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30 years of the SpringDale Messenger

This issue completes our 30 years of providing community information, connection, inspiration and advocacy through the SpringDale Messenger. Thousands of volunteers have written and edited thousands of articles. Hundreds of advertisers have helped to bring this free newsletter/magazine to now more than 15,000 homes per month in paper form and to thousands of homes worldwide in electronic form.

Bellarine Rural City Council and City of Greater Geelong have invested grant monies over the years to help us progress this monthly dose of happiness for so many. All copies of the SpringDale Messenger are available on line <https://www.messenger.springdale.org.au/> 24 hours a day 7 days a week, allowing personal, social and educative research to happen in a timely way.

I love having contributed over the last 30 years. I loved when my first photo made it into the Messenger and when a photo even made it on to the front cover in May 2000. So I understand what

a contributor faces. I have paid for advertising and so I understand what an advertiser faces. Over the last, almost 18 years, I have helped with the editing, management and filling any gaps in the issues.

The SpringDale Messenger has lead me to become the Secretary of Community Newspaper Association Victoria and enabled me to meet like-minded community members across Victoria.

The SpringDale Messenger has evolved from a small A5 black and white 8 page newsletter to an A4 full colour 24 page magazine, that people look forward to receiving.

Thank you to our readers, our contributors, our advertisers, our editors, our 3 graphic designs and our 3 printers and all our deliverers that have helped to bring our hundreds of issues to life and thousands of pages of value to our community.

Anne Brackley OAM - Chief Enthusiasm Officer
SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

NOVEMBER 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	November for Men's Health until 30th Kinship Carers 10-1pm at SpringDale
Tuesday	2	Friendly Cuppa and Chat 10.30-11.30am at SpringDale Melbourne Cup (office closed, but some activities still to be held)
Thursday	4	Jigsaw Group 10-12noon at SpringDale
Fri-Sat	5-6	Into the Woods Junior - Potato Shed
Saturday	6	Harvest Basket Produce Swap 9-10.30am at SpringDale SpringDale Felt & Textile Artists 10am-3pm at SpringDale Free replacement anti-theft number plates screws at SpringDale Car Park 9-11am (weather permitting) Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Awareness week until 13th Legal Service Day
Tuesday	9	Pl@n B - My Generation - The Songs From Our Youth!! 10.30am - Potato Shed
Wednesday	10	Days for Girls Sewing 9am-1pm at SpringDale World Science Day for Peace and Development
Thursday	11	Remembrance Day
Saturday	13	World Kindness Day
Sunday	14	Diabetes Day
Wednesday	17	National Epilepsy Day
Friday	19	Neil Diamond and Bobby Darin Tribute Show - 8pm - Potato Shed
Saturday	20	World Children's Day Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR)
Sunday	2	World Television Day
Thursday	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
Friday	26	SpringDale Annual General Meeting 4pm Dave Cosma & Charles Jenkins - World Tour of Australia - 8pm - Potato Shed
Saturday	27	Bellarine Business EXPO - 9am-4pm SpringDale Hall
Tuesday	30	Santa Claus Is Coming To Town - 10.30am - Potato Shed

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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 Elders past and present, and emerging leaders.



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Coordinator's News



Anne Brackley

Dear Friends and Friends I am yet to meet

A sense of belonging continues to be so important to me. I have been lucky to live and work on the Bellarine for most of my life. Although I have felt that I don't belong many times in my life, I mostly feel that I do belong these days.

Over the years we have tried to develop a suite of activities and resources that hopefully help people build connections and a sense of belonging. We have a Welcome Kit to gift to new residents or to people thinking about moving to the area. Our Welcome Kit contains an invitation to our monthly morning tea, our lunch group and our dining group - all could be good ways to get to meet others, who are there for the same reason - to eat and meet people. Except for a few little hiccups due to covid.

We produce an annual Business and Service Directory now called On the Bellarine - this document and website strives to link residents with groups, services or businesses to meet their needs. This is part of the Welcome Kit.

We publish a monthly magazine, you are reading one of them, which are placed in the Welcome Kit to show the types of activities, issues, solutions and plans for our special part of the world. A couple of issues of SpringDale

Messenger are placed in the Welcome Kit. Our Messengers hopefully continue to connect people to our area and help to build the sense of belonging.

I like to remember people's names - I love it when someone remembers my name and if it is written, that it is written properly - with the e on the end. Because this is so important to me I strive to always spell people's names correctly.

Most of my thinking and behaviour are based on how I would like to be spoken to, welcomed, and treated. But I am very human as I have admitted to very regularly. I don't get things right all the time but I do take responsibility for what I do and say and try to correct any mistakes that I have made or at least offer an apology.

Hoping you feel you belong or hoping that you are meeting a variety of people to help you find people that you feel comfortable with and can perhaps build trust with and help to build that sense of belonging.

Looking forward to seeing you at SpringDale soon - pop in for a visit and let me show you around (that's one of my favourite things to do!

Yours sincerely

Anne Brackley for Team SpringDale

Course News

Sourdough Bread Making

Learn how to make sourdough starter, how to look after & feed it and then make a delicious boule style sourdough loaf as well as some current buns, crumpets and sourdough pancakes. Hands on class with lots of info and fun to be had.

Instructor: Charlene Bancroft
Date/time: Sat 20 Nov 10am-1pm
Fee: \$100 **Conc** \$60

Korean Cookery - Kimchi

You will learn how to make basic Kimchi which will teach you the skills to make many different types of Kimchi. Also as a highlight participants will taste Kimchi with rice at the end of the session.

Instructor: Jasmin Hong
Date/time: Sat 27 Nov 10am-1pm
Fee: \$50

Living your Ikigai (pronounced "icky guy")

Transitioning from a full-time job or long-time career for what - ever reason has its challenges. What to do next?

The Japanese define Ikigai as what you live for, what drives you, what moves and fulfils you, what gives you the happiness and benefit of being alive.

Register your Interest.

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Grab a Course Guide & get learning. Guide available to download or book on the website. Pop in a pick up a copy or we can post or email you.



<https://home.springdale.org.au/learning-master-guide/>
E: office@springdale.org.au or P: 5253 1960

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre AGM

Friday 26 November 4pm

All welcome in person or via zoom.

RSVP by 19th November

P: 5253 1960 or E: office@springdale.org.au



On the Bellarine Business Directory

We are preparing to publish the 2022 On the Bellarine Business and Services Directory. Looking for Businesses or Community Group who may like to be included. Pricing the same as 2020-2021 edition.

We are also offering a more interactive and useful online version of the Directory.

Visit <https://directory.onthebellarine.com.au/directory-advertising-options/> to see examples of the online listings and relevant fees.



The SpringDale Messenger November 2021



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

Anne Brackley - Quote curator

www.springdale.org.au



News from Lisa Neville MP

Member for Bellarine

I am once again pleased to be contributing to the Springdale Messenger following my return to work.

As readers may be aware, I have been on leave since February following treatment and surgery for Crohns disease, a disease that I have lived with and managed for many years.

Thank you to all those people who sent me their best wishes, many of who are connected to the Drysdale Neighbourhood Centre and the Community Asscoation. They were all very much appreciated.

I am now looking forward to again getting out into the community and resuming my work with, and for, the people of the Bellarine Peninsula.

New Drysdale Library Another Step Closer

It's great to see that the new Drysdale Library is well on the way with the construction tender recently being awarded to builder AW Nicholson Pty Ltd.

As we know the Drysdale Library is a great community facility and one that is very well utilised by locals. In fact, even though the current library is one of the smallest in the Greater Geelong region, it is one of the most well patronised.

And demand for the library services will only continue to grow with many families now, and well into the future, looking to call the north Bellarine home.

The library when completed will be four times bigger than the current facility with floor space of over 1100 square metres. It will include a children's area, youth space, an IT room and be home to a Council customer service point.

Its location in Wyndham Street will ensure the library is readily accessible to all, while its distinctive, modern and welcoming design will also ensure the building becomes a focal point of the town and community life.

I now look forward to construction commencing and in the not too distant the opening of a great new library, one that will serve Drysdale and surrounds well for many years to come.

As always, where I can provide you or your organisation with assistance please don't hesitate to contact me through my office on 5250 1987, Email: lisa.neville@parliament.vic.gov.au or at Shop 66, Gateway Plaza Bellarine Highway, Leopold.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at SpringDale



An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for public use is now located at SpringDale 24 hours a day 7 days a week, this has been donated by the Lions Club Portarlinton Drysdale. You can find the defibrillator on the outside wall to the right of the main entrance to reception.

Dial 000 and stay on the phone.

State that you want to access an AED at SpringDale Drysdale.

Ambulance Victoria will issue you with a code to open the front of the defibrillator.

Follow the advice from Ambulance Victoria accordingly.

Further information and links to videos, apps and education on AED's can be found on the Ambulance Victoria website:

<https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au>

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POTATO SHED

October was one of those forget me months Due to the restrictions we needed to postpone all the scheduled performances. We are happy to announce that these have all been rescheduled to the outdoor stage in January and will be part of our new Summer Series. More about that next month.

November is the month we hope to be open and operating back to some semblance of normality - so why not take a look back at a time when everything was groovy Join locals **PL@n B** as they belt out stacks of toe tapping tunes from the 50s right through to the 70s part of the Morning Showtime series on 10:30 Tuesday the 9th of November. The show is called **My Generation The Songs from Our Youth** it's been awhile since we've seen the man the man that is Issi Dye but he is back on November the 19th with his good friend and fellow performer Gary Jones when they present **Neil Diamond and Bobby Darin Tribute Show**, great songs like Sweet Caroline, I'm a Believer, Song Sung Blue, Dream Lover, Mack the Knife and many more - cabaret style seating - a great night out with the man that is Mr Issi Dye.

On Friday the 26th of November we have a special treat for the serious music lovers when **Dave Cosma and Charles Jenkins** include us in their **World Tour of Australia**. With a host of Aria awards nominations, 17 albums, Charles Jenkins is one of Australia's most respected singer songwriters teaming up with David Cosma from Sun Rising will present ace night full of impassioned live performance Jenkins and Cosma perform a set age where the line between audience and performers is blurred giving the audience and intimate insight into two of Australia's finest independent songwriters this is one not to miss.

Seeing out November and heading on the way to Christmas... Melissa Langton and Mark Jones who will be presenting their **Santa Claus is Coming to Town** show for our last morning show time for 2021 on Tuesday the 30th of November. Come along and get ready for the Shed celebrating Christmas, everything from Mario Lanza, through to Bette Midler and Nat King Cole plus some Christmas favourites, a fun morning with a look and laugh at Christmas.

Ensure you check our website and see just what is on, the program is constantly changing so make sure you check what's on and when. Keep an eye out for the 2022 Season Launch on December 1st. Stay safe and remember we have a strong COVID-19 plan in place to ensure you will be able to enjoy what we have on offer in November.

Book your tickets now at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/potatoshed

Be social with us at Facebook and Instagram/potatosheddrysdale

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Shed.

POTATO SHED

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PL@n B

Tuesday Nov 9th 10.30am

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WHAT'S ON

POTATO SHED

CITY OF GREATER GEELONG

PL@n B

MORNING SHOW

'MY GENERATION THE SONGS OF OUR YOUTH 50's to 70's'



TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 10.30AM

Tickets \$17.00
Including Morning Tea

NEIL DIAMOND & BOBBY DARIN TRIBUTE SHOW



Come and enjoy all the songs from the 60's and 70's music legends and singalong with your favourite tunes.

FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER 8PM

Cabaret Seating Adult \$34 Conc \$30
Theatre Seating Adult \$30 Conc \$28

DAVE COSMA & CHARLES JENKINS WORLD TOUR OF AUSTRALIA



It's a show where the line between audience and performers is blurred, giving the audience an intimate insight into two of Australia's finest independent singer songwriters.

FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 8PM

Cabaret Seating Adult \$28 Conc \$24
Theatre Seating Adult \$24 Conc \$22 Student \$22

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



Melissa Langton

Mark Jones

TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 10.30AM

Tickets \$17.00
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Councillors' News

By Cr Jim Mason



Can you believe it's been about six years since the Geelong Library and Heritage Centre on Little Malop officially opened?

How time flies, and how quickly 'The Dome' has become a beloved landmark for the Geelong region, with its futuristic elements that make for both an attractive and welcoming meeting place.

The building's ambitious features pay tribute to our region's design history and played a part in our city's UNESCO City of Design designation, the only one in Australia.

It reflects our region's vision to be recognised as a clever and creative city-region.

Council has kept these factors front of mind during the intense planning process for the new Drysdale Library, which will be part of the new town centre at Wyndham Street.

The library will become another feather in Greater Geelong's design cap, another iconic building for the Drysdale community to make its own and be proud of.

It will be surrounded by parkland and seating, with biodiversity stretching up to the green roof and through to an internal courtyard garden.

The sustainable building will feature resource efficient systems and low-carbon strategies will be integrated into construction.

A combination of communal spaces and quiet

study areas feature in the oval shaped library, with a focus on accessibility for all.

That means an adult changing places facility for people who can't use standard accessible toilets and a City of Greater Geelong customer service point.

Thanks to extensive consultation with residents and Wadawurrung Traditional Owners, this library will be a bold and visionary space for the community to learn, develop skills and meet new people.

The designs are well worth a look on www.geelongaustralia.com.au

Council has proudly kicked in \$8.656 million over four years to make this project a reality, alongside a \$1 million Living Libraries Infrastructure Program grant from the Victorian Government.

We've just awarded the \$7.592 million construction tender to A W Nicholson Pty Ltd, with works set to begin on 11 November.

Libraries are going from strength to strength in our municipality and we can't wait to deliver this special facility to you.



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Why should you care

Leanne's
wheel life



What's the big deal about accessibility? If you don't have family or friends with a disability, you have probably never needed to consider whether a venue has a ramp, safe and accessible parking and toilet facilities. And why should you care?

1. Because safety is everyone's business

Accessible car parks don't just impact those who need to use them, but also drivers on the road around them. I was recently at Ocean Grove Kingston car park in my modified rear-loading vehicle. Accessible car spaces are wider but not longer and my constant underlying fear is that a fellow shopper won't notice my extended ramp as it must take up one lane.

That is what happened this day. Unfortunately, the driver who ran over my ramp did not stop. Luckily my companion nor I were hurt, and the damage done to the ramp did not prevent my entry and exit from my car.

A safe solution is to simply improve the current planning standards to be universally adopted and allow for more safe, accessible parking. Thus, preventing damage and anxiety and allowing people with disabilities and their companion's safe access to shops and venues with as much right as those without disabilities.

2. Because rights and privileges afforded by the majority should be the rights and privileges afforded by everybody.

Inaccessible housing and accommodation designs do not just impact the disabled. Many of us enjoy affordable group getaways. In fact, our extended family has one planned for next month to celebrate our much-loved G'ma/mum's 80th birthday. But organising was no easy feat. For months, we have tried to find a fully accessible house, spending countless hours searching Victoria-wide to no avail. Our only option is a more costly hotel. If my family did not wish to consider me being involved, they could have chosen some beautiful houses in beautiful regions. While I am grateful my family has the means to stay at the hotel, it should not be this hard – or this expensive – for a person with a disability and their families to simply enjoy a long weekend away together.

3. Because our individual worth is so much more than physical ability.

It's common for many of us who are disabled through age, accident, or genetics to reassess our value, especially if most of our activities involved physical 'doing'. Feelings of being a burden, shame and low self-esteem are common, which, for me, extends to my role in friendships and family. Acknowledging my self-worth remains a tricky test for me. I know that our many varied individual contributions to family, friends and community are valuable and that, often, just letting people help us is our gift. I hope we can start seeing and demonstrating this value more in our broader society.

To para-phrase Dickens' Jacob Marley:

"Mankind is our business. The common welfare is our business..."

An inclusive society benefits all. Not just those who are currently excluded.

Leanne

Women Living Well - On the Bellarine

Even though it's really difficult at the moment to make plans, to meet with people and organise anything, I hope we can all still be a little spontaneous in what we do with our days.

I have a friend who is in her mid 70's, on her own, she had to move house a few months ago because the landlord put the rent up, and she's had quite a challenging year. I met her early last year when she responded to one of my articles in The Messenger.

This week she organised a short get-away to regional Victoria. She just needed a break. Good on her! She had to get up early to catch a bus, then another bus and then (I think) another bus, and after quite a few hours, she would arrive at her beautiful rural destination. She had organised budget accommodation where she had stayed before, and was looking forward to spending some time meeting new people, enjoying nature and emotionally recharging before coming home again.

It was a little stressful for her in the preparation, but I so admire her adventurous spirit, and I know she's going to come back refreshed and ready to face whatever this slightly crazy Covid time will bring next.

Sometimes we just need to take control and do something different. We all have ways of re-charging and we know what works for us. Sometimes it takes a little effort, but I hope we'll all start to think outside of our daily routine and do something spontaneous. I'm hoping you're getting a few ideas even as you read this.

I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone again as soon as it's possible.

Dianne Bennett.

0422 146 604 diannebennett4@hotmail.com

HELLO YOU,



I'm 38 years old and living in Curlewis. I am a kind, thoughtful and patient person with a good sense of humour, looking for some new support workers.

I love music and I am a passionate supporter of my mighty Bombers! The most important things in my life are; my family, living at home surrounded by people who love me, staying healthy and positive plus, getting out and about to music events, AFL matches, car shows, surfing and going on holidays! Plus, living with an acquired brain injury, means being assisted by a team of support workers who are committed to help me live a good life.

Now you know a little about me, let's talk about you!

Are you a support worker committed to:

- Social justice and human rights?
- Privacy and confidentiality?
- Being respectful of myself, family, and our home environment?
- Punctuality?
- Being a team player?
- Providing positive, caring, friendly support that helps me live a good life?

If so, let's see if you are a good fit for my team! I'll need you to be available mid-mornings and maybe overnight.

To apply, contact genU by emailing your application to nikki.gilbertson@genu.org.au

CHEERS!

The SpringDale Messenger November 2021



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Remembrance Day at Drysdale Cenotaph



Due to on-going restrictions because of the COVID-19 virus in our Neighbourhood, the Drysdale RSL Sub-branch will conduct a very slimmed-down Remembrance Day at the Drysdale Cenotaph. The event this year occurs on Thursday 11 November.

The RSL's intention is to lay only three wreaths on behalf of the Sub-branch, the Women's Auxiliary and the Vietnam Veterans. The flag will be lowered. There will be one minute's silence at 11am followed by the Rouse and the raising of the flag.

Unfortunately we are not inviting school participation this year and we would like to keep the public attendance to a minimum. However, the area surrounding the cenotaph will be COVID-friendly like it was for our Anzac Day commemoration. If members of the public want to lay a wreath privately, they can do so any time during the morning.

Hopefully, we will be back to normal in 2022, but we await further Government guidelines.



From the Australian Army website:

"11 November is universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the First World War. This conflict had mobilised over 70 million people and left between nine and 13 million dead and as many as one third of these with no grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

"At 11 am on 11 November 1918, the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months.

"In November, the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted the allied terms of unconditional surrender. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years and became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war.

"In 1997, Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation formally declaring 11 November to be Remembrance Day, urging all Australians to observe one minute silence at 11.00am on 11 November each year, to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts."

Golf Day.

Due to restrictions and limitations at the Clifton Springs Golf Club, the committee has decided to cancel the Golf Day for this year. No doubt that will be disappointing news for some, but hopefully we can organise two such events for 2022.

Poppy Appeal.

The annual Poppy Appeal raises funds for veterans and their families. As long as we are allowed to, the Drysdale RSL will accept donations from the public at locations around Drysdale and Curlewis.



1st Drysdale Scouts again have pleasure in providing fresh cut Christmas trees to the Geelong and Bellarine areas

Our fresh cut trees start from \$50 up to 5ft, \$60 up to 6ft and \$70 for a 7ft tree. 8ft trees **must be pre-ordered.**

Every tree ordered online comes with **free contact less delivery.** This year a **special limited** number of tree deliveries will be made from **4pm** on the following days.

Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th of November these deliveries will only be available for online orders.

For full details of our tree sizes and delivery option check out our website <https://1stdrysdalscouts.com/christmas-tree-sales> or our face book page F@1stdrysdale

Prefer to hand pick your tree

Come down to our hall on the 1st and 2nd weekend in December and we will have limited number of trees for sale.

The Hall will be open between the following times and will be subject to any Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Friday 3rd Dec 5-9pm
Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th Dec 9am-3pm
Friday Dec 10th 5-9pm
Saturday Dec 11th 9am-3pm
Sunday Dec 12th 9am until sold out

Having a problem disposing of your Christmas tree in the new year

Just select the pick-up option when ordering online or ask us when picking your tree at the hall and for a small fee of \$12 we will pick-up your tree on **Sat 8th January 2022.**

If you have any questions about this year's tree sales, please contact us via our website or Facebook page.

Thank you for supporting 1st Drysdale Scouts fresh cut Christmas tree Fundraiser & we wish you a wonderful merry Christmas.



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Vale Robert Geoffrey Wisbey - known as Geoff 19 Nov 1923 - 2 Oct 2021



Geoff lived in Drysdale most of his life and last year (2020 November issue) shared a story with us all about the Weeroona in 1945 as a follow up after we published a story about the Weeroona. The story flowed so smoothly and I found it to be extremely interesting. Geoff went onto share a few more stories with me for our Community Development Timeline, that are yet to go to print. I am so sorry that he didn't get to see them in print but I do thank Geoff and his family for helping him share the stories.

Geoff was very active in the Drysdale Football and Drysdale RSL Sub-Branch. Geoff joined the Drysdale RSL in 1952 and was awarded Life Membership in 2016. He held many roles over 15 years including President, Assistant Secretary, Vice President, and Past President and during this time he officiated at the funerals of many members. Along with other Drysdale RSL members, Geoff helped to set up Australian Military History in local Primary Schools and visited Drysdale Primary School for ANZAC, Remembrance and Lone Pine Services.



Sincere thanks from Anne Brackley and our community.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

Pictured are some Motor spirit ration tickets that were used by Mr Parish, Mr Whitcombe, Mr Fuller and the Drysdale Rural Fire Brigade in Drysdale during 1942 – 1950. The ration tickets enabled people to apply for a petrol license and then be issued petrol ration tickets to meet their needs.

I wonder if this rationing continuing after the War had finished combined with people looking for something new to devote their time to, inspired both the Drysdale CWA and Drysdale Bowling Club to start in 1948. Happy to have your knowledge about this topic.

Anne Brackley



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Portarlington Police Report

Hello Everyone,

As we move through the months, we here at the Portarlington Police Station have seen an unusual happening. Usually at this time of the year with the weather getting better, our normal increase of tourists has been notably absent from our region. This hasn't stopped us though in our active enforcement in respect of Road Safety. You may have noticed that random Breath Testing Sites are popping up all over the Peninsula. Although these are quite visible, every Police vehicle is a breath testing unit. **The ramifications from drink driving are enormous.** That split second decision when you think "I'll be right" has the potential to turn into not only a life changing moment for the driver, but for so many other innocent people. There are people in our community that have lost loved ones to the road toll, with a high percentage of these avoidable. Please stop and think before you get behind the wheel. The last thing I want is for a police member to knock on the door of a family informing them that their loved one isn't coming home.

Crime wise, we continue to see very low level of crime in and around the Bellarine Peninsula. A small number of burglaries have been reported on holiday houses, so with our current COVID restrictions still in place, I implore all of you in the community to keep an eye out on holiday houses in your area and report any unusual behaviour to Police. Unlike our temporary neighbours that reside outside of the Geelong area and do not have the luxuries afforded to them as us that live permanently on the Bellarine Peninsula, the least we can do is keep an eye out for them. In these strange times that we are currently living in, I implore all of you in the community to come together and look out for each other. A simple "hello" and wave goes a long way to assisting in peoples mental health and wellbeing.

SCAMWATCH

Last month I spoke briefly on "Scams." I am still waiting on the 47 items that are promised to be delivered to me this month that I never ordered! Since August 2021, many Australians have been getting scam text messages about tracking a delivery, missed calls or voicemails, along with a link to download some software. If you receive one of these messages, do not click or tap on the link. Delete the message immediately. Investment scams reported to Scamwatch have cost Australians over \$70 million in the first half of this year, more than the total losses reported to Scamwatch for all of 2020, and projected losses are set to reach \$140 million by the end of this year.

Scamwatch has received over 6415 scam reports mentioning the coronavirus with more than \$9,800,000 in reported losses since the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Common scams include phishing for personal information, online shopping, and superannuation scams. If you have been scammed or have seen a scam, you can make a report on the Scamwatch website, and find more information about where to get help. Scamwatch urges everyone to be cautious and remain alert to coronavirus-related scams. Scammers are hoping that you have let your guard down. **Do not provide your personal, banking or superannuation details to strangers who have approached you.** Scammers may pretend to have a connection with you. So it's important to stop and check, even when you are approached by what you think is a trusted organization. Visit the Scamwatch news webpage for general warnings and media releases on COVID-19 scams.

On this note, please feel free to contact me or any of the members at Portarlington if you have any issues, problems, questions or anything else we can assist you with.

Stay safe everyone.

Nathan

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BELLARINE CAMERA CLUB

The images submitted for our 'Nature' Competition were strong and vibrant. Many thanks to Sheryl Griffiths who was our guest Judge for the evening. Due to COVID our meetings are held by zoom, so we can continue our monthly competitions and lectures. Naturally, though, we shall all look forward to getting together again where we shall have photographic outings and other activities at the Springdale Hall.

Prints:

A Grade: 1st Serious Swans - Jim Den Ouden
 2nd Leaf Curl Spider Dinner - Lynne Bryant
 B Grade: 1st Nature Unleashing - Jenny Warren
 2nd Rainbow Tree - Geoff Evans

Electronic Digital Images

A Grade: 1st Sitting Pretty - Kevin Robley
 2nd Resting - Lynne Pearce
 3rd Fungi - Lynne Bryant
 Merit: Colour Splash - Kevin Robley
 B Grade: 1st Asleep on the Job - Geoff Evans
 2nd Heart on Her Sleeve - Jenny Warren
 3rd Micro Habitat - Jenny Warren

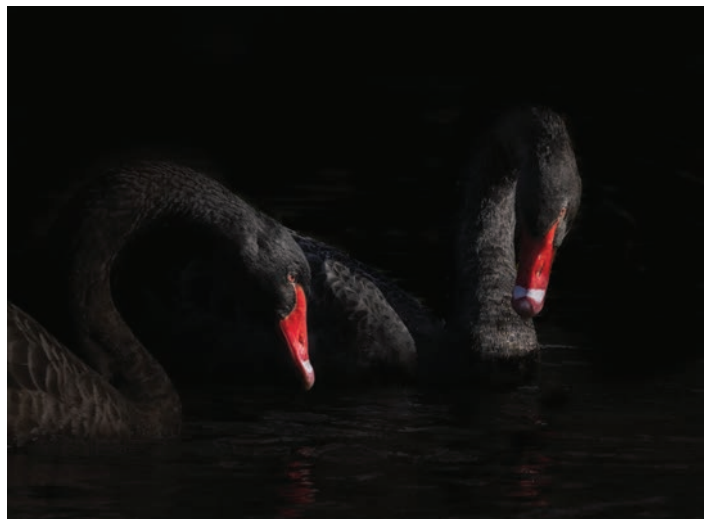


Image of the Comp: Serious Swans - Jim Den Ouden

Bellarine Camera Club meet at Springdale Neighborhood Centre, Drysdale at 7.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, covid permitting. For further details see our website www.bellarinecameraclub.org.au



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Bellarine Birdlife Welcome Swallow

Cleaning out our garage recently I was amazed to be rapidly circled by a small, swiftly moving arrow head. So fleeting was the image that I was not able to get a clear sighting however I knew instantly my garage was a perfect feeding place for a Welcome Swallow. I had disturbed insects in my enthusiasm to clean the long neglected area, thus my hungry, foraging, uninvited guest.

Tiny mosquitoes and other insects of the air are the swallow's main diet, instantly snapped and trapped by the little creature's beak. Sometimes the weather dictates how high these active little birds fly however we mostly notice these darting flyers when they are closer to the ground, moving in circular patterns. Their agility is evident as they zoom low down over open grasslands and water ways, beaks wide, scooping happily the hapless insects in their path.

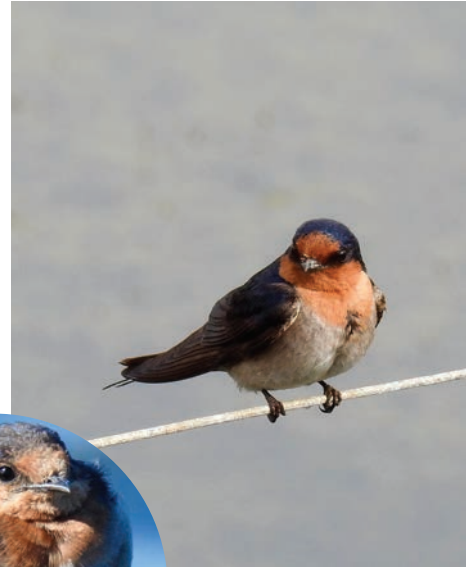
Welcome Swallows are so named due to their very welcome appearance in early spring. Though they range all over Australia we are usually treated to their presence down south as the weather gets warmer, a welcome part of Spring. I also feel that they are most welcome to my home due to their diet. What a delightful way of ridding your home of pesky insects!

Welcome Swallows build cup shaped mud nests. Mud puddles are popular so nests often are built near a water source. Combining the mud with grass the birds build a strong structure either solely or if in more remote areas, a colony can gather together for protection. They prefer vertical surfaces with overhead shelter so sides of buildings, under eaves or artificial structures such as bridges and street scape structures are popular. Nests are works of art taking 8 to 23 days to construct. Two and rarely three broods can be hatched. The males do not take part in the incubation but will forage for food for the young.

In flight you can identify the Welcome Swallow by their deeply forked tail. A closer look as they rest on a fence shows upper parts of glossy blue-black, glistening in the sunlight and rufous coloured chin and throat. The underparts are white to light grey and the back glossy black. Listen for their delightful twittering song or high squeaky chirrups as they soar above. Sometimes their method of drinking is amazing to watch as they can drink on the wing, of course they often capture water insects as they scoop and swoop.

Snake and wild cats are the most dangerous predators to these beautiful birds though other birds such as raptors can disturb nests and kill the young. Humans can be a problem however once fledged the young ones usually adapt to urban and suburban life, swiftly cleansing the air from pesky biting bugs. Please enjoy and welcome the swallow to your home and garden.

Carol O'Neill



Bellarine Catchment Network have produced 12 local environmental videos we have produced for your use and reference. They feature, revegetation, weeding, Birdwatching and Baycountry App.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/BCNBELLARINELANDCARE>

Also below some other on line resources

Coastal booklet, colouring in page, wetland research project, remote learning packs:
http://www.environmentbellarine.org.au/cb_pages/online_learning_resources.php

Here are the link to our new Bush Heroes:
http://www.environmentbellarine.org.au/cb_pages/bush_heroes.php

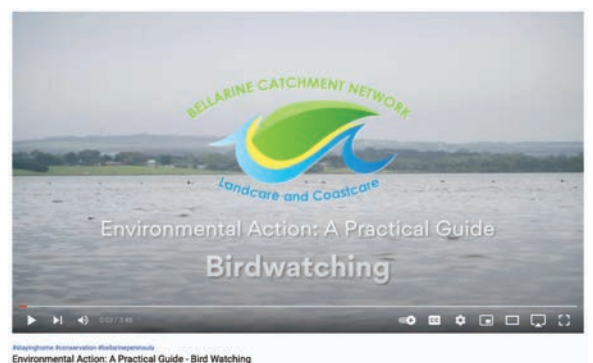
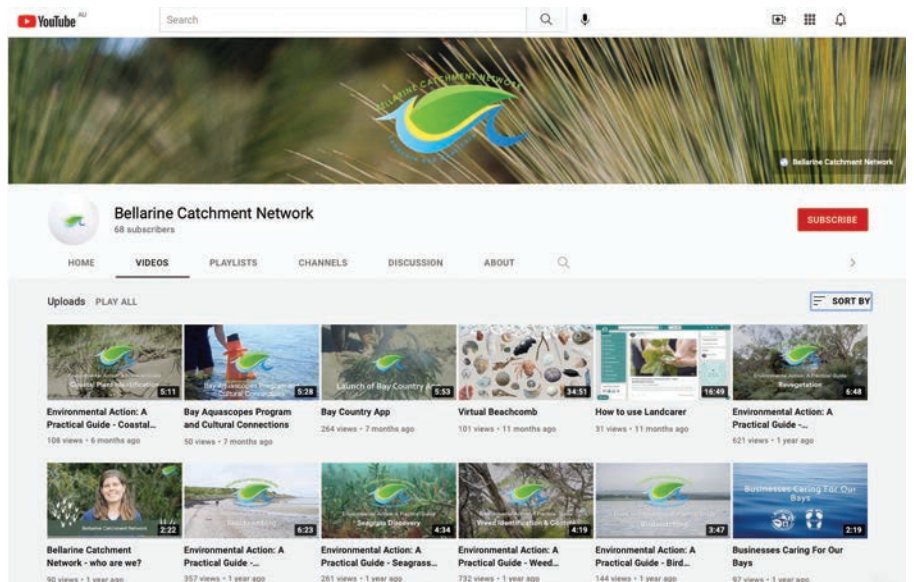
Bellarine Catchment Network provides a quarterly newsletter, please find a link to our last edition below and information on how to register.

<https://mailchi.mp/2453397030be/spring-2021>

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Think on your feet.

The world is feeling topsy turvy and the ground has even shaken. I find myself focusing on my feet. Here are some ways to mindfully put your best foot forward.



Stand on your own feet.

There are some undeniable truths that always keep us safe. Gravity will always pull your feet to the ground. The ground will always catch you when you fall.

"Spend a minute standing still with your eyes closed; notice how all four corners of your feet adjust to support you strong and safe from the ground up. Play with this feeling as your body might sway, but your feet shift to bring you back to centre."



Step back in time.

"Think of and imagine all the places you have seen those loyal feet. Sandy at the beach. In school shoes in the halls. At the end of that sun lounge. Muddy from dust in thongs in the tropics. Distorted in shallow water... Enjoy the adventures!"



Being grounded.

We have been sent to our rooms by mother nature. But most of us have felt quite unsettled in constant change. Being grounded implies feeling stable, balanced and at ease in ourselves.

"Anchor your feet into the ground like the roots of a tree. Imagine your stress, worry and tension being absorbed below. Feel the strength in those roots giving you power to grow tall. Challenging times are easier to navigate with strength from within. You can let troubles flow past, finding peace and acceptance more easily. With both feet on the ground, you cannot get carried away."



Take a load off your feet

We need to rest to be productive. In that rest, our mind filters through memories, peacefully searching for the solutions to our challenges and our body repairs and regenerates. Give your feet some rest and your mind will follow.

"Put your feet up. Concentrate on the sensations in your feet as they begin to release the pressure of the day. Pay interest to any tingling, pulsing. Notice as your feet find a sense of comfort and ease. You can relax those feet. Let them relax so deeply. Promise them time to completely switch off. Notice the temperature of relaxation. What would it feel like if your feet went on strike? If you asked them to move again and they refused – choosing this beautiful relaxation instead."



Finding your feet

As the world continues to "stay changed", you could drag your knuckles waiting for things to go back to normal, or you could start to "think on your feet". Look for new opportunities to grow and discover new ways to solve arising problems.

"Close your eyes and imagine you have been walking on a path. Behind you is all that you have ever known, learnt and experienced. In front of you is all that you can ever be. Let your mind wander down this path now. Adapting what you know and learning as you go. What direction do your feet take you in? I wonder what dreams they will walk you into? Wander the path until you have found your feet. Where things feel good, safe, and successful. Feel it as though you are there now."



Getting off on the right foot

Every day we are jumping feet first into the unknown. But you can get off on the right foot and make a good start to your day. Choose to start your day right. What daily ritual can you do to be your best you? To "put your best foot first" you will need to prioritise yourself.

"Take a moment for you right now. If you had endless motivation and logistics; what would be the ideal start to your day? A long walk, a good breakfast, an ocean swim, yoga, meditation? Feel as though you are already doing that daily now. What it does for you, how the effects roll into your day ahead. Design it right so you are ready to be the best you. Imagine that this "you" woke you up tomorrow morning, gently reminding you of how incredible you will feel when you make time to care for yourself... and maybe... you will"

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A flash of light, a shattering roar and flames billow out on the screen, before rapidly dissolving to grey.

"Optics negative. Radar trace negative. S.A.T. lab mission complete. Ends."

In the lonely blackness of his sleeping bay, Paul Rosten jumps awake and lies panting, after his third consecutive nightmare. A tap on the panel, the hatch slides back and Kristen Johnson, in uniform, flicks on the light.

"Morning sir. Are you alright?"

"Oh...yes...thank you Lieutenant. I keep dreaming it over again. What time is it?"

"Two a.m."

"What news?"

"Aspinall found the pod and Shannon is bringing them in. I've just had Stryker on the video link. We are instructed to stop flying freighters over fuel storage zones and to strengthen security at the compound gate." She pauses.

"Let's have it Kristen."

"He has read the report. You are instructed to immediately resign command and return to earth on the first available freighter. You are to face a court martial for the wanton destruction of the S.A.B. lab facility."

"Very well. Thank you lieutenant. When does today's freighter leave?"

"In three hours."

In the bitter cold of the Martian predawn a half track vehicle creeps up to the transit bay. Under the glaring floodlights of the terminal entrance Rosten faces a sombre group of M.A.R.S. force staff.

"Doctor Sanson will take charge until the command position can be resolved. There's not a lot you can do now anyway. I imagine Stryker will be in touch."

A whimsical smile.

"So long people. Keep your tails up."

A last wave as the hatch closes. The vehicle moves off.

Seventeen minutes later the freighter roars up into the star spangled darkness on twin pillars of fire. In its' wake lies wrecked infrastructure, shattered dreams, and potential resources that now remain...unclaimed.


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52nd Edition

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1. How many horses have won multiple Melbourne Cups?
2. Which latitude line runs through Australia?
3. How many of the world's top 25 deadliest snakes can be found in Australia?
4. In what season are Australian grown cherries typically available for purchase?
5. What type of mines would you find in Coober Pedy, South Australia?
6. Which team won last summer's (2020-21) Cricket Big Bash League competition for men?
7. Which Australian novel tells the story of Rufus Dawes, sentenced to transportation to a penal colony in Australia for a crime he did not commit?
8. On what historic date did Kevin Rudd formally apologise to Australian Indigenous peoples on behalf of the Australian people for the actions of previous governments?
9. Which animal is Rottneest Island famous for?
10. Which Australian TV show is set on the fictional farm of Drover's Run?

Turn to page 20 to find the answers.



Drysdale Guides Meet on Thursdays during the school term 6:30-8:00pm.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Anne Brackley on 0407 529 205

Talking Autism Group

A person new to our group attended October's meeting – her reason for coming was that she wanted to talk to some 'real people' (not therapists,) about ways they interacted with the people they cared for with ASD so she could help her grand-daughter. After talking with her for awhile, it was apparent that she already utilized many successful strategies with her grand-daughter and didn't really appreciate the wonderful job she was doing. This made me wonder how many more of us don't realize what a 'bag of tricks' we have instinctively developed in our interactions with the people we care for/live with who are on the Autism Spectrum. Many of us are constantly looking for something 'better', think that other people manage better than we do or assume that strategies offered by the professionals will be more successful than those we develop ourselves – all of which is not necessarily the truth! Who knows the person you care for better than you? We need to value what we do in the pursuit of the wonderful (& sometimes relentless,) job we do as carers.

Our next meeting is on Saturday November 13th. Our guest speaker, Ron Hedgcock, will be speaking about life on The Spectrum, including things that 'have worked' and those that have not in helping him interact with people in the non ASD world around him.

Jane Schmidt



Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers

I can not believe it is November already, this year on one hand has gone very quickly, but on the other hand with everything we as Victorians have been through with Covid19 it seems like 2021 has lasted so long. But we as Victorians, have pushed through with everything that COVID has thrown at us. Let's hope that 2022 will be a much brighter year for us all.

During the year we have appreciated the support of our community in many ways and would welcome support during the Christmas season for the more than 53 families and well over 95 children in our group.

We would love to provide each child with the following:

- Children aged from newborn to 8 years of age - a new toy eg. books, games, lego, barbie etc
- Young people aged from 9 years of age to 18 - a \$30 gift card eg Coles/Myers, or movie pass - and we like to give each a toiletries pack as well.

For the Carers any donation of non-perishable foods would be much appreciated, we then make up hampers for each family.

If you would like to adopt a family - SpringDale office will have details of the families and you can select a family, that you might like to help. The details will include the ages etc of each family member.

If any business or organisation would like to learn more about kinship care, please get in touch with me directly.

I would like to say a huge thank to the following: Sonia and Neil Murray, Betty (you know who you are), Kay and George from Curlewis.

If you are a kinship carer sitting at home, thinking that you are all alone in your kinship journey come join are group. We laugh a lot, we sometimes cry and we talk too much - but we support each other.

Our group meets the first Monday of each month (not during school holidays) at SpringDale from 10am to 12noon. Hope to see any new kinship carers very soon.

Stay safe everyone.

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1. UNITING OP SHOP TO MOVE

The Uniting Op Shop in the Village Walk is closing down at the end of October and all the quality stock and fittings will be moved into part of the Drysdale Uniting Church Hall.

The new Op Shop will be run by the Drysdale Uniting Church with profits kept locally, to help run the church operations and support local charities and initiatives.

Once COVID restrictions allow, it is planned to run the Op Shop 5 days a week from 11.00 till 4.00 pm. There is plenty of parking at the back of the church and you will be able to enter the Op Shop from the veranda.

Uniting would like to thank the many loyal customers and hope that you will come along and support the new location.

2. MINISTER TO MOVE

Our minister, Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga is leaving at the end of November to move to the Western Heights Uniting Church in Manifold Heights. We are grateful for her ministry with us.

3. MONEY ON THE MOVE

Each year our congregation supports an organisation with its monthly loose change offering. Even in these days of lockdown and card payments we still are able to build our loose change.

Our 2020 offering was providing Jikokoa fuel stoves for families living in the Kibera slums in Nairobi, Kenya. (Kibera is the second largest slum in Africa, where residents live in appalling poverty, now exacerbated by the COVID pandemic.) The Jikokoa is a small fuel stove designed to use a range of fuels, but mostly charcoal or sawdust/dung pellets. Because they are incredibly fuel efficient, they use less than half the fuel of traditional cookers, with up to 70% less emissions. Stable and insulated, they provide safe cooking and heating, and being portable, are shared between neighbours to cook the evening meal.

By halving their fuel costs, savings are used to buy food, allowing families the 'luxury' of one basic meal every day, instead of every second day. Consequently, families are healthier; children put on more weight, and can concentrate better. Health and wellbeing are further improved through the reduced emissions. There is a noticeable drop in eye and respiratory infections; also a reduction in burn injuries, due to the stove's insulated skin. The stoves are designed and manufactured in Nairobi, and about 40 stoves were purchased and distributed through our loose change.

This year's focus is on Samaritan House, for Geelong homeless men.

Wayne Myers



Slow Cooked Chicken



- 1 Chicken (6-8 pieces with bone)
- 1 teaspoon Cinnamon
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 cups leek, finely chopped
- 4 cloves Garlic, minced
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 bottle of Passata or
2 cans of tomatoes, chopped
- 2 cups water

- Preheat the oven 180C
- Pat chicken pieces dry with paper towels.
- Mix cinnamon, salt, pepper together in a small bowl & rub the chicken pieces on all sides.
- Heat the olive oil in a large, deep, pan over high heat.
- Brown the chicken in batches, using 1 tablespoon of oil for each batch.
- Brown for 4 to 5 minutes on each side, shift the pieces so the chicken doesn't stick.
- When the pieces are nicely browned on all sides place in baking dish.
- Reduce the heat to medium-high and add the leek and garlic.
- Stir and fry for 3-5 minutes, stirring constantly, until the leeks have softened and are golden.
- Add the wine and scrape the bottom of the pan to deglaze, loosening any browned bits.
- When the wine has evaporated, add the water, tomatoes or passata.
- Pour the liquid over the chicken in the baking dish.
- Place the baking dish in the oven and cook for at least 1 hour on 180C.
- Lower the heat to 160C and cook for another hour or so.

(Check the sauce - if too thick, thin it with a little more water.)

Serve with pasta, noodles, rice, or polenta. After 2 hours of cooking, this sauce is rich and creamy. It goes well with pasta. Keep leftover sauce in a jar in the fridge or freeze it to use in the future.

Agata



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The Bellarine Community Support Register has signed up more than 40 residents from the Drysdale Retirement Village to its free confidential database service that can be accessed by Victoria Police in case of an accident or medical emergency.

The Manager, Julie Parfitt saw this unique opportunity as providing another layer of security to her community of retirees.

'It struck me as being really important for all village residents to consider this and I offered to help them sign up.' Ms Parfitt said. 'To have a locally based service that can help anyone of any age or any ability in our community, is vital to their health and well-being.'

The database contains their information of contacts and medical, that can be accessed by emergency services. They are then issued with an emergency wallet card with their name and I.D. number on it along with a sticker for the front door.

In the event of an emergency or when family, friends or neighbours cannot contact a registrant, the Bellarine Police are able to get in touch with next-of-kin or visit their home to check that you are okay. A call service is also available on request.

'This is brilliant! I am not always here on site and this certainly gives me peace of mind for our residents.' Ms Parfitt encouraged other Bellarine villages to consider doing the same.

'This mass sign-up is a first for our Register' said Register Chairperson, Gail Rodgers in response. 'We are absolutely delighted to have developed an association with such a forward-thinking and innovative organisation and if there are any other villages or businesses that would like to do the same, our volunteers will come out to your site and help with the registration process once COVID restrictions allow.'

BCSR Co-ordinator, Denise Hibbins praised the ongoing commitment of the organisation's volunteers who prepared the welcome packs for these new registrants. 'We normally operate from the Bellarine Police Station in Ocean Grove, but at the moment the volunteers are working from home, using their own resources to ensure the service is uninterrupted due to current restrictions.'

For further information about the Register, go to <https://bellarineregister.org.au> or contact 0480 228 674.



BCSR Co-ordinator, Denise Hibbins hands Secretary, Leonie Saundry welcome packs for posting to the new registrants.

Manager Julie Parfitt receives welcome packs from BCSR as she registers herself on the organisation's webpage to join her residents.



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 - Black drawing ink
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 - Cotton rags
 - Small stool
 - Sun protection
 - Water bottle

Looking to make new friends or broaden your social network?

Meetups may be the answer for you!

There are a number of Meetup Groups in the Bellarine area that cater for a range of interests and age groups. Partnered or single. www.meetup.com and search groups in Geelong. If you want to join a particular group you will need to sign up – it's free to create a meetup profile. Costs are usually minimal to join a group.

When I came to live in Drysdale I re engaged with Meetups to meet new people in my local area and the Bellarine. I became a voluntary event host for the Meetup Group 'COASTERS' this year. Membership is \$10 per annum.

Some of our activities are regular such as our 7km walk along the Eastern Beach Promenade (ending at a café for a coffee and chat) and others are diverse and spontaneous one offs such as an International Wildlife photography exhibition at the National Wool Museum. We dine out at restaurants, wineries, cafes and sports clubs. We also enjoy picnics and BBQs. Depending on the volunteer organiser's interests there may be visits to the cinema or theatre, exhibitions and galleries, mini golf and bowling, trips on the water: ferry to Melbourne, kayaking, a fishing trip or High Tea from Queenscliff to Sorrento. We also take day trips to different regions.

There is no minimum number of events that you need to attend. You are free to come to whatever takes your interest by making your RSVP known.

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Chris Mann

German Conversation Group

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If there is anyone interested in spending an hour or two each week speaking German with a group of other like-minded people, we would love to hear from you.

I am revising my rather rusty German, and would welcome the opportunity to practise with some others.

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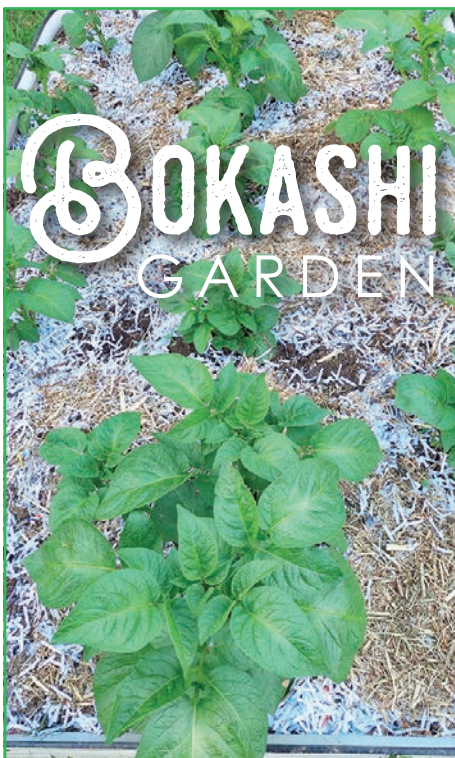
Members of the Club are very excited as we have been able to have two consecutive meetings. Even though meeting numbers are capped at 20, it is so nice to be able to see Members face to face. Our September meeting was our AGM which enabled us to elect a new Committee to keep the Club moving forwards to 2022. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Committee for their commitment throughout the previous 12 months. It has been a very difficult time for us all. I am pleased to say the old Committee have re-committed for 2021-2022, with the addition of a new Member Helen Myroniuk. Welcome to the Committee Helen.

After the AGM, a long-time member of the Club, Barbara Batters, gave a most interesting presentation on the work that her Granddaughter is doing at the Brew Creek Centre Sanctuary Whistler Canada. Clare has been Greenscape Curator at the Sanctuary for 10 years, tasked with keeping the expansive gardens brilliant and showy in every season. Some of the flowers she grows are used in the floral decorations for the many weddings and conferences held at Brew Creek. She regularly sends her Grandmother beautiful photographs of her flowers, some of which we were able to enjoy at the meeting. Certainly a job made in heaven if you love horticulture, as she does.

The Club is confident that we will be able to finish the year with more meetings and at least one outing. The speaker at our November meeting is Julie Muller. Julie is going to continue the theme of small gardens and tell us about what plants are available and suitable for the smaller garden.

Because of the fluid nature of COVID restrictions, our plans are often changed at the last minute. If you would like to keep up to date with what the Clifton Springs Garden Club is up to, please do not hesitate to contact Helen, our Secretary on 5257 2220 or email her on hma3152@gmail.com.

Photos - Brew Centre Sanctuary Whistler Canada



PERFECT POTATOES

As the daughter of a potato farmer I have cut potatoes, helped to plant potatoes, pick potatoes, wash and grade potatoes, pack and help sell potatoes. Earlier this year I bought some sebageo seed potatoes and asked dad to help me grow them. Unfortunately he is not able to see them now but my brother assured me they are looking great.

Dad grew sequoia potatoes because they didn't need as much water and they could cope with the Bellarine winds, apparently sebageo potatoes don't like windy places.

I prepared the garden bed with Bokashi fermented food scraps approximately 6 weeks before planting. I hope the crop is as good as the plants look – the potatoes are about to flower and I hope to have photos for the next issue. So excited!

Anne Brackley *Hopeful Potato Whisperer.*

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St Leonards Garden Club

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1.00pm for a 1.15 pm start, when Covid restrictions allow us. QR check in or written registration is required and hand sanitiser is provided. Meetings are held at the Memorial Hall in St Leonards, at 1342 Murradoc Rd. St Leonards.

Now is the time to plant seedlings. After preparing your garden beds or planting boxes with compost and aged chicken manure, you can now plant out beetroot, corn, capsicum, cucumber, zucchini, cantaloupe, eggplant and of course the many varieties of tomatoes.

I've tried planting tomato seeds, but sadly they didn't succeed for whatever reason. I started again with more seeds and they are coming up so here's hoping they succeed this time. I guess there is always Van Loons, Wombat Gully or Bunnings where I can purchase seedlings if all else fails.

Summer flower seedlings are in abundance at local nurseries. I like to pot up red and white petunias in hanging baskets for Christmas for a festive look.

This week end we planted up a Magnolia Little Gem in a large pot. It's a slow growing compact tree growing about 30 cm a year reaching 7 to 20 feet (2 1/2 - 6 metres) at maturity. It has beautiful fragrant flowers from Spring to Summer. Because it has a low canopy and a naturally milder shape, this magnolia can be grown as a tree or a large shrub. Being in a pot will slow the growth. Plant in well-drained soil. It tolerates full sun and/or part shade. Needs regular watering until established. It is hardy, reliable and relatively pest and disease free.

If you're interested in indoor plants or patio plants, then why not try the peace Lilly, Fiddle Leaf Fig, Spathiphyllum, palms, Zanzibar Gem, and Philodendrons. All are very hardy. They brighten up indoor spaces and help clean the air.

Two fledgling Wattlebirds have a nest in our garden in one of my Manchuria per trees. Certainly a sign that Spring is here. Magpies have their babies and I love listening to their warbling.

Cheers everyone,
Stay well, Stay safe

Wilma McLaren



Bellarine Wanderers

Our new walking group has completed three very successful walks on Thursday mornings.

The first was to the Ocean Grove Nature Reserve with its well preserved woodlands (Only 2% remains on the Peninsula) with many birds heard and seen as well as a large range of vegetation including very old grass trees, Bellarine Yellow Gums, sundews...

Our second walk was along the Edwards Point Wildlife Reserve. We followed the sandy beach down this fairly recent geographic feature (c. 6000 years old). The original inhabitants fished, caught birds as well as lizards, bandicoots and kangaroos and encouraged and foraged for many edible plants, shelter fibres...Our return was by the attractive woodland track and we heard and saw many birds in the Coast Tea Tree, Heaths and many plant varieties.

Walk three was along the cliffs and beach on a quiet section at Curlewis (just one person and a dog seen) with access made easier by a low tide. The clear views across the Bay were stunning and there was much discussion about our area and afterwards at the café.

Our next walks will feature more quiet bushy areas and beaches.

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St James Anglican Church turns 150

With Remembrance Day on all of our hearts and minds, St. James Church can look back on its history and its role in the wars, particularly WW1.

As was the social milieu of the time many of the local boys who went to war were affiliated with the local Churches and several with St. James.

The community are invited on our anniversary weekend of the 23rd and 24th July 2022 to look at the many significant pieces of historic furniture, artefacts and gifts that we have the privilege to house. Some of these treasures have been given by the families of the young men who sadly never came back from war. How inspiring it is that all of these special pieces are used in our weekly worship. A carved oak lectern depicting an Eagle stands proudly in the front of the sanctuary, a pair of brass vases are filled with flowers every week, an alms dish, for the gifts of the people, a missal stand, for the minister's prayer book. The honour roll board with its 39 names sits proudly above our porch door and the St. James' Church bell which was rung daily at noon as a call to prayer for the Empire is rung every Sunday before the Church service. At St. James the past merges with the present and we joyfully look forward to the future and our anniversary next year.



Pat Marks for St. James 150th committee.

For more information the contacts are Pat 0409 549 086 or Sheilah 0456 871 752 or Lynette in the Church office on Wednesdays. We would love any photos, stories, anecdotes.



Bellarine Historical Society



The Judges Chair located in the Court House Museum, Drysdale

The sign said the chair was used in the 1970 Ned Kelly film. Did Mick Jagger sit in the chair during filming? Something wasn't right. Mick Jagger spent most of his time in New South Wales as his girlfriend at the time, Marianne Faithfull, was unwell. The chair arrived at the Museum in the 1980s from Melbourne. Frank Thring played the role of Sir Redmond Barry in the film but the stills showed that the chair was different. Following a newspaper article from the 1980s which stated the chair was on loan from the Law Department.

After contacting the Archivist at Deakin University who contacted the Law Librarian they didn't own the chair. I compared images from the film with an image of a retired Supreme Court Judge who was sitting in a chair exactly the same as ours.

The Archives Manager of the Supreme Court, Melbourne, provided the following information.

This is a judicial chair, (14 made) and it was designed and made for the Supreme Court Building in William Street. The (1884) design for the chair is held by the Public Record Office as it is very distinctive.

From the Government Gazette of 1882.

The government gazette of 1882 accepted a tender for 14 judges chairs for the Supreme Court. Made of Cedar the tall back chair have carved framework on the arms with leather upholstery. Each leg has a small Bakelite wheel. The chair carries a high level of historical significance. As well as reflecting a grand and pivotal role of the judge. It is a locally made high piece of Australian/Melbourne colonial furniture.

The Society has the correct history of the chair and its historical and state significance. Unfortunately the restoration of the chair is far too costly.

Lorraine Stokes

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Memories of Yesteryear

THE BUTCHER FAMILY

Remembrance Day on the eleventh of this month has different thoughts for people of various ages in relation to those who gave us the freedom we enjoy today. I must admit that until I wrote about my father and his two mates from Drysdale joining the Army in 1940, nothing in particular piqued my interest in war.

My story in the September issue of SpringDale Messenger led to a call from John O'Neill of Portarlington to say that his father too was a member of the 2/22 Battalion. Cec Capon (named Cecil after his uncle) is a member of another Drysdale family affected by the loss of his mother's brother, Cecil John Coles VX35750, who also joined the 2/22 Battalion and lost his life when the Montevideo Maru was torpedoed, by the U.S. submarine "Sturgeon" and sunk in the South China Sea.

John's father, Frederick Ernest Gladstone O'Neill, service number VX23947, was one of the few survivors to escape the Japanese assault on Rabaul in New Guinea and make the thousand kilometre journey through the jungle and island hopping by boat across the Solomon Sea, then finally by Catalina flying boat to the safety of Port Moresby.

He was a member of "Lark force", one of three groups from the 2/22 Battalion (all volunteer recruits from Victoria) sent to either Ambon (Gull force), Timor (Sparrow force) or Lark force which was sent to Rabaul on the island of New Britain in 1942. Tasked with protecting the seaplane base and aerodrome, and to delay the Japanese advance to Australia.

Rather than even try to tell the story here, I suggest that readers google "Ordeal on New Britain" and read for themselves the tragedy involving those who fought to give us the freedom we have today. Other books including "Little Hell" by Carl Johnson also tells the story.

John now has the map of New Britain that his father used to escape Little Hell, and also a small diary which has only one entry. No name, just an address of 36 Corio St. Shepparton and a number VX33067. That number was issued to Henry John Edgecumbe who must have been a close associate of Rocky O'Neill and by an astounding coincidence just happened to be John's wife's father's cousin. What are the odds of that?

Another forgotten hero associated with the escape is Major William Taylor Owen VX45223 who with Rocky O'Neill led those who survived to safety in early July 1942, 8 days later, aged 37 he became the commanding officer Lieutenant Colonel Owen of the 39th Infantry Battalion and was killed in action at Kokoda on the 29th July 1942 just 28 days after surviving "Little Hell".

So why has this National disaster never been told as part of our Nations Story?

Russell

Rocky O'Neill - Rocky O'Neill worked at Carlton United Brewery and led the Tug-O-War team on T.V.'s World of Sport



Cecil John Coles



Major Owen (2nd from right) studies the escape map



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North Bellarine Aquatic Centre ADVOCACY GROUP

As many of you know the Federal Government has allocated \$10 million for an outdoor pool and COGG has committed to building this facility. Stage 1 to include a 50 metre outdoor year round heated pool with change facilities, kiosk, meeting rooms and carpark.

The tender for Stage 1 is currently out and CoGG is planning to commence construction early in 2022. Stage 2 that is starting to be planned to be an enclosed facility with warm water exercise pool, children's aqua play, learn to swim pool, gym, spa, and sauna.

North Bellarine Aquatic Centre Advocacy Group would like you to get involved and take a few minutes to complete an online survey for the proposed stage 2 of the aquatic centre to be built at the Bellarine Sports and Leisure Precinct in Drysdale.

Hold your phone or iPad with the camera open over the QR code and it will take you directly to the survey or follow the link: <https://www.menti.com/qkz8c718ju> and type into your browser the code 4957 4117.

This survey will give us robust data from our valued community that we can share and advocate to the City and Government for funding to complete stage 2 of the aquatic centre that will further meet the community needs.

More recently the Labour party has pledged \$20,000,000 to the indoor facilities if Libby Coker and the Labour Party are both successful in the next Federal election. We welcome this promise.

Carol Tozer



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Something for everyone at Bellarine North Rotary Club

Bellarine North
Rotary



Construction of a chicken house in Nepal, the Australian bushfire appeal, Barwon Health patient transport and School literacy programs are among projects supported by members of Bellarine North Rotary Club in the past year.

The club, whose membership has grown from 12 to 34 since 2016, donated \$47,000 to community projects near and far in the 2019-2020 year, and a further \$24,000 so far in 2021.

Funds are raised through district sausage sizzles, hosting the Easter Art Show, garage sales, raffles, matching grants from Rotary, and equipment hire. So, what motivates people to join Rotary and support their community in this way? Interaction fills the love tank.

Caroline Rickard's first encounter with Rotary occurred as a teenager when working for Ian McGowan in a Highton curtain shop. She has been a Rotarian since 2010.

This is Caroline's story:

My boss, Ian McGowan, was a member of the Rotary Club of Highton. I saw this club build a house and auction it using funds for community and overseas work. I saw him engage in Rotary Exchanges with students from all corners of the world and made a mental note that when I was older this organization was one that I wanted to be a part of.

Move forward 30 years to 2010, I joined the then Rotary Club of Drysdale. Since then, I have been involved with raising funds through our Easter Art Show, of which I was Chair for four years. We have had three Group Friendship Exchanges with USA and Canada. I have been president twice, and secretary for two years but most of all I love giving back to my community and making lifelong friends. The fun and fellowship balances projects and social events to give us variety for all personalities.

I see a lot of insular people who miss the opportunity to give something back. I'm obviously a people person – being with people energizes me – and I like encouraging and supporting people through interacting with club members and groups in the community, e.g., Kinship Carers and the primary school reading program. This interaction fills my love tank.



You don't need particular skills to become a Rotary member, just a desire to connect and help, small or big. "Small" might be inviting someone for a coffee. "Big" might be going to India to support a project – you can choose where your passion lies.

When I became a Rotarian, I was asked to be in a committee I had no passion for, so I asked for the art committee. There is something for everyone. We need like-minded and diverse personalities for the club to work well. Often all we need to do is suggest to someone would they like to do something and they will say, "Yes".

A lot of connecting begins by just saying, "Hi, how are you?"

It might be that a person is really lonely and we invite them to come along to connect and, if they feel comfortable, they are welcome to join.

The second story to be in the next Issue.

For information about Bellarine North Rotary Club, go to:

<https://www.bellarinenorthrotary.org.au/>

Trivia Answers

1. Five. Archer (1861, 1862), Peter Pan (1932, 1934), Rain Lover (1968, 1969), Think Big (1974, 1975), Makybe Diva (2003, 2004, 2005)
2. Tropic of Capricorn
3. 21
4. Summer
5. Opals
6. Sydney Sixes
7. "For the Term of his Natural Life" by Marcus Clarke
8. 13th February 2008
9. The Quokka
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Drysdale Senior Women's Football Team

The unprecedented 2021 season has come to an end with the cancellation of the remaining games due to government restrictions as a result from Covid-19. AFL Barwon released a statement stating that "Whilst it is disappointing that competitions couldn't be finished for season 2021, we have always been guided by the Government's health advice. The health and safety of our members is always and will continue to be our number one priority." Despite two Covid related pauses in the season, the team played a total of four grading games, eight home and away games and one final. The Drysdale's Senior Women's team experienced a total of 3 losses and 10 wins, their most recent win against North Geelong earned them a spot in the now cancelled Grand Final.

Some highlights of the season included star forward Mel Egan winning Division 2 goal kicker of the year, and midfielders Caitlin Pickett and Tanacha Saunders coming second and third in the seasons vote count, receiving 14 and 12 votes respectively. Egan and Pickett were also named in the team of the year, with Egan in the forward pocket and Pickett in the back pocket.

Throughout the season, a strong connection to the community was shown. The season started with captain Prue Davis and trainer Erin Dodd completing a 450km charity bike ride to for the Hands across Water foundation, raising money for orphanages in Thailand. Community games were held, such as Round 6 which was dedicated to raising awareness to Motor Neuron disease, and the Pride Cup, which challenges homophobia and transphobia in sport. The team also participated in a challenge with other female football clubs to travel a combined 1000kms to promote connection in a time of social isolation. A total of 3917 Kms were travelled by the league. Recently, club runner Georgie Brown participated in the World's Greatest Shave, raising a total of \$3,687.48 for the Leukemia foundation. Brown says "I'm so thankful to anyone who supported the cause, and I feel content and humbled knowing my hair will make a beautiful wig for someone who wants it. A bonus is how quickly my hair now dries after a shower."

Drysdale Senior Women's team would like to thank the Drysdale community for their support over the season, and all the spectators, sponsor, volunteers, and officials who made this season possible. For updates around pre-season and how you can get involved be sure to follow the Drysdale Football Club Facebook page.

Claire McGrath



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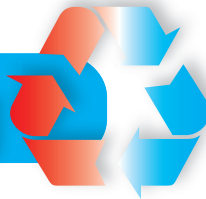
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