



# The SpringDale Messenger

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next year!



## Wearable Art - Felt Wonderful!

Imagine my delight and surprise when I discovered the Felt Show in full swing at SpringDale Hall. What bliss. Gorgeous handmade decorative pieces were everywhere with very friendly women assisting with enquiries and two women demonstrating felt-making. "Aren't they gorgeous!" I exclaimed to the brunette beside me. She turned and looked directly into my eyes, addressing me using the name I was known as at primary school. "Are you Majella?" she asked. "Y-e-s. Who are you?" I asked.

When Margaret told me her maiden name, my early years came flooding back. Our parents had been firm friends. Marg had been several classes below me and knew my brother and sister-in-law quite well. We spoke for about twenty minutes. She introduced me to her husband and told me that they and some of their adult children had recently moved from Melbourne to Clifton Springs. Her husband wisely left us to catch up, and we exchanged phone numbers.

I was on a total high. Unsurprisingly, the felt display became even more absorbing. After Margaret left, I purchased this stunning garment and wore it next morning anticipating that that the display might be on for another day. I was hoping to discover the name of the artist who made my coat - feeling fabulous.

**Della Broderick-Brown.**



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# 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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Sun-Tue	1-31	National Desexing Month
Sun-Tue	1-31	JulEYE
Sun-Sun	1-8	NAIDOC Week
Sunday	5	Free Movie Night - BYAC - The Greatest Showman & Coco - The Potato Shed
Sun-Sat	8-14	National Diabetes Week
Monday	9	SpringDale Dining Club Portarlinton Golf Club - 6.30pm
Monday	9	Food Safety Session 10am - 12pm - SpringDale
Tue-Fri	10-13	321 BLAST OFF at 10.30 and 1.30 - The Potato Shed
Wednesday	11	Days for Girls Sewing Group 9am - 3pm
Mon-Fri	16-20	National Farm Safety Week
Tuesday	17	ISSI DYE - Morning Showtime at 10.30am - The Potato Shed
Wednesday	18	SpringDale Salads Clifton Springs Golf Club - 12 noon
Fri-Sat	20-21	Point of No Return at 8pm - The Potato Shed
Monday	23	Preparation for the Bellarine Show 2019 - Neighbourly Networking Event - 1 - 3pm - SpringDale
Tuesday	24	Lifeline's Stress Down Day
Fri-Sat	27-28	Think of me on Thursdays at 8pm - The Potato Shed
Saturday	28	SciFi - Space Pilots - 10am to 11am - SpringDale
Sun-Sun	29-5Aug	DonateLife Week

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# Coordinator's News



Anne Brackley

Over the last few years, the government has been encouraging SpringDale to develop more partnerships to gain better outcomes for our community. Those who know us, know that long term mutually beneficial relationships or partnerships are at the heart of almost everything we do. Forming long term relationships with our members, with our tutors, with our advertisers, with our volunteers and with users of our other services, especially relationships that can start well and continue to improve and strengthen. This concept took on different proportions when I went to New York and visited the United Nations. I know how difficult some relationships can be if there isn't trust at its base, even between two not for profit organisations, consider how difficult it could be to try to get partnerships between the 193 Member States. When I saw a dial clicking quickly over, showing the total amount of money spent that day on weapons around the world, I determined to become an advocate for better partnerships. I'm not really sure what I can do as an individual but I am prepared to add this to my life time goals. I suppose what we are trying to achieve with our Neighbourly Networking project, might help new local partnerships to form. I'm hoping that after each time you invite a neighbour to have a coffee or attend an activity at SpringDale or elsewhere and you wish it to be recorded as part of this project,

we'd love to hear about it. I'm hoping that we can record get-togethers on a map, so we can physically see the connections that this project has helped to facilitate.

We are looking forward to publishing quotes from people who have met as part of this project to hopefully inspire others to reach out and say hello to their neighbour and help our friendly, happy community to be better connected and hopefully more happy and healthy.

Please come to SpringDale and pick up invitations to place in your neighbours' letterboxes or let us know if you would like some dropped off. Please let us know if you would like to be part of the team to help us create events that people might like to attend with their neighbours.

We are pleased to announce that SpringDale is now set up to show movies with a huge screen and appropriate projector – we look forward to scheduling movies into the near future. Please let us know if you would like to help select the movies and help us to organise this for our community. Thanks to a Stronger Communities Federal Grant for helping us to achieve this community goal.

Anne Brackley

Chief Enthusiasm Officer for the SpringDale Team.

## News@SpringDale

### 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. Although it is very simple - being walked through the process may give you more confidence to come forward during an incident.

**Tutor:** Stayin' Alive First Aid

**Dates/times:** Wed 1 Aug 6pm - 7.30pm

Sat 25 Aug 9.30am - 11am

**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:** Mon 9 July, Mon 30 July, Mon 13 Aug, Mon 3 Sept 10am - 12pm

**Fee:** \$5

### Sci Fi - Space Pilots next training day

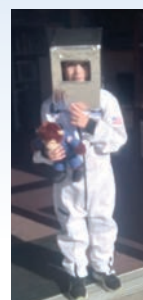
**Space Pilots! Boys & Girls 6 and over.**

**Kids Space Pod Training Day.** Learn to fly the Space Pod on search and discovery mission.

**Dates/times:**

Sat 28 July 10am - 11am or Mon 13 August 4.30pm - 5.30pm

**Free**



**Bookings being taken for the 2019 Edition – 20,000 copies home delivered across the Bellarine**



## Big Screen has arrived at SpringDale



Community dreams come true with movie afternoons and nights at SpringDale. Thanks to the support of a Federal Government Stronger Communities Grant we have been able to purchase the equipment needed to run better movie events. The screen is very large and we look forward to presenting films that our community would like to see.

Wondering if there might be some members of our community who might like to help us get this started. Perhaps we could have different genre events. Perhaps we could have movie marathons? The possibilities are endless.

Thanks to the Federal Government for helping us make this dream come true for our community.



## Works on track to deliver Drysdale Bypass

It was great to have the Premier in Drysdale announcing a significant step forward in the construction of the Drysdale Bypass, with works to commence in September this year and completion scheduled for mid 2020.

Construction company Decmil will begin design work within weeks. A detailed archaeological excavation will identify areas of cultural significance and VicRoads will work closely with traditional owners to manage any discoveries.

As locals are well aware, the \$117 million State funded project will build the bypass to improve safety and ease congestion through the heart of Drysdale by giving trucks and drivers on the Bellarine Peninsula an alternative and more efficient route.

As part of the project, traffic lights will be installed at the intersection of Grubb Road and Portarlington Road. These lights will replace the current roundabout, significantly improving traffic flow and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

I acknowledge the important input of many locals into the planning stages of the project, including of course members of the Drysdale Clifton Springs Community Association.

The bypass has been talked about from more than 40 years and it is terrific that we are now getting on with delivering it.

## New Extension to Clifton Springs Jetty

Together with the Premier, I was also pleased to announce a significant extension of the Clifton Springs fishing platform that will double its length to 70 metres.

The current 35-metre all-abilities platform was built last year using \$250,000 from the State Government's Target One Million plan, which is investing a record \$46 million, to get more people fishing.

The facility provides local anglers with a stable place to fish, close to the existing boat ramp that also features toilets, car parking and fish cleaning facilities.

The 35-metre extension, to be managed by the City of Geelong, will be funded with \$320,000 from Target One Million and be complete by mid-October 2018, in time for the warmer weather and the Christmas holidays.

The extension will include a light at the end of the platform, hand rails and rod holders along its length to make it more convenient to wet a line for calamari, flathead, whiting or small snapper, all of which are highly prized table fish.

The project complements the Target One Million flagship commitment to end commercial net fishing in nearby Corio Bay, which occurred in April, and all commercial net fishing in Port Phillip Bay by 2022.

Improving facilities for shore-based anglers provides more opportunities for beginners to try the popular pastime in a safe and convenient way.

## Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants now Open

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be available to fund projects that boost biodiversity through the development, improvement or restoration of habitat for Victoria's native plants and animals.

*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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## Letter to the Editor

Thanks for the Memories of Yesteryear in the latest Springdale mag- I love articles about the history of the Geelong area.

Leanne

Send your letters to: [messenger@springdale.org.au](mailto:messenger@springdale.org.au)



**Lisa Neville MP**  
Member for Bellarine

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# YEAR 2018!

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



## 2018! Cont.....

### Jupiter V.

Helmuth hung up the helmet and turned to the watching Chief Engineer. "Well, is it bad Bob?" "Bad enough Charlie. A flying chunk took out the North end of the Bridge. A big piece, two miles through at least." "You O.K.?" Helmuth shook his head. "Frankly no. We may actually be on Jupiter's fifth moon but for four hours a day my eyes and my ears and my mind are on the Bridge. I don't like it. One of these days the whole Bridge will go. Flying shreds into the winds and the storms and the darkness..." "You're depressed Bob. Sleep it off. It might look better in the morning." Next month... Paige discovers the truth about Pfitzner!

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.

## Club hopes collectors will stamp out error



Ocean Grove Stamp Club has recently become aware that its annual membership is displayed online as "only \$50".

Club members were shocked by this figure as annual membership is \$6, and no one can figure out how this happened.

Ocean Grove Stamp Club is friendly and informal, and new members are always welcome.

Meetings are held in the Senior Citizens rooms at 101 The Terrace in Ocean Grove.

The format includes discussions on all aspects of stamp collecting worldwide and short presentations by members if they so wish, usually followed by lots of chat about stamps.

If you'd like to join this friendly group, or find out more about the club, come and visit or ring the secretary Dianne Sapwell on 5255 1372.

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except December) at 10am.



The SpringDale Salads are going to Clifton Springs Golf Club Wednesday 18 July meet 12noon. Please ring Margaret on 0418 370 857 to reserve your seat.



SpringDale Dining Club is going to Portarlington Golf Club Monday 9 July 6.30pm. Please ring SpringDale on 5253 1960 to reserve your spot.

Tilly Dog Productions presents ...

## Think of ME ON THURSDAYS

Written and Directed by Miranda Donald  
- a play for my Dad

What happens in the kitchen stays in the kitchen - or does it?

Based on real-life conversations and happenings in the canteen of a country football club. Only the names have been changed ...

The play with NO boundaries. Come if you dare!

Potato Shed - 41 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale  
Friday 27 July 2018 at 8pm  
Tickets - \$25  
Strong Language - Mature Themes - Rated M  
Tickets - The Potato Shed Box Office - Phone (03) 5251 1988

## WHAT'S ON

**A MORNING WITH ISSI DYE**

**BOOK EARLY!**

**MORNING SHOWTIME**

TUESDAY 17 JULY 10.30AM  
Tickets \$15 including Morning Tea

**POINT OF NO RETURN**

**BOOK EARLY!**

FRIDAY 20 JULY, 8PM  
SATURDAY 21 JULY, 8PM  
School students \$20  
\$38, \$34 (Conc),  
\$30 VIP / Groups of 20+

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**BOOK EARLY!**

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**COMPETITION CLOSES 3PM FRIDAY 20 JULY**

## Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers



In all the years as a kinship carer I have seen many changes for the benefit of carers.

I am sad to report that the numbers of kinship carers are increasing very rapidly every day. I received a call from a grandmother only recently begging me for help and guidance in relation to the situation that their family found themselves in - caring for a young family member.

This grandmother and family did not know where to turn for help, they were basically just sitting at home wondering how they would cope with the situation. A good friend of theirs showed the grandmother my recent article in the Messenger and got in touch. The rest is history so to speak.

When I receive calls like this grandmother, I immediately jump into action. I listen to their situation, find out what they need for themselves and the children in their care. I advise who to ring in Centrelink for benefits for the children and what other services are available and let them know they are not alone in their journey of being a kinship carer.

The material assistance I am able to provide to all kinship carers in our region is kindly donated by many generous, kind hearted people and organisations in our community. So from the grandmother and family I would like to say a HUGE thank to those people who have donated goods to Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers.

I was able to assist with single bed sheets, blankets, doona, clothes for the child, games, books and something special for the little person - a hand knitted pink cardigan which she just loved. The grandmother said the little girl wears her special cardigan all day and every day - simple things that make a child happy.

(P.S. The little girl was just so happy with the new doll, dolly bed and dolly pusher, and her very own new teddy to take to bed each night). One very happy little person.

All I can do is pass on thanks from those that I have assisted to those that have donated goods to our group. My number one priority is the safety of all those involved.

If you are a kinship carer we would love to see and support you in your journey as a kinship carer.

Our meetings are held monthly at SpringDale on Mondays 6th August, 3rd September, 8th October, 5th November and 3rd December from 10am to 1pm. Please bring a snack to share.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns as a kinship carer.

Thanks and regards - Jeanette Hanley-Heath - 0414 308 257

## Spinning Wheel Round Dance

Spinning Wheel Round Dance Group/Club will COMMENCE on Tuesday 14 August at 10.30 am and finish at 12.30 pm.

There will be time for a cuppa at any time for those wishing to stop and revive.

Sincere thanks to all who have contacted me. I have been overwhelmed with your response and I will speak with you individually before the beginning of August. Just got to nip overseas before then and will not have my telephone turned on.

### What to wear?

Whatever is comfortable and most important of all COMFORTABLE footwear. Cha Cha and Rumba will be the starting rhythms.

Looking forward to dancing with you on 14 August, 2018.

Carol Simondson 0400 354 445.



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## Lane Discipline

You won't be able to hear my accent from my writing but I'm a Pom. I've tried hard to assimilate but my accent still comes through! However, this means that I learned to drive in England and had the opportunity to drive for extended periods in the UK, in continental Europe and in North America (the USA and Canada). One glaring difference between driving on those continents compared to driving in Australia, is the excellent lane discipline apparent overseas. Traffic flows more freely and travel is easier when drivers pull out to overtake then return to the slower lane once the manoeuvre is completed.

Although there are clear rules in Victoria about keeping left, these are often ignored by motorists. I've not heard of anyone being booked for blocking the right lane though I'm sure it happens sometimes. However, keeping left does not seem to be promoted by authorities.



Vic Roads 'Road to Solo Driving' is quite clear on this issue. Page 126 states:

'On multi-lane roads with a speed limit over 80 km/h, you must keep out of the right lane unless you are:

- overtaking
- turning right
- making a U-turn
- avoiding an obstruction
- driving in congested traffic.

You must also keep out of the right lane where a Keep Left Unless Overtaking sign applies.'



Image courtesy of VicRoads.

Extracts from 'Road to Solo Driving' reproduced with the permission of the Roads Corporation trading as VicRoads.

I'm sure that most drivers will have experienced the frustration of motorists blocking the traffic flow on roads of the Bellarine Peninsula and on the Geelong-Melbourne freeway. To improve traffic flow, I'd encourage all to keep left on multilane roads.

As the sign says, keep left unless overtaking.

**Norm Cheale**

Learner to Probationary (L2P) Mentor



## A new home Livingstone & Sarah

Hello, my name is Heather Hallam. Over the past 10 years, Mark Wilkinson and I have been sponsoring an extremely poor child called Livingstone through an organisation called Compassion International.

Earlier this year when Mark & I went to visit Livingstone at his home in a very poor slum area in Kampala (the capital city of Uganda), we discovered that the home in which he lives with his mother (Sarah), had fallen down. Please see the attached photographs. Because Sarah earns



minimal money, she cannot afford to pay the rent now to live somewhere else. Mark and I are currently covering that expense, but will not be able to do this on a long term basis.

Thus, I am now, with the assistance of public support, undertaking the task of raising the \$10,000 that is needed to build Livingstone & Sarah a new home. Upcoming fund raising events include an afternoon high tea, a gigantic garage sale (donated goods to be sold would be gratefully accepted) and a sausage sizzle. Any suggestions of other ways to raise funds would be much appreciated.



Donations of \$2 or over are tax deductible. ALL money raised will go to the building project with a very high level of accountability in place to ensure that this occurs.

For further details concerning any of the above events or to make a donation, please contact me via my email address of compson@securenym.net

I am endeavouring to have a web page established in the very near future.

Thank you so much from Livingstone and Sarah for helping to build their new home.



## AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES GROUP



This newly formed group, Age Friendly Communities Group meets at SpringDale to discuss issues affecting the aged and ageing and to develop plans for Aged Friendly communities on the Bellarine.

This group is an initiative of Bellarine Aged Care Association (BACA) and participants from Drysdale, Portarlington, and Clifton Springs and Leopold actively engage in raising issues including:

- The difficulties encountered with accessing aged services, particularly the Commonwealth government's MyAgedCare.
- The Waiting Lists and waiting times for services desperately needed by the aged and ageing e.g. simple house maintenance and garden maintenance.
- Support services required to ensure those living alone can be accessed to ensure they are safe and well.
- The need for our Age Friendly Group to feed in to Bellarine Aged Care Association and other agencies the issues and difficulties being faced by the Aged and ageing – which represent 33% of Bellarine's population.
- Members feed in "stories" of issues to a Group Journal to record and be a basis for action.

For further information on BACA, Age Friendly Communities Group email [coghlan532@gmail.com](mailto:coghlan532@gmail.com) or [underseas@bigpond.com](mailto:underseas@bigpond.com) or phone SpringDale on 52531960.

Next meeting is Thursday 5 July 10am-12noon at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

**Peter Coghlan and Jane Morgan**



# Neighbourly Networking

**BOB**  
Business on the Bellarine



This invitation is part of a community networking and community capacity building initiative.

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre has been contacted by many people over the years, who have needed to form connections to help them live a fuller life. This project hopes to connect people in a more proactive manner.

By participating in this project you are helping to make our community more connected and hopefully happier.

Events will be held at SpringDale over the next six months but not limited to SpringDale events that you might like to attend and bring a neighbour with you. Our goal is to document connections made through this project.

Hoping you might be happy to share details of your meeting i.e. the address of yourself and your neighbour that you have introduced yourself to, or been able to come to know each other a little better and we would welcome a paragraph about the get together to publish in the Messenger if you are happy to do so.

Please feel free to ask any questions or make any suggestions that you feel might help us enhance this project.

Please be a part of this project and help our community become even happier.

Yours very sincerely,

**Anne Brackley**

Coordinator, SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

## Get Neighbourly at SpringDale

Neighbourly Networking events for July include Morning Tea Tuesday 3 July 10.30am (free event), Morning Tea with the Jigsaw group Thursday 5 July from 10am (free event)

Business on Bellarine is a group of Business people who meet weekly in Drysdale, to network and help promote each other's businesses. The benefits of the weekly meeting include being able to regularly speak about your business in a positive but concise manner, meet new people and learn of other businesses that are part of our community.

We meet on Tuesday mornings 7.45am to 9.15am visitors welcome.

Drysdale Cricket Clubroom  
Drysdale Recreation Reserve,  
Granville Street, Drysdale

Contact Allan Houlston  
0405 140 003 for more information

**SpringDale Occasional Care**

SpringDale Occasional Care is a part of SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. We are a small childcare centre with our aim being to create a friendly homelike environment. We have 16 children in total consisting of a variety of ages and fully support the philosophy that play based learning is engaging and builds success for life.

Our direct phone number is 0401 129 140.

**Session Times & Fees**  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.00 - 2.00pm 5hrs - \$40  
Tuesday, Friday 9.00 - 12.00pm 3hrs - \$25  
Pay by cash or online.

## WANT or NEED there is a difference business owners must understand the difference.

It's human nature to do what we WANT to do, and we only do the things we NEED to do when we decide what we WANT to do it. It's safe to say that some of us are simply better at just getting on with things than other people! So in the context of business, and people making buying decisions what does this mean?

When humans make a purchasing decision we decide based on emotion. We do this because it's what we WANT. Then our brain quickly justifies our emotional decision by some form of logic, however solid or flaky it might really be! Depending on the speed at which that justification happens we can often feel like we buy something because we need it, as opposed want it.

But I hear you say, "I need to go to the supermarket, I never want to!" But that's not quite true now is it? You could get take away for

every meal, but you have in reality decided you WANT to go to the supermarket to shop. That desire, or 'want' may be because you feel it's better value, or perhaps something else.

Still don't believe it? Why was Ford able to sell Falcons, Fairmont's and Fairlanes? Why do people buy Heinz baked beans instead of homebrand? Why do some people fly in first class? Because people want certain things.

So remember, it's not all about price, it's about value and desire. Each of us perceive different values and are prepared to pay for what we want. We simply justify it in our own way. As a business owner it's important to understand this concept and work with human nature in mind, we can't fight millions of years of evolution!

**Aaron Hunter :**  
www.straightforwardbusiness.com.au





## Celebrating our 10th Anniversary 2018

Apparently, in early days of 2008 a couple of chaps would drop their spouse at a women's craft activity then mope about for a few hours then return to collect said spouses. One day it was suggested these chaps may like to "go out the back room and have a cuppa and chat". Thus was borne an idea for men to gather and subsequently "what about a Men's Shed?"

Within weeks the membership began to grow with vision and enthusiasm for the future.

To celebrate our 10 year milestone our Shed will hold a luncheon afternoon on Friday 27 July and all current present and past members and partners are invited to join us at Clifton Springs Bowling Club for a meal, entertainment, banter and good fellowship.

Cost is \$20 pp, drinks at bar prices. Bookings / enquiries please phone 0411 264 976 or see our Treasurer at the Shed.

Our Shed, along with about 1000 other Men's Sheds throughout Australia, has a focus of betterment of men's health and wellbeing within local communities, and, has evolved over the past decade into an active facility where men of all ages and capabilities can integrate socially or in one of our many activities such as wood or metal work, art, pool or other games, community involvements, computer and internet or a range of guest speakers relevant to a myriad of health, lifestyle or career/life experience.

Of course, numerous local entities and businesses provided financial and equipment donations. We are extremely grateful to the Lions Club of Drysdale / Portarlington who provided seed funding along with significant Victorian Govt and Bendigo Community Bank grants.

We undertake fund raising pursuits to encourage fellows to combine their energies in a myriad of ways to provide funds necessary to enable ongoing Shed functions and expenses, plus, enable us to maintain a range of Community involvements.

- Community Markets - Drysdale Rail Station 2nd Sunday monthly Nov - April.  
Sale of many items made in our various workshops eg: toys, art, kid's furniture, used tools (in safe working order), plants and sausage sizzle.
- Sausage Sizzle - 1st Saturday each month.
- Garage Sales - Periodically during year (normally March and Nov).

Clifton Springs Community Men's Shed Inc is open to visitors each Monday 10am to 3pm. Situated at the rear 45 Central Rd, Clifton Springs. Phone 0411 264 976, or visit our website at [cscmensshed@gmail.com](mailto:cscmensshed@gmail.com)



The Rotary Club of Drysdale are very intentional about reaching and connecting with their Community in many different ways. Recently we reached out to our local people to sing the praises of the businesses that have provided Exceptional Service, culminating in a dinner where these Businesses were recognised and rewarded.

We do this annually so keep an eye out next year and start taking notice of the business/es that give you exceptional service.

Another way we reach out is to our Schools and Kindergartens by providing various things as requested. Recently we provided little white labs coats for our budding scientists that are all of about 4-5 years in age. We call this being proactive by positive empowerment of the little people who will run the country one day.

One of the things we are very proud of is our partnering with High Schools with our Bruno Callori Young Artist Mentorship Program. This encourages a focus on Art and marries in very well with our Annual Easter Art Show. Again we are encouraging the young to accept a challenge and be a powerhouse in their chosen field. Many students who have been mentored through this program have gone on to use this gift as an advantage.

New to the area? Have you been Rotarian elsewhere or have not been a Rotarian at all? Want to make a difference? Come check us out because we are also intentional to have our membership grow so as to be able to continue to reach and connect with our local community. We are a group of like-minded people who meet together and share ideas, projects and do it all with fun and laughter. Who needs a laughter class? Just join Rotary its good for the soul as well as our community and world.

Call me to find out where we will be next Monday night.

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Drysdale Clifton Springs Curlewis Association

## DRYSDALE STATION HOUSE REPAIRS/RENOVATION WORK

In 2015 the Drysdale Clifton Springs Curlewis Association (DCSCA) opened discussions with the President of the Bellarine Railway, David Price regarding how they could work with and support the Bellarine Railway operations here in Drysdale as part of their community profile.

In 2016 it was agreed that repairs to the weatherboards at the western end of the Drysdale stationhouse building were urgently needed being rotten and letting in damp. The DCSCA committee agreed to project manage the job and to cover the full cost for replacement of weatherboards, paint and all associated costs including labour up to a value of \$1,500. Work commenced in October 2017 has now been completed. The west wall and annex area is fully repaired, painted and water tight ready for winter. Some incidental repairs to the platform decking were also undertaken.

The full value of the donation from the DCSCA including all in kind contributions including voluntary labour and equipment provided by members of the DCSCA and the Bellarine Railway has been costed at over \$6,000 a small price in ensuring the security of an invaluable asset. This work was undertaken as part of the 5 year agreement between The Bellarine Railway and the DCSCA for them to work within the Drysdale precinct to undertake specific tasks under mutual agreement.

Thanks go to DCSCA's Doug Carson for his terrific Project Management, use of his equipment and renovation skills that have been invaluable. Also to DCSCA members for painting and support crew Edna Carson, Rick Paradise, John van Parreren and Elaine Stow who are also members of the railway.

Once spring arrives and brings some better weather the paint is available and a working bee can be organised with railway members to complete the painting of the remaining walls of the station house. If you are interested in being involved in this or other projects please contact either the DCSCA or Bellarine Railway regarding how to become members. E-mail [dryclift@gmail.com](mailto:dryclift@gmail.com)



Since the Festival of Glass has been a fixture in Drysdale since 2011, there have been many friendships made between artists from across the country, who have been billeted with local Drysdale people during the times of the Festival. We currently have a list of people on our books that have billeted in the past, which we would like to have confirmed again but we would like to ask new people if they would care to billet someone for a night or so. If you have in the past offered to billet, or would like to in the future, please get in touch with us.

The Festival itself has grown tremendously, and is now well past the "one day" event, with the introduction of workshops where glass artists from all over come to Drysdale to be taught new skills about glass, particularly glass blowing. This particular craft can be managed with a "pop-up" workshop, and all that is needed is a suitably credentialed tutor and a few organisational requirements. If all goes well, we finish up with many students who have gained a fantastic range of new skills. For the past 2 years we have had two glass artists; one from Murano in 2017 and this year (2018) from Venice, who were great teachers and who enhanced the skills of all who attended.

For 2019 we are planning to not only have one of the Italian masters back, but also 2 Canadians who are very keen to come to Australia and show their skills to us. They are a young couple who have toured extensively, and are very happy to be billeted by someone in Drysdale or Clifton Springs. The catch here is that it will not be for one night, it could be for a week or more. We are yet to commit to the program with them, but we are at least weighing up our options regarding cost etc. Accommodation is one of those issues, which is why we are posing the question now. The approximate period would be from about the 15th – 25th February 2019.

If you can help, could you please contact me at [ccd21@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ccd21@bigpond.net.au) or on 0418 371308.

Doug Carson; 2019 Festival of Glass co-ordinator





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# Bellarine Camera Club



Our guest speaker this month, Jim Den Ouden, is one of our own members who had recently been on a Japanese photographic expedition. He kept everyone interested as he told his story of visiting the snow-laden far north of Japan. He travelled with a small group of photographers, led by a professional, to photograph the snow monkeys, birds and the environment. Photographing in temperatures often as low as minus 20 degrees had many challenging aspects for both human and equipment.

Our thanks to the judge of our latest competition, Peter Marin, on judging a more difficult subject, 'Energy'. Peter also showed some stunning images of his own which were quite inspiring.

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

**Lynne Bryant - President**

## PRINTS

### A GRADE:

- 1st Sweet Potato Battery - Darren Henry
- 2nd Explosive Daredevils - Daryl Haywood
- 3rd Ocean Power - Lyn Northam
- Merit Off Ya Get - Lynn Cornell

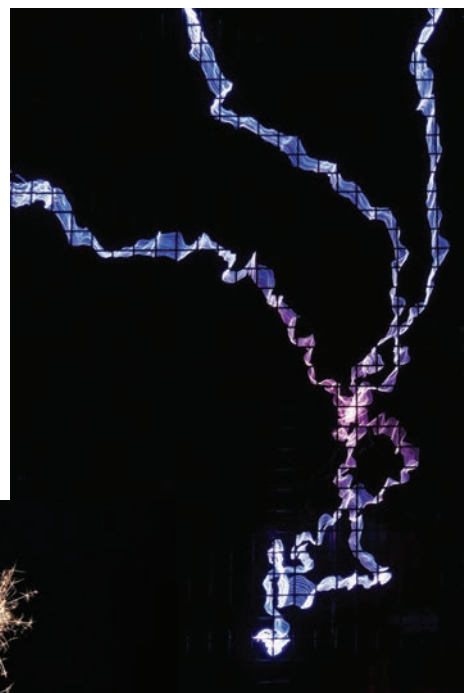
### B GRADE:

- 1st Up High - Debbie Hallows
- 2nd Air Motion - Julie Derrick

## ELECTRONIC DIGITAL IMAGES

### A GRADE:

- 1st Zap - Anne Tyrrell
- 2nd Solar Energy - Jim Den Ouden
- 3rd Aged Energy - Alex Valkenburg



Above: Zap - Anne Tyrrell

Left: Sweet Potato Battery - Darren Henry

Below: Solar Energy - Jim Den Ouden



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It might come as a shock to you, for those of us who don't always read the small print, that dependants who have either a gap year or discontinue permanently from full-time school, are no longer considered as a Dependant under a Family Membership with Ambulance Victoria.

If dependants (17-25) are awaiting placement at a tertiary institution they will still be covered under their parents/guardian's membership up to 31 March of the year for which they have applied. After this date proof of full-time student status must be provided to receive benefits.

The good news is that if they are studying interstate, they will also be covered provided proof of full-time studies can be supplied.

Thus if you are no longer considered a dependant on a family membership, then you are not protected against the potentially high costs of ambulance treatment and transport, averaging a cost of \$1,100 a time. If the dependant chooses not to continue with further education,



they will be required to purchase their own membership, from the last day of full-time school attended and they will not be able to join on-line, though I am unsure exactly why!

Providing that the dependant takes out a single membership within 30 days of no longer qualifying, they will be entitled to full benefits immediately and don't have to wait the 14 day qualifying period. However, unless families are aware of this, the qualifying period could expire, leaving the family and/or dependant in a position of having to pay a very high fee if Ambulance services are required.

Be warned!

## SpringDale Trivia 14th Edition by Drysdale Girl Guides

1. Who is the oldest living Australian Prime Minister (as of 29/5/18)?
2. What two colours combine to make Aqua?
3. How many players, per team are on the field at any one time during a game of soccer?
4. In what year was Pluto reclassified as a Dwarf Planet?
5. Croissants are associated with the cuisine of which country?
6. Which author wrote books including Jessica, The Potato Factory and The Power of One?
7. In which state or Territory would you find the municipality of Parks?
8. Which sign of the zodiac is represented by a fish?
9. What colours are featured on the flag of Egypt?
10. Songs such as "Do you hear the people sing?" and "I dreamed a dream" are featured in what musical?

Turn  
to page 21  
to find the  
answers.

Drysdale Guides meet on Thursdays during the school term.

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# Balanced Life

In the 2018 February Messenger, I wrote about creating a card for me to look at my life and ensuring that I was living a balanced life. A number of people requested this card and are hopefully finding benefit from it. It has inspired me to spread my time and look at what I do through a new lens.

The headings include - Occupation, Hobbies, Learning, Health, Family, Friends, Travel, Well-being, Environment and Service. The card encourages you to set between one and three goals in each area that might be a challenge to you. The challenges might go across a couple of headings. Perhaps you could use this card for a few years and it could be your strategic plan for your life.

You might not have seen it in the February issue so I thought it was worth talking about as an idea for the start of the financial year. Feel free to call into SpringDale to get your copy and get started using this to help balance your life.

**Anne Brackley**

Chief Enthusiasm Officer SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

*Balancing Life – think about how you could improve your life by writing down goals and dreams under these headings – feel free to change the headings to suit your needs (if these don't suit you). Good luck and have fun doing this. I try to find fun in all I do  
sincerely Anne Brackley.*

Occupation	Environment	Learning	Health	Family
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2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.	3.
Hobbies	Service	Travel	Well-being	Friends
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2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.	3.

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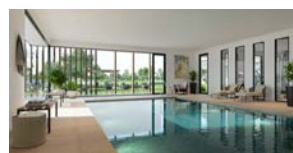
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# BEING A TOURIST IN UNIQUE LOCATIONS – SUE VAN EVERY

The Democratic People Republic of Korea is led by the young dictator Kim Jong Un. It had an isolationist policy until very recently when a small trickle of tourists, under close supervision, were allowed into the country. I went with the first Australian official tourist group to be allowed to stay for 12 days. There were 7 widely travelled tourists plus an Australian travel agent. The program was agreed in advanced. We were briefed by an Embassy representative in Beijing and the day before travel, visas were issued. We read the 15 pages of do's and don'ts.

There are three ways to enter the country: from China by train, or flights from either Beijing or Moscow. I entered by train and exited by flight to Beijing. Passports were taken at the border and returned at the airport when leaving.

As a tourist, a guide and a guard accompanies one everywhere. The bus would drop the group at the front door of buildings. We were escorted while inside museums, science centres and historic buildings. No early morning walk around hotel grounds. Photos are limited and should not show the military or poverty. One exception to this rule was the Demilitarized Zone where we could take photos of the military personnel on the border with South Korea. Plus many full length photos of their leader.

Pyongyang, the capital, is a modern showcase city for party members. It is located on the plain with humid summer rain and temperatures -8 to 21. Most days when I was there the temperatures were 28 degrees. Other cities visited included Hamhung on the northern coast, Nampo and Wonsan in the south – a good coverage of the country.

In the country, the group walked to waterfalls and along forest paths. Stopped at roadside

tea cafes. A highlight in the mountains was a visit to the International Friendship Exhibition at Myohyangsan. A vault consisting of 150 rooms displayed diplomatic gifts presented to the country. Absolutely magnificent treasures were viewed including a plane, a train, priceless porcelain, object d'art from major design movements and folk art from around the world.

In Pyongyang accommodation was in an international hotel for tourists, on an island in the middle of the river. Food for tourists was tasty with 8 'full course' meals, 3 times a day consisting of traditional cabbage dish Kimchi, soup, vegetable dishes, eggs, fish, pork, followed by a huge bowl of steamed rice washed down with Fanta 'juice' or local beer. One special meal included acorn jelly which was delicious. Meals were served by beautiful women in traditional dress.

In the country side, rice and corn was being harvested with a soldier standing guard in the field. Corn was being dried along the road. Flowers beside the length of rural roads were beautiful. Villages or schools or aged people were responsible for hand cutting public areas such as roadsides and parks.

In the country, I stayed in a traditional Korean wooden building, sleeping on the floor with a mosquito net; a luxury 5 star beach resort; a dusty 1950s hotel; a spa resort where the spa did not work; and luxury 1930s hotel



suite. Outside the capital, our group were the only people staying at the hotel or eating in a restaurant. No contact with locals. Rooms were wired and had many mirrors. Suitcases were searched.

My impressions of DPRK: a rigid controlled state run country in economic hardship. Food is a scarce commodity for locals. Life appears drab. The cities are lacking cars and people. And there is no individualism or creativity except in Science and traditional dancing. The new Pyongyang is spectacularly pristine western style city.

North Korea has a population similar to Australia in a country the size of Victoria twice over. The geography consists of wide flat plains and very steep mountains. Crops and pasture are 3% of land and include corn, rice and vegetables. Major industries are iron, steel, sugar, rubber, textiles, chemicals, ceramics in order to be self-sufficient from embargoes imposed by the west.

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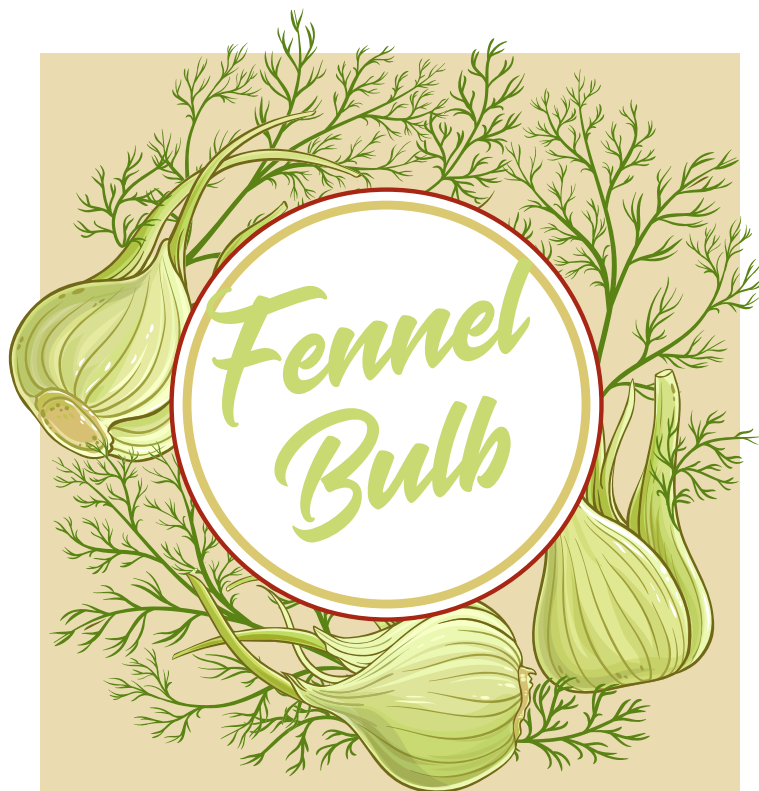
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## Fennel Bulb

Fennel has a sweet taste and pleasant aroma. It is often served at the end of a meal (as a dessert) in some parts of Italy. It is delicious in every form, raw or cooked. It grows in autumn and is mostly available all through winter.

In salads it is sliced thinly and served with thinly sliced oranges, a hint of garlic and olive oil with a sprinkle of balsamic vinegar.

To bake in the oven, fennel are better sliced and tossed in butter with a tasty cheese like Parmesan.

Fennel seeds are used in making Calabrese Salami among many other uses like tea etc. The seeds are available whole or crushed, in a powder form.

## Slow Cooked Lamb with Fennel & Potatoes

This is a one-pot recipe from Southern Italy.

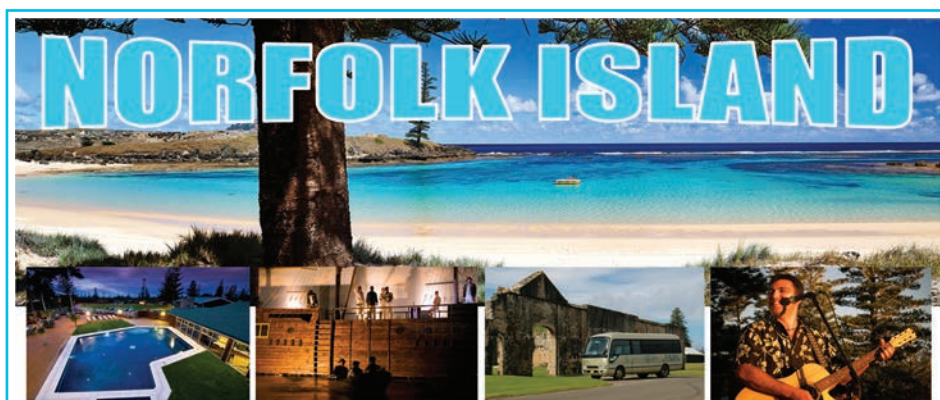
Traditionally it would have been slow baked in a shallow terracotta dish in a wood-fired oven. In the Mediterranean these earthenware pots are used for slow-cooking: the Moroccan tagine, the French call it tian, the Spanish and Portuguese use a cazuela and the Italian call it a tiella.

About a kilo of lamb (lean, shoulder) cut into cubes  
 2 cups full cream milk  
 2 bay leaves  
 ½ teaspoon fennel seed (crushed)  
 2 cloves garlic, crushed  
 1 Kg potatoes, cut into thick slices  
 1 fresh fennel, sliced  
 ½ cup extra virgin olive oil  
 1 red onion, sliced  
 Salt & Pepper  
 ½ cup fresh chopped parsley  
 1 cup grated tasty cheese (Pecorino or Manchego)  
 1 cup bread crumbs



- Early in the day soak the lamb in milk with bay leaves, fennel, rosemary and garlic.
- Cover and allow to soak 3-6 hours or overnight.
- Preheat the oven to 220C
- Remove the lamb from the milk and dry with paper towel.
- Reserve the milk and herbs.
- Add the potatoes and sliced fennel to the milk and soak for about 15 minutes.
- In the meantime, prepare a fry pan with oil and stir fry the red onion.
- Add the lamb – continue to stir and fry gently for about 10 minutes.
- Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Remove the meat and onion from the pan and add a half glass of water to deglaze the pan.
- Scrape up all the bits stuck to the pan and pour into the baking dish.
- Add a layer of fried onion and meat to the baking dish.
- Layer potatoes and fennel on top and sprinkle with fresh cracked pepper.
- Add another layer of meat and then the last of the potatoes.
- Pour the milk mixture with the herbs over all the layers.
- Bake on 220C for 15 minutes.
- Remove from the oven and sprinkle with cheese and breadcrumbs.
- Drizzle about 3 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil on top.
- Bake at 160C for about 2 hours. Turn off the oven and allow to rest for about 30 minutes.

Serve warm.



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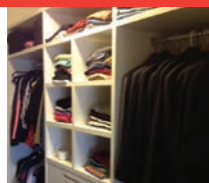
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# Clifton Springs Garden Club

Traditionally in July Clifton Springs Garden Club does not have a formal meeting, instead we have a dinner. This year due to popular demand we are returning to the Portarlington Golf Club.

Zoe Waters, Deputy Executive Director, Foundation and Volunteer Services Barwon Health, recently gave the Club a very informative presentation on the volunteer services offered by Barwon Health and in particular the Volunteer Patient Transport Service.

Part of the Club's charter is to donate money each year to a local organisation chosen by members. This year the Barwon Health Rotary Volunteer Patient Transport was the recipient. Zoe was thrilled and very grateful for the donation. She advised the Club that they recently had had to put one of the vehicles off the road due to lack of funds for petrol so this donation would be put to immediate use buying petrol.

Recently the Club visited Roraima Garden and Nursery after a lovely lunch at Millar's Café Lara. Roraima is a unique garden situated in Lara. Members were exposed to an interesting

mixture of unusual and architectural plants displayed alongside natives, perennials, ferns, palms, which were inter dispersed with cacti and succulents. And as we wandered through the garden, and to add another dimension, we were surprised to find many unique metal sculptures scattered everywhere. Club members finished off the visit with mandatory time spent in the nursery.

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)



Zoe Waters  
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# From Little Things Big Things are Growing – at the Bellarine Secondary College and Landcare Nursery

Just after I moved to Drysdale I made a great discovery – our own indigenous plant nursery. Wow! Somewhere I can indulge my passion for plants and enjoy the best of company! Which is what I have been doing for several years now. Our nursery propagates 220 local species of plants. We have 180 species in stock, though they are flying out the door now that we have had good rain. Work is done by volunteers under the guidance of our knowledgeable coordinator. We collect seed or cuttings, plant, prick out seedlings into tubes, and commune with our baby plants while we weed and feed them. Our special group of men make structures to protect young plants from marauding birds and possums and invent new ways to keep hungry rodents from snacking on seedlings.

Originally our peninsula was clothed in open forests and woodlands. By the 1850s, Melbourne was growing apace, with an insatiable appetite for firewood. Timber cutting crews cleared land and shipped the wood to Melbourne. By the 1870s farmers were so concerned that they wrote to Ferdinand von Mueller at the Royal Botanic Gardens asking for tree seedlings to help re-afforest the bare paddocks. Ferdinand von

Mueller obliged by sending some American and European trees. Now-a-days farmers are after local species. They have learnt that these do best and nurture the birds, bats and other beasts that control pests.

Local gardeners also love our local plants. They are tough, beautiful and can be mixed with exotic species if that is what you want.

The Nursery is located on Belchers Road, and is open from 9am-3pm on Monday and Tuesday, and the last Sunday of the month 10 - 1 pm. And, if volunteering in the nursery might interests you, just think – you can spend your hours growing plants, learning, enjoying good company and being free to wear old clothes in public.



Above - Yam Daisy (*Microseris lanceolata*) produces tubers that were once a staple food for Aboriginal people.

Left - Stock-take in our nursery.

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It is helping people connect with their neighbours by discussing and sharing ideas about practical ways in reducing emissions & waste, re-localising food sources, options for transport, importance of water, and reducing energy bills, all of which result in safer, more resilient and enriched communities. It is taking off in the City of Greater Geelong, Surf Coast and now on the Bellarine Peninsula.

It is designed to operate in groups of 10-12 people, preferably living in close proximity to each other, meeting in their own homes, and we have support people to get the groups started and assist with any issues or queries as they arise. To start the ball rolling on the Bellarine Peninsula we are offering a group setting at Springdale Community Centre every Wednesday afternoon, 1-3pm, led by Jackie Lukacz who has been a member of one of the original groups in Geelong and is the coordinator for setting up new groups around the Greater Geelong area.

She will host and guide you through the workbook, which is supplied, encouraging equal participation, sharing of ideas and learning.

We are excited by this initiative as we believe there is real strength in people coming together to build communities and develop creative responses to the environmental challenges we face. There are now hundreds of Transition groups around the globe. We hope that through Transition Streets you will develop relationships within your immediate neighbourhood that will help you explore and respond to some of the significant environmental challenges before us. Whilst we face an uncertain future, we also have the opportunity to think about the type of community we want to live in and to start creating an alternative vision now.

By joining with others in your area, we hope you find it informative, inspiring, constructive and a bit of fun. We hope you'll discover new ways of doing things together that help make life in your home and street more enjoyable places to live.

## Strategies for Putting Square Pegs in Round Holes



Thank you so much to everyone who has helped to make our recent project on autism such a success. We ended up helping 4 people on the spectrum to gain employment and found volunteer roles for 5 others.

This was so much more than we had hoped to achieve. We have held hundreds of conversations and written tens of articles about the spectrum and especially about this project.

Although we have only been able to have conversations with 27 employers, we have been able to document the types of considerations that businesses might need to consider before or while employing a person on the spectrum. We have created a course to help people on the spectrum to gain employment and we have drawn on our experience to make this as real as possible and a course to help employers.

We still hope to develop a Social Enterprise to help more people on the spectrum to gain employability skills. We are still not sure what sort of activity this might be but as does happen at SpringDale the idea will eventually reveal itself when the time and the energy is right.

I found a couple more books about autism at the United Nations and am powering through them at moment to gain any other information that will help our goals for SpringDale and our community be better realised. We have created quite a library of books on Autism at SpringDale over the last few years.

Finally we have also documented the eco system which surrounds people on the Autism Spectrum and hope this helps people on the Spectrum and those who are looking in. As with everything we do at SpringDale we are committed to continue to support this activity into the future and build sustainability around it. Looking forward to where this takes us.

**Anne Brackley**

Autism Advocate



# Stay #firesafe this winter

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Nothing says winter more than lamb shanks, a glass of Bellarine shiraz and a wood fuelled fire. Except perhaps for hot, buttered crumpets with lots of honey.

While both these scenarios are comforting and help beat the winter blues, they are in and of themselves potential fire hazards.

Recently, CFA members attended a flue fire that had got into the cork insulation in the home's ceiling. It is a timely reminder to check and maintain fireplaces, chimneys, fireboxes and flues for cracks and debris.

Many house fires start in the kitchen, so it important to reduce potential hazards, such as regularly cleaning the crumbs from your toaster.

**Here are our top tips for staying #firesafe this winter.**

1. Keep clothes, toys and curtains at least one metre from heaters and fires
2. Make sure heaters and the dryer are off before going to bed or heading out
3. Clean the lint filter in your dryer after every use
4. Never leave cooking unattended and keep tea towels and pot holders away from the stove top
5. Keep a fire blanket in the kitchen
6. Check for kinks in electric blankets, and only turn them on for 30 minutes before going to bed

**Importantly, every family needs to develop a home fire escape plan and practise it. Your plan should include two ways to escape each room of the house, and a designated safe meeting point, such as the letterbox.**

**And always remember to call 000 in the event of a fire or emergency situation.  
For more information, visit [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au)**



# DonateLife Week

Sunday 29 July - Sunday 5 August

More than 1,300 Australians are today on wait lists for a life-saving or life-transforming transplant. If you are willing to one day save lives by becoming an organ and tissue donor, please register and discuss your decision with your family and friends.

During DonateLife Week we encourage all Australians to register their donation decision and to discuss their donation decisions with their loved ones.

Did you know only one in three Australians have joined the Australian Organ Donor Register, even though 81% believe registration of donation decisions is important\*?

And registration is important – nine in ten families agree to donation proceeding when the deceased is a registered organ donor. This drops to just 52% where the deceased was not registered and the family had no prior knowledge.

## REGISTER YOUR EVENT

Let us know what you are doing – fill in a DonateLife event form for promotion on the DonateLife website and social media pages.

## Some Q and A's

- One organ and tissue donor can transform the lives of many people.
- Australia is a world leader for successful transplant outcomes.
- Around 1,400 people are on Australian organ transplant waiting lists at any time.
- In 2017, 510 deceased organ donors and their families gave 1,402 Australians a new chance in life.
- The majority of Australians are generally willing to become organ and tissue donors (69%).
- In Australia the family of every potential donor will be asked to confirm the donation decision of their loved one before donation can proceed.
- The most important thing that helps a family's decision is their knowing the donation decision of their loved one.
- The quality of care for a potential donor at the end of his or her life, and the wishes of their family, is always the foremost consideration of those involved, and is never compromised by the potential for organ and tissue donation.

\*Woolcott Research 2015



According to  
*Mary-Anne*

Having a disability or a mental illness can sometimes be isolating for a variety of reasons such as:

Being in a wheelchair and accessing their community, shops, public transport, and community activities can be quite difficult because not all shops on the Bellarine have ramps and/or wheelchair access.

There are many streets that do not have footpaths for people to access their community safely and therefore use the road alongside large trucks, which makes it dangerous for people who use mobility aides. This also becomes an issue when wet.

There are a lot of people in our community who may have a mental illness and do things a little differently than the rest of us, this can also cause the people to be isolated.

**Mary-Anne Cosic**

*I don't think Mary-Anne will mind me saying, people now seem to see Mary-Anne the person and not just her wheel chair. After the delivery of the June Messenger almost everyone through the door spoke to Mary-Anne, it was heart-warming. Although Mary-Anne has now completed her course placement hours, I believe you will still find her at SpringDale regularly and she has committed to continuing to write about issues affecting people with a disability. Please feel free to ask her questions, I know I have benefited from her answers. Thanks so much Mary-Anne. Anne Brackley inspired by your resilience.*



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# Memories of Yesteryear

by the Older Generation of the Bellarine

## The Whitcombe Walk - continued

Even though Benjamin Whitcombe, died 1884 in humble circumstances, we thank him for his vision, strength of body and purpose. Benjamin's three children Elizabeth, Joseph and Samuel went on to have 25 children, 21 surviving to adulthood. It would be Benjamin's sons and grandsons who were to have the biggest impact in the cultivation of agriculture in this district.

After my father Robert was born, his mother Mary, (my Grandmother) opened a shop in the Drysdale, nearly two miles from home, with the idea of selling some of the produce from the orchard and vegetable gardens. Later "ice" became available from ships from Melbourne calling at Geelong, Clifton Springs and Portarlington each day and she sold Cornish Ice Cream, made using a hand turned churn.

Before the train line came through Drysdale in the late 1890's, Sam's produce was taken to Geelong, by horse and cart, 14 miles each way, and sent to Melbourne on the Port Phillip Bay steamers from Clifton Springs.

Samuel Whitcombe died in 1915, age 67 years, from a severe form of Parkinson Disease. My father Robert was overseas at the 1st World War at the time.

Mary lived on in the old home for 10 more years. She was very musically inclined and passed this down to many of her children and grandchildren. She died in 1925 aged 73 years, only months before I was born in January 1926.

Samuel and Mary were strict adherents to the Methodist Church. Sam was well known in the district as a lay preacher and lived in a very austere manner. However, they had set their family firmly on the way into the 20th century, which was to prove very different from the 19th.

Samuel was born in poverty, spent his early childhood in harsh colonial conditions, and lost his mother before he was 5 years old. Whilst he never progressed beyond a small holding, through arduous work and personal integrity, he gained the respect of the community, where he lived for some 50 years.

My father Robert (Bob) was the youngest child of eleven with 22 years between them. At the age of seven he suffered from Polio and it was

to haunt him greatly later in life. Bob joined the army in 1915 and saw service in Egypt-Gallipoli and France, he was discharged 542 days later as he was deemed medically unfit. Bob married Laura Purnell, daughter of a well-known Geelong Cabinet Maker. Laura worked at the Geelong Hospital as a voluntary aid.

My father built a home for 450 Pounds on land next to the original family home that was to be under his fathers Will. However, older siblings disputed their fathers Will and we had to vacate our home a few weeks after my birth. Sam left his sons an allotment of land to work the land and in turn pay their Mother and sisters an annual allowance from their earnings. It seems my Uncles disputed where my Father built his house. The piece of land in question was sold to William Bryant and the brothers got paid their share as soon as the land was sold, but my father had to wait 12 years until W. Bryant paid off the loan and his mother passed away as she continued to live in the original house with disabled son Bart.

The employment my father Bob found, as working manager of a large property, "Spray Farm" 640 Acres – one square mile, was in time, to make him the man he was meant to be.

*What I personally learned from all of this.*

*Is that*

***Good can come from even the worst that can happen in life!***

Written by Ian Whitcombe & Lesley Whitcombe  
To be continued.....



Sam & Mary Whitcombe with youngest son Robert (Bob)

Bob & Laura's Wedding 1920

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# Collaborative Consumption - Robyn A Jones

What do Ride Share and public libraries have in common with launderettes? The focus is directly on the specific service required. With each, we have the opportunity to simply meet our needs or access an experience without the burden of equipment ownership. Welcome to Collaborative Consumption.

The purpose is clear. Collaborative Consumption enables us to focus on the need to be satisfied or experience to be, well, experienced, rather than the enabling equipment. Do we need the journey or the car, the information or the book, the clean clothes or the washing machine, dryer, iron and ironing board? Collaborative Consumption puts the focus on meeting our needs without ongoing ownership of tools that very briefly service our needs.

The Collaborative Consumption experience is not new. Shared use of scarce resources motivated collaborative consumption in earlier decades. In living memory, Australian neighbourhoods were active hives of collaborative consumers. Cars, mowers, televisions and telephones were commonly shared in the streets and avenues of suburbia. Lean economic times required creative solutions. Sole ownership of equipment in our preferred colour and model is a modern lifestyle habit of a wealthier society.

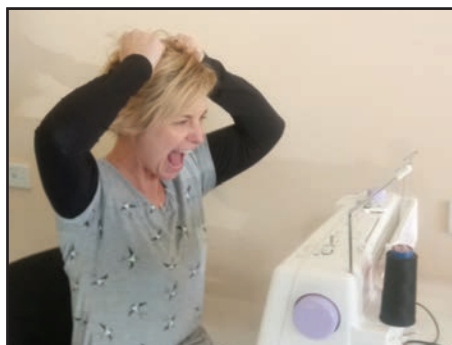
Today, we decorate our lives with equipment for every task, often in multiple colours, models and sizes. Equipment purchases are often an inefficient use of our economic resources. Collaborative Consumption contributes to personal resource efficiency. The shared use of equipment reduces the drain on our resources by providing options other than ownership of temporary use equipment. Certainly some equipment ownership is preferred and efficient if a regular need exists. Collaborative Consumption returns power to consumers. Our options are expanded to include collaboratively consumed equipment and owned equipment, if preferred. Consumers benefit from efficient use of their scarce economic and physical resources.

The burden of temporary use equipment ownership is a challenge in itself. We conscientiously care for stuff that we don't need or use. We pay to insure it, maintain it and store it far beyond its value to us in performing a temporary task. We move our collection of unwanted stuff from house to house over our lifetime. We accommodate it in our larger residence, garage or rented storage locker. Long after the need or experience has drifted into memory, the tools remain. Collaborative Consumption provides a different way of meeting the needs that unwanted equipment once satisfied. Collaborative Consumption returns control to the consumer, freeing us from unwanted ownership of the equipment of life.

As collaborative as the shared economy may be, it is also individual. Online communication enables easy access and so the range of collaborative opportunities expands. Ted Talks and Time Magazine provide commentary on the Collaborative Consumption concept and its growth. Opportunities have expanded to a myriad of equipment loaned, rented or swapped. Expansion of the shared economy has increased our choices and online communication provides access for us to individually manage our involvement.

Clearly, planet earth's resources are also limited. Scarce natural resources are consumed in the production of goods used by modern society. Excessive demand promotes the increased allocation of resources used in production, transportation and distribution. As well, the eventual disposal of excess consumer goods, equipment and products impacts waste disposal systems and the environment. Collaborative Consumption contributes to our efforts to reduce our impact on the environment and live sustainably by maximising the use of equipment and products.

We take action individually and together to meet the challenges of modern living. Individuals seek to maximise their resources and escape the burden of unwanted stuff. As a community, we aim to efficiently utilise natural resources and live sustainably. Collaborative Consumption can contribute. The choices are varied, the benefits are accessible and the consumer is in control.



To enable Collaborative Consumption use of the sewing machines that SpringDale has inherited, wondering if there might be someone in our community who might like to service our machines for us. Hoping you might ring SpringDale if you can help email office@springdale.org.au or ph 5253 1960.



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## SEWING IN THE COMMUNITY with Denise



My name is Denise Kent and I am an industry trained sewing teacher, in stretch fabrics and patterns, and was a workshop leader in a local branch of a national sewing group for specialty garments. Eg: swimwear, lingerie.

### Preparation for the Bellarine Show 2019 - Neighbourly Networking event



My first event on Monday 23rd July from 1.00-3.00pm will be about preparing for the Bellarine Show in 2019. Please come along, I may be able to help you decide on an article you would like to make and submit in the show.

### I will be running sewing classes in the following categories:

#### Practical Sewing

Knit fabric techniques: - waistbands, neck trims. Understanding the different behaviour/response of fabrics to your vision/pattern.

Measuring and sizing of commercial patterns. Basic sewing equipment and uses of, caring for your machine. - Bring your own machine.

**Skill Level:** Beginner

**Dates/times:** Tuesday 31st July. 9 - 11am

**Fee:** \$90.00 Conc. \$80.00 (4 weeks)

Material list available from SpringDale office.

#### Creative Sewing

Embellishing, uplifting a basic garment.

Upcycling - combining garments and fabric or recycling a favourite.

Learn techniques used in swimwear, lingerie, bras and costumes. - Bring your own machine.

**Skill level:** Beginner+

**Dates/times:** Monday 13th August 9.30-11.30 am

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#### 'How to' days repairs:

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Learn to deconstruct, to understand industry garment making.

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## Trivia Answers

- |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Bob Hawke      | 6. Bryce Courtenay    |
| 2. Blue and Green | 7. New South Wales    |
| 3. 11             | 8. Pisces             |
| 4. 2006           | 9. Red, White & Black |
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## Drysdale Bowling Club A History....cont'd Chapter Eleven

In July 2012 it was proposed by the Croquet Section that the Main Clubhouse be named in honour of Norma and Lex Mortimer. As Lex declined the offer of his name to be included the official name "The Norma Mortimer Clubhouse" took place with a celebratory Dinner in August 2014.

Ditches around the bowling greens were deteriorating and needed to be replaced at a cost of \$20,000.

Sausage Sizzles at Coles, Bunnings and Aldi became a semi-regular but infrequent fund raising activity.

During the early to mid-teens we weathered some years of strained financial viability. This has been an on-going concern for the Club throughout its history and no doubt along with all small sporting groups, will continue into the future. Innovative fund raising activity ideas are always welcome.

In 2014 the Club adopted a Proposed Facility Development Plan which included such items as improving shelter and shade areas throughout the site, replacing existing fencing along Collins Street and erect new fencing on the South boundary to improve security and safety and the provision of a sheltered B.B.Q. and Picnic area. Further re-configuration of the Clubhouse to maximise indoor facilities was also proposed. Several of these projects have been completed and work on others will take place as time and finances permit.

..... soldiering on

*Springdale Dining Group enjoying a meal the at Drysdale Bowling and Croquet Club*



## Clifton Springs Bowling Club News

Clifton Springs Bowling Club is looking forward to the new season 2018-2019 with the pennant season commencing in the first week of October.

The Club has appointed Alf Vella as the playing coach for next season. Alf is an experienced coach and player who moved to the Bellarine Peninsula a couple of years ago.

Alf has coached at clubs in Melbourne since the early 2000's, achieved premiership success, and also represented Malta in the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

We are also looking for players to participate in the Midweek (Tuesday) and Saturday pennant competitions, who may have recently moved into the area, and are wanting to join a club. Come and give us a try!



Clifton Springs Bowling Club is actively planning a number of activities over the next few months including a membership drive and a new twilight bowls competition in early summer. The club will also be participating in the state-wide Try Bowls Month in October, where all members of the community are encouraged to have a go at bowls in a friendly and social environment. We will be distributing more information about this in the near future.

If you are new to the area and want to give bowls a try and/or visit the club now, please ring Ann Ferguson on 0402 280 154 or Barry Oswald on 0420 921 881.

**See you on the greens!**

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Automated drip systems can save hours of hand watering, but if you must, domestic trigger style watering heads can be tiring to use. Some better quality fittings come with a thumb operated water valve that stays wherever you move it too so there's no grip pressure needed or trigger tension to overcome to keep the water flowing at just the right amount.

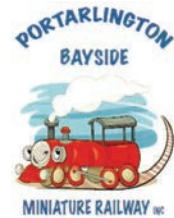
A shorter hose length with more tap points can save all that dragging, twisting, hooking and putting away when you're done. Poly pipe is relatively cheap to extend and add to your garden tap locations.

Kneeling pads help keep clothes clean and dry and knees warmer and a little less painful. I prefer the straight pad with no frame but Ag likes the frame for the extra support and not having to bend down so far to pick up and move it.

May all your garden grow,

Agata & Michael

Portarlington Nursery - 0474 521 483 - 1/44 Newcombe Street Portarlington 3223



## Winter School Holiday Running

This passenger carrying miniature railway situated within the grounds of the Portarlington Bayside Family Park, corner Point Richards & Boat Roads, Portarlington (Melways Map Ref No. 444 C5) operates on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm, during the winter months (May - August).

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