



The SpringDale Messenger



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Why has SpringDale been facilitating Economic Development discussions? Why is SpringDale qualified to even participate in this? The answer is our proven record. SpringDale has provided way for our communities voice to be heard for the last 20 years via the SpringDale Messenger. Businesses have taken the opportunity to advertise with the Messenger before many other local papers existed on the Bellarine. In 2000 SpringDale created new resident *Welcome Kit*. In 2004 we printed our first Business and Services Directory. In 2005 we ran our first Business Breakfast. Over the years, many businesses have used SpringDale facilities and services in many ways. Over the last four years, our kitchen has helped to incorporate many cookery based businesses.

Over the last twelve months, we have endeavoured to bring everyone in

Drysdale and Clifton Springs to the table to have a conversation about how we should develop as an area for the future and this was made possible through a State Government Grant.

We want to have a discussion that can include as many people as possible and it has been decided to hold a town summit.

The summit will take the form of an open house at SpringDale from Friday 16 November at 1pm to Monday 19, November 10am.

Please come along, view the plans and make a comment. We will be publishing the times that experts in certain areas will be on site so please sign up to our website for updates. Hope you can invest 30 minutes to help Drysdale and Clifton Springs plan for our future.

There will be free food supplied. Come for a cuppa and a chat.

Anne Brackley

Coordinator

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

SpringDale Hall 100 Year Celebrations

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2012

Saturday 3

St Leonards Community Festival
Pilgrimage to Living Stones, St Thomas, Drysdale

Tuesday 6

Melbourne Cup Day – SpringDale closed



Saturday 10

Streets Alive, Geelong



Sunday 11

Streets Alive, Geelong
Remembrance Day



Wednesday 14

World Diabetes Day world diabetes day
14 November

Thursday 15

Our Lady Star of The Sea
School Graduation Concert



Saturday 17

Fort Queenscliff Open Day
Gala Day Geelong



Sunday 18

Drysdale market 9am-1pm
Drysdale Bowling Club
Sales Bonanza 10am-2.30pm
Run Geelong



Monday 19

Business Network Breakfast,
SpringDale 7am



**Business
Network
Breakfast**

Tuesday 20

The Happiest Christmas
Morning Showtime



Friday 23

Bellarine Jongleurs Variety Night



Saturday 24

Mt Moriac Dance Concert



Sunday 25

Portarlington market 9am-2pm
Caravela - Portugese Shadow Puppetry



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SpringDale Community Calendar is a SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre initiative to support the whole community.
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.

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre
Opening Hours **Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm** and by appointment.



from the centre

Anne Brackley [centre coordinator]



Dear Everyone

Change is always happening and we are always having to cope with or embrace it. SpringDale formulated a continuous Improvement Policy a few years ago and this helps us to strive to improve our processes and actions.

We can be the agent of change and help to make our community more respectful and robust. We have again partnered with Bellarine Secondary College to run another mobile phone / iPad workshop series. It was so good to see 39 heads in groups of 3 or 4, 2 students with one or two people with an electronic device in the centre of each group. The vibe was positive and helpful with a great deal of goodwill on both sides of the table. It is rewarding to watch familiarisation and understanding happening before your eyes when people of different ages, different lifestyles, different outlooks realise they all have the same aspirations of success. The key is having common ground and goodwill at the start. Sometimes it is having the goal to work through a process to gain a shared vision and know what success will look like.

SpringDale has been successful in gaining a City of Greater Geelong grant to help us celebrate the centenary of our hall. Although we have been talking about this for ages it is almost here with the hundred year anniversary of the opening of the hall being 11/12/12 at 3.30pm. We are planning a series of events over the next few months to celebrate the different ways that the hall has been used over the century. We have celebrated a number of milestones recently. In 2010 we celebrated 21 years of SpringDale. Last year we celebrated 20 years of the SpringDale Messenger and this year we celebrate 100 years of the hall, we have so much to be grateful for.

We are setting up our courses for 2013 and would love to know if there is anything different that you would like us to present. Please let us know.

SpringDale Vacation Care is looking to increase its appeal to families and we would love feedback on the times for our service, currently 8am to 6pm. Would different hours suit your needs better and then enable you to use our service? We would love to hear from anyone who would like to comment.

Yours very sincerely

Anne Brackley

For the whole SpringDale Team.

What's on @ SpringDale

New Course

Boat/PWC course

This course is designed to assist you to obtain knowledge and skills required to operate small mechanically powered vessels, including PWC's and successful participants with a Marine Licence. The course is a minimum of 3.5 hours duration.

Date/time: Thurs 15 Nov
5.30pm – 9.30pm.

Fee: \$110

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New Group

Cryptic Crosswords Group

Have you ever wondered how Cryptic Crossword Puzzles work? Join a group of like minded crossword fans to learn and share the skills needed to solve Cryptic Crosswords. We will solve cryptic puzzles together in a fun and non-competitive atmosphere. This group is open to all levels of expertise from beginners to those who want to extend their knowledge.

Date/Time: Every Friday at 10am.

Fee: \$1 per session.



Volunteer of the Month



Colin Barnard

Colin has been with us for three years. He adds a particular set of skills to our team and has been able to adopt a number of our data management systems that he has helped to develop to bring forward SpringDale's Strategic Goals.

Colin is a very amicable, creative and supportive volunteer. Thank you so much Colin for all you do and the calm way you contribute to our success.

Business Network Breakfast

**Monday
19 Nov
7am start**

Mark this
date in
your diary



'The Changing Face of Employment'

Guest Speaker Jude Walker

Jude will bring us up to date
with the latest thinking
on employment and learning.

Phone SpringDale on
(03) 5253 1960 and reserve
your place now.

**Please register by
Thursday 15
November 2012**

Business Profile

Bellarine Glass & Screens



L-R: Shaun, Darryl & Sara

Bellarine Glass and Screens has been servicing the Bellarine Peninsula for approximately 35 years, a family owned and operated business first run by Don Ward and his four children. Upon Don's retirement, his youngest son Darryl took over and now runs the business with

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Business Breakfast well attended



In August our Business Breakfast was part of the Victorian and Geelong Small Business Festivals. Our event was well attended by approximately 50 people and was one of 150 events held across Victoria.

The theme was *Marketing Our Town* and during the session we came up with a Marketing Pyramid.



This session was facilitated by Tracie Jamieson from Geelong Otway Tourism of which SpringDale has recently become a member.

Our next Business Breakfast on Monday 19, November will be the final round up of a weekend summit in which hopefully everyone in Drysdale will have had an opportunity to comment on all the plans that forecast the future of Drysdale/Clifton

Springs. This is the culmination of more than 12 months of discussion and research.

Our speaker will be Jude Walker from Geelong Region Local Learning and Employment Network. After speaking at a recent workshop in Geelong on *Expansive Learning*, Jude's speaking calendar is now completely booked for the year, so we are really fortunate – and excited – to have her.

As well as great speakers, great food is always one of our draw cards, with the opportunity to select from cereal, fruit platters, yoghurt, eggs, bacon, tomato, toast and spreads or all of the above.

Hope you can attend this event.

Dianne Bennett
Business Network Convenor

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Start Christmas early at the Potato Shed

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After an extremely busy October the end of 2012 is fast approaching and we have almost finalised the 2013 season already. There are some big names and plays expected, so watch this space.

Morning Showtime this month will see us getting into the Christmas Spirit with the gang from Drop of A Hat performing *The Happiest Christmas* whilst the Bellarine Jongleurs will cap off a fabulous year with their annual variety night, always a lot of fun. We are also delighted to announce that we will have *Caravela* being performed at the Potato Shed this month. A breathtaking fusion of song, melody, shadow puppetry and light projection, *Caravela* is the story of Rosa Maria and her fisherman lover as they journey through the seasons and the seas. Featuring the sublime vocal talents of Carolina Cordeiro, achingly melancholic songs of the Portuguese Fado are

accompanied by the layered lush shadow world of projection artists Freya and Raku Pitt of *The Piano Boat Project*.

A big thank you to everyone who supported this years *Family Fun Day* at the Shed. From the volunteers, local businesses who sponsored and provided items for the raffle and those of you who bought raffle tickets the day would not happen if it wasn't for you. Congratulations to the winners.

Remember, group discounts are available for all shows. Watch this space for more info and to book, call us today on (03) 5251 1998 or drop in to 41 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale.

You can also find us at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/potatoshed or visit our Facebook page. Until next time and we hope to see you at the Potato Shed soon.

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**Tuesday, 20 Nov, 10.30am
Morning Showtime**

including Morning Tea



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THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS

**Tuesday 20 November
@ 10.30am**

\$14.00 Including Morning Tea

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Book your seats NOW!

What's on NOVEMBER

15 November

*Our Lady Star of The Sea
School Graduation Concert*
7pm Contact school for details.

20 November

*The Happiest Christmas
Morning Showtime*
10.30am
\$14 including Morning Tea

23 November

*Bellarine Jongleurs
Variety Night*
Tickets - \$12 each
OR \$40 Family (4 Tickets)

24 November

Mt Moriac Dance Concert
2pm
Tickets at the door

25 November

*Caravela - Portugese
Shadow Puppetry*
8pm
Adult \$15 Conc \$12

the piano boat project
PRESENTS

A Tragedy written by & FEATURING THE FADO SINGING OF CAROLINA CORDEIRO

SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER 8PM

DON'T MISS OUT

Group Discounts available for all shows. For further information on any of our upcoming events or to book tickets call the Potato Shed on (03) 5251 1998. Tickets can also be purchased at any City of Greater Geelong Customer Service Centres.

POTATO SHED

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is located at 41 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale.
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Combined Probus Club of Clifton Springs/Drysdale

Gardening hints, editor's notes and trivia kept Probus members entertained

Last month our Club speaker was Len, our newsletter editor, with Matthew Hart from Van Loons Nursery following up as guest speaker. After giving us a series of gardening hints and an introduction to some new products for use in our gardens, Matthew answered a host of questions from Club members. It was a most interesting and helpful meeting. Lunch followed at Buckley's Bistro, where we arranged a Club visit to Van Loon's Nursery for the following week; many members enjoyed this visit, which also included lunch.

This month we have our annual Trivia Quiz Meeting on 12 November, when we will pit our wits against quizmaster Brian and each other. It is sure to be a great morning.

Our regular 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 social club for ladies and gents - visitors and



Above: Editor - Len
Left - Matthew Hart from Van Loons Nursery

prospective members, singles and couples, are welcomed at all our meetings and activities, including our monthly Coffee Club.

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

Where's Boort



Where is it? What's there? These are the normal questions asked when someone says they are going there. On Friday 7 September a party of ten members of the **Drysdale Croquet Club** set out to find out. The club approached SpringDale to see if they could organize a mini bus and driver. SpringDale volunteer driver Gordon offered his services. Merle, his wife decided that she should also go along to help.

Boort is a town of about 800 residents and is situated over 300km north-west

of Drysdale. First stop was at Gisborne for morning tea and at Bridgewater for lunch. On arrival we were straight on to the grass court for a game followed by a barbecue. Saturday was devoted entirely to croquet followed by a meal at the local pub. Sunday was a tour of the local attractions. The green tomato farm was our first stop; from here green tomato products are exported to about twenty countries. We then moved on to an olive farm run entirely by a husband and wife team. **Gordon & Merle Wells**

Seniors Fun

Drysdale Senior Citizens Club provides a friendly place for social activities for people living in Drysdale and Clifton Springs. A large range of interests include indoor bowls, cards, bingo, yoga, line dancing and billiards. If you are wishing to meet new friends and have some fun, please feel free to visit our club rooms. **For more information please telephone (03) 5251 2983.**

The highlight of the day was the visit to a sculptor who makes installations, some over three metres high, entirely from old spanners. The evening was devoted to a concert put on by members of the Drysdale club with an invitation for Boort to join us. John turned up with his ukulele and was one of the highlights of the evening. We were impressed by the extremely friendly and helpful people of the lovely town of Boort.

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Clifton Springs Men's Shed - Come along and find out if it's for you.



Frank Keogh operating grinder

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Like the woodworking shed the metal working shed is fully equipped and if one doesn't have the necessary skills there's plenty of help on hand to advise and assist the beginner.

It's not only wood and metal working at the shed.

Some of the members have gardening as their main interest, others have art painting, and there's plenty of other things to interest one.

Come along and find out if it's for you.

The Clifton Springs Men's Shed is situated behind the Central Baptist Church in Central Road and is open on

Mondays from 10am until 3pm and Wednesdays from 10am until 3pm. For those interested in visiting the shed and would like to find out about us, the shed members will welcome you on Mondays from 1.30pm for a tour of the shed and its facilities and enjoy some tea or coffee and some biscuits with the members.

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BAYSIDE **nov** 2012

Free fun and food to celebrate *Australia Day* in Drysdale

Drysdale's 2013 Australia Day celebrations have received a boost, thanks to a major sponsorship from the developers of the Central Walk estate. City of Greater Geelong is also supporting the celebrations again, combined with assistance from Lions and voluntary input from many local organisations, will ensure a free brunch and entertainment for all.

Air Force cadets will again raise the flag and the Drysdale Primary School choir,



*All welcome
to attend and
celebrate our
national day*

Rotary jumping castle, SES and CFA displays, face painting and a popular band will add to the fun. The celebrations on 26 January 2013 will start at 10am, with formalities commencing at 11.30am. Fun and food will continue until 1pm.

**Further information can be obtained
from Lion Ian Cook on (03) 5251 3779
or 0409 978 982.**



We are in the downhill run for completing the first part of this project.

Two community meetings have been held with approximately 40 community members participating and an initial draft plan has been completed ready for your comments. It can be viewed at the **Drysdale/Clifton Springs Summit Friday 16 – Monday 19, November.**

Please call in to SpringDale and add your comments to the plan, be they for or against, please have a say. The plan is also up on our website. Please participate in this process of agreeing to our suggested changes to the plan for art in Drysdale/Clifton Springs.

Fort Open Day

Fort Queenscliff dates from 1860 when an open battery was constructed on Shortland's Bluff to defend the entrance to Port Phillip Bay. An Open Day will be held on Saturday 17 November to farewell the Australian Army after 152 years. Take this wonderful opportunity to visit the Fort, hear the firing of the guns and see the Military, Police and RSL Bands. At 3pm you are invited to attend a March Out Parade on the Parade Ground. Entry is by gold coin donation.

**For more information go to
www.fortqueenscliff.com.au
to find a list of events.**



Wear a poppy

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, we will remember them – the men and women who have fought, suffered and died for Australia in times of war and conflict. **Remembrance Day** is a time when people can pay their respects to the substantial number of soldiers who died in battle. Men and women in Australia and around the world have made sacrifices, many giving their lives for this hope. Yet the freedom we enjoy was secured at a price.



Remembrance Day 2012

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A service will be held at the Drysdale Cenotaph at 10.50am on Sunday 11 November and all residents are welcome to attend.

The Drysdale RSL meet on the second Thursday each month at 2pm.

LEST WE FORGET.

Spring Festival

**Heronswood Saturday, 10, Sunday, 11
November 2012 9am - 5pm.**

Heronswood's Spring Festival is on again for 2012. Spend a day with Diggers garden experts and enjoy the beautiful surrounds of Heronswood Gardens. There will be free workshops for you to sharpen your gardening skills, and learn more about this historic property in a free garden tour. Relax over lunch at the Fork to Fork café and pick up your tomato seedlings and all your favourite heirloom seeds from the garden shop.

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National Recycling Week



National Recycling Week runs from **12 – 18 November** and aims to improve the positive environmental outcomes of recycling. SpringDale has always been conscious of recycling and reuse goods where possible.

Over the past decade, concern about the environment has brought with it a massive increase in recycling in Australia and around the world. The more we recycle, the better it is for the environment. Waste is a valuable resource and we all should remember the three R's and *reduce, reuse and recycle*.

You can recycle your old mobile phone at SpringDale and help the gorillas in Africa. Proudly supporting the efforts of Bellarine Secondary College.

Gala Day



The first Gala Day procession showing Moorabool Street, Geelong - Wikipedia

A family fun day, Gala Day on 17 November promises to have plenty of entertainment for everyone. Gala Day commences at 10.30am with a parade of decorated floats through the streets of Geelong and finishes at the Steampacket Gardens with rides and entertainment for all. The very popular Geelong Highland Pipe Band is one of the groups that will perform on the day. Gala Day is a major Barwon Health Foundation fundraiser with proceeds going to the Geelong Hospital.

The Book Club



The Gathering
- Anne Enright



The Book Group meets at SpringDale on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm. Our meetings are very informal and new members are always very welcome. For more details, contact SpringDale on (03) 5253 1960.

On Monday 1 October, the Book Club met to discuss Jonathan Franzen's *FREEDOM*.

A well attended meeting gave this book an almost unanimous *thumbs down* although it provoked a lively discussion. It is hard to like a book when you don't like any of the characters in it!

This is a story of Patty Berglund, her husband Walter, their children Joey and Jessica and everyone whose lives they have ever touched, it seems. There is a huge cast of characters and it becomes difficult for the reader to keep track of everyone and their complicated relationships.

Told in large segments from the points of view of four main characters, this compounds the difficulty that most of our group found in reading this book.

Patty's story is told as *MISTAKES WERE MADE*. Autobiography of Patty Berglund by Patty Berglund. (Composed at her Therapist's Suggestion).

Using a lot of capital letters, she writes in the third person referring to the writer as *the autobiographer* as though trying to distance herself from the way she has lived her life. Patty had seemed like the perfect wife and mother in their neighbourhood of St Paul.

A former basketball player, she is very competitive.

Her husband Walter tries all of his life to be a good man. He has an odd sibling-like relationship with Richard, his flat-mate from college days.

The themes running through this book are varied – conservation, American politics, corruption, music, family dynamics etc. and could have provided the author with enough material and ideas to write several different books. In drawing a large number of dysfunctional and self-destructive characters together he only succeeded in puzzling the readers of our group, most of whom found this book very difficult to read.

Franzen attempts to finish this story with a happy ending which did not succeed in making any of the characters more likeable. Even the title puzzled us and we wondered if Franzen was being ironic when he chose it. Is it a social commentary on life in the USA? Is it a skilful portrayal of human frailty or just plain boring? Decide for yourself. We gave this book average score of 5/10.

This month we will discuss *Autumn Laing* by Alex Miller and in December, we will each bring a biography of our own choice.

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Freekeh is processed from durum wheat, and harvested while the grains are still young and green. It has a nutty crunchy texture with a slight smoky flavour and makes an excellent alternative to rice. Freekeh was first discovered in 2300BC in the Eastern Mediterranean when a city under siege harvested their crop early.

Nutritionally Freekeh is a powerhouse, it is a low GI food with four times the fibre content of brown rice, has a high protein content, is low in fat and rich in calcium, iron and zinc. This is a new product on the market, grown and produced in Australia. It is made from unripe wheat and contains more protein, vitamins, and minerals than mature wheat and most other grains. It is also low in starch.

It is readily available these days in grain shops, health shops and most supermarkets and makes an excellent change from pasta, rice or potatoes. Freekeh can be used in a variety of ways: as a



side dish, as an ingredient in soups and stuffings, with vegetables as a salad, as an ingredient in vegetarian burgers.

FREEKEH - A SALAD WITH A DIFFERENCE

Serves 4-5

2 cups of Freekeh
3 cups of chicken stock
1 medium onion chopped
1 whole chicken or any part of the chicken you like
2 cups of mixed raw nuts (pistachios, almonds, pine nuts, almonds, pecans)
2 tablespoons of butter
1 tablespoon of allspice (or 7 spices)

For cooking the chicken:

1 carrot, 1 small onion, 1 cinnamon stick, some herbs (I chose fresh thyme), ½ tsp of salt, 2 bay leaves, water to cover it.

Very important: Freekeh needs to be well cleaned by spreading it on a flat surface (like a tray and going through the grains with your fingers, in case there are any little stones, then soak it warm water for 15 to 30 minutes and wash several times using a strainer then let it drain).



FREEKEH & NUTS SALAD

In a pot, add the chicken and the herbs and vegetables and water and let it cook until done, removing the white foam whenever it comes up.

In another pot, add 1 tablespoon of butter, chopped onion, salt and pepper to taste, cook for a minute then add the freekeh and the allspice, mix all until the freekeh absorbs the butter, then add the 3 cups of chicken stock of your choice (I like to remove the cooked chicken and use the water or stock that I prepared). Once it comes to a boil, let it simmer until it absorbs the water and cook (just like rice). In a pan, add 1 tablespoon of butter and the raw nuts and roast until brown. Serve the freekeh with nuts and chicken on top. It's good with any salad.

Haemochromatosis

Haemochromatosis is an inherited iron overload disorder. It is very common, but little known. It can have serious consequences for your health but is easily treated if diagnosed in time. Haemochromatosis Australia is the support and advocacy group for people affected by haemochromatosis.

You can visit

www.haemochromatosis.org.au
or phone their INFO LINE
1300 019 028 (Monday to
Friday 9am - 5pm Australia)
for the cost of a local call from
any land line.

Haemochromatosis Australia is a non-profit registered charity run entirely by volunteers. The most common symptoms noticed by people with haemochromatosis are fatigue, weakness and lethargy or joint pains leading to osteoarthritis.

Hereditary haemochromatosis is diagnosed by simple blood tests.

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World Diabetes Day



World Diabetes Day on 14 November is an event used to increase understanding of diabetes and to raise funds for research. Diabetes is a complex condition, which can affect the entire body. Diabetes has reached epidemic proportions in Australia and globally. An estimated 275 Australians develop diabetes every day.

Visit www.diabetesaustralia.com.au for more information.

White Ribbon Day



Recently Jill Meagher's death distressed many Australians. Violence against women needs to be addressed in our society.

White Ribbon Day on 25 November raises awareness among Australian men and boys about the roles they can play to prevent violence against women. The campaign calls for men across Australia to speak out and take an oath swearing never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

Go to www.whiteribbonday.org.au and find out more.

Movember



Movember is an annual, month long celebration of the moustache, highlighting men's health issues, specifically prostate cancer and depression. During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in Australia and around the world. Big steps have been taken towards changing attitudes and habits relating to men's health around the world but there is still much to be done to catch up with the women's health movement. Visit au.movember.com/ for further information.

Walking Home



Sat 10 November 2012

walkinghome.org.au



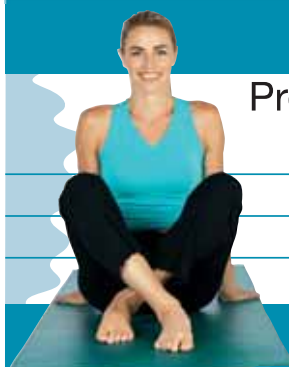
This is a family friendly event on **Saturday 10 November**, where you can walk from the nominated starting point at Queenscliff or join in along the way.

The walk concludes at the Geelong Waterfront where entertainment abounds.

Walking Home by The Salvos hopes to raise awareness and understanding of homelessness in Geelong and South West Region. Contact Damo on 03) 5244 9500 for further information.

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Streets Are Alive



Streets Are Alive is a free weekend festival of music, performing arts, visual arts and dance focused on Geelong's inner city and waterfront from **10 – 11 November, 2012**. Roving performers will be wandering the streets the whole weekend to keep you entertained. Some of the best dances will strut their stuff in Salsa, African, Rock and Swing. Streets Are Alive will feature a dazzling array of musicians, artists and street artists performing in the city's streets, laneways and waterfront. It promises to be a weekend crammed with top line performers, with an emphasis on those from the local region. Visit www.streetsarealive.com for more knowledge of all the events.

Visit the Courthouse Museum



The Bellarine Historical Society is a non-profit making organisation staffed by volunteers with a keen interest in preserving the history of the Bellarine Peninsula. **The Bellarine Historical Society and Old Courthouse Museum is located in the former Shire Hall/Court House, 11 High Street, Drysdale - between Eversley Street and Murradoc Road.**

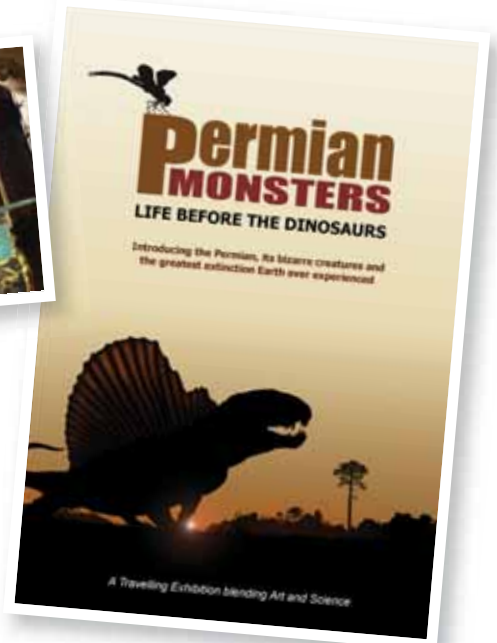
From May to December the museum is open on the 1st Sunday of each month from 1.30pm – 4.30pm. From January to the last weekend in April the museum is open every Sunday from 1.30pm – 4.30pm. The Society has many publications for sale which relate to different areas of the Bellarine Peninsula and can be very useful to family and local history researchers looking for more information in this area.

Permian Monsters



Everyone knows all about dinosaurs, but what about the Permian Monsters?

This exhibition presents the relatively unknown and bizarre creatures of the Permian that lived before their more famous ancestors, the dinosaurs. The aim of the exhibition is to educate people about this geological period, its bizarre creatures and the greatest extinction Planet Earth has ever experienced.



This excellent display will be held daily from 2 November 2012 to 3 March 2013 at the National Wool Museum, Moorabool Street, Geelong.

Unclaimed Money Register



Are you looking for lost money? Are you entitled to money you have forgotten about? Unclaimed Money can take many forms such as: dividends, salaries and wages, rent and bonds, cheques, trust money, over-payments and proceeds of sale. **You can search the Unclaimed Money Register database for the Victorian Government using www.sro.vic.gov.au/sro and find out if you are a winner.**

Years ago

As reported in The Argus on Friday 3 December 1897

The Clifton Springs Hotel and 30 acres of agricultural land were sold on Thursday afternoon, at Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, by Mr. W. Abraham, in conjunction with Messrs. W. and W. Higgins, for the sum of £4,500, the purchaser being Mr. McGee.

Vocational Visits



There are many features of being a Rotary member that I enjoy, but one of them is our vocational visits. These are visits to various businesses to see how things are made or built.

The Geelong area abounds with interesting businesses and you meet the interesting people that are involved with those businesses. The Rotary Club of Drysdale has seen how mattresses are put together from the start of the process and what makes a better quality mattress. We have seen behind the scenes of the new Torquay RACV complex while in the very preliminary stages of being built, so now we know what is behind the walls. Our most recent vocational visit was to the Bellarine Estate where we saw the process of making beer and enjoyed some of the many different styles and flavours of boutique. These were all very interesting experiences and much was learnt by the adventures.

Rotary is an international organisation that has many arms that help people in our own backyard and all over the world. Why not explore the option of becoming a member? Just give Brian Gray a call on (03) 5253 2979 and be our guest at one of our regular Monday meetings.

Caroline Rickard
Rotary Club of Drysdale

easy homemade Scrumptious Crumpets



2 cups lukewarm water
1 cup lukewarm milk
2 tablespoons melted butter, plus extra butter
for greasing the griddle and rings
3½ cups Self Raising Flour
2½ teaspoons instant yeast
1 teaspoon baking powder
1¼ teaspoons salt

1. Place all ingredients in a large bowl. Blend with an electric mixer, starting on low then turning up to high speed after ingredients are combined. Beat at high speed for two minutes.
2. Cover bowl with a wet tea towel or buttered wax paper. Set in a warm, draft-free place—I use an unlit oven.
3. Let the batter sit for an hour. When you return it will have doubled in volume.
4. In the meantime, generously butter your crumpet rings or biscuit cutters. Heat a griddle or heavy skillet over a medium low flame. Run a slick of butter over the griddle and arrange the rings closely together in the centre of the griddle.
5. Using a ladle or small measuring cup—a ⅓ cup metal measure works perfectly—scoop up about ¼ cup of batter. You'll notice this manoeuvre is a little tricky—the batter is sticky and stretchy. Once you've filled the measure, run the cup's edge along the bowl to cut off the extra gooey batter. Pour the batter into one of the rings, filling it about one third. Fill remaining rings.
6. Check and adjust flame if needed: you want to cook the crumpets until little bubbles appear and burst, leaving tiny craters—but you don't want to overcook the crumpet bottoms. It's one of those variable things, you'll find yourself adjusting the flame up and down until you get it right. The crumpets take 4-5 minutes to cook on the first side.
7. Once the little craters have formed and the sides of the crumpets dry and retract slightly from the sides of the rings, remove the rings. You can usually do this by giving the ring a firm shake and lifting upward. If the cake sticks, loosen sides with a butter knife and remove the ring. If you don't have asbestos fingers as I do, you may need to use tongs or a potholder to lift the rings; the tin gets very hot.
8. After you remove the rings, flip the crumpets over and cook for another 2 minutes or until bottoms are golden.
9. Continue cooking crumpets until all the batter is used up, re-buttering the rings before setting them on the griddle again and greasing the griddle occasionally as needed. You may also need to wipe off baked-on batter from inside the rings from time to time. Serve crumpets warm, or cool completely and store in an airtight container in the fridge. To reheat crumpets, pop them into a toaster.

Makes 2-dozen crumpets



Step 5



Step 8

Drysdale Guides take on MasterChef



Recently Drysdale Senior Guides held the best ever camp. Its theme was *Masterchef* and we cooked meals and treats from many different countries around the world. It was a creative theme, with inspiring girls, dedicated leaders and a relaxing atmosphere where learning, understanding and fun were the outcomes. *Well done everyone.*

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Lots of lovely hand-made items for sale.

On display will be the largest Quilted Ball in Australia and the group's latest feat - The Big Quilted Fish. No booking required.

3, 4 & 10 November 12noon-4pm.

The Portarlington Mill Turner Court, Portarlington.

Wheelchair accessible.

Further information **Melinda 0408 539 668**.



Scrabble Word for November - *gite*

Scrabble can be extremely competitive and can improve your logic skills and vocabulary.

This month the word is *gite*.

Gite is the name for a furnished vacation home in France that is available for rental, especially in a rural setting.



Scrabble is played at SpringDale every Tuesday afternoon at 1pm.

Advertorial

What is hypnotherapy?

Hypnotherapy is safe and natural. Hypnosis can be traced back to the ancient times and is named after the Greek word for sleep - *Hypnos*.

Today, all around the world, people use hypnosis to help deal with a vast range of problems to overcome their issues and create lasting and empowering change in their lives.

Let me tell you about the good work that can be done using the power of your own mind.

Whilst in a deep state of relaxation the hypnotherapist can access your subconscious mind in order to effect change in your life by re-programming habits, thought patterns and create new lasting pathways.

So what does hypnosis feel like?

You are deeply relaxed and calm, aware of everything that is going on. You are in control at all times. It is a pleasant state, similar to daydreaming or drifting off to sleep. You cannot get stuck in hypnosis and the hypnotist cannot control you.

So I won't be made to do silly things like those you see onstage or TV?

Of course not! Entertainment hypnosis relies on compliance, expectation from the audience and perception of what the audience expects.

So what can Hypnotherapy help with?

Hypnotherapy can help with permanently erasing unwanted habits, health problems, fears, stress, phobias, confidence building, pain management, the list is endless.

What if I can't be hypnotised?

Don't worry. The only people who can't be hypnotised are those who don't want to be. Anyone of normal intelligence can be hypnotised, but the depths and response levels do differ from person to person.

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our reader's feedback

Support Local Business

First the Drysdale Fruit and Vegetables then the Drysdale Hardware. Who will be next? Please help support our local businesses.

Ian, Clifton Springs.

Scrabble

The Messenger has some good articles and content. The recent Scrabble word each month is something I look forward to and keeps the old brain ticking. Well done.

Rose, Drysdale.

Men's Kitchen

What a terrific photo of blokes in the kitchen in the SpringDale Annual Report. They can come to my house any time.

Lyn, Drysdale.

Christmas

It is nearly Christmas, so hope SpringDale will be organising some Christmas cooking and decoration classes for the occasion.

Jen, Clifton Springs.

Traffic

Traffic around Drysdale is becoming a problem and as for parking, spaces are limited. Will we ever see some improvement.

Paul, Drysdale.

We welcome your comments in this our Readers Feedback column, please email to

messenger@springdale.org.au



Funeral Planning

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Urgent Road Repairs Needed

In Parliament recently I raised the issue of potholes, dangerous road surfaces and crumbling road edges on roads in the Bellarine. Many of you have spoken to me about the disgraceful state of our roads, in particular sections of the Bellarine Highway and the Portarlington Road. These are our two major arterial roads that carry increasingly heavy traffic, which will only get worse as increasing numbers of holiday-makers and tourists visit the Bellarine over the summer months. The situation is becoming increasingly serious with drivers and vehicles at risk and cuts to the VicRoads' road surfacing budget resulting in repair and maintenance work being neglected or delayed. The potential for accidents is also increased on these busy roads because of the higher speed limits. As a community we rely on safe, well maintained roads. It is crucial that repair work is done urgently on the Bellarine Highway and the Portarlington Road, and on other important roads including Murradoc Road in Drysdale and St Leonards.

Fire Services Levy

You may have seen that I've been talking about this issue which has been concerning a lot of residents. There is general support for the change from the Levy on insurance premiums to a property-based charge through Council rates to ensure all property owners contribute to our fire services. However, it is essential that the abolition of the FSL from insurance policies is reflected in reduced premiums. Unfortunately the current Government has introduced the new tax on rates without making sure that the Levy is abolished.

Some residents have told me of an increase in the Levy on recent insurance bills and others have expressed concerns about being charged twice – through their insurance and their rates in the same financial year.

This is an issue that needs to be fixed quickly by the Baillieu Government and I will continue to advocate for urgent action to avoid residents being charged twice. Please contact my office if you have any concerns about this issue.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is coming up and will be marked across the Bellarine in honour of all those who have served in the Australian Forces in both World Wars, in Korea, Vietnam and who are serving now overseas and at home.

The recent tragic losses of people serving in Afghanistan heightens the importance of taking time to remember the service men and women who have been lost and their families and friends who are left behind.

It is always a very moving occasion and an opportunity to remember and be thankful for the sacrifice that so many have made, particularly those from our own community.

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
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Neighbourhood Watch - Be safe...always



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Australian Crime Commission Warning

The Australian Crime Commission Board is warning that organised criminal groups are targeting the savings of Australians through investment frauds, using persuasive cold-calling tactics, sophisticated websites and legitimate looking brochures. To protect yourself you can:

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- Hang up on unsolicited phone calls offering investments.
- Check that a company you are discussing investments with has a valid

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- Seek independent financial advice before making an investment.
- Protect your mail in your letterbox – to deter fraudsters who may be seeking an insight into your financial situation. Consider fitting a lock or make sure your letterbox is large enough to fully enclose your mail. When away, get a trusted friend or neighbour to collect your mail or arrange for it to be diverted or held at the Post Office.
- Be wary of anyone who claims they can recover your losses for a fee. No legitimate Australian law enforcement or regulatory agency will seek payment for this action.
- The Victoria Victims Support Agency Helpline is 1800 819 817.
- Report suspected investment frauds to the Australian Securities & Investments Commission via the www.moneysmart.gov.au website, phone 1300 300 630, or tell your local police the company name, location and contact details.

Free Seminars for Secondary Schools

Neighbourhood Watch, BCC Computers and Beta Home Living, Geelong West, are offering these free seminars to ALL Secondary Schools within the Geelong

and Surf Coast region. Volunteers are encouraged to contact their local Secondary College and discuss the possibility of conducting one of these seminars at their school. A flyer has been emailed to all Secondary Schools offering this free service.

Facebook

After a major hiccup with the Neighbourhood Watch Geelong Facebook page, we are now back, better than ever! Take a look and "Like" our page. Information is added daily.

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December - Road Safety and Holiday Awareness

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Here is a quick run-through of some of the best dynamic accumulators for our climate.

Borage is an annual with pretty, edible, blue flowers. It is a good source of potassium and the micronutrient silica.

Comfrey is everyone's favorite dynamic accumulator since it concentrates nitrogen, potassium, magnesium, calcium, silica and iron. It's a herbaceous perennial which dies down in the late winter. It's a good supplement to chook food – just a leaf or two now and then – or grow it next to the chook run so your 'girls' can decide when they need some.

Clovers provide nitrogen and phosphorus. They make a good ground cover around fruit trees to suppress weeds and bring bees. Once you've established a good thick bed of clover, you can plant tall-growing annuals into it. When it dies back, its fine, hairlike roots break down to make fine channels to allow water to filter deep into the soil.



Lucerne and wildflower border – bee magnet!



Comfrey – dynamic accumulator par excellence

Lucerne (alfalfa) is a long-flowering, drought-tolerant perennial, it's an excellent bee plant and can also be fed to chooks and other livestock. It fixes lots of nitrogen, making it an excellent mulch for hungry vegies.

Buckwheat is a short-lived, fast-growing annual that provides phosphorus. It's also allelopathic – it prevents the germination of weeds in the soil.

That makes it a good green manure to grow in preparation for a vegetable crop.

Dandelion is much despised by gardeners, but a magnificent dynamic accumulator. Its deep roots mine potassium and phosphorus, plus magnesium, calcium and iron. Chances are that you have them in your garden anyway, so look on the bright side!

Plant Nutrients

Most plant nutrients are naturally available in your soil. The microbes and fungi in healthy soil deliver them to plant roots.

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Spring Garden Tips - Citrus

Mid-Spring is the time to look at fertilizing citrus. You can use the same food that you do for your roses, and chook-poo is also good for citrus. Alternating between citrus food and a general fertilizer like Dynamic Lifter is a good option.

Thanks again to Don Bourke for his wealth of knowledge and expertise.

Visit

<http://www.gardening.net.au/spring-gardening-tips/>



Clifton Springs Garden Club

Clifton Springs Garden Club meets every **3rd Monday evening at 7.30pm** in the Drysdale Uniting Church Hall, Palmerston Street, Drysdale. If you are interested in all aspects of gardening then come along and enjoy the company of fellow gardeners. We have informative speakers, gardening trips and hints and tips from fellow gardeners. Come and join our happy and relaxed gardening club. **Enquiries ring Lorraine on (03) 5251 1660.**

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Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail Inc. Celebrate 10 years

Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail celebrate their 10 year anniversary - a significant milestone for a voluntary citizen's group of this nature, and our commitment to keep improving this valuable community asset is as strong as ever. The group commenced in 2002 with encouragement from the trail manager - the City of Greater Geelong (CoGG) - which supervises the work carried out by our members. We are a not-for-profit, environmental body committed to the indigenous re-vegetation of the section of the Bellarine Rail Trail between South Geelong and Drysdale Railway Stations, a distance of some 18 kilometres. This re-vegetation program aims to link areas of existing vegetation to create a continuous green belt corridor through the heart of the Bellarine Peninsula linking wildlife corridors.

CoGG provides grants to purchase materials for specific approved projects which we undertake, such as building and installing distance markers, trail seating and picnic tables. Other funds are donated by generous donors including Alcoa Australia, Tuckers Bereavement Services, several Geelong bike clubs and the Leopold Community Bank. The bank has funded a number of major equipment items including a trailer, water tank and a ride-on mower, equipment which helps to make our task more effective. CoGG also provides truck-loads of mulch delivered to planting sites when requested.

In recent years the majority of plants used have been grown from seed or cuttings by our own members using the facilities provided by Barwon Water's community nursery at South Geelong. This initiative has resulted in considerable cost savings whilst providing a stock of plants readily available for planting. Regular mulching and watering has helped to achieve a high plant survival rate (in excess of 80%) despite the prolonged drought period which we have all endured.



Major Trail Development Projects

- Landscaping and installation of picnic tables at the RSL Avenue of Honour park at Curlewis.
- Landscaping around Heritage Shelters: Leopold, Curlewis and Moolap Station Road, and at the site of the former Mannerim train station adjacent to Swan Bay Road in Mannerim.
- Bereavement Tree Plantations, along the trail.
- Rock garden and picnic table installation at Christies Road Leopold.
- Planting of garden beds at Suma Park train station at Point Lonsdale which is currently used by the very popular Bellarine Railway's Blues train.

Community Connection

As a community service, we also undertake the following activities to promote our agenda:

- Guest Speakers at local Probus/Rotary Clubs and interviews with local Radio Stations
- Volunteering as marshals for the annual *Amy Gillet* bicycle event
- Assisting Parks Victoria and Landcare in special planting projects.

Summing up, we have enjoyed the friendship of our team members all working together to transform a disused, overgrown rail corridor into a community asset which we can all use and enjoy.

10 years of service to the community, more than 70,000 trees and grasses planted, and no serious injuries! How about that?

Prepare your property



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Bellarine Community Choir were recently invited to entertain the patients and volunteers at Anam Cara House in Geelong. Anam Cara house is a non denominational community service, providing care for people affected by a life limiting illness. Anam Cara is Gaelic for *Soul Friends*.

It is staffed by volunteers and registered nurses and as the hospice receives no Government funding, relies on donations to operate. The house is situated in Yarra Street adjacent to St Mary's Basilica.

We were pleased to meet several people from the Bellarine Peninsula who are volunteers at the Centre.

We were delighted to be asked to sing one of our programmes, which included songs from the shows, songs with a message and descriptive numbers, which we perform and enjoy so much.

Bellarine Community Choir's aim is to bring pleasure and enjoyment to the community, through music, while at the same time fostering friendship among the members with a mutual love of singing and performing.

We have been fortunate to participate in a number of events and festivals, on the Bellarine and Geelong, this year and we are now looking forward to presenting a centenary concert at the SpringDale Hall Drysdale, on Thursday 13, December this year, at 2pm. The hall (which was once the Methodist Church Hall in High Street

An inspirational afternoon



Bellarine Community Choir

Drysdale) will be 100 years old this December and local residents will remember it fondly, for the many different activities it has hosted over the years.

It is also our home, where we practice every Thursday at 1.30pm (except school holidays).

Everyone is most welcome to join our group, no previous singing experience

is necessary. If you would like more information about the Bellarine Community Choir, please ring SpringDale on (03) 5253 1960 or for information on Anam Cara House phone (03) 5255 5831.

A big thank you to all our members and supporters.



**kel's
corner**

Fishing and mates

Kel has become a roving reporter and has conscripted long time friend Ray Stratton to write an article about one of his loves fishing. Kel is one of longest serving members of the Drysdale Sportfishing Club, established in 1987.

"The club was formed around A.N.S.A. (Australian National Sportfishing Association) rules and regulations. Meaning all captures and competitions are competed for under rules governing line class (Breaking Strain) leader length etc. Affiliation with A.N.S.A. is compulsory to be eligible for club competition and Victorian inter-club competitions. The club actively contests the six Victorian

Competitions and is currently ranked fourth in seniors and fifth in juniors.

Point Scoring is based on line class and the following formula

Fighting Factor x Weight x 100 = Points

Line Class

Currently we have 35 Senior Male, 6 Senior Female and 8 Junior members.

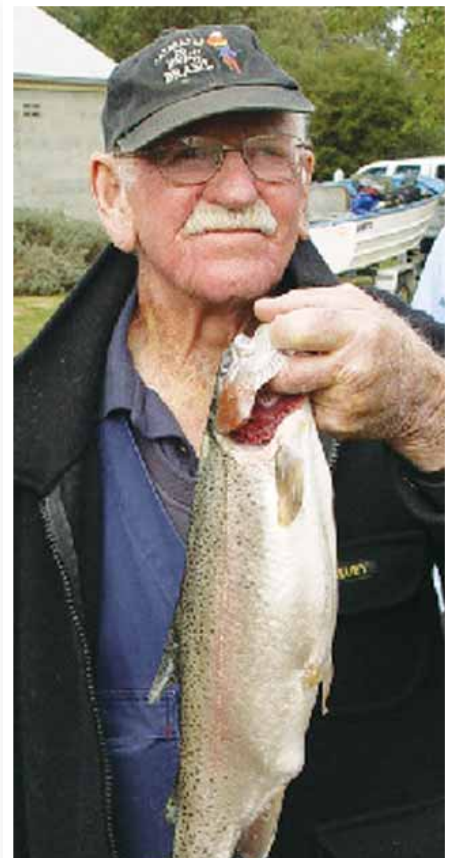
Over our existence, we have had four members involved on the state executive. The club travels the state for club camps and state conventions.

Members of our club have travelled to every state of Australia as well as overseas to New Zealand and Papua New Guinea for fishing.

Club members have held and still hold national records for fish caught on one kilogram line class. Long time members include Kel, the Trewin Bros - Craig and Wayne, Craig is the current President." Ray Stratton.

Kel still loves going on trips with club members and continues to "smoke" some of the fish and eels caught.

Thanks Kel for inviting Ray to write this for us.



The Drysdale Sportfishing Club meet at the Clifton Springs Golf Club on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm except January

More fun at St James'

Why is October such a busy month? In addition to the Seniors Festival, and Toast to the Coast, there is so much on. At St James Church in Drysdale the Fundraising has been all out, but with a loan for the Hall refurbishment standing at around \$98,000, the determination to pay it off has shone through. The Trivia Night on 5 October, kindly hosted by Clifton Springs Bowls Club, was a sell out and a very enjoyable evening. St James then held a Sausage Sizzle in aid of the Drysdale Food Bank on Saturday 13 outside Safeways. The Millers Fashion Parade in St James' Hall on Wednesday 17 October was a joint venture between the National Seniors Bellarine who have run these events before and the St James' Fundraising team for whom it was a new experience, but teamwork paid off and the afternoon was great fun, rounded off by a delicious Devonshire Tea. The huge sale of Christmas Decorations in St James' Hall over the



last weekend in October was a great success we hope you were able to take advantage of the many bargains on offer.

The next St James' Secondhand Book Sale will be held on January 5 and 6 in Drysdale Activity Centre, Collins Street, and St James' would like to thank

everyone who contributes their books and magazines – the flow is still steady and it is an absolute delight to collect your generous donations left in the porch outside the Parish Office.

Book Sale enquiries (03) 5251 2594.

St James' Hall bookings are going well and enquiries are being received from a very diverse cross section of the Community. Wedding Packages will soon be a feature of the options available. Enquiries & Hall Bookings Bookings: 0468 381 529



Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association

Drysdale & Clifton Springs Community Association Inc.

New faces, new jobs

DCSCA has a new Committee, elected at its Annual General Meeting on October 17. Members of the new Committee are settling-in to their roles and setting the Committee's goals and priorities for 2012-2013. The Committee meets each month to discuss our changing community; it links with other relevant local groups and organisations; and it represents local people's views to outside organisations (e.g. the City of Greater Geelong, Vic Roads).

Please contact the Committee if you think that we should investigate any local

issues affecting you or, of course, if you would like to join DCSCA and become involved in our programs - Local Economic Development and From Streetwork to Artwork (each in collaboration with SpringDale), Open Spaces Network, Going Green on the Bellarine, the Festival of Glass and, of course, the campaign for a Drysdale by-pass.

DCSCA's new Committee is also establishing relationships with the recently-elected ward councillors representing Drysdale and Clifton Springs. The City of Greater Geelong is a major influence on how our towns develop and DCSCA is keen to continue the regular quarterly meetings that it initiated in the life of the previous council.

Secondary College Sports Centre in Peninsula Drive. This will feature stalls by glass artists and craftspeople; exhibits of glass art, sculpture, jewellery and mosaics; demonstrations of glass-working techniques; displays of historical and contemporary glass collectibles; and glass-related competitions.

Other Festival events - including classes in glass techniques - will occur at venues around Drysdale in the days before and after the Expo. More information will be on the Festival of Glass website www.festivalofglass.net.au nearer the time. Preparations for the 2013 Festival of Glass are well advanced, with 50 Expo sites booked already.

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

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

Festival of Glass



The annual Festival of Glass is a DCSCA initiative that celebrates the beauty and versatility of glass. It attracts upwards of six thousand visitors, is unique in Australia and one of only a handful of similar events worldwide. The 2013 Festival of Glass is on Sunday 17 February from 10am to 4pm and will focus on a glass Expo at the Bellarine



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Well done Mr Bradford - teaching for 40 years

Mr Bradford has received recognition from the Education Department for 40 years of dedicated service to educating our children; 22 years of which have been at Drysdale Primary School. Mr Bradford currently leads our assessment team. He is a leading user in technology and a "go to" person for technology support. Meg in 5B found out that Mr Bradford has taught all grades as well as running the drama and art rooms in a specialist capacity. In past years, he has used his knowledge as a National Karate Champion to run a ladies self defence course for our school mums.

Jarvis asked Mr Bradford what inspired him to become a teacher? *"At High School I had some great teachers who asked me to think about being a teacher; teaching has been a great career,"* replied Mr Bradford.

Hamish asked Mr Bradford when did technology become a big part of teaching? *"Technology has always been part of teaching. I used machines called spirit duplicators; recently whiteboards.*

This started me to be very interested in computers from very early on in the 1970's."

Digby asked were there any special teachers you looked up to? *"I had a great High School Maths teacher, Mr Betts, who was a great role model and*



who inspired me."

Jaz asked on a scale of 1-10 how Mr Bradford rated teaching? Without hesitation Mr Bradford replied, *"I rate teaching 11."*

Well done Mr Bradford.

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SpringDale Hall turns 100 Years



How many times have you passed the large imposing building on the main road at the front of SpringDale and wondered what was inside? Perhaps you have even been inside attending the dance classes or eaten there after a celebration and never bothered to look around you and realise that you were standing in a historic part of Drysdale, that is going to be 100 years old this year.

Over the years it has served as a Methodist church (its original purpose), a Sunday school, an auction room, Scout hut, a meeting place for the local youth groups, and anything else that required a dry large space for the people of

Drysdale to meet and celebrate and enjoy themselves. Have you ever wondered what the wooden boxes on the wall are for?

In earlier days, a peep inside you would have found a hymn book waiting for you. It was normal on a Sunday to see as many as 100 people attend the Sunday service.

Where have all those people and their descendants gone?

Harvest Festival was a very important occasion when everybody would bring some provisions to the hall to celebrate

the harvest having been safely gathered in. The highlight was the evening auction where it was not unknown for the same contributor to take home their pots of jam or honey having paid \$5 for the privilege, but they all knew all the money was going towards good causes.

In the mid 1980's the church sold the land and the building to the Shire which was then absorbed into the SpringDale centre as we know it today. If you or someone

you know has any memory of going to the hall for whatever occasion, we would like to hear from you, so that we can piece together yet more stories of this amazing structure.

Please contact Tony Gostelow at t_gostelow@hotmail.com or SpringDale. Next month all the details of the planned special celebration of this grand occasion will be outlined in the SpringDale Messenger.

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Bellarine Sharks Women's team displaying their Runners Up Pennant

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Over summer the Bellarine Sharks junior teams will be playing in the local parks and beaches. The club finished the season with 109 players and 210 members. Next season will be the 10th year of our club so come and join the fun in a safe family friendly environment.

Pre-season training for senior teams will begin on 13 January and Junior teams in March.

Anyone interested in playing next season can register their interest with Murray on (03) 5257 2106.

Lawn Bowls

Lawn Bowls means exercise, strategy, entertainment and fun. More and more young people are learning to bowl and the rules and skills can be easily acquired. Bowls Victoria has 530 member clubs and you can become a member at Drysdale or Clifton Springs and enjoy the challenge and competition that the sport has to offer.

Run Geelong

Run Geelong will be held on 18 November commencing at 8am. Participants have the opportunity to partake in a 6km walk, a 6km run or a 12km run in and around Geelong with proceeds going directly to the Geelong Hospital Children's Ward Redevelopment.

Visit www.rungeelong.com.au if you are interested in this event. Run or walk to help support the Geelong children.



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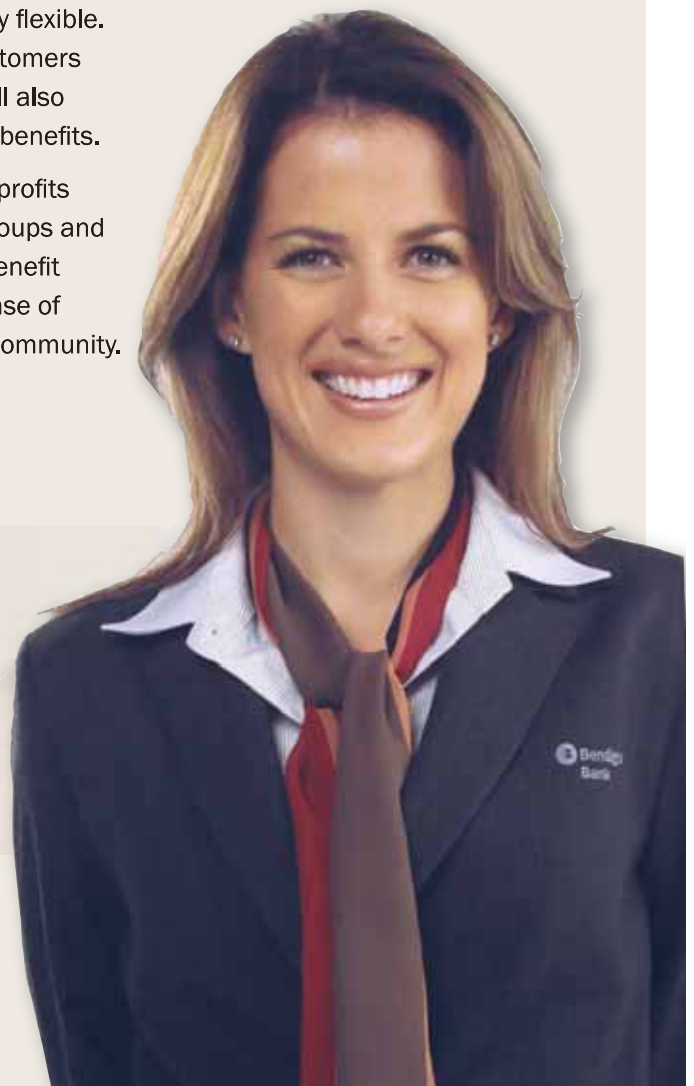
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