



Photography & photo editing by George Stawicki

It is amazing that a small town like Drysdale can attract such wonderful talent. With two weeks lead time we were able to give many local and some not so local, but connected community members a wonderful afternoon of World Class violin playing. Patrycja Piekutowska loved playing at SpringDale and one of her dreams to be photographed with her audience was achieved.

Patrycja Piekutowska played two concerts one in Sydney and one at SpringDale. She loved us so much that she will be back later in the year with visuals to help us see the wonderful concert theatres of the world, in which she regularly plays. I know tickets will go quickly as all present wish to see her again.

Thanks to Patrycja and her local roadies for sharing with us we look forward to the next episode. Please email or ring SpringDale if you would like to be on our contact list [office@springdale.org.au](mailto:office@springdale.org.au) or 5253 1960.



Patrycja  
Piekutowska



# 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.

## Neighbourhood House Week (30 April – 5 May)

Monday	30	April 10am - Morning tea with Wendy at SpringDale
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Thursday	3	Jigsaw Puzzle Morning Tea 10am - 12noon at SpringDale
Friday	4	Laser cut card making at SpringDale - 2pm - 3.30pm
Friday	4	International Star Wars Day
Friday	4	Play Outside Day
Fri-Tues	4-8	Live Below the Line
Saturday	5	Open Day SpringDale Community Garden 9.30am-12noon at Drysdale Community Church
Sunday	6	International No Diet Day
Sun-Sat	6-12	Tourette Syndrome Awareness Week
Tuesday	8	World Red Cross Day
Wednesday	9	Days for Girls Sewing Group 9 – 3pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b>
Sunday	13	World Migratory Bird Day
Sun-Sat	13-19	Schizophrenia Awareness Week
Monday	14-21	National Families Week
Tue 15.5 - Thurs 14.6 - Ramadan		
Thursday	17	Bellarine Aged Care Association morning tea 10-12 SpringDale
Thursday	17	International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT)
Sunday	20	Girl Guides Australia National Biscuit Day
Mon-Sun	21-27	National Volunteer Week
Monday	21-28	National Palliative Care Week
Wednesday	23	World Turtle Day
Saturday	26	National Sorry Day
Sat 26.5 - Sat 2.6		National Reconciliation Week
Monday	28	3D printer in action from 1 - 3pm at SpringDale.



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# Coordinator's News

Anne Brackley



Dear Friends I've met and those I am still yet to meet

The last month has been busy is a statement which may not give you the complete picture. Having just returned from a few days in Sydney to attend sessions about Autism, I come back knowing that we are on the same great path that many are on all over the world and later in the Messenger you'll find an article devoted to our Autism Project as it draws to a close.

Just before leaving for Sydney, we hosted a world famous violinist at SpringDale. Patrycja Piekutowska shared her love of music with us and her magic playing of her violin. This session was organised with little lead time and is another reason why I encourage you to sign up for our web email on our website as this was the main way we informed people and to let us know your phone number if you don't have email and still want to be informed of quickly organised events.

Patrycja loved playing at SpringDale and will probably return later this year. Those who attended have already registered their interest in attending the next session.

Although there has been lots happening, there also has to be planning for the next events and activities. One of the projects we have adopted whole heartedly is the Poppies for Peace project, on which we are working closely with the RSL and other

community groups to achieve. We have packets of Flanders Poppy seeds available for sale at SpringDale. These should bloom by November 11 if you plant them immediately. Opportunities exist for other groups to be part of this project and the RSL and SpringDale are actively trying to encourage participation with groups, clubs, schools and businesses. Please let us know if you would like to be part of this.

The first week in May (and 30 April) has become Neighbourhood House Week for 2018. SpringDale will be ready, willing and able to welcome people even more warmly during this week. Special activities including an Open Day at our Community Garden at the Drysdale Community Church, have been planned and we invite the whole community to visit SpringDale at some time during the week.

We are excited to now have a 3D printer at SpringDale and we will schedule some 'See It In Action' sessions. I have loved seeing the reaction of people seeing a 3D printer for the first time. Please register your interest in such a session.

Thank you to everyone who makes SpringDale a better place.

Yours sincerely

Anne Brackley

Chief Enthusiasm Officer

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Team

## News@SpringDale

### Returning to Earning

Tuesday mornings, build confidence, get life organised, update your resume and get ready to work. Child Care available. Tuesday mornings 9am - 11.30am Tues 8 and 15 May Fee \$20.

SpringDale Felting Group is holding a Wool in Winter exhibition on the 9th & 10 June at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

### Neighbourhood House Week

All welcome for a cuppa and chat during the week.

See page 5 for more events.

### How to use a Defibrillator

There are many defibrillators located in public places but many people may not know how to go about using it.

Tutor: Stayin' Alive First Aid

Dates/times: Tue 1 May 7pm - 8.30pm or Mon 4 June 5.30pm - 7pm Fee: \$5

### Food Safety Session

This session will cover Danger zones, Food temperatures, Food Safety Programs. Please bring your own lunch. Non accredited course.

Tutor: Tim Digby

Dates/times: Monday 7 May 10am - 2pm Fee: \$5

### Jazz Jam Workshops

Join in a series of 5 x 2 hour beginners' improvisation workshops for all instruments and singers, guided by professional musician, David Rackham.

6 Sessions: Tuesday 15 May - 19 June 7pm-9pm  
Fee: \$120 Book with SpringDale Office 5253 1960

### Tai Chi for Health



Dates/times: Tuesday, 24 April - 26 June 7-8pm  
Friday, 27 April - 29 June 9-10am  
Fee: \$110. for 10 Sessions

## SpringDale Occasional Care

Occasional Care Opportunities  
SpringDale Occasional Care is looking for relief staff.  
Please drop your resume to SpringDale Occasional Care.

We also have some vacancies for children on most days.

Our direct phone number is 0401 129 140.

### Session Times & Fees

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9.00 - 2.00pm 5hrs - \$40

Tuesday, Friday

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**MOTHERS DAY EVE**

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PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF SUPPER TO SHARE

AT SPRINGDALE HALL DRYSDALE

7.30PM - 10.45PM



## Welcome announcement to retain Eric Tolliday Units.

The new Board of Bellarine Community Health recently announced that they had decided to retain the Eric Tolliday Aged Care Units in Point Lonsdale and would now investigate the refurbishment of the units.

The Board said that they had considered the overwhelming feedback received during their 2017 "Community Conversations" around the future of the units and as a result were now looking at options for design, costs and future management of the units.

I very much welcome this decision of Bellarine Community Health and congratulate the organisation for it.

I now look forward to working with the organisation and the wider community in implementing this decision.

It is a vindication and a win for those within the community who over a number of years have fought so hard to save the units.

## Drysdale Sports Precinct Opening

On Saturday the 17th of March I was very pleased to have opened stage one of the \$6.7 million Drysdale Sports Precinct, a partnership between the State Government and the City of Greater Geelong.

As readers are well aware the precinct will

be the new home for the Drysdale soccer, football and cricket clubs

Sports participation has been booming in the area, but a shortage of facilities has forced clubs to train in local school halls etc.

The first stage of the development has seen the construction and installation of a football/cricket oval, a multipurpose field, sports lighting, cricket training nets and practise pitches and a relocatable pavilion.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all representatives of the local sports clubs for their input into this great project.

## Good Luck for the Footy and Netball Seasons.

In mentioning our sporting clubs, with the Bellarine Football and Netball League having just kicked off I wish all teams and players the best for season 2018.

Sporting clubs play an important role within all communities, especially in regional and rural areas like the Bellarine.

Of course by providing a game of sport, clubs are promoting a healthy and active lifestyle for participants.

And this is important for people of all ages. For younger members sport also teaches life skills such as leadership and the importance of being a good team member.

Additionally, the social cohesion a club provides to their local community and people within that community should not be underestimated. Many people are drawn to a local club, people who otherwise may be socially isolated.

So in wishing all clubs the best for season 2018 I take this opportunity to thank all those people who volunteer their time and efforts in ensuring local clubs continue to serve our communities.

*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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**Twitter@Lisanevillemp Ph: 5250 1987**

## Letter to the Editor

Thank you to all the super folk who have contacted me regarding the Spinning Wheel Round Dance Group/Club. I have been overwhelmed by your response and so look forward to meeting you personally. Your contact details are safe with me and as soon as I receive approval for the hire of the hall, I will be in contact again.

Due to previously organised dance commitments I will not be able to commence Spinning Wheel until August. Please be patient and again thank you for taking the time to contact me.

**Carol Simondson**

Spinning Wheel Round Dance Group/Club  
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SpringDale Dining Club will be dining at Oakdene Monday May 14th at 6.30. Please ring SpringDale on 5253 1960 to reserve your spot.



SpringDale Mixed Salads are going to the Grand Hotel Portarlington for lunch on Wednesday 3rd May meet 12noon. Please ring Margaret on 0418 370 857 to reserve your seat.

**Lisa Neville MP**  
Member for Bellarine

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## Mon 30 April - Sat 5 May

Activities being held at SpringDale and beyond to help to celebrate Neighbourhood House Week around Australia. This celebratory week has moved to the first week in May this year to align with the rest of Australia.

**All welcome for a cuppa and chat during the week.**

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## Saturday 26th May

A celebration of all genres of dance for children and young adults 6 - 18 years to perform in costume on stage at the Potato Shed, Drysdale without the pressure to win.

*Come join us - embrace the dance*

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**WHAT'S ON**

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<b>ALFRED DEAKIN'S WOMEN</b>  <b>MORNING SHOWTIME</b> <b>TUESDAY 15 MAY</b> <b>10.30AM</b> Tickets \$15 including Morning Tea	<b>HUNGRY GHOSTS</b>  <b>TUESDAY 29 MAY</b> <b>1PM AND 7PM</b> \$38, \$34 (conc) <div style="background-color: yellow; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><b>BOOK EARLY!</b></div>	<div style="background-color: #4a4a8a; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <b>WIN - Double Pass</b> </div> <b>MTC - Hungry Ghosts</b> Tuesday 29th May at 7pm (value \$76) To enter fill out the coupon, send or deliver to: SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre High St Drysdale

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COMPETITION CLOSES 3PM FRIDAY 18 MAY

# Drysdale Bypass

At a recent meeting, at the Potato Shed, Shane Dawson, CEO of Bellarine Community Health chaired a meeting organised by Bellarine Community Council in conjunction with Drysdale Clifton Springs Curlewis Association (DCSCA). DCSCA member Neil McGuinness presented his well-researched safety concerns for the Drysdale Bypass.

VicRoads officers Tim Price, Andrew Westcott, Simon Pounder and Jessica Taylor presented VicRoad's planned Bypass, the history of the project and the next steps. We look forward to working with VicRoads as the project is roll out.

There are many good intentioned community members who feel very passionate about this project and continue to advocate for what they think are the best options as they want the best for the Bellarine.

**Anne Brackley**



## 3D Printer at SpringDale

*If you have ever wanted to see a 3D printer in action – we will have a session on Monday 28th May from 1 - 3pm.*



Fee \$5 – the cost of a cuppa – please join our computer tutor Brenda Richardson for an afternoon experimenting with our 3D printer. See what it can make and watch it make an object. Please reserve your space with SpringDale Office 5253 1960.

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# ARMISTICE CENTENARY COMMEMORATION

The Armistice Centenary on 11th November 2018 will mark 100 years since Australia's involvement in the First World War. With a population of fewer than five million at the outbreak of the First World War, Australia's contribution, as well as the nation's suffering and sacrifice, was significant, and makes sombre reading today:

Served: 331,781

Died: 60,284

Wounded: 152,284

Victoria Crosses Awarded: 66

Drysdale and District Men Killed: 33

As well, on the home front, many Australian women volunteered for service as cooks, nurses, drivers, interpreters, munitions workers, and skilled farm workers. Australian nurses served in Egypt, France, Greece, and India, often in trying conditions or close to the front, where they were exposed to shelling and aerial bombardment. The effect of the war was also felt at home. Families and communities grieved following the loss of so many loved ones, and women increasingly assumed the physical and financial burden of caring for their families.

The Armistice Centenary is a time to honour the service and sacrifice of our original ANZACs, and the generations of Australian servicemen and women who have defended our values and freedoms, in wars, conflicts, and peace operations throughout a Century of Service.

Armistice Centenary activities are being planned throughout Australia. The Drysdale RSL Sub Branch is planning a number of activities, in active partnership with local community groups and organizations:

- The Poppy Project – Offer poppy seeds and/or propagated poppies to every household, school, kindergarden, community group and major public organisation throughout the Drysdale, Clifton Springs and Curlewis community, to commemorate the Armistice Centenary. We will urge you to continue to grow and display your poppy gardens each year to remember and honour all Australian service men and women from all conflicts. We need volunteers to help with this project. Please contact Robyn Kane via SpringDale 5253 1906.
- Community Gathering - Hold a community commemorative gathering as a culmination of the Armistice Centenary Project. The gathering will follow the formal Drysdale RSL Armistice Centenary commemoration on 11th November 2018. The theme of the gathering will be the significance of the Poppy as a symbol of remembrance and of peace, a peace achieved through the service and sacrifice of Australia's service men and women.

One of the most important legacies that can come from the Armistice Centenary is to improve community understanding and awareness of our wartime history, particularly for younger Australians. The Armistice Centenary gives families, schools and communities an opportunity to start important conversations that continue long after the national program has concluded, and in doing so ensuring an enduring and unifying legacy for current and future generations.



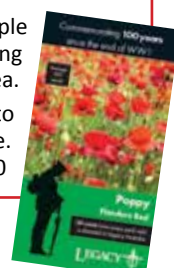
## Poppies for the Centenary of Armistice



Request for people to help with growing Poppies for our area.

Contact SpringDale to offer your assistance.  
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SpringDale will be selling Legacy Poppies - \$2.95 a packet



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## Bellarine Aged Care Association, Inc. (BACA)

*A voice for older and frail residents of the Bellarine*

Bellarine Aged Care Association (BACA) was formed 3 years ago and evolved from the North Bellarine Hostel for the Aged (Ann Nichol House). BACA aims to represent the needs of the Aged and ageing on the Bellarine Peninsula, and to provide a voice, advocacy and support regarding delivery of services and residential models for aged and frail people on the Bellarine.

Our efforts are based on the fundamental belief in community participation and the community's right to be involved in decisions that directly affect outcomes in the community. Specifically, this means having a say in the decision making processes relating to the needs and provisions of services for the aged and frail of the Bellarine.

In 2016 Councils were encouraged to demonstrate their support for the 'Declaration for an Age-Friendly Victoria', and their commitment to creating liveable communities for older Victorians, by endorsing the Declaration signed by the MAV President and Minister for Ageing Martin Foley in April 2016. To date City of Greater Geelong is not a signatory.

Currently the new City Councillors are working on a Strategic Plan for the next 3 years so now is the time to get involved in encouraging the COGG to look to making the Bellarine an Age-Friendly peninsula and creating Age-Friendly communities within the area. 33.3% of the population of the Bellarine Peninsula are aged over 60 – what huge resource we have to access! Retirees form the backbone of our area why not 'use it NOT lose it', join us to

explore our potential in making the Bellarine Age-Friendly.

An age-friendly world enables people of all ages to actively participate in community activities and treats everyone with respect, regardless of their age. It is a place that makes it easy for older people to stay connected to people that are important to them. And it helps people stay healthy and active even at the oldest ages and provides appropriate support to those who can no longer look after themselves. (World Health Organisation)

How can the needs of an ageing population be addressed through the Council's Community Strategic Plan? How can our Council's economy, amenity, sustainability, health and wellbeing, equity, education and leadership add to 'quality of life' for older residents?

**Some of the relevant areas include:-**

- **Outside spaces and buildings**
- **Transportation**
- **Housing**
- **Respect and social inclusion**
- **Social participation**
- **Communication and information**
- **Civic participation and employment opportunities**
- **Community support and health services**

*We all think we are never going to get old – WE ARE!!*

*If you have any queries or ideas regarding the needs of the aged and ageing on the Bellarine, age-friendly communities or the role and function of BACA, come along to our first Age-Friendly Community group meeting: THURSDAY 17 MAY, 2018, 10am - 12noon Morning Tea included at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre*

Bellarine Aged Care Association, Inc. (BACA)  
*A voice for older and frail residents of the Bellarine*



*Are you over 60, living on the Bellarine?  
Where will you be in 10 or 20 years time?  
What are the issues in the community that matter to you?*

*Safety, communication, transport, health, home care, independence.  
Other issues?*

*Join us to make the Bellarine a more Age-Friendly place*

*BACA advocates for the needs of the aged & ageing on the Bellarine*

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# YEAR 2018! CIRCUS GROUP

"What was the secret of the stars...and the reason for the bridge on Jupiter?"

**Year 2018!**  
continues...

## Jupiter V.

A screeching tornado was rocking the Bridge when Robert Helmuth donned his helmet and set the beetle in motion. The car moved off on close set rails, the hydrogen gales shrieking between the edge of the vehicle and the Bridge deck. Periodically a blast accompanied by an orange glare made the Bridge buck wildly while the falling drops of ammonia thundered on the roof like a rain of cannonballs. There was a heavy crash, a line of orange fire and the end of the Bridge was ripped away. Helmuth reversed the beetle and tore off his helmet. Obediently, the Bridge vanished. To be continued...



*Are you interested in sci-fi?*

*Do you want to be with other sci-fi enthusiasts?*

SpringDale is going to work towards a 'galactic harmony day' and you are all invited to join in the fun and preparation for the day....date to be confirmed. If you're interested ring SpringDale on 5253 1960 or email office@springdale.org.au or just drop in, we'd love to have you on board.

A "shout out for interested people" in a circus group. Ideally this group would be a weekly meeting time for people to come and learn circus skills from others in the community, try out new tricks and skills on shared, borrowed equipment before investing in their own, share skills learnt with other new members, a regular time to come together and practice!

I already have 7 people who have contacted me about getting a regular place to come together and juggle, hula hoop, unicycle and poi. I am sure there are more folk on the Bellarine who would be interested and have skills to share.

Our goal is for this to become a strong community group rather than a class led by a paid teacher. We want it to be an inclusive space where women, and the LGBTQ+ community feel comfortable moving together. However we want all ages and genders to be included so if a women's group is needed as well that is totally fine!

**Jodie O'Connor**



SpringDale Messenger has been a member of Community Newspapers Association Victoria since its early days and have enjoyed winning a few awards along the way and gaining great insight into the role of Community Newspapers in community life.

I have held the role of secretary for the last 18 months and learned a great deal working alongside other committed volunteers. As we start to organise the next annual conference, we invite other community newspapers to consider joining. Feel free to look at our website [cnav.org.au](http://cnav.org.au) or give me a call 0407 529 205

**Anne Brackley**

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## Caravan & Cabin Friends Trip to Port Fairy



Recently we returned to Port Fairy where the weather was good once again, with just a couple of overcast days. Again we had the conference room available for our exclusive use, and with the heated swimming pool – what more could we want?

Each evening commenced around 4.30 pm with our usual “happy hour” (or two) with drinks and nibbles in the conference room, followed with the barbeque being used most nights - with the fun continuing on. We even had a movie night (The Backyard Ashes, much hilarity!) one evening. Prior to this, some members used the swimming pool, including

once again attempting to do synchronized swimming (a lot more practice is required before next year)!

Most days, members did their own thing such as doing the wharf or island walks, shopping around and dining in town, visiting the museum, going across to Koroit (having lunch in the Irish pub), and travelling further down the coast to Portland etc. Most attended our arranged dinner at the Warrnambool RSL. As on the previous visit the caravan park provided (and cooked) a pancake breakfast for us – delicious! We returned home refreshed and ready to enjoy autumn and our next trip

which is to Cobram in May.

Please contact Roger at 0407 456 756 or Jill at 0408 577 064 for information about our social club for retired ladies and gents which meets on the second Monday of each month, 10am, at Drysdale Bowling Club. Visitors always welcome!



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## Bruce Drysdale

Imagine my surprise when I answered a query at the front desk, with "Hello, I am Bruce Drysdale." Well! Even though I have only been in Clifton Springs for just over two years, working at SpringDale meant I knew of Anne Drysdale, and, here was a person from New Zealand (Aotearoa) wanting to know if we had any information that might be of interest to him. Anne Brackley was away that day, but I knew she had a huge file on Anne Drysdale and Caroline Newcomb. I dug it out and showed parts of it to Bruce. Anne Drysdale had come from Scotland, and arrived in Port Phillip in March 1840. She and Caroline Newcomb were "pioneers" of a most trailblazing kind, holding a lease in a time when women were not land holders in their own right. Fortunately Anne Brackley returned later that afternoon but after Bruce had left, with a "come back tomorrow, Anne would be delighted to meet you." Which of course she was!

Anne was able to get a booklet called *The Lady Squatters* by John Richardson, reprinted in 1992, by Bellarine Rural City Council. A most informative booklet written by Richardson of the Bellarine Historical Society, that traces and records information from sources with thorough research and with material not previously presented about these two amazing women and our early settlement here.

Bruce was interested in viewing the old homestead that belonged to Anne and Caroline, but unfortunately being back from the road, was unable to be seen. However, he went away with the booklet with our local history for him to ponder, and maybe find that Anne Drysdale, was indeed part of his family tree.

**Manika Conning**



## A Mother's Love

About 17 years ago, while I was devoting my time to a different part of our community, I decided to write a very small book for my children. When we chose names for our children, Winston, Courtney and Stirling, I hadn't realised there wouldn't be books with their names inside for them to see and get excited about. So I decided to write a book. Then I mentioned the book in my Christmas letter to friends and family. All of a sudden a friend's daughter volunteered to illustrate it. Within 6 months we had a completed book ready to publish. But what to do next.

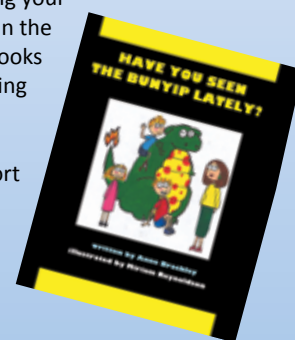
A few years ago, while Dr Laurent Boulanger was running a class at SpringDale on publishing, I mentioned my book in passing (which had patiently sat for many years in an envelope on my desk) within 24 hours it was ready to print and already available on Amazon. We had self-published.

Copies of *Have you seen the Bunyip lately* are still available at SpringDale for \$10, all monies going to SpringDale's community building activities. It is about our mythical Bunyip which used to visit our local primary schools annually and lives at Lake Lorne.

Keep following your dream, keep sharing your dream until you find the missing piece in the puzzle. Within a few weeks I had two books under my belt with Kel's Corner becoming a best seller on the Bellarine and still available from SpringDale at \$20, once again all monies to SpringDale to support community building activities.

**Anne Brackley**

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# IDAHOBIT Day

## What is an Idahobit?

### A bit of history.



Well Idahobit Day – the acronym, began on May 17 1990 when the World Health Organisation removed the classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder. This became the International Day Against Homophobia. IDAHO, was established in 2004 to draw attention to the violence and discrimination that LGBTIQ communities continue to experience around the world.

In 2009, Transphobia was added to the title, and the acronym IDAHOT became popular.

Biphobia was then added and the acronym IDAHOBIT is getting increasing use in English-speaking countries.

May 17 is now celebrated in more than 130 countries, including 37 where same-sex acts are illegal. Three countries celebrating IDAHOBIT for the first time in 2016 are Bhutan, Brunei, and Vanuatu.

More locally, Victorian Premier Dan Andrews has acknowledged IDAHOBIT by publicly releasing a sample of the homophobic emails he has received, in response to his government's support for Safe Schools, Pride March, and the LGBTIQ community in general. If you have the stomach for it, you can see these emails on Pedestrian.TV.

For more positive IDAHOBIT news, we spoke to Sam Bouzanquet, a teenager from the Sunshine Coast, who co-founded Queensland's first recognised LGBTIQ high school group.

*Originally broadcast on Tuesday 17 May 2016.*

# Knowing your niche



Why knowing your niche can have a profound impact to the success of your business.

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When this happens - trying to be everything for everyone, you end up being nothing to nobody.

Now you may say but I am busy, I am serving customers! But are you busy with the best customers for you? Are they the ones who are 'good' customers? The ones who happily pay you, appreciate your efforts and service, and recommend you, and return? Or are they the ones who get low value items, are time wasters, haggle over price, or pick faults in everything?

Knowing your niche and indeed your Marketing dominating position will help you focus on connecting with the 'good' customers.

In turn you will make more money, and enjoy your business more as well! Don't be afraid to cut loose the parts of your business that are not worth having or you dislike doing, so you can spend more time and effort on the parts that are more valuable and more enjoyable.

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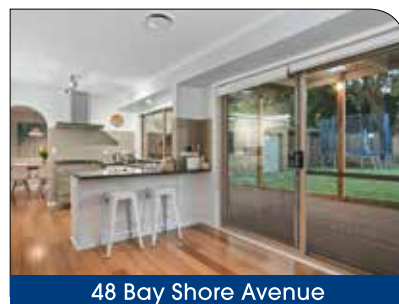
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## LOCAL FODDER DRIVE HELPS FARMERS BURNT OUT ON ST PATRICK'S DAY

Bellarine Peninsula farmers have rallied in support of the 200 farmers affected by the St Patrick's Days fires in Western Victoria with a major district hay drive.

The fires around Terang and Camperdown in March destroyed 22 homes, countless farm sheds and killed thousands of cattle and sheep.

The fires also burnt out 15,000ha – an area equivalent to all the farm land on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Victorian Farmers Federation Bellarine Branch president Graeme Brown said farmers affected by the recent fires had also lost their hay reserves and had their pasture destroyed, leaving many struggling to feed their surviving livestock.

"The local VFF Branch put a call out to members to donate emergency fodder to help farmers in need and the result has been fantastic," he said.

More than six semi-trailer loads of hay have been donated by farmers across the Peninsula in an effort being coordinated by the VFF, with the help of local Drysdale transport company, Jennings.

*Photos: Scott Jennings and Mannerim farmer Peter Brown load donated hay to the help farmers affected by the St Patrick's Day fires.*



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## SpringDale Trivia 12th Edition by Drysdale Girl Guides

**To celebrate all of the Mums out there, this quiz is all about mums. We hope all of you all have an amazing Mother's day.**

1. Which type of flower is traditionally associated with Mother's Day all over the world (with coloured ones representing living mothers, and white for those who have passed away)?
2. Who is the mother of the Weasley family in Harry Potter?
3. What are the names of Morticia Adams' children?
4. Mother's day traditionally takes place on what day?
5. The Proceeds for the Mother's Day Classic run in Melbourne goes towards which charity?
6. What is the name of Rory Gilmore's mum?
7. What are the names of Marge Simpson's children?
8. Which flower has the word Mum in it?
9. True or False: The tradition of presenting gifts to mothers on Mother's Day in Australia, can be traced back to 1924 when Mrs. Janet Heyden, a resident of Leichhardt Sydney, started to visit patients at the Newington State Home for Women, a hospital for mothers who had been abandoned and who had no-one to care for them.
10. Who does Robb Stark, Sansa Stark, Arya Stark, Bran Stark and Rickon Stark call their mother in the TV show Game of Thrones and the book series that inspired it.

Turn to page 22 to find the answers.

Drysdale Guides meet on Thursdays during the school term.  
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## Part Three

# Questions you always wanted to ask a person with Autism.

Thanks to 'House with No Steps' for giving us permission and allowing us to reprint this from their Blog - [www.hwns.com.au](http://www.hwns.com.au)

Hannah, 31, often gets asked questions about living with autism – and sometimes they are a little curly to answer!

Autism can be a different experience from person to person, but to break down the stigma of autism, Hannah is answering some of the curly questions she gets asked most often.

### What annoying questions do people ask you about autism?

'Were you born with it?'

'Can you grow out of it?'

'Can you just get better?'

Yes I was born with it... No I am not going to grow out of it... And yes while I can learn, I am not going to 'get better' as it's not an illness, it's just my brain works differently.

### Do you like having autism?

Autism comes with its challenges, I will admit that. But it's also something that's really cool because it means you can do stuff that most other people can't.

It allows you to see the world both differently but it also allows you to come up with ideas and solutions that nobody else will.

So for me it means I'm a really good teacher because I need to learn in a structured way. So once I've learned something, it's really easy for me to teach it to others.

### What's one thing you want to tell the world about people with autism?

We can do a lot more than you think we can. Don't put limits on us. We can develop more ways to "get" or understand the world, more ways to make a difference in the world and do more to make it a better place than people think we can.

I love my life, and I really love showing the parents who are going through the trenches that there is hope on the other end. And showing kids with autism that they can do more than they think they can – more than the panic and anxiety will tell them they can.

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# Advocating for Autism

Having recently attended all 3 sessions run by Autism Awareness Australia in Sydney, I have returned home ready to implement learnings and share goals and dreams for a better future. I know that what we have been trying to do at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre in Drysdale, aligns with activities happening in other parts of Australia and all over the world. I know that focusing on strengths is so obviously the correct way to proceed and it may take the whole community to help each person on the spectrum achieve their goals and dreams.

From Tim Sharp, creator of Laser Beak Man, I have been inspired to always voice my dreams and continue to share them as he did with his dream of seeing Laser Beak Man on TV and it has been. From Sam Best, who spent 6 months in Africa with his father, I have been inspired to continue to take risks and be open to every opportunity. From Chris Bonnello, teacher, tutor, author, international speaker, I have been inspired to always be true to myself and follow my dreams. From Caren Zucker and John Donovan, authors of *In a Different Key*, I am inspired to keep building autism awareness in order to help build communities around our very special community members who help bring great value to our lives.

Over the last 11 months SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre has been working on a project called "Strategies for Putting Square Pegs in Round Holes". We have gathered some people to our project but we have room for more people who might like to volunteer to be part of our study. We have created a Career Portfolio Template which has been helpful and based on information from Chris Bonnello, at the sessions last week, this is a tool he advocates. We have been sharing autism information with our community and this is advocated by Caren Zucker and John Donovan. We are running some Art opportunities, which made such a difference to Tim Sharp.

Over the last 14 years, almost every activity that we have presented at SpringDale has been autism friendly - I'm not sure why it took 13 years for us to market our activities in this way. We are careful with sound, we are careful with food, we are careful with lighting, we are careful with temperature, we are careful with breakout areas. We try to be sensitive, observant and responsive to people's needs and we are keen to share these skills with others.

Our project is coming to an end, but as we have been able to do with all our learnings, we will incorporate all of our new experiences into our work ethic and practise. We are so grateful to ACFE (Adult Community Further Education) for giving us the opportunity to carry out this research and invest time and energy to help our whole community.

Please feel free to contact me via email [coordinator@springdale.org.au](mailto:coordinator@springdale.org.au) or phone SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre on 03 5253 1960 if you would like to help.

Anne Brackley



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Art on the Spectrum is an 8-week studio based program that invites people on the Autism Spectrum to explore the art space in their own way and discover a creative language to communicate in a safe and supported environment. Often frustrations and anxieties can be expressed safely through creative expression: the participant will have permission to use the art materials to draw, paint, construct, or deconstruct in ways that are suitable to their needs, while receiving support and guidance from a qualified art therapist.

The participant will lead their own creative process throughout and will be offered art making support; the aim being that the art studio can become a known and trusted space that supports the individual in a positive way.

Celia Adams is a fully qualified Art Therapist with a Certificate IV in Disabilities. She works in the art studios of Araluen Centre in Melbourne and has undertaken regular specialist training relating to Autism Spectrum Disorder; Araluen has the status as the only support provider for adults with intellectual disability in Australia to hold internationally recognised Autism Accreditation. Celia moved to the Bellarine from Melbourne last year and loves life here.

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It's been a while since we reported on progress at our Community Garden, situated behind the Drysdale Community Church in Jetty Road, Curlewis.

In the past 6 months, we have provided the church's Foodbank program with lots and lots of freshly-harvested veggies, including tomatoes, (we had a bumper crop) broad beans, eggplant, beetroot, silver beet, onions, cucumber and zucchini, rhubarb, and lots of lovely pumpkins – and our member gardeners have shared in the harvest too, saving many hundreds of dollars on their food bills.

Our young fruit trees are beginning to produce some worthwhile crops, with apples and apricots being shared around our members. And the taste of our organically-grown strawberries and passionfruit is so much better than those from the supermarkets. So sweet and yummy.

We were successful at the Bellarine Agricultural Show too, with prizes for our pumpkins and onions, and we have been able to sell some of our surplus produce through the Farmers' Market at Tuckerberry, to enable us to purchase the seeds and seedlings, mulches and manures that we need for our Autumn/Winter planting program.

We have Open Garden Days on Saturday, May 5 9.30am to 12 noon and May 26 from 10.00 am, and we are inviting local families to come along to see and understand the workings and benefits of membership of our friendly Community Garden, "Growing Green". For the month of May, we will provide FREE garden membership and FREE 6-month lease of a garden plot, to encourage local families (and especially their children) to grow their own fresh produce, and experience the savings that come with the pleasure of gardening.



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# Autumn!

Finally, the promise of some cooler weather and better gardening conditions. Time to feed your patch and look forward to some second chance planting weather. But after the steady dry and windy conditions of late many gardens are looking weatherbeaten (if not losing established plants, shrubs or trees to the grim reaper) so watering is still required. Dry, lifeless, hydrophobic (water repellent) soil is a poor host for your plants and needs fixing to encourage re-uptake of water. We avoid commercial wetting agents and prefer natural methods such as agar agar or Eco Hydrate that contain only natural compounds. Cooler, more settled conditions means less evaporation so more of the water you put down now will stay in the soil, especially with a protective blanket of mulch.

For mulch It's tempting to use pine bark or eucalyptus. These are long-lasting, look good and work as a weed suppressant. However these are not so good for soil health. Successive applications can mean that the mulch layer becomes quite thick, encouraging the proliferation of a narrow range of fungi that create anaerobic, fungus harbouring soil conditions. A blanket that protects can also suffocate. Mulch should be a living layer that supports the full range of soil biology, and by breathing, exchange air and moisture. Naturally this living process leads to a breakdown of the mulch as it becomes incorporated into the soil, providing organic matter and nutrients to your plants.

With moisture requirements being met you can also look to feed your soil during Autumn with your choice of manure, pelletised manure, a complete slow release fertiliser such as Troforte or Grow Max, blood and bone with some potash, worm castings, or compost.

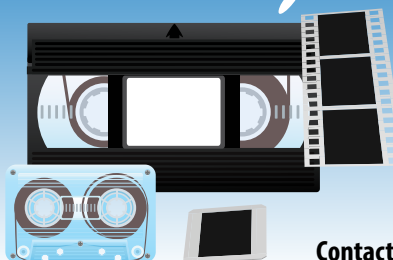
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# Clifton Springs Garden Club

Community Groups cannot function without strong support by members and especially members who are willing to take on Executive roles. The Clifton Springs Garden Club has been very lucky over the years to have had many dedicated Committee members. Recently one of these such members was honoured with a Life Membership.

June Hogg joined Clifton Springs Garden Club in the early years of the Club and is still an active member. During her time in the Club she served for many years on the Committee and was one of the many members who worked extremely hard to put on an excellent Flower Show. Congratulations June.

Recently Club members enjoyed an outing to the Ballarat Botanical Gardens and Lambley Nursery and Gardens. The begonias were spectacular as always, as were the flower gardens surrounding the glass house. Davide Glenn, owner of Lambley gave us a most interesting tour of and talk about his wonderful garden. The garden looked amazing despite the dry weather and had the tallest tomato bushes I have ever seen. The colours in the garden were stunning, with many salvias, buddleias, and crepe myrtles showing off their wares.

In May, we have deviated from the garden theme for a speaker, with Zoe Waters from Barwon Health/Rotary Volunteer Patient Transport Service talking to us on what the service has to offer. We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30 pm, Uniting Church Hall Drysdale. Visitors are always made most welcome. If you would like further information on the Club please contact our Secretary Helen, on telephone 52571566 or email [hma3152@gmail.com](mailto:hma3152@gmail.com)



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Cauliflower is a plain white vegetable, often times over-looked because it's fancy cousin, broccoli, has become more popular - it is always greener!

In the olden days cauliflower was plain-boiled and sometimes force-fed - not realising all the goodness was cooked away. It's low in calories, high in fibre and has loads of vitamins.

Cooked alone it tastes fairly bland. The good thing is it absorbs all the flavours around the world but keeps it's own subtle cauliflower taste in the background. In India it is used with curry and turmeric. In Europe it is pickled to be used in salads. And it is cooked with the spiciness of chorizo or salami. One of the most popular ways to enjoy cauliflower is cooked with any tasty cheese!

Depending on the way it is cooked (or not) the texture changes, fresh/raw and crunchy to creamy, smooth for soup. It is one of the most versatile vegetables to cut, grate or use it whole and it can be fried, boiled, baked, blended to resemble rice or breadcrumbs, etc. Grated raw it can be used with fresh herbs to make a tabbouleh or couscous type salad.

It can be used as a "filler" if there's not enough rice or pasta for everyone. And for those fussy little ones, cauliflower can hide as a vegetable in mashed potatoes, or in little meat balls/patties. They'll never know!

To make a low fat pizza base use the following recipe. It can be topped with roasted vegetables e.g. capsicum, zucchini, pumpkin and add olives, sun-dried tomatoes or other favourite toppings.

## Cauliflower Base for Pizza

- 600g cauliflower, cut into small pieces, in a blender to look like rice
- 2 eggs at room temperature, beaten
- 50g grated parmesan cheese
- Blend all ingredients together and pour onto a baking tray.
- Bake for about 30 minutes or until golden.

## Cauliflower Puree

- 1 cauliflower, cut into florets
- Half cup crème fraiche or creamy cheese or ricotta
- 40g unsalted butter
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- Cook the cauliflower in boiling water for 10-15 minutes until very tender.
- Drain, then transfer to a food processor and blend until smooth.
- Add cheese and butter, and blend to combine.

## Cauliflower Lamb Bites

(Olive oil to fry in – optional)

- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 chopped onion
- Half cup chopped coriander and/or parsley
- About 500g cauliflower, cut into small pieces, in a blender to look like rice
- 2 cups almond meal
- 350g lamb mince
- Salt & Pepper to taste

- Add all the ingredients in a bowl.
- Season, and stir to combine.
- Roll into walnut-sized balls.
- Bake 180C for about 30 minutes.

OR

- Heat the oil in a deep frypan over medium-high heat and fry for 3-5 minutes on each side.

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Most people believe they eat a healthy diet and we've all heard the saying: 'You are what you eat', but is that strictly correct? You are also the result of what you eat, ate.

Perhaps it would be more correct to say: 'You are what you assimilate'. You might be eating the best, most nutritious, organic produce available but if you're not fully assimilating it, you are likely to be short changing yourself.

## Many factors influence what you assimilate.

First and foremost is how much you chew your food. As an example, the digestion of carbohydrates begins in the alkaline environment of your mouth. Your saliva contains ptyalin, a form of amylase which is an enzyme that initiates the breakdown of carbohydrates. In the acid medium of the stomach this process stops so if the food hasn't been chewed thoroughly it's likely the carbohydrates will simply ferment and produce a lot of gas.

Thorough mastication also releases enzymes contained in raw food that are necessary for the complete breakdown of that food. This saves your body a lot of energy by having to produce these enzymes if they aren't released from the food.

Drinking large amounts of liquids with a meal tends to dilute digestive juices, particularly hydrochloric acid in the stomach which is

required to break down protein. Adequate water intake is important but it is best taken well before a meal to ensure the hydration needed for complete digestion/assimilation.

## There are many things in our foods that we may not want to assimilate.

Perhaps the most difficult to assess is the residue of pesticides, antibiotics and hormones in meat. If you're trying to avoid gluten and you eat meat from an animal that has been fed grain to increase weight prior to slaughter, you might just be getting a hidden dose that you hadn't counted on.

And if that grain was doused with glyphosate prior to harvest, that could also be a hidden source that can affect your health adversely. This practice is common in the United States but fortunately, seems to be rather rare in Australia.

## The glyphosate and autism connection

U.S. neurologist Dr David Perlmutter M.D. published a blog on the connection between autism and glyphosate. In it was a graph of data from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Education. This graph shows a direct correlation between glyphosate usage and the prevalence of autism in six year olds over a seventeen year period. Whilst correlation does not prove causation the article is well worth a read if you are interested in autism. Here's a link.

<https://bit.ly/2Gy0o2H>

And finally, if you have a chronic disease it may well be worth your while to do due diligence on what you've been assimilating.

**Michael Carroll** - Co-founder & Director, Inner Peace Institute for Wellbeing

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## The Whitcombe Walk

Thursdays are now my favourite day of the week!

My wife Elizabeth (Betty) Dallimore and I had been living in Warrnambool for about 20 years, when Betty developed Alzheimer's and I became her full-time care giver. About 3 years ago I too started to lose my short-term memory and so we were no longer able to live independently. We decided it would be best to return to the Bellarine. We found a lovely double room at the Seaview Manor Aged Care Facility in Ocean Grove and made the move. Sadly, my wife Betty passed away several months later. Every Thursday my nieces Heather and Lesley, take me out and do my errands, or (Lesley's errands), visit the doctor, or a trip to the barber, go out for lunch, but without fail the girls always take me for a drive to somewhere significant from my early days. We end the day with an ice-cream overlooking one of the many splendid beaches of the Bellarine. As much as the Nursing care at Seaview Manor is wonderful and they look after me extremely well, I do love to escape on Thursdays....

Today we went for a drive up to the top end of Whitcombes Road, overlooking Corio Bay, Geelong and beyond, the view from there is magnificent. The road use to be called Ganges Lane.

My father Robert (Bob) Whitcombe was born in a little house, which still stands today, opposite Manzanillo Olive Grove. He was the youngest of eleven children, three however died before the age of one. Over the years my father became quite a significant member of the community and was very involved in the development of Drysdale. However, this story doesn't begin here, it starts in Somerset, England.

In the 1840's, England was known as the hungry forties as a series of very wet seasons destroyed many of the grain and vegetable crops and for some unknown reason the fisheries also failed. My Great Grandfather Benjamin Whitcombe at 29 was an unemployed stonemason with a wife, Eliza 26 and three young children, Elizabeth 6, Joseph 3, and Samuel 10 weeks. In 1849 Ben was offered assisted passage (at a cost of 19 Pounds each) for his family to travel to the "great southern land" with its promise of limitless opportunities. (The fee was refunded if land was purchased on arrival). They boarded a small ship called SS "Hope" which took 136 days to reach Melbourne. The family successfully survived the trip and were released to Newtown (now Fitzroy) where they had 28 days to establish accommodation. With no money and very few tools, we can only speculate what form the accommodation took. Ben and his family arrived in Melbourne in 1849, only 14 years after the Batman settlement in 1835. The Henty's settled at Portland a year earlier and Anne Drysdale at Geelong in 1840.

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Top - Joseph, Catherine at right Samuel

Joseph Whitcombe Born 1845

Left - The only known photo of Benjamin Whitcombe

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## Transition Time

My name is Carla Evans and we, you and I, together with other civilians of this great land in which we live have a problem. Last year 84 veterans who returned from active service with the Australian Defence Forces, committed suicide. This year the number has reached already 7.

These were fit men and women who proudly went to serve our Nation in the theatre of war on our behalf. They participated in deadly exercises where bullets and mortars killed and maimed. They lived their lives for months at a time in this kind of environment. On returning home, for some, the memories were too heavy to carry and after months of suffering, they committed suicide. There is an old proverb that we should never judge anyone until we have walked for one mile in their shoes.

### **What can you do? Interested?**

Please contact Anne at SpringDale or myself on 52513440.

## *What an amazing whirlwind few days we have had!*

**Drum roll please** - introducing our beautiful catamaran WildFire which was launched on Thursday 29th March. Magnificent day, fantastic truck driver, awesome community support as we travelled through various towns. Beautiful family and friends - without their help we wouldn't have achieved this. Special thanks VicRoads and VicPolice for their escorting duties. The weather was just perfect, the wind slowed long enough for the boat to be lifted on the traveller lift. We splashed and after 5.5 years of building amazingly she floats, looks stunning and we even got to go for a little motor on Port Phillip Bay. Wow wow wow. Our feet haven't touched the ground.

In particular a massive thank you to the residents of Beacon Point and Jetty Road and Bayshore Avenue. Thank you so much for keeping the roadways clear. A huge thank you to everyone who came out and watched the possession. It all added to the most fabulous day. If you have any pics or footage of the day, we would love to see them so please inbox us on facebook WildFire@wildfirecruising and you can also follow our journey from this page if you are interested. We will be starting a blog soon to keep you posted of our travels.

Currently WildFire is in the Queenscliff Harbour and will be there for the next few weeks. She is at the 360Q end if you are interested in seeing her on the water. We are still finishing her off and making preparations for her mast to arrive in the near future.

Again our sincere thanks for your interest.

**Gaye and Clint Jennings**



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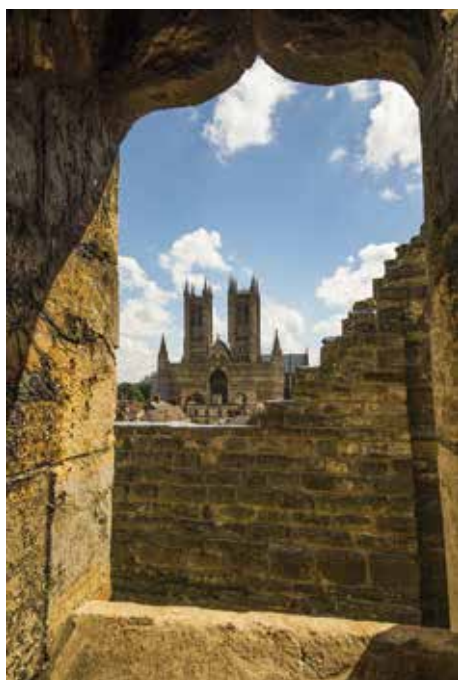
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Our guest speaker this month was Lisa Kenny, a Corio Bay Camera Club member, and an official photographer of the Queenscliff Music Festival for many years. She spoke of her experiences as an event photographer, while showing many of her images. Possibly not the genre of photography everyone wants to actually do, our members were very interested in her story and her amazing captures. Our subject for this month's competition was Doors & Windows, judged by Frank Kennedy who is a very talented photographer. He showed some of his own images and talked about how he achieved some of his amazing results – focus stacking was a new subject to many members.



## PRINTS

### A GRADE:

1st	Number 9	Jon Bagge
2nd	Lincoln Cathedral	Alex Valkenburg
3rd	Water Window	Stan Coath
Merits:	Inside Out Leadlight	Daryl Haywood;
	Rectangles & Circles	Lynne Bryant

### B GRADE:

Merit:	Church Window	Julie Derrick
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## ELECTRONIC DIGITAL IMAGES

### A GRADE:

1st	College Dining Hall	Lyn Northam
2nd	Steiglitz Townhouse	Val Moss
3rd	For Sale	Ian Chalmers
Merits:	Blue Door	John Gallichan;
	Golden Orbs	Lynne Bryant;
	Seen Better Days	Val Moss;
	Windows of Dark	Ian Chalmers

### B GRADE:

1st	Riflemen	Phil Jeffries
2nd	Set in Stone	Neil Follett

Bellarine Camera Club meets at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, Drysdale, at 7:30pm on the first and third Monday of the month. For further details pop in to a meeting, or go to our website [www.bellarinecameraclub.org.au](http://www.bellarinecameraclub.org.au)

**Lynne Bryant** - President

# CLIFTON springs TENNIS CLUB



Clifton Springs Tennis Club is currently seeking A and B Grade Men and Lady Tennis Players for the Monday and Wednesday night Mixed Competition. Both regular players and emergencies are sought. The Club Mixed Competition has seven teams on each night, and starts at 7.00pm and usually finishes before 10.00pm. A couple of recent relocations has generated this request.

The competition has players of all ages, with some travelling from Portarlington/Queenscliff/Barwon Heads to play. Night tennis is a good way to keep fit, especially in the Winter months and keeping the weekend free for other pursuits.

Please phone Phillip Bee, Clifton Springs Wednesday Night Tennis 5251 2921 or 0418 143 107

## Trivia Answers

1. Carnations
2. Molly Weasley
3. Pugsley, Wednesday and Pubert
4. The Second Sunday in May
5. National Breast Cancer Foundation
6. Lorelai Gilmore
7. Bart, Lisa and Maggie
8. Chrysanthemum
9. True.
10. Lady Catelyst Stark (Tully)

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## Drysdale Division 7 Grand Final winners in the Mid-Week Pennant competition

After having no teams in the Mid-Week Bowls Pennant season 2016-2017, due to changes in competition rules, Drysdale were able to field two Divisions of Mid-Week teams in the 2017-2018 season. Division 7 and Division 8 combined ladies and men teams were able to make it to the finals.

Division 8 after a hard-fought battle against Ocean Grove in the Semi-finals at Leopold Bowling club lost 43 to 68 shots ending their run to the Grand Final.

The same day our Division 7 team playing against St Leonards at Clifton Springs Bowling Club won their right to play in the Grand Final with a 43-shot win over St Leonards. Scores Drysdale (63) V's St Leonards (20).



In the Grand Final Drysdale Division 7 were again up against St Leonards this time playing at Geelong Bowling Club in the Mid-Week Grand Final.

During the morning play, both clubs had a mixed start both taking the lead at times. However, the last end before lunch saw Drysdale win 4 shots on both rinks resulting in an overall lead of 20 shots.

The afternoon started off badly for Drysdale with St Leonards slowly drawing closer. At times behind on one rink, Drysdale made a great comeback eventually winning by 22 shots over the two rinks.

Scores Drysdale (58) V's St Leonards (36).

We would like to thank all of the players who supported the club throughout the Mid-Week Pennant season. If you would like further information on joining our club, please contact us by visiting our website <https://drysdalebowlingandcroquetclub.com/> or contacting us via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DrysdaleBowlingCroquetClub/>

**Chris Symmonds**

Secretary

Committee of Management



## Drysdale Bowling Club A History....cont'd Chapter Nine

At the end of 2008 talks commenced between the City of Greater Geelong and several Developers who wished to acquire the land and buildings of the Club to use for retail purposes. Over the next few years many options for the relocation of the Club were put forward and investigated thoroughly. This process was an enormous amount of work and, at times, much angst among Club members. After some four years or so this whole venture came to nothing when the Developers pulled out and chose another site in Murradoc Road.

Towards the end of 2008 the damage to the greens caused by rabbits became too much to bear and ferrets were brought in to alleviate this problem. As the burrows were found to be located beneath the Machinery Shed this was only partially successful and rabbits continue to be an issue to this day.

In October 2009 the Ladies section of the Bowling Club celebrated their 60th Birthday. Synthetic greens were again mooted but did not proceed and in 2011 the Men's and Ladies sections amalgamated into one body. Carpet Bowls as a social and fund-raising activity continued in 2011 but sadly Bingo came to an end about this time. Bingo had been quite a lucrative income stream for the Club but, as with many other things, much of the effort to run this activity was left to too few. Triples for Triers was very popular but unfortunately several teams missed out on this Competition due to its being fully subscribed.

Early in 2012 the lease of our current site was renewed and a new and comprehensive Code of Conduct was adopted by the Club. The surface of Bowling Green No. 1 was replaced in this year also. After the drought of the previous years, a great deal of rain caused much interference with both the playing and maintenance schedules.

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