head from the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial in Egypt, commemorating the Australian Light-Horse.

Visit <http://blogs.abc.net.au/nsw/2009/05/monument-to-ani.html> and also visit

<http://www.rspca.org.au/news/memorial-to-animals-in-war.html>

http://www.publicartaroundtheworld.com/Desert_Mounted_Corps_Memorial.html for more information.

Civic Pride

For a number of years, the state-wide Tidy Town award gave every participating community some sense of civic pride. For some reason, the program was abolished. Rather than lobby the State Government to reinstate the program, I wonder whether it would be better to start a 'ground up' as follows.

DCSCA should set up a competition to promote civic pride by finding the tidiest and most attractive street in the local area, with the support of local real estate agents and nurseries, together with the local Garden Club, the Harvest Basket group and, perhaps, Springdale Neighbourhood Centre. Long streets with more than, say, 50 premises could be sub divided into sections for the competition. If each estate agent contributed \$400, that should cover the costs of promotion and prizes. The competition would improve the area's general amenity and prosperity, so it would be a good business investment.

If the competition succeeds in promoting civic pride, it could be suggested that other towns on the Bellarine and in the broader City of Greater Geelong (CoGG) create their own versions; and in time CoGG could sponsor a version for each suburb and rural community, rather than just a street. From that point, the idea might spread across the state and even across the country.

I have spoken to members of the Bowling Club about how well the club cares for its greens but not the nature strip outside its fence and I think on occasions there has been some improvement. Similarly, their little garden areas associated with the Doctors Surgery and the Solicitor by the roundabout are kept in reasonable condition, but the grounds of the Telstra Telephone Exchange are generally kept in quite an appalling condition. If a competition such as I am suggesting was in place, maybe those premises might get better attention.

Bill Williams

Bellarine Ladies Probus

Bellarine Ladies Probus meets on the 3rd Monday every month at the Clifton Springs Golf Club at 9.45am.

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