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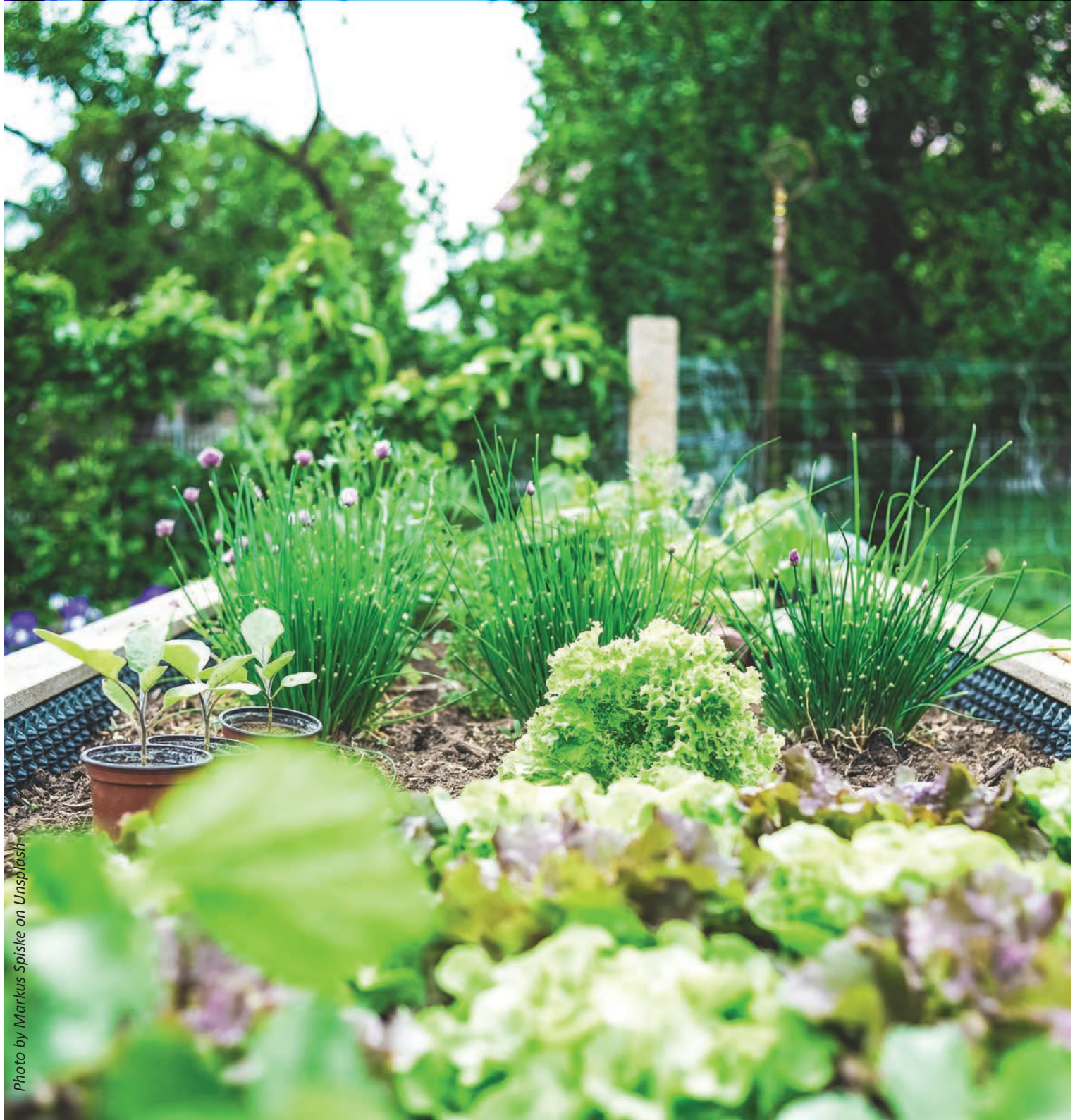


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*Take time to enjoy your garden.
No matter what is happening around you.*

MARCH 2021

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.

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

Monday	1	Kinship Carers 10am-1pm at SpringDale Clean up Australia
Tuesday	2	Friendly cuppa and chat 10.30-11.30am at SpringDale
Thursday	4	Jigsaw Group 10am-12noon at SpringDale
Friday	5	World day of prayer
Saturday	6	Harvest Basket Produce Swap 9-10.30am at SpringDale Free replacement anti-theft number plates screws at SpringDale Car Park 9-11am SpringDale Felt & Textile Artists 10am-3pm at SpringDale
Monday	8	Labour Day - Public Holiday
Tuesday	9	Dining Group International Women's Day Luncheon hosted by Bennett's on Bellarine (bookings required)
Thursday	11	Days for Girls Sewing 9am-1pm at SpringDale
Saturday	13	Carole King - Tapestry - 8pm - The Potato Shed
Sunday	14	Cultural Diversity Week (until 21/02)
Wednesday	17	Lunch Bunch St Patrick's Day
Friday	19	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
Saturday	20	International Day of happiness
Sunday	21	Harmony Day
Saturday	27	Earth Hour 8.30-9.30pm Dave O'Neil - Live...ly - 8pm - The Potato Shed
Sunday	28	Neighbour Day

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SpringDale Messenger Website

We now have a website devoted to all the SpringDale Messengers from the last 30 years. Thousands of hours have been invested in helping this website come to life. We are still seeking a couple of copies of old SpringDale Messengers to help us make this website the best it can be - April 1992 and May 2007.

Please let Springdale know if we can borrow these phone 5253 1960.

<https://www.messenger.springdale.org.au/>

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, Elders in our community and our emerging leaders.



Coordinator's News



Anne Brackley

Dear Friends and friends I am yet to meet,

I continue to be amazed that life can get even quicker. Questions to answer, problems to solve, ideas to share and energy to help people be happy.

SpringDale has started back in full swing but with strict COVID measures in place. Everyone seems happy to help keep themselves and everyone else safe.

We are suggesting that people clean the space they are about to use, to ensure it is cleaned and sanitized to their expectations and also cleaned after use. Everyone seems happy with this procedure and keeping our numbers to the room limits.

People are signing into the room they are doing an activity in and thus keeping numbers down in the foyer. So many groups are back and almost all our classes have gone ahead. Our new classes are proving popular – Cooking with Agata, Family history tuition, Chi Gong (Qi Gong) and Guitar. Our long standing classes, Yoga and Art are proving to be incredibly popular. Having people back at SpringDale fills us with joy and I just hope that we can keep everyone safe.

Strategic Planning for the next five or ten years has started and many people have let us know their thoughts on – what we should keep doing, what we should stop doing, what we should start doing and what we should do less of. Please email office@springdale.org.au if you have any other ideas under any of these headings.

For those who came through our door over summer and gave or bought things from our garage sale – we raised \$1400. Thank you to those who gave, bought and shared their time with us volunteering hours to enable this to happen. The money will go to support the SpringDale Messenger this year. As a not for profit we plough all monies back into the programs, activities, services and supports that SpringDale provides to the Community.

Thank you for all your kind words – we love being able to support our community.

Yours sincerely

Anne Brackley for Team SpringDale

Course News

The Art of Bicycle Maintenance

Saturday March 13th

Experimental Drawing

Monday March 1st -29th

Crafts with Lizzy

Wednesday March 3-31st

Sustainable Wardrobe

Thursday March 11th

Provide C.P.R.

Provide First Aid

Provide an Emergency First Aid

Wednesday April 21st

**Response in an
Education & Care Setting**

Mindfulness on zoom

Tuesday March 2

Espresso Coffee

Tuesday March 9th

From Manuscript to Publishing

Friday March 12

Fermenting W/S

Saturday March 13th

Talking about Autism

Friday March 5th

**Write, Produce & Distribute
your feature film**

Monday March 15th

On the Bellarine Business Directory

For many years we have published a business directory.

This year the concept is to provide online a directory that lists businesses within niche based categories.

Our design philosophy will be increase the digital footprint of local businesses. We will make it easy and informational to help people connect with local businesses.

When you need help with a plumber, electrician, auto mechanic and so on they

will only be a few clicks

away online to assist

people needing their services.



The SpringDale Lunch Bunch are going to Drysdale Chinese Restaurant Wednesday 17th March at midday. Booking essential. Please phone Margaret on 0418 370 857.



SpringDale Dining Group are going to Leopold Sportsman's Club on Tuesday 9th March 6.30pm. Please ring SpringDale on 5253 1960 to reserve your spot.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.

By Warren Buffett

Anne Brackley
Quote curator



News from Lisa Neville MP

Member for Bellarine

The Year Ahead

As we quickly move through the first few months of 2021, I am confidently looking forward to the year ahead.

I am confident it will be a year where all levels of government, business and local communities work together in ensuring we continue forward on the road to recovery in response to the corona virus.

Although after a lot of hard work we are seeing things return, the virus is still a threat and it is imperative that we all continue to follow the health advice provided.

Bellarine Policing Boost

Not only in my role as local member, but also as Minister for Police, policing and community safety is always of paramount importance to me, as I know it is for local communities, including of course Drysdale.

As such, I was recently pleased to inspect the newly refurbished police station at Portarlington. Importantly, deployed to the upgraded station will be an extra eight police members.

This increase in police numbers will ensure a greater policing response and presence along the northern section of the Bellarine Peninsula, including Drysdale, Clifton Springs, Curlewis, Portarlington St Leonards and Indented Head.



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Since 2016 the Bellarine Police response zone has seen an additional 35 police allocated to it, ensuring the safety of residents and the many tourists who flock to the peninsula.

And as always, I thank our police and other emergency service officers like para medics, SES, firefighters and surf life savers for the work they do in keeping people safe.

Summer Sports Season

As our summer sports season draws to a close, I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all clubs and their bands of hard working volunteers for their efforts during what has been a difficult year.

Of course the season was late to commence due to CoVid restrictions. But once it began I know clubs and players were quick to dust off their gear and get into competition.

In congratulating clubs on their efforts, I particularly want to thank all the many hundreds, if not thousands, of volunteers across the Peninsula who truly are the life blood of their clubs.

If it was not for these hard working dedicated people, many of whom are parents, clubs would cease to operate.

To all those people I say thank you.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me 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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A 'new look' Expo will be a major part of the 2021 Festival of Glass and the Festival committee is inviting glass artists, craftspeople and businesses to express their interest in exhibiting.

The 'new look' Expo will be wholly online not face-to-face, to take account of Victoria's Covid-19 restrictions on social distancing.

While those restrictions are reducing at present, it's unlikely that large, indoor events will be allowed in the next few months - and the Expo usually attracts 4,000 to 5,000 people to an indoor venue.

Consequently, instead of Expo visitors meeting artists, craftspeople and businesses face-to-face at a hall in Drysdale, they can meet them online. The Festival is partnering with Australian online retail site Madelt to create two 'virtual store fronts' - one for jewellery, the other for sculptures & homewares. Each virtual store front will contain exhibitors' 'booths' where visitors can browse and buy; and each exhibitor's booth will be open between 2 weeks and 2 months.

For more information about this event, you can go to: <https://www.sites.goggle.com/siteafestivalofglass>



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POTATO SHED

We are back !!!.....

March sees the return of live performances in the theatre at the venue. We have selected a number of uplifting shows to start the year with some music and comedy to kick things off!!!

So, on March 13th we have the very talented Nicki Gillis with her band recreating the amazing sounds of Carole King - the Tapestry Concert - playing all the hits the show is as accurate as possible live representation of Tapestry, the second album recorded by American singer-songwriter Carole King. With hits like *I feel The Earth Move, So Far Away, It's Too Late, Beautiful, Way Over Yonder, Where You Lead, Will You Love Me Tomorrow, Smackwater Jack, Tapestry, Natural Woman* and a whole lot more.

Then Next up we have the funny man himself Dave O'Neil with **Live...ly** a fabulous night of comedy with one of Australia's most loved comedians. Dave O'Neil has been doing comedy for 30 years and yet this is his first venture into Drysdale. Always appearing on our screen and radio waves Dave have you feeling fine, funny and relaxed with his style of welcoming comedy "One of our most accomplished stand-ups." The Age Just one night of Dave on Saturday the 27th of March at 8pm.

The theatre will be managed in a way that you will be able to feel safe and still enjoy all the pleasure only live theatre can bring. We will be presenting most of the season in cabaret style - this way patrons can stay in their personal bubble with safety and security

POTATO SHED

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whilst complying with the current social distancing! (and bring some nibbles along)

To stay up to date with what we have on offer please continue to check: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/potatoshed or Facebook/Instagram/potatosheddrysdale

We look forward to seeing you back at The Shed in 2021!!!

WHAT'S ON

POTATO SHED

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CAROL KING - TAPESTRY



SATURDAY 13 MARCH 8PM
CABARET STYLE -
SOCIAL DISTANCED SEATING
Tickets Adult \$38 Conc \$34 Licensed Bar

DAVE O'NEIL - LIVE...LY



SATURDAY 27 MARCH 8PM
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It's extremely important that a Council engages effectively with its community.

Whether it's an upgrade to the playground around the corner or a region-wide strategy about a major issue such as climate change response, the City of Greater Geelong will almost always have at least one piece of work in progress that is relevant to you as a resident.

Councillors and the City as an organisation are working hard to communicate as well as we can about opportunities to have your say on these types of projects.

We use a wide range of channels – including of course, this column – which we are very grateful to be given the chance to submit each issue.

The 'Have Your Say' page is the main place to provide feedback on current City of Greater Geelong projects. It's at yoursay.geelongaustralia.com.au – worth bookmarking!

Major projects will generally also include community workshops where you can have your say in person, rather than online.

If there is any issue you'd like to raise, you can call the customer service hotline on 5272 5272 or email contactus@geelongcity.vic.gov.au.

There's also a fantastic smartphone app available, which you'll find by searching for 'Geelong City' in the Apple App store or on Google Play.

It allows you to quickly report fire hazards, vandalism, roads in need of repair and all manner of other issues.

Council meeting minutes and agendas are at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/meetings, while all current planning applications can be found at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/planning.

The Council continues to be challenged by complex planning decisions as we seek to manage population growth in a sustainable manner.

Recently we recommended to VCAT that they knock back an application for a 34-lot subdivision at 5-17 Oakden Road in Drysdale.

The local community is clearly very concerned about the impact this plan would have on the character of the town, and the Planning Committee's decision reflected the feedback we received.

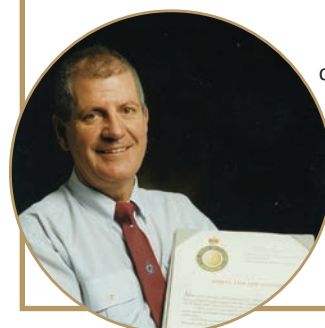
For those interested in the final outcome, the VCAT hearing will be on 23-24 June.

Adrian Mannix OAM Community Service Award

Come and join us to celebrate, **The 20th Adrian Mannix OAM Community Award.**

A chance for you to nominate a special person for their giving of their time freely helping others expecting no rewards and Hundreds of people have been nominated over the years, so let's make 2021 a big celebration. Nominations forms are available from SpringDale website or from SpringDale office.

Please join together with Portarlington/ Drysdale Lions Club, the Rotary Club of Drysdale and SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre to celebrate Community Service.



Nominations
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30th April
2021



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Protect The Environment @ SpringDale

As good community citizens we at SpringDale take caring for the environment seriously. To that end we provide a range of products and services design to help protect out precious environment.

Battery Recycling

At SpringDale we have a container out front for people to deposit their used batteries in.

The batteries are collected by Rotary and taken to the Geelong Transfer Station to be recycled.

Feel free to come and deposit your used batteries in the container provided at SpringDale



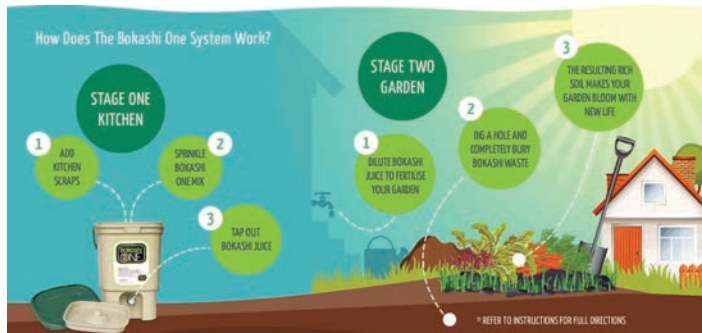
Plastic Bottle Top Recycling

Plastic bottle tops, essentially a non-recyclable waste product has the ability to be turned into recycled hands, arms and mobility aids.

At SpringDale we have a recycle bin for just that purpose. So collect your bottle tops and drop them off at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. Help someone to get a new limb just by dropping off your bottle caps.



Bokashi & EnsoPet



Bokashi composting is an eco-friendly composting system designed to be used in the kitchen. The system is comprised of a Bokashi Bucket and Bokashi One Mix which work together to eliminate the odours and unpleasantness associated with putrefaction and decay.

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EnsoPet is an inground composting system, specifically designed for composting pet waste easily and hygienically. Composting all pet waste including dog, cat and guinea pig, Keep your yard free of pet waste, preventing it ending up in land fill. Your soil benefits enormously, you are adding life to your soil in the form of the millions of beneficial microbes in the EnsoPet starter.

Each EnsoPet Kit contains an easy to assemble recycled plastic composter, a 1 Kg bag of EnsoPet Starter, a pair of tongs and full instuctions. Enso starter pack \$75.00 Mix refill \$13.50

The SpringDale Messenger

Historic Messenger

www.messenger.springdale.org.au/

The SpringDale Messenger was one of the first projects of SpringDale Community Cottage and is now the flagship service of SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. The Messenger, as it is fondly known, started through discussion in Sue O'Connor's lounge room between the founding members of SpringDale.

Our first SpringDale Messenger was eight sides in A5 format and black print on white paper and has grown to a stable 24 page, A4 full colour magazine which continues to - inform - highlight issues - bring people together.

It is so interesting that community challenges highlighted in the first issue continue to be issues during current times. More footpaths continues to be an issue that has grown in urgency not diminished.

With each editor, each graphic designer, each printer the SpringDale Messenger has evolved. Each issue we strive - to do better - bring more activities - show more good news - bring happiness - and joy to our readers

Hundreds of volunteer hours bring each issue together, hours are devoted to writing articles, editing articles, seeking photos, seeking cover stories and seeking advertising to keep every issue viable.

Our advertisers, some have been with us for 30 years, continue to share the cost that printing each edition brings. We have grown the number of issues printed from 3000 to 15000 over the 30 years and with each increase the amount of advertising needed has also increased. We currently have a wide range of very supportive advertisers who love what we do and how we do it.

Over the last decade we have appreciated the support of Community Newspaper Association of Victoria(CNAV), a not for profit organization which supports and promotes the work of Community Newspapers and has assisted us to gain more government advertising and inspired many changes.

SpringDale Messenger has won and been finalist for many CNAV awards and we continue to do better for our community through the award system.

We look forward to the next 30 years bringing ideas, news, challenges, successes and upcoming events to our community. It has been a privilege to have been the editor for the last 18 years. Each edition I have tried to ensure that everything we place in the Messenger is valuable and contributes to our overall goal of informing, inspiring and bringing joy to our community.

Anne Brackley OAM



Thanks to City of Greater Geelong for supporting this initiative.

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2001



2011



2021





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YES, WE DO GARAGE SALES AS WELL AS BBQ'S



You have heard the saying "someone's trash is someone else's treasurer"? During the pandemic and lockdown last year the Rotary Club of Drysdale members took the opportunity to sort, sort some more and declutter their homes. This led them deciding to hold a garage sale.

Never a truer saying has been used with the proof in the sales on the day. Not only did the members come together to collect, sort, and display and sell their wares but they successfully managed to raise a tidy sum of \$2000 with extra funds coming as a result of selling some items on gumtree.

Not only do members have neater tidier homes the money raised will enable us to support our projects that have suffered as result of our restraints. Books for Newborns, Literacy Program at Clifton Springs Primary School and our Primary School Writing Competition are a few of our community involvements.

Would you like to know more about the projects or the fun we have doing them why not come along to a meeting and meet our members. We are very proud that we have increased our numbers in just a few years from ten to thirty with a few more ready to join.

As proved with the garage sale many hands make light work, our efforts made a lot easier by increased number. Maybe you are new to the area and are looking for something to volunteer some of your time to or you may never heard of Rotary then all the more reason to give us a call.

We look forward to meeting you, everyone is very welcome.

Caroline Rickard - Secretary/
Publicity Officer - Rotary Club of
Drysdale - 0408 989 221



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Leanne's wheel life Convenience or essential?



This month is a special thanks from me to the tech heads of the world.

If not for design engineers, entrepreneurs, investors, and a host of other stakeholders playing in the technological and innovation landscape I am quite sure my life as a woman with a disability would be so diminished. Most of the items that help compensate for my abilities were designed to add convenience for those able-bodied among us, but have been critical in adapting my life as a lesser-abled. Here's a couple of my favorites.

1. Reading.

Like many of you I'm sure, reading brings me relaxation, escape, knowledge and entertainment. Yet the weight of paperback books has become impossible, and page-turning awkward as my arm muscle wastage continues and the weakness extends to my hands and fingers. E-readers such as Kindle or Kobo have enabled me to continue this important part of my day. Although it doesn't have that book smell, the e-reader is light and thin, a page-turn is a mere thumb or finger tap. I have also fallen in love with the built-in dictionary feature as I can no longer flick through my well-worn Collins which used to lay obediently on my bedside table.

2. Communicating.

Loudspeaker and voice to text on my smart phone and computer has changed my life. While loudspeaker has taken a while to get used to (I try to move away from others to retain privacy), I am grateful that the inability to lift my arms has not cut off my ability to verbally communicate in all the ways possible. I have a phone app on my computer so that I can take calls for my workplace, and voice command means I now no longer send completely non-sensical texts as a result of my diminished thumb cooperation - a relief for me and my text recipients!

So, a shout out to all those IT specialists, tech heads and cyber dudes; those that have provided an enhanced quality of life to so many but have made a special difference to those with a disability.

Leanne



Women Living Well

As we cautiously enter this new year of 2021, I am hopeful that some of the goals and dreams that we had for 2020 will be refreshed and achieved, albeit with possibly a different look.

Even though it was challenging meeting new friends and getting together, I was able to connect with some pretty amazing women who decided to join the conversation around helping women over 55 who are facing some real uphill battles financially.

Our conversations have often focussed on finding a safe, comfortable and affordable home where they know they are secure for as long as needed. We've also talked about the need for friendship and a sense of belonging to a community. We've talked about creating a tiny house village and about other options for comfortable, compact homes for those who can't imagine living in such a tiny space.

We've had conversations with an MP, local Councillors and Council Department heads, and a local community organisation who is in the process of providing tiny homes for homeless men. Anne Brackley and I also participated in a Deakin University led workshop looking into the feasibility of a Geelong Microvillage project focussing on relieving housing stress and homelessness for the vulnerable.

I am encouraged that there is a growing conversation going on in government and community circles, and amongst not-for-profit organisations around how this challenge can be met. There is a long way to go, but I want to encourage you again to please contact me if you feel you would like to share your story or your ideas particularly around helping financially disadvantaged women over 55 to live well. I would love to meet with you and your privacy and confidentiality is assured. I am hoping to organise a morning tea at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre in mid-April, so please let me know if you would like to attend.

My email is diannebennett4@hotmail.com or phone me on 0422146604.

Wishing you a year of hope and good health.

Dianne Bennett.



Business on the Bellarine

BOB is a local business group meeting weekly in Drysdale to network and help promote each other's businesses.

BOB is all about fresh ideas, sharing, building confidence and supporting each other. It's also about gaining a different perspective on where and how your business can evolve, while strengthening business connections.

Please come along. You'll get to meet new people and learn about other businesses that are part of our community.

We meet on Tuesday mornings 7.50am to 9am visitors welcome.

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Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers

In the past few weeks, sadly our numbers have been increasing so rapidly, sometimes I wonder where our group is going.

Our kinship support now caters for close to 50 families and well over 90 children.

The reason for the increase varies from family to family, but basically the reason children are removed from their parents care is due to the biological parent's substance abuse - drugs and alcohol. But in some cases, one of the biological parents may be deceased and the other biological parent whereabouts are unknown.

The carers in our group are mainly grandparents, but also include aunts, uncles, siblings (over the age of 18) looking after younger siblings and family friends known to the children.

The typical family of Mum and Dad and 2 children is a situation that may have been known to us when we had own families, but not anymore.

So many families in our community are made up of so many different and varied combinations, but we all doing an awesome job in raising the children in our care to be caring, respectful Australians.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people, service clubs, businesses and even children from our community who continue to help us in many ways. I have included photos of some of the gifts that people have made for us and everyone always appreciate the caring thoughts from the community.

Our group meets the first Monday of each month (not during school holidays) at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre from 10am until 12 noon.

Thank you.

Jeanette Hanley-Heath - 0414308257



St James Anglican Church

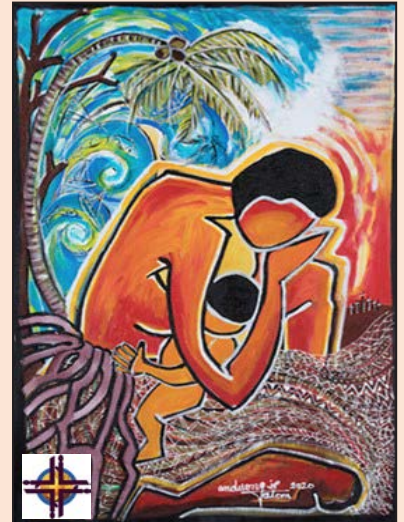
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Pray for Vanuatu

World Day of Prayer 2021



Date/Time: 5th March at 10am
St James Anglican Church Drysdale

SpringDale Trivia

44th Edition

by Drysdale Girl Guides

1. True or false, the Kangaroo and the Emu hold the shield on the Australian coat of arms because they both cannot walk backwards?
2. How many colours appear on the Australian flag? Name them.
3. What was the name of Matthew Flinders' cat during his voyages to circumnavigate & map the coastline of Australia in 1801-03?
4. What is the correct name for a baby koala?
5. In what Australian town would you find the Big Banana?
6. In what year was Advance Australia Fair proclaimed the national anthem?
7. What percentage of Australia is classed as desert?
8. Which animal is featured on the state flag of Western Australia?
9. "Beds are Burning" by Midnight Oil was on which of Midnight Oil's albums?
10. What animal is featured on the Australian one dollar coin?

Turn to
page 19
to find the
answers.



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The Geelong Cemeteries Trust is pleased to announce that the "Road Reserve" dividing the existing Drysdale Cemetery, and the 4.9 hectare "Cemetery Extension" on Oaken Road has been Gazetted and rezoned to Cemetery Purpose.

The Trust wishes to thank the City of Greater Geelong, DELWP and DHHS for supporting the Trust's request, and actioning this land transfer.

Previously, the two properties were split in half

by a non-constructed and un-serviced road. The cemetery extension Landscape Concept Plan has been finalised, and this previous road reserve can now be utilised as the cemetery main drive, and incorporate drainage to mitigate stormwater issues and ensure maximum land use is obtained. This Landscape Concept Plan also includes requirements from the Cultural Heritage Management Plan, finalised in May 2020 that provides the Trust with an understanding of previous Traditional Owner activity on the site and opportunities to include cultural heritage interpretation with landscaping on the site.

Now that the property boundaries are

finalised, the Trust will be able to lodge permit applications for the development of the cemetery extension in 2021 and 2022 that will include a dry creek and ponds for storm water diversion and retention, internal roads walking paths, as well as numerous features as focal points.

It is expected that the development of this Cemetery Extension will commence within the next five years.

A copy of this Landscape Concept Plan can be viewed on the Geelong Cemeteries Trust's website https://www.gct.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/3113-Landscape-Concept_22.10.2019_plans.pdf



Legend

	Tree Planting.		Terraced lawn section.		Boardwalks / decking.		Parallel car parking bays.
	Shrub + groundcover planting.		Terraced monument section.		Sculptural focal points.		Storage area.
	Existing vegetation.		Mound with groundcover planting.		Road network.		Cultural Heritage Zone
	Lawn sections.		Rock 'creek beds' + ponds.		Path network.		
	Children's section.		Pavilions.		90° car parking bays.		

Timeline.... Frank and Dawn Edsall

In 2019 Anne Brackley asked John Edsall if he would care to be a guest speaker at the Bellarine Historical Society (BHS). He wasn't really sure what to talk about, so he decided to share the experience of cleaning out his mother's home, it was sold as she is now a resident at Drysdale Grove Aged Care Facility. What an interesting speaker he is, sharing his thought provoking, humbling experience of cleaning out his mother's home and uncovering all of his parent's treasures. The night was so informative, we have sought John's permission to print the story in The Messenger and our Website.

John Edsall is a Drysdale local at heart, born in 1953 to a prominent Drysdale family, raised in Drysdale, attended the Drysdale Primary School, Geelong High School and then headed off to University in Melbourne in 1972. He worked as a School teacher for 20 years, a house husband for 4 years and then in football development for AFL Victoria, until retirement in 2014. He and his family returned to live in Clifton Springs in 1984, where he now resides.

Lesley Whitcombe for SpringDale

Cleaning out my Mother's home.



Among the first items I came across was a booklet about my mother, which my youngest daughter had put together when she was attending Clifton Springs Primary School (CSPS).

Dawn Marjorie Mary Wisbey was born in Geelong in 1928 and has lived her entire life in Drysdale. Her parents lived in High Street near the railway station and worked a couple of parcels of land nearby. She attended Drysdale Primary School (DPS) worked at Whyte, Just & Moore solicitors in Geelong until she married Francis (Frank) Michael Edsall in 1949 and in later years, when her children were well into their teens, worked at the Shire of Bellarine.

Following their marriage, my parents were gifted by my mother's parents, a block on the corner of High & Crimea Streets where they built the family home in about 1951. They raised three children; Helen born 1951, myself 1953 and Jennifer born 1955.

I also found a copy of a booklet which a local girl (Caroline Johnson nee Mannix) had compiled about my father's life.

Frank Edsall was born in Colac in 1921 and grew up on the family farm in Irrewarra. He attended Irrewarra Primary School and then Colac High School. When he was 14 his family moved to Wallington to an acreage provided to his father by the government as a result of his service in World War 1. Charles Viner Edsall was an original Anzac and the property is now a public reserve on the corner of Bellarine Highway and the Wallington-Ocean Grove Road known as Edsall Reserve.

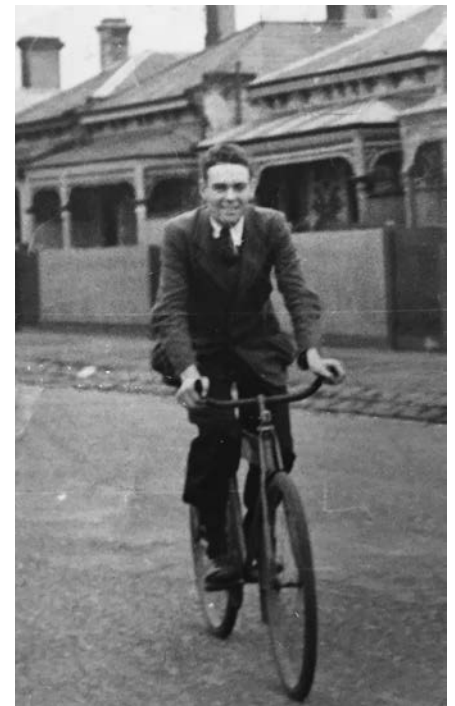
Frank worked for a couple of years on local farms before gaining employment with the Telegraph Department in Geelong in 1937, riding his pushbike to work, rode around all day delivering messages and then rode home again, a total distance of about 30 miles or 50kms a day.

In 1938 he accepted a position as a junior mechanic in training and transferred to Melbourne. His bicycle riding stood him in good stead, joining the Essendon Amateur Cycling Club, participating in numerous cycling events including the Melbourne to Warrnambool amongst others.

By John Edsall.....to be continued



Young photo of Dawn.



Francis (Frank) Michael Edsall

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

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Bellarine Historical Society

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Information from 'The Lady Squatters', John Richardson - a Bellarine Historical Society Publication

This bend, which formed part of the old road still exists today.

The photo above is of a painting - the photo is part of the BHS collection it is attributed by some to S T Gill and believed to be of Wyndham St Drysdale

The bend in the road today.



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Half cup pesto

1 cup hot, spicy salami or chorizo, thinly sliced (optional)

1 capsicum, cut into bite size cubes

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped (optional)

1 cup of chives or leek, finely chopped (optional)

3 sticks celery, washed and sliced rounds

1 cup water

1 zucchini, cut into bite size cubes

1 firm pear, cored and cut into bite size cubes

1 cup walnut pieces (optional)

4-8 big lettuce leaves

half cup balsamic vinegar

- Prepare a pan on the stove and heat up the pesto. (3 minutes)
- Add the salami/chorizo and stir fry (if using it). (3-5 minutes)
- Add the capsicum and continue to stir fry gently. (3 minutes)
- Allow to fry and become golden and fragrant.
- Remove from the pan.
- Add the garlic and/or chives and celery. Stir fry gently. (3 minutes)
- Add water a little each time just so nothing sticks, if required.
- Add the zucchini and the pear and continue to stir fry gently. (3 minutes)
- Add the walnuts and stir. (3 minutes)
- Add the salami and capsicum already fried. (2 minutes)
- Remove from the heat and add the balsamic vinegar.
- Stir everything well and serve on a lettuce leaf or two.

This salad is for those of us who prefer something "not too cold on the teeth". Everything is heated through but still has a bit of crunch.

Serve with crusty, fresh bread.

Salami/Chorizo not necessary if serving with fish, steak or chicken.

Pesto

A Simple Pesto is made with basil and extra virgin olive oil. All other ingredients are optional. Parsley makes it extra green. Garlic, chives, nuts (pine nuts, walnuts, almonds), cheese can be added later on, when preparing the meal and depending on family tastes, allergies and favourite flavours. Sometimes, lemon juice, salt and pepper are added as well.

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If you are interested in joining in a start-up chamber group, contact the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre and leave your details.

New resident **Pam**

Bellarine Family History Group

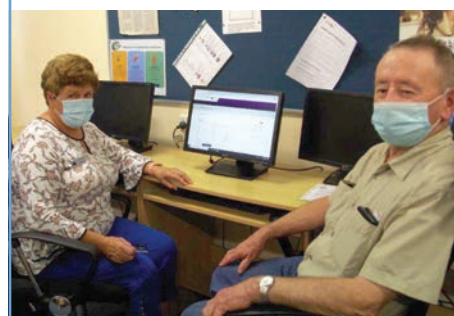
For many years and many trials I have been trying to put my family history into some order.

So thinking I was very clever having printed out all the information and have many pages of work, but only to be a bit dismayed when my son told me that copying other members work from my tree may not be the correct information, well I soon found that out when I came upon a family who had four more children than what others have included, well that was a dilemma.

So I was excited to read that Bellarine Family History Group was commencing at SpringDale with a one to one help, to begin with, but after chatting to Norm and being asked did I have proof of all these many pages of work I thought I needed to do a bit more work!! Well folder in hand, I left that lesson completely excited about fixing up my family tree and realising this is a life long journey.

Looking forward to my next lesson.

Elaine



What is Qigong (pronounced Chi Gong)? How does it differ from Tai Chi?

Qigong is an internal process that has external movements. Qi means life force, the energy that powers our body, Gong means to work or gather. Qi and Gong together means a form of movement using intention and the mind to guide Qi. The ultimate goal is to use your conscious mind to direct the Qi, use Qi to direct your physical body, thus combining the mind, Qi and body as one co-ordinated entity. Qigong is often referred to as the 'internal' portion of Tai Chi.

Qigong is usually a short series of simple movements focused on specific benefits. For example in the area of health you will find Qigong exercises for the liver, or the heart, or other specific organs. You will also find movements that connect you to the energy of nature. Tai Chi sequences are more flowing and are based on martial arts movements.

With Qigong there are more options for seated or lying down practices, compared to Tai Chi which is mostly done standing up.

Tai Chi and Qigong have many similarities in that they work with energy and body movement. Both have many health benefits including; building muscle strength, enhancing concentration and deep breathing and encouraging cardiovascular and respiratory fitness.

Short introductory course available Friday 5 March, Friday 26 March 10.30-11.30am \$45 at SpringDale book via SpringDale office 5253 1960 or on SpringDale website.



Short Art Courses in 2021



During February, we have offered a 4 week short course in printmaking, which has gone very well. We look forward to offering this again in July.

Our short course for March is Experimental Drawing and we apologize for misprinting the name of this course in our course guide and for any confusion this may have caused.

Later in the year we will be offering Portraiture with model, Sculpture and Drawing out and about in public places.

These will run in parallel with our usual 8 week classes, which all help people where they are on their art journey.

Information about our Art courses is found on our website <https://home.springdale.org.au/artist-within/> or please ring SpringDale office 5253 1960 for more information.

Meditation at SpringDale via Zoom platform

Tuesday mornings
between 10.00 & 11am.

During the dark days of the early COVID19 lockdown in mid-2020, SpringDale offered their resources to host on-line mindfulness meditation courses. During the year, three, well attended, eight-week groups were successfully conducted by Dr Max Simmons, the aim being to assist in managing the worry and concern felt by so many people in that year of uncertainty.

This year we have once again opened up the ZOOM platform and invite participation in these one hour sessions. A variety of meditation practices will be presented but the principal aim of each is to provide the chance to sit quietly and watch 'what shows up' in the stream of thoughts, feelings and emotions that flood our experience.

By just observing instead of becoming involved with these experiences, we can quickly develop a much calmer state of mind that is an antidote, if you like, to the pressures that many of us experience in these uncertain times.

No experience is necessary. Mindfulness meditation procedures are easily understood.

Through guided as well as unguided practices, people with little or no experience of meditative practices become quickly proficient. Being a member of a group with other like-minded people provide for lively discussions on the practice and different insights are discussed with a calm curiosity.

If you are interested in this five month on-going project, please contact SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre on 5253 1960 and register your interest. Zoom login details will be provided and you can begin immediately and check out whether this course is right for you.

The group meets on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 11am

We are sincerely grateful to Dr Max Simmons for providing this opportunity for our community.

Anne Brackley for SpringDale.

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Multi-sensory approach to learning, involves two or more senses that tap into children's natural learning style to help them focus and remember what they have learned. Edgar Dale's research, said, 'We tend to remember 10% of what we read, 20% of what we hear, 30% of what we see, 50% of what we see and hear, 70% of what we say, 90% of what we say and do.'

Multisensory activities for Reluctant Readers:

- Engage in book chats,
- Act out the story,
- Listen to audiobooks while viewing the text,
- Participate in follow-up interactive games to allow your child to consolidate the information they have read.

Multisensory Writing ideas for Early Writers:

to prevent tears and frustration, that can occur when children are learning to develop a pencil grip and become familiar with letter formation.

- Writing trays – of rice, salt, cornstarch, or sand to vary texture,
- Writing with shaving cream on a window,
- Use playdough to mold letters,
- Word Building: read it, build it, and write it.

Tangible Multisensory Math Activities include:

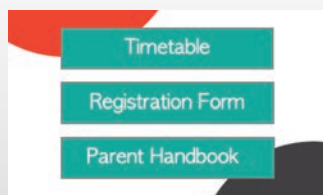
- Learn co-ordinates and grid references by playing battleships,
- Weigh yourself on a set of scales and find items around the house the equivalent weight,
- Take a walk around your street, making note of interesting landmarks, then create a street map when you get home,



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- Use a tape measure to calculate the perimeter and area of your backyard.

Sensory Break:

A sensory break, is where your child's brain needs to take a break from sitting or sedentary learning activities. Children aged 3-9 need a break every 15 minutes between strenuous learning experiences. Children 10 and up need a break every 45 minutes. Realistically this can't always happen but if you can plan a break every hour or two for about 10 minutes, this will make a huge difference to your child's concentration and attitude when learning something more challenging.

Simple Sensory Break Suggestions:

- Back to back ball pass,
- Simon Says: Jumping Jacks, Skipping, or Running on the spot,
- Captain's Orders: is a terrific game to get kids moving and thinking fast. The quicker the commands are given the funnier the actions become! Google the game to find out more,
- Listen to calming or upbeat music with headphones.

If you need further assistance in supporting your child's reading development don't hesitate to contact me.

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"UNCLAIMED"

Part 2. by John Reid and James Dennis.

Last month, you will recall, a sudden communications blackout between M.A.R.S. Force (M.O.) base and its' subsidiary mining camp had Lt. Ashley Shannon investigating on the spot. Now read on...

With howling fusion core and snarling retro rockets the Aerial Support Unit drops back onto its' launch platform at M.A.R.S. force base. First out is the guard followed by Lt. Ashley who reports to the waiting paramedic team.

"It's Professor Rawson. I found him behind a crawler. Alone."

"Let's have a look..."

But the middle aged intellectual is hardly recognizable. Face blackened and streaked with blood he also appears to be partially paralysed. The medical sergeant checks for pulse.

"He's alive and that about says everything. Let's get him to sick bay."

Ashley turns to the guard. "Mick, get that unit under cover before Rosten starts kicking up. Then meet me at sick bay. We may need you."

Thus, when Captain Rosten arrives at sick bay Mick is already on duty at the door.

"Where's Lt. Shannon?"

"She's inside sir."

Ashley emerges with Doctor Sian Stanson.

"Is it Rawson?"

"Yes, sir. He's semi-conscious and badly traumatized."

"I want a word..."

"He's not fit to question Captain."

Ashley watches curiously as Rosten locks eyes with the doctor.

"Doctor..."

A tense pause. Then she nods, jerks her head, and Mick steps aside. Ashley follows them in.

"Professor, what happened to the specimen?"

He gasps, rolls his eyes and mutters

"Briefcase..."

"Come on..."

Outside Lt. Johnson is waiting for the Captain.

"Sir, I found Rawson's briefcase near the unit. It was broken open."

"Anything inside?"

"A sample tube. But it was also open & empty."

"Sound Red Alert."

"Yes sir."

She hurries away.

Ashley grasps his arm.

"Sir, what was in that tube?"

Next month...

What?

John.





Hello, in case you don't know us we are Deb and Ann from the Drysdale and Portarlington Toy Libraries. Here's a little update from each of the libraries.

DRYSDALE:

Deb has been working hard over the past few months to update the website and increase the membership. The toy catalogue is being updated to include many new toys! Please check out our website for all the information and membership costs. We encourage that even grandparents join. It is a very reasonable cost at \$10 a term or \$35 a year. We hope to see you soon.

PORTARLINGTON:

This toy library in Portarlington has been in a hiatus for a few years but it's back! Ann has been busy over the past few months checking all toys and adding many more. At this stage it is not on the website yet but we will begin operating on a drop in basis. We are located on a great site at the Portarlington Kindergarten and we are excited to announce we will be opening on Tuesday 16th March.

Opening times at present will be a Tuesday and Thursday 9.15 to 10.15am. Membership forms will be available and payment is acceptable on the day. Membership costs are \$10 a term and \$35 for a year. We encourage that even grandparents join. We look forward to meeting you!

We also have a Facebook page:
Portarlington Victoria, - Toy Library

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I am hearing that 2021 has us starting to feel exhausted, sluggish and lacking in motivation already. So, how do we lift our energy?

Imagine your energy is contained in a beautiful big soup pot. You dish it out to activities and people around you and you replenish it and restore it with the practices that make you feel nourished and good.

Your energy pot naturally empties and refills. Energy is served out in positive ways; by challenging yourself, working towards the things you want to achieve and participating in rewarding relationships. Energy is restored in daily practices of good diet, exercise, fulfilling work/hobbies and those rewarding relationships.

When your reserves get low and your pot is nearly empty, you can feel stressed. Dishing too much energy out can leave you irritable, anxious, exhausted, unable to sleep, indecisive and in poor health.

When your pot is full you can feel calm and satisfied. Abundant energy leads to feeling rational, effective, resilient, healthy and in control.

A Leaky pot

Your energy reserves could be draining by inefficient thought practices.

Are you:

- Feeling responsible for other people's happiness, success, health etc.
- Worrying about a future that may not happen or a past that you can't change
- Trying to change or control other people
- Trying to be perfect or be what other people want you to be
- Using energy trying not to let people down
- Saying "yes" to everything

If you are leaking energy to unproductive thoughts, you can begin to practice conserving this energy. You may be feeling the traits of low energy, telling you it is time to make some changes.

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BOOST your pot

You can regenerate and restore your energy to use on important things. While manicures, massages, wine and Netflix can help, they may not deeply boost your energy reserves. You could spend some time remembering what makes you really happy. Sometimes we spend so much time making other people happy; that we forget about ourselves.

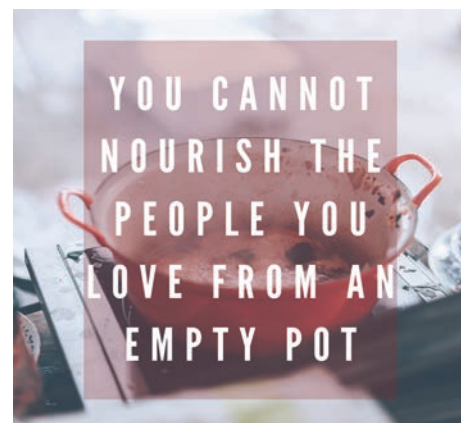
What makes you really happy?

- Is there something you have forgotten about yourself that is worth remembering?
- What don't you do anymore - that you used to do often because you loved it so much?
- What can you lose yourself in... and time just slips away...
- What makes you giggle with excitement?
- When do you feel most at ease?

It can be easy to find the time to do the things that fill your energy pot. Maybe it is a song, a swagger or chatting with an old friend. Your energy refills could something you really crave now. It's easier to make time for the things that genuinely fill your energy pot, because they feel so good, and soon your energy reserves will be overflowing!

REMEMBER: YOU CANNOT NOURISH THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE FROM AN EMPTY POT

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After our absence from SpringDale for almost a year due to safety and socially distancing government regulations, we are looking forward to the coming 2021 club year. Even with state restrictions our members were proactive throughout the past year. Not able to be out and about made us re-think some of our photographic endeavours and many avenues of photography opened up for us – bringing to mind the old proverb “Necessity is the mother of invention”, roughly meaning that the primary driving force for most new inventions is a need. This is surely true over the past year as we are continually amazed at what people in all walks of life have put to practice, purely from their own ‘need’ to expand themselves during the restrictions.

We plan to recommence physical meetings at the start of 2021, with state government regulations being adhered to.

Bellarine Camera Club meets at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, Drysdale, at 7:30pm on the first and third Monday of the month.

For information please visit www.bellarinecameraclub.org.au
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Lynne Bryant - President



Our first get together for 2021 was a picnic at Queenscliff. It was so good to see one another again.

Bokashi at SpringDale

During a Business Breakfast at SpringDale, many years ago, the CEO of Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group spoke about carbon capture. I was sitting beside Dr Tony Ohishi, a Japanese scientist, who brought the Bokashi food recycling system to Australia in the 1980s as part of an Australian Federal Government initiative.

Dr Tony suggested to me that we should all do our part on the home front and we could then influence the bigger companies. He suggested that we use Bokashi to help capture carbon by fermenting food products and putting it back into the soil.

I was keen to trial Bokashi, having failed at composting and worm farming, I hoped I could employ this system to help the environment. Fourteen years on and I am still an advocate. Building garden beds and layering them with Bokashi, feeding the plants with Bokashi liquid, renovating lawns using Bokashi liquid and encouraging Recreation Reserve managers to use Bokashi liquid on ovals, have given us a variety of experience.

We stock and sell Bokashi Buckets and product. We run workshops and sessions helping people get started using Bokashi and we also trouble shoot problems. I love having my Bokashi bucket in the kitchen so I can continue to keep our food resources out of the rubbish and build up the soil when we empty the Bokashi bin or enhance the soil with the diluted golden solution that the fermenting process creates.

Anne Brackley Bokashi user.



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Clifton Springs Garden Club

At the time of writing this article we had not held our first meeting for 2021 so I had no information to share with you about our guest speaker. I am thinking, what can I write about that might be interesting to readers. Another passion of mine, that I incorporate with my love of my garden, plants and nature, popped into my head. Photography. Over the years most of the photographs published with these articles are taken by myself in my own garden, on outings with the Garden Club or on trips within Australia and overseas. If I haven't taken the photographs I always acknowledge the photographer, as often I am able to share photographs taken by speakers at our meetings.

You do not need to have a very expensive camera with zoom lenses to take interesting photos; point and shoot cameras, or current mobile phones take quite good photos. One of the important things is the composition of the photo and keeping the camera still. I regularly go out into my garden and randomly take photos of what is in bloom, different angles and areas of the garden, different colours of leaves etc. This has given me a great history of the development of my garden and the changing seasons. You would be surprised at how our gardens change over time. Next time you go out into your garden take your camera or phone with you and snap away. It also gives you the ability to identify those plants that

you can never remember the names of, or an idea that you see in someone else's garden.

Special Announcement – for our March monthly meeting, Clifton Springs Garden Club has been invited to hold a meeting at Bellarine Springs Retirement Village Drysdale. The meeting will be at the normal time of 7.30 pm with a guest speaker. Numbers will be restricted, if you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact Secretary Helen.

Our monthly meetings will resume at the Uniting Church Hall Drysdale at 7.30 pm, but at this stage on a TUESDAY evening. Due to COVID these arrangements are fluid, if you would like to keep up to date with our monthly meetings, please contact our Secretary Helen, on telephone 5257 2220 or email hma3152@gmail.com



Some of my favourite photographs I have taken a before and now in my garden.



St Leonards Garden Club

Hello everyone.

I am so pleased to announce that our Garden Club has resumed in February.

Geelong council has said community centres and halls are now able to reopen for day use. Social distancing of 1.5 metres will be observed as to the directions on gatherings. Hand sanitisers will be provided at the front door, kitchen and toilets. Masks to be worn please.

David Cass has accepted my invitation to be our first guest speaker. Tree care and pruning is his speciality

I have invited guest speakers up until July so it should be an interesting year with lots of different topics. My hope is to organise some visits to various establishments.

Have you dead headed and fed your roses?

Time to summer prune and feed fruit trees.

Have you harvested your garlic? I think it might be a bad year weather wise for tomatoes. I have plenty but white fly is spotting them. I just harvest them and cut off the little mark. They are still edible.

I tried growing something different this year and it was cantaloupes. The flowers are now starting to fruit. I was almost going to pull them out when I noticed these two melons hanging over the planter box. To my surprise I have found another 5. It's a good idea to try planting something different. It might grow, it might not, but you won't know if you don't try. I also planted zucchini's and ended up with so many I gave them to my neighbours.

There have been a lot of people, new residents, move to St Leonards, who might

be starting new gardens, why not come along to our garden club every 2nd Wednesday of the month our next session is on 10th March, 14th April, 12th May, 9th June, 14th July and so on. Meetings start at 1.00. Guest speaker at 1.30. New members \$10 joining fee, \$3 entry. We have a mystery plant, a door prize, and a raffle. We also have some members bring along a sample of floral and produce and the members vote who they think is the best. Why not bring along a sample of your choice. It's all a bit of fun.

Bring a friend/partner. Have a cuppa and a chat after, make new friends. Get to know the people in your new community.

Stay happy, healthy and safe.

Wilma McLaren





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Bellarine Birdlife

Superb Fairy-wren

Most of us will be familiar with the beautiful but common Superb Fairy-wren. They often appear on the paths, gardens or open ground where humans walk or ride. Though shy they seem to know that most humans delight in seeing their vivid colours and hopping actions within the grass and low lying bushes. The most obvious to the eye is the dominant male with his unmistakable sky blue cap, black eye stripe, vivid blue ear tufts, brown wings and buff body. He is often accompanied a little group of females and juveniles, more delicate in a brown colouring with red lores and bill in similar red colour. All adults both females and males can show a dull blue tail as the male is usually blue for most of the year however moulting can cause loss of vivid blue colour. If you would like to attract these little birds to your garden, grow plants that attract insects such as Croweas, Tea trees, small Flowering Gums or any native plant that attracts insects. Any dense low vegetation is attractive. Mostly wrens are insectivorous and delight in finding spiders, ants, bugs, flies or weevils. Sometimes if insects are rare they will pick up seeds and try samples of small fruits or flowers. A bird bath set out near a thick bush will entice them on warm days. They love the security of flitting back into the bush if danger nears. Keep the water bowl fresh and if deep, lay in the bottom a few large stones so they can find a firm foothold. These small birds can drown in deep water. You will soon know if a family has made their home near your garden as they are quite vocal and sing quite loudly entertaining one and all.

Carole O'Neill



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Memories of Yesteryear

Russell Butcher

What sadness 2020 has left us, not just for those who have succumbed to the COVID 19 pandemic but also those in our society who's passing meant they were unable to have the send-off that should have been afforded them.

January marked the first anniversary of a case of COVID 19 in Australia, initially thought to be just a new strain of influenza. A "homophone" is a word that sounds similar to another word but has a different spelling and meaning. An "influencer" is generally someone on Facebook or U-Tube who offers advice or guidance in today's society. During the sixties and seventies they were simply known as ROLE MODELS and many families would recognise those who shaped our lives.

I mention this because two "influencers" who shaped my life and did not get to welcome in 2021 and the uncertainty it brings, were my Art teacher and my first employer.

On leaving Drysdale Primary School in 1958, boys choosing a secondary education at a trade school were zoned to East Geelong Tech, which was in its infancy and the classrooms in Boundary Rd, were not completed until 1960, so classes were held in temporary "Nissan Huts" in Spring St West Geelong for the two years prior to the move to the new school in Boundary Road.

Our Art teacher was Mr Neville Reeve and apart from having a great teacher/student relationship he was fastidious in everything he was involved in. As a qualified architect he involved the students in a project to design and build a scale model of the Conservatory that now stands in the Geelong Botanical gardens, built on his design and plans. Bellarine Peninsula E.G.T.S. students would also remember the "DOLPHIN" he designed and built with his students in the forecourt of the Boundary Road campus. His legacy will live on in the lives of many of his students.

On leaving "East Tech" in 1962 I was interviewed for an apprenticeship with the Geelong Gas Company by the manager, Mr Bill Holt. He was to become the Manager of the Geelong Region of Gas and Fuel Victoria and my boss and inspiration for 24 years, until his retirement in 1986.

A very understanding man, heavily involved in community activities such as "COMMUNITY CHEST" (now "GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE") and Rotary International for 40 years, he was the ultimate role model who shaped my transition into adulthood. Other local influencers who shaped my life were the Mannix brothers Rodney (President) and Adrian (Treasurer) who, along with other committee members provided a social atmosphere at the local football club that teenagers and young adults gravitated to during the halcyon years of the 60's. Both long gone but never forgotten.

Claude Stanley was another great leader and influence of many lives around here, and fondly remembered for his METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, that we all looked forward to on those Friday night gatherings.

Look to role models for VALUES as they don't offer advice.



Neville Reeve with his beloved S series Valiant.



Scale model of conservatory in Gardens.

Dolphin out front of East Tech school.



105415 Students at East Tech with Mr Reeve.



At the table Bill Holt, Russell Butcher & Brian Olsen.





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Crafts *with Lizzy*

The first lesson started well with two attendees so excited to be making glass mushrooms for the garden that 2 weeks before they had enjoyed seeing at the market, having no idea that 2 weeks later they would be making them!

Week 2 went well – some people are enjoying making cards.

If you have an interest in enjoying craft activities, would like to have tuition to get started, would like to bring your own materials or have some provided, and you are free on a Wednesday afternoon – then Crafts with Lizzy might be for you.

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SpringDale Felt & Textile Artists

The SpringDale Felters have now had a name change, we are now called SpringDale Felt & Textile Artists this reflects the diverse range of talents of our members. Over the past few years we have seen several of our members creating other textile art pieces, such as applique quilts, clothing, bags & beaded items. Some of our members also do eco dyeing (i.e. dyeing fabrics & clothes with eucalyptus leaves & other natural elements) so whilst we began as a small group of people who liked to felt, we have evolved into other textile practises. We meet on the first Saturday of the month 10am-3pm at SpringDale, if you'd like to come along & see what our members do, you'll be most welcome.

Contact **Julie** 0409 368 290 or **Jill** 0435 499 820

SpringDale Singers



Our longest serving group – SpringDale Singers have returned to the SpringDale Hall using COVID safe measures to share time together. Our Jigsaw Library continues to attract new members regularly with a monthly gathering on the first Thursday morning of each month. A new class for our repertoire is The Language of Sewing Patterns and we look forward to presenting this course next term.

Please let us know if you have an idea for a new class or group email office@springdale.org.au or phone 5253 1960.



Trivia Answers

1. True
2. Three, Red, Blue and White
3. Trim
4. A joey
5. Coffs harbour
6. 1984
7. 35
8. Black Swan
9. Diesel and Dust
10. Kangaroo

You can book a class online or find out about one of the many groups
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Lady Hawks - This Girl Can

Pre-Season for the Drysdale Senior Women's Football team is well underway as we prepare for a strong comeback for the 2021 season. The women have been working hard on their football skills but more importantly, have been focusing on getting fit, both physically and mentally.

In line with the club's vision to create awareness of not only women's football but the benefits of physical activity for women, the Drysdale Women's team are now proud supporters of the Victorian Health movement, 'This Girl Can.' 'This Girl Can' recognises that half of Victorian women are not getting enough exercise on a weekly basis. 'This Girl Can' encourages and supports all Victorian women of all fitness levels to get moving in any capacity they feel comfortable. The initiative works really hard to squash the fear of being judged and worrying what other people think and focuses on the positive message that moving your body is for everyone and that it's normal to be sweaty and messy when you're doing it!

'This Girl Can' is an important initiative to the Drysdale Women's team, in particular to the team's coach, Stu Craven. Stu wants to get the



message out to the community that not only is being involved in the Drysdale Women's team about getting out there and playing football but that we are a club that is supportive and welcoming of women, of all ages and fitness abilities, to get fit and have fun doing it.

'This Girl Can' has a website, www.thisgirlcan.com.au/, full of an extensive range of different at home exercise tutorials as well as inspiring stories of women across Victoria discussing their stories about how they got back into exercising and the importance of keeping active.

As supporters of the campaign, women can now find our contact information on the 'This Girl Can' website. The club looks forward to working with 'This Girl Can' in the future to help spread the word about the importance of women getting active.

If you or someone you know may be interested in getting involved in the Drysdale Women's football community, please reach out to our Senior Women's Coordinator, Jess Case, on 0427 753 723.

Alicia Murray



North Bellarine Aquatic Centre

I am pleased to report that the architects for the North Bellarine Aquatic Centre have been appointed and an initial commissioning meeting has been held with the City of Greater Geelong (CoGG). The North Bellarine Aquatic Centre Advocacy Group look forward to meeting with CoGG and the architects in the very near future.

At the moment we only have sufficient funds for the year round pool but the architects are being asked to do the concept plan for the whole complex but the next levels of planning just for the 50m pool.

Once again we are calling on people to let the City of Greater Geelong Councilors know how important the other parts of the Aquatic Centre are to our community especially the Warm Water Exercise Pool which will complement the facilities located at Ocean Grove. Please feel free to forward copies to the North Bellarine Aquatic Centre Advocacy Group via Springdale so we can track the number of requests submitted.

Anne Brackley

Chair - North Bellarine Aquatic Centre Advocacy Group



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