

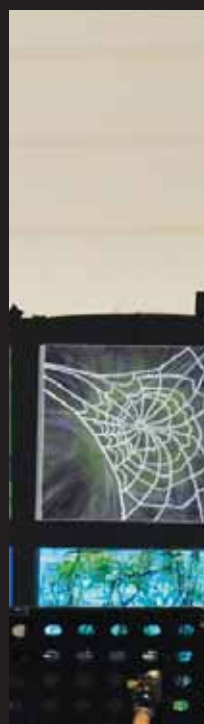


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Local Artists making their mark



The Eclectics Annual Exhibition 1 - 16 January

Well, it was coffee time again, ready for some big decisions. What with trips to see the fabulous art collections of Russia, ceramic workshops in the Greek Islands and carrying out major house renovations among other things, had we all enough time to create some fabulous art for our annual exhibition.

The resounding answer was "Yes I!" So the **Eclectics Art Exhibition** is on again this year, from **1 - 16 January 2016 inclusive, 10am to 4pm SpringDale Community Centre**. The gold coin donation will go to the SpringDale Hall again.

The **Eclectics** are a mixed bunch of artists made up of Pammi, our botanical artist, Diane our lover of beach scenes, Eileen who loves sunsets but paints anything else that takes her fancy, Beryl the sculptor with her quirky and offbeat ceramics and Annie the textile artist. Basil our mascot will be standing guard and asking for a pat in his cheeky way and the iron lady may even make another appearance. So join us and say 'Hi' at the door if you came last year, or just say 'Hi' anyway!

The SpringDale Artists Annual Exhibition 17 - 26 January

Celebrating 10 years of art learning and making, the SpringDale Artists will be holding their **10th Annual Art Exhibition this January**. The grand opening is on **17 January between 5 and 7pm** and will be full of celebration, food and wine, colour and jazz music. \$5 suggested donation for this event. To properly celebrate 10 years of art making, there will be special activities and arts events during the art exhibition. All these associated events will be in the gallery in the SpringDale Hall. There will be a writing workshop, a drawing event, music making and a special choral singing event by Coryule Chorus on Australia Day.

Look out for the program of these special events. Everyone is welcome. A gold coin donation at the door to see the exhibition and participate in chosen events will support the work of the SpringDale Centre. The versatile SpringDale Artists will have drawings, paintings, mixed media works and a 12x12 display with a tree theme, all for sale. There will be an art shop associated with the exhibition full of small works at very affordable prices. The Exhibition will be open 10am to 4pm each day. Come celebrate with us in January and enjoy the local art scene.

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Thursday & Friday	3	
Friday	4	<i>Abigails Party</i> 8pm Potato Shed
Saturday	4	<i>15 Minutes of Fame Concert</i> 7pm St James Church Hall, Drysdale
	5	Harvest Basket Produce Swap & Edible Gardening Group, SpringDale 9am-10.30am <i>Snow White and Friends</i> The Ballet School 4pm Potato Shed
Wednesday	9	<i>Day for Girls</i> SpringDale 9am to noon
Friday	11	<i>Bellarine Twilight Christmas Festival</i> , Clifton Springs Primary School 5 – 9pm
Saturday	12	<i>12 x 12 One Act Plays</i> 7pm Potato Shed
Tuesday	15	Dining Club Dinner at SpringDale 6.30pm Bookings Essential
Friday	18	SpringDale closes for holidays School Term 4 ends <i>Spud Club Open Mic Night</i> 6.30pm til late Potato Shed
Saturday	19	Rick Peacock <i>Christmas Special</i> 7.30pm Potato Shed
Sunday	20	Drysdale Market 9am – 1pm Carol Service 7pm St James Church, Collins Street, Drysdale
Thursday	24	Geelong Carols by Candlelight 8pm – 10pm, Johnstone Park Nativity 4pm St James Church, Drysdale Midnight Service 11pm St James Church, Drysdale
Friday	25	Christmas Day. Public Holiday Christmas Day Service 9am, St James Church, Drysdale, St John's Church, Brown St., Portarlington & St Paul's Church, Dudley Parade, St Leonards
Saturday	26	Boxing Day. Public Holiday

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January 2016

Friday	1	New Year's Day. Public Holiday Eclectics' Annual Exhibition at SpringDale 10am – 4pm daily until Sat 16 January
Saturday	2	Harvest Basket Produce Swap & Edible Gardening Group, SpringDale 9am-10.30am St James Secondhand Book Sale Drysdale Community Activity Centre, Collins St 9am – 5pm Autopro Drysdale Cruise the Bellarine
Sunday	3	St James Secondhand Book Sale Drysdale Community Activity Centre, Collins St 10am – 4pm Autopro Drysdale Classic Car show
Tuesday & Wednesday	5	
Thursday	6	<i>Blues Boot Camp</i> Potato Shed
Thursday	7	Performance 7pm Potato Shed
Saturday	9	Portarlington Mussel Festival
Tuesday to Friday	12	
	15	<i>The Emperors New Clothes</i> 10.30am & 1.30pm daily Potato Shed
Saturday	16	<i>Eclectics' Annual Exhibition</i> at SpringDale closes at 4pm
Sunday	17	Drysdale Market 9am – 1pm <i>SpringDale Artists' Annual Exhibition</i> at SpringDale 10am – 4pm daily until Tues 26 January
Monday	18	SpringDale reopens
Tuesday	26	Australia Day. Public Holiday. SpringDale closed <i>SpringDale Artists' Annual Exhibition</i> closes at 4pm
Wednesday	27	School Term 1 starts

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Coordinator's News

Anne Brackley



Hi Friends and Friends I'm yet to meet.

Sometimes when we start a project at SpringDale we have an idea of a small outcome that might be achieved but if we then continue to deliver and listen to people, it's hard to know where this achievement might lead. An example of this is Kel's Corner regular article in The SpringDale Messenger. Kel has wanted to write a book for a long time. When I started capturing his stories I never dreamt that we would eventually have enough content to form it into a book. During this month our writing tutor Laurent Boulanger has helped to collate and publish Kel's book. This was the culmination of many people doing many tasks along the way and many people telling us how much they love Kel's Corner. Not only have we published Kel's Corner but also a children's book I wrote 16 years ago called *Have you seen the Bunyip Lately*. Both are available from SpringDale in the lead up to Christmas and to help fund the long awaited SpringDale's kitchen redevelopment. We had been trying to work out how to raise the extra money for the kitchen and our Men's Kitchen Groups may also write a cookbook. Over the years we have highlighted some of our men and their favourite recipes – watch out for this in the new year. As we continue to work out our point of difference with other community centres in the area, we might become a publishing powerhouse. Please look out for Laurent's very well respected courses in 2016 and perhaps you'll be able to complete your book which has been sitting on that shelf for so many years.

Art at SpringDale started with very small classes and we now have 3 very full classes each week and a self running art mentoring group every Wednesday afternoon. During January SpringDale will transform into an Art Gallery for almost the whole month. The Art Shows will allow local artists to show their ever increasing variety of subjects, styles and life enriching works of art.

Our groups continue to grow and meet needs while those needs exist. Over this month we have seen the commencement of the Diabetes Support Group, our Bellarine Kinship Carers group continues to meet the growing needs of families who take on caring roles and our Bellarine Fathers' Group is continuing to try to find people who might benefit from this. Our Men's Cooking Groups have been very successful for almost 10 years and perhaps this is a way for the father's group to begin as I'm sure every woman would love to have dinner made for herself and family. We are looking for a volunteer to help facilitate this group.

The courses offered and the groups we facilitate are always because of the needs and desires of our community, people who wish to learn or people who wish to share a skill. New ideas for next year are Mouth Organs for Beginners, Latin for Beginners and Getting the Best out of your Sewing Machine and Overlocker. These new options will complement our wide range of courses already offered.

Thank you for welcoming The SpringDale Messenger into your home. Thank you for taking the time to read our communication link with so many in our community. Thank you for supporting our advertisers who help to fund this free magazine for your enjoyment. Super thanks to Lyn Ingles who has been our graphic designer of The SpringDale Messenger for the last 8 years and has decided to retire from this role. We owe a great deal of thanks to Lyn for bringing The SpringDale Messenger from a black and white monthly newsletter to a full colour award winning magazine. During these 8 years the circulation of the Messenger has grown from 3500 copies per month to a regular 9000 copies and quarterly 15000 copies per issue. We all thank you Lyn and wish you and Graham well in your new endeavours.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Anne Brackley
for the SpringDale Team.



Drysdale Fire Brigade brings Santa to Drysdale/Clifton Springs. Christmas Eve from 6.30pm

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Clifton Springs Shops (Centaurus Ave)
CNR Country Club Drv & Catalina Cres
CNR Bayshore Ave & Country Club Ave
CNR Elanora Way & Bayshore Ave
Jetty 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
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CNR Wisely Ave & Centennial Blvd
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Bellarine Relay For Life

Once again I recently had the pleasure of attending the opening of the "Bellarine Relay for Life" held at the Collendina oval. 2015 was the 5th running of the event and as with other years it was a resounding success, thanks to the organisers, volunteers and of course participants. This year 35 teams entered, made up of hundreds of people all prepared to take part in the 24 hour event to raise important funds for cancer research and in doing so remember loved family members or friends lost to cancer or to support those currently fighting the disease. Fittingly, this year the first lap was walked by survivors and carers. I take this opportunity to congratulate the Chair of the Bellarine Relay for Life, Heather Grant, and her team for the magnificent work they put in each year to organise the event and also Loz Hardman the 2014 "Spirit of Relay" winner for her wonderful efforts. I again congratulate all the volunteers and those who took part.

CCTV Funding

I was disappointed that Council did not receive a grant for local CCTV funding under the "Public Safety Infrastructure Fund", which is a highly competitive grants program. I am still very much prepared to work with the likes of the Drysdale Neighbourhood Watch in having CCTV installed in the future. The Department of Justice and Regulation will provide the council feedback on its unsuccessful application.

Additional Funding For Bellarine Schools

Schools across the Bellarine will share in more than \$950,000 of extra funding thanks to the 2015/16 State Budget. Drysdale Primary received \$52,898 and Clifton Springs \$85,210 on top of the funds already provided. Bellarine Secondary College received a much needed \$335,400. For the College it is on top of the \$1.1 million to be allocated for building refurbishment works.

The funding is all part of the State Governments plan to help kids learn, give parents more confidence and provide resources that teachers need.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me by email or call my office if there are any matters that I may be able to assist you with directly.

Hon Lisa Neville MP

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Letter to the Editor

Thank you from Lynny

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that I have met along the way since commencing the production of the SpringDale Messenger. The committee then headed by Dennis King and Anne Brackley presented me the job and I have been working hard ever since June 2007.

My thanks to Judy Williams who is the Sub-editor and donates a lot of her time to make our editorial correct and to Brett Godfrey and Suzie Pretty, who at times I must have driven crazy with email requests and to other volunteers at SpringDale who I have had the pleasure to work with.

I would like to express my thanks to those advertisers when each month we connect and we have become great friends too and some of those advertisers are:

Helloworld - Carol McCarthy, Bendigo Bank - Craig Taylor, The Potato Shed - Lisa Watkins and Rob McLeod, Portarlington Golf Club - David Milne, Jackie Durbidge and Fiona Hackel, Eco Choice - Brenton Flynn, Debbie Lee, Autopro - Mark Filbay, Tuckers - Tamara Bolger and the crew from Press Here and so many more. I have enjoyed creating your advertisements and having chats as well.

I am about to embark on another phase of my life and travelling with my husband Graham is a big part of that in 2016. I am not closing my doors for business but just slowing a little and I am told that retirement is a busy time in our lives so I can imagine it will be no different in the engine room of blue pencil publishing.

Thank you to all those who have been in my life with this project. I will miss it. Keep reading and support the Messenger. It is important to have a community voice.

Last but not least thank you Anne Brackley for the opportunity that was afforded me. It has been a great experience.

Best Regards to all

Lynny Ingles
Graphic Designer

I love the Messenger

I love the Messenger and look forward to each month's edition. At home the Messenger has pride of place on our kitchen bench where it is read over and over and nothing is missed for that month. We live in Ocean Grove and without the Messenger we would not know about all the interesting functions and events that take place. Thank you for an amazing read!

Ros Stewart

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What a year it has been, once again the year has flown by and we have reached the festive part of the year! In December Wentworth's Libby Tanner is returning in the iconic black comedy by Mike Leigh – *Abigail's Party*. The Ballet School Students have been working hard and this year present *Snow White and Friends*, always a beautiful concert. *Theatre 3triple2's* popular series of original works *12 by 12* returns on the 12th night of the 12th month, 12 plays, 12 minutes. This annual event has become a must see for theatre goers. Another local talent, Rick Peacock will be joined by guest artists performing a *Christmas Special*. Favourites in the style of Bing Crosby and Michael Buble to put you in the festive spirit.

And then it's time for the annual Christmas themed *Spud Club* open mic night. Be sure to wear your Santa hat to celebrate the end of another wonderful year at the Shed. And that is all for 2015 folks, and then we start again for 2016. *Blues Boot Camp* music workshops return in January for 12 – 25 year olds, enrolments are open now. We are very excited to announce that *The Mik Meks* will be returning to the Potato Shed for their very own concert in January. Always popular at *Family Fun Day* this will be a great way to entertain the groovy movers on the holidays. *Theatre 3triple2's* 4 Kids are back with school holiday shows in 2016 with *The Emperors New Clothes* first up on the calendar.

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We are extremely pleased to report that after recent discussions with Milemaker Petroleum, they have agreed to waive the \$5500.00 costs that were imposed against DCSCA by VCAT.

This is an immense relief to the Committee and the membership, as well as to the community in general and now enables DCSCA to concentrate on the issues that we are involved in. Association President, Rick Paradise said; "because that financial impost was hanging over our heads, we have been unable to fully function as well as would normally be the case, but now we can re-focus and get back on track to deliver many of the projects we have been working on."

A welcome outcome

There are so many people out there to thank who have supported us through the whole campaign. The committee has been more recently impressed by the generosity of members of the community who have been offering financial donations to build up a fund to pay those costs.

Those donations are now not needed and the DCSCA will be contacting all donors to have their donations returned. Some may say we initially over reacted when we called for support, but as the 7 December payment deadline was fast approaching, we felt we had to do something quickly.

There was the possibility if we could not have raised enough funds to pay these costs

before the stipulated date that DCSCA would find itself facing further legal fees, and the committee decided enough was enough.

The positive thing about this fund raising effort was that many people pledged financial support even before we asked for it.

Despite the rocky start in coming to Drysdale, Milemaker have told us they are committed to work with and support the many local clubs and associations in our area.

Doug Carson
Treasurer DCSCA

Support needed in Drysdale

The Drysdale Family Support Foodbank has been helping families across the Bellarine Peninsula and into Geelong, for around fifteen years. Over that time the demand for our service has continued to increase. We receive support from the local churches on the Bellarine, Service Clubs such as Probus, Town Club, CWA, View Club, also Christian College, Bellarine Secondary College, businesses and other individuals.

Due to the increased demand for our service our budget is being stretched and we are looking for donations to assist in the purchase of food and to prepare us for our Christmas Hampers.

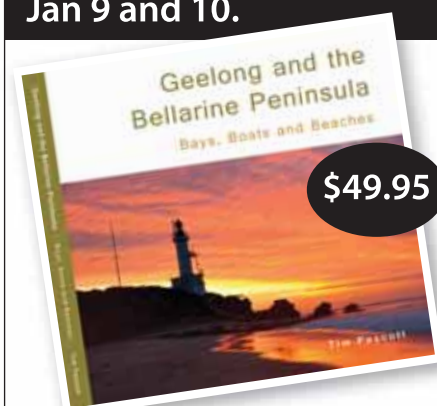
Will you help us help others?

We need your support and we are asking you to consider a financial gift to Drysdale Family Support. All financial donations over \$2.00 are Tax Deductible and can be made to the office at Drysdale Community Church on a Monday or Tuesday, 276 – 290 Jetty Road, Curlewis. Alternatively, donations could be sent to the same address and a receipt will be forwarded.

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The History Of Coriyule Homestead



When Bayview was asked by Clarke Hopkins Clarke, the architects for Woolworths and Bayview Central, for a theme for the shopping centre's graphics, Coriyule Homestead immediately came to mind.

Aside from its impressive architectural design and the fact that it is reportedly the oldest remaining structure on the Bellarine Peninsula, the Homestead has a rich, historical background which centres around the pioneer spirits of its two lady squatters, Anne Drysdale and Caroline Newcomb.

Even in today's era of modern transport and equipment, taking on an agricultural enterprise of over 10,000 acres is a formidable undertaking. However, Anne and

Caroline managed to do just this, as women working against the odds in the colony's first years.

After obtaining the Coriyule freehold in 1848, the two women commissioned Melbourne architect Charles Laing to design the Homestead in a unique gothic revival style which is just as impressive today as it was back then.

The Homestead, which remains in private hands, has undergone a recent restoration but the original architectural plans have been incorporated into the artwork of the shopping centre corridor, allowing them to be enjoyed daily by Bayview's residents and visitors.

However, there is an error in the shopping centre graphics and Bayview has 2 shopping centre vouchers to give away to the first 2 people who correctly identify the error - \$200 for the first person and \$100 for the second*. If you think you know the answer, email Anne Brackley at coordinator@springdale.org.au for your chance to win!

*This competition is open from 2 December 2015 to 15 December 2015. To participate in this competition, the entrant must submit their response via email to Anne Brackley at coordinator@springdale.org.au. The first two entrants to submit the correct answer will win a voucher in the sum of \$200 and \$100, respectively, to be spent at Bayview Central Curlewis Shopping Centre. The winners will be notified by email by 18 December 2015. National Pacific Properties reserves the right to vary or cancel this competition at any time without notice.

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CHRISTMAS BY THE BAY

With landscaped parks, established shops and beautiful bay views, Bayview offers huge opportunities for shopping and recreation this Christmas.

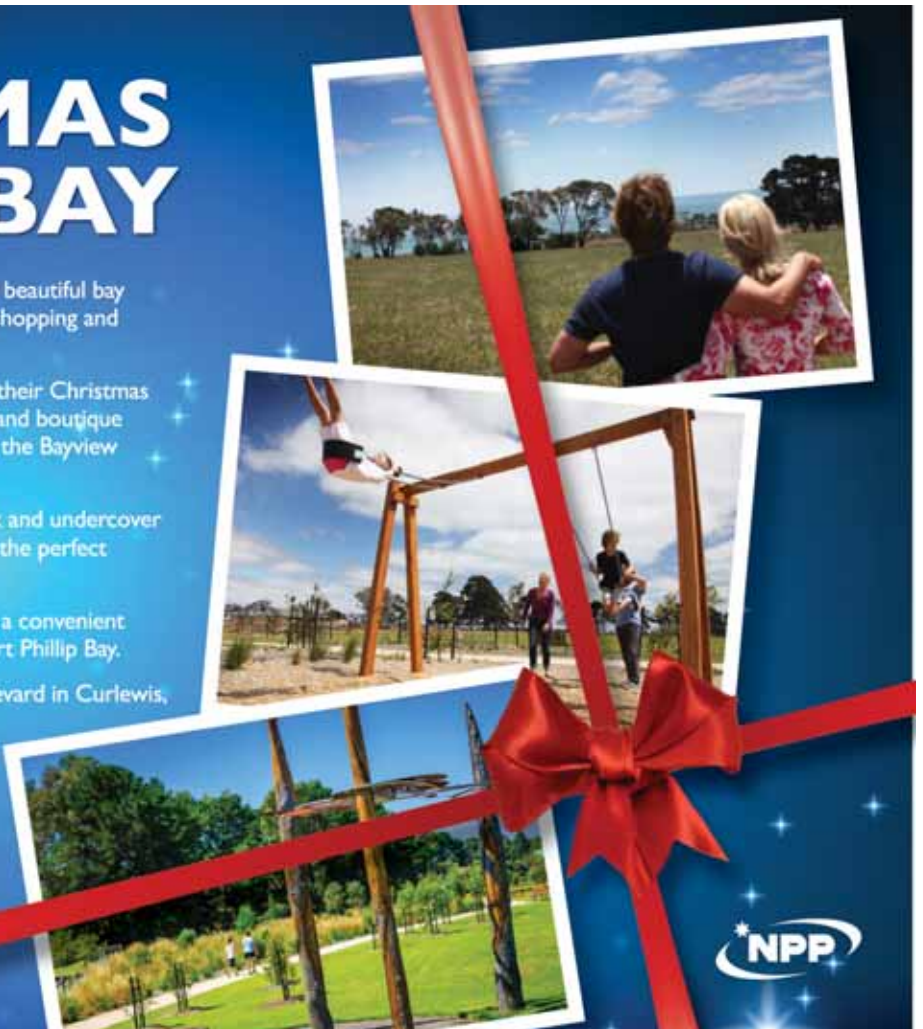
Residents on the Bellarine can stop by for all their Christmas groceries and gifts, with a Woolworths, BWS and boutique clothing store among the retailers on offer at the Bayview Central Curlewis Shopping Centre.

Meanwhile, the established Percy Cherry Park and undercover BBQ area which overlooks the rain garden is the perfect destination for a festive family get-together.

Just 15 minutes from Geelong! Bayview offers a convenient lifestyle set against a beautiful backdrop of Port Phillip Bay.

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Pumpkins and family

Now that summer is here, it's time to get cucurbits into the ground. That's the pumpkin tribe, including summer squash, zucchini, cucumbers, rockmelons and watermelons.

You can either transplant seedlings or sow the large, flat seeds directly where you want them to grow. Because I like to grow heirloom varieties and not just take 'pot luck' (sorry, bad pun) with what the garden centre decides to stock, I grow mine from seed – but I sow the seeds in pots to give them the best start in life. I sow the seeds into biodegradable paper pots from mid-November to early December and keep them on a windowsill or a cold frame until they germinate. That way the seedlings get started in a protected environment, safe from hungry snails and slugs.

These plants are all strong growers, with rambling vines, thick foliage and large, juicy fruit, so they need plenty of tucker. I enrich the soil with a generous top-dressing of home-made compost a few days before planting. If you don't have home-made compost, then store-bought cow and sheep



Potimarron is a small pumpkin that can be grown on a trellis.



Watermelon – my favourite autumn fruit!

manure, mushroom compost and soil enrichers such as Humus Plus are good alternatives.

Whatever you use, fork the soil lightly to break up any surface crust, then water well, spread the manure/compost, water well again, then put a thick layer of organic mulch (e.g. peastraw) over the top to prevent it from drying out. Then – you guessed it – water well!

To plant out your seedlings (or sow your seeds), push the mulch apart to make 'nests'

then dig a hole and pop your seedling in – or if growing from seed, just push a couple of seeds into the loose soil with your fingertip (cull the weaker of the two later).

Don't plant them too close together: the bigger pumpkins will soon ramble 3–5 metres in all directions. Zucchini are more compact, but still need at least a square metre per plant. Cucumbers, rockmelons, squash and the smaller varieties of pumpkin can be grown up a sturdy trellis, to save space and for better ventilation and ripening.



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Christmas Spirit

Christmas is a time to spend time with family and friends or take a trip during the school holidays and the Bellarine Peninsula is a favourite destination during the Christmas break. Many people like to attend a church service at Christmas, and the Bellarine Anglican Parish can offer the following opportunities. At St James in Collins Street, Drysdale there is a **Carol Service on Sunday 20 December at 7pm**, and on **Christmas Eve, a Nativity especially for youngsters at 4pm and a midnight service at 11pm.**

On Christmas Day there are three services at 9am at St James Drysdale, St John's, Brown Street, Portarlington and St Paul's, Dudley Parade, St Leonards. All residents and visitors alike will be made most welcome and encouraged to join in the wonder of the Spirit of Christmas.

SpringDale Dining Club December Dinner

The SpringDale Dining Club will be celebrating the Festive Season at SpringDale this year, with proceeds going towards the SpringDale kitchen renovation project.

We will be having a two course Roast Christmas Dinner – Turkey, chicken, ham, roast and other vegetables, plum pudding and pavlova – all for \$20

If you haven't been to a Dining Club event you might like to try this one.
Hope to see you there Regards Anne and Ken Brackley

Get booked up this holiday

St James' huge Secondhand Book Sale is on again at the beginning of January, with an excellent selection of good quality books and magazines. So drop in to this well run event and browse to your heart's content – 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 youngsters are safely entertained. And don't miss the selection of good quality special interest magazines. Whilst there are now e-readers and Kindles around, many people, and especially children, just love to hold a book in their hands.

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Wonderful display and support despite the bad weather

Although the weather wasn't very kind to us and our takings were down on our record of last year, Clifton Springs Garden Club was happy with the results of our recent Open Day. Despite the weather experienced prior to the Open Day, our members managed to put on a wonderful display of plants, flowers, fruit and vegetables. A large number of plants, also grown by our members, were for sale and again proved very popular.

Our raffle had 6 prizes all relating to gardening. The first prize for our raffle, which was won by a very excited Ava Robinson, was a handmade quilt which was been made by two local ladies Linda Madden and Margaret Eckley with a garden theme and generously

donated by one of our members. Our morning/afternoon tea with homemade slices and sandwiches was also very popular. We would like to thank all those people who supported our Open Day and all our members who worked so hard on the day. A large percentage of our profits will be donated back into the community to a cause agreed to by our members.

The Club will not have a meeting in December but will meet again on the 3rd Monday in February.

If you would like further information on the Clifton Springs Garden Club please do not hesitate to contact our Secretary, Helen (03) 5257 1566.



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Did you realise there is no requirement for a financial payment when making a Funeral Plan?

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SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre – Youth Space

The Youth Space at the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre has been going along well!

Anyone 12-25 years old is welcome. Come along and check it out from 3.30pm - 5.30pm.

The last 2 dates for the year are:

Tuesday 8 December
Skate ramp action
Tuesday 22 December
Christmas fun

Come along and join in the activity, meet some friends, or relax and play table tennis or xbox games.

For more information please contact **Aleisha Harling** on **0421 583 369** or **aharling@geelongcity.vic.gov.au**

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Limited subsidised places may be on offer.
* Conditions apply.

IPad & iPad like Devices

Learn how to use basic iPad functions, practice scrolling, learn about iPad apps and much more in a fun supported environment. Please let the office know what type of device you have when you to register. We will need this information to ensure you are in the correct class.

Introduction to iPad

Skill Level: Beginner
Date/time: Mon 1 Feb – Mon 21 Mar
1.30 pm – 4pm (8 sessions)
Fee: \$165 Conc: \$70
Tutor: Jonathan Harris JNH Software P/L

Advanced iPad

Skill Level: Beginner.
Must have attended SpringDale Intro to iPad
Date/time: Mon 1 Feb – Mon 21 Mar (8 sessions)
10am – 1pm (8 sessions) **Fee:** \$165 Conc: \$70
Tutor: Jonathan Harris JNH Software P/L

Introduction to

Tablet Android/Windows

Skill Level: Beginner
Date/time: Wed 27 Jan – Wed 23 Mar
(8 sessions) 10am- 12.30pm **Fee:** \$165 Conc: \$70
Tutor: Jonathan Harris JNH Software P/L

Advanced Tablet

Android/Windows

Skill Level: Beginner - must have attended SpringDale Intro to iPad
Date/time: Wed 27 Jan – Wed 23 Mar 1pm – 3.30pm
(8 sessions) **Fee:** \$165 Conc: \$70
Tutor: Jonathan Harris JNH Software P/L

Introduction to Computers C/E

Learn how to create tables, use tabs, columns, clipart and place a border, send and receive emails. Understand the Internet and browse different search engines. Learn about virus protections. This will include setting up a MyGov account and using it.

Skill Level: Beginner +
Date/time: Tue 2 Feb – Tue 22 Mar
1pm – 3.30pm (8 sessions) **Fee:** \$165 Conc: \$70
Tutor: Colin Barnard, C & K Designs

Introduction to Computers F

Learn how to install and uninstall programs. Clean up deleted items and documents, use cleaner and defragger to keep your computer running smoothly. Download software from the internet free, antivirus programs and others from the internet. Set up your computer the way you want it.

Date/time: Thurs 25 Jan – Thurs 24 Mar
1pm – 3.30pm (8 sessions) **Fee:** \$165 Conc: \$70
Tutor: Colin Barnard, C & K Designs

Introduction to Social Media

Participants are welcome to BYO their own computer, iPad, tablet or Smart phone. They learn to set up with a password, add a picture and practice using social media to keep up with other people. We will focus on Skype, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Dates/times: Tues 3 Mar to Tues 24 Mar and Tues 21 Apr to Tues 12 May 9.30am – 12noon (8 sessions)
Fee: \$165 Conc: \$70 **Tutor:** Agata Commisso

Discover the Artist Within - Level 1

An introductory or refresher Art Course in Drawing and Painting for Adults. No previous knowledge
Date/time: Sat 6 Feb 9am – 1pm
Fee: \$40 **Tutor:** Dr Laurent Boulanger

Beginning Scriptwriting

Have you got an idea for a short film or a feature film but do not know how to present it? Learn how to present your idea into a screenplay for the market. In this class we look at script layout, introducing characters, dialogue, dramatic conflict, scene building and story arc. Taught by writer-director producer and Swinburne University writing teacher Dr Laurent Boulanger.

Date/time: Sat 5 Mar 9am – 1pm
Fee: \$40 **Tutor:** Dr Laurent Boulanger

Beginning Article Writing

If you like the idea of seeing your work in print in newspapers and magazines, then come to this class to learn how to do research, conduct interviews, find ideas and write for a specific market. Taught by Dr Laurent Boulanger, Swinburne University writing teacher, and writer of over 30 published articles in Australia, the USA and the UK.

Date/time: Sat 2 Apr 9am – 1pm
Fee: \$40 **Tutor:** Dr Laurent Boulanger

Writing Workshop

You have written a story, a novel or a script, but have no idea how it stacks up against published works. Bring your writing along to this workshop and gain constructive feedback from your fellow writers and solid advice from your tutor on how to bring it to the next level. Facilitated by multi-award-winning author and Swinburne University writing teacher Dr Laurent Boulanger.

Date/time: Sat 6 Feb or 5 Mar or 2 Apr 2pm – 4pm
Fee: \$30 **Tutor:** Dr Laurent Boulanger

Making Dollars Stretch

Knowing the secrets to making dollars go further could be what you have needed to turn your life around. There are many aspects to this including Goal Setting and Motivation, Laughter and Stress Reduction, Budgeting Solutions starting a budget, cooking and shopping for food and how to stick to the budget and Time Management.

Date/time: Thurs 4 Feb – Thurs 10 Mar
11.30am – 1.30pm
Fee: \$100 Conc: \$30 **Tutor:** Agata Commisso

Focusing on the Future

A taster course which allows people to try a variety of classes to understand what is available locally at SpringDale. This is especially for anyone who is looking for a new direction in their life.

Classes will be tailored for each participant.
Dates/times: Mon 1 Feb 10.30am – 12.30pm plus up to 7 other sessions as individually scheduled
Fee: \$100 or conc \$70 **Tutor:** Anne Brackley

Effective Job Seeking

Many people do not realise just how much is involved when job seeking and the best steps to go about this. What are my transferable skills and what mandatory qualifications might I need? How do I write a good resume and cover letter that captures an employer's attention? How do I conduct myself in an interview?

Dates/times: Mon 8 Feb – Mon 7 Mar
10.30am – 12.30pm **Fee:** \$100 or conc \$70
Tutor: Nicole Whitham

Innovations For Would Be Entrepreneurs

An entry level course for Would be Entrepreneurs. This course looks at the skills and mind sets necessary for people to develop the skills to become an innovator or an entrepreneur.

Dates/times: Mon 21 plus up to 7 other sessions as individually scheduled **Fee:** \$100 or conc \$65
Tutor: Anne Brackley

Autism from the Inside – Season 1

The sessions are available at SpringDale or you may participate over the internet. The four sessions will include Making Environments Autism Friendly, Learned Dependency and turning it around in people with developmental disabilities, Autism and the Spectrum of Communication Disorders, Autism and Friendships, relationships and independent living. Calling for expressions of interest – this ran very successfully last year

Fee: \$80 Conc: \$40 **Tutor:** Donna Williams

Autism from the Inside – Season 2

The sessions are available at SpringDale or you may participate over the internet. Each week a different topic is covered : How do I choose the most fitting autism approach? Autism and Exposure Anxiety; working with compulsive avoidance, diversion and retaliation responses, Autism and the recognition, reading, expression, and management of emotions, Autism and self: identity, personality and dissociative disorders on the autism spectrum.

Dates/times: Calling for expressions of interest
Fee: \$80 Conc: \$40 **Tutor:** Donna Williams

Lifestyle Courses

Cheese Making with Corinne

Interested in making your own cheese? This is a very relaxed way to spend a day. You may like to bring lunch to share and make new friends and make conversation. This session will include haloumi, sour cream and ricotta. You will be asked to bring some kitchen equipment.

Date/time: Sat 9 April or 14 May - Fetta, 16 April or 21 May - Halloumi, 9 July or 15 Oct Cheddar, 16 July or 22 Oc - Camembert 10am– 3pm
Fee: \$100 per session milk and *hoops* included.
Tutor: Corinne Blacket – Drysdale Cheeses

Espresso Coffee Making Workshop

Looking for employment in the Hospitality Industry? Improve your knowledge, skills and techniques, understand the workings of the Espresso machine and the coffee culture. Small groups, so enroll early.

Date/time: Sat 6 Feb or 5 Mar 10am – 12noon
Fee: \$40 Conc: \$35 **Tutor:** Jordon Smith

Digital Photography Doctor

Confused by all the settings on your new digital camera? Learn how to get great results from a qualified teacher and master photographer. Understanding shutter speeds, ISO, aperture, different file formats, downloading images, red eye reduction and lighting techniques.

Date/time: Mon 1 Feb – Mon 22 Feb
7pm – 9pm (4 sessions)
Fee: \$100 Conc: \$92 **Tutor:** George Stawicki

Yoga

For fitness, stress relief and clarity of mind. New students are warmly welcomed.

Date/time: Mon 1 Feb – Mon 21 Mar
9.15am – 10.45am (8 sessions)
Fee: \$135 Conc: \$120 **Tutor:** Glenda Breedveld

Materials: Bring your own mat and blanket if required.

Venue: Drysdale Senior Citizen's Club, Cnr Clifton Springs Rd & Wyndham St

Yoga

For fitness, stress relief and clarity of mind. New students are warmly welcomed.

Date/time: Thurs 28 Jan – Thurs 17 Mar 6pm – 7.30pm (8 sessions) **Fee:** \$135 Conc: \$120
Tutor: Glenda Breedveld

Materials: Bring your own mat and blanket if required.

Venue: Drysdale Senior Citizen's Club, Cnr Clifton Springs Rd & Wyndham St

Yoga on Chairs

Would like to do Yoga but would feel more comfortable sitting. This course may be for you.

Date/time: Mon 1 Feb – Mon 21 Mar 11am – 12 noon (8 sessions)
Fee: \$100 Conc: \$91 **Tutor:** Glenda Breedveld
Venue: SpringDale

Buying and Selling on eBay

Does eBay confuse you? Would you like to be able to buy and sell on eBay with confidence? Then this course will navigate you through the process of getting started and using this worldwide facility to buy or sell your chattles. Please bring email address and passport and bank details for Paypal.

Date/time: Sat 6 Feb 9.30am – 1.30pm
Fee: \$50 **Tutor:** Brett Kerr

French for Travellers

In this course, you will learn phrases and pronunciation for when you next travel in France.

Date/time: Tue 2 Feb – Tue 22 Mar 11.30am – 12.45pm (8 sessions)
Fee: \$90 Conc: \$85 **Tutor:** Serge

Ukulele Beginners

A class for those who will learn to play the ukulele quickly and easily and those who have started with us but need some more support before moving to the next class – no experience necessary but you will need to bring a Ukulele.

Date/time: Thurs 28 Jan – Thurs 24 Mar 11am – 12noon (8 sessions)
Fee: \$85 **Tutor:** Sarah Carroll

Advanced Beginners

Date/time: Thurs 28 Jan – Thurs 24 Mar 10am – 11am (8 sessions)
Fee: \$85 **Tutor:** Sarah Carroll

Ukulele Intermediate

The intermediate level is for those who are part way along the path to learning how to play the Ukulele and improve their skills.

Date/time: Thurs 28 Jan – Thurs 24 Mar 9am – 10am (8 sessions)
Fee: \$85 **Tutor:** Sarah Carroll

Basic Italian for Travel

Learn the basics of Italian for travel or just for fun. Warning! In this class spontaneous singing and/or raucous laughter may erupt at any time, while learning to roll your R's.

Date/time: Sat 13 Feb – Sat 19 Mar 9.30am – 11.30am (6 sessions)
Fee: \$150 **Tutor:** Agata Commisso

Ageless Grace

Join in the fun and exercise in a chair! Learn to Respond, React, Recover with improved balance. This class appeals to all ages! For adults (Preventative) with children (Developmental).

Date/time: Sat 13 Feb – Sat 19 Mar 11.30am – 12.30pm (6 sessions)
Fee: \$75 **Tutor:** Agata Commisso

What happens at a

Laugh – out – Loud Session?

Join a laughter session to laugh stress away and learn to do laughter exercises. It's good for your health and encourages playfulness to help balance the mind, body and spirit.

Date/time: Sat 13 Feb – Sat 19 Mar 9am – 9.30 am
Fee: \$2 per session **Tutor:** Agata Commisso

Colouring – in for Adults

Do you need to just chill out? This is ART for the HEART. If you have had enough of running around, shopping ... then colouring – in is a stress – free activity for you to relax. BYO books, pencils. Pens or come along and share the ones we have!

Date/time: Thurs 2pm – 3pm
Fee: \$2 per session **Tutor:** Agata Commisso

Card Making Workshop

Open for all ages from beginners to experienced crafters. Everyone will make a card and a matching bookmark using some great techniques.

Date/Time: Tuesdays TBA 10am – 12 noon
Fee: \$10 **Tutor:** Jacqui Ryan

A Taste of the Importance of Play

What is Play? The importance and power of play. Why games are good for children? Importance of block play and how to extend construction play. Importance of and how to encourage creative play.
Date/time: Calling for expressions of interest.
Tutor: Alison March **Fee:** \$20 Conc \$10

Latin

The language of Catullus and Cicero. At two levels, absolute beginners and those who have some high school or tertiary Latin and would like to pursue it further. We will generally use internet resources.

Two hours per week. Day to be arranged.

Calling for Expressions of interest

Tutor: Neil Bell

Dealing with Chronic Pain and the Role of Mindfulness Meditation

Pain is an inevitable and a natural part of being human and the experience of life. It is not pleasant and in many cases leads to profound suffering. Pain can be totally disabling – it can erode the quality of our life and grind us down little by little. Suffering, the thoughts and feelings associated with chronic pain is also normal and natural but it is not inevitable – it may be just one option. This eight-week course is designed to provide options to the suffering that accompanies both chronic physical pain and emotional pain. It is based upon mindfulness meditation and has assisted countless sufferers to work with their pain.

Date/time: Wed 10 Feb – Wed 30 Mar 1.30pm – 3pm **Fee:** \$100 Conc: \$70

Tutor: Dr Max Simmons is a retired psychologist, and has had extensive experience in the application of mindfulness meditation to chronic pain. He has also worked in the Barwon Health Pain Clinic.

The Money School

Free information Session – Topics include: Financial Control – what does it mean, Investing in Property / Investing in the Share Market, The 10 biggest Money mistakes. **Dates/times:** Mon 1 Feb 7pm – 9pm
Fee: Free but bookings essential

SpringDale Groups

To attend SpringDale Groups you must be a member of SpringDale – Annual Membership \$12 – each group charges a small fee ranging from \$2 to \$12 per session.

Card Games

Enjoy playing cards? Come and play Canasta and Bolivia Monday afternoons from 12.30pm – 3pm.

Friendly Cuppa and Chat Group

Call in for a cup of coffee and a chat on the first Tuesday of the month between 10.30am – 11.30am.

SpringDale Craft Group

A great activity for all year. Keep your hands busy and be creative. Learn to knit or crochet a garment of your choice.

Date/time: Tuesday Weekly from 1pm – 3pm.

SpringDale Badminton

Wednesdays 1pm – 3.30pm weekly at The Scout Hall Drysdale.

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: Friday weekly at 10am.

Fun Volleyball

We play with a soft beach ball, and the aim is exercise. Other session times possible register your interest. **Date/time:** Mondays from 9am – 10am
Venue: Drysdale Scout Hall

Genealogy

People interested in researching family history come together weekly and share tips and tricks.

Date/time: Thursdays 9.30am – 12noon

SpringDale Jigsaw Club

Borrow a jigsaw from a big library 40¢ each. The first Thursday of the month from 10am – 12noon.

Line Dancing

Join our group. Every Wednesday. 10am – 12noon.

Bellarine Community Choir

Peninsula residents are welcome to join this choir. We sing 4 part harmony to perform at functions on the Bellarine and Geelong. All welcome.

Date/time: Thursdays 1.30pm at SpringDale.

SpringDale Mahjong Club

This group meets Wednesday from 9.30am – 12noon.

Pole Walking Group

Enhanced walking where the arms are used to push. The movements of your arms, feet, pelvic area and the entire body are similar to those employed during a vigorous walk. **Date/time:** Weekly Mondays 8.50am – 10am (Contact SpringDale for meeting points)

SpringDale Scrabble Club

Held on Tuesday afternoon, 1pm – 3pm and caters for players of all abilities and new players welcome.

SpringDale Artists

The SpringDale Artists meet each Wednesday. Activities include working sessions, discussions, demonstrations and gallery visits. Wed 1pm – 4pm.

SpringDale Wheelie Riders

SpringDale membership is all you require. Would you like to get involved in cycling again? Rides vary in difficulty and start from SpringDale at 8am. New riders welcomed and shorter rides are graded to suit individual needs.

Rides Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat or Sun. SpringDale membership is all you require.

SpringDale Singers

SpringDale Singers meets at SpringDale Community Centre. We sing in harmony (4 parts) a wide range of music and song; enjoying good fellowship and the joy of singing; accompanied by an excellent pianist. Several conductors (from the group) strive to enhance performance over the year. We are not a performing choir although we do have an end-of-year performance at the Community Centre. We welcome any interested singers to join us; the ability to read music is not essential, we learn as we go. **Date/time:** Tuesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Men's Kitchen – Tuesday Mornings

Tuesday morning 10am – 1pm
Location: St Leonards Recreation Reserve
Fee: Price depends on menu

Men's Kitchen – Wed / Thurs / Fri Morning

Waiting list applies. **Fee:** Price depends on menu
Date/time: Wednesdays 10am – 2pm

Men's Kitchen – Wednesday Evening

We will be running a Men's Kitchen every Wednesday evening from 5pm – 8pm.
Waiting list applies.
Fee: Price depends on menu

Traditional & Digital Scrapbooking

Would you love to organise your precious memories by scrapbooking your photos. Come along and learn traditional and digital scrapbooking solutions. Material list for beginners, tools available for you to use and product available to purchase.
Day/Time: Thursdays TBA 1pm – 4pm

Write About

A group of committed Writers ranging from Biographers, Poets, Storytellers, Song and Report Writers meet on the 1st Thursday of the Month from 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

Harvest Basket Produce Swap & Edible Gardening Group

Meets 1st Saturday of every month in the SpringDale Hall. You do not need to have anything to swap to come along and forge friendships and share veggie gardening skills.
Date/time: 9am – 10.30am
Fee: \$8 plus SpringDale membership

Felting

This is not a class but people coming together to enjoy felting. If you're not sure what felting is, just pop in for a look. For further information you can contact Julie on 0409 511 662.
Date/time: 1st Saturday each month. 10am – 3pm

SpringDale Open Dance Band

The band usually meets weekly on Monday afternoons 5pm- 7pm. Musicians of various backgrounds who enjoy making music together and sharing their love of music with others. Open to all musicians.
Contact SpringDale Office for more details.

Springdale Community Garden: Growing Green – a Healthy and Sustainable Community.

Work in the Communal area or establish your own personal plot to produce fresh food of your choice to be enjoyed at home, swapped with other members or donated to the Drysdale Community Church's Foodbank project. Membership forms, details of annual payment and other information are available from the SpringDale Office.

Bellarine Fathers' Group

Meets 3rd Wednesday each month 7pm – 8pm and outings as arranged. Calling for expressions of interest.

Kinship Carers

Meets 1st Wednesday each month 10am – 1pm

Non SpringDale Classes and Groups

Pilates

Open to all ages. Improve your fitness, core strengths, posture, flexibility and sense of well being. Classes cater for clients of varying fitness levels, from beginners through to advanced. Small class sizes allow for individualised attention and direction.

Tutor: Monique MacLeod **Phone to book:** (03) 5251 2958

Venue: Drysdale Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Clinic, 27-29 High Street, Drysdale

Bellarine Woodworkers Inc.

All keen woodworkers have the opportunity to meet on the first and third Monday of the month at 1.30pm at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. New members welcome. Just turn up.

Karate

Art of Defence Australia teaches traditional Goju karate to children from 4 years old to seniors. Skills taught range from motor and social skills to balance, confidence, self discipline and leadership. Great care is taken to ensure that the student understands self defence is used appropriately. Free uniform on joining.

Tutor: Art of Defence Australia **Phone to book:** 0407 320 333

Venue: SpringDale

Tai Chi

Art of Defence Australia teaches Cheng Ming International style of Tai Chi Chuan. This is suitable for all ages 16 upward. The benefits of Tai Chi Chuan is the developed flexibility, stretching, and particularly balance. The 99 movement long form is taught along with specific exercises to strengthen core stability and balance. As a form of stress management, Tai Chi has no rival. Free uniform on joining.

Tutor: Art of Defence Australia **Phone to book:** 0407 320 333

Venue: SpringDale

Other SpringDale Services Family Services

SpringDale Occasional Care

This will give your child an opportunity to socialise and play with other children in a supervised program with qualified staff and may give you time to yourself.

Sessions: Monday 8.30am - 1.30pm,

Wednesday and Thursday 9am – 2pm,

Tuesday, Friday 9am – 12noon.

Some subsidised places are available those studying Learn Local supported classes. (conditions apply). For further information please phone Occasional Care on (03) 5251 1627. Sessions run during school terms only. (We are hoping other funded opportunities will be available in the new year).

Drysdale Toy Library

Tuesday 4pm – 5pm, Saturday mornings 9.30am - 10.30am We have some fantastic toys to borrow (ages 0 – 6 years) so come along and see what we have to offer. Membership \$10 per term.

Portarlington Toy Library

Wednesday 8.45am – 10am. We have some great new toys thanks to a Bellarine Peninsula Community Grant. You might like to get involved or just use the library service. Membership \$10 per term.

SpringDale Family Dance Night

Next scheduled performance at the Family Bush Dance Saturday 18 July 7.30pm \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$25 Family – please bring a plate of supper to share.
Ring Dennis 0419 543 920 for more information or to offer your assistance.

To attend SpringDale Groups you must be a member of SpringDale.
Annual Membership \$12.
Each group charges a small ranging from \$2 to \$12 per session.



Geoff Wisbey

Geoff Wisbey was President of the Drysdale RSL Sub Branch for 15 years until he retired earlier this year.

Geoff Wisbey was called up for service on March 10th 1942 to the C.M.F. (Citizen Military Forces). He was sent to Bonegilla Infantry Training Camp and two weeks later was transferred to Werribee to the newly formed 112th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment with Batteries 159-160-161.

After waiting three months for equipment, which included 36 Bofor guns, the Regiment was then positioned around the Victoria Coast, Yallourn, Melbourne, Queenscliff, Pt. Lonsdale and Pt. Nepean. Early in September 1942 the 159 Battery was relocated to the Dandenong railway Sale Yards and troops were granted 10 days final leave. On returning to the unit on September 15th Geoff raised his age to join the A.I.F. (Australian Imperial Force).

"After loading all the equipment on the train we departed for somewhere North via the East Coast, arriving in Brisbane. We detrained and in convoy drove to the Ascot Race Course. Four days later we left in convoy for somewhere North. Follow the truck in front of you, they said. Unfortunately my truck was forced to stop behind a tram at a tram stop and lost contact with the other four trucks in a convoy for quite some time. Eventually we caught up and all equipment was loaded onto the train. After a discussion with two girls from a Secondary School we were told that Mt. Isa was the end of the line and so Darwin was the most likely final destination.



These girls took our home addresses and kept in touch with our families throughout the war years".

"I next served with an Engineers Unit at Morotai in 1945 and as the war was close to ending on July 1st I volunteered for service with International Red Cross and saw service in the Phillipines, South of Manilla, caring for the prisoners of war returning from Japan. We served hot meals, hot mild coffee, doughnuts and two stabbies a day and of course, Cocoa Cola. I will always remember meeting and shaking hands with Lady Mountbatten, head of International Red Cross.

Returning to Australia in December 1945, I got married and sixteen days later was sent to Rabaul, guarding Japanese prisoners, driving and stripping Japanese tanks. After 3 months it was found that I had more than 30 months tropical service, so I was returned to Australia in April 1946 and was discharged on June 28th 1946" Geoff recounted.

Afternoons with Henry



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You have probably seen our busy Lions team working at some of our fund-raising activities, which include many BBQs in Drysdale, as well as *Thomas the Tank Engine* events, and marshalling at public events. We also provide assistance to individuals who need help, run local events such as the Bellarine Boogie Dances for people with special needs, local community fun days, and health and welfare education.

Our Club's fundraising has benefited many of the local services and charities, as well as national and international disaster relief and appeals. Lions can make things happen, and we would love you to join us, to help us do more for our community.

Membership Chairperson Nola Deane
– 0417 336 932 ; **Secretary** Diane Schofield
– 0431 455 80.

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Lions Clubs just keep growing

The Lions Club of Clifton Springs was established in 2012, when other Lions Clubs realised the need for a Lions Club in Clifton Springs. In 2014, with the increasing development of the area, we changed our name to include Curlewis. Our membership includes men and women of all ages and interests, from 18 through to 80 plus.

We meet at 7pm, on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, at the Clifton Springs Golf Club.

All of us have one thing in common, the desire to make our community and world a better place for all; while also enjoying each other's company. We are involved in a wide range of community, cultural and environmental activities, disaster relief and fund-raising for local services.

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- ½ cup flour
- ½ cup oats
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ tspn baking powder
- ¼ tspn ground cinnamon
- dash of salt
- ⅓ cup unsalted butter, diced into small chunks

For the Apple filling:

- 3-4 large Granny Smith apples, peeled and sliced thin
- 3 tbspn butter, melted
- 2 tbspn flour
- 1 tbspn lemon juice
- 3 tbspn milk
- ½ tspn vanilla extract
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ½ tspn ground cinnamon
- dash of salt

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. In a medium size bowl combine the crumb topping ingredients with a fork or pastry blender until it resembles small crumbs. Refrigerate while you prepare the apple filling.
3. For the Apple Filling: In a small bowl, combine melted butter and flour until well blended. Add lemon juice, milk and vanilla and stir well. Stir in brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Pour butter mixture



over apples and toss to coat. Pour apple mixture into an 20cms x 20cms baking dish and spread into an even layer. Sprinkle crumb topping evenly over the apples. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown and top is set. Remove from oven and allow to cool for at least 10 minutes before serving.

4. Serve with **Vanilla Ice Cream** and **Homemade Caramel Sauce** (See recipe)

Notes:

To make this recipe ahead of time: Make the apple filling, adding a tiny bit more lemon juice so the apples don't brown. Store the apple filling in an air-tight container, in the fridge, for up to one day. Make the crumble topping and put it in a separate ziplock bag, in the fridge. When ready to bake, remove from the fridge, and sprinkle the topping on top. Bake as directed.

Caramel Sauce



Makes about 2½ cups

Ingredients

- ¾ cup butter
- 1½ cups brown sugar, firmly packed
- 2 tbspn water
- ¼ tspn salt
- 1 tbspn vanilla extract
- ½ - ¾ cup evaporated milk

Method

1. Add butter, brown sugar, water, and salt to medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir continuously until the better melts.
2. Once the better has melted bring the mixture to a boil. Boil for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and ½ cup evaporated milk. Stir until smooth. Add more evaporated milk if you'd like a thinner consistency.
3. To store, pour mixture into a mason jar and refrigerate for up to a week. Re-warm it in the microwave for a few seconds before serving.

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John Brennan moved to Drysdale 11 years ago, with his wife Margaret, has brought a great deal of history from the Northern Wimmera and Southern Mallee with him. John and many others from up that way would often holiday in Portarlington. From 1959 John, Margaret and ever growing family would come with caravan in tow for a few weeks, if there'd been a harvest. They made lifelong friends with their usual neighbours in the camp ground, Tony Lockett and Robert Harvey and their families, when they first came and stayed where the Parks Hall currently is. They believe this is what has encouraged so many to continue to visit and eventually move here - to Geelong and especially the Bellarine. It was an undiscovered place, the Bellarine.

The big reason for John's move was really the medical care available on the Bellarine Peninsula. John spent many years on the Warracknabeal District Hospital Board and wrote the history of the century of care from 1891 to 1991. John also wrote the history of the Warracknabeal Football Club 1886 - 1986 and Brim Football Club 1892 - 1996.

The first time John came into SpringDale it was to get some photocopying done for another research project. He continues to research Marion Land Company where his family first settled Northern Wimmera Area. John's grandfather was the first manager of the *Marion Land Company* and original shareholders were Martin Brennan, John Cromie, Peter Galbraith, Mary Hunter, Thomas Hutchings, James Hutchings,

Gordon Maconachie, John McAllister and Charles Proctor.

John played football for the Brim Football Club in the South Mallee league and for Warracknabeal Football Club in the Wimmera League. Another of his current missions is to collate the Southern Mallee League history. John is keen to hear from anyone who has knowledge of these histories. He continues to be concerned about the preservation of history.

If you have any information to share please contact SpringDale (03) 5253 1960 and we will pass your information to John.

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Golf day boosts Geelong cancer appeal



Sarah Vannici, from Barwon Health Foundation, receives the \$10,000 donation from Lions President, Gary Bennett.



Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club Team

Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club has purchased a chemotherapy treatment chair for the Andrew Love Cancer Centre from the proceeds of its annual Charity Golf Day held on 30 October. The fun day, held at Portarlington Golf Club, raised the \$10,000 cost of one new treatment chair for the Centre's day ward, which is about to undergo a \$3 million redevelopment program. Ninety-two players hit off for the event, including teams from the home club and Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads Lions

(eventual winner), competing for the Lions Perpetual Cup. Now in its fourth year, the golf day previously has supported our local CFA and SES units as well as development of junior sport in Portarlington, Drysdale and St Leonards. The Cancer Centre's 'Project Love Appeal', aims to raise the \$3million for redevelopment of its chemotherapy day ward and pharmacy. The chemotherapy treatment chairs, or

'pods' improve comfort and privacy for patients undergoing day therapy and will include all the equipment surrounding the chair itself, as well as items such as iPods and DVD players.

Lions President, Gary Bennett thanked the 23 teams who contested the golf day and the many sponsors who made the day possible.

"Some of our members and their families have relied on the care provided by Andrew Love, so we were delighted to contribute to this most worthy appeal," he said.

For information about joining Lions, contact Ray Meaney on (03) 5259 1782.



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Bellarine Fathers Group

Seeking expressions of interest for dads who might like to get together and help each other. We are thinking dads who take an active role in their children's lives might like to get together at least once a month and for an outing with our kids as well. We might have excursions to parks, playgrounds or some other arranged activities.

We could also organize parenting workshops and possibly a dads night out. I believe there are not enough resources, social groups or services for dads. I'm hoping that Stay at home dads, Working dads, Single or married Dads and Step father's might be interested in getting together. I'm hoping this group will be a safe place for dads to come to talk other dads about day to day issues or anything dad related. I'm hoping to encourage dynamic, diverse, creative dads to dedicate to become an active role model in their child's lives and by example of redefining what it means to be a 21st century DAD.

If you have any fatherly friends within the Bellarine Peninsula and Geelong region please spread the word about Bellarine Fathers Group and encourage them to join with us. For more information about Bellarine Fathers Group please do not hesitate to contact me via email at bellarinefathersgroup@gmail.com or 0457 434 030 or ring SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre on (03) 5253 1960 to register your interest. John Lincoln



Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers

Again a good turnout of kinship carers attended our monthly meeting. Amongst our regulars were two new grandparents, new to our group, but not new to caring. John and Betty (not their real names) were so overjoyed at being able to talk and discuss their situation with others who understand how they feel. "How good to just come and talk to others in the same boat – the other carers understand how we feel, they understand where we have been and where we are going", said Betty.

We discuss issues that are important to us as kinship carers in an open and friendly atmosphere. If you like to join our group, Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers at the next and last meeting for this year on 7 December, 2015 from 10am to 1pm at SpringDale, you are most welcome.

Jeannette Hanley-Heath



Diabetes Support Group

It was a small group that met at the first meeting of the Diabetes Support Bellarine at SpringDale. We discussed a few issues including always feeling hungry, recipes and snacking.

A reminder of some healthy choices that can be used as snack foods are: Seasonal fruit - is the easiest, Tinned/Frozen fruits - think ahead, Vegetable sticks - prepare a few extra vegetable sticks when preparing a meal - stored in a small container to be used for dips or with cheese, Mixed or unsalted nuts.

If you or you know anyone who is interested - the next meeting is on 3rd December at 2pm and we will have the Peer Support Co-Ordinator from Diabetes Victoria who will discuss how they may be able to assist our meetings in the future.

More details, ideas and information about this group please check Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DiabetesSupportBellarine>



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The Rotary Club of Drysdale is very happy to support the Bruno Callori Young Artist Mentorship Program. Instigated by a former member with the assistance of Bruno Callori who identified a need to encourage young students to explore art. So a program was established where students from local High Schools in Year 11 were encouraged to submit a piece of work to the Rotary Clubs Easter Art Show to be judged. A student from each of four local high schools is then selected to be Mentored in preparing work for their Year 12 portfolio. Now in its fifth year and four schools participating it is proving to be very much appreciated by the schools and the students alike.

Students Albany Flanagan (Christian College), Harley Olsen (Bellarine Secondary College), Brad Kiddle (Newcomb Secondary College) and Alannah Meier (Geelong High School) joined us at a recent meeting to share with us what the Program has done for them and their exploration of Art in it many mediums. What a talented bunch they are.



Sponsored by our local Bendigo Community Bank, Lisa Neville MP, Geelong Art Supplies, Cavalier Art Supplies and this year we have a new private sponsor.

Why not mark your diary for next Easter and check their works out. We all like to be encouraged.

Want to know more about this program or other programs Rotary participate in. Then come along to a meeting one Monday evening at the Clifton Springs Golf Club. Call me on 0408 989 221 to book your complimentary visit.

Caroline Rickard
President, Rotary Club of Drysdale

Festival of Glass 2016 - Glass Creativity Continues

Sunday 21 February
10am - 4pm

We are around 3 months away from the 2016 Festival of Glass and already the floor is nearly booked out with glass artists from across the country, we may even be using the mezzanine floor if we get extra bookings. This may create some planning issues, but we feel confident that we can overcome most of the hurdles.

Several new components have been added to the Festival this year, with the first being the Treasure Hunt. The committee is keen to get local traders involved in the Festival, and it has worked extremely well so far. We have been out and about, talking to local

shop owners about having a *tiny* glass Treasure in their shop as well as a real glass Treasure, which will be part of the Treasure Hunt prize pool. The plan is that from the 1 February next year, the shops involved will have entry forms which will get stamped if the entry form holder is able to locate the tiny Treasure. The entry forms will be handed in at the Festival and if there is the required amount of stamps on the form, the holder is able to draw out of a barrel a specially numbered glass marble, which will correspond to a numbered list of prizes. The prizes are hand-made glass items which have been commissioned for the Festival of Glass by many of the Glass artists who regularly attend the Festival. It's new and exciting, and it is involving the Community and the Traders, all we trust will gain a significant amount of satisfaction and reward for their efforts. Look for specially marked posters on shop windows from the middle of January onwards.

The next adventure will be held on the 19 February at Leura Park winery, where Mark Elliott and Peter Minson, 2 remarkable glass blowers will be making a glass Hooded Plover and an Orange Bellied Parrot. Both birds are rare and this exercise is meant to highlight their plight and show how glass can



be formed into extremely life like objects. This is a ticketed Masterclass event, see our website for details.

www.festivalofglass.net.au

If you have a room available for billeting purposes, we would like to hear from you. We have a couple of artists who would like to stay with someone locally. I can be contacted on (03) 5253 1112 or ccd21@bigpond.net.au

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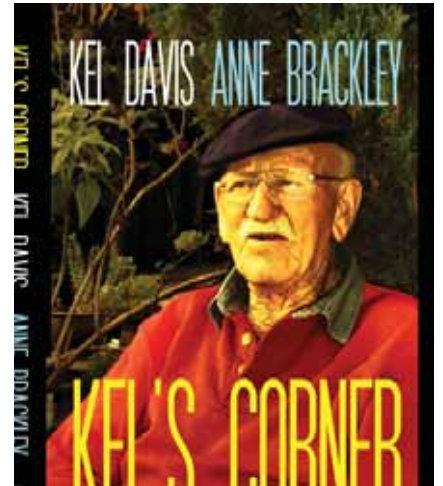
Kel - "I have written a book"

After 7 years, my thoughts of writing a book have come true. I'm sure my teacher Mr Jefferies is turning in his grave. He was the Head Teacher in my final years at Drysdale State School. He would regularly yell "Out, Get Out" and I would be sent to work in the school garden plot. Other teachers at the school at that time were Betty Ford and Miss Harris, later to become Mrs McAdam. Mr Jefferies thought I was a dead loss - little did he know that I would become an author. I remember just after the war Reg Butcher

and I helped to move Betty Ford to Derrinallum, in the Western District, where she married a farmer.

Paper work was not my strong suit, I would regularly swap paper work for tarping down the truck. I remember when Harry Greenham from Newmarket used to ask me how many sheep had gone through and he'd say "What do you make it Kel - I made it 1040?" I'd say "Give me a minute." He would then yell "How'd you go?" and I yelled "Your absolutely right!"

Books will be available from SpringDale hopefully before Christmas.



Bellarine Twilight Christmas Festival



It's nearly here and the countdown to Christmas has begun!

It's nearly here and the countdown to Christmas has begun! We can't wait any longer so Clifton Springs Primary School and our partners - The Salvation Army, SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre and the Clifton Springs/Curlewis Lions Club - would like to warmly invite you to our Bellarine Twilight Christmas Festival. Our vision is to provide an evening that welcomes the entire community to share in the joy of Christmas. Please invite your neighbours and friends to join you for a merry evening guaranteed to put a smile on

your face and take pleasure in kindness and togetherness of our Bellarine community.

You will be entertained by local musicians Janine Stephenson and Tom Harold, as well as the Geelong West Brass Band, Bellarine Peninsula Just Brass and a collection of other local and student acts performing Christmas Carols.

There will be lots of Christmas fun for the kids and for just \$5 they can enjoy all the activities including pony rides, jumping castles, face painting and a petting zoo. If we sing Jingle

**Friday 11 December
at Twilight**

Bells loudly enough there will even be a visit from the big man in Red!

We also have an auction with some fantastic items available for you to purchase, perhaps you would like some tickets to the ever popular Blues Train or an amazing piece of photography from Tim Pescott. Better still there's no need to cook because we have a diverse range of tasty and affordable choices from our food court. So send out your invitations, pack a picnic rug or some chairs and find your best Christmas finery. It's time to get your Christmas spirit out to share.

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The Cruise on Saturday starts from the Drysdale recreation reserve with cars assembling from 5.30pm with the Cruise beginning at 6.00pm.

The route incorporates Drysdale, Clifton Springs, Portarlinton, Indented Head and St Leonard's, returning to Drysdale reserve for an evening on the deck at the Drysdale Cricket Club. Cheap meals and live music will be provided, bring the kids along for an enjoyable night out.

The Classic Car Show on Sunday is from 10am till 3pm, Classis Cars, Motorbikes and vintage machinery are all welcome



with Trophies & prizes for the best presented vehicles.

Free admission with plenty of parking off Wyndham at rear of the park, a live band will be playing throughout the day with a jumping castle for the kids. A BBQ lunch will be available along with a canteen and fully licensed bar facilities.

If you have a classics vehicle bring it down and bring the family for great day out.

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Portarlington Demons Football Netball Club Inc.

The 2016 Board of Management is intent on improving the club's image and performance, both on and off the field. We want a higher profile within the community, a community that's proud of us, attracting more members and increasing attendances on match days. We want to promote, protect and grow our juniors. In essence we want to be the club that you want to join!

The Club is currently undergoing an extensive recruiting program,

seniors/juniors, football/netball – again we want to be that club that players want to represent. We are recruiting for the future with quality players and just importantly, quality people – our culture will sell us.

Do you know anyone who would be a recruit for us? Let us know ASAP – we will follow all leads.

2016 MEMBERSHIPS & 2016 DEMONS CLUB:

We are open for business and you can renew here and now.

Can you recruit a new member?

Please do so, neighbours, relatives, partners, work colleagues etc. are all good prospects.

Thank you in anticipation of your efforts in this regard.

Have a great summer but Keep your eye on the red and the blue.

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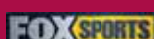
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