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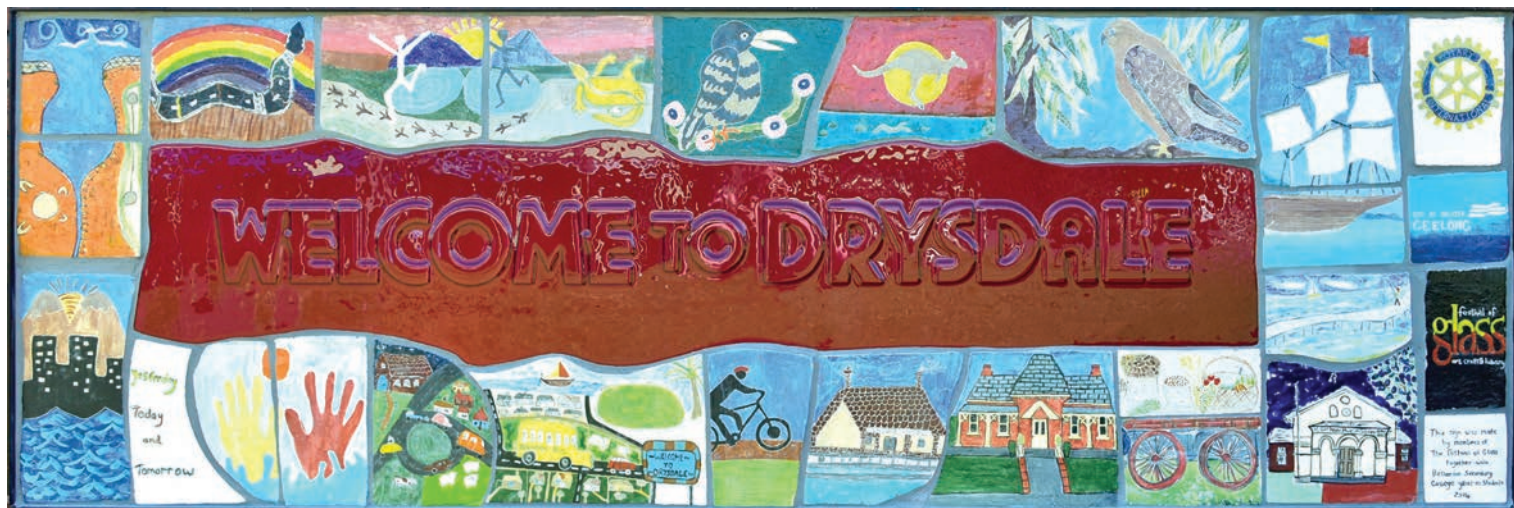
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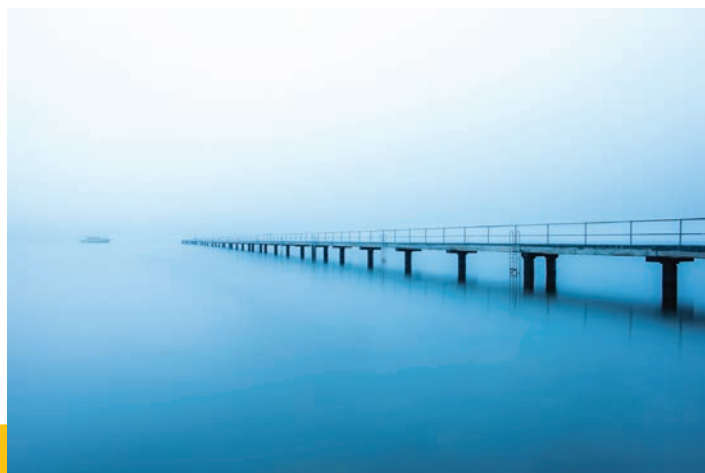
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Talented Artists within our Community

Congratulations to Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association, the Rotary Club of Drysdale and the Festival of Glass Committee for implementing another part of the Streetscape to Artscape plan in the form of an art piece in the Village Green. The community felt that it would be an appropriate place to have an art piece and now there is one. Please have a look at this piece of art which has been installed on the South wall of the Drysdale Senior Citizens Building.



From Here to Eternity



*Congratulations Nick Randall, winner
of the Public Voting Peoples Choice*

Read more about Bellarine Camera Club's Annual Exhibition on page 7

Installation to Opening



Community CALENDAR

SpringDale Community Calendar is a SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre initiative to support the whole community.
If you wish to place your event in the calendar and further issues of The SpringDale Messenger please email, write or call the event details to our office.

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NOVEMBER

Tuesday	1	Summit at SpringDale, 9am - 5pm (and by appointment)
Tuesday	1	Melbourne Cup Holiday. SpringDale closed
Friday	4	Drysdale Primary School Spring Fair, 3.45pm - 7.45pm
Saturday	5	Harvest Basket Produce Swap, SpringDale, 9am - 10.30am
Monday	7	Drysdale RSL Remembrance Golf Day - Clifton Springs Golf Club
Wednesday	9	Days for Girls, SpringDale, 9am - 12noon
Friday	11	Remembrance Day. Drysdale Cenotaph
Saturday	12	Bush Dance at SpringDale, 7.30pm
Sunday	13	Drysdale Station Market, 9am - 2pm
Sunday	20	Drysdale Community Market, 9am - 1pm
Sunday	20	An Evening with Groucho, 2pm - Potato Shed
Tuesday	22	Good Ol' Rock' n Roll with The Hip Cats, 10.30am - Potato Shed
Friday	25	Drysdale Day View Club meeting, 11am Portarlington Golf Club
Friday	25	SpringDale Annual General Meeting, 5pm
Fri-Sun	25-27	Queenscliff Music Festival
Fri-Sun	25-27	Geelong Revival Motoring Festival
Saturday	26	Community Garden Open Day, 11am - 2pm
Monday	28	Business Network Breakfast, SpringDale 7am

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Coordinator's News

Anne Brackley



Hi Friends and Friends I am yet to meet. Because of the variety of activities that SpringDale offers our community, these activities allow SpringDale to participate in a wide variety of networks and associations. SpringDale has been a member of the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria (CNAV) for the last 6 years. This is an organisation that has as its Vision – Community newspapers are the voice of the community. The SpringDale Messenger has been the voice of our community for 25 years (this edition).

At the recent annual CNAV conference, SpringDale Messenger won the Best Editorial Comment Award. I'm finding it difficult to write how excited and honoured I feel at the moment. Some people might remember that we won this same award 5 years ago. You might remember me admitting that I failed HSC English in year 12 (a long long time ago) and the award and your comments at the time tried to help me to get over my failure. Having just won it again, I'm happy to accept that the first time wasn't a fluke.

It is so important that we get over hiccups along the way and we keep trying things and accept that we may not achieve perfection. A common expression at the moment in the world of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Creative Design is fail faster. Our young people are being encouraged at school and in certain types of higher education to do this fail faster. It means trial your idea or activity every step of the way to allow any problems or failures

to be found quickly and then be fixed or improved.

For those who have been following our Innovation, Entrepreneurship conversation that we have been promoting through the Messenger and at SpringDale you'll know this is what we are advocating and encouraging people to have a go. It may not be perfect first time through but that's ok – better to prototype and get the idea tested rather than wait till what you think is needed is perfected and then trialed and maybe then not meet the mark of what people want.

This applies to almost all walks of life. Have the courage to have a go. Have the courage to try something new. Have the courage to talk to family and friends about your idea. Have the courage to make a mistake but learn from it. Let's take the power out of the word failure and let's accept that this is just a step along the way to success and it is definitely not a destination in its own right.

Please register your interest in helping us or other parts of our community to test new ideas. Please sign up for webmail via our website or email coordinator@springdale.org.au or phone 5253 1960.

Thanks again for your support. Every comment we receive stimulates us to do better and do more.

Till we meet again or for the first time

Yours very sincerely

Anne Brackley

on behalf of the SpringDale team.

UPDATES

Writing Workshop

Date/time: Sat 26 Nov 2pm - 4pm

Fee: \$40 **Tutor:** Dr Laurent Boulanger

The Money School - Free Seminar

Dates/times: Mon 7th Nov, at 7pm - 8pm

Fee: Free but bookings essential

Tutor: Elena Alexander, The Money School

Espresso Coffee Making Workshop

Dates/times: Sat 5 Nov or 3 Dec 10am - 12noon

Fee: \$30

Tutor: Jordon Smith

Photography - Sculpting with Light

Dates/times: Tues 8 Nov - 29 Nov 7pm - 9pm

(4 sessions)

Fee: \$100 or **Conc:** \$92

Tutor: George Stawicki

Photography Master Class

Dates/times: Tues 6 Dec - 13 Dec 7pm - 9pm

(2 sessions)

Fee: \$70 **Tutor:** George Stawicki

Next Bush Dance Sat 12 Nov.

7.30pm \$10 all welcome

SpringDale Annual General Meeting

Friday 25 Nov 5pm at SpringDale

Members please make sure the office has your current email/residential address to assist us to send you a personal invitation. If you are unable to attend proxy forms will be available and we will webcast it as well. Membership runs for the calendar year – feel free to prepay 2017 when you check your details or whole of life membership is still \$100 maybe a great Christmas present.



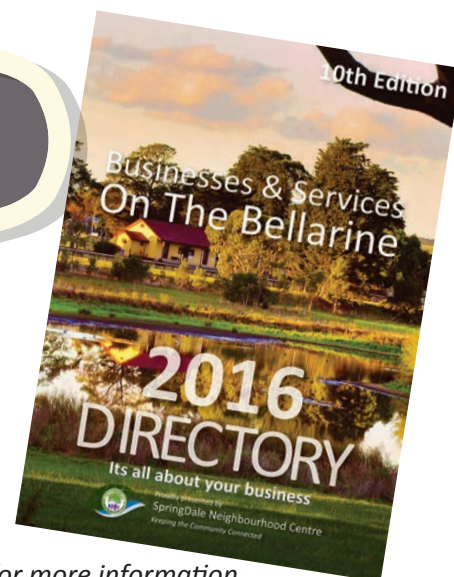
Calling for people with a background in catering and cooking - we could have a volunteer opportunity for you. Contact SpringDale Office on 5253 1960.



Missed out on being included in the 2016 Directory.

Don't wait for the 2017 Edition as online options are now available.

Contact the SpringDale office for more information.





Modernisation of Schools across the Bellarine

It is hard to believe that the final term of school is here and for Year 12 students their end of year exams are just around the corner. Of course education is important to every parent, as it is to me as your parliamentary representative and the State Government. As such I am pleased to be able to report that many schools across the Bellarine are receiving Government funding for upgrades.

In August I was pleased to visit the Portarlington Primary School, with the Minister for Education James Merlino, to discuss their plans for the \$5.7 million learning centre due to get underway in the coming weeks. Earlier in the year I visited Ocean Grove Primary where \$4 million of state funding has been allocated for the largest upgrade in the school's history.

Across the bridge at Barwon Heads, in April works began on a \$3.4 million project that sees new class rooms being built and relocatable buildings removed in time for the 2017 school year.

And Drysdale Primary School has \$3.2 million for the building of their new classrooms.

At the secondary level, both Bellarine Secondary and St Ignatius Colleges have been allocated multi-million dollar government funding packages for upgrade and refurbishment works.

The Andrews State Government has committed to making Victoria the Education State and central to this is ensuring students, like those on the Bellarine, have access to high quality facilities.

Welcome to our Summer Sporting Season

As we move into November the summer sporting season is upon us and all those who participate will have dusted off their gear and equipment and are now focussing on the months ahead. Sporting clubs play a vital role in a community in not only providing a game of sport, but also in bringing the community together and importantly keeping local kids engaged.

So in supporting clubs I have been pleased to

work with many on projects to secure their future, like the Drysdale Sports Precinct that when completed will provide a new home for a number of sports including football, netball and soccer. I wish all our summer sports women and men good luck for the season ahead and it is very true that it is taking part that really counts, not whether you win, lose or draw.

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
Member for Bellarine

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Letters to the Editor

Mowing near Mcleods

Thank you to the generous soul who mows a track around the west end of McLeods Waterholes – grass seems to have grown very quickly this year and there is always a track to assist people to keep their feet as dry as possible. Although I don't know your name please be assured that your efforts are gratefully received.

Sue, Drysdale.



Send your letters to:
messenger@springdale.org.au

Business Network Breakfast

Monday \$20
28 Nov. *Mark this date in your diary today!*
7am start



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(03) 5253 1960 and
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Business Breakfast

Over the last 12 years we have provided breakfasts for our local and not so local businesses. We took on this role when asked by businesses to do so. But as there are now new networks developing in the area perhaps it is time for us to morph into something else. Looking forward to your comments and assistance with how to move forward.

It could stay as a quarterly business network or become a quarterly community breakfast or it could become something else or as some of our activities do it could fade into the background as it has served its purpose.

Please let us know what you think - please email office@springdale.org.au or phone 5253 1960 or text 0407 529 205.

The next breakfast is Monday 28 November 7am bargain price \$10 for a full 2 course breakfast – bookings essential. If it is to be our last, let's make it a good one.

I have only missed 2 of the 48 breakfasts – they have all provided information for our business and local community. I have invited a very special person to be our final speaker – hoping you can attend and please provide your feedback for us to be able to plan for next year.

Anne Brackley

LISA NEVILLE MP

MEMBER FOR BELLARINE

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Melodaires

The Melodaires have experienced a great year of entertaining. Audiences from retirement villages, a garden club, Seniors and Probus groups and Aged Care facilities, have enjoyed our Afternoon Melodies. They love the choice of songs, the dazzling costumes and, of course, the music provided by Lizzie Coyne on keyboard and Len Neagle on drums (see picture). The Melodies welcomed Peter Syracoski who joined the group during the year as our "Roadie". A popular song with the audience was "Dancin' in the Street" performed by Ray Jones, Lana Zandoni, John McCarthy and Val McNerney (picture). The Melodaires love performing and will be available for bookings next year.

Call Lorraine on 0447 751 697 to arrange your special event with The Melodaires.



CNAV Award

The Community Newspaper Association of Victoria (CNAV) is the peak body representing not-for-profit community newspapers across Victoria.

CNAV works actively with its members to enhance the capacity and standing of community newspapers, to enable them to fully realise their vital role in communities.

Vision - Community newspapers are the voice of the community

There are 70 members of the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria. The member papers each represent their own communities throughout Victoria, from rural and regional areas to the suburbs of Melbourne. These volunteer-driven papers inform and educate their communities, strengthening them socially and economically and help them to be resilient in times of hardship. They publish stories to let their residents know and understand the history and culture of their people and localities. Between them, they distribute a total more than 180,000 copies of their papers to their communities each issue.

SpringDale Messenger has been a member since we discovered this Association in 2010 and has been a member ever since. SpringDale Messenger has been a finalist in awards 3 times and has won 2 awards.

This year we have representation on the Committee of the Association, which will allow us to grow in our knowledge and skills within this field.



POTATO SHED 2016 Season Programme

• Morning Showtime •
Tuesday 22nd November
 starts @ 10.30am, \$15, Morning Tea incl.
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RSL Member Profile -

Roy Alfred Jackson



Building the foreshore

DCSCA continues to monitor the City of Greater Geelong's efforts to stabilise and improve the local foreshore. We hold regular and productive discussions with senior council managers directing the work, where they outline their plans and we give them insights into how the foreshore is used and what changes would benefit local people.

Currently, DCSCA is exploring how to get the Clifton Springs boat harbour's status upgraded from a "District" to a "Regional" facility, as this would result in more frequent dredging of the harbour entrance. DCSCA members have made several suggestions for improving the harbour, but overcoming the bureaucratic hurdles to such an upgrade will take time.

A spring water feature

DCSCA is discussing with council officers how best to create a spring water feature on the foreshore. Following a DCSCA submission, the council allocated funds in its current budget to study how best to create such a feature. At the site of the mineral springs, indented erosion has created a small rocky promontory. This makes access to the site difficult and is a barrier to a continuous foreshore walk. A boardwalk offshore from the promontory would act as a platform from which to see the new spring water feature and would also be part of a continuous foreshore walk.

A place for you?

DCSCA members are welcome at any DCSCA activities, including at DCSCA committee meetings. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at SpringDale to discuss issues raised by local people.

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

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

Roy Alfred Jackson born 10th January 1936, passed away 10th November 2015.

Roy was born in London and spent some of the war years as a boy being evacuated to the north of England. This brought about a love of adventure and the desire to see new places.

He left school at 15 and worked as a fireman on the British Rail until he was called up for national service at age 18. He stayed in the army after his required two years and joined the Royal Engineers Pioneer Corp. He worked his way through the ranks until he decided to join the Parachute Regiment seeking more adventure. He passed the selection course with flying colours and would go onto see active service in Kenya, Suez, Malaya and Cyprus. His service book rated him as an exemplary soldier. His thirst for travel took him to New Zealand in 1966 where he joined the New Zealand Army Engineer Squadron where he served in Thailand on the Thai/Laos border constructing roads. He met and married Barbara in New Zealand. They have two children and four grandchildren. When he left the regular army, he joined the NZ Territorial Army (Army Reserve), this time

he completed the NZSAS selection course and was a member of the SAS Regiment (TF) until the family moved to Australia in 1979.

Roy joined the Victoria Police force and spent 20 years in various roles. He also joined the Australian Army Reserve where he eventually got to the rank of WO1 before retiring. His active involvement in the service of three countries lasted 40 years.

When Roy retired from Victoria Police, he and Barbara moved to Clifton Springs which he always said was the best move he ever made in his life. He enjoyed his involvement with the RSL and ANZAC Day was a very important day in his life. His ongoing hobby was building his model railway and planning his next holiday. He was a loving family man and loved spending time with his four grandchildren.




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The weekend of the 15th and 16th October saw the Bellarine Camera Club's annual exhibition come together at the SpringDale Hall in Drysdale.

Every club member had the opportunity to present their work for public viewing and the hall was crammed full with hundreds of images on display.

The images on display showed a wide variety of subject matter. These included portraits, nature, abstract, flowers, architecture, and some very cool macro images of a world unseen. There were images from around the world e.g. United Kingdom, USA, and Singapore through to Antarctica and all points in between. The display drew high praise from visiting professional photographers as well as members of other local camera clubs and general public.

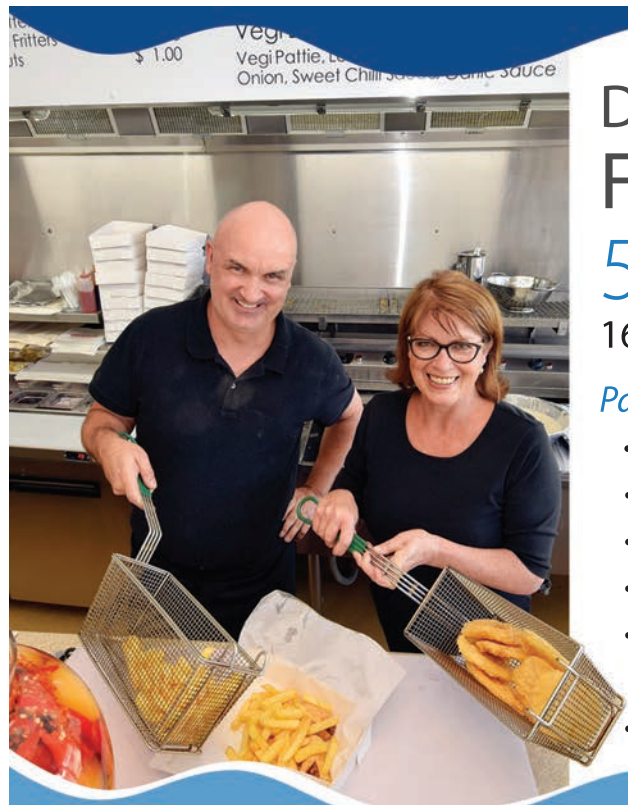
There was a competition called *My Bellarine* where club members put forward an image representing that they felt represented the Bellarine area. Members of the public were able to vote on their favourite image with Nick Randall taking out first place and bragging rights with their image of "From Here To Eternity". Congratulations Nick and thanks to the public for their input.

Anne Brackley was invited to officially open the exhibition on Friday night, where

members and their family came along. Anne spoke highly of the long association the club had with the SpringDale Centre and the importance of providing a place for community activities. Organiser Shane Coles said 'We pride ourselves in being a very friendly welcoming club with a wide range of talents and interests'.

The winners of the raffle were as follows: 1st Sandy Goddard; 2nd A & J Eagle; 3rd Stan Coath; 4th Alex Baulch. Congratulations to all the winners. A big thankyou goes out to the public who supported our exhibition and for all those who expressed interest in joining the club in the future.

For more information visit our website at bellarinecameraclub.org.au



Drysdale Village Fish & Chips

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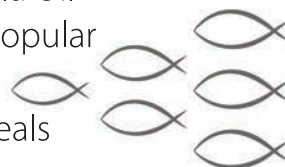
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Rotary in Action

Rotary Club of Drysdale Recognises Local Businesses

The Rotary Club of Drysdale Business Excellence Awards were held recently and a great evening was enjoyed by all who attended. This event focussed on recognising businesses of Portarlington, St Leonards and Leopold. Past President Caroline Rickard and Rtn. Gavan Inkster presented recognition certificates and major prize winners to businesses in the following categories.

Commended

- Portarlington Post Office
- Portarlington Physiotherapy
- RYMAC Automotive (Portarlington)
- L J Hooker St Leonards
- Café Ink (St Leonards)
- Ivory (St Leonards)

Winner Most Voted

- Wish Pond (Portarlington) (Coffee, Gifts, Wool (and Knitting Accessories))

The Winner of the Top Award

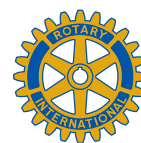
- Gateway Fish and Chips in Leopold.

The Rotary Club of Drysdale congratulates all these businesses and the contribution they make to our local community.



Unveiling of Welcome to Drysdale Glass Mural

The Rotary Club of Drysdale is very proud to be associated with the Festival of Glass 'Welcome to Drysdale' mural project. The unveiling took place on Thursday 29 September on the Drysdale Village Green, with representatives from the Festival of Glass, Rotary Club of Drysdale, Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-op and the Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association.



Pop Into Your Favourite Café and Learn About Rotary

If you are looking for a way to make a difference in your local community through your business or profession, becoming a Rotarian is a great way to do it. Earlier this year, the Rotary Club of Drysdale launched its Pop Up Learn About Rotary sessions. Members of the Club visit local cafes and talk to members of the community about the wonderful work Rotary does in the world. Just look for the Rotary banner, or check our Facebook page to see where we are popping up next.

Rotary is a business/professional network, founded by Chicago lawyer Paul Harris in 1905. Vocational, one of the Rotary Avenues of Service, calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. The Rotary Club of Drysdale is currently looking for new members, so if you think you have something to offer, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We meet at the Clifton Springs Golf Club on Monday evenings for dinner between 6 and 8 pm.

Catherine Eagleson

Rotary Club of Drysdale Publicity Director

Ph. 0474 199 389

SpringDale Occasional Care Book now for 2017

SpringDale Occasional Care is currently taking bookings for 2017. The Occasional Care is a significant part of SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre and is one of the many services the Centre offers to the community. We are a small childcare centre with our aim being to create a friendly, 'homelike' environment.

We are lucky enough to help many childcare students who enjoy this nurturing environment while completing their placements with us. They learn that some families look for an alternative to long day care and Occasional Care is a flexible choice. We offer 3hr or 5hr sessions with the option of paying per session, either cash, internet or term payments. We currently have a few places available for over 3yrs for the remainder of 2016 and we are taking bookings for 2017.

You are welcome to come and have a look at the centre and meet the staff. Our Occasional Care Centre entrance is off Princess St and is attached to SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. Our direct phone number is 5251 1627. We look forward to your visit.

Jean & Janet

SpringDale Occasional CARE

Entrance is off Princess Street, adjoined to the Neighbourhood Centre.
Phone 5251 1627.

Session times

Monday	8.30 - 1.30
Tuesday	9.00 - 12.00
Wednesday	9.00 - 2.00
Thursday	9.00 - 2.00
Friday	9.00 - 12.00

Fees: 5hrs - \$40
3hrs - \$25

Welcome to the first instalment of On the Land.

This column from the Bellarine Branch of the Victorian Farmers Federation hopes to keep people up to date with what is happening in the rural parts of the Bellarine Peninsula.

As this is the first column, let's start with some background on the district and what is happening.

The Bellarine Peninsula has more than 500 farm businesses. These farms range from flower farms near Leopold, berry and fruit farms around Wallington, vineyards and olive groves near Drysdale and Portarlington, hydroponic lettuce and tomatoes through to large scale grazing and cropping businesses near Swan Bay.

Cropping and grazing are the major land uses on the Peninsula.

Cropping usually involves growing cereals such as wheat, barley and oats as well as canola which has the bright yellow flowers during spring. While most of these crops are growing now, they won't be harvested until summer.

The wheat is used for flour production, the barley is used to produce malt for beer and the canola is destined for cooking oil and margarine.

Keep an eye out for harvesters and field bins travelling along roads around the Peninsula in the coming months.

On the Land



Most of the livestock grazing around the district are beef cattle and sheep.

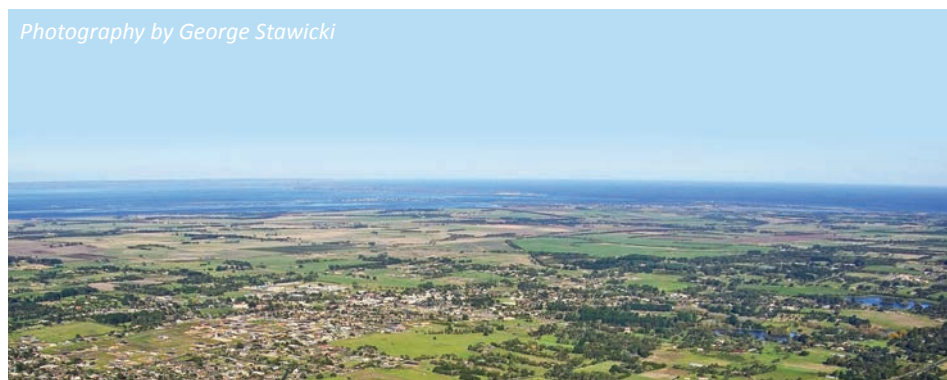
The black cattle which dominate the local beef herd are Angus cattle although there are some Hereford herds around. Herefords are red with white faces, white legs and have a white tip on their tail.

The majority of sheep in the district are used to produce prime lambs which are born in autumn and winter and sold in spring as 'spring lamb'. There are also a number of Merino flocks around which are used to produce wool for suits and knitwear as well as lamb and mutton.

In coming months this column will cover a range of seasonal issues to keep you up to date with what is happening 'on the land'.



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25 years of SpringDale Messenger

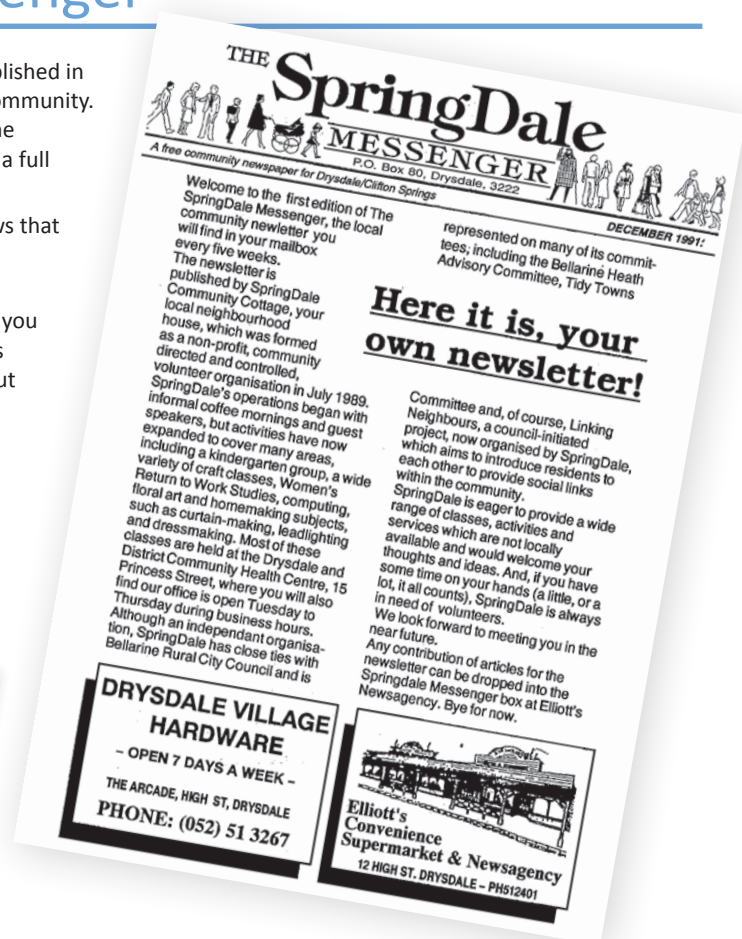
The SpringDale Messenger commenced 25 years ago with a single issue published in 1991. The November 2016 issue completes the 25 years of service to our community. Imagine over the 25 years more than 200,000 articles have been written. The Magazine has grown from an 8 page A5 sized black and white newsletter to a full colour 24 page A4 magazine.

Our distribution has risen from 3000 to 17000 last month when we had news that the communities on the Bellarine all needed to hear.

Thank you so much for your support of the Messenger, thank you to our advertisers some of whom have been with us for the whole 25 years, thank you to our contributors, thank you to our volunteer proof readers and deliverers and special thank you to our readers. Every part of this team is important but without readers it wouldn't matter what we did.

Topics that were hot issues continue to be hot issues – footpaths continue to be a challenge. With more people walking footpaths are essential. Thank you to the council and to the residents who have shared the cost of this infrastructure for the benefit of us all.

We look forward to the next 25 years and the contribution that we can make to the community over the years.



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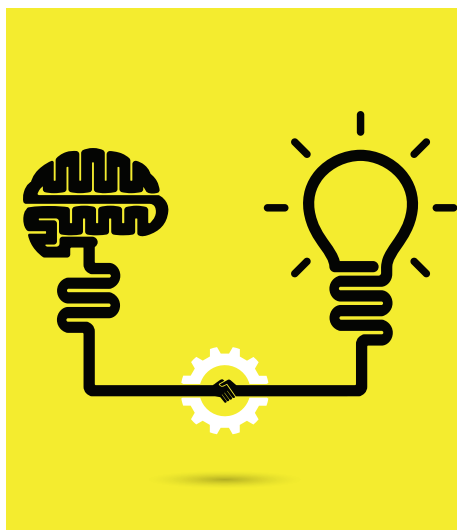
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Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Innovation is not a dirty word, it is a way to make mistakes into successes. The other day at SpringDale I was making some afternoon tea. I decided to make individual serve chocolate ripple cakes. I wanted them to be fantastic so I decided to soak the biscuits as I had heard people do. This was a mistake the biscuits went to mush. What to do? Being a thrifty girl guide I couldn't throw the biscuits out. So I decided to use an idea that has been circulating the catering scene of hors d'oeuvres – using white Chinese soup spoon and putting the mushy chocolate ripple on it and scattering some finely chopped

watermelon over it. The comments that bounced back about these morsels were very encouraging and they were all devoured. Thus a failure had become a success. This is what I think about when I think about innovation. I continue to believe that creating our own jobs through what we love is the way forward. Over the next few months we will be trialling classes to help people to change their mind set. Please register your interest in helping us – we have a number of names but a few more would be very useful. Please consider helping us with this project.

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What is Palm oil?

Have you noticed that most of your food products contain Palm oil?

Palm oil is an edible oil derived from the fruit of the *Elaeis Guineensis* oil palm in Africa.

It has been proven to reduce blood cholesterol more than other saturated fats such as coconut oil, dairy and animal fats. It is also an important source of beta-carotene.

Although Palm oil may be a healthier option for us humans, it certainly isn't doing many favours for the native animals in Indonesia where 85% of all Palm oil is produced.

According to WWF (World Wildlife Fund), an area equivalent to the size of 300 football fields of rainforest is destroyed every hour just for the production of Palm oil. Because of this large scale deforestation, many species are becoming critically endangered, such as the Sumatran tiger, which will become extinct in three years if this deforestation continues.

Palm oil is found in a variety of products such as household cleaners, makeup, toothpaste, shampoo and food. It is almost impossible to tell if a product contains Palm oil as there is no law in Australia which forces the manufacturers to clearly label it.



Companies regularly try to disguise the fact that their product contains Palm oil by giving it another name on the label. In fact, there are nearly 400 different ingredient names that contain Palm oil, with the most popular being "vegetable oil".



What can you do?

The most important and useful thing you can do is buy products from companies who use Certified Sustainable Palm oil (CSPO). Sustainably grown Palm oil is grown on land that originally did not have a significant amount of native plant and animal life and meets the highest environmental, social and economic standards set out by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO).

Because it is so hard to tell whether the Palm oil is sustainable or not, the best thing to do is contact the company and ask.

Make the switch, for the earth and the animals.

Kelly Barrett

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Thailand Orphanage

Started 17 years ago, I'd been in the SpringDale \$2 plus shop for about a year when we went to Thailand for a holiday and we fell in love with the people and the culture. We visited an HIV orphanage, which was housed in a bomb shelter with little food. This inspired us to sponsor and physically support this initiative.

After a couple of visits, we were pleased to find that the King of Thailand had created new premises for the 320 children in the orphanage, and he was also funding medical treatment.

We sponsored nappies, milk powder, washing materials and art and craft supplies. We now supply education, optical and dental support.

About 6 years ago, due to medical reasons, we stopped going to Thailand but continue to support the project financially and still do to this day.

Our physical efforts were directed to Fiji where we also love the people and culture, we began sponsoring a village with educational supplies.

After a few visits we realised the villagers needed magnifiers to assist with reading. Approximately 4 years ago our family started to carry 200 pairs of glasses to a village Corivo near the Naviti resort. We retired 2 years ago and I am happy to commend our daughter Dani from the SpringDale \$2 plus shop for continuing to support this project by supplying eye glasses snorkels and goggles.

Thanks to Dianne Looker who made these dresses for the children, pictured, in the jungle of Thailand. This was another extra activity. Thanks to everyone who supported these initiatives.

Maggie Baker.



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The lesser lights shine in household recycling

How can you recycle more at home? We're really good at recycling items from the kitchen, but often forget about other rooms in the house.

The research presented in Planet Ark's Seven Secrets of Successful Recyclers shows that the kitchen is the recycling hotspot with around two thirds (62%) of Australian homes having a recycling bin or bag set up there.

This drops to about one in three each for the garage and the home office (37% and 43% respectively) and one in four (23%) for the laundry. The bathroom with less than one in five (18%) houses having a recycling bin or bag is the lowest achiever.

Yet the bathroom with its high supply of aerosol cans and plastic bottles offers a rich source of recycling. These include:

- Shampoo and shower gel bottles.
- Liquid soap dispensers.
- Empty aerosol cans, such as shaving foam and deodorants.
- Plastic cleanser and toner bottles.
- Cardboard toilet roll cores.
- Cardboard packaging that comes with toothbrushes and razor blades.

Common items found in the laundry that you can recycle include:

- Cardboard washing powder boxes.
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Latin Class

Veni, vidi, vici ... ring a bell? Whose words are these?

What do "candid opinions" and "candidates" have in common?

(Answers below!)

And then there's language learning for the ageing brain. The language of Catullus and Cicero will help to answer these questions and keep the brain – and the heart – alive and working.

We started Latin classes at SpringDale in February this year and have a small but dedicated class of interested people. We use the computer room at SpringDale, which allows people to use some of the internet resources that are available. We did some work with Aesop's Fables, which were engaging but the Latin in the Cambridge course is graded in a better way. And doesn't drop learners in at the deep end. I am hoping a few people who tried us in February will give the course another try with this new approach. Remember too, that we can do the work largely by email for people who have trouble getting there on Saturday morning.

With a few Saturdays away on my part, we manage 10 – 12 classes per semester. At \$50 per semester, paid to the Neighbourhood Centre, this works out at about \$5 per week for the 1.5 hour class and includes email corrections etc on demand. (I stress that I am not paid for this, and the payments go into SNC funds, plus a couple of books for the course.)

We have also put out some feelers to U3A in Geelong to see if there are more people living on the Bellarine Peninsula who are happy to come across to Drysdale on a Saturday morning. While we concentrate on the nuts and bolts of classical Latin, we have also explored some of the historical and cultural context of Roman life. Mary Beard's recent programme Rome: Empire without Limits broadcast recently on SBS was grist to mill.

Re our questions above, *veni, vidi, vici* "I came, I saw, I conquered" Julius Caesar in a letter to the Roman Senate re his campaign in Gaul in 47 BC.

Candidus = white (the colour of Senate candidates' togas) = pure = open, frank, honest (just like our politicians!);

And a frank opinion is a candid opinion, isn't it?

How did you go?

Neil Bell



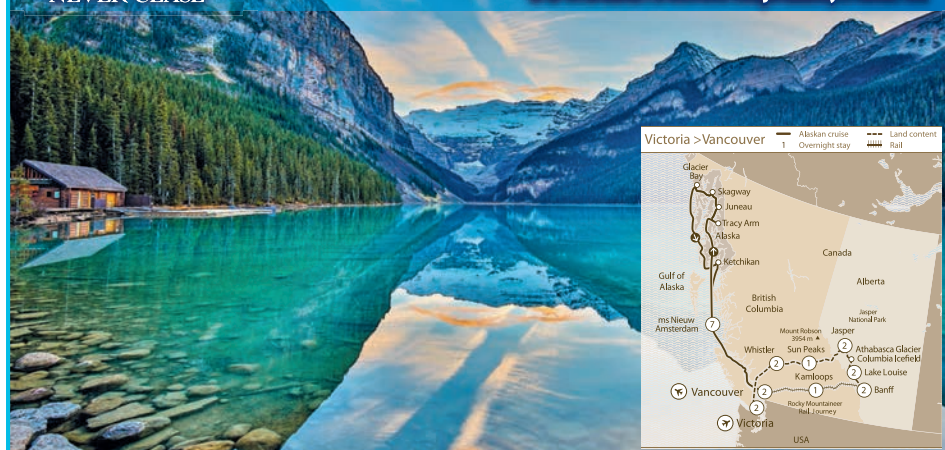
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Clifton Springs Garden Club

At our recent AGM out-going Treasurer Suzy Ridgeway was presented with a gift, bouquet of flowers and a Life Membership from the Committee and Members in recognition of her time as Treasurer. Suzy joined the Committee in 2001 and from 2004 until this year she served as Treasurer, making her the longest serving Treasurer in the Club's history. During this period of time Suzy also served as Show Secretary of the Annual Flower Shows helping in the establishment of a computer system to streamline the running of these very successful shows. Suzy is a great example to us all with her commitment to the Club and Community. Congratulations Suzy on a great job and we look forward to your continuing on the Committee. Also, out-going President Karla Ramseyer was presented with a gift and a bouquet of flowers as a thank you from the Committee and Members for her time as President.

November is a busy month for the Club with our last meeting for the year - the guest speaker talking on Fushias. We have a bus trip to Alowyn Gardens in Yarra Glen, and Members Open Gardens is on again. This day is a great opportunity to share our gardens with other members, get advice on plants and some new ideas for our own gardens.

We finish the day with a lovely afternoon tea which is always a good way of getting to know other members on a more social level.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Uniting Church Hall, Drysdale. For any further information, Secretary Helen Allan can be contacted on 5257 1566 or email hallan@iprimus.com.au.



Out-going President Karla Ramseyer and Secretary Helen Allan



Suzy Ridgeway with her Life Membership



Out-going Treasurer Suzy Ridgeway and Secretary Helen Allan



Is this you?

You are a keen gardener, probably retired or working just a couple of days per week and looking to work on a community project with like-minded people; a project that will keep you fit and healthy while also assisting many families in our region.

The SpringDale Community Garden Committee of Management is looking for a Volunteer Garden Manager to spend a couple of days each week to oversee the plantings, care and maintenance of our community garden located behind the Drysdale Community Church in Jetty Road, Curlewis.

Our members grow fresh produce for their own use or to share with others.

Importantly, a proportion is also grown for the Community Church FoodBank project serving over 100 families in the area with tinned, packaged, frozen and fresh foods.

If this sounds like you, we'd love to have a coffee and a chat.

Phone Max, on 0414 833 290 or
Brian on 0412 762 355.

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Another Good News Story

Sincere thanks to the Fords workers who have supported a special social, interactive day for all the students of Nelson Park for the last 15 years. For many years the Ford staff, through their social club fund raising activities have funded an exciting day at Adventure Park, Wallington.

With so much happening with employment issues at Fords its almost beyond belief that these employees still want to and will create an enjoyable day for the Nelson Park students again this year in November.

Nelson Park School Council, staff, parents and especially the students wish to thank these workers and all the workers in the past who have helped to make this such a special day for the whole school. Thanks also to the Kwans Club for the part they play in the day.

Ken Brackley, parent of past student at Nelson Park
The SpringDale Messenger November 2016



Growing veg from seed



Preparing to sow summer veg in my heated propagator.

It's easy and convenient to buy veggie seedlings in punnets, but growing at least some of your veg from seed will give you access to far more varieties. Here are a few tips.

Use fresh seed. Seed needs to be fresh for reliable germination and strong growth. Don't keep seed packets in a hot garden shed because the heat may sterilise them. The best place is in a sealed plastic container in the fridge or another cool, protected place.

Don't sow seed too deep. A good rule of thumb is to cover seed with its own depth of soil. So fine seed (onions, carrots, fennel, etc.) will be covered by just a thin sprinkling of soil, but big seed (beans, corn, peas, etc.) can be poked further into the soil.

Keep it moist. If seed dries out in the soil, it may fail to germinate - or may germinate and then die off. A gentle sprinkle with a watering can or a fine mist from a hose is the best way to water your seed beds. You don't want to wash the seeds away! A thin layer of loose mulch on top (e.g. chopped peastraw or sugar cane waste) can help to keep the soil moist. For carrots, I use strips of old hessian (sack cloth), weighed down by a brick at either end of the row.

Keep critters out. Birds and other wildlife like to snack on seeds and tender seedlings, so it's a good idea to protect them until they're well established. You can use your ingenuity here: I usually use Vege-Net for rows of seedlings (e.g. carrots or salad veg) or plastic yoghurt pots with the bottoms cut out for large individual seedlings (e.g. sunflowers, broad beans or sweetcorn).

Direct sow. Some crops can be sown directly in the garden. Prepare the bed first, carefully picking out weeds that will compete with your new veggie seedlings. Carrots and parsnips do much better when sown directly - after all, the value of these plants is in their long straight root. It's difficult to transplant them without damaging the root, which will cause them to fork. That's why I never buy the punnets of carrot seedlings you sometimes see in the nurseries.

Sow in pots, transplant later. Some crops need a more protected start in life. Examples include tomatoes, capsicums and eggplants. These germinate best in the moist warmth of a propagator. I sow them in pressed paper pots - the roots can grow through the walls of the pot, and there is no need to remove them from the pot for planting - simply stick the pot in the soil, and the paper quickly breaks down.

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Peninsula Probus Club



The Probus Club of the Peninsula Inc. is based in Drysdale and meets on the first Monday morning of each month. We recently welcomed Geoff Henderson and John Rae who gave the history of getting the Portarlington to Melbourne Ferry service off the ground. This involved submissions, planning and applying for grants to the various authorities.

Many consultations and meetings took up a considerable amount of time. The construction of a safe harbour, still in the process of being completed, will provide safe berthing facilities for the Ferry and also for use by the Mussel industry.

The twin-hulled Ferry ran trials until the end of October and some of our members enjoyed one of these trips recently. We would encourage all members of the public to take a Ferry ride and try out this great experience for themselves.



The Money School – Free Seminar

The seminar focuses on budgeting, home loans, investments, short/long term savings etc, so come along and have your questions answered, and gain an insight into general financial affairs and day-to-day money management issues.

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Tutor: Elena Alexander, DipFS, The Money School

Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail

For those of who regularly use the trail you will have noticed the tremendous growth rate this year of our indigenous plants – a lot to do the quantity of rain we have received this winter. The late spring rain has also meant that our group has been able to plant and mulch much later this year, in the process running down our stock levels that were propagated at the community nursery in South Geelong.

For the year to date; the Friends have planted some 2,300 trees / shrubs / grasses / ground covers on the trail, in the process clocking up approx. 900 volunteer hours.

We continue to be guided by the trail manager, CoGG, on where our environmental efforts need to be directed. At the instigation

of CoGG, we recently planted out a small area near Kildoray St. Moolap, so that less mowing was required in the area. Safety for trail and road users is also a consideration when selecting plants for trail entry points near adjacent roadways. On the subject of safety please also keep an eye out for snakes this summer when taking the daily walk or ride!

Finally I must also thank those of you who have provided us with cakes, slices, pies, sausage rolls etc. throughout the year - that has made our 'morning teas' a great social occasion, where the problems of the world are discussed and solved over a 'cuppa.'

Till next time,

Trevor Jennings,

For the Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail.

Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail Vale Peter Cowden

Our 'Friends' group has suffered the loss of a very esteemed and loyal member, namely Peter Cowden, who passed away on July 29. Peter will be sadly missed by all our members, but will also be fondly remembered for his outstanding contribution to our community cause.

Peter joined our group in April 2006 and immediately involved himself in all our activities, including a stint as treasurer, whilst also specialising in publicising our environmental improvements to this very valuable community asset. This encompassed writing newspaper articles, taking photographs that became a digital archive, developing and then presenting 'power-point' presentations along with guest speaking roles at various community clubs. He also energetically managed our webpage – all these extra efforts taking place after he had attended our weekly working bees that have seen, since our inception in 2002, over 86,000 trees, shrubs, grasses etc. (including 50 different species) planted on the trail between South Geelong and Drysdale, along with 34 red-gum seats and 13 picnic tables built and installed. A team effort, where the efforts of each individual are greatly appreciated.

Peter's friendship and knowledge will be sorely missed and our sympathy and condolences go to Anne and her extended family.



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Caravan and Cabins Friends trip to Echuca

Our Probus Club recently tripped to the Echuca caravan park for a few days R & R. Each evening commenced with a Happy Hour (or two) out in the sun or in the new camp kitchen, usually followed by a communal BBQ meal. Days were spent visiting the Holden Car Museum, Brunt's Truck Museum, a cruise on the river boat Alexander Arbuthnot followed by a guided walk through the old town and wharf (guide was Eleanor from Portarlington!); the men drove out to the Torrumbarry Weir and lock one day whilst the ladies visited the Pioneer Ladies of the River exhibition. A great time was had by all and we are looking forward to visiting the Traralgon caravan park in November.

Please contact Dick at 5251 1227 or Di at 5251 5069 for information about our social club for retired ladies and gents which meets on the second Monday of each month, 10am at Clifton Springs Golf Club.



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Town Club Drysdale Weight Loss Group



Town Club Drysdale Weight Loss Group has had a good year in welcoming some new members and celebrating a total loss of 50Kg for the 2015-2016 year.

We had some wonderful highs with a Christmas High tea and a Recognition Day where a number of our members were recognised for losing the most weight or as graduates, maintaining their goal weights. Several of our members have attained their goal weights with others quite close behind them. One of our members has maintained her goal weight for 6 years. We also had fun at Easter with an Easter hat parade and celebrated several members' special birthdays.

Throughout the year we have hosted several speakers on a variety of interesting topics as well as raised money for the Cancer Council and donated Christmas and winter food hampers to the Drysdale Food bank. We also raised money to purchase our new scales.

As a group we are supportive and helpful and we pride ourselves on our happy, friendly, welcoming atmosphere. If you are looking for a group to help you lose those extra kilos, and it does not matter how much it is – 2 or 20 kilos or more – we would love to see you at Drysdale TOWN Club.

We would love to see you at our group. Remember it is only a few hours a week of

your time and yet you could change the eating habits of a lifetime and discover a slimmer, healthier you. If you are interested please come along to a meeting which is held every Wednesday in the Drysdale Football Clubrooms. We start weighing at 9am and our meetings go from approximately 10 to 11am with group therapy being a big part of it.

For more information contact Pat Tainton on 5253 1521 or Robyn Menzel on 5253 3205.

Local Alpacas strut their stuff at Geelong Show

Recently, a local team of young Alpaca paraders got to show their skills (and alpacas) at this year's Geelong Show.

The team, from Wallington-based Bellarine Alpaca Youth, had a fantastic day parading and sharing their alpaca knowledge with the judges. All of the team were excited to receive ribbons on the day.

Bellarine Alpaca Youth is the brainchild of Cath Lukin of Sensuri Alpacas. In the 18 months since the group was formed, BAY has attracted a growing number of children from all over Geelong and the Bellarine. This includes two Clifton Springs girls – Emma Aspland and Laura Kitchingman.

Every month, the team of children and young teenagers steps out onto the paddocks to get to know their alpacas and parade them around an obstacle course. They then get to test their skills at agricultural shows all over Victoria, including the recent Royal Melbourne Show.

The Alpacas, are both intelligent and very friendly. This means that everyone, both two-legged and four-legged, has a great time.

If you'd like to know more about Bellarine Alpaca Youth, contact Cath Lukin from Sensuri Alpacas on 0408 212 210.





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(Cos we're a mixed bunch)

Join us to enjoy the great food and uninterrupted bay views from the House of Jack Rabbit (Café).

Date/Time: Wednesday 16 November 12 noon.

Local foods and wines are all part of the experience for a really relaxing afternoon. Thanks to those who came to our inaugural lunch and thanks for supporting another SpringDale venture. Our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 21 December – please check the Messenger for more details or phone Joan with any other questions Ph 5251 1177.

Joan Wellard



SpringDale Dining Group

This month we are off to the Saints & Sailors in Portarlington on Sunday 13 November at 6.30pm. Please consider coming for great food, great fun and great company.

Contact SpringDale Office on 5253 1960.

Honouring John Brumley



On Sunday 9th October, 2016, the Portarlington Miniature Railway in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Drysdale Inc conducted a dedication ceremony of a memorial platform seat in memory of founding member, the late John Brumley. About 40 people including Rotarians past and present gathered at our station building for the ceremony which was conducted despite the threatening weather conditions prevailing. Notable guests included Hon Gayle Tierney, MP, Sue Van Every, President, Caroline Rickard, Vice-President & Bruce Van Every, Secretary from Drysdale Rotary, and members of the Brumley family.

Funeral Planning can make more Cents...



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Kel's corner

Thanks so much to Jill Wieland who wrote and asked Kel some questions to help us come up with a story for this issue. We selected Was it better or worse? Kel pondered the question

Food: There was always enough food at home, mum was a great cook and dad would supplement the diet with caught game – hare soup was treat for us and the wider family, uncles, aunts, and cousins would all come out Geelong in a horse and jinker. I was lucky enough to find the right bride and Norma has been cooking beautiful meals for almost 70 years.

Safety: It was safer in the early days although there was only one doctor, Dr Taylor, in Portarlington and none at Drysdale but there was a maternity hospital in Wyndham Street until about the 1920s. There was a Bush Nurse in Drysdale just opposite SpringDale in Princess Street. The Bush nurse treated a great range of ailments.

There was very little crime in the area but at one stage when I was delivering a tonne of foot wood in a horse drawn cart some of it went missing at night from previous buyers. No one knew who was pinching it. But one night when there was a small explosion they found the culprit due to the front of the IXL stove blew out when a piece of wood was loaded with some black powder.

Speed of Life: Life was slower there was no TV only radio, people would go to the movies as a special treat at the Assembly Hall (behind the current craft shop). When it was half over you would race to the shops, Leadbeater's or Lunn's and it took quite a while for the shops to work out that they should prepack small white paper bags of mixed lollies on picture nights (which were only held on Saturdays).

Aromas: You were more aware of strong natural smells from the working horses, fanning animals and calves, most people chooks and ducks, the deep sinker or sanitary pan toilets all contributed to the aroma. Hec Peel then Fran Davis, my father then Garth McNamara all fulfilled the role of nightman in the area, which also added to the atmosphere.

Saving: About 1941, while I was working for Reg Butcher I decided to buy a money belt from Wrays and I hung it in the wardrobe with the intent of getting some money together most of the times I went to my bank she was empty I'd already taken the money out.

At the start of Drysdale there used to be a sign with the population number on it - wouldn't it be great to have that now.

Thanks Jill for the questions – that made it very easy for us to write a story.

Kel Davis and Anne Brackley scribe.

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Naming of Club House

On Friday, 7th October the Drysdale Bowling and Croquet Club hosted the official unveiling of a plaque naming the Bowling Club room the "Norma Mortimer Clubroom" to honour the many years of commitment in terms of time, effort and financial input Norma gave to ensure the building of this Clubhouse which was opened in January 1989.

Norma, together with her husband Lex, worked tirelessly to raise the necessary funds to carry out this project. The cost was estimated at \$100,000, \$70,000 of which Norma personally provided initially. All debts were cleared within a ten year time span, a remarkable achievement for a small country town as it was at that time.

Having seen the building reach completion, it became obvious that a Members Bar would be a beneficial addition to the facilities and Norma then donated outright the money required for this venture.

Today the Bowling Club has two beautiful natural grass greens to accommodate some 120 Bowlers and is debt free due in no small measure to the efforts of past members and players.

The Drysdale Bowling and Croquet Club greatly appreciates the foresight of earlier members such as Norma and takes pride in formally naming the Club room in her honour.



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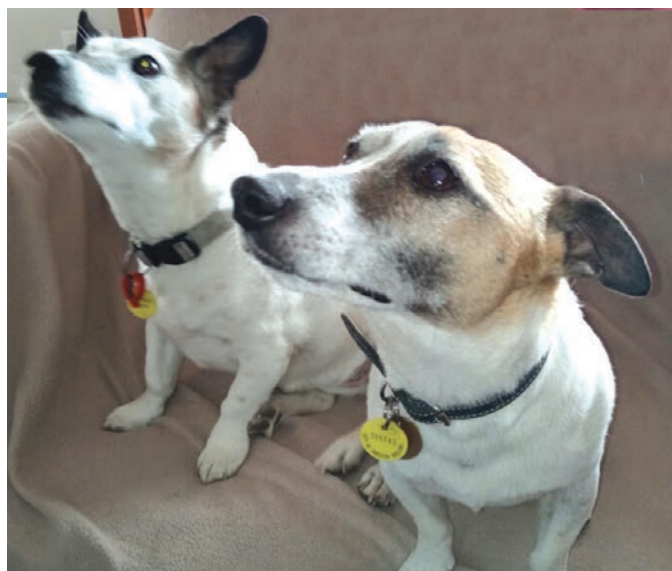
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Of Bubble Wrap and Barney

Following a holiday in Portarlington last April, my beloved and I started to seriously consider retiring to the Bellarine Peninsula from our home in Kyabram. The only bar to this dream was house prices in Kyabram are much lower than anything within walking distance of the beach. We soon became very despondent, but the itch simply wouldn't go away, and we continued to browse the internet and haunt agents. Sometimes dreams need adjusting in order to become something more concrete, and so it proved to be. We bought a unit and sold our house within a few weeks, and then reality set in. We would have to downsize! I hate waste. I don't throw things out if they may some day be useful, but I never really considered myself a hoarder. Who was I kidding? I ask you, what sane woman would have accumulated three cartons of bubble wrap in the spare wardrobe just in case she might need to wrap a fragile gift? The awful truth is I had too much stuff. I had so much stuff I frequently had to buy more stuff because I couldn't find the stuff I needed in the over stuffed cupboards. I am proud to say I am now a changed woman. Even my beloved has noticed the difference. Of course he had a bit too much stuff too. We held a garage sale and took several loads to the charity shops and the tip, and somehow managed to fit the remainder in a small unit with a postage stamp sized back garden. The postage stamp has been further reduced to half a postage stamp with the inclusion of the boat, but that is the trade-off for living at the beach, and we couldn't be happier. Of course we could still do a bit more de-cluttering, and I intend to do just that as soon as I catch my breath. At present I am fully occupied looking after Barney.

We arrived in Clifton Springs with two Jack

Russell Terriers, but sadly lost one beloved old boy last month, and had almost decided to downsize to just one dog. That is all very well if the remaining dog is happy to be the only one, but Ruffy clearly needed company. Again browsing the internet we discovered Barney. The poor little waif looked so mournful – another Jack Russell who'd been found wandering the streets and was up for adoption. You guessed it – Barney has found his forever home with us. Of course it hasn't all been plain sailing. Abandoned dogs usually come with a bit of baggage, and Barney is no exception. We have had him a week and some lessons he has learned very quickly. Sitting for a treat and using the pet door for access to the house and back yard have been no problem, but there are some areas which need a little work. Barney is very agile, and for such a skinny little scrap he is also extremely strong. After staying with me for a few minutes while I watered the back garden on Monday, he soon got bored and came inside. Thinking this would be a good opportunity to sneak through the gate and attend to the front garden I was congratulating myself on how good he was. Not so. On entering the house I discovered our little treasure had removed the lid from the bucket where I store the bread flour, dragged a new ten kilo bag of bread flour onto the carpet, shredded the outer calico bag and the plastic lining, and proceeded to spread ten kilos of flour over the lounge floor. He was perched



on the back of the couch wagging his tail and looking extremely pleased with himself. It was no mean feat because he only weighs about five kilos himself, but Jack Russell terriers are known for their grit and determination. He tried to help me with the clean up operation, but I declined his offer with a loud NO! The bulk of the mess I was able to pick up with a dust pan, but then had to resort to the vacuum cleaner, which kept blocking and needed emptying every few minutes. My beloved was out and missed most of the pantomime, arriving home just in time to clean out the vacuum with the compressor. When we were downsizing, we actually contemplated selling the compressor, thinking we probably wouldn't need it any more, but I'm so glad it was included in the stuff we kept – it is rather more valuable than three cartons of bubble wrap. By the way, Barney is now known as Barney the baker and is booked in for his first lesson with a professional dog trainer this afternoon.

Claire Sierakowski

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Festival of Glass

Community Spirit again Demonstrated by Local Businesses

We would like to congratulate the enthusiastic 20 businesses in the Drysdale area who are participating in the second glass Treasure Hunt – part of Drysdale's annual Festival of Glass. Plus, it's extra exciting to welcome 8 local Portarlington businesses who are also joining as partners in the 2017 Treasure Hunt. This gives Bellarine residents and holiday makers an even wider choice of businesses from which to collect their 10 Treasure Hunt stamps.

Treasure Hunters will have 6 weeks in January and February to spot the Tiny Glass Treasures



in the participating businesses, and collect ten stamps on their entry form/s. Treasure Hunters then take their completed entry form/s to the Festival of Glass Expo on Sunday, 19 February, 2017, at Drysdale's Christian College. Each entry form (of 10 stamps) gives you a draw for the many magnificent pieces of glass art, commissioned by our wonderful, community-minded sponsoring businesses.

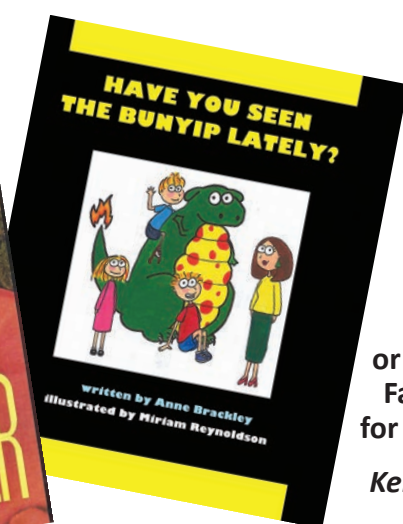
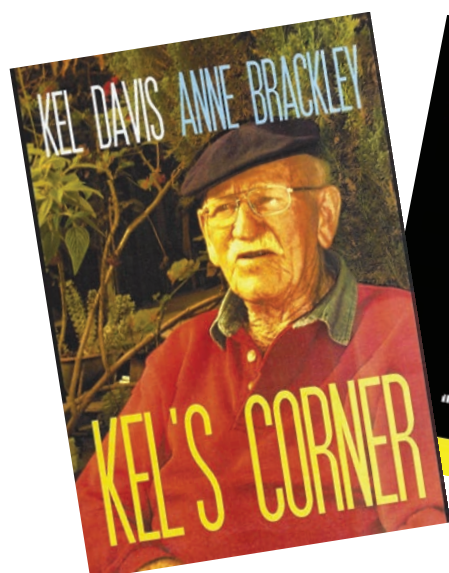
The sponsorship and participation of our local businesses help make such events successful. The Festival of Glass Expo and its associated events, such as the Treasure Hunt and Glass

Workshops have continued to develop strongly over the last six years. A big thank you to all of our participating sponsors, and also to the businesses who gave donations.

Read the SpringDale Messenger in December for the participating businesses and how to enter; then watch out for further details in the local media.

Diane Schofield

Committee member of the Festival of Glass



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Kel's Corner \$20

Have you seen a Bunyip lately? \$10

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Greg Leading the Way Again



In a great sign of stability for the Drysdale Football Club, President Greg Collier was returned to office at the recent Annual General Meeting, taking the helm for a fifth year.

Other key people such as Secretary Nicki Dunne, Vice President Gary Reymont and Junior co-ordinator Ross Deeath are also still continuing as are 80% of the previous committee. Taking a well earned rest however are club stalwarts Stuart Craven and Brett Wilson whom we thank for their hard work.

The club reported a sound financial result much to the credit of its hardworking volunteers within the hospitality divisions, as well as increased support from its many valued sponsors. Fielding two senior, two colts, and eleven junior sides takes a great deal of effort and incurs considerable expense and we couldn't make ends meet without these people.

With the AGM marking the official end of the season you would think it was time to take a break, and it is for 3 weeks until senior pre-season training commences on November 21st!

The club has been actively recruiting in order to add the players required to carry them to the 3 extra wins they needed to make finals this year. With a few experienced players already signing on as well as the return of some former players, the list is looking better already, and will be on show for all to see at pre-season training at the recreation reserve. Senior coach Wade Chapman and Assistant Daniel Jull have a rigorous program set out for the boys to work on pre-Christmas to set the fitness base for the season ahead.

We will also be running some optional training for juniors over the break in response to demand, however this will be very skills focussed. Watch this space for further details next month.

Finally, during this break, we hope to see something happen at the proposed Sports Precinct it is two years since the State Government pledged the funding, and still not a sod has been turned. Without significant action the new ovals won't be in use until 2019.

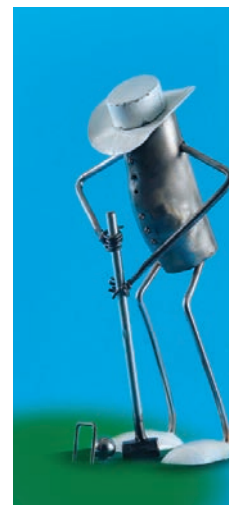


Drysedale Walkers

New members are welcome. Suit retiree's times 8.30am - 9.30am Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Meet outside Safeway near Tattslotto, friendly group who enjoy coffee together (optional). Please phone Dawn on 5253 1075 for further information.

Drysedale Croquet News

A very successful Grandparents and Grandchildrens Day was held at the Drysdale Croquet Club during the September school holidays. Little people and big people alike had a wonderful time and some budding talent was spotted. Ages ranged from 16 down to almost 4. The grown-ups were, of course considerably older and feeling every bit of it by the end of the day. President Judy Welch provided yummy cupcakes which were magnificently decorated by her granddaughter Emily. They looked too good to eat. We hope to run this again during the next school holidays so keep your eyes open for advertised dates. Thanks to grandparents Judy, Fay, John and Verna and also to John De Trafford for the great photos. Many thanks to the grandchildren who participated and helped with the littlies. A great time was had by all.





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