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*"They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
We will remember them."*

Laurence Binyon



## ***The Drysdale RSL ANZAC Day Service***

will be held at the Drysdale Primary School Hall, Collins Street, on 25 April 2017 commencing at 10am followed by a service at the Drysdale Cenotaph at 11am. Members of the public are invited to attend.

***Lest We Forget.***

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

Saturday	1	Harvest Basket Produce Swap, SpringDale 9am – 10.30
Saturday	1	Daylight Saving Time ends - Clocks turn back an hour
Tuesday	4	Morning Tea at SpringDale 10.30am - please just turn up.
Saturday	8	Torte e Mort: Songs of Cake and Death - Potato Shed 8pm
Sunday	9	Lions Garage Sale, Portarlington 8.30am
Monday	10	Dining Club at Drysdale Village Pizza, 6.30pm
Mon/Thur	10/13	Beauty and the Beast - Potato Shed
Wednesday	12	Days for Girls 9am - 12.30pm at SpringDale
Friday	14	Good Friday. SpringDale closed.
Sat/Sun	15/16	Rotary Easter Art Show - Christian College Bellarine Sports Stadium - Collins St, Drysdale
Sunday	16	Drysdale Market 9am – 1pm
Monday	17	Easter Monday. SpringDale closed.
Tuesday	18	Term 2 Commences
Tuesday	18	MORNING SHOWTIME - Shandelle Cooke's Divas Through the Decades - Potato Shed 10:30am
Wednesday	19	SpringDale Salads at Piknik, 12noon
Fri/Sat	21/22	Shirley Valentine - Potato Shed 8pm
Tuesday	25	ANZAC Day. SpringDale closed.

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# Coordinator's News

Anne Brackley



This edition has a theme of service. ANZAC Day inspired us to think about all the forms of service that we participate in. All through our lives we are given opportunities to serve others. In the home, in the neighbourhood, in the community, in the region, in our state, in our country and in the world. Often it is the little things we do that have multiple roll on effects.

Those of you that know me well, know I love to watch a good movie and gain inspiration from situations portrayed. One of my favourites is Pay it Forward, the story of a very young boy who comes up with a practical theory of making the world a better place. His idea is to do 3 generous things to change the lives of 3 people and they need to pay it forward to 3 other people and so the concept continues. It doesn't take long before thousands of people are helping each other.

I've had a couple of ideas around this before, that haven't quite become a reality yet, I'd love to hear from people who might help get this started on the Bellarine.

When you think about the amount of service that is given on the Bellarine it is overwhelming – at playgroups, at kinders, at school, at

sporting clubs, at Guides and Scouts, for the environment, for civic engagement, for health and welfare, through the food banks, through service clubs, our seniors clubs, through the RSLs and so many more. Every club and group has governance committees and each of them provide a vision, direction and energy to meet the need of our community.

I found inspiration in this quote - Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth. Muhammad Ali

Thank you sincerely to everyone who provides service on the Bellarine. Special thanks to our staff and volunteers who regularly go out of their way to support our community.

Once again I ask people to pass this Messenger on to someone you think might appreciate its content and hopefully uplifting articles. Please consider supporting the advertisers who support us and please consider submitting information for the Messenger.

Yours sincerely

Anne Brackley  
for the SpringDale Team.

## The Anglican Parish of the Bellarine - Holy Week & Easter Services

**Maundy Thursday:** 13 April 6:30pm Eucharist & Foot-washing service - St John's, Portarlington.

**Good Friday:** 14 April 9am St James, Drysdale. 10.30am, Combined Churches Walk of Witness, commencing at St James, to Uniting Church, Drysdale.

**Easter Eve:** Saturday 15 April 8pm-10pm Vigil St James Drysdale.

**Easter Day - Eucharist Service:** 16 April 9am St Paul's, St Leonards - 9am St John's, Portarlington - 10.30am St James, Drysdale.

*Everyone Welcome*

**SATURDAY**  
**13th May**  
**7.30pm ~ 10.45pm**  
**SpringDale Hall in Drysdale**  
**Bush Dance**  
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## Belonging helps in so many ways

*We link people in a variety of ways and this linking is so important for reducing isolation, keeping our brains healthy and keeping us healthy. Please consider our free monthly morning tea or something else we have to offer.*

*Morning Tea  
Tuesday 4 April at SpringDale  
10.30am - please just turn up.*



Dining Club – Monday 10 April Drysdale  
Village Pizza at 6.30pm – please book with  
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SpringDale Salads – Wednesday 19 April at  
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## Launch of "Help Yourself" Campaign

On Friday 10th of March I was pleased to launch a new campaign to drive down thefts of and from vehicles across Geelong including the Bellarine Peninsula.

The "Help Yourself" campaign will raise awareness about how drivers can help prevent thefts and protect their property from being stolen.

The City of Greater Geelong and the Bellarine Community Safety Group have collaborated to develop the campaign, with funding of \$16,000 from the Victorian Government.

There has been a significant increase in theft of and from cars on the Bellarine Peninsula recently. Fifty one per cent of these are from unlocked cars.

The Help Yourself campaign will encourage drivers to take simple steps including ensuring valuables are out of sight, cars are parked in well-lit and secure areas and vehicles locked.

As part of the campaign, Victoria Police is also partnering with local Men's Sheds and other community groups to hold Safe Plate days throughout 2017, fitting number plates to vehicles using one-way screws, free of charge.

Posters, advertising and signs with crime prevention tips will be rolled out across the region on community noticeboards, shop windows and Neighbourhood Watch material, as well as online.

This will continue to build on the Bellarine Community Safety Group's work, including the recently launched bSafe website, which delivers crime prevention advice and tips to the Bellarine community.

## New Jetty at Clifton Springs

I was recently pleased to open the new jetty at Clifton Springs that was built with a \$250,000 contribution from the State Government.

Previously there had been 2 wooden piers at the Clifton Springs boat ramp that were in a state of dis-repair and starting to fall down.

Over a number of years I had been made aware of the poor state of the old piers by local anglers and have been pleased to deliver what was a 2014 election commitment.

The 'all abilities' jetty is 2.9 metres wide and features a larger fishing area at the end to cater for more anglers. The jetty is a modular design so can then be extended into the future as need arises.

*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.*

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*"Everyone can help to drive down thefts and reduce crime, and this new campaign will show car owners that their part is very simple." Lisa Neville*

## Letter to the Editor

### Go Digi

I attended the iPhone tutoring with the Bellarine Secondary College students recently. What a delight! It was such fun, and I learnt so much from the young chaps. I had 3 tutors. The hour flew by and I have pages of handy hints to follow. Such a fantastic idea. Please thank the school, the teachers and the fabulous tutors.

Cheers

Viv

### Dining Out

Just a short note to tell you how much Ron and I enjoy our monthly night out with the SpringDale dine out club.

We love visiting so many different local venues. We have so much variety! We look forward to each one. It's great to meet up with old friends and meet new ones. It was a lovely surprise to receive the beautiful photo taken of us both at a dinner.

Many Thanks

**Barbara & Ron Jenner**



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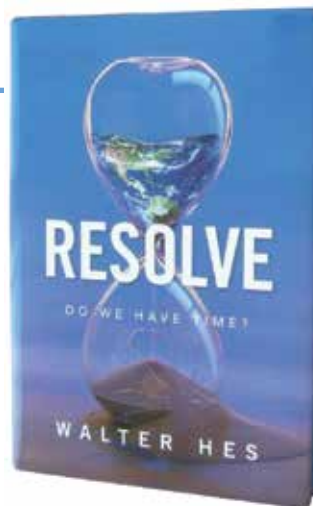
My wife Elly and I came to live in Portarlington on this beautiful peninsula to retire and fill our lives with gardening, connecting with the community, reading etc. It worked out differently to what we expected as I landed several times in hospital, the first time because of a serious accident and later for 2 hip replacements.

Forced to rest a lot I found myself with time on my hands. Television showed me a constant supply of depressing international news about wars, degrading environment, and political bickering. It all sounded quite hopeless. I was going to philosophy lessons which helped me to look for meaning and ideas to inspire people to change the world. I don't pretend to have found a solution but I did write this book about 4 people that meet by chance and decide to form a team to do just that, to find solutions and inspire people in power to make essential changes.

The language in the book is simple English. It is my second language and I am not a literary person and there are no complicated characters in the book. That is not why I would like you to read it. It is for the ideas and to get you talking and exchanging your ideas with others. I refer in the book a lot to the parable "The Tragedy of the Commons" that shows with a simple story that the earth is finite. Maybe together we can find ways to pressure people of influence to ensure our grandkids and their grandkids still have a liveable environment.

**Walter Hes**

**Book Launch: Saturday May 20 from 10am at SpringDale.**



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Guides enjoy Trivia Nights and we decided to share some questions with our Community.



Drysdale Guides at the Bellarine Show

## SpringDale Trivia 1st Edition.

1. How many American states start with the letter M? Name them?
2. Name the author of The Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit?
3. Which Australian racehorse retired in 2013 after winning all 25 of her 25 races?
4. Ag is the chemical symbol for which element?
5. What is the longest side of a right angles triangle called?
6. How many eyes are there on all the kings, queens and jacks of a standard deck of cards?
7. In the International Phonetic Alphabet, what word represents the letter R?
8. How many Olympic Rings are there? What colours are they?
9. Which fictional town is Home and Away set in?
10. What do you call land that is surrounded by water on three sides, but not completely encircled?

**Turn to page 7 to find the answers.**

POTATO SHED		
<b>TORTE E MORT: SONGS OF CAKE AND DEATH</b> Saturday 8 April 8pm	<b>SHIRLEY VALENTINE</b> Friday 21 April 8pm Saturday 22 April 2pm	<b>BEAUTY &amp; THE BEAST</b> Mon 10 to Thurs 13 April 10.30am & 1.30pm daily
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# 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Ambon

As we nearer to ANZAC Day may I make a plea - please remember the bravery and courage of the men who fought and died at the battle of Ambon and those who were captured and tried to live through the horrors of the most brutal POW camps of WW2. We all have knowledge of Tobruk, El Alamein, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the downfall of Singapore, the plight of the HMAS Sydney but Ambon does not instantly fly to mind yet the island's story is a special one, one that needs our thoughts and commemoration on this year, of the 75th anniversary.

## **"Worst Atrocities in History"**

A quote from **Frank Forde** - (Minister for the Army and Deputy Prime Minister as well as member of the War Cabinet 1941-1946) (The Army News on Tuesday 18th of September 1945).

## **"The death rate on Ambon was far worse than for any Force on the Burma-Thailand Railway"**

a quote from **Hank Nelson POW** ('Prisoners of War Australians Under Nipon, ABC Enterprises 1985 p. 96)

## **"History would record it as one of the worst massacres of the second World War"**

quoting **Roger Maynard** (Ambon, Hachette, Australia 2014)

## **"Some of the highest casualty rates in military history"**

**Roger Maynard** (prologue xv Ambon, Hachette, Australia 2014)

As you read these quotes there may be some confusion depending on your knowledge.

Have you ever heard of Ambon? Do you know where it is? What occurred to make it such a debacle and what occurred during the years 1942 to 1945 following the battle - what horrors were added to archival material through transcripts of 1946 Ambon War Crimes Trials?

Ambon is a tiny island in the Maluku Group, nearer to New Guinea than Java. In the war years it was part of the Dutch East Indies and strategically placed with a wide protected harbour and an airport. In 1941 the Australian Government sent Gull Force (2/21st battalion of 1100 men) to defend Ambon combining with a Dutch force who had established a base there. These Australians were tradesmen, mainly Victorians and had very little training in jungle war fare. The island was hot, humid and covered with thick jungle. The men had very little chance of defending as they had little backup and they were poorly equipped but they had in their minds that they were defending Australia and were the last line before Darwin and the coast.

It was a doomed case from the beginning. 20,000 battle hardened Japanese invaded the island on the 3rd February 1942 and the Australian and Dutch soldiers were captured. 300 Australians who defended the Laha Airport were massacred. Hands were bound with wire and the men were executed - bayoneted, clubbed or beheaded. Others were herded into a camp named Tan Touy. It is reported that 2,600 men entered Tan Touy being joined in 1943 by British POW from Borneo. The camp was the scene of shocking brutality. In some reports 75% of men perished others say 77%. Starvation, cruelty and denial of elementary medical aid was common.

In 1946 a War Crimes Court was set up in Ambon and 93 Japanese were tried. 36 Japanese were found guilty and 57 acquitted.

My name is Carole O'Neill and I have just returned from Ambon where I attended the ceremony marking 75 years since the Battle of Ambon. I was the only Australian at this ceremony.



## Ambon War Cemetery; The story

Ambon Cemetery was not fully established for a length of time as during post war, the Indonesians were fighting their own battle for independence consequently access was denied to all overseas powers, it was not until the sixties when the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) gained permission to complete the cemetery and lay all to rest in the very beautiful site found today. The mammoth task of construction was completed 50 years ago this year. Major Keith Proctor MBE a works officer for the CWGC was sent to the remote island to complete this logistic challenge under great difficulties as described in letters that took months to reach Australia.

He mentioned "a basic diet, the heat and humidity of the equator, little contact with home, no contact with the outside world other than cables, only one other English speaking individual and the non-arrival of supplies and materials which meant longer in the task and a craving for luxuries like milk and butter. Living conditions were certainly uncomfortable. In December 1964, Major Proctor was forced by armed soldiers to leave Ambon and there followed years of negotiation and political discussion between Australian, British, Dutch and Indonesian governments. It wasn't until 1967 the work on Ambon could commence again still with many hardships." Once again due to the remoteness, this meant months away from family and a comfortable life style. There weren't hotels or accommodation places so an Indonesian hut that he built himself became home. It was for this work Major Proctor was awarded the MBE. Major Proctor was my father.

In December CWGC invited me to attend and speak at the Commemoration Service held in Ambon. In the heat of the morning I was joined by CWGC staff, representatives of British High Commission staff and many islanders from schools, churches and the community. The service will be treasured not only as a remembrance of my father but of the many men who are laid to rest here from Australia, Britain, Holland and one from the USA.

The Memorial also commemorates over 450 Australian soldiers and airmen who died in the region of Celebes and Molucca Islands who have no known grave.

I was stunned by the beauty of the gardens and the memorial and over whelmed by the kindness of the Indonesians. The Cross of Sacrifice stands no more as in 1998 it was destroyed by extremists but the stone of memorial survives. Around this memorial stone we of many faiths remembered those lives who were given in sacrifice.

## Lest we forget

Carole O'Neill







## 30th Anniversary Celebration

On 20 February 2017 the Ladies Probus Club of the Bellarine celebrated their 30th Anniversary. Certificates were presented to several ladies who have been members of the club for 25 years or more.

The Club provides a community service to its members through companionship and support in times of sickness and bereavement as well as joining in celebrations of happy times. Over the 30 years many dedicated committee members have provided an invaluable service to the club and welcomed numerous Bellarine ladies as members. Those members new to the district have found friends who have shared local knowledge and given helpful information regarding local services.

A wide range of guest speakers have given insight into topics such as genealogy, home safety, embroidery, cheese making, pet care, bell ringing and safe driving for seniors.

The Club meets in St James Church hall in Collins Street, Drysdale on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10am. We are a comparatively small group with a variety of interests who enjoy getting together to foster friendship, fellowship and fun. In addition to monthly meetings we have monthly morning tea at a local winery, lunches at local venues, go on trips to interesting and picturesque destinations and have a number of group activities including film days and water exercises.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. If you would like to join us at our meetings to hear some of our many guest speakers please contact Jan Hancy on (03) 5257 1478.

## Welcome to the Community



## and time to Celebrate

Peter and Chris Woods are making Clifton Springs Drysdale their home and joining 60 year anniversary

## Trivia Answers

1. Eight. Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri and Montana
2. J. R.R. Tolkien (John Ronald Reuel Tolkien)
3. Black Caviar
4. Silver
5. Hypotenuse
6. 42
7. Romeo
8. Five, Red, Black, Green, Blue and Yellow
9. Summer Bay
10. Peninsula

## Coryule Chorus

Popular local choir Coryule Chorus is celebrating their 7th year of singing together. The Coryule relish the chance to perform at all Nursing Homes on the Bellarine, and sing for Service Clubs and community events. The choir's challenge for 2017 is to have a year of consolidation; plans are in place to learn new repertoire, polish songs that have been on the 'back burner' for a while, and to sing more of their repertoire by heart.

Musical Director, Joy Porter says that "connection with our audiences is vital to make our music interesting and relevant to those who attend our concerts and who hear us in other forums. That connection is enhanced when the choir sing without the use of musical scores."

To that end, the choir will be performing this year as usual at all the Nursing Homes on the Bellarine but will not be holding their regular Winter and Springtime public concerts.

Look out for news of an open rehearsal on Thursday 1 June 2017, where choir supporters will have the chance to hear the Coryule in rehearsal, and enjoy afternoon tea with choir members.

Each year the choir engage the professional services of well-known choral directors, singing teachers and song leaders for an extended Choral Workshop: to learn new work and polish existing repertoire. In the past they have learnt from Jane Thompson and James Rigby, Faye Dumont and this year will welcome soprano Sally Wilson as their workshop leader. Sally has had an international singing career and currently teaches locally and at Monash University.

The Coryule Chorus will be back with public concerts and other wonderful musical offerings in 2018. In the meantime, you can plan to come along to the Open Rehearsal in June, as well as checking out the choir's website at [www.coryulechorus.com](http://www.coryulechorus.com)



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# Bernard Filbay's Legacy

The achievements of Bernard Filbay (1937-2012) were recognised by the Rotary Club of Drysdale, Drysdale Fire Brigade and the City of Greater Geelong during March. Bernie gave a life time of service to the Drysdale community and his achievements have been recognised with a memorial. The City of Greater Geelong honoured Bernie's memory with a seat in the Fire Brigade precinct.

Bernie was remembered for his wonderful and mischievous smile; words of encouragement; his quiet ways and his big heart. A very gentle man who achieved greatness in his local community.

Retired Captain Jeff Stewart talked about Bernie's distinguished career in the Fire Brigade including an unflappable demeanour. Mark Filbay spoke about Bernie's time management across all facets of his family, his occupation and his volunteer work.



From a Rotary perspective, Bernie Filbay was a Founding member of the Rotary Club of Drysdale and a Rotarian for 30 plus years. He was President from 1986 to 1987.

Bernie contributed to: Ocean Grove Nature Reserve animal refugee, Portarlington Miniature Railway, Quarry Reserve, Drysdale Rotunda and building of the Easter Art Show



art boards. Outstanding "Service Above Self". Bernie received community recognitions throughout 50 years of volunteer service including an Adrian Mannix Community Service Award and a Board member of the Bellarine Peninsula Community Health Centre. The Bernard Filbay memorial seat in the Drysdale historic park remembers Bernie into the future, as a significant contributor to our local community.

Wendy Filbay, her sons Mark and Gary together with her extended family unveiled the seat recently.

## Rotary Club of Drysdale Continues to Build Recognition of Local Businesses in 2017



The Rotary Club of Drysdale are once again running its Service Excellence Awards. Residents across the Northern Bellarine are being asked to nominate the business that impresses them most. This is your opportunity to say thanks to an individual or business that has given you excellent service. You could win \$200 to keep or donate to a charity of your choice. Entry forms available at all participating businesses or download from Drysdale Rotary website - <http://www.drysdalerotary.org.au/>

All nominated businesses are recognised and invited to be represented at a presentation dinner. This is the third year that the Business Excellence Awards will be running. It is a combined award to cover the whole of the Northern Bellarine - Drysdale, Clifton Springs, Curlewis, Leopold, Portarlington, Indented Head and St Leonards. The worthy winners of the Service Excellence Awards in the past have been overwhelmed to know that their community think so highly of their Service.

Catherine Eagleson



Rotary Club of Drysdale members celebrating 100 years of Rotary Foundation – a prime goal of the Foundation is the eradication of polio throughout the world.



## Thanks so much for helping. Calling for Nominations

As we approach the 16th presentation of the Adrian Mannix Community Service Award, we call for nominations of people who are giving community service to our community. Nominations close on Friday 28 April and can be submitted via email, mail or delivery to SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. Nominations can be downloaded from our website <http://docs.springdale.org.au/Adrian.Mannix.Nomination.2017/.pdf>



Or nominations can be picked up from Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club, Rotary Club of Drysdale or SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. This award is for service given on the North Bellarine – St Leonards, Indented Head, Portarlington, Bellarine, Drysdale, Clifton Springs, and Curlewis.

Over the past 15 years we have been given the opportunity to celebrate thousands and thousands of hours of service given to our community selflessly.

Please think about members of our community that you know and who continually give to our community and fill in a simple two page form.

This community event is provided by Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club, Rotary Club of Drysdale and SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. Adrian Mannix worked with or influenced through community service, all these 3 organisations and we continue to keep his altruistic community service ethic alive through this award.

The award will be presented in May at an early evening event and our community will be welcomed to share this evening with us.

# Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers



During my journey as a kinship carer over 12 years for my grand daughter I have met some wonderful people. I have won a trip to Hobart (pretty exciting for someone who had never been on a plane), I have been to terrific places and I have had more than one steep learning curve. But during the past 12 years times have also been tough. Being a kinship carer is at times heartbreaking, because as a kinship carer you are torn for the love of your children/child and the deep love for your grandchildren/child.

The reasons that grandchildren come to live with their grandparents can vary from case to case. Most kinship carers find themselves in financial hardship, after working most of their adult lives, some are forced to continue working to support the grandchildren in their care. Those kinship carers that rely totally on Centrelink to survive are living below the poverty line, but they know in their hearts that their grandchildren need them to care for them.

The numbers of kinship carers is now about 4 times as many as foster carers.

Every day grandparents are called upon to take on the role of parents, and studies have shown the kinship carers are aged over 60 years, most are single and most rely on Centrelink to put food on the table.

*If you are a kinship carer, you are not alone. Come along to our next meeting, have some fun, laugh a little, cry a lot but more importantly meet others who understand.*

## Our meetings for 2017

Meetings are on Mondays from 10am - 1pm  
May 1st, June 5th, Aug 7th, Sept 4th, Oct 9th, Nov 6th & Dec 4th.

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**For inquiries please contact**

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We would also love to thank the current Honorary Justices who continue to ensure this service is provided weekly on a Wednesday morning from 10am to 12noon. Some days there are hundreds of documents to be witnessed and some days there are very few.

If you need documents witnessed and they can wait for next Wednesday morning please consider coming to SpringDale and help to make the time pass quickly for our Honorary Justices as they would rather be busy.

*thank  
YOU  
SO  
much*

*Sharon Walters*

Thank you Sharon for sharing your time and skills with us for the last almost eleven years. During that time you have managed the Drysdale / Clifton Springs entries in Town by Town column of the Echo. Thank you for even coming from Corio to Drysdale during vacation breaks. Thank you for helping to coordinate our courses for a number of years and thank you for helping to bring the On the Bellarine Directory to life for the last few years. Your reliability and your consistency has always been appreciated.

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# Long forgotten Mannerim Soldiers Memorial



There is a long forgotten Soldiers Memorial situated in Swan Bay Road, Mannerim (on your left, Just passed the railway line, heading to Swan Bay) it was started a long time ago, never finished and had since fallen into decay. It was originally set up in memorial for all then local soldiers who volunteered for WW1 in and around the local area (Mannerim, Swan Bay, Marcus Hill, St Leonards) A local farmer took ownership of the site in 2012 and started to repair it, but unfortunately, he became ill and never completed then project. Since that time, the site has stood abandoned and inactive, resulting in it becoming overgrown and people using it for a dumping ground. The site has now passed into the hands of the Bellarine Landcare Group, who are valiantly trying to re-establish the site and complete the original project. I am looking for volunteers from the station to assist me, Mick KNIGHT and a few others, by donating their own time, over the next, say perhaps 12 months to help the BLG. I think this would be a wonderful opportunity to become involved with something that is important and worthwhile within our own local community. When I mentioned our possible assistance with the BLG Mngt. They were over the moon, literally, calling us their Blue Angels, never been called that before, but it sounded pretty good.

The idea would be to all request a RD during the week, go down to the site, do whatever is required, until the site is re-established. If you think you can assist / help with anything, labour, trade skills, machinery, catering, anything, it would be greatly appreciated.

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# ARTISTIC OPPORTUNITY



## Call out for local artists in Geelong and The Bellarine Peninsula area

Expressions of interest are being taken to join a new artistic initiative. 'The Revolving Door Artist Project' is to be held one evening a week at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre in Drysdale. The project will launch in Term 3, 2017. This project is an initiative that invites local artists to become a volunteer guest artist for an evening to mentor fellow creative people. A different artist for each week is required to showcase their work and demonstrate their working practices in a workshop style environment.

This is a fantastic opportunity for local artists to network and mentor other creative minded people attending the newly formed evening art workshops that will be held once a week. The co-ordinator of 'The Revolving Door Artist Project' is Kelly Veenstra. An artist and qualified art teacher, who is new to Drysdale and would like the opportunity to network with other artists in the region. Her aim is to provide an avenue for local artists to network

and promote their art, whilst providing an opportunity for people who love creating art to explore different materials and techniques that they can then also explore creating artworks with.

If you would like to express your interest in becoming one of our volunteer 'Revolving Door Artists' in Term 3, please put your name on the list to attend our 'Revolving Door Artist' gathering to be held one evening during Term 2 (Date to be announced). Or if you would like to become a creative member of the new evening art group in Term 3 and be inspired by different local artists on a weekly basis.

Please contact Kelly Veenstra or you can contact SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre directly.

**Kelly Veenstra** - Co-ordinator of 'The Revolving Door Artist Project' P: 0416 342 099  
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Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association

## Our Community

Each month Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association (DCSCA) volunteers spend many hours researching and advocating for our community. Current projects of interest are the Drysdale By Pass, the Clifton Springs Fishing Pier and the Clifton Springs Boat Harbour.

The Festival of Glass is our main project for each year and we have just successfully delivered the seventh event. Each year the Festival grows and we sincerely thank all our volunteers.

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A variety of special interest groups ensures that there is something for everybody. Woodturners – beginners to advanced are catered for; Carpentry and joinery – make your own coffee table out of that special piece of timber; Scroll sawing – make intricate fretwork or a tricky puzzle; Toy making – a special gift for your grandchild; Carving – by hand and machine; Intarsia – pictures made from a variety of coloured timbers; Box making – give someone special a beautiful jewellery or document box; Model building – scale models of boats, cars and trains. These are true masterpieces! Ukulele making – these are fantastic and you don't even have to be able to play, although it helps! Further information on these special interest groups is available at club meetings.

Bellarine Woodworkers have a fully equipped workshop in Drysdale. Woodworking equipment includes table saws, band saws, lathes, planers and thicknessers, electric sanders of various types and a range of power hand tools. A dust extraction system ensures a healthy, dust free environment. If you're finding using all this wonderful equipment is thirsty work, then tea and coffee making facilities are also available.



The Woodies, as they are commonly known, are currently working towards displaying and selling their products at the Bellarine Railway 'Day out with Thomas,' in Queenscliff on April 8-9. Handcrafted wooden toys and other items will be available, including the ever popular Thomas the Tank Engine toy. Interested men and women are most welcome to attend meetings which are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 1.30pm at the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, High Street, Drysdale. For more information call President Les Thomas on 5250 6146.

## PORTARLINGTON BAYSIDE Miniature Railway



### Easter School Holiday Running

This passenger carrying miniature railway situated within the grounds of the Portarlington Bayside family park, corner Point Richards and Boat Roads, Portarlington. (Melways map ref 444 c5.) operates every Sunday from 11am until 4pm.

During the Easter school holiday period, the railway will also operate a special service on the following days: Wednesday 5 April, Wednesday 12 April and Saturday 15 April, 2017 from 11am to 4pm.

Trains run at frequent intervals and the cost is only \$4.00 for a ride.

The train ride takes about 10 minutes and a special attraction is that children under the age of 2 years travel free. Family tickets are available.

This family park is only 30 minutes by car from Geelong and with its natural beachside setting makes an ideal location for that special family outing or picnic. Other attractions in the park include ample car parking, playgrounds, walking trails, free electric bbq facilities and a station kiosk - all are nearby. Further details can be obtained from the railway at PO Box 419, Portarlington 3223, or from our telephone info line 0476 124 598 or visit our facebook page.

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# New Life for Old Church



The historic Newington Uniting Church on the corner of Wallington and Hardings Road, Wallington is continuing as a place of worship. Services have been conducted on this site since 1858, but the last service of the Uniting Church was held on 18 December, 2016. The remaining members have joined the Barwon Heads/Ocean Grove parish. Now it is being used every Sunday morning by Bellarine Presbyterian Church, which is drawing members from various places around the peninsula. The first service was held on 5 February, and it meets every Sunday morning at 10am. All are welcome at this evangelical church.

The ministry is being conducted at present by Professor Allan Harman and Rev. John Cromarty, both of whom know the Bellarine well. Allan is a former Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia and former principal of the Presbyterian Theological College, Box Hill North. John Cromarty has lived and ministered in the Geelong area since 1974, especially at Coppards Road Presbyterian Church. He is well known in many Christian circles in the area.

Anyone wanting further information can contact either Allan Harman 0419 102 980; email [allan.m.harman@bigpond.com](mailto:allan.m.harman@bigpond.com)), or John Cromarty 5229 1510; email [crojoh@bigpond.com](mailto:crojoh@bigpond.com)).



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# Clifton Springs Garden Club

President Simon  
presenting trophy to  
winner Chris Malkin



Our Garden Club year started with the presentation of trophies to the annual winners of our monthly Show Bench. The winner of the Aggregate Trophy was Chris Malkin – Chris had obtained the highest number of points for entries for the year. This year Chris also won the Jim Shearsmith Trophy for the most popular vote – entries are voted on by members. Congratulations Chris on a clean sweep.

Darby Munro, Waste Education Officer from City Greater Geelong, recently come along to our meeting and spoke on all things relating to recycling. Darby gave us a very informative talk on what can and cannot be recycled, including green waste, and an update on what the City Greater Geelong is doing in relation to recycling. If you are interested in doing the right thing with your recycling good information can be obtained from the City Greater Geelong website.

Coming up in April Kelvin Blackey will talk to the club on Wicking, and we are visiting Mannerim Stables for a talk on bulbs.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy then come along to one of our meetings as a visitor, there is no pressure to join. If you would like more information, contact our Secretary Helen, on telephone 5257 1566 or email hma3152@gmail.com.



Photos: Top - Bulb in Hyde Park Sydney  
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# Salad Days

If you want to give your tastebuds a treat and reduce your environmental footprint, I reckon you can't go past fresh salad from the garden. Those bags of mixed salad leaves from the supermarket are energy intensive (packaging, refrigeration, transportation) and they taste pretty ho-hum. After a couple of days in the fridge they're only good for worm food.

Trouble is, if you want to grow traditional lettuce varieties in the warmer months, you have to be quick: blink and they've gone to seed, or become tough and bitter through water stress. Fortunately there are lots of delicious alternatives. Here are a few of my favourites. Most of them are perennials which need little care once established.



**SHEEP SORREL**

Sorrel (French and sheep sorrel) is a perennial salad vegetable, producing lots of pointed green leaves which have a tangy, slightly citrus taste. French sorrel can suffer from water stress and needs to be grown in light shade; sheep sorrel is a lot hardier, and has small, delicious leaves.



**SALAD BURNET**

Salad burnet is a short-lived perennial and will grow well in a pot. Its toothed leaves have a mild cucumber taste and are great when mixed with other salad leaves or sprinkled generously on cheese sandwiches. To pick the small leaves, snip off the whole stalk and run your fingers up it to strip the leaves off.

Wild rocket (arugula) has narrow, peppery leaves. It can be hotter than the normal salad rocket but I think it tastes far better. Let it go to seed and it will happily pop up in any odd cracks in the pavement. If you don't want it to spread, it's easy to pull up – but why wouldn't you want it all over your garden? The bees love the little yellow flowers (which you can also eat).

Leafy herbs add a bit of zing to a salad: mint, coriander and parsley are my favourites. Be careful to keep mint contained, because it will spread if you let it. Coriander and parsley will both self-seed readily and the flowers are great for attracting beneficial insects such as hoverflies.



**FRENCH SORREL**



**PARSLEY**



**NASTURTIUM**

Edible flowers look classy in a salad and taste great too. My all-time favourite has to be nasturtiums: both the flowers and the leaves are delicious and peppery. The seeds can be pickled to use like capers. Brassica (broccoli etc) flowers are tasty too. Borage flowers taste like cucumber (but the bees love them so much, I feel mean picking too many of them). There are lots of other edible flowers, but I'll leave it to you to do some research. Positive identification is important, as some flowers in your garden are definitely not edible!



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## Bouquet garni

A bouquet garni is a bundle of aromatic herbs. The bouquet garni (French for "garnished bouquet") is a little bunch of herbs tied with string and used in soup, stock, and stews.

The bouquet is cooked with the other ingredients and taken out just before serving.

There is no actual recipe for bouquet garni. Most recipes include thyme and bay leaf. It may also include parsley, basil, chervil, rosemary, sage, and tarragon. Celery leaves or celeriac, leek, onion and parsley root may be included in a bouquet.

I was in a local supermarket a couple of years ago and a customer was asking for BAY LEAVES. The shop assistant looked blankly at her and said something like "if it's not on the shelf we don't have it". I felt like telling them I've got a tree at home!

I'd like to share how easy they are to grow and how fantastic the flavour is in a marinade, pasta sauce, roast or stew. Even dessert!

Bay leaves are native to the Mediterranean. The bay leaf has a long and distinguished history. Historically bay leaves were woven into crowns or wreaths and given to champion athletes or heroes. Bay leaves are a symbol of prosperity, honour and fame in biblical times and stories of myth. Still to this day wreaths are worn by graduates of universities all over the world. This is a symbol of success when students have passed exams and hope to be starting a new and successful life in the work force.

At the local nursery the bay laurel shrub is available in pots to plant at home and supply your friends and family! It is an evergreen tree or shrub which grows as tall as 18-20 metres (60 feet) tall in full sun or part shade and in well drained soil. Shrubs may be used to make an amazing and edible hedge such as at Yering Station in the Yarra Valley.

Once the leaves are harvested and dried they are used in cooking. Fresh bay laurel leaves are not commonly used. The flavour emerges after air drying for a few weeks. The leaves can be taken off the stem and stored in a jar or airtight container. Bay leaves are available at the local supermarket in the herb section for about a dollar for 10 grams.

### Dried Bay Leaves in recipes:

Just one or two bay leaves are enough to change the flavour of marinade for meat, fish or chicken. Leaves can be rolled up in a leg of lamb or inside the chicken with lemon and other herbs.

A couple of bay leaves in a jar with vinegar for pickling vegetables or olives to enhance the flavours.

In a slow cooked meat sauce for pasta, bay leaf may be added for about half an hour or so. If making soup, risotto or stews the bay leaf adds a pungent flavour of herbs and spices.

And for dessert... a couple of leaves to infuse in milk for custard or when making rice pudding.

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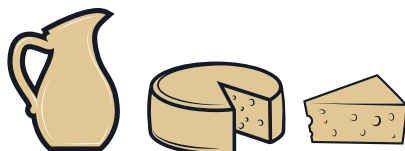
All manner of goods will be on offer, including household and outdoor items, china, tools, books, bikes, plants, cakes, bric-a-brac etc. The sale starts at 8.30am and will include a sausage sizzle and a soft drinks stall.

This annual event has raised more than \$50,000 in recent years with all proceeds going to local charities and organisations. For further information on the sale or how to join Lions, contact Lion Stephen Love, Secretary, Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club, on 5259 1252.

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## Town Club Drysdale Weight Loss Group



We have had a busy month with an excellent speaker who rallied us to try harder and really think about how we are keeping ourselves fit and healthy and how to be aware of what we are eating.

Eight of our member have formed two teams to see how many steps they can build up over a month. There is a competition with TOWN Head Office and whilst Drysdale is trying to give the other clubs in the state a challenge, we are also thinking of our own good health and fitness. We will let you know how we get on.

On 19 April between 10.30am – 11.30am we are combining with The Springs TOWN Club to participate on and Royal District Nursing Service seminar on nutrition. Come along and receive a Maggie Beer Foundation Cookbook.

All people are welcome.

Please RSVP Pat by 12 April on 0408 355 850.

If you are trying to take off weight, try to follow the following steps and of course come along to our TOWN Club on Wednesday mornings.

## The 10 Commandments to taking off weight

1. **MAKE IT A LIFESTYLE** - This not a diet, not a short-term fix. It's a way of life.
2. **GET ORGANISED** - Structure your eating and you'll structure your life.
3. **EAT SMALL** - Portion control is crucial for losing weight
4. **LEAVE FOOD ON YOUR PLATE** - This helps you take control of compulsive eating.
5. **NEVER FEEL DEPRIVED** - Because feeling starved leads to binging.
6. **MAKE A MEAL OUT OF IT** - Make it special, so you appreciate what you have eaten.
7. **EAT SLOWLY** - It takes 20 minutes for your brain to know your stomach is full.
8. **ENJOY YOUR FOOD** - It's one of life's greatest pleasures, not a punishment.
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After a couple of weeks in hospital I'm looking forward to seeing Drysdale again and what other mischief I can get up to. My daughter Sue thinks I'm not going to get into mischief anymore. We'll see what happens when I get home.

Kel Davis and  
Anne Brackley scribe.



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## SPORT

### Drysdale Soccer Club



Photo- Drysdale's Steven Fleming and Andrew Scott with Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club Vice President Andrew Trott at the Junior Season Launch.

April promises to be a big month for Drysdale Soccer Club as both the Junior and Senior Competitions kick off for 2017. The Junior Season Launch was held on Tuesday 7th March at Drysdale Primary School oval and attracted around 100 juniors and their parents. A training session, followed by a family BBQ and a short presentation from club president Rory Campbell and the Coaches and concluded with the annual Kids vs Parents soccer game which was enjoyed by everyone. A strong contingent of Sponsors, Committee members and Senior Players made it a great way to kick start the year for the Juniors.

The soccer club was also presented with a \$1000 Junior Sports Development Grant on behalf of the Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club. The Lions Club took submissions for their grants late in 2016, with the aim of increasing the level of participation of children in sporting activities. The soccer club was lucky enough to be successful with their application, with Lions Club Vice-President Andrew Trott there to make the presentation to the club at the Junior Season Launch.

The Senior Teams are getting into their respective practice matches, with fixtures lined up with Sebastopol Vikings, Golden Plains and Corio in the coming weeks. The mens teams have been hard at work embedding new coach Jason Pickle's new formation changes and welcoming a host of new recruits into the teams. The Men's Masters Team (over 35yo's) are looking to go back to back as champions this year after taking home the Geelong Regional Football Associations, inaugural Masters competition in 2016 and would love to welcome any new players down for the 2017 season, with training for 'veterans' entirely optional and good times guaranteed.

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## Of Volunteers and Veterans

Wow, where did that Summer go? It seems like only yesterday that we packed away the footy gear and pulled out the shorts and t-shirts, yet here we are back at Mortimer Oval ready to play against Anglesea on April 1st.

Our new look senior side has looked impressive during practice games and our junior numbers are as healthy as ever.

Of course it would be impossible for us to put 16 teams on the field each week across juniors, girls and seniors, without the support of hundreds of volunteers.

At every game we have volunteer team managers, umpires, interchange stewards, runners, trainers and coaches. Behind the scenes there are people on committees, manning the gates, or running the canteen and kitchen as well as unseen things such as marking out the ground each week (something Alan Taylor and Marty Trehwella have been doing for years).

Take a drive past the Primary School oval some Sunday morning and note the 100 or so 4-7 year olds running around, then note the number of helpers required to keep them focussed (thank you Beth Cox).

We thank all of these people and know we couldn't run such a successful club without them.

One of our great volunteers was actually recognised at a State Government Reception last year. Kevin Davis has been a workhouse



for our club for eons (along with wife Pam) and has earned his life membership at least twice over.

Kevin is also a Vietnam veteran and is heavily involved with the RSL. It was because of Kev that we first became involved in the annual ANZAC Day game against Portarlington. Whilst we are playing that game away this year we will be hosting a dinner at the clubrooms on April 24th and inviting RSL officials along to recognise the one hundredth ANZAC Day.

This day is very dear to us and we are proud to be involved in its commemoration.

**Ross Deeach**



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## Bowling Champion - Rhys Jeffs

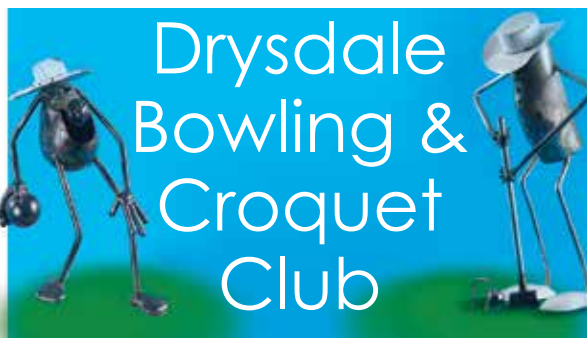
Rhys started playing bowls at Drysdale at the tender age of 8 years old. He was a very quick learner and he took the sport up to follow his mum and dad, Stuart and Belinda. He has been a member at Drysdale for all of his career except for 1 year, but he promptly returned to do something that was very important to him, he wanted to "Play with Family."

In the time Rhys has been at Drysdale he was president in 2013 and 2014 and is again the current President. Although he works in Colac, Rhys is always at the club working tirelessly to promote bowls, the club itself and also any charity events. His favourite charity event is the Good Friday Appeal, where Rhys, and his wife Jess, organise a day of bowls and other fun activities to raise as much money as the club can.

In his time of playing bowls, Rhys has played at a high level. As a youngster he represented Victoria in the under 18's and he continued on to represent Vic at under 25's. Rhys is one of our top division skippers and this season he won our Club Championship. As a club champion you get to play all the other club champions and the eventual winner goes on to represent Geelong Bowls Region. This year Rhys was the overall Champion of Champions and he will represent Geelong at Bendigo in April. This is the first time he has done this in the singles but he has represented Geelong before in the pairs with John Monahan.

All of our members at Drysdale will be wishing Rhys "Good Bowling" and I am sure he will represent us and Geelong in the way that only he can.

GO DRYSDALE.



# SPORT



The recent World Championships held at the Geelong Croquet Association, were watched very closely by several members of the Drysdale Croquet Club.

Barbara Watkins, who has represented Drysdale many times with great success, had all her focus on her daughter Gail Hopkins. Gail, who learned to play croquet in Drysdale, quickly lowered her handicap and went on to win several major tournaments.

Also playing in the Championships was Judy Wembridge who is the sister of Drysdale Croquet Club member Jenny Calwell. Judy also did very well reaching the finals.

Referee Carol Bradburn, also a member at Drysdale, was asked to adjudicate at several of the Belmont games.

Drysdale Croquet Club is proud of their association with the above players and referee who took part in the World Croquet Championships.

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## Caitlin

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There is still time to support these amazing girls and this great cause, you have until June 30 so there's always time to keep fundraising after the shave.

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Both Zoe Gray and Caitlin Redmond's donation pages can be found at [www.worldsgreatestshave.com](http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com) just click on the 'Support a Friend' link and do a search on their names.