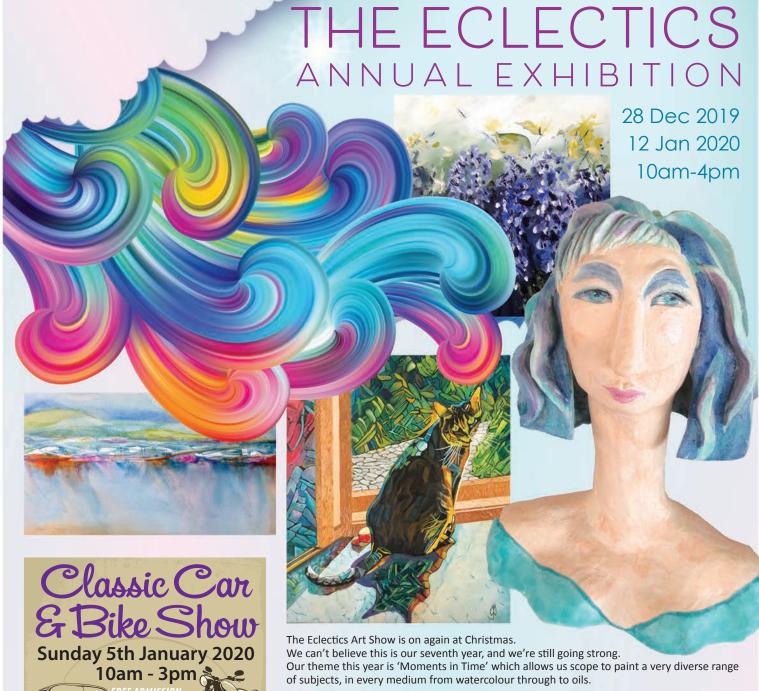


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Cruisin'the Bellarine Peninsula

Recreation

The Cruise on Saturday 4th Jan. Evening Assemble Drysdale Reserve 5.30pm - Cruise Begins 6pm Our love of the Bellarine Peninsula with its diversity of country meets the sea, and just everyday situations will be represented with every painting style from impressionist, expressionist through to just plain quirky. A whole new batch of individual characters has been knocking on Beryl's studio door to get out, and they've promised to behave if we let them go in the exhibition.

Our very popular cards printed from our original paintings will be on sale again. We have all been working hard (did I call it work?) all year and have new and exciting work we can't wait to show you. So come and find an original piece you can't live without, or a painting in just the right colours. It will be something you won't find anywhere else that's for sure. Drop in and say 'Hi' at the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre from 28th December 2019 to 12th January 2020 (2020 can you believe that?) from 10am to 4pm for just a gold coin donation which goes to help the Centre.



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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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Monday 2 Kinship Carers 10-1pm at SpringDale

Tuesday 3 International Day of persons with Disability

> 3 Friendly Cuppa and Chat Group 10.30-11.30 at SpringDale

3 A Sassy Christmas - 10.30am - The Potato Shed

Wednesday 4 Lets talk Death & Dying 10-11.30 at SpringDale

> 4 2020 Season Launch - 6pm - The Potato Shed

Thursday 5 International volunteer Day

> 5 Jigsaw Group 10-12noon at SpringDale

5 Write about Group 2.30-4.30pm at SpringDale

7 Saturday Harvest Basket Produce Swap 9-10.30 at SpringDale

> 7 Free replacement anti-theft number plate screws at SpringDale carpark 9-11am

7 Felting Group 10-3pm at SpringDale

9 Monday Dining Group at Leopold Sportsman Club at 6.30pm Christmas

> 9 International Anti-Corruption Day

Tuesday 10 **Human Rights Day**

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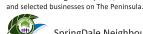
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Coordinator's News

Anne Brackley

I love looking to the future and planning but I also

love reminiscing. Over the last few weeks, in preparation for the celebration of 30 years of SpringDale, I have devoted many hours to reading the minutes of SpringDale's Committee.

Many names cropped up a number of times during the 30 year time span. Many people have played many roles and many continue to support SpringDale 30 years on. Our statistics reveal the impact that we are having within our community and the stories enliven the value that people bestow upon the activities in which they participate.

Sincere thanks to Sue O'Connor, Brenda Platt, Lucy Pope, Marita Thurman and many more for their thousands of hours of devotion in bringing the idea of SpringDale to reality. Thank you to the 114 people who have served our community on the SpringDale Committee over the last 30 years. Thanks to the hundreds of tutors who have educated our community, thanks to our hundreds of group leaders who have led their groups, thanks to our thousands of members, participants, volunteers and staff, who make SpringDale such a special place.

Some of our tutors have been internationally famous – invited by us to run classes in wellness topics of ortho-bionomy and psoas muscle and a felting guru. All have inspired people to go on to great achievements – you can see the results through the felting exhibitions that we run.

People from various political persuasions have participated in activities at SpringDale, John Brumby, as Premier handed out certificates to our Homework Group participants and Dennis Napthine launched our Writer's Group collection called Harmony 10. Our current Prime Minister Scott Morrision visited last year while I was on holidays in Tasmania – I saw a yellow room with 4 blue doors and realized it was our hall.

Our spaces have evolved over the years from only rented spaces to a room in the Drysdale Bush Nursing house to our relocated housing commission house which cost \$2,000 for the house and \$6,000 to relocate it in 1992, to

having an extra Room and then absorbing the community hall and eventually the renovation to link the centre together. City of Greater Geelong have just renovated our toilets and office areas to make them both more accessible for people in wheelchairs.

The projects we have delivered include a variety of festivals, exhibitions, advocacy for the Drysdale Bypass, and for understanding autism. We have helped people's ideas come to life and have been thanked for *making dreams come true* and through our Mens' Cooking Groups we have been thanked by daughters for giving dad back to name a few compliments.

We continue to build on the very solid foundations of those who came before us. As with all good stories we have had our highs and our lows but we continue to push forward with more than 50 special interest groups holding hundreds of sessions each month, 20 tutors holding hundreds of classes each term, hundreds of hours of community development and service being invested each month and more than 1000 people through our doors each week – we are a vibrant hub of activity and information, service and advocacy, inspiration and activation.

We have developed hundreds of partnerships with government departments, philanthropic organisations, businesses, community organisations, sporting groups, schools and individuals. Each partnership is based on mutual respect and shared benefit. This is another aspect of our community networking and strengthening.

All this happens through the curation of SpringDale volunteers and staff. We have and will continue to support the community in all aspects of community strengthening and capacity building into the future.

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre – where ideas grow and people flourish. 30 years strong.

Thank you all for the parts you have played and will play in our history and our future.

Yours gratefully

Anne Brackley for the SpringDale Team.

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The final attendance this year of the weekly 10am to noon Wednesday Justise of the Peace services will be on the 18th December and will recommence on 29th January 2020.



SpringDale Lunch Bunch will not be catching up in December but are meeting at the Zoo High St Drysdale on the 15th January 2020



SpringDale Dining Club are going to Leopold Sportsman Club for Christmas Dinner - enjoying a Trio of roast meats and vegetables followed by Plum Pudding and Pavlova alternating. Monday 9th December. **\$22 each**, numbers required. Please ring SpringDale on 5253 1960 to reserve your spot.

Collective noun for this month is a Dazzle of Zebras.



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Don't miss out!!!!

Final deadline for the 2020 Businesses & Services Directory has been extended to 20th December 2019. Contact SpringDale now! 5253 1960

News from Lisa Neville MP Member for Bellarine

Important New Bellarine Planning Protections.

I was very pleased to announce that the State Government has declared the Bellarine Peninsula a **Distinctive Area and Landscape** (DAL) under the Planning and Environment Act 1987. This important planning initiative fulfills a commitment made as part of the 2018 State Election.

In summary, the declaration means the State Government will set permanent height controls and town boundaries across the Bellarine and in doing so protect the local environment, rural landscape and importantly the lifestyle enjoyed by those living on or visiting the peninsula.

As locals well know, the Bellarine Peninsula is blessed with productive agricultural land, parks, significant wetlands and importantly historic towns all with their own particular character and ambience. The DAL is designed to protect all these important regional assets.

The DAL also includes a "Statement of Significance" outlining the cultural, spiritual and heritage importance of the Bellarine Peninsula to the Wadawurrung people.

In implementing the DAL the State Government has now commenced working on a "Statement of Planning Policy".

This policy will set out a 50 year vision for the peninsula to guide development controls and town boundaries.

The Statement of Planning Policy will be developed in consultation with residents, local community and business organisations and councils.

The consultative processes are currently being

developed and will be undertaken at key stages of the DAL development.

Further information can be found at engage. vic.gov.au/distinctive-areas-and-landscapes-program or please feel free to contact my office.

Importance of Regular Breast Screening

The State Government is backing a major push to boost breast cancer screening rates and in doing so calling on women to check their screening is up to date.

Latest Breast Screen Victoria participation rates for women aged 50-74 highlighted that 46 per cent of women in this age category are not participating in regular screening.

Data also suggests more than 1,500 Victorians could have breast cancer but don't know it because they are not participating in regular screening.

Finding breast cancer early, before any symptoms are noticed, gives women the best chance of survival. Thanks to earlier detection and better treatments, more Victorian women are surviving breast cancer, with the five-year survival rate now at 91 per cent compared to 73 per cent in 1986.

Breast cancer is the second most common new cancer in Victoria. In 2017, 4,524 Victorian women were diagnosed with breast cancer and 779 died from the disease.

The States Victorian Cancer Plan 2016-20 sets an ambitious target of saving 10,000 lives from cancer in the next 10 years.

In September the State Government announced \$1.8 million to roll out cutting-

edge 3D breast screening technology in assessment services across the state. This is aimed at speeding up lifesaving diagnosis and reducing invasive procedures.

A record 267,589 women were screened for breast cancer by BreastScreen Victoria last financial year, the highest number ever.

I encourage local women aged between 50 and 74, if not already doing so, to have a free, two-yearly breast screen with BreastScreen Victoria by calling 13 20 50 or booking online. For more information, visit breastcreen.org.au

So 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 lisa.neville@parliament.vic.gov.au Twitter@Lisanevillemp Ph: 5250 1987



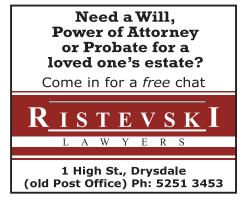
The literal meaning of this proverb:

"When the wine is drawn, one must drink it"

What it means:

Once the first step is taken there's no going back.







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Here we are nearly at the end the end of the year, and what a great year we have had at the Potato Shed, a very full season and some great feedback from the wonderful community. We have only a couple of public events left in the year - and a whole stack of dance and drama concerts that always pack people in.

We have our final Morning Showtime on Tuesday the 3rd of December with the amazing group Sassy Soul Sister - They will have the Shed rocking along with some classic tunes along with all those great Christmas Classics - as usual they will have you dancing in the aisles!!! One not to miss!!!

Theatre 3triple2 are back with the exciting annual event the 12×12 plays - This unique event sees twelve plays presented over the night, all under twelve minutes, the audience then get to vote on the best play. This event always sells out so be sure to book early - a great night and there is always something for everyone, and let us face it if you don't like a play - it will be less than twelve minutes before the next one.

Our 2020 Season is also due to be launched on December the 4th - this event is booked out but all the information on all the shows will be available on the Geelong Australia website from the 5th of December - We are having an All Australian Theatre Season in 2020 with some very well-known plays and some very well-known actors and celebrities - along with some international musicians and some great local productions. Were hope to see you here! as always please follow us on Facebook or Instagram potatosheddrysdale or visit our webpage at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/potatoshed



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TO OUR DECEMBER UPDATE

Hello fellow travellers!

Well a lot has been going on in the last few months. We are proud to announce that Nicole Prestipino and Simmone Fuller both won an award each for outstanding service and knowledge!

Nicole has just returned from Eastern Canada with Scenic Tours, so if you're planning a trip there, come in and have a chat with her for up-to-date information and ideas.

Natalie has returned from Club Med in Thailand and loved every minute of it – especially all the amazing inclusions that they offer.

Sonja has travelled with Bunnik Tours to Singapore and Sri Lanka. Bunnik Tours is a family owned business and offers small group touring with many inclusions. Read Sonja's travel blog on the right of this page.

Melanie has returned from maternity leave and is now available for appointments.

Don't forget we still have availability on our group escorted departures for 2020 including Egypt and Jordan, Russia and Scandinavia, Europe River Cruising, Canada and Alaska and New York Christmas Markets.

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sonja and the Team

GLOBE TROTTING IN SRI LANKA WITH BUNNIK TOURS

Sonja's Sri Lanka travel blog

Well, I was completely charmed by the unspoilt natural beauty, friendly people and ancient history of Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka is an island in the Indian Ocean off the southeast tip of India, with a tropical and warm climate.

It's a country packed with beautiful beaches, high mountains (over 2000 metres), tropical forest and lots of wild animals such as elephants, leopards, sea turtles, dolphins and whales.

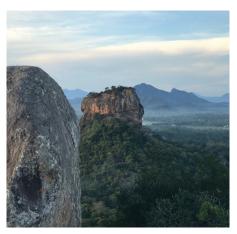
The island is encircled by beaches and is great for water sports including diving, snorkelling, kiting and surfing.

Inland you can stretch your legs taking hikes among tea plantations high up in the mountains above 2000 metres.

Sri Lanka's culture is influenced by India, Portugal, the Netherlands and of course the United Kingdom (it was a British colony until 1948).

Unesco has recognised eight World Heritage Sites in Sri Lanka, pretty impressive for a relatively small island!

It is well worth it to put Sri Lanka on your list of destinations to discover the island's beautiful culture, lush jungles and fascinating ancient cities. You can explore exotic tea and spice plantations and witness plentiful wildlife in national parks.





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NEW GROUP

Clifton Springs Curlewis Coastcare Group

The Clifton Springs Curlewis area is a hidden gem in Geelong, filled with stunning waters, sandy beaches and iconic views. To protect all this beauty, a new Coastcare Group is forming to conserve the values of this section of coastline for future generations. The Clifton Springs Curlewis Coastcare Group are holding their first meeting on Tuesday the 3rd of December from 5:30pm – 7:00pm at the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre and will be electing the members of their volunteer committee of management.

Over 2000 Coastcare groups currently exist in Australia with the aim to protect and conserve their local coastlines. After receiving feedback from the local community in Clifton Springs and Curlewis, the Bellarine Catchment Network started the process of formalising the new Coastcare group through the provision of support, co facilitation and resources.

Elise Snell, Coastcare Facilitator for the Bellarine Surf Coast, recognises the importance of this new group for the Bellarine:

"It is exciting to have this new group establishing as this year we are celebrating 25 years of Coastcare. Volunteers play an important role in caring for our coasts and marine environments for current and future generations to enjoy. By becoming a volunteer, you can be engaged in a variety of activities, from weeding and revegetation, citizen science, coastal education and engagement activities. Joining a Coastcare group is a great way to get outside, spend time in your local environment and give back to your community."

For more information, or to register your interest in joining the Clifton Springs Curlewis Coastcare Group as a committee member or general volunteer, please email naomi@bcn.org.au.



It is with a heavy heart we say farewell to Kel Davis, storyteller, trickster, truck driver, fisherman,

gravedigger, Life Member Drysdale CFA and long-time resident of Drysdale, after 92 years of life with the last 2 in Drysdale Grove. Hard to believe it's been almost 2 years since people have seen him in his usual spots with loyal companion Jack at heel.

When I sat with Kel, more than 10 years ago, and agreed that I could help capture a story but wasn't sure I could help him write a book. After 70 stories – we had a book, we became authors and SpringDale had helped to make another dream come true.

Kel shared his time, energy, memories and stories with all that he met

and I was lucky enough to be one of those.

Vale Kel - tight lines!





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The Rotary Club of Drysdale was recognised for it's contribution to the goals of Rotary International. The Club seized the many opportunities offered by Rotary's theme to be the inspiration in the local and international community.

The Club undertook many projects in conjunction with other local community groups. For example, tree planting at Point Richard Reserve with the Friends Group; Men's Health awareness with Bellarine Community Health; Barwon Health Rotary Volunteer Patient Transport and Walk for Johno fundraiser for the Heart Foundation.

The Club also provided assistance to youth through support for Bellarine Schools Ministry, Headspace Drysdale and donations to local schools. Drysdale Rotary Club also provides mentorship programs for students to study art and glass works as well as awards for community service at St Ignatius College. The Club also assisted in funding the Science and Engineering Challenge.

The Club's contribution towards the eradication of polio and establishment of a micro-economic chicken farm in Nepal was also recognised.



Past President Caroline Rickard accepting the Citation from Assistant District Governor Judy Beasley





Thirty one north Bellarine businesses will participate the fifth annual Treasure Hunt, which will run from Monday 6th January to Sunday 16 February 2020 as part of the 2020 Festival of Glass.

On Monday 6 January, a High Tea with glass blowing demonstrations at Café Zoo in Drysdale High Street will launch the Treasure Hunt and celebrate the tenth birthday of the Festival of Glass.

Each Treasure Hunt business has commissioned a piece of glass art from a local artist and will display it throughout the Treasure Hunt. The thirty one pieces will be major prizes in a draw of more than 150 prizes.

Each Treasure Hunt business will also display a glass 'Tiny Treasure'. When a treasure hunter spots a 'Tiny Treasure', the business will stamp their entry form; and each form with stamps from at least ten participating businesses goes into the Treasure Hunt draw at the Festival of Glass Expo on Sunday 16th February at Drysdale's Christian College.

The 2020 festival of Glass will run from January to March 2019. For information about events, venues and artists, please visit our website: www.festivalofglass.net.au or find us on Facebook.



Councillors' News

By Councillor Trent Sullivan

Greater Geelong's new Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been settling into their roles, following the Mayoral election. The Bellarine's own Cr Stephanie Asher was voted into the top job in a councillor vote, supported by Cr Kylie Grzybek as her Deputy – congratulations to you both. A big thank-you to Cr Bruce Harwood and Cr Peter Murrihy for your leadership and hard work during your terms as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

We've got less than 12 months left before the council elections in October 2020 and us councillors are motivated to make sure that time is productive and successful for the region.

Meanwhile, there are many happy community organisations and clubs, after council gave the green light to award more than half a million dollars' worth of 2019-20 community grants. The aim of the grants program is to give back to the groups who provide so much joy, assistance and opportunity to the community.

The Drysdale Soccer Club is one of the groups with reason to celebrate, set to receive \$1,595 to buy kits for its dedicated players.

The Northern Bellarine Arts Trail has been handed a \$2,000 boost, to throw open the doors of artists' studios to the public for two days.

The City's also given the Bellarine Catchment Network (BCN) \$3,500. This

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funding will help the Clifton Springs Curlewis Coastcare Group host meetings and attend the BCN's annual environment day on the Clifton Springs foreshore.

Another recipient North Bellarine Film Festival with \$2,100, which will go towards its first ever Victorian Emerging Filmmaker Award.

Councillor Trent Sullivan

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HENRY TRIGG

Homestyle Kensington Grange have celebrated a grand momentous occasion for Henry Trigg's 100th Birthday and reminiscing about his live. He was born in



Winchelsea and grew up in Pirrenyollack near Colac on his parent's dairy farm before leaving to join the army in 1939. After returning from the army and with his wife Lilliac they purchased their own dairy farm at Mt Moriac. Here they raised their two daughters Faye and Diane and son Graham. Henry's fondest memories were their time on the farm, enjoying the hard work to succeed, which they did and were able to sell that property and purchased a half acre block in Drysdale in 1968, which allowed them the freedom to travel which they enjoyed enormously and lived a semi-retired life.

In his younger days he had fond memories of chasing rabbits and selling the skins for pocket money and fishing with his brother. Enjoying the chores about the farm and looking after the horses and maintaining the old appliances on the farm.

They were married 71 years after meeting at a country social dance, which they continued to attend throughout their life. Henry reflects on his pride and contentment during his marriage, describing Lil's beauty and their dedication to each other, also with their family and friends.

Henry is known as a true gentleman with a large sense of humour!

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Protecting the Bellarine?

State and local government initiatives are continuing to change the face of Drysdale and Clifton Springs. The state government's Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is moving towards declaring the Bellarine Peninsula a "Distinctive Area and Landscape", with the aim of protecting the Peninsula's unique features for current and future generations". The declaration will restrict further 'development' in the area to within long-term town boundaries and review height controls within the towns. This will reaffirm that the spaces in between the towns are 'green belts' and protect them from still more urbanisation.

Losing local green space.

As the state government moves to protect the Peninsula's rural features, the City of Greater Geelong (CoGG) is proposing to rezone one of Drysdale's last "Rural Living" zones to "Residential". The land in question is bounded by Jetty Road, Wyndham Street, Central Road and Thomas Street and the rezoning would pave the way for the current 28 properties to be expanded to 550, boosting Drysdale's population by at least 1,500 people and 800 cars. CoGG has received over 60 submissions concerning the proposed rezoning, including 5 from community associations across the Bellarine, who are worried that this proposal gives the green light for their towns to be engulfed by increased urban sprawl. For more information on the proposal, go to the CoGG web site's home page and type "C363" into the "Search" bar.

A new Coast Care Group.

DCSCA is working with the Bellarine Catchment Network to establish a Coast Care Group for the Clifton Springs – Curlewis area. The group will bring together people who like the foreshore and want to do what they can to protect and improve it. If you would like to join the group, or would like to learn more about it, please contact DCSCA (see below).

No slip road.

Major Road Projects Victoria - builders of the Drysdale bypass - have informed DCSCA that there will be no slip road to take traffic from the Geelong - Portarlington Road into Jetty Road; and that Jetty Road will be closed-off just past the entrance to the service station.

Contacting us.

DCSCA aims to improve local people's well-being and to improve our natural, social and built environments. If you'd like to learn more about us and/or to join us, please visit our web site (www.dcsca.org.au), or pick up a membership application form from SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre or contact us at dryclifton1@gmail.com.

WriteAbout



The WriteAbout Creative Writing Group at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Welcomes New Members!

"WriteAbout" is a small group who share a common interest in writing. We provide a safe place for writers to express themselves whether beginner, intermediate or experienced.

We meet on the first **Thursday** of the month, **Feb - Dec**, from **2.30 - 4.30pm**. Sessions take the form of our writers sharing recent work in the genre of short story, poetry, free verse & memoir.

Constructive feedback is offered.

WriteAbout publishes an anthology every second year. Copies of WriteAbout - One - 2017 and WriteAbout - Two - 2019 are available.

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You know it is nearly summer when the summer market season starts again. In Drysdale we are especially fortunate to host the Bellarine's most picturesque and longest running market. On the third Sunday of every month between October and May, around 100 stallholders descend on the Drysdale Reserve next to the football oval and netball courts to create Drysdale's Community Market. It is a beautiful scene with the blue sky, green trees and colourful stalls.

The market has a theme of hand crafted, home grown or locally produced goods. It is possible to find stalls selling everything from jewellery to greetings cards, locally produced honey and plants. There is a perfect mix of regular stallholders who attend every market and occasional stallholders who bring an ever changing range of goods. For the first market of the season there were new stalls offering, among many other products, Christmas items, dog grooming, quilts, candles and art work.

The Drysdale Reserve is a perfect place for a market. There is plenty of on-site parking near the football oval, next to the netball courts and at the bottom gate which is accessed from Wyndham Street. There are toilet facilities and a playground for the children. The market also has a range of food vans and coffee vans which offer a popular breakfast or lunch option while browsing the stalls.

Drysdale Community Market was created

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nearly 40 years ago by the Drysdale Primary School Council and has been serving the local community ever since. The school continues to organise the market using the income as one of its major fundraisers for its thriving program to support students with additional needs and to support all the students' wellbeing.

Stalls can be booked through the market Facebook page: https://facebook.com/drysdalemarket. Anyone wishing to book a stall should also contact the market coordinator at Drysdale Primary School to confirm what is being sold so that we can retain the integrity of the market's philosophy to support the same of home-made or home produced goods. The school's phone number is 52512272. Emails can be sent to drysdalemarket@outlook.com.







Beyond Pink Metastatic (Advanced) Breast Cancer Support Group, formerly Bellarine MBC Support Group, has been meeting at SpringDale since March this year. We have become a closeknit supportive group of fellow travellers, sharing our experience of living with this incurable disease. We laugh, share our stories and talk about what matters to us. In the process of developing the group, we've taken a flexible approach to fit with the needs and concerns of group members, broadening our reach into the wider Geelong community.

Hence our name change. We would like everyone across the Bellarine and Geelong diagnosed with Metastatic (Advanced) Breast Cancer to know that local support is available. When early breast cancer spreads beyond the breast, becoming metastatic/advanced/stage 4 breast cancer, we, our families and friends are faced with unsettling and distressing challenges, new terminology to understand, medications, tests, scans, appointments and procedures to manage. Like other cancer or serious illness, metastatic breast cancer can be daunting. Sharing our experiences, skills and knowledge helps us through.

SpringDale continues to support our group by providing a quiet, private space in which to meet and, through The Messenger, a way to let you know about us. Look out for our new Beyond Pink flyers. If you have been diagnosed with Metastatic Breast Cancer, you are warmly welcomed to contact us to chat about Beyond Pink and how we can provide support.

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Bellarine Birdlife IBIS

There are two very well known Ibis living in Victoria, the Australian White Ibis and the Straw-necked Ibis and occasionally we are rewarded with a sighting of a visitor who prefers the north, the Glossy Ibis. This bird visits us usually during the summer months.



The adult Ibis (White and Straw-necked) have an unmistakable naked neck and head which makes them a little unsightly in appearance. The reason for the naked appearance is often they can be seen with head down in the marsh or mud devouring invertebrates, vertebrates and carrion. It seems that a naked head and neck is more sensible when one has a head in mud most of the time however a closer look at the bird shows us that the curve beak is made for eating rather than pruning and the White Ibis can look a very dirty white colour. These birds increasingly love the town and city environments as they enjoy scavenging around rubbish heaps. If you want to see huge numbers, I suggest you visit the local tip - an ibis heaven.

In the Bellarine area we often see the White Ibis and the Straw-neck high above us in a V formation flight. Apparently by flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds more flying range than if each bird flies alone. When the leader tires it turns back and another heads the formation, they all share the leadership. What a great idea!

It is so interesting to visit Mud Island out in the middle of Port Philip Bay where the Ibis (White and Straw-necked) nest, to explore a sanctuary that can be packed at different times during the year. Another bird heaven, or may be I should say a 'birders' heaven. And yes the babies are as ugly as you expect - only a Mum or Dad could love them.

The beauty of the Ibis family is the Glossy Ibis, small, slender and a rich iridescent plumage. I watched one at the Western Treatment Plant recently, well the back side of one as it was so intent with eating it did not raise its head once. Still I was rewarded with the most beautiful view of the iridescent plumage.

Thank you to **Kevin Arthurson** for his note about the Rainbow Lorikeet. Yes I agree Kevin, that this charming bird is not popular in Western Australia and has been declared a pest. In the 1960s about 10 birds were released and now a huge problem exists in Perth and surrounds. Eradication is unlikely but birds are being captured in outlying areas and kept in secure aviaries which must hold a avicultural licence. Reduction in numbers is the key to the solution. See Department of Parks and Wildlife (Pest and Disease Information Service).

Carole O'Neill (Bellarine Birdlife)





Jhony returned to his community wondering if he would ever find suitable employment. We are thrilled to say that not long after he returned home to Timor Leste he was offered a full-time job as a translator of a Chinese Road Construction company building a main road from Viqueque to Baccau. He is working hard (6 days a week and overtime) but is extremely happy to have a job and able to continue his learning. His experience in Geelong/Bellarine helped develop his

confidence, gave him work experience opportunities and improved his English which certainly contributed to this great opportunity in his own country.

Regards

Marita Thurman









by Steve Williams

Like a lot of kids of my generation, I left school thinking I had no musical ability. I just didn't 'get' music, the way it was taught. So, making music wasn't something I thought I could do.

Fast forward 30-odd years ... and a chance sequence of events led to my playing banjo. A lot.

It's all my wife's fault. You see, Susan started learning ukulele – and I thought that I'd like to learn an instrument too. Why banjo? I'm not sure. I probably had *that tune* from the film 'Deliverance' echoing at the back of my mind ... da-da DI-da di-da dah ...

A trip to A&B Music in Geelong ensued – and I emerged from the shop with a shiny, new five-string banjo and 10 lessons booked. The rest, as they say, is history.

You see, music has taken over my life. I play banjo (and more recently, piano accordion) for at least a couple of hours a day. Some folk call it 'practice', but that sounds like hard work to me. I just wanna play. So I do. Sorry, neighbours! At least we have double glazing.

Susan and I play socially at least once a week, with Queenscliff's Sea of Ukes and at Andrea and Dave Robertson's Ocean Grove acoustic sessions. We've also formed a band, the Porch Pickers, with four friends, and we play every month at the Newtown Farmers Market and other places, raising money for the Lighthouse Foundation youth homelessness charity.

I even sing – in *public* – at a *microphone* – where people can hear me! I wouldn't willingly have mumbled 'Happy Birthday' audibly a few years ago.

Making music is a huge confidence boost. It's creative, fun, and good for your mind and your fine motor skills. It has given us a new set of friends and a busy social life. Our summers are a succession of gigs and music festivals.

In short, it's far too much fun to be left to the kids! Whether you're 17, 47 or 77, it's never too late to start.

Steve will be running courses in 5-string banjo at SpringDale next year. See the Course Guide for details.



SpringDale Trivia Christmas Edition

by Drysdale Girl Guides

- 1. What gifts did the three Wise Men bring baby Jesus?
- This year the Boxing Day Cricket test match at the MCG will be held between Australia and which other team?
- 3. Which Christmas themed ballet premiered in Saint Petersburg, Russia, in 1892?
- 4. Which real life actor played Ebenezer Scrooge in the "Muppet Christmas Carol?"

Turn to page 22 to find the answers.

- 5. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish
- 6. Which Christmas Carol's second verse begins with "the cattle are lowing"?
- 7. How many of Santa's reindeer have names beginning with the letter C? Name them.
- 8. In the Northern Hemisphere, what sort of nuts are often roasted and consumed at Christmas?
- Combined, how many birds are given in the traditional version of the twelve days of Christmas?
- 10. If you birthday was on Christmas day, which star sign would you be?

Drysdale Guides would like to wish everyone in the community, locals and visitors alike, a very happy Festive season, and all the best wishes for 2020.

Drysdale Guides Meet on Thursdays during the school term 6:30 to 8:00. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Anne Brackley on 0407 529 205



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As I am writing this article I cannot believe that Christmas is just around the corner.

"Where has 2019 gone?"

In the past twelve months our kinship group has increased in numbers, our total to date is 41 carers and over 73 children. The ages of the children range from 12months to 17 years, so the support for the carers is increasing, seems like every day.

That assistance can be in many forms - from financial to material goods - such as clothing, toys, and books for the children and in the case of the carers most need assistance with financial matters, Centrelink, Government departments and educational assistance for the children.

Through this group I am able to assist both the carers and children, with so many wonderful donations from so many awesome businesses, service clubs, organisations, local children and so many local people who just want to help.

If anyone is able to help with new clothing, we are in desperate need of the following: - new underwear (any child size and gender) and socks (including school socks), also any non-perishable food items that I can use to make up 41 Christmas hampers - one for each family. Thank you.

If any business or organisation would like to support the carers and children in our group please feel free to contact me directly - I would be happy to discuss this with you.

If you are a kinship carer sitting at home wondering who to go to for help, our group would like to support and guide you in your kinship journey.

We meet at 10am until around 1pm. Love to see any kinship carers. Please bring a snack to share.

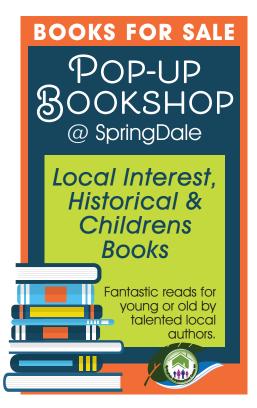
Our last meeting date for 2019 will be Mon 2nd December.

Our dates for 2020 will be the following Mondays:-February 3rd, March 2nd, May 4th, June 1st, August 3rd, Sept 7th, Oct 5th, Nov 2nd and Dec 7th.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy 2020.

See everyone in 2020.

Jeanette Hanley-Heath 0414 308 257



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Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion

- St James Drysdale 11.00pm
- St Andrew's Portarlington 11.30 pm

Christmas Day Service of Holy Communion

- St James Drysdale 9am
- St John's Portarlington 9am
- St Paul's St Leonards 9am

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Drysdale/Clifton Springs Combined Churches & Community Choirs



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Everyone welcome to join in Contact: Brenda Sang 5251 1679



Portarlington Community Carols

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2019

Start time 7.30pm
Port Pier Park near the foreshore.

Food provided by Portarlington/Drysdale Lions Club available for purchase from 6.30pm

BYO picnic rug and chairs

Local artists performing will be Brianna Ekberg, Steve & Kitty Illingworth, Simone Warnock, and Merri Winter.

A local choir and band formed especially for the evening will provide live backing music.

This year we will again be visited by Santa, along with his helpers from the Portarlington CFA.The Portarlington Community Carols are a free event, proudly presented by the combined churches of Portarlington.



Brianna Ekberg is a classical singer from Indented Head studying a Bachelor of Music at Melbourne University's conservatory of Music will perform O Holy Night, & the Holy City.



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- 1 Cnr Panpandi Drv & Carawatha Ave
- 2 Cnr Dundundra Drv & Waulu Ave
- 3 Park opposite Peta Mews on Delungra Ave
- 4 Cnr Wanawong Crt & Dundundra Drv
- 5 Cnr Gumarooka Ave & Dandarriga Drv
- 6 Cnr Derribong Way & Thamballina Rd
- Clifton Springs Shops (Centaurus Ave)
- 8 Cnr Country Club Drv & Catalina Cres
- 9 Cnr Bayshore Ave & Country Club Ave
- 10 Clifton Springs Preschool (Central Rd)
- 11 Cnr Elanora Way & Bayshore Ave
- 12 Jetty Road Adventure Playground

Route 2

- 1 Wathaurong Reserve (Collins Street)
- Cnr Condy St & Nash Ave
- Cnr Vron Place & Eastwood Cres
- 4 Drysdale Police Station (Eversley St)
- Cnr Serene Tce & Waterhaven Blvd
- 6 Cnr Lennox Crt & Buccleugh St
- 7 Cnr Oakland Drv & De Burgh Rd
- 8 Drysdale Train Station
- 9 Cnr Granville St & Duke St
- 10 Cnr Marsh Crt & Wyndham St

Route 3

- 1 Cnr Pastrol Pl & Appleby St
- 2 Cnr Banff Drv & Yellowstone Ave
- 3 Ashworth Park. (Anstead Ave)
- 4 Connor Park (Centennial Blvd)
- **Curlewis Woolworths**
- 6 Percy Cherry Park (Creekside Dr)
- Cnr Shoreline Dr & Bonavista Way
- 8 Park at Beach Vista Drv

For further information please contact:

The Drysdale Fire Brigade

wishes everyone a

Merry Christmas and

a Happy New Year!

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Our Federal Member for Corangamite, Libby Coker held an initial Community Meeting at SpringDale to continue the conversation about a Pool for the North Bellarine. More than 100 residents were in attendance and many people had a say. Many of us look forward to meeting with Libby in early 2020 to review the feasibility study into the Pool that the City of Greater Geelong is about to carry out.

Anne Brackley

DRYSDALE BYPASS



The Drysdale Bypass year in review

We're building the 6km Drysdale Bypass between Jetty Road and Whitcombes Road. This will improve safety and ease congestion on the Bellarine Peninsula.

The Drysdale Bypass project team have had a busy 2019!

So far, we've completed all major earthworks, laid asphalt in some areas, opened roundabouts, started building the pedestrian underpass and the rail overpass.

You may have also noticed we've been working to connect the bypass into the local road network from Portarlington Road right up to Whitcombes Road.

We know how busy the Bellarine Peninsula becomes during the summer months, so over the Christmas break we'll keep road works to a minimum.

We're back at work from the second week of January 2020, keep an eye out in your letterboxes, on the Drysdale Bypass webpage or on Victoria's Big Build website for updates.

Thank you for your patience during 2019, the busy year means we've made great progress and the Bypass is on track for opening in mid-2020.

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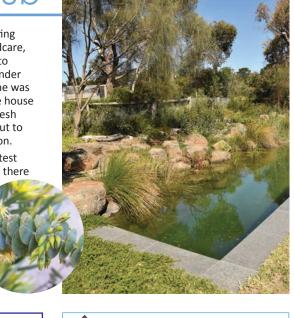
Clifton Springs Garden Club

The Club finished 2019 in a very busy fashion. Members had a wonderful afternoon visiting Kate Lockhart's property just off Drake's Road. Kate is a very passionate member of Landcare, and along with her husband, has put this passion into establishing their small acreage into an ecofriendly oasis. After a lovely afternoon tea and talk by Kate, she took us on a meander through her property, explaining why they had chosen particular plants and what look she was trying to achieve; and why they moved their vegetable garden from the north side of the house to the south side, where it is now flourishing. She also explained how they utilise their fresh water pool, not only do they swim in it, have small fish in residence, when they flush it out to clean it they use the water on the garden. Thank you Kate for a most interesting afternoon.

Gardeners are certainly a hardy bunch. Our annual Giant Plant sale was held on the wettest Saturday we had had for many months. It rained all morning but our members were out there in rain coats selling plants to those members of the public who had ventured out in the wet. Despite the weather we had a successful day, both selling plants & through our raffle. I would like to thank members of the public who consistently support our plant sale and raffle, and those Club members who spent a very wet

We are now in recess until February 2020. Visitors are always most welcome to meetings and if you would like any further information on the Club, please call our Secretary Helen on 5257 2220 or email hma3152@gmail.com

Saturday morning selling the plants grown and donated by our members.









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MEDITERRANEAN STUFFING

Serves 8

- 1 tablespoon butter
- ¼ cup pine nuts
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 medium red pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 2 spring onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup parlsey, chopped
- 1½ teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Cooking Directions

Sauté nuts, garlic and red pepper in butter until nuts are just golden.

Remove from heat, stir in remaining ingredients.

WALNUT SAGE STUFFING

CHRISTMAS BAKING

- 200g butter
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped onions
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped celery
- 2 cups breadcrumbs
- 2 cups coarsely chopped walnuts
- 1 cup finely chopped fresh sage or 2 tbsp dried sage
- ½ cup finely chopped parsley
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1 teaspoon salt & freshly ground pepper
- 1 cup chicken broth or water (enough to make the mixture moist, but not soggy)

To prepare the stuffing, heat butter in a large pan over high heat until very hot.

Add onion, garlic, and celery, and stir fry for 2 to 3 minutes.

Remove from the heat and allow to cool.

Place breadcrumbs in a large bowl add the onion mixture.

Add enough chicken stock to moisten the breadcrumbs and mix well.

Add eggs, walnuts, parsley sage, salt and pepper and mix thoroughly.

Use this to stuff a turkey or chicken. Alternatively place in a baking dish to bake in a preheated oven at 180C degrees for 50-60 minutes and serve.

BAKED SPICED PUMPKIN

- 2 Medium Butternut Squash cut into small pieces
- 10 Medium Carrots cut into small pieces
- 1 Medium Onion, Coarsely Chopped
- 3 Cloves Garlic, crushed
- 4 Tablespoons Unsalted Butter
- 1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 2 Tablespoons Spicy Mustard
- 1/2 Cup Dark Brown Sugar
- 1 Cup Coarsely Walnuts, Or Sliced Almonds
- Extra 1/4 cup Dark Brown Sugar for the topping
- Salt & Pepper

Place the small pieces of pumpkin, onion and carrots into on to a baking tray with the garlic.

Bake in 180C oven until tender (45 min).

Once cooked, place it in a food processor or puree in batches.

Add 1/2 cup of sugar, cinnamon, mustard, butter, salt and pepper and blend until smooth.

Place this mixture in baking/pie dishes.

Sprinkle the nuts around the outer edge and sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup of sugar on top.

Bake (at 200C) about 20 minutes.

Serve hot with roast dinner or cold with left overs.

Baked pumpkin as a dip the next day served cold with vegetable sticks or crackers.

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BELLARINE CAMERA CLUB



Our guest speaker earlier this month was Heather Prince from Geelong Camera Club who showed several of her excellent audiovisual presentations, and explained her workflow from concept to completion – an extremely interesting presentation.

This month's photo outing was to the Geelong Botanic Gardens where the Conservatory is now open during the week.

We recently held our annual Exhibition special thanks to the general public and in particular our local community who supported us.

Are you interested in photography? We are a friendly group of amateur photographers enjoying the challenge of improving our photography by actively taking photos, learning by entering into competitions and talking to other members and judges about our photography.

Bellarine Camera Club meets at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, Drysdale, at 7:30pm

on the first and third Monday of the month (except January). For further details call in to a meeting, or visit our website www.bellarinecameraclub.org.au

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Memories of Yesteryear by the Older Generation of the Bellarine

Maggie Selina Butcher (Nee) Whitcombe 1885 - 1914 The Butcher Family (continued)

Edward (Jack) Butcher Born 1914 - 1978 & Phyllis Butcher Born 1914 - 2015

Jack and Phyllis were twins, however their mother, Maggie Selina Whitcombe died a few weeks after their birth, due to complications.

William Butcher, their Father was the Drysdale Blacksmith, his home and business were directly behind the old National Australia Bank, (now William Sheahan's Funeral Parlour). When their mother Maggie died, William couldn't cope with all the children, as he was extremely busy with the Blacksmith business. We understand the two older boys stayed with their father; however, Fred was only two when his mother died, he was sent to his grandparents for a few years. The twins were sent to live with William's Uncle, Daniel Butcher and his wife Mary, as they had no children. Unfortunately, Dan died when the twins were just five years of age, so Mary raised the children on her own.

William went on to marry Rebecca Davis (Kel Davis's Aunt) they had eight more children, Thelma, Edith, John Eber, William Junior, Joan, Lindsay, Carl and Daryl. Yes, no TV in that household! They relocated the family and Blacksmith business to Butcher's farm, "NYORA" which was situated in High Street Drysdale, their new home address was at 67 High Street. Now the home of "Drysdale Collectables". The Butchers were well known for growing Asparagus and Tomatoes on this farm. Rebecca had great respect for the mother of William's first five children, as it is



believed she had a lovely portrait of Maggie Selina adorning the walls of their home "NYORA"

Twin Jack as he was known to us, was a truly great footballer and played football for Geelong and South Melbourne in the VFL between 1938 - 1945. He was recruited from Drysdale. He was a left footer who could play in many different positions, but played his best football at half back. Jack played several seasons for Geelong and when Geelong were forced into recess due to World War 11, he crossed to South Melbourne. After Geelong re-joined the league, Jack returned and Captained the club 1944-1945. He retired during the 1945 season. Jack and his wife had three daughters, Judith, Jennifer and Sharon.

Phyllis married Fred Turner and they lived in Drysdale in a little weatherboard house at 36 High Street (now the Kardinia Veterinary Clinic) for a while and then they purchased a block of land from the Butcher family across the road and built a house at 57 High Street. Phyllis should have been given this block of land, but she trusted no one and wanted it to be "all legal". Phyllis travelled to Geelong each day by bus and worked for a Doctor and his wife, she also helped out on the farm. Her



husband Fred worked for the PMG. Phyllis lived at 57 High St, up until the age of 98. Her husband died in 1978 and up until that time Phyllis never drove a car. At 65, Phyllis decided it was high time she got her car license, so she could visit Fred at the Drysdale Cemetery whenever she wanted. After many attempts, she achieved this. For the last two years of her life she resided at a Belmont Nursing

Home, close to her niece Christine, where she died at the ripe old age of 101.

Maggie Whitcombe, William Butcher, Fred and Phyllis Turner are all buried at the Drysdale Cemetery.

Written by Ian Whitcombe, Lesley Whitcombe with the help of cousin Christine Beulke (nee Butcher), Russell Butcher, Elaine Chapman (Wise) and the Internet.

To be continued....

















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It's been a wild ride through 2019 running space shows for SpringDale. The Moon Landing Commemoration Day was definitely a highlight and one of the most successful days ever for getting families enjoying themselves at SpringDale. My home made space craft was plagued with minor breakdowns but everybody helped me sort these out so plenty of fun was had by all. We have certain far sighted people behind the scenes to thank for the planning of this event which was well underway before the idea even occurred to

Wouldn't it be good if there was a forum here to allow like-minded people to swap ideas on science projects? What about a new group where this could happen, we could meet monthly and discuss technology and maybe even science fiction. Some new faces would broaden the base of ideas which could lead to even better things for next year. For instance, could the next Apollo mission include the lunar rover? Season's Greetings John Reid.







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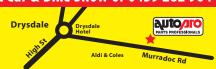
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BOWLING OVER AUTISM

For over twelve months, I have had the fun of coordinating a group of young adults with autism who have been learning to play lawn bowls at the Drysdale Bowls and Croquet Club.

We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the club and play for two hours. At the beginning we were all strangers to the sport, but we have now progressed to the stage where our developing skills are good enough to encourage at least one member to join the club. Throughout this time Danny Williams, an accomplished bowler and an existing member of the Bowls section, has been teaching us the techniques we need to know.

At first the participants were an all-male group, but we have recently been joined by a young woman who has a family connection with bowls on the Bellarine Peninsula. Shauna showed us all what she can do on her first day, by winning one end with only her second ever bowl.

The shared sporting experience has also strengthened new friendships and made social connections amongst the group. Some very devilish senses of humour have come into play.

There will be short break over the Christmas period but we will begin play again in the New Year.

Cheryl Schoemaker

Trivia Answers

- 1. Gold, Frankincense 6. Away in a Manger and Myrrh.
- New Zealand
- The Nutcracker
- Michael Caine 5. Feliz Navidad
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