



DEC 2021 - JAN 2022

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.

SpringDale closed from Friday 17th till Monday 17th January 2022

December 2021

Wednesday	1	World AIDS Day
Thursday	2	Jigsaw Group 10-12noon at SpringDale
Friday	3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
Saturday	4	Harvest Basket Produce Swap 9-10.30am at SpringDale SpringDale Felt & Textile Artists 10-3pm at SpringDale Free replacement anti-theft number plates screws at SpringDale Car Park 9-11am (weather permitting)
Sunday	5	International Volunteer Day
Monday	7	Kinship Carers 10-1pm at SpringDale
Tuesday	8	Friendly Cuppa and Chat 10.30-11.30 at SpringDale
Friday	10	Hot Potato Band - 8pm - Potato Shed Human Rights Day
Sunday	12	12 x 12 Plays - 2pm & 7pm - Potato Shed
Friday	17	SpringDale closes for Christmas & re-opens on Mon 17 Jan 2022
Saturday	25	CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday	26	Boxing Day

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1 December for the
February 2022
issue

January 2022

Saturday	1	New Year's Day
Friday	7	Friday Night Flicks - 7.30pm - Potato Shed
Saturday	8	Live n' Local - Indy - 7.30pm - Potato Shed
Sunday	9	Gigs for the Kids: Mik Maks & Magic Man Dan - 2.00pm - Potato Shed
Tue-Fri	11-14	Little Red Riding Hood - 10.30am & 1.30pm - Potato Shed
Friday	14	Friday Night Flicks - 7.30pm - Potato Shed
Saturday	15	Kate Daley - Sings Fleetwood Mac - 7.30pm - Potato Shed
Monday	17	SpringDale office reopens at 9am
Friday	21	Friday Night Flicks - 7.30pm - Potato Shed
Saturday	22	Blues with Damon Smith 7 Guests - 7.30pm - Potato Shed
Sunday	23	Gigs for the Kids : Anna Lumb & Dan Magic Man - 2.00pm - Potato Shed
Wednesday	26	Australia Day
Friday	28	Friday Night Flicks - Family Friendly Shorts- 7.30pm - Potato Shed
Saturday	29	The Glitter Gang - 7.30pm - 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 onwards. 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



Hello my friends and those friends I am yet to meet

I cannot believe how busy the last month has been at SpringDale - trying to set up systems so we can know that people who are attending SpringDale have State required vaccine status. Then add on the hundreds of people that we have helped to create MyGov accounts, link their Medicare information and then print their Vaccination Certificates and then add it to their mobile phones and reduce down their certificates and laminate them. Then add on the number of family activities that have been hosted at SpringDale due to the numbers allowed in homes.

What an honour it has been to be able to help our community to such a degree. Yesterday I was privileged to help another 6 people with their MyGov etc and two had moved to Drysdale only 4 days ago. I felt so fortunate to be able to help these people who didn't know me at all.

Centrelink has sent people to SpringDale for our assistance, the Library has sent people to us for our assistance, neighbors and friends are recommending us. People have sincerely thanked us for our help. Medicare gave two people linking codes and sent them on their way - but they needed help with the process before that - we were able to help. Medicare didn't say that the reference number for the linking code was the Medicare Card number and the person's number position on the card at the end - luckily I had used linking codes over the last few weeks and knew that information.

We have made so many good friends through this process and we have encouraged people to keep their details near their birth certificates so they can find that information again later. Hopefully everyone feels more confident to be able to live and participate in

our community with their new certificates and information.

Hoping that over the Summer you will find time to rest and revitalize ready for a wonderful 2022. I am looking forward to life slowing, giving time to take a deep breath and time to enjoy the wonderful place we live in or places we might even visit.

Looking forward to seeing you at SpringDale
Yours sincerely

Anne Brackley for Team SpringDale

PS Breaking news If you would like to do a craft project prior to Christmas you might like to make a Christmas decoration for yourself and a neighbor or two. City of Greater Geelong has given us a small grant to help spread the Christmas Spirit but we will need your help - please let me know if you have an hour or two because I need your help this time!

Thank you to those who created, sponsored, donated to and prepared the Making Memory Magic Boxes. They will be delivered in the New Year.



Course News

New Courses

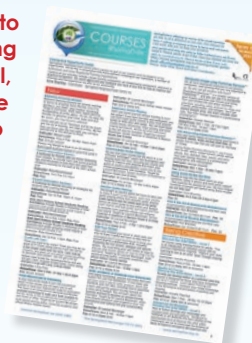
- Brew, Blend and Bake with your own Chai Tea infusion.
- Fruit Mince Christmas Baking
- Basic Cakes Class
- Celebration Cakes

Register your interest.

Building confidence now you have an email.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9am - 11am our computer room is available for you to look at your emails (with support on site). For \$2 come and be supported to get started gaining confidence opening, reading and closing your email. Bookings phone 5253 1960.

Please stay up to date by subscribing to our webmail, pick up a course guide or ask us to send one out. We would love to stay connected with you.



Christmas Connecting & Caring

Neighbourly Networking

In the foyer until 17 Dec 2021 9am-5pm or by arrangement - come and make a Christmas Decoration for yourself and / or for a neighbour.

Sponsored by City of Greater Geelong Christmas Grant

School Holidays Cooking & Sewing

Cooking and Sewing sessions during the School holidays for younger people - please register your interest in these sessions. Could be for young people and or for parent and child or for grandparent and child depending upon interest.

Email office@springdale.org.au or ring 5253 1960.

Register your interest

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks."

Winston Churchill

My friend Trudi suggested another Winston Churchill quote.
Anne Brackley - Quote curator

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 December 2021

www.springdale.org.au



News from Lisa Neville MP

Member for Bellarine

At the time of writing, local communities are just starting to turn their minds to summer here on the beautiful Bellarine Peninsula. A period where we can look forward to a break, relaxing and catching up with family and friends.

But summer on the peninsula is also an extremely busy time for our police, paramedics and other emergency service workers, who instead of enjoying a break, are either on duty or on call. So I take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the work being done by our various first responders and emergency service workers, many of whom are volunteers.

The local CFA brigades are of course always on heightened alert through the summer period. I acknowledge and thank the work of all our local brigades, all of whom are highly respected locally and across the State.

The brigades work closely with the Bellarine SES, another important organisation who over the summer period are kept busy in responding to emergency calls and other situations as they arise.

The Queenscliff and Geelong Coast Guards always ensure boaters are safe on our

waterways. With an influx of tourists there is always an increase in boating incidents, but I know the Coast Guard enjoy a high level of respect from the local boating and fishing fraternities.

All our surf lifesaving clubs on the Bellarine do a great job in protecting beach goers, especially given many holiday makers are inexperienced around water. We are indeed fortunate to have clubs like Ocean Grove, Barwon Heads/ 13th Beach and Point Lonsdale patrolling our beaches.

And last, but certainly not least, I take this opportunity to thank and commend our local police and para medics for the professional way in which they go about their duties. They have my highest respect.

So while people enjoy their summer break, please give thought to all our first responders and emergency service workers who are hard at work and away from their families and friends.

I thank and commend each and every one of them.

Bellarine BSafe Website.

In regard to local safety, I also bring readers attention to the local Bellarine BSafe Web site. This web site has been developed by the State Government working in close partnership with Victoria Police, local councils and community associations.

The purpose of the website is to act as a community safety and crime prevention information hub, keeping residents and visitors to the peninsula informed on matters of community safety.

To do this, reputable sources such as Victoria Police, Eyewatch, the Country Fire Authority, Surf Life Saving Victoria and Neighbourhood Watch links are being utilised to keep the people up to date and informed.

I encourage everyone to make themselves familiar with this important source of community safety information.

My Assistance.

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.



A community safety and crime prevention information hub

bsafebellarine.com.au



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Member for Bellarine

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POTATO SHED

December, and the easing of restrictions keeps us moving in the right direction.

To ensure the safety of fellow theatre goers, performers, staff and students, remember to wear a mask, use the QR code before entering and be ready to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

As many of you would know, we usually launch the following year's season program on the first Wednesday in December. This year, we are still waiting on confirmation of some of the 2022 season, so we decided to postpone the 2022 launch to Wednesday 2 February 2022. Visit our website to book.

December kicks off with the **Hot Potato Band** – finally!

First announced back in August, we are thrilled that the band will head on down from Sydney to bring their cool coastal vibes to the Potato Shed (where else?!) as part of their Victorian Tour.

Hot Potato Band's larger-than-life brass collective is a breath of fresh air, setting a new bar for energetic and interactive musical performances. Their re-invention of the traditional New Orleans brass band sound as a modern-day dance machine and visual spectacle for all demographics with a strong sense of pride for their fun-loving, organic, and quirky musical nature. Tickets are selling fast!

Our traditional end to the year continues

with the next instalment of **12 x 12 Plays**, showcasing the best in local playwriting and performing. Local writers and performers from across the Bellarine bring 12 original plays to the Potato Shed.

Each play is 12 minutes long. Some deal with the darker side of life while others will have you laughing in the aisles.

We mentioned it last month – and are thrilled to announce further details of the 2022 Summer Series on the outdoor stage Friday, Saturday and Sundays throughout January.

Friday Night Flicks is designed to get you into the weekend vibe. Saturday night is **Live Music at the Shed**. Each week we'll showcase a different style of music, from local Bellarine bands, to **Kate Daley singing Fleetwood Mac**; **Damon Smith** bringing a blues vibe and the **Glitter Gang** kicking off their 30th Anniversary at the Shed. **Gigs for the Kids** rounds out the weekend, with Sunday shows from the **Mik Maks**, **Dazzling Dan the Magic Man** and Family Fun Day favourite **Anna Lumb (Super Amazing Giant Girl)** in her new show.

In amongst all of this excitement **Theatre 3triple2** returns with **Little Red Riding Hood!** Little Red the daughter of Barry and June Hood sets off into the woods and along the track all the way to Grandma Hood's house. Grandma has been in insolation with a very bad cold. Little Red Riding Hood will be performing various dates over the school holidays from 11th to 14th January 2022.

POTATO SHED

WIN FAMILY PASS to



Little Red Riding Hood

11th to 14th January 2022

To enter fill out the coupon, send or deliver to: Springdale Neighbourhood Centre High St Drysdale

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone No: (03) _____

COMPETITION CLOSING 4PM FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER.

Book your tickets to Hot Potato Band 12x12 Plays and Little Red Riding Hood now at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/potatoshed

Be social with us at Facebook and Instagram/ [potatosheddrysdale](https://www.facebook.com/potatosheddrysdale).

Subscribe to Spud News to keep up-to-date with ticket releases and new show details (especially the Summer Series!) via our website.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Shed.

WHAT'S ON

POTATO SHED GEELONG

JANUARY - SUMMER SERIES NEW OUTDOOR STAGE

HOT POTATO BAND



FRIDAY 10 DEC 8PM

Pre Sale \$29.50 \$35 at the door

12 x 12 PLAYS



SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER
2PM & 7PM All Tickets \$24

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS

FRIDAY 7, 14, 21, 28
JANUARY
7.30PM

\$30 Family of 4 \$10 Adult \$8 Child



LIVE N' LOCAL - INDY

SATURDAY 8 JANUARY
7.30PM \$20 Adult \$16 Conc/Student

GIGS FOR KIDS MIK MAK & DAZZLING DAN



SUNDAY 9 JANUARY 2PM
\$60 Family of 4 \$20 Adult \$18 Conc \$15 Child

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD



TUESDAY 11 - FRIDAY 14
JANUARY
10.30AM & 1.30PM DAILY

Tickets: \$10.50 Family \$35

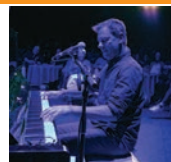
KATE DALY SINGS FLEETWOOD MAC



SATURDAY 15 JANUARY
7.30PM \$20 Adult \$16 Conc/Student

BLUES - DAMON SMITH & GUESTS

SATURDAY
22 JANUARY
7.30PM
\$20 Adult
\$16 Conc/Student



GIGS FOR KIDS ANNA LUMB & DAZZLING DAN



SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2PM
\$60 Family of 4 \$20 Adult \$18 Conc \$15 Child

THE GLITTER GANG



SATURDAY 29 JANUARY
7.30PM \$20 Adult \$16 Conc/Student

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By Mayor Stephanie Asher

As someone who compiles annual reports as part of my 'other' job, I do enjoy delving into the nitty gritty detail of an organisation's performance over the financial year.

The City of Greater Geelong's 2020-21 annual report, released recently, gives terrific insight for the community into the strategic decisions made by the council, as well as the sheer volume and variety of the work carried out by staff on a day-to-day basis.

To give you a brief snapshot of the operational side of the organisation, here are some numbers:

- The youth development team engaged with 15,000 local young people through 1,070 different activities;
- Meals on Wheels staff and volunteers delivered 46,000 hot meals;
- The waste team processed 27,141 tonnes of garden organics at council's facility in Anakie, turning it into compost for use on parks, reserves and farms;
- The graffiti team removed graffiti from 4804 different locations.

Strategically, a major focus for the council during the financial year was to entrench sustainability - environmental, social and financial - as a key consideration in absolutely everything we do.

From an environmental standpoint, we have made strong progress reducing emissions by beginning the changeover of 25,000 streetlights to energy efficient LEDs, and switching all of the City of Greater Geelong's operations to renewable energy.

A key project this year is our food waste collection trial, which is the first step in our plan to remove food waste from residents' red-lid landfill bins region-wide.

Food waste makes up about a third of the material in our red bins at the moment, so removing it will make a significant impact on the volume of waste being sent to landfill overall.

The trial is beginning in Lara, where a group of residents have been supplied with orange-lid wheelie bins for food waste only.

These bins are being collected weekly and sent to the processing facility in Anakie.

The trial will run for 12 months, and if it's a success it will then be rolled out across the region - including here on the Bellarine.

We hope to have it in place Greater Geelong-wide by 2024.

You can view the City of Greater Geelong 2020-21 Annual Report at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/annualreport.



The Bellarine Show in 2022

The Bellarine Show in 2022 sadly will not go ahead as a normal Show day, there have been so many changes to rules and regulations regarding Covid safe plans and keeping everyone as safe as possible, and these rules and regulations will change again before March 2022. The show committee are very aware it's a big disappointment for many, so we hope to have a small competition of the VAS (Victorian Agricultural Shows) that will be judged and the winners may go onto the area finals and hopefully the state finals.

We will keep you in touch with the classes for you to prepare for, in the sections of Craft, Cookery, and Photography

If you have any questions please call

Janet Ph: 0413 771 042

Christmas Connecting & Caring

NEIGHBOURLY NETWORKING

To help share some Christmas spirit perhaps you could come to SpringDale over the next few weeks to pick up a Christmas Decoration or a kit to make a Christmas decoration for yourself and or to share some with your neighbours, perhaps with a note / poem / wish for the season. This is a free activity and we hope you might help us to share the good spirit of the season. Funding has been provided for this activity by City of Greater Geelong Christmas Grant.

This project is designed to lift the spirits of the makers, givers and receivers. People have felt isolated for more than 18 months and this could be the simple heartfelt lift that we all need. This could help us connect, it could bring cheer to homes or even to a tree outdoors, it may bring great joy to those creating something from natural, recycled and new items. Community members will be invited to pick up a kit for themselves and one or more to make and distribute in their Street, they may also help to make the "home made" Christmas decorations at SpringDale or at home and allow us to pay them forward (share these gifts with other).

The decorations may comprise a piece of tinsel, a painted gumnut, a bell and a card with a Christmas thought or wish. This will all be in a cellophane bag as a kit or as a completed present to give. This builds upon a previous project called Neighbourly Networking which helped people to get to know their neighbours but during COVID many people have moved into our area and it would be great for them to feel the community spirit that we all love. Please help us to try to include everyone.

Contact SpringDale for more information 5253 1960



Women Living Well - On the Bellarine

A Special Workshop Event!

**Thursday 9th December from
2-4pm at SpringDale.**

We are excited to have Nicole Prowse, a local girl and a lecturer at Deakin Uni with 30 year's experience in education and design who will be facilitating a

Design Thinking Workshop

Come along and be a part of this fun process of Creative Problem Solving.

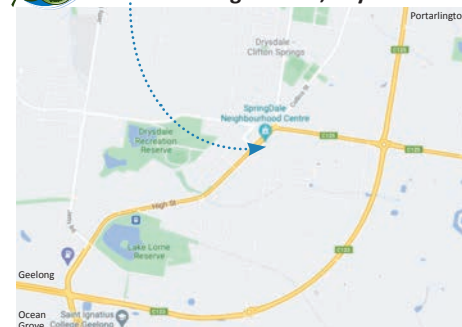
Of course we'll also have a special Christmassy Afternoon Tea to enjoy.

We'll have some fun and start to tackle some of the issues that we face as women over 55 desiring to live our best life here on The Bellarine.

For more details and to register your attendance please contact Dianne 0422 146 604 or SpringDale 5253 1960



**SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre
17-21 High Street, Drysdale**



Women Living Well - On the Bellarine

It's wonderful that we have been able to finish off the year in a more positive way by finally having an Afternoon Tea for our Women Living Well group.

It's been a frustrating year in some ways, but we have continued to build relationships and to support one another where possible.

We've done a lot of research into the various forms of housing that is available to older women, and we've made some good connections which should be helpful as we endeavour to find some solutions to the affordable housing crisis on The Bellarine.

None of this happens quickly, but it is encouraging to learn of more and more organisations who are also working towards finding solutions.

As we shared at the Afternoon Tea, we are hoping to run a series of Workshops to determine the issues that are most important to the women who find themselves in this situation, and then to work together to improve our life situations. We'll have more details of these Workshops soon, but if you would like to know more or be added to our mailing list please feel free to contact me.

Dianne Bennett

Phone: 0422 146 604 or
diannebennett4@hotmail.com

Port/Drysdale Lions offer Free Skin Cancer Checks



Free skin cancer checks will be available in Portarlington when the Lions mobile screening and awareness van visits the town early in December.

The large screening trailer will be stationed in the car park adjoining the Elderly Citizens' Club in Newcombe Street on Friday 4, Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

Screening will be conducted by fully trained certificated volunteer dermoscopists, who will refer any suspected problems to skin specialists.

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, with two out of three people likely to be diagnosed with the condition by the time they are 70. Early detection greatly increases the chances of successful treatment.

A project of the Lions V District Cancer Foundation, the mobile screening unit was launched in March this year to service residents in rural Victoria and southern New South Wales.

The \$400,000 outfit consists of three screening booths, a small office and reception area and is towed by a truck. The trailer also has disabled access by way of a fitted lift.

Skin screening checks are by appointment only. To make a booking, please contact **Trevor Hirth** on 0429 964204



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.

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.

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Leanne's wheel life

I appreciate my privilege growing up in a comfortably secure family where Christmas time and the summer holidays always had a magical vibe. I got such a buzz from the promise of continuous hot, bright blue days and star-filled warm evenings, further enhanced by limited scheduling and routines. The increased temperatures brought yellows, blues, oranges, and greens of summer that glistened in the heat with a kind of innocent joy.

I was fortunate enough to experience life with no stress or pain. Just endless fun-filled sandy, watery holidays, which I could later share with our own growing family. But life can kick us in the pants quite randomly and at any stage of our journey. And while I still love the idea of social gatherings and summertime in general, the exuberance once felt is now tempered a tad. I'm not sure how much age has to do with it. I know, though, a chunk of my sometimes apathetic feeling towards summers possibilities is related to living with adult-onset disability, Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy. Perhaps you feel this too for your own reason's, maybe resulting from our Covid restriction period.

We all know that change is inevitable. However, I thoroughly believe that most of us can make choices that determine how we feel when faced with changes outside of our control. For instance, I have always loved

my role as a party host. I would decorate, organise the food contributions and cook and prepare my own. I love welcoming people into our home, dressing for the occasion, having a great music playlist, and filling indoors and outdoors with laughter and fun.

Our family Christmas will be held at our children's home this year – a consensus decision that is entirely fair for the majority, yet one that initially upset me. Partly because it will involve staying at an accessible hotel - not with the family (as fully accessible designed homes aren't yet a thing). Also, the rigmarole involved in finding and booking appropriate accommodation and organising equipment such as a transfer hoist, shower commode, and air mattress. For me, these factors, combined with feeling more attendee than host, instantly sucked the joy out of our planned annual celebrations.

But I have a choice in how I wish to feel about this change. I feel proud of my three adult children and their partners for happily continuing the family Christmas joy. I choose to be invigorated by their energy, happy to contribute from my Christmas supplies cache and Mum-type advice. I choose to be so very grateful to share in my baby granddaughter's first Christmas. I also choose to purchase a lovely celebration dress.

Although the guileless joy of youth may be watered down, I choose to feel the ultimate privilege of being present to hold my loved ones for longer. So, whether you are into Christmas or not, away from or with those you hold dear, and whatever your choices are, I genuinely hope the summertime provides good cheer and good health to you all.

Leanne



Did you know bushfires kill from 200m away?

The flames of bushfires can reach temperatures of up to 1100°C. Long before the flames reach you, the wave of radiant heat can kill you from 200 metres away. Planning for bushfire is the only way to survive it.

How well do you know fire?

Plan. Act. Survive. Go to vic.gov.au/knowfire

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Francis Green

Thank you for binding all the Messengers

Thank you so much Francis for binding all our 29 volumes of SpringDale Messengers. A massive job, securing our SpringDale Messengers for the future. The SpringDale Messenger has now completed its 30th year of publication.

Thirty Volumes, 305 editions (305 small projects) almost 10,000 pages, thousands of stories and ads which have informed, encouraged, enlightened and advocated for our community over those 30 years.

Thank you to Francis for helping them to stay together for the future. Thanks to City of Greater Geelong for helping to fund the uploading of all our editions on to the website for people to refer to as required.

The Springs TOWN Club is now open



Now we are being allowed to meet regularly it has been good to catch up with friends and neighbours. "The Springs" TOWN Club is now open. We are having regular meetings, group therapy and of course weighing each week. Why not come along and meet us? We would love to see you. We may be a group of predominantly older members but if you are a young mum or dad who has been caught with extra Covid weight, we will be happy to see you. There are loads of people who will be happy to see some little ones if you are worried

If you are a person who is worried that the Christmas outfit you bought last year does not fit because you have been wearing casual clothes all year and with winter and covid you have gained extra inches, don't worry, we can offer a supportive group who can help you take off those extra inches. We can't offer instant weight loss, as it took a year or more to put on and it will take time to take off, but we will equip you with as many ideas as we can to help you take-off weight.

There is a fee to join and a small weekly fee as well, as we have to pay rent and we have other costs to cover too. To offset the weekly payment, you can be rewarded for your weight loss with prizes and money on your trip to you reach and maintain your goal weight. Once you have reached your goal weight is not the end of your journey, keeping it off is an ever-present issue and some of us are still trying to reach our goal weight again and find that to keep coming to "The Springs" TOWN club is very important for us to help us in our endeavour. Others who have reached their goal weight and maintained it are still members to keep themselves on track.

We are a very friendly group and we have a lot of laughs together. We do not put each other down for gaining weight or highlight their gain. We all slip back and living in this day and age puts many things in our way to make it difficult for us, so we believe in being as positive as possible with each other.

We meet each Monday morning from 8:30am to 10:30am in the Uniting Church Hall, enter from the car park off Palmerston Street Drysdale.

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My mind will never forget the afternoon that I took a group of excited youngsters aged 4 to 12 with their extremely friendly mothers clutching babies, one very knowledgeable father, a couple of other hangers on who attached as we wandered and some very, agitated dogs for a birding tour along the beach. Before we started I explained very carefully to the children about being extremely quiet so as not to frighten the birds however the friendly happy parents plus dogs and babies did not think this 'silence' applied to them. I don't think that you will be astonished to read that there wasn't much birdlife to see as every self respecting bird took off for quieter, more calmer environments. Using all the skills I had, we eventually turned the wander into a feather hunt. The dogs succeeded the most finding the remains of some very dead and slightly eaten birds. However the day was saved by a very grubby but intrigued White Ibis who stared from afar and despite my misgivings the children were intrigued.

The Australian White Ibis has been called different names over the years from Bin Chicken, Sacred to Egyptian. It is a commonly seen bird and most recognisable with its distinctive leathery head and neck. In recent times the birds have had difficulty finding food in shallow wetlands, mudflats, swamps and damp pastures so it has migrated to scavenge in suburban areas thus the name 'Bin Chicken'.

In the Bellarine we are fortunate to have large ibis colonies and if you look skyward you will see arrow head formations of birds flying from their rookeries to their favourite food areas. Their bare black head is perfectly formed for searching under or near muddy areas for invertebrates and carrion. The lack of feathers keeps the head and neck clean but that curved beak is not really made for preening and sometimes their bodies show the mud and dirt gathered from the sticky environment from which they spend their day.

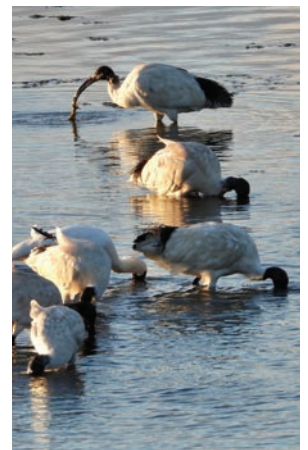
The habit of flying in v formation is most economical, as the front bird does most of the work and the rest of the flock in the 'slip stream,' use very little energy. When the head bird is tired it drops back allowing another bird to take the full force of air flow. All ibis enjoy finding an

upward draft of warm air or thermal to leisurely soar in circles whilst they search downward for promising feeding areas.

We have large breeding areas here on the Bellarine. Mud Island in Port Phillip Bay is particularly popular. Hundreds of birds gather between June and November to nest and bring up their very, fluffy young. Both sexes look after the youngsters for about 48 days. The call of ark, ark is loud and dominating. The nests are made of shallow cup or sticks or reeds very near to water.

The Australian White Ibis can mix sociably with other waders such as the Straw-necked Ibis. They are easy to tell apart by colouring with the straw-necked have a straw coloured neck plumes and iridescent feathers. Spoonbills and Egrets feed harmoniously along side too. Each different shaped beak made for catching different food. No competition here.

Carol O'Neill



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Portarlington Police Report

Welcome to what will be my final edit of the Portarlington Police Report. The full time position of Officer In Charge at the Portarlington Police Station has been filled, and the new Officer In Charge is Sgt Jane ARNOLD. Jane comes to the region from Melbourne and brings with her a whole wealth of experience and knowledge. It has been an absolute pleasure serving this great community for the last 3 months, however I will be returning back into Geelong from mid-November.

Depending on when you are reading this, we have hopefully moved into "COVID Normal" and are getting life back to how we remember it. With the easing of restrictions, I anticipate that we will be seeing a welcome return of holidaymakers, tourists and day-trippers. While this is wonderful for our local economy, with this brings an increase in traffic, so I urge everyone in the community to be aware out on the roads that people will be driving on roads and in conditions that they are unfamiliar with.

On a crime front we are travelling along very well and us here at Portarlington, and our fellow members over the other side of the Bellarine at Ocean Grove, continue to see very low levels of crime. However, with the increase in population and warmer weather we have seen in the past an increase in property crime over the warmer months. If you see something please contact "000" in an emergency. The only way we know a crime has occurred is if its reported directly to Police. That way we can task our units accordingly. I strongly encourage you all to report crimes in the usual manner, rather than post about them on social media.

On that note, thanks for the amazing support that you continue to give to all the Police on the Bellarine Peninsula, and please stay safe and look out for each other. If you have any issues, problems, questions or anything else we can assist you with please feel free to contact either myself or any of the members here at the Portarlington Police Station.

Nathan

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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.

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St James Anglican Church turns 150

Christmases Past and Present

As you read your December Springdale Messenger it will be getting very close to Christmas day. Christmas time is such a great time for the Churches around our town as we celebrate the birth of Christ. At St. James we have made our plans for this year's services and in doing so we reflect on the Christmases past and the services that the wider community have supported. The service of 9 lessons and Carols is always well attended with a choir that has practiced for weeks. The 4pm Children's nativity on Christmas Eve is always a delight when children can dress up as angels, shepherds, animals and be part of the story telling. A great photo opportunity for families.

The new year brings much excitement for us as we count down to our 150th celebrations. Our new minister Revd David Willsher will lead and guide us through to the anniversary week-end. We have much planned especially our desire to install a new stained glass window. More news about that in the next edition. Please keep the photos and stories coming in.

Pat Marks for St. James 150th Committee.



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St Leonards Garden Club

Hello Everyone,

Well here we are again, at the end of another garden club year. Sadly it was mainly uneventful due to Covid 19. Here's hoping 2022 will be an exciting year with our 40th anniversary in March.

After speaking with Greg, at the St Leonards Hotel, we are able to have our garden club Christmas lunch on the 8th December. Numbers and confirmation of those attending will need to be confirmed for our booking. It is planned to have a 2 course meal. Drinks will need to be paid for separately. Please contact President Kaye Kelly or Secretary Lois Richards if you wish to attend. Lunch will be 12.00 pm.

A beautiful sunny day in October saw members visiting Van Loons Nursery and cafe. A wonderful catch up over coffee and cake or a light meal. Strolling through the nursery selecting plants or just browsing, was just what we all needed to brighten up a somewhat disappointing year.

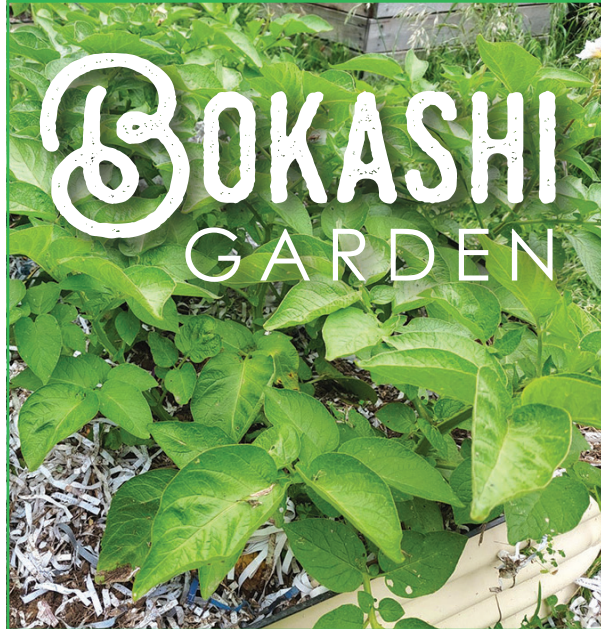
I hope everyone's house and garden survived the horrendous winds and rain of late. Lots of branches and some huge trees came down, over the road in some cases.

I planted out my seedlings that I grew from seed, of zucchini and cucumber. Sadly I neglected to put down some snail pellets only to find that the morning after I had planted the seedlings, a family of snails had helped themselves to at least half of them. Luckily I have a few more to plant out. A lesson learnt.

After my 1st lots of tomato seeds failed to germinate, I planted another lot of seeds and this time they are starting to grow and have their second lot of leaves. Hopefully they will progress and I have planted them out by the end of November. You have to experiment to see what happens. That's what gardening is all about.

Stay well, stay safe. Happy gardening

Wilma McLaren



POTATOES

The potatoes have almost finished flowering and in a few weeks they should start to put all their goodness from their leaves into the potatoes underground. So excited! My tomatoes and pumpkins are in this year - seedlings planted on Melbourne Cup day and feeding weekly weakly (as per instructions from Gardening Australia). So looking forward to my evolving garden beds.

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Anne Brackley mindful gardener.

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Clifton Springs Garden Club

We recently held our Annual Plant Sale, another very successful day. No matter what the weather is, our members enjoy the camaraderie and the joy of sharing their passion for gardening with others. Thank you to all our members who contributed to making this day a great success. The majority of the plants for sale are grown by our Members, from plants they have in their gardens.

I would also like to thank Drysdale Uniting Church, SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, for their assistance and the Public, who come along and supported us by buying our plants and raffle tickets. Your support is what makes our day successful.

Our last speaker for 2021 was Dimitrij Betz, a horticulturalist, who gave the November meeting a most interesting presentation on growing vegetables. A timely topic with the warmer weather on the horizon and a great time to be planting our vegetables.

The Club finished off 2021 with a Christmas luncheon at the Portarlington Golf Club, attended by 40 members. It was lovely to see some new members enjoying being able to get to know other members in a social setting. Lunch was made all the more special because we had not been able to hold many meetings and outings during the year.

On behalf of the Clifton Springs Garden Club, we wish you a very Joyous Christmas, hopefully spent with those loved ones not seen for a while and think of those who are still not able to see their families at this special time. Take time to smell the roses and be thankful for what we all have. Stay safe, stay healthy and we look forward to seeing some of you in 2022.

If you would like to know what the Clifton Springs Garden Club has planned for 2022, give our Secretary Helen a call on 5257 2220 or email her hma3152@gmail.com.



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2. In what year was Melbourne's Carols by Candlelight first televised?
3. Which one of Santa's reindeer has the same name as another holiday mascot?
4. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish?
5. What is the name of the last ghost that visits Scrooge in A Christmas Carol?
6. In what year did Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin on Christmas Eve?
7. In the Australian version of "Jingle Bells" what mode of transport is used instead of the one-horse open sleigh?
8. What two items are traditionally left out for Santa on Christmas Eve?
9. True or false, male reindeer from the Northern hemisphere still have their antlers at Christmas time?
10. What is the main ingredient of a Pavlova?
11. Which Christmas hymn's second verse begins with "Born a king on Bethlehem's plain"?
12. What is the name of the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas?
13. In the Australian version of the 12 Days of Christmas, what is the first thing my true love sends?
14. St. Nicholas (the inspiration for Santa Claus) was the patron saint of whom?
15. Who wrote 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'?
16. Who was the first British monarch to broadcast a Christmas message to the nation via radio?
17. What is the first name of Scrooge, the principal character of the novel, A Christmas Carol?
18. Which Oscar Winning actor voiced multiple characters in the Christmas film 'The Polar Express'?
19. Which major sporting event traditionally commences in Melbourne on Boxing Day each year?
20. What two items of clothing did Harry Potter receive for Christmas in Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone?
21. What were Frosty the Snowman's eyes made from?
22. Most commonly, what colours are the stripes of a candy cane?
23. What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?
24. In what year was the first Christmas Card sent?
25. Which country does Santa visit first each year, Australia or France?
26. How many White Boomers pull Santa's sleigh, according to the song?
27. Which of these were not a gift given by the 'Wise Men/Kings' to Baby Jesus - gold, silver, myrrh, or frankincense?
28. After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel?
29. What colour are Mistletoe berries?
30. Two of Santa's reindeer are named after weather phenomenon. Name the reindeer.
31. When does the Russian Orthodox Church celebrate Christmas?
32. In what year did NORAD (North American Aerospace Defence Command) start the tradition of tracking Santa's progress around the world on Christmas eve?
33. Which Christmas song's second verse begins with, "See the blazing Yule before us"?
34. Traditions of Christmas around the world will tell you that Santa Claus is known by many names. What is the French name for Santa Claus?
35. What is traditionally hung above the fireplace for Santa to stuff with goods?
36. Which major sporting event traditionally commences in Sydney on Boxing Day each year?
37. Which Christmas song's second verse begins with "The cattle are lowing"?
38. The Elf on a Shelf book was first released in what year?
39. What did the other reindeer not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?
40. Traditionally, how does Santa Claus enter a house on Christmas Eve?
41. True or false: The first artificial Christmas trees were made from goose feathers?
42. What did Frosty the Snowman do when a magic hat was placed on his head?
43. Who was Mayor of Geelong the first year the floating Christmas Tree was on display?
44. How many times did Ray Martin host Melbourne's Carols by Candlelight?
45. The Denis Walter Carols by the Bay event at Geelong's Waterfront traditionally takes place on the first Saturday of December, True or False?
46. What is the name of the biblical ruler that wanted to kill the infant baby Jesus?
47. This Scottish poem and folk song is traditionally associated with bidding the year farewell on New Year's Eve.
48. In what decade did Coca-Cola start using Santa Claus in advertisements?
49. Who created the first electric light Christmas display?
50. Which ocean can Christmas Island be found in?

Turn to page 23 to find the answers.

Drysdale Girl Guides would like to wish the entire community a happy, safe relaxing and healthy Christmas and holiday period. We would like to extend a special thanks to our Guiding families who have helped support our Guides in participating, both in person, and during times when we could only meet via Zoom. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

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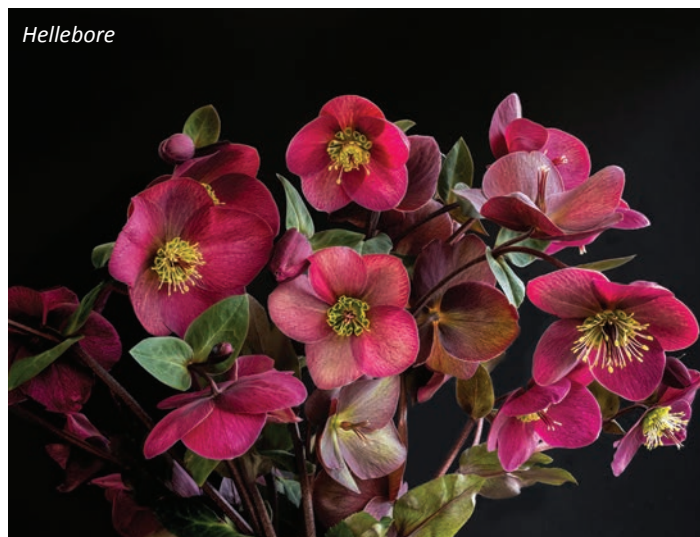
A Grade: 1st Hellebore - Jim Den Ouden
2nd Melbourne at Night - Lynne Pearce
3rd In the Shadows - Jim Den Ouden
Merit - End of the Line Rudder - Daryl Haywood



B Grade: 1st Rose - Jenny Warren

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A Grade: 1st Spring Time - Kevin Robley
2nd Hidden Away - Kevin Robley
3rd Last Leaves of Autumn - Jim Den Ouden:
Merit: Derelict - Wendy Thiedeman Night Fall - Robyn Curtis
B Grade: 1st Camera Club on the Job - Geoff Evans
2nd Swan Symphony - Jenny Warren



Hellebore

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 Support Group for Kinship Carers

Only seems like yesterday, that I was writing my article for the February Messenger and now we are in December.

During 2021, sadly the numbers in our group have grown so rapidly that I wonder how we are going to cope. But cope we will, we as a group will do the best we can for the children in our care.

Our numbers stand at 53 carers (families) and over 95 children ranging in age from newborn to 18 years of age. Once a young person reaches 18 years of age, they are still part of the group and so are their carers.

We also have several 'special' carers, who no longer have children in their care. The experience these carers can offer our new carers is so valuable. Most of our new carers have no one they know in a kinship situation, that's where our 'special' carers step in. Our 'special' carers find out how they can best help the new carer - even it is just to sit and have a coffee and chat.

Our motto is - being a kinship carer you are never alone.

If you are a kinship carer sitting at home, thinking that you are all alone please come join our group.

We laugh too much, we talk too much and at times we cry.

But we support each other.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone in our community who has reached out to help us as kinship carers. Your continued support is just so awesome and very generous to the carers and children in our group.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe 2022.

See everyone in 2022.

Stay safe everyone.

Jeanette Hanley Heath - 0414 308 257

Talking Autism Group

Since May, the Lets Talk About Autism sessions have been a mix of those with a guest speaker and others which were less formal, hopefully providing those who attended with a chance to develop a sense of mutual support.

Some of our sessions have been well attended while others have had only 1 or 2 attendees, but I don't think that the number of people present is what is actually important, but rather, I believe the important thing is that people know that on a particular date, (which is always promoted in The Messenger,) there will be someone at SpringDale with whom they can talk, laugh, cry or maybe all 3 of these in a safe, caring & non-judgmental setting - there will be someone at Lets Talk About Autism that probably has some understanding of what they are feeling or at the very least, cares.

Living with a disorder or being the carer of someone who has a disorder is always challenging and added to this, 2021 hasn't been an easy year for anyone but hopefully, things will improve in the new year and our group can continue to meet and offer support to each other. I look forward to our 1st meeting next year (date to be determined,) and hope we can use it to develop a bit of a plan for our sessions in 2022. Until then.

Merry Christmas & a Happy & Healthy New Year to everyone.

Jane Schmidt

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Reflections, Resources & Resolutions

Phew! The year that has been has almost gone! Time to look to 2022. Prepared for challenge, and well skilled for adaptation, you may be hesitant to make any resolutions, to set up for any disappointment. But this time can be precious to reflect, gather resources and make a kind resolutions for the year to come. Make a resolve that is only for you, to be kind, compassionate and find joy in 2022. Let's reflect on the best of the year that has passed, gather our resources and make resolutions that we can really look forward to achieving.

Author and speaker Lisa Nichols says;

"Your job is to fill your own cup, so it overflows. Then you can serve others, joyfully, from your saucer."

You cannot give to others when you are running on empty, so fill your resources, and find your joy so that the overflow is abundant for you and those around you. Let's try not to start the next year by adding pressure to ourselves, let 2022 be the best new year yet; without the pressure you may glide into it with love, ease, and kindness.

Wishing you a safe and healthy New Year full of what is important to you.

Kim High

Three things:

REFLECTIONS	Good things I have done or achieved this year:	People I have helped or supported this year:
	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
RESOURCES	Things/people/places/events/activities that have brought me joy or made me smile:	Challenges I have overcome:
	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
RESOLUTIONS	Personal positive qualities I have:	What I am thankful for:
	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
	People that have and will support me:	The practices that keep me calm and balanced:
RESOLUTIONS	Things I could start giving or doing for myself this year:	Pressures or obligations I can remove from 2022:
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	Things I would enjoy giving or doing for others this year:	How I want to feel in 2022:
RESOLUTIONS	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.

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The final “Memories of Yesteryear” for 2021 brings an end to the past two years of limitations we have all no doubt had to endure and most of us will be looking forward to next year with optimism.

I overheard a customer telling a bank employee that she felt she had been robbed of the past two years of her life and I couldn't help but think that so many of us feel the same way, particularly those among us with an interest in local footy and the many other pursuits that we have been unable to enjoy unrestricted.


Those who have flourished during the pandemic are the ones who purchased property on the Bellarine during those two stolen years. They must be thanking their lucky stars that they discovered the Peninsula as values from Leopold and Curlewis to Portarlington and St Leonards and across to Ocean Grove have gone up faster than Elon Musk's rocket into outer space.

On a sad note those who passed away during the year were unable to have the send-off normally afforded them because of restrictions at funerals and in particular the Wisbey family who lost Geoff and both his siblings Dawn (Mrs Edsall) and Heather (Mrs Willicombe) this year.

All have contributed so much to the Drysdale community during their lives and their families continue that legacy.

Life for those elderly family members in Nursing homes who have been unable to have visits from family and friends due to the covid lockdowns must have felt abandoned. Now that those restrictions have been eased to allow face to face access for families to re-engage is a positive for all concerned.

This month's lead-up to Christmas and the welcoming of 2022 has been more relaxing and has allowed us to circulate in the community albeit with some restrictions still, and to quote the Queen *"While we may have more to endure, better days will return"*, so here's to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Russell



Geoff, Dawn and Heather

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We would love to hear from your club / group / church / school about your story and capture it for the community to follow. We have information from many clubs / groups / churches / schools but there is more out there to fill in our timeline.

We are interested in why it started? Was there a driver? If it closed why and what happened? Please arrange an appointment for your story to be captured by Anne Brackley or a SpringDale Team member. Please give us an opportunity to save the story for the future. Please email office@springdale.org.au or phone 5253 1960.

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Have your say on north Bellarine flood study

A second stage of community engagement is underway, as part of a detailed flood study of Bellarine Peninsula's north.

The City has partnered with Corangamite Catchment Management Authority to examine the Clifton Springs and Drysdale catchment, which also takes in Curlewis and Bellarine.

The outcomes of the study will inform stormwater management, land use planning and the response to emergencies in the catchment area.

During the first stage of engagement in August 2020, community members shared their experiences of flooding in the north Bellarine region.

In this second phase of engagement, residents are being asked to submit feedback on our goals and stormwater-management options.

Greater Geelong Mayor Stephanie Asher said extensive research and modelling had helped to develop a range of options, which had been grouped into three main themes:

- Waterway rehabilitation;
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Something for everyone at Bellarine North Rotary Club Part 2

Discovering the warmth of a community

After moving from Ballarat seven years ago, Wayne Pick and his wife Caroline built a new house on the Bellarine. Wayne's work commitments were such that he didn't socialize in the local community. Then, three years ago, at age 59, his life suddenly changed from happy-go-lucky to being in wrong place wrong time.

This is Wayne's story:

Part of one leg was amputated after road trauma in 2018. I went into a dark place. Two Rotarians, Terry Baker and Martin Richards, lived close by. It took a while, but Terry said, "Have you thought about joining Rotary?" I've been a private kind of person, didn't get out in the community much, but after my accident I realized I needed to find things to do, that had meaning.

I started to attend Rotary meetings in 2020, 18 months after my accident - I went to Terry's place for the first few weeks to join him on Zoom, and then I decided to zoom in from my own home.

A lot of club members didn't know I was an amputee - for a long time I could not drive - but now, if I needed some shopping done, people would say, "We are here for you, we can help."

I realized I had had associates through life but not friends. The warmth of the Rotarians has drawn me in. I haven't been ostracized because I am different.

Everyone in Rotary is so welcome it has softened my attitude to group meetings...my anxiety can rise in large meetings or when the room temperature is hot and so I will go out and cool down. I can do that without being judged. I never thought I could join a group but Rotary proves that with the right attitude and temperament, everyone is welcome and can fit in. I never expected to carry on with it

but I am. I like meeting different people from different walks of life and different stories and exchanging those stories.

When you meet the Rotarians, you discover there is genuine care - Rotary is about assisting people and I noticed this first off. When I'm stuck at home and can't do anything, my mood can go downhill but getting out and meeting and mixing with people has been like rehabilitation for me.

Before the lockdown restrictions hit, I was enjoying helping with the assisted reading program at Clifton Springs Primary School. When I went for the first time, I said I will explain the story about my leg. I passed the prosthesis around. It's made of plastic and metal. I addressed the elephant in the room and the children accepted me right from the start.

The worm juice for enriching the garden is another project that I have undertaken to help raise money for Rotary.

As a Rotarian, you get a feeling that there are people out there who can help. The organization is a social outlet, even on Zoom. I have discovered a sense of community.

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You may be asking to yourself "What is Warhammer"? Warhammer is a tabletop wargame where you control an army of miniatures that you assemble and paint yourself and battle against another person's army. From heroes to villains there are many different armies with their own way of fighting. Warhammer comes in two flavours. Age of Sigmar, which is themed around a fantasy setting, and Warhammer 40,000, which is a sci-fi setting. Each of the games have their own rules and have rich lore behind them, along with feature unique to their setting (Warhammer 40,000 has tanks for example).

We have a stockpile of terrain, tables and play surfaces for club members to use freely for their games. If all things go well then we would like to run a local long term campaign next year with persistent statistics, score and end of year prizes. Warhammer has a rather solid campaign system that allows armies to develop themselves, grow stronger and obtain awards they normally couldn't use in standard games.

If you're interested in joining us we have weekly meetups on Sundays, 5pm till 10pm. If you have further questions or inquiries then please text Mark on 0425889007. We also have a facebook page and a messenger chat room setup if you prefer to communicate via social media as well.

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The Benefits to My Family with the Outdoor Pool in North Bellarine

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The benefits of having an outdoor pool for me are many. We are in the open air, in a controlled secure, safe environment, I will have lifeguards available if I ever need help.

My grandsons are very social and I am forever chasing them up and down the beach because they like to chat to everyone and I worry about the open sea and my inability to run after them. I also have no ability to know all the people on the beach and therefore have no record of personal details in case of any positive Covid cases and the compromise to my elderly parents, immune compromised relatives and myself.

Once we have the North Bellarine Aquatic Centre Stage one - outdoor pool, I will know that they will be swimming safely and chatting to people who have been checked in by a QR code. At the pool I won't have to contend with the sand and all the places it travels to with young children (you should see the inside of my car after the beach), the water will be heated and with Stage 2 there will be a children's play area and smaller indoor pool to add to their experience.

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This group is about to form. We have interest from 12 people and the group would like to meet in December for the first time. Day of week and time of day still to be arranged.

Ring or email SpringDale to have your name and contact details given to the group and Terry Norman the group initiator will be in touch.

Postponed Classic Car & Bike Show




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| 2. 1956 | 27. Silver |
| 3. Cupid | 28. Egypt |
| 4. Feliz Navidad | 29. White |
| 5. The ghost of Christmas yet to come | 30. Donner, which means thunder in German, and Blitzen, which means lightning |
| 6. 1974 | 31. 7th January |
| 7. A Rusty Holden Ute | 32. 1955 |
| 8. Milk and Cookies | 33. Deck the halls |
| 9. False | 34. Pere Noel |
| 10. Egg whites | 35. Stockings |
| 11. We Three Kings | 36. Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race |
| 12. Panettone. | 37. Away in a Manger |
| 13. A Kookaburra in a Gum Tree | 38. 2005 |
| 14. Sailors, children and unmarried girls | 39. Join in any Reindeer Games |
| 15. Dr Seuss | 40. He goes down the chimney |
| 16. George V | 41. True |
| 17. Ebenezer | 42. He began to dance around |
| 18. Tom Hanks | 43. Darryn Lyons |
| 19. Boxing Day Test | 44. 18 (1989-2007) |
| 20. An invisibility cloak and a knitted jumper from Mrs. Weasley | 45. True |
| 21. Coal | 46. Herod |
| 22. Red and White | 47. Auld Lang Syne |
| 23. Wattle | 48. 1920's |
| 24. 1843 | 49. Thomas Edison |
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Drysdale Senior Women's Football Team



With the Drysdale Senior Women's football team having a well-deserved break before pre-season kicks starts, we thought we would share with you one of our teammates favourite Christmas recipe. When Captain Prue Davies isn't dominating on the football ground, she is dominating in the kitchen. See below for her famous **'Maple Whiskey Baked Ham'** recipe.

Ingredients -

5kg Ham
185g maple syrup
165g brown sugar
3tblsp Dijon mustard
1tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp all spice
1/2 cup whiskey or bourbon.
Juice of 1 orange
Enough cloves to cover the top of the ham.

Method -

Step 1 - Preheat oven to 160 degrees, mix all glaze ingredients together and set aside.

Step 2 - Cut a criss cross pattern into the fatty part of the ham and place 1 clove in each of the squares.

Step 3 - Cover the ham in some of the glaze mix and bake, re coating in the glaze mix every half an hour.

Bake in total for approximately 2 hours

The Drysdale Senior Women's Football Team wish the entire community a safe and happy festive season. We look forward to seeing some fresh faces for the 2022 season. Keep an eye out on the main Drysdale Football Club Facebook page for pre-season dates, or as always, feel free to contact our Senior Women's Coordinator, Jess Case on 0427 753 723 for more information.

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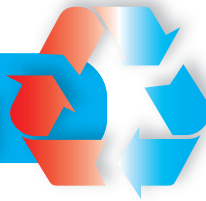
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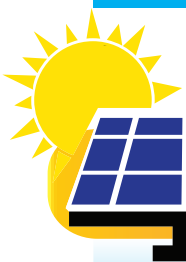


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