



# accessful Town Summit

A very successful Town Summit was held in November, attended by some of our State Representatives Lisa Neville MP, and Gayle Tierney MP, Councillor Lindsay Ellis and Mayoral candidates, Roger Marsden, Greg Jones and Doug Mann. Ralph Roob Senior Environmental Engineer, Environment & Natural Resources Department City of Greater Geelong came along to talk to our community about the actions being taken on the Clifton Springs water front. Updates on current topics Alternative Access Route, Clifton Springs Foreshore, Clifton Springs Fountain, Clifton Springs Pier, Drysdale Clifton Springs Spots Precinct, Economic Development, Lake Lorne Master Plan, National Broadband Network, Town Boundaries, Streetscape to Artscape, Council Ward Boundaries and emerging issues such as more Mail Boxes needed in Drysdale and attention needed at the Jetty Road Round About as the entrance to our town.

Everyone who attended congratulated us on having such a comprehensive display of information and Gayle Tierney MP



Zach Kingsbury, Gayle Tierney MP, and Doug Mann Mayoral candidate.

wrote "This is a great initiative. Congratulations, a great way to pull the community ideas together and inform your local representative.

The whole exercise demonstrates that

when communities are organised that they have success in achieving their goals. Thank you Gayle Tierney MP".

For regular updates please subscribe to SpringDale Webmail.



What's on					
december 2013	Friday	6	Coryule Christmas Concert, St James Hall 2pm Attitude Dance End of Year Celebration - Potato Shed Denis Walter Carols By The Bay at the Eastern Beach Reserve. Suzie's Birthday - Potato Shed		
	Saturday	8	Car Boot Sale, Drysdale Railway Station		
	Thursday	12	12 x 12 Plays - Potato Shed		
	Friday	13	Season Launch & Spud Club Christmas Party - Potato Shed		
	Saturday	14	Lions Christmas in Drysdale on the Village Green 3pm - 7pm I'm Still Not a Rock Star - <i>Potato Shed</i> Affordable Art Opening - SpringDale Hall		
	Wednesday	18	SpringDale closed until 20 January		
	Friday	20	Term 4 ends		
	Saturday	21	Wayne Jury at St Leonards Bowls Club 7pm	Merry	
	Sunday	22	Drysdale market 9am-1pm	Christmas	
			Geelong Carols By Candlelight, Johnstone Park	New Years	
	Wednesday	25	Christinas Day	shes from	
	Thursday	26	boxing day		
	Sunday	29	Portarlington market 9am – 2pm	all the	
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If you wish to place your event in the **calendar** and further issues of **The SpringDale Messenger** please email, write or call the event details to our office.

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### Dear Everyone

I love learning and I try to learn something from each situation. Over the last couple of months I have to admit I have been playing a game on an electronic device. It has hundreds of different levels and you can attempt each challenge as many times as you need until you succeed. Although it blatantly says you have failed in no uncertain terms, once you achieve success then the next challenge is ahead of you straight away. Some challenges are similar to others that you have already completed, for some challenges even the rules are not obvious and you attempt through trial and error to succeed. Once you have some experience you decipher the rules and strategise the next steps.

Often at SpringDale, we only do things once and so don't build up expertise in an area. But some things we do very regularly and so have well worn patterns and systems. The problem then is, in a continually changing world, trying to break out of those patterns to form new patterns.

Ideas can form under various circumstances. Over the last couple of days an idea formed for a new course at SpringDale. It is a series of sessions that help people to understand the art of food recycling using Bokashi. Although I haven't written about Bokashi for a while, SpringDale has continued to support the products. I have used Bokashi for almost 6 years and am in a position to share more than the short workshops we informally presented.

I recently presented a snippet about Bokashi to staff at St Joseph's College and they are looking to have Bokashi buckets in the school and maybe some in the staff room. Other Primary Schools are also interested in gaining buckets and experience to help them with sustainability.

In 2014 we will be offering Sustainability Courses which will include Bokashi sessions and professional development session for schools and businesses interested in sustainable practices.

Through research into our area I discovered that the forerunner to Shire of Bellarine was the Portarlington Road Board. It seems that the Portarlington Road Board was the first Road Board in Victoria. In December this year we will be able to celebrate 160 years since the inception of the Board. It might be a great idea to have a celebration which includes many aspects of the Portarlington Road and people who live along it. If you would like to be involved please register your interest with the SpringDale office.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Summit Update a success. All our volunteers who helped to ensure the information was displayed correctly, the politicians who attended, and the community members who participated. By having an annual update of topics and information and energy it helps us to be able to celebrate successes and to keep longer term projects on the boil. Please keep up to date by signing up for our emails via our website

#### www.springdale.org.au.

Thanks to everyone who attended our special Remembrance Afternoon, Donna Williams *Walking in Autistic Shoes* and the Post Traumatic Stress Workshop run by international trainer Richard Valasek.

Thank you to all who has helped to make this year of 100 years of celebration of our hall such a success – it is heart warming to hear the kind words that people say about the hall and their appreciation of its role in the community over a century.

We have recently learned that our new Constitution has been approved by the Department of Justice. Thank you to everyone who participated in the discussions that lead to this being approved. Every conversation was important to us. Please remember to update your details, with the office, whenever they change, including your email address if you are happy to receive information in this way.

Although SpringDale is a not for profit organisation it is also a not for loss, therefore after 10 years of almost no change to prices we need to increase some of our fees in the new year. Our membership will go to \$12 per year and we are increasing the amount that group members pay to help with operational costs from \$1 per visit to \$2.

Photocopying and other services will be increasing too. Over the last 18 months we have found that our costs have continued to go up and for us to remain solvent it is important that each part of SpringDale is able to support itself.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and restful season and enjoy doing something special for someone else to share the goodwill of this time of the year.

The office will be closed from 18 December to 17 January to enable staff to have a break and a recharge. for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Season greeting to all our community, looking forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

#### **Anne Brackley**

for the whole SpringDale Team.

## **COURSE UPDATE**

@ SpringDale

## **Digital Storytelling**

The story behind our photographs can so easily be lost in time. Learn how to convey memories and emotions to your loved ones in a video clip.

- · Craft an effective story from your experiences and memories.
- · Make and audio recording of that story
- · Use simple software to add music, sound effects and images to bring your story to life.

Each participant will produce a completed video.

#### Materials:

- A laptop is supplied, bring your own USB stick
- · Your own photographs / video clips

**Dates/times:** Mon, Thurs and 2x Sat. (either evenings or daytime) commencing 6 & 20 Jan 2014 **Fee:** \$160 or \$80 conc

**Tutor:** Clive Whitworth, Bellarine Multimedia Services

Venue: St Leonards Community Space

#### **New Culinary Artisan Classes**

**Passata Making Class** 

Dates/times: Fri 28 Feb 8.30am - 12.30

Italian Sausage Making class

**Dates/times:** Sat 15 Feb 8.30am – 10.30am

Hot chilli Jam, double baked tomato sauce and citrus tomato jam Dates/times: Fri 14 Feb and Sat 1 Mar

9am – 12noon.

Fee: All of these classes are \$80

Tutor: Agata Commisso Cheese Making class

Dates/times: Sat 22 Mar 10am - 4pm

Haloumi, sour cream and ricotta

Tutor: Corinne Blacket Drysdale Cheeses.



## our reader's feedback

### Thank you SpringDale

On behalf of the Clifton Springs Garden Club members and Committee, I would like to thank you for the attractive notice that is put into every month's newsletter promoting our Garden Club. I would also like to thank you for the article published relating to our Open Day in October as part of Seniors Week, it was a great success.

#### Helen.

Secretary, Clifton Springs Garden Club

## SpringDale - Helping out

SpringDale is awesome - thanks so much for helping me scan and send documents the other day.

Glenda, Clifton Springs

#### **Incorrect Library Sign**

How long does it take for the Council to rectify the wrong sign in Clifton Springs Road directing you to the Library? Too long.

Gary, Drysdale.

#### Drive carefully

Please everyone, drive carefully and remain vigilant over the holiday season. Pat, Clifton Springs.

#### Road upgrade

Am very pleased that there will be an upgrade of the Geelong to Portarlington Road. Parts of the road between Drysdale and Portarlington are in a very poor condition.

Peter, Drysdale.

We welcome your comments in this our Readers Feedback column, please email to messenger@springdale.org.au

## De Facto Law Worries?

Come in for a free chat



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1 High St., Drysdale (old Post Office) Ph: 5251 3453

## NEWS from Lisa Neville MP Member for Bellarine

#### Remembrance Day

There were Remembrance services held across the Bellarine peninsula on November 11 and I was pleased to have been able to attend the Portarlington wreath laying service. The service was a fitting tribute to our service men and women and the sacrifices they have made for our country. Thank you to everyone who attended the Remembrance Day services on the Bellarine for showing your support and paying your respects to those who have served.

## Jirrahlinga Wildlife Sanctuary **Needs Your Help**

I am honoured to have recently been invited to become patron of Jirrahlinga Koala and Wildlife Sanctuary in Barwon Heads. Jirrahlinga is a much loved local Sanctuary that has rescued thousands of animals since Tehree and Hamish Gordon set it up in the 1970s and has the only Koala Hospital in the State. The hospital was tragically burnt down in 2011 but has been rebuilt by the Gordons and is doing great work with sick or injured koalas. But problems with access, a decline in visitor numbers and increased costs mean that Jirrahlinga has been faced with the possibility of closure. I ask the Bellarine community to support Jirrahlinga to continue its worthy work by visiting the sanctuary with family and friends or by making a donation.

#### **Australia Post**

As many of you will be aware, Australia Post has foreshadowed cuts to country services and to its country workforce. This is very concerning considering the delays and other issues many of you experience with the current services. I have written to the Federal Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, expressing serious concern about the cuts and their impact on services across the Bellarine and rural and regional areas generally. I encourage you to also contact the Minister to express any concerns you have personally, or possible impacts on your business or organisation, in relation to these cuts. I will let you know of any response I receive.

#### **Christmas Greetings**

As the Member for Bellarine, I would like to wish all the residents in my electorate a very happy Christmas and New Year. Whether you are staying home and enjoying the beautiful Bellarine, or travelling away, I hope you have a safe and relaxing festive season and holiday break.

To those of you who have contacted my office during the year, I thank you for raising your concerns with me and allowing me the opportunity to provide you with assistance with your issue. It is a privilege to represent the people of the Bellarine in the Parliament of Victoria and I look forward to working with you again in 2014.

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

## **Spirit of Christmas Portarlington**

This years' event is on Fridav 6 December, 2013 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Parks Hall in Portarlington. Ticket Price is \$5 and candles are available for purchase for \$3. Last year many people enjoyed the activity and this year promises to be even better.

## **Coryule Chorus** Christmas Concert

Enjoy a delightful selection of songs and carols, some traditional, some not so, but all with a festive theme. This Christmas repertoire is not to be missed, especially with the excellent acoustics in St James' Hall. And to follow, a Festive Devonshire Tea, so please book in advance to assist the catering arrangements.

St James' Hall, Collins Street, Drysdale, 2pm, Friday 6 December, \$10.Tickets Enquiries: Pat (03) 5253 2322 or Pauline (03) 5253 2717.

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## 2014 looking busy at the Shed

Can you believe it's the end of the year already? It seems incredible that we're dusting off the decorations and trussing the turkey. 2013 has been wonderful and we have really enjoyed seeing so many old and new faces at the venue. But it's not over yet! Our local community groups will be showcasing their talent to top off a fantastic season. The Bellarine Jongleurs will be celebrating with a 25 year Celebration and Show on the 29 November and The Ballet School will also be staging their end of year concert Suzie's Birthday. Join in the celebrations which recognise all the hard work of these talented locals.

Theatre 3triple2 are showing no signs of slowing down starting with the annual 12 x 12's where you can catch the hottest local playwriting, directing and acting talent perform a series of 12 minute plays on the 12th day of the 12th month. And if you've reached the end of the year but not quite reached your stage potential then why not

come along to the Spud Club Christmas Party on Friday 13 December? Here, both kids and adults can show off their various talents and hone their juggling, singing, dancing or comedy skills. Thanks to everyone who has played an active part in the Potato Shed this year. Whether you are one of our beloved volunteers, or you come to see shows or are part of the vibrant Bellarine arts community, we value your input and the Potato Shed could not flourish in the way it does without your commitment and enthusiasm.

Have a fantastic festive season and we look forward to seeing you again in 2014 for what is going to be a bumper year at the Shed.

For further information give us a call on (03) 5251 1998 or visit us at www.geelongaustralia.com.au /potatoshed.

You can also book tickets at any City of Greater Geelong Customer Service Centre.



To enter fill out the coupon and send or deliver to: SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre High Street, Drysdale

> POTATO SHED **COMPETITION CLOSES 3PM TUES 10 DEC**

## 12 PLAYS by 12 WRITERS

Name:	



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.



The Potato Shed, Bellarine Multi Arts Centre is located at 41 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale. Ph: 5251 1998



## GEELONG

#### AMENDMENT C300

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW RESIDENTIAL ZONES GREATER GEELONG PLANNING SCHEME

The City of Greater Geelong Council has prepared Amendment C300 to the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme.

The amendment applies to all land in the Residential 1, 2 and 3 Zones and former Business 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Zones in the City of Greater Geelong Council The amendment proposes to implement the new residential zones into the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme. The amendment will replace the Residential 1 Zone, Residential 2 Zone and Residential 3 Zone with the Residential Growth Zone, General Residential Zone and Neighbourhood Residential Zone. The amendment will also make consequential changes to the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme including the local planning policy framework, planning overlays and incorporated documents to ensure the new zones are implemented appropriately.

The amendment also updates the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme maps in accordance with the recently introduced Commercial Zones. The Business 1, 2 and 5 Zones are now shown as Commercial 1 Zone and Business 3 and 4 Zones are shown as Commercial 2 Zone.

You may inspect the amendment, any supporting documents and the explanatory report, free of charge, at the following locations:

- Brougham Street Customer Service 100 Brougham Street, Geelong Monday to Friday- 8.00am to 5.00pm
- Belmont Customer Service Belmont Library, 163 High St- Monday to Friday- 9.00am to 5.00pm
- Corio Customer Service Corio Shopping Centre, Goldsworthy Road- Monday to Friday- 9.00am to 5.00pm
- Drysdale Customer Service Drysdale Library, 18-20 Hancock St- Monday to Friday- 9.00am to 5.00pm
- Geelong West Customer Service Geelong West, 153a Pakington St- Monday to Friday- 10.00am to 2.00pm
- Ocean Grove Customer Service- The Grove Centre, 66-70 The Avenue- Monday to Friday- 9.00am to 5.00pm
- Lara Customer Service-Lara Library, 5 Walkers Road- Monday to Friday- 10.00am to 6.00pm
- 'Have Your Say' section of the City's website www.geelongaustralia.com.au/council/yoursay
- Department of Planning and Community Development website www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/publicinspection

Drop-In Information Sessions will also be held at the following locations:

- City of Greater Geelong Brougham Street office 100 Brougham Street, Geelong Tuesday 19 November from 4.00pm to 6.30pm
- Belmont Library, 163 High St, Belmont Wednesday 20 November from 4.00pm to 6.30pm
- Vines Road Community Centre, 37-61 Vines Rd, Hamlyn Heights Thursday 21 November from 4.00pm to 6.30pm
- Bellarine Community Health Centre, Cnr Presidents Av and The Terrace, Ocean Grove Thursday 28 November from 4.00pm to 6.30pm
- Corio Library, Cnr Moa Street and Cox Road, Norlane Friday 29 November from 4.00pm to 6.30pm \*Please note change of venue and date

For further information, please call 5272 5272.

Any person affected by the amendment may make a submission to the Planning Authority.

Submissions close Monday 16 December 2013.

Send submissions to:

- The Coordinator, Strategic Implementation Unit, City of Greater Geelong, PO Box 104, Geelong VIC 3220,
- strategicplanning@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

Please be aware that all submissions received will be made publicly available for consideration as part of the planning process. Submissions can be viewed at City of Greater Geelong, Ground Floor, 100 Brougham Street, Geelong until the end of two months after the amendment comes into operation or lapses. Anonymous submissions will not be considered.

#### PREPARE YOUR HOME THIS FIRE SEASON

Each property owner should consider their individual fire-risk, especially if you're near paddocks, grassland or bush. With the grass growth in paddocks and along roadsides this summer there is the potential for severe fire events, particularly in rural areas. Clearing the vegetation surrounding your home will minimise your home's exposure to radiant heat and direct flame, which will slow the speed and intensity of a fire. Without this space, your home may not survive the fire front. If you are caught out at home when a fire hits, this space around your home may increase you and your family's chances of survival.

Tips for preparing your home include:

- Leaf-free gutters Keep gutters clean and install leaf guards or a leafless guttering system.
- Vegetation near the house Clear vegetation from around the house, keep grass less than 10 centimetres high and remove weeds.
- Mulch Use stones or pebbles or decayed humus mulch, instead of woodchips or dry straw. Keep it moist.
- · Gardens Avoid plants with high levels of oils in their leaves such as eucalyptus and tea trees, which are highly flammable. Cut all branches back off the house.
- · Metal flyscreens Install metal flyscreens on windows, chimneys, doors and vents to keep out embers.

Authorised by S. Griffin, Chief Executive Officer, City of Greater Geelong, 30 Gheringhap St, Geelong, Victoria

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## Calling All Women

Calling all women, young mothers and career women. ALL women who would like to join The Country Women's Association in Drysdale. We are holding an information meeting on Wednesday 29 January, 2014 at SpringDale Community Hall, High Street, Drysdale at 7.30pm. CWA encourages the contribution of community service, friendship, awareness of social issues, personal development, leadership, crafts. Your new ideas and skills are needed to keep the dream and tradition of the CWA alive. In return for your time, the CWA will deliver fun, friendship, and a feeling of belonging to Australia's leading women's organisation. Come along to discover CWA and meet new friends.

For any enquiries please phone Joy Wallis on (03) 5251 3696 or Shirley Rogerson (03) 5253 2757.





## **Drama With Deana**

Drama and Presentation Skills Workshops for children aged 8-15.

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A Journey. West to East, Indian to Pacific.

Drysdale artist Annette Playsted's latest collection is the outcome of an idea hatched on the Indian Pacific rail

journey in December 2010, developed in her studio since then, and fitted around her art tutoring at the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

Annette has DVMC to house her collection of 26 images, to be hung sequentially and follows the journey from Rottnest Island across the continent, finishing at Central Station, Sydney. Annette works and teaches in a variety of media – watercolours, acrylics, oils, pastels, and mixed media.



A JOURNEY WEST TO EAST INDIAN TO PACIFIC AN EXHIBITION BY LOCAL ARTIST ANNETTE PLAYSTED



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Drysdale Fire Brigade brings
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Please note that Santa will only
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CNR Dundundra Drv & Waulu Ave
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CNR Wanawong Crt & Dundundra Drv
CNR Gumarooka Ave & Dandarriga Drv
CNR Derribong Way & Thamballina Rd
Clifton Springs Shops (Centaurus Ave)
CNR Country Club Drv & Catalina Cres
CNR Bayshore Ave & Country Club Ave
CNR Elanora Way & Bayshore Ave
Letty Road Shops (CNR Jetty Rd & Pinnaroo Ave)
Clifton Springs Primary School

#### Route 2

Wathaurong Reserve (Collins Street)
Drysdale Police Station (Eversley St)
CNR Serene Tce & Waterhaven Blvd
CNR Lennox Crt & Buccleugh St
CNR Oakland Drv & De Burgh Rd
Drysdale Train Station (Station Street)
CNR Granville St & Duke St
CNR Marsh Crt & Wyndham St
CNR Wisely Ave & Centennial Blvd
Clifton Springs Preschool (Central Rd)
CNR Vron Place & Eastwood Cres
CNR Condy St & Nash Ave

The Drysdale Fire Brigade wishes everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year





# Christmas, what is it for?

Connect

with family

at this time.

It's amazing how mentioning the number of days till Christmas can bring a reaction of panic. Maybe because it means the end of the year, hosting the family get together, the completion of the present list, the preparing to get away, the start of the silly season.

Christmas has developed into an important time for families. Many people will say that Christmas is about getting together as a family.

People travel across town, State, Country and around the World to be with family at Christmas. Phone calls, emails, text messages and facetime, will all be used from one member of the family to others, just to connect at Christmas.

Christmas is the

celebration of an event focused on family. Jesus was born into a family, raised by a mother and father, had brothers and sisters. Christmas began out of the desire and plan to restore family. In John 3:16 we read, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." And in John 3:17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

Christmas is about restoring family, bringing it back together. God put into action a plan to bring His creation back into relationship with Him. God removed the barriers so that everyone could have the opportunity to come.

God did it in a way that everyone could come to Him just as they are, where they are.

The life of Jesus shows Him living that plan. People came as they were and were accepted. The thief on the cross next to Jesus called out to Him and was accepted. The woman, thought to be a prostitute who came and washed Jesus feet, was accepted. Jesus had meals with and spent time with those that proper

society rejected. It doesn't mean Jesus approved of what they did, it simply meant that He loved the person and saw past the problem. He was bringing the family back together again.

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This was Jesus' mission and it is the mission of the church, accepting people without condemnation, bringing the Father and His family back together again. Barriers have

been removed, the door is open. It's not about what you have done but what has been done for you, not about the past but the present and future. Christmas is about family. It's about family coming together, lost members coming home, the future and hope we all have.

This Christmas I pray you have a great time with your family, that you see family members you may not have seen for some time; that anything that keeps your family apart can be resolved and people be reunited. I also pray that you take steps towards God and the family He wants you to know you are a part of also.

Pastor Jake Hogendoorn
Drysdale Community Church







# Santa on Bellarine Railway



On Sunday, 8 December, FUN is HERE. Book now to reserve your seats and be sure to arrive at the Queenscliff Station by 11am to board the special Santa carriages. Children will be served a Santa gingerbread man and juice, adults will be served a yo-yo and your choice of juice, tea or coffee (no alcohol will be served or allowed). Going from Queenscliff to Drysdale, Santa will visit the children in carriage A, where they will sing Christmas carols and other activities with Santa, there will be one-on-one time with Santa and Santa and his helpers will distribute presents to the children Santa will welcome you to take photos throughout the journey, especially when he is talking to your children.

Santa will be with each group of children for 45 minutes. Those children not with Santa will participate in arts and crafts and watch the beautiful scenery pass by.

At Drysdale, there will be a short break for Santa and his helpers. Upon departure from Drysdale, the children and their parents will switch carriages and Santa will then have a chance to visit with the other children and again sing carols and distribute presents to those children. And when Santa is not in the carriage, the children will participate in arts and crafts and have an opportunity to enjoy the ride back to Queenscliff. Prices: Adults \$23, Children Over 4 \$30, Children Under 4 \$15, Pensioner \$20 and Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) \$100. Book early because space is limited so that Santa can give each child individual attention. If the train is fully booked and enough additional bookings are made, two carriages will be allocated on the 2.45pm train and Santa will make himself available to visit the children on that train as well.

To book this fantastic experience for your family, call the railway at (03) 5258 2069 and press 9.

For additional information, call the railway or see the Bellarine Railway website at bellarinerailway.com.au and click on Santa Train.

## Startled Shepherd



This Christmas, instead of a Children's Nativity play, St James Church will be putting on a Christmas Pantomime called The Startled Shepherd. It's a production for all ages, which means there will be roles for both adults and children. Rehearsals will begin soon for parts with lines to be learnt. However, there will also be some non speaking children's parts (eg angels, sheep and other animals). If any youngsters would like to be involved and dress up, please phone the Vicar, Fr Robert, on (03) 5251 2571 as soon as possible to reserve a place (first come, first served!)

The Pantomime will be in St James Church Hall, 47-55 Collins Street, Drysdale (Portarlington Road) at 4pm on Christmas Eve. Free entry. All welcome. All abilities access. Do come and join in the Spirit of Christmas.





# Red capsicum

Red capsicum is a rich source of carotenoids, the group of antioxidants that help regulate inflammatory pathways in the body, which in turn help prevent heart disease, cancer and stroke. Put some capsicum in a salad or stir fry today and receive some health benefits.

## Healthy Habit

Research has shown that if you learn a new language it can improve your brain power. Learning a second language and speaking it regularly can improve your cognitive skills and delay the onset of dementia. Maybe, next vear is the time to learn a new language and to keep healthy as well. Visit SpringDale to book in for French, Italian or Portuguese.

## **Dawnbusters** 5km Run Geelong

The run starts at the Carousel at the bay end of Moorabool Street. The course travels along Eastern Beach Road and Western Beach Road and finishes near the Youth Activities Area on the Waterfront

This event will be held on 31 December at 7am and visit www.gccc.asn.au for all relevant information.



Buy a Christmas Cake and help the Lions Club



Enjoy your Christmas fare and support charities as well. To purchase a Lions Christmas Cake is a way of showing you care and a great way of helping to save time for yourself at that most busy time of the year. Support Lions and Merry Christmas to you all.











Health & Wellbeing



Walking is a wonderful way to enjoy daily exercise. It gets you outdoors, you can do it with friends or take the whole family, including the dog. Walking can improve your health and fitness by helping you lose body fat, improve your fitness and avoid heart disease, type 2 diabetes and osteoporosis. Try to walk briskly for at least 30 minutes most days of the week. Walking with others can turn exercising

into an enjoyable social occasion. Walking is a great way to get your family active and it is free.

If you wish to walk with a very friendly group, SpringDale Walkers meet at 8.45am every Monday morning and walk with poles (similar to Nordic skiing poles) to help exercise almost every muscle in the body.

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## Corrective Chiropractic Bellarine



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One of the biggest fears we can have is speaking in front of strangers. In high school It was daunting, but these days it's not so hard as I've got an important

says Dr Sharon Pedersen-Jones.

Recently I spoke to some workers in a factory, many of whom had suffered Injury on the Job. I was invited to help prevent future mishaps. Some workers laughed when the boss introduced me as the local Chiropractor, saying that nobody there had a 'bad back'. So I decided to share a story that changed their thinking about chiropractors only being needed for 'bad backs'.

On 18 September 1895 in Iowa, a janitor named Harvey Lillard stopped to talk with a Dr Palmer who was working late in his clinic. Lillard told Dr Palmer that 17 years ago he bent over and heard a 'pop' from his back, after which he became almost deaf. Fascinated, Dr Palmer tested a theory he was researching. He examined Lillard and found a lump on his back. Palmer recognised it as a badly misaligned vertebra and reasoned that since it occurred when Lillard went deaf, that restoring it to its proper position might also restore Lillard's hearing. Dr Palmer performed an adjustment by pushing the vertebra back into its normal position. What happened next changed history. Lillard went to the open window and heard a sound he hadn't heard for 17 years - the clatter of horse's hooves.

Chiropractic was born! Today, Chiropractic is one of the fastest growing healing professions in the world, over 6,000 Chiropractors world wide serving over two million people every day.

People see Chiropractors for help with headaches, migraines, chronic back pain, neck pain, shoulder/arm pain, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, asthma, allergies, numbness in limbs and sports Injuries Just to name a few things. While Chiropractors receive thanks for helping people with many of these problems, they cannot take this credit.

The truth is that Chiropractors have never healed anyone of anything. What they do is perform a specific adjustment to remove nerve pressure, and the body responds by healing itself. We get tremendous results. It's as simple as that.

When spinal bones shift out of alignment, they can choke messages running through the tiny nerves that exit the spinal cord. Chiropractors call this Vertebral Subluxation. Tension from prolonged or unusual patterns of sitting and standing, strain from walking, exercising or sporting injuries and stress from personal, professional or emotional tension all affect our body's alignment and can cause dysfunction.

The only way you and your family can know If your nervous system is healthy, is by having your spine checked professionally for Vertebral Subluxations.

Often this happens without symptoms as only a small percentage of our nervous system carries or perceives pain.

Our body can be heavily stressed without any alarms with or bells going off.

The only way you and your family can know If your nervous system is healthy, is by having your spine checked professionally for Vertebral Subluxations.

Normally our new patient examination costs over \$210, but readers of The Springdale Messenger can receive our complete consultation (along with x-rays if required ) for only \$47.

To take advantage of this offer, you can phone my assistant, Liz, on (03) 5253 2800 and schedule an appointment. By bringing In the coupon below, you will receive your special offer of only \$47 for a comprehension consultation. I look forward to meeting you and helping you and your family achieve optimum health.

Dr Sharon Pedersen-Jones, Chiropractor

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DECEMBER SPRINGDALE MESSENGER

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Monday

**Business Breakfasts** Pole Walking Occasional Care Wheelie Riders Volleyball Yoga Mindfulness Chair Yoga Morning Tea with Eileen Computer Classes Card Playing Life Drawing Gentle Body Work Classes

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## Wednesday

Wheelie Riders Occasional Care Bootscooting Men's Cooking Mah Jong Computer Classes Art Group Badminton Write on Bellarine, a writers' group



# **Friday**

Occasional Care Certificate III Aged and Community Care Cryptic Crosswords Computer Classes Artisan Food Classes Cheese making Italian Sausage making Jam and Pickle making



## **Tuesday** Occasional Care

Wheelie Riders Art Classes French Conversation Class Computer Classes Scrabble Craft Singing



## Thursday

Yoga

Certificate III Aged and Community Care Occasional Care Computer Classes Quilting Ukulele Jigsaw Puzzle Library Men's Kitchen

## Saturday

Harvest Basket Felting Barista training Artisan food Classes Cheese making Italian Sausage making Passata making Jam and Pickle making First Aid Food Handling Responsible Service of Alcohol **Bush Dance** 

Our full Course Guide is available from SpringDale office, please call in to collect a copy and meet with our helpful staff and volunteers, phone (03) 5253 1960 and we will post one out or you may download it from our website http://docs.springdale.org.au/cguide/ Course\_Guide\_2014\_Term1.pdf





## **Other Groups** meeting at **SpringDale**

Bellarine Woodworkers, Drysdale Guides, Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association, Bellarine Camera Club, Vision Australia, I am God Church, Days for Girls,

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## **Annual Events**

The Town Summit which updates our residents and business people on community issues, plans and activities. International Training Events.

Anivention, the day that celebrates Sci Fi, anime and cosplay.

International and theme evenings such as curry nights, Italian nights and perhaps a forthcoming Portuguese night could be fun with the Olympics coming up in Rio.

## You might like to learn with us

Some of our activities are or will be available online so even if you are unable to come to SpringDale you might enjoy being part of the course or activity at home.

There is always something new coming up, if it's not included here you may like to form your own group activity.

Anne Brackley, Coordinator, SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

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# SPRINGDALE

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Lots of bee activity should gladden the heart of any gardener. It is a sign of a healthy, biodiverse garden. If there is enough pollen and nectar in your garden to attract bees, then there will be other beneficial insects as well: butterflies, hoverflies, ladybirds, predatory beetles, native wasps and of course, native bees. These insects help with pollination, pest control - or both.

My wife Susan and I have been beekeepers for two years now, and we never cease to be amazed by the industry of the bees in our hives. If you look at the little worker bee in the photo, you can see that her wings are frayed and worn. She is literally working herself to death, flying kilometres every day.

Having a beehive in your garden is the best way to ensure excellent pollination, but beekeeping isn't for everyone. While it isn't hard work (on a backyard scale at least), learning the basics takes time and commitment, and a beehive is an ongoing responsibility.

So, assuming that you don't actually want to keep bees, what can you do to attract them to your garden?

Have lots of flowers, year round. The best nectar sources are eucalypts, lavender, other flowering herbs such as borage and rosemary, brassicas and other vegetables that have been allowed to flower, and many old-fashioned 'cottage garden' type flowers. On the other hand, big, showy



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blooms with large petals are usually not much use to bees.

In early spring, the much-hated oxalis is one of the few nectar sources available. Yes, even oxalis has its uses!

Seriously consider going organic. Systemic pesticides such as Confidor are deadly to bees, as are many fungicides. Even home-made pesticides such as chili and garlic sprays may harm bees, so never spray them on or near flowering plants when bees are active.





Provide a shallow water source. Bees don't actually drink water, but they need it to cool the hive in summer and to dilute solidified honey for consumption in winter and spring. Floating water plants enable the bees to take water without falling in and drowning.

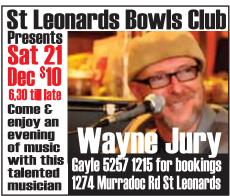


# Trail receives funding

On Wednesday 9 October, a working bee conducted by the Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail at Curlewis received a visit from David Koch MLC, accompanied by City of Greater Geelong (CoGG) Councillor Lindsay Ellis, who announced funding approval of \$555,000 for further development of the Bellarine Rail Trail. The State Government will contribute \$300,000 whilst \$255,000 is to be provided by CoGG. A ceremonial planting was then conducted by the visitors together with our Works Co-Ordinator Fred Cook OAM, to mark this special occasion.

This new funding will enable sealing of the trail between Portarlington Road at Curlewis and Jetty Road near Drysdale, a distance of approximately 2.5 kilometres. Upon completion, a sealed surface will then cover the greater part of the 18 kilometre section between South Geelong and Drysdale rail stations, making the trail even more user-friendly. The funding will also allow for the building of a shelter on the trail behind the Curlewis Golf Club, and a pedestrian crossing on Jetty Road to make this road crossing safer for both pedestrians and bike riders.

Our volunteers have worked in conjunction with Greening Australia in recent weeks to establish more plantings along this section of the trail, and it is intended that future plantings will further enhance the section. In 2013 the Friends group has planted several thousand







additional plants along the trail, making a progressive total of 77,000 plants since we commenced in 2002.

All in all, 2013 has been another satisfying year for our group, a year in which we have seen good rains giving impetus to the growth of many plantings made during previous years of extremely dry conditions.

#### **Peter Cowden**

For the Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail

## Garden Club

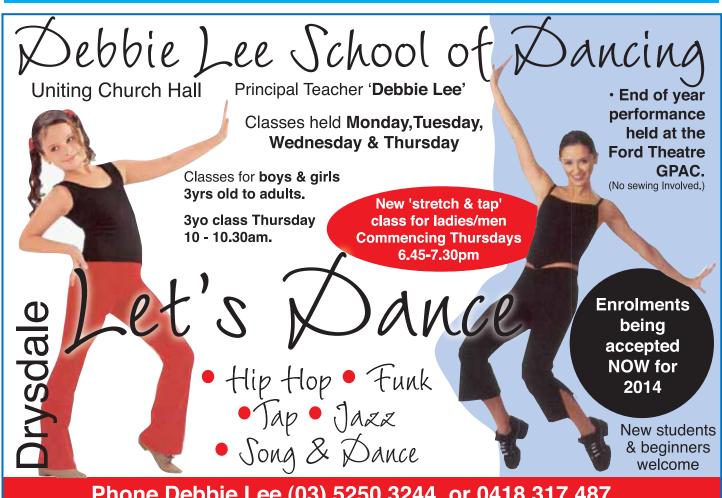
Join the Clifton Springs Garden Club and make some new friends who enjoy gardening. Discuss gardening topics, swap cuttings, and help each other in the garden. The Clifton Springs Garden Club meets every third Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Drysdale Uniting Church Hall, Palmerston Street, Drysdale. Please ring Lorraine on (03) 5251 1660 for any enquiries.







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## Rotary Art Show Mentorship Program



The dictionary definition of 'Mentor' is a guide, teacher, counsellor, advisor, instructor. This is exactly what local artist Jill Shalless has been to four Year 11 High School students.

The Bruno Callori Young Artists Mentorship Program was started with an idea from Mercedes Drummond three years ago while she was a member of the Rotary Club of Drysdale. The concept of combining the knowledge of well established artists and High School students in Year 11 preparing for their Year 12 portfolio. Since its inception it has grown from two schools to four.

Jill and Bruno hosted the students together until Bruno recently passed away. His name lives on in this program and Jill continues to accept the challenge.

The Rotary Club of Drysdale recently had a thank you dinner to show our appreciation to Jill for her enthusiasm and tireless energy imparting her knowledge to Aaron Cook (Bellarine Secondary College), Molly Burrage (Christian College), Quinn Marsh Tombelli (Geelong High School) and Dayna

Benson (Newcomb Secondary College). We thanked these amazing students for embracing what they have been taught with enthusiasm and producing some fantastic pieces on display at the dinner. We also thanked our sponsors Bendigo Community Bank and Hon Lisa Neville.

We wished the students all the best for their Year 12 portfolio.

The Rotary Club of Drysdale is currently seeking members to join our club to increase the service we can provide to our local community and overseas. Call Caroline on 0408 989 221 who would be happy to put you in touch with the membership secretary.

#### **Caroline Rickard**

Publicity Officer Rotary Club of Drysdale

# Australia Day Celebrations in Drysdale



Clifton Springs Lions Club will be facilitating the Australia Day Celebrations in 2014.

Over the last 3 years the numbers attending the event has been steadily growing as have the activities on offer.

A final planning meeting for this event will be held at SpringDale on Wednesday 4 December at 7.30pm.

There is still time for anyone to join the group and add in other suggestions or be part of the event team for Australia Day. The Australia Day Ambassador who will be giving the Australia Day address for this year is Dr Bronwyn King. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on 4 December or at Australia Day celebrations Sunday 26 January 10.30am on the Drysdale Village Green.

#### **Ian Cook**

Clifton Springs Lions Club



## Op Shop needs Help

#### The Uniting Care Op Shop in Drysdale needs your help.

The well-deserved but imminent retirement of some key personnel makes the need for immediate help guite pressing. especially in the administrative roles. New volunteers to work in the shop are always welcome, as the ageing process continues to thin our ranks. Some of our team have been involved since inception 16 years ago.

The 2012-13 financial year resulted in our providing more than \$30,000 for the work of Uniting Care in the Greater Geelong region. We need a strong team to maintain such productivity. If you can help us in any way, please contact Tony Freemantle (Chairman Management Committee) or other team members on (03) 5253 1974.

## SES rattled for funds

On Saturday 30 November the Bellarine SES Unit held their major fundraising event of the year which was a tin rattle held at two intersections in Newcomb. A big thank you to all those who donated on the day. Donations from the public can be made via a number of collection hats and cups that are hosted by a number of fantastic local businesses throughout Clifton Springs and Drysdale. Please support the businesses that support SES.



If any business is able to host a collection hat or cup then please get in contact with our fundraising co-ordinator Nola Vella (Phone 0419 319 808).

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## Combined Probus Club of Clifton Springs/Drysdale

# Rhododendron Gardens and Halls Gap

Last month some members of our Club visited the National Rhododendron Gardens in the Dandenongs and enjoyed a wonderful sunny day in those glorious gardens. Other members took caravans to, or stayed in cabins at, Halls Gap; the variable Spring weather did not prevent them also having an enjoyable time, including christening the new camp kitchen, the "happy hour" each evening and spending time visiting the local attractions of the Grampians. In all, two great trips away.





We are a social club for retired ladies and gents, couples and singles, and you are welcome to our regular monthly meetings held in the Members' Room of the Clifton Springs Golf Club from 10am on the second Monday of each month. Please contact Dorothy on (03) 5251



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Kel and I scheduled a meeting with Mrs Woolnough but unfortunately the day we went to see her was the day she had a fall and we missed our chance. Our part of the

Bellarine was lucky enough to have two bus lines -Stuart Sutherland's and Woolnough's.

"George Woolnough started with horses travelling into Geelong and down to Clifton Springs to pick up passengers and Archie Woolnough, his son, continued the tradition. Woolnough's had a bus that left Portarlington early to get to Drysdale by 6.30am to pick up the workers to Ford and International Harvester. The bus for this service was a Ford bus driven by local people. This bus stopped at Ford during the day. Other buses were Diamond Ts. The Diamond Ts had a door on the left hand side for every row, and the people who wanted to get out, had to get those beside them to get out first.

Woolnoughs had a grating on the back where you could pack the rabbits for the Bon Accord cafe, ABC cafe and others. The rabbits were packed into big banana boxes.

Coming out from Little Malop Street pea pickers who had come down from Melbourne during picking season would





jump and sit on the grate and Mr Woolnough would evict them," said Kel Kel remembers Mr Woolnough would stop the bus prior to Geelong to collect fares so people had to pay before the end of the journey. If you were mucking around you would be put off the bus and Kel would sometimes pick them up in the truck.

Jimmy Abbot or Jimmy Richmond would drive Stuart Sutherlands bus. Some buses would go to the dances at Mannerim. Often a bus would be left in Drysdale behind Smith's grocers shop to pick up school children.

Kel Davis and Anne Brackley





## PORTARLINGTON MUSSEL FESTIVAL 2014

The Portarlington Mussel Festival will be held on Saturday 11 January, 2014 from 9.30am to 5pm. There will be many entertaining things to do, from taking in the music, to browsing the many various stalls. Try the delicious mussels washed down with local Bellarine cool climate wines and beer. It is a day of enjoyment for everyone with family entertainment in a relaxing atmosphere. Activities for the children include a jumping castle, animal farm and face painting.

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#### GOODIES BY THE BAY

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Hi Everyone.

If you don't already know me my name is Gayle Baylis.

I have lived in Clifton Springs for the last 16 years with my husband and four boys. We used to own Bellarine Fencing Co up until 3 years ago now we have taken on something completely different. We have opened up Goodies by the Bay 12 Pinnaroo Ave Clifton Springs which is a gift/homewares shop. After working in Geelong at J B Scott Farm Machinery Business for 27 years I decided I needed a change and I wanted to be closer to home and the boys at school. Also I was sick of driving back in to Geelong to get presents for all different occasions, usually spending more than I wanted. That's why we try to have something for everyone from babies, boys, girls, men and lots of ladies lovely gifts also gifts for the home all at very reasonable prices. We also now have a small range of Kaisercraft.

So after a long process of building and setting up Goodies by the Bay we opened up on 29 December 2012. So far we have had a lot of support and good feedback and we now have quite a few regular shoppers which we greatly appreciate. So if you haven't already been in to have a look, come and check out our range of gifts before going to Geelong for those Christmas presents and enjoy hassle free shopping, plenty of parking and if we haven't got what you want we can try and get it in before Christmas if you get in early. We also do vouchers and Layby.

Our hours are extending leading up to Christmas. Monday-Friday 9.30 to 5pm Saturday 10am to 3pm and Sunday 10am to 3pm - Starting Saturday 30 November

We may also open up some Friday nights leading up to Christmas. Check out our website for these dates We also occasionally have special nights. Anyone who needs to do a fundraiser and doesn't have time to organise it, just get the people and we do the rest.

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REMEMBER TO SUPPORT US AND ALL THE OTHER CLIFTON SPRINGS/DRYSDALE BUSINESSES BY SHOPPING LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS.



## Bellarine Woodworkers



Bellarine Woodworkers in Drysdale is going from strength to strength with recent new members and plans now being organised to extend the workshop. The six specialist wood groups within the club, ie Woodturners, Boxmakers, Toy Makers, Model Makers, Intarsia, and General Woodworking are concentrating their efforts now on the Woodwork Exhibition and Sales that is to be held at St James Church Hall in Drysdale on the 4 and 5 January, 2014. For years our Exhibition was in Queenscliff.









It will now be very convenient for Drysdale residents to see the fine wood skills of our members and also purchase from a wide range of items for sale. The Exhibition will feature working displays of each of the wood groups and the opportunity for children to select and make their own wooden toys. The Model Makers have been making magnificent half hull model Couta Boats as wall displays, and splendid pieces also from the Intarsia Group, Box Makers and Model Makers and Guitars Making. Many items made throughout the years will be on display and for sale.

# **Affordable** Art at SpringDale

Dresley Robins and Susanne Johns are bringing Affordable Art to SpringDale Community Hall, High Street, Drysdale. These artists are exhibiting paintings, which are for sale as well as gifts and cards. Affordable Art will open on 14 December (closed over the Christmas break) and re-opening 1 January until 11 January. Hours: Mondays -Saturdays 10am to 4pm and Sundays 1pm to 4pm. Proceeds from some sales go to The Victorian Animal Aid for the care and re-homing of animals in need. Enquiries please phone (03)5248 2737 or (03) 5259 2630.

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## Get Booked Up

St James' huge Secondhand Book Sale is on again at the beginning of January, with an excellent selection of good quality books and magazines. The building loan for the recent refurbishment of their Church Hall is now down to \$80,000 but that still means lots of fundraising to finally pay it off. St James is so grateful to the public for their donations of books and the quality this year has been exceptional.

So please drop in to this well run event and browse the bargains - all the books are individually priced, and laid out in categories, so it's easy to locate your area of interest. Entry is free, so you can visit more than once or just stay all day as some people did last year! There's always a special children's section with low seating, so adults can search for their own bargains knowing the kids are safely entertained. And don't miss the selection of good quality special interest magazines.

Drysdale Activity Centre, next door to St James' Church, Collins Street (Portarlington Road), Drysdale.

4 - 5 January, Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4, Free Entry, All abilities Access. Enquiries: (03) 5251 2594, website: www.bellarineparish.org

## Scrabble Word for December - vex



Scrabble is a popular game and thinking of high scoring or unique words during the middle of the game can sometimes be a tough task. This month the word is vex. Vex is to irritate, annoy or bother; to debate or discuss a question at length; to toss about or shake up. Visitors welcome.

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

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## ATTITUDES'

11th. Annual art exhibition this year will only be held in January and not as usual for the full months of December and January. Everyone who comes to Attitudes during January will enjoy the most recent works of art created by our regular painters - Susanne Johns, Dresley Robins, Julie Morison and Jenny Lester-Smith and especially appreciate our new guest artists this year, Myalie Loveday with her popular hand crafted jewellery and Judith Haskett with her much sought after pottery. 'Attitudes' 11th. exhibition will be opening on 1 January and run all month. Opening times are Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, 12 noon to 4pm at the The Old Portarlington Mill, Turner Crt. Portarlington. All enquiries please to Sue Johns (03) 5259 2630. And Yes! - we do have 'ATTITUDE



## **Vacation Care Update**

SpringDale Vacation Care commenced in January 2009 as a result of community requests. Hundreds of families and a number of staff have participated in this community service. During this time Clifton Springs and more recently Christian College have both opened Vacation Care programs and in line with good community development practise, we have decided to close our Vacation Care program and refer the community to these.

We would like to thank all our families and staff for supporting this service over the last

5 years and also thank the Government departments and their staff who have always been incredibly supportive. We will be there to reopen if the need ever arises again.

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## Table Tennis for Seniors



The Drysdale Keen-Agers Table Tennis **Group** meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to socialise and have fun whilst playing non competitively. The fun was greatly increased on Thursday 10 and Thursday 31 October when Seniors were invited to drop in and "Have a hit" with them as part of the Geelong Seniors celebrations. In total, there were around 14 visitors, some of whom are now regulars. The maximum number of tables that can be operating at any one time is 5. The photo shows three of those, set up in

St James Hall, the Keen-Agers regular venue, and look, everyone seems to be laughing! Socialising is a very important part of the session and there is always a 20 minute break for free tea/coffee and biscuits when all sit down together for a chat. If you would like to know more, please ring the organiser, Martin, on (03) 5251 1418. Keen-Agers Table Tennis, St James Hall, Collins Street, Drysdale, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30 - 11am, \$3 per session.





# SPORT



Planning is coming together for the PARKERS STEAKHOUSE Clifton Springs Golf Club Pro Am and Sportsman's night to be held on Saturday 11 January (sportsman's night) and Sunday 12 January (Pro Am). 3 panellists have been confirmed for the sportsman's night who are "Razor" Ray Chamberlain AFL umpire and Grand Final umpire, comeback US Tour golfer Jarrod Lyle who is on the comeback trail after recent health battles and Geelong Football Club superstar Andrew Mackie. The final line up will be completed shortly and tickets are available at \$80.00 per person with bookings at the club.

The Pro Am entries are now open for

amateur players with time slots available in the morning shotgun start at 7.30 (\$50.00 per player) and afternoon shotgun start at 12.30pm (\$70.00 per player). Sponsorship packages are still available and all enquiries to the club on (03) 5251 3391. The professional purse for the event is \$10,000 which should attract the cream of professional golfers currently playing in Victoria.

Another bonus for the event is the bonus pool of \$3,000 with neighbouring golf club Curlewis and to be eligible to win the bonus pool, the professional golfers must compete in both events. 1st prize will be \$2,000 and the runner up will receive \$1,000.







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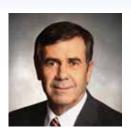
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