



# The SpringDale Messenger

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## ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day 25 April 2022 falls on a Monday this year. We have decided to have a smaller service this year, centred around the Cenotaph.

We will march from Eversley St. to the Drysdale Cenotaph, assembling from 10.30am.

At the Cenotaph the program will include Australian and New Zealand anthems, a flag raising and lowering, and the playing of Rouse followed by the laying of wreaths and flowers. An address will be given by guest speaker, Alex Danischewski Wing Commander (retired).

The club has requested a RAAF flypast around 11am (to be confirmed)

Hopefully, we can have a near-normal commemoration of Anzac Day, and pay our respects appropriately.

**Harry Paterson**  
Secretary Drysdale RSL



*Lest we forget*



# ANZAC DAY

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

# APRIL 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.

Friday	1	Sexual Assault Awareness Month Parkinson's Awareness Month
Frid-Sat	1-2	Into the Woods Junior - Potato Shed
Saturday	2	Harvest Basket Produce Swap 9-10.30 am at SpringDale Free replacement anti-theft number plates screws at SpringDale Car Park 9-11am Felting Group 10-3pm at SpringDale Autism Awareness Day
Sunday	3	Daylight Savings ends 3am EST Time to change your Smoke Alarm Battery
Monday	4	Kinship Carers 10am -1pm at SpringDale
Tuesday	5	Friendly cuppa and chat 10.30-1pm at SpringDale Issi Dye - A life Full of Tributes - 10.30am - Potato Shed
Thursday	7	Jigsaw Group 10-12noon at SpringDale
Friday	8	An intimate & up-close performance with Debra Byrne - 8pm - Potato Shed
Sunday	10	Her Story, Through Her Song - 6pm - Potato Shed
Wednesday	13	Dining Group Bay Thai Restaurant 1274 Murradoc Rd St. Leonards meet at 6pm
Thursday	14	Days for Girls Sewing 9am-1pm at SpringDale Maundy Thursday
Friday	15	Good Friday Public Holiday - <b>(SpringDale Office Closed)</b>
Sunday	17	Easter Sunday
Tues-Fri	19-22	Little Red Riding Hood - 10.30am & 1.30pm - Potato Shed
Wednesday	20	Lunch Bunch - Chui Yuan Chinese Restaurant Drysdale - 12 noon <b>Bookings Essential</b>
Saturday	23	INXSIVE - 8pm - Potato Shed
Sunday	24	Tenzin - 2pm - Potato Shed
Monday	25	Anzac Day - <b>(SpringDale Office Closed)</b>
Wednesday	27	International Guide Dog Day
Friday	29	National Arbor Day Safe Seats, Safe Kids - Car seat fitting - BOOKINGS REQUIRED
Saturday	30	International Jazz Day Sun Rising - Songs that made Memphis - 8pm - 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

Dear Friends that I have met and those I am still yet to meet.

I choose to be happy! That may sound like a strange statement to make - but it is the truth. I choose to be happy and to help anyone that I can to also be happy. Many years ago, when visiting a friend in a nursing home, we would often sing an old song - I want to be happy but I can't be happy til I make you happy too. I thought this was my song but I now realise that my happiness does not rely on everyone else's.

Maybe I'm speaking of contentedness or gratefulness rather than happiness but when I feel contented - I am happy. When I feel grateful - I am happy. When I finish something and get it off my list, I do a little fist pump and - I am happy. I definitely chose to be happy.

Almost 25 years ago, City of Greater Geelong had a Happiness Officer and she lived in the Drysdale area and our children attended school together. I wondered about this title and how it came to be. I researched happiness, happiest countries in the world - Bhutan at that point in time and now the top 10 happiest countries are in order - 1 Finland, 2 Denmark, 3 Switzerland, 4 Iceland, 5 Netherlands, 6 Norway, 7 Sweden, 8 Luxembourg, 9 New Zealand, 10 Austria.

In 2018 Australia was listed as the 10th happiest country via the United Nations World Happiness Report. Another interesting fact seems to be that as countries become more sustainable they also become happier. I'm a bit excited I've just registered to be at the launch of the 10th World Happiness Report - I'm so happy.

Learning, cooking a good meal, finishing a report, making the bed properly, reading a book, picking fruit from a plant I have grown, recycling, smiling at someone I see but am yet to meet, helping someone create a MyGov account and so much more enable me to be happy. So many very small things enable my happiness.

Sometimes tricky conversations and challenging tasks need to be had or done, but I try to prepare, I try to finish them as well and as quickly as I can and once done - I am happy. Almost everything enables me to be happy because I choose to be happy.

I am not saying everything has been easy - there are many hard times in my journey but I have tried to get over them (some still linger). Maybe my expectations are low in some ways because I don't have to have the biggest and the best - practical and helpful are better for me and maybe red (if it comes in a colour)!

Perhaps we can help to increase the happiness level of the Bellarine and beyond. What could you do to help our world become a little happier. Happy to chat about happiness whenever you have time.

It would be great if everyone was happy around me but the stress of life or the extra stresses around us perhaps means that all people cannot choose to be happy?

Yours very sincerely

Anne Brackley

Chief Enthusiasm Officer for Team SpringDale

# Course News



## New Course

### Getting Started Cycling Again.

After feedback from Ken's Bicycle Maintenance course, Ken decided to design a course to help people get back onto their bikes. Getting on and off your bike, taking the first push, getting the most through understanding the mechanics of the body working with your bicycle, using your gears and more.

**Instructor:** Ken Brackley

**Date/time:** Sat 7 May 9.30-11am **Fee:** \$10

### Palmistry free info session

Palmistry is an extraordinary tool for personality assessment and the analysis of psychological and physical health. On the hands are recorded the effects of the past, the present state of mind, and the future consequences of present behaviour.

**Instructor:** Peter Burns

**Date/time:** Wed 27 Apr 9.30-10.45am

**Fee:** Free



The SpringDale Lunch Bunch are going to the Chui Yuan Chinese Restaurant Drysdale on Wednesday 20th April at 12pm. **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**, so everyone gets a seat, please phone Margaret 0418 370 857.

**We have to meet the current Covid requirements of the venue.**



SpringDale Dining group are going to Bay Thai Restaurant 1274 Murradoc Rd St. Leonards on **Wednesday** 13th April at 6pm. Please call SpringDale on 5253 1960 to reserve your spot.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old but on building the new.*

**Socrates**

Anne Brackley - Quote curator

# SpringDale is here to help



Over the last six months SpringDale has helped hundreds of people create MyGov accounts, link their Medicare card to their MyGov, help them download their vaccine certificate and attach the vaccine certificate to their smart phone if they have one. We have also helped to print, reduce and laminate vaccine certificates to carry in wallets/bags. If you need assistance with these services we are here to help.

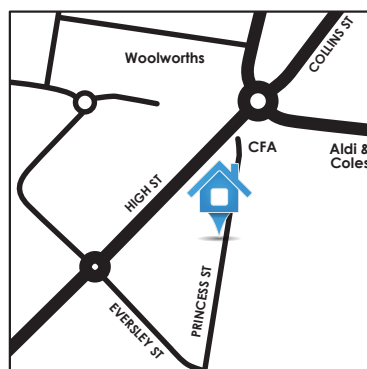
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So pleased to be able to help our community.



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





## News from Lisa Neville MP

Member for Bellarine

### Distinctive Area Landscape Project Funding

As part of declaring the Bellarine Peninsula a Distinctive Area and Landscape, the State Government late last year provided \$1.65 million of funding to assist in enhancing local environmental projects.

The Bellarine Catchment Network received funding for a number of projects across the peninsula including the revegetation of the Clifton Springs foreshore. This builds on the work done in installing the Dell Boardwalk completed in 2021.

Funding has also been provided for ongoing rehabilitation works along the Bellarine Rail Trail.

In addition, combined with funding from Barwon Water, \$1.65 million will be spent on transforming the Bellarine water basin, located on the corner of Swan Bay and Grubb Roads, into 30 hectares of native environment and public open space.

The reservoir is no longer operational and as such will be removed and the natural headwaters of the Yarram Creek restored and wetlands established. The pine tree plantation will be removed and replaced in stages with

indigenous trees, shrubs, and grasses. I am very confident this new green natural open space will become a beautiful and popular place for locals to enjoy in the near future.

### Festival of Glass

I know it will have been of great disappointment for the organisers of the wonderful Festival of Glass to have had once again cancel the event.

Knowing well many of the locals who are the driving force behind the festival, I also know that they would have put many months of time and effort into organising the various events that make up the festival.

So to all those people who did volunteer their time in organising those events I say a big thank you for your efforts and like thousands of other locals, I look forward to a great Festival of Glass in 2023.

### Congratulatory Messages for Milestone Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries.

If you or a member of your immediate family are about to celebrate a birthday or wedding anniversary, my office can arrange congratulatory messages for the following.

90th Birthday from Prime Minister & Premier.

100th Birthday, from the Queen, Governor General, Prime Minister, Victorian Governor & Premier.

50th Wedding Anniversary from Governor General, Prime Minister, Victorian Governor & Premier.

60th Wedding Anniversary, from the Queen, Governor General, Prime Minister, Victorian Governor and Premier.

You can also receive messages for 65th & 70th anniversaries and for all birthdays over 100.

### 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](mailto:lisa.neville@parliament.vic.gov.au) or at Shop 66, Gateway Plaza Bellarine Highway, Leopold.



### Safe Seats, Safe Kids Program

29th April in the carpark adjacent to SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

Time 10am to 3pm Bookings Required

Did you know your household could be eligible for \$250 off your power bill?

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Please contact the office to arrange an appointment email [office@springdale.org.au](mailto:office@springdale.org.au) or phone 5253 1960



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# Lisa Neville MP

Member for Bellarine

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# POTATO SHED

We had a very busy start to the year and things are about to get much busier. April, we have performances for everyone. Starting off the month we have the **Bellarine Jongleurs** with their production **Into the Woods** with 3 shows Friday the 1st at 7pm and then Saturday the 2nd of April at 2pm and 7pm. We hope that you'll come along and celebrate with these talented young people.

It wouldn't be the Potato Shed without **Mr Issi Dye** who returns for a special Morning Showtime performance on Tuesday April the 5th at 10:30 with **Issi Dye A Life full of Tributes** - step back and visit some of the great songs and great performers he has worked with through his lifetime - as usual list includes a lovely morning tea.

April also sees the very first Surround Sounds Music Festival and we are pleased to be part of this event and will be offering a number of musical events in April and May. The first event is **An Intimate and Up-Close Performance with Debra Byrne**, one of Australia's most renowned singers Deb Byrne will be joined by a trio of musicians and will play some of the amazing music that made her the star she is - just one performance on Friday the 8th of April at 8pm - Definitely one not to miss.

Local performer **Andrea Robinson** it's joining together with five other performers to present **Her Story - Through Her Song** an amazing insight into women songwriters and performers from around the region - this will be staged outdoors, dependent on weather,

on Sunday the 10th of April in a special twilight performance at 6pm.

Straight after Easter and in the middle of the school holidays we welcome **Little Red Riding Hood Theatre 3222** will finally get to stage this production which was scheduled last year - come and join all the fun that only these school holidays productions can offer- full of catchy tunes, colourful costumes and very funny situations - shows daily from the 19th to the 22nd of April at 10:30am and 1:30 pm.

We welcome one of Australia's top cover bands **INXSIVE** on Saturday the 23rd of April for a special one on performance honour tribute to **INXS** they will play all the hits from **INXS** - let's just say this is one event not to be missed! guaranteed to have you up and dancing in the aisles, relive some of those magical moments. Then for something totally different we welcome Tibetan performer **TENZIN CHOEGYAL** this special free performance will be presented on Sunday the 24th April on the outdoor stage as part of the Surround Sounds Music Festival. Tenzin is travelling Australia promoting his new music, come be enlightened and enjoy a relaxing and somewhat spiritual experience in the Sheds outdoor stage area 2:00pm Start.

Seeing out the month we welcome back the boys from **Sun Rising with The Songs that Made Memphis** if you like your rock and roll, and like the stories of where it all began Sun Rising is the band for you! This talented group have become Shed favourites and so we welcome them back with open arms. This

# POTATO SHED

WIN DOUBLE PASS to



## INXSIVE

Saturday 23 April 2022 8pm

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

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMPETITION CLOSSES 4PM FRIDAY 15 APRIL.**

event will sell out so book your tickets early: that's on Saturday the 30th of April at 8pm. 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. Book your tickets now at [www.geelongaustralia.com.au/potatoshed](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/potatoshed) Be social with us at Facebook and Instagram/ [potatosheddrysdale](https://www.instagram.com/potatosheddrysdale) **See you at the Shed.**

# WHAT'S ON

POTATO SHED

CITY OF GREATER GEELONG



## ISSI DYE A Life full of Tributes

MORNING SHOWTIME

TUESDAY 5 APRIL  
10.30AM  
All Tickets \$17  
Includes Morning Tea



## Little Red Riding Hood

TUESDAY 19 TILL  
FRIDAY 22 APRIL  
10.30AM & 1.30PM  
Single: \$10.50 or Family (4) \$35

## An intimate & up-close performance with DEBRA BYRNE



FRI 8 APRIL 8PM  
Cabaret: Adult \$40 Cone \$38  
Theatre: Adult \$36 Cone \$34



## HER STORY Through Her Song



SUN 10 APRIL 6PM  
Adult \$35  
Cone \$27.50



## INXSIVE



SAT 23 APRIL 8PM  
Cabaret: Adult \$38 Cone \$34  
Theatre: Adult \$34 Cone \$32



## TENZIN CHOEGYAL



SUN 24 APRIL 2PM  
FREE ADMISSION



## SUN RISING The Songs that Made Memphis



SAT 30 APRIL 8PM  
Cabaret: Adult \$38 Cone \$34  
Theatre: Adult \$34 Cone \$32



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By Deputy Mayor Trent Sullivan

## Surround Sounds

Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula have a long and proud musical history.

As much as any industry, the COVID-19 pandemic has heavily curtailed our live music sector in the past two years.

To assist with the rebirth of live music in our region, we're excited to launch a new four-week festival that promotes a wide variety of styles and events.

Council's Surround Sounds - Geelong & the Bellarine Music Festival runs from 7 April through to 8 May.

It will feature concerts, workshops and exclusive events, held in large established venues through to intimate and secluded locations.

On the Bellarine, there will be shows at venues such as the Potato Shed and Portarlington's The Mill.

Surround Sounds sends a message to the wider community - live music is back and it's happening at a venue very close to you.

There's pop, rock, country, indie, jazz, orchestral and electronic performances, plus a curated series of talks, visual art and live projections.

This is the inaugural Surround Sounds, with plans for the festival to grow in size and scope in coming years.

The full program can be viewed at [www.geelongaustralia.com.au/surroundsounds](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/surroundsounds)

I encourage you to have a look and find a show that interests you, and get out and support our local music scene.

Council also has a range of grants available for the arts and culture sector. Visit [www.geelongaustralia.com.au/grants](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/grants) to find more details on these and other grant opportunities.

## Drysdale Landfill

Council has recently adopted its landscape plan for the future transformation of the Drysdale Landfill site.

The plan has a strong environmental focus, with multiple ponds to be rehabilitated, an open lake retained, and a new parkland created through revegetation of Grassy Woodland areas.

In line with community feedback, we're also making sure public access and a variety of activities are accommodated, such as cycling, off-leash dog walking and horse riding.

External funding opportunities will be sought to support the project, which has an estimated net cost of \$1.21 million.

Works will begin during 2022-23 and be progressively completed as landfill operations end.

This will see gradual enhancements made over time, ultimately improving storm water quality, encouraging more birdlife and wildlife and more community activity.

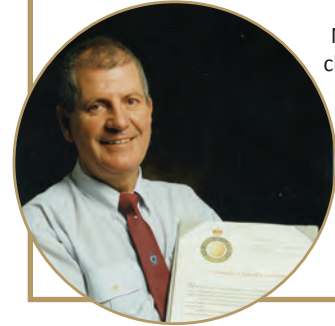


## Adrian Mannix OAM Community Service Award

Come and join us to  
celebrate, **The 21st  
Adrian Mannix OAM  
Community Award.**

A chance for you to nominate a special person for their giving of their time freely, helping others expecting no rewards and hundreds of people have been nominated over the years, so let's make 2022 a big celebration. Nominations forms are available from SpringDale website or from SpringDale office.

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



Nominations  
closing Friday  
29th April  
2022



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By the time everyone is reading this article, we will be preparing for Easter celebrations.

Only seems like yesterday that we were preparing to celebrate Christmas. Easter is a special time for everyone and especially the children awaiting the Easter Bunny's arrival and of course the Easter eggs, chocolate and hot cross buns. The first term finishes on April 8th and all of our carers have survived the many challenges they face at the beginning of school term, being able to manage the new school rules and guidelines. The friendship and care of our group shows when we are all able to share and help every time.

Things like applying for Camps, Sports and Excursion fund, State School Relief and finding out the children in their care attend if the school offers a discount on fees for kinship carers. The friendship and care within our group is so special and shows how important these groups are. A thank you to all those schools that have assisted Carers in our group with school related matters.

I would also like to thank all those people who have donated school supplies to the children/young people in our group. The rulers, pencils, textas, writing books, folders, coloured pencils and pencil cases have all been distributed to our young students.

If any business or organisation would like to learn more about kinship care, please feel free to ring me on the number listed below.

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

We meet the first Monday of each month (not during school holidays) at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre from 10am to 12noon.

Hope to see any new kinship carers very soon. Stay safe everyone. Jeanette - 0414 308 257



**Please stay up to date by subscribing to our webmail, pick up Term 2 Course Guide or ask us to send one out.**

**We would love to stay connected with you.**

**\*NEW\* Preparing Crafts for ANZAC Day**

Make a Lantern for your driveway on ANZAC Day Book in for a single session to create a lantern with poppies to help light up the dawn on ANZAC Day.

**Instructor:** Lizzy Free

**Dates/times:** Wed 13 Apr 1.30-3.30pm **Fee:** \$5

**\*NEW TIME\* Ballroom Dancing Lessons**

Ballroom Dancing Lessons for anyone wanting to dance to amazing music Rumba, Cha Cha, Samba & Jive Waltz, Slow Foxtrot, Quickstep, Tango & Viennese Waltz New Vogue dancing incorporating all of the above. It's fun, it's easy, it's friendly, it's great for your mind, body and soul.

**Instructor:** Margot Louttit

**Dates/times:** 5 Apr 10am-12noon

**Fee:** \$10 per session

Please ring Margot to book in on 0414942079 Dancesport Australia trained in Level 0 & Level 1.



**BELLARINE AGRICULTURAL SHOW PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION**

**Did you know Bellarine Agricultural show has a photography section that you can enter into?**

There a number of different classes available including a Junior section and Secondary School section.

You can check out these sections on the web site and start planning for you entries for our next show.

The rules for entry are also on the website so you know what is required for entering your image.

The winner of the VAS class goes into the South Western region to be judged and the winner of that section goes into the Melbourne Show.

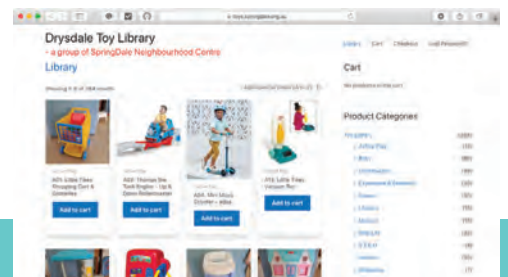
*We would love to see your entries next year.*



How do our toy libraries work in Drysdale & Portarlington?  
The Toy Library works on a "Click & Collect" system, and you can exchange toys as you would books at a library.

**Click & Collect**

The Toy Library is a new initiative of SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre; we are a not-for-profit community organisation, run by a group of volunteer members. Drysdale & Portarlington. We have toys that cater for children between ages of 0-6.



**NEW MEMBERS & VISITORS WELCOMED**



Business on the Bellarine

**Networking with BOB provides like-minded business people with opportunities to connect with and support each other, the local economy & community.**

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The SpringDale Messenger April 2022

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**Mental Health from a Godly Perspective**

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**No Cost Event**

**March 22, 29, April 5,...26, May 3, 10.**

- 1. Value** (Intro to mental health)
- 2. Cared for** (Intro to depression & what causes mental ill-health)
- 3. Listen to** (Intro to anxiety: mental health medication)
- 4. Accepted** (Intro to psychotic illness; responding to suicide)
- 5. Understood** (Intro to addiction; negative emotions)
- 6. Beloved** (Intro to self harm and eating disorders)

*Presented by Noel Williams: Noel has 40 years experience working in community and mental health through industry, church, hospital, prisons and inner city settings in Australia and overseas.*

**Tuesdays 7.30 - 9pm**

Enquiries & to Register: Helen 0478 616 719  
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- St James Drysdale • St John's Portarlington •
- St Paul's St Leonards •

### Maundy Thursday

Service of Holy Communion with Foot Washing  
14 April - 7.00 pm St Johns Portarlington

### Good Friday - Walk of Witness

Drysdale Clifton Springs Combined Churches  
Commencing at Uniting Church Drysdale  
15 April - 11.00 am

### Good Friday

15 April - 7.00pm St James Drysdale

### Easter Day

#### Service of Holy Communion

17 April

St John's Portarlington - 9.00 am

St James Drysdale - 10.30 am

St Pauls St Leonards - 5.00 pm

Parish office: 0406 403 745

Vicar: 0400 434 273

[www.bellarineanglican.org.au](http://www.bellarineanglican.org.au)

All Welcome

## International Women's Day at Coriyule

On Tuesday 8 March, we went to Coriyule Mansion for International Women's Day. We learned all about the history of the mansion, which was originally built and owned by Anne Drysdale and Caroline Newcombe (the towns of Drysdale and Newcomb are named after these women). We explored the property and had some inspiring speeches about maintaining a positive future in the workplace. Isobel, the current owner, provided us with some morning tea and then showed us around the gardens and veggie patch.

Isobel has two wonderful dogs named Dash and Madeline, the dogs also gave us some company, meanwhile, we all split into groups - some of us were playing soccer and the others were exploring the house or garden. We had special guests like Libby Coker, Kylie Rawson from Lisa Neville's office and Anne Brackley from SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. We then said our thankyou's and goodbyes and made our way back to school. Thanks to Ms Parker and Mrs Rees for giving us this opportunity, and to Mr Werner, Amanda and Mel for coming along with us.

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# Footpaths on the Bellarine

As we mentioned in the last Messenger, there are many parts of Clifton Springs that have a lack of footpaths. Although this has been an issue for more than 30 years, during the last few years, as more people need to use footpaths for many forms of transport, footpaths have become even more important.

We would like to form a group of interested people to help us actively advocate for Footpaths for Health. If you would like to be part of such a group, I would like to hear from you. If you would just like to share your story about footpaths, I would like to hear from you. If you have information about footpaths, I would like to hear from you.

Thanks to Sheridan Billings for helping us get this started and here is the start of Sheridan's story –

*For the last nine years I have been so grateful for the privilege of living in this wonderful part of the world. I have had three children Matilda (8 years), Charlie (4 years), and Raven (3 years), in addition to my 16-year-old stepson, Toby. I have taken them to our lovely parks and beaches over the years. However, I have not done this half as much as I have wanted to for one single reason – safety. In our area, particularly my area, there are no footpaths.*

Thanks to George Stawicki for photographing some good footpaths and some places where it would be good to have footpaths.

Let's see what we can do together. We have had success with the Bypass and getting a pool (and hopefully an aquatic centre) – now let's get some footpaths. Please register your interest.

**Anne Brackley** local walker.

*PS Thanks to those who have already started to send in their stories too.*



Photography by George Stawicki

## Portarlington Police Report

As many of you will no doubt be aware there was a spate of theft from motor vehicles committed in Portarlington, Point Lonsdale, Queenscliff, Drysdale and St. Albans Park over the 26, 27 and 28 of February.

Reviewing CCTV investigators were alarmed to discover a significant number of these vehicles were left unlocked.

This type of offending is opportunistic in nature and physical force to enter cars is uncommon.

Offenders were seen trying door handles and where they were unable to gain access they simply moved on to the neighbour's premises.

This clearly highlights the importance of securing your property.

Police encourage reporting of all thefts however minor as it assists to quickly identify a pattern or series of offending.

With the assistance of members from the Geelong Criminal Investigation Unit today (4 March), three search warrants have been executed. Four suspects, two males in their 20's and one male and one female in their 30's were arrested. A large quantity of stolen goods was seized.

Geelong Criminal Investigation Unit expect to charge the suspects with offences including Theft from Motor Vehicle, Theft of Motor Vehicle, Obtain Property by Deception and Handle Stolen Goods.

We would like to thank the public for the many calls, CCTV footage and information that assisted Police with this great result.

Regards **Jane**

Portarlington Police Sergeant



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# Magic Memory Boxes

A small contingent took 32 boxes over to East Gippsland - to Clifton Creek, Sarsfield, Bruthen and Buchan. Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make, pack and take these boxes to people in these towns and surrounds.

We gained permission to include a poem by Rhonda Abotomey A Gift of Hope, which was written after the Black Saturday Fires and read by John Brumby at the 1st anniversary and by Daniel Andrews at the 10th anniversary. Rhonda printed the poem over an image of a dandelion, which I learnt from a volunteer Christine, who helped to pack the boxes. The significance of the dandelion, I now understand, dandelions grow in poor soil, they help to secure missing elements from the soil, they share their seeds to help other patches of poor soil, and when they die down, they continue to build up the soil..

Clifton Creek Community decided to grow sunflowers to brighten homes and lives - we shared in their bounty too.



## Gift of Hope

By Rhonda Abotomey  
Edited by Laura Brearley

We come together  
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And even deeper threads  
Of resilience and connection

Together in our suffering and survival  
There is time to nurture and encourage

Conquering this bushfire  
Through spirit and passion

Pillars of strength  
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Expressing the most basic of human needs  
Love and care

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Sustenance for the days ahead

People in action powered by huge hearts  
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Testament to the power of compassion  
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# Catching you before it's too late.

Right now, Victoria Police are out in force catching drink drivers. Catching these drivers helps protect them from harming themselves and other road users. The lucky ones get caught.



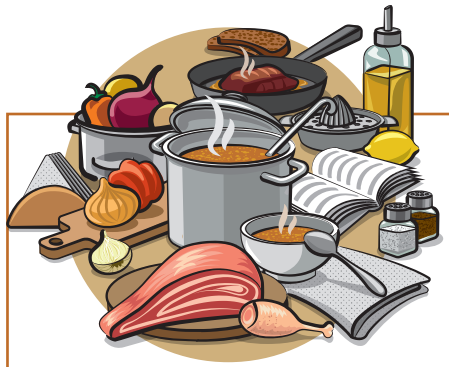
# Fish & Olive Fritters



- 600g fish (flake, salted cod)
- 600g potatoes, boiled, mashed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion chopped finely
- 2 cloves garlic crushed
- half cup finely chopped parsley
- half cup finely chopped olives
- 1 egg, lightly whisked
- Oil for frying

Place the fish in a pot of boiling water for about 5 minutes, just enough to change colour and make it easier to remove any skin and bones and break it into small pieces. Add a little oil to a frying pan and stir fry the onion and garlic until just fragrant and golden. Add the cooked onion, garlic to the mashed potato with the fish pieces, parsley, olives and the egg. Mix all ingredients well and form balls or patties. If the mixture is too soft or the fish pieces are too big, just add a few breadcrumbs to hold the patty together. Place on a tray with baking paper and refrigerate for about half an hour. Heat the oil in a pot to deep-fry the fritters in batches. Makes about 30-40 walnut size for Tapas to share or halve the recipe and this will make 18 fritters for finger food and handy for the lunch box.

Agata



## Wednesday Evening Cookery Group

Start 5pm - Home by 7.30pm

A few years ago I joined the group, not just to learn how to cook, but to mix with a group of men.

My ability as a cook is debatable, but I met a great group of men that made me feel very welcome.

During the past two years our group has lost some members to illness and problems with Covid.

We are ready to start a new year now but we are very short of numbers. If you would like to meet some new faces, have a chat, and enjoy the challenge of learning how to cook, you would be made very welcome.

If you would like to find out more about us, you can contact **Greg** on 52 5111 65 or ring SpringDale.

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## Women Living Well – On the Bellarine

It's been a long time coming, but at last we held our first WLW Design Thinking Workshop. We were so pleased to have Nicole Prowse facilitate an afternoon of exploring different ways of thinking, and explaining how we can now apply this to uncover some ideas and solutions that we may have overlooked around the issue of Affordable Housing for Women over 55 on The Peninsula.

The Workshop was really well attended, and it was great to see a mix of women who are experiencing this challenge and those who are aware and really wanting to help where they can.

We are planning to continue to meet every three to four weeks until mid-year.

In the words of Henry Ford, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got".

Even though more and more people, government departments, community organisations etc., are becoming aware of this increasing problem of affordable housing, things really aren't changing.

We have acknowledgment of the situation that women over 55 are the fastest growing age group that is experiencing financial hardship, housing stress and homelessness, but we aren't seeing policy changes and we aren't seeing any shift in the way housing or land is being developed and made more available.

I think I speak for our group when I say that we are excited and hopeful that we are going to come up with some new ideas and thoughts that will change the way we think and what we do about this critical situation.

Thanks to everyone for being involved.

**Dianne Bennett**

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## St James Anglican Church turns 150

Anzac Day; the day in April when "We Remember them". We have mentioned in previous articles of the many items that St. James Church has and uses regularly which were given by the families whose loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice. In 2016 it was the inspiration of a Church member to establish a garden at St. James specifically



to remember those that had gone to war. At St. James we lovingly call it the "eyebrow garden" mainly because of its shape. The roses that are planted there as you view from Collins St. from left to right are: "We will remember them", "The RSL Rose", "Valour", "Spirit of Gallipoli," "Gallipoli Centenary Rose 2015" and "Fields of Fromelles". Each rose has a significant meaning. Interspersed with the roses are the Flanders Field Poppies and when they flower it is certainly a "wow" factor. These poppies were grown from three small plants grown from seeds brought back from one of the cemeteries in Flanders fields. Why not come and sit in our garden (we have many seats) and enjoy the peace this garden gives to all.

**Please note:** that due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to adjust our 150th celebration week-end from July 23rd, 24th to a later date this year. The new date will be advised shortly.

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# WATER, A COMMODITY WE TAKE FOR GRANTED



How lucky are we to turn on our tap and be able to drink the water that comes out of the faucet? We totally take this daily activity for granted and I know I'm grateful for the fresh water we have to drink, wash and cook with.

This is not the case at all in many third world countries. One of Rotary's area of focus is water and sanitation. Many clubs are taking up the challenge to make a difference in our world for the people who due to poor sanitation and dirty water suffer and die from horrendous diseases.

The Bellarine North Rotary Club recently had a guest speaker from the Rotary Club of Warrnambool – Tony Austin, the Co-ordinator of the PNG Projects Group. Tony's account of the projects primarily aimed at improving access to good quality water was very informative particularly about how challenging working in remote PNG communities is but equally how important the projects are for improving quality of life in those areas.

The Rotary PNG project and the Rotary PNG Projects Group (PNGPG) has evolved over several years of Rotary Clubs working in Papua New Guinea

Since the 1990s Rotary Club of Geelong member Anton Van Doornik (also the then Geelong DIK Co-ordinator) co-ordinated several PNG humanitarian aid projects. Through this work Anton:

- established several reliable PNG contacts,
- setup a logistic protocol for container shipping,
- organised a base for volunteers to work from, and
- provided two (worn out) Toyota Landcruiser's for the teams to move around in

Anton's health deteriorated significantly from 2017 and he never

returned to PNG. Most regrettably Anton passed away in 2020.

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool subsequently assumed the PNG project co-ordination from then on, taking advantage of the infrastructure set up by Anton. The Rotary Club of Warrnambool's current Water Provision Project has Tony Austin as Project Co-ordinator with two major focus areas:

1. Assisting remote villages and communities get access to clean water by providing water bores/wells and pumps, where it can support PNG communities with health and education requirements, and general aide; and
2. Growing the project by increasing the number of supporting Clubs and organisations into what is now generally known as the PNG projects group.

There are many challenges to providing the wells/bores, such as accessibility, the condition of the soil, which in many cases is very rocky making it impossible to dig the wells.

The PNG Projects Team intend to build a purpose built well drilling machine. By using such a machine, it should be possible to put down a bore in a day compared to 3-4 days currently taken digging by hand and using hand driven augers.

Transport is another major issue for getting from place to place. Two vehicles have been provided by Rotary over the years, but lack of maintenance has meant these are no longer available.

Do you have a passion to get involved with local or overseas projects? Then why not come along to one of Bellarine North Rotary Club meetings to explore how you can get involved. We are a vibrant, happy club with many areas of focus to suit all people.

**Caroline Rickard**

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Becoming physically dependent for 99% of my day-to-day activities from having an itch scratched to getting into bed makes for interesting mental adaptations. Necessarily this gradual change in abilities over 15 years due to Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy has also forced new skills and honed others.

One skill set that most of us parents are probably already competent in, is management. Those holding supervisory and leadership positions should also be managerially accomplished. But what about managing paid contractors or employees to be in your home performing the most intimate to the most mundane everyday actions? I argue that this requires a different management style yet again.

My working life was never in a leadership capacity as a bookkeeper and administrative officer, but I collaborated effectively. However, interviewing people for such a highly personal role requiring qualified fulfilment of not just the stated duties but, as importantly, a persona and empathy that fits with me and my situation is next-level challenging.

In recent years I have both employed and contracted my support staff. I started with a lucky personal referral, continuing with a niece, friend, and acquaintance. Always with an employment or services contract stating the terms of engagement.

As I gained confidence, I ventured to 3rd party hiring organisations – a big leap. Even before the meet and greet stage there is the vetting process. Firstly, the pool of applicants is varying. Some people simply want extra cash or have been forced out of previous employment unrelated to caregiving. This does not in itself make that person unqualified for my needs, but I try to interpret their level of focus on personal support from their bio.

According to various theories, we might make our impressions of someone new to us within a few seconds, but I maintain that we take at least another 30 minutes of listening, asking questions and discussing to begin to feel and visualise how well you might work with them.

Good care and rapport cannot be based on intuition alone and 30 minutes introduction isn't a guarantee of a utopian match. Spending 2 to 8 hours at a time in close confines, maintaining a discreet, casual yet professional relationship while unavoidably sharing each other's stories, and effectively accomplishing the goals set for the shift takes huge consideration of each other. Clear communication, shared learning and above all else, respect is paramount.

I am so fortunate and grateful to work with incredible women who are caring, compassionate, pragmatic, talented, and competent in a relationship of equals. Where management becomes a collaboration, and that style suits me fine.

Leanne

# Things I find Beautiful

Although it was created in 2015, I only fell upon this photo recently. It shows a portrait of people before and after they were told they were beautiful.



It was a challenge to find the source of the photo, but it leads to the viral legend of a student, Shea Glover, who made a video of people reacting to her simple words **"I am taking pictures of things I find beautiful."**

The recipients, some known to Shea, some unknown, react in many interesting ways. It is a powerful video worth watching for the goose bumps and heart smiles. Being given a compliment, can clearly shift things - dramatically. This may also illustrate our tendency not to notice our own beauty until it is pointed out, which for the most part, is not often enough.

## It's a beautiful thing

It is possible to change how we are perceived through our approach with other people. When you are talking about someone else to another person, the words and attributes you describe, are often, in the eyes of the listener, attributed to you too. This means when you say someone is "difficult" or "annoying," the listener subconsciously scans for your difficult and annoying tendencies. It would be better then, to point out the same person is "brave" and shows "persistence" allowing for your own to be discovered.

## Making things beautiful

We tend to *underestimate* the power of giving compliments and gratitude to the people around us. A compliment can completely change someone's day and lead them to greater success as they walk away. Don't be worried about making someone feel uncomfortable to receive a compliment either; we have the tendency to *overestimate* this. The benefits of receiving the compliment outweigh any momentary processing time.

You may wonder if you can give too many compliments. Compliments are thought to be like good nutrition and be valuable on a daily level, not showing any decrease in joy with greater use. To make compliments even better, it is known that the compliment giver also gains benefit for having done so. Perhaps they scan themselves for the wonderful words they are delivering too.

## Keeping it beautiful

I wonder, what changes you could notice if you were to consciously compliment two people each day for a month? Being generous with compliments has too many benefits to ignore. Go on, give someone (and yourself) a good day.

## P.S. You are beautiful

Kim High - Clinical Hypnotherapist - Family Hypnotherapy

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# St Leonards Garden Club

Our last meeting was well attended and I'd like to thank Carole O'Neill for her presentation on the Birds of the Bellarine. A very informative presentation so thank you very much Carole.

If your garden is anything like mine with fruit and vegetable now is a good time to harvest if you haven't already. It's also time to give fruit trees a summer prune to give the tree energy over winter for better fruit production. Then a prune in winter. To keep apples fresh keep them in the crisper of the refrigerator. Chutney, sauces etc. can be made from your tomatoes, pickle cucumbers, a busy time in the kitchen.

While the soil is still warm plant out beetroot, radishes and other quick growing vegetables. I have already pulled out two of my tomatoes bushes, even with green tomatoes as they were getting leggy and dying back. I'll make green tomato pickles with what I have.

Don't forget to turn over your compost as this can be used to help prepare your garden for the winter plantings. Dead head your roses and remove diseased leaves but do not compost these leaves. It's time to feed your lawns and do a general tidy up in the garden.

The change of season is on the way, as the leaves on my trees are turning their autumn colours. These leaves can be put on your garden beds to use as a mulch and they will compost down adding nutrients to the soil. When leaves have fallen then you can see if the trees need cutting back and shaping. Always something to do in the garden.

Looking forward to sharing photos of our 40th birthday in the next edition of the messenger.

Just a reminder, the St Leopards Garden Club meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1.00pm for a 1.15pm start. We are located in the Memorial hall 1342 Murradoc Rd, St Leonards. We always look forward to meeting new people. Come along and enjoy our guest presenters, have a cuppa and a cake and a chat after.

Cheers

**Wilma McLaren**



Hello again, it's John again, back on the sci fi "trail."

I have been in contact with the Melbourne Sci fi club, which I did not know existed until now. I was looking for the Geelong club on line but I couldn't find it which suggests that it may not still be around. But the Melbourne club website is there so I sent them an experimental email.

They were interested to hear about what we are doing out here and liked my sci fi "park" photos. But they were less than enthusiastic when I followed up with the first episode of "Unclaimed." It seems that they thought that I was hoping their online magazine would publish the story. I assured them that a fun exchange of sci fi material was all I had in mind. But I digress...

I have been thinking about the triumphant return of Luke Skywalker after the successful destruction of the death star. Although it was satisfactory for him to climb up steps to enter the "X Wing" spacecraft to commence his mission, it's not such a good look when he backs down the steps after coming "home."

In my fav. sci fi T.V. show, "U.F.O.," producer Gerry Anderson seldom shows us anything moving backwards.

One of the most effective "stock" scenes in "U.F.O." was of pilots entering their craft by sliding down slanted chutes from above. Although I doubt if we could safely replicate this at our SpringDale show, I did think that we could slide our "pilots" forwards down a ramp at "missions end."

This would look a lot more effective than backing down steps and be much more fun for the kids as well.

With a few constructional parts from previous projects and my spare room wardrobe door I had my ramp!

Tests were successful and huge fun.

Down Down and Away!

One month to go... **John**



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# Clifton Springs Garden Club

I cannot believe we are in the 4th month of the year already, the year is certainly flying by. We are now all getting back into the routine of our monthly Garden Club meetings and have been thrilled to welcome some new Members.

David Cass gave a recent meeting a most enlightening talk on how to best prune your trees and bushes. I know I learnt a lot, and have since gone around and checked the pruning on my trees and bushes. Wayne Long, a well known local identity, will be our guest speaker for April. He is going to give us a talk on "how to attract birds to our gardens", which in these times of downsizing is always a challenge. Wayne is a very knowledgeable and interesting speaker, who has lived for many years in this area and knows a lot about the local birds. I think Wayne's presentation will be of interest to some of our newer members who are also new to the Bellarine. Hopefully with a few tips from Wayne, they will be able to attract some birds to their gardens and will get the same joy and entertainment that I do from my visiting birds.

As mentioned in previous articles, an important part of our Garden Club meetings is our Show Bench. Our Show Bench is always full of surprises. Over the years I have collected some plants that I have never seen before from Members after seeing their exhibits, as well as different varieties to the ones I already have – you can never have too many fuchsias, bromeliads or hellebores. And I am constantly blown away by the stunning arrangements of flowers brought along by Members – they just seem to be able to pop a few plants in a vase, and there you have a stunning arrangement, or put a selection of branches from trees and bushes into a vase and there you have another beautiful arrangement or a beautiful plant growing in an old teapot.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at the Uniting Church Hall Drysdale at 7.30 pm. If you want to know more about the Club, please do not hesitate to contact our Secretary Helen, on telephone 5257 2220 or email [hma3152@gmail.com](mailto:hma3152@gmail.com) and have your name put on our mailing list.



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# Bellarine Birdlife

## Australasian Gannets



When walking along our local beaches it is often my delight to look skyward and see a sleek, large bird flying determinedly and swiftly with eyes perusing the surface of the sea. These large, mainly white birds with black tinges and a gold yellow cap are Australasian Gannets.

This distinctive bird nests and lives at Pope's Eye in Port Philip Bay. You can visit their colony by boat just a short ride from Queenscliff or if lucky view their home at a distance from the Sorrento Queenscliff ferry. The only other gannet colony can be found at Pt Danger near Portland. This is the only mainland colony of gannets in Victoria as the birds usually enjoy being safely surrounded by sea water.



All gannets live in coastal waters as they daily commute to forage the continental shelf. The majority head out through the heads every day, though I have seen them plunge diving within the bay. It is most impressive to see them dive as their wings are stretched way back, seemingly behind the tail and moments before impact they appear like a missile, their dagger shaped beak aimed straight at their prey under the surface. Once mission accomplished they rest on the sea surface then a long take off once again to search the seas sometimes with long, flat glides.

The bird goes through various stages of growth lasting up to a 5 year period. A distinct variety of looks occur over the years from fluffy baby, a gangly and feathery juvenile to sleek adult. They are a silent bird uttering at times an occasional urrrh sound and even the hungry babies are relatively quiet.

Two interesting facts about our gannets. If you think that their structure in a dive is impressive then you are not alone as researchers of fighter aircraft have examined the birds and decided their aerodynamic qualities are most beneficial to human warfare.

Also be impressed with gannet thinking power. I have often seen them later in the afternoon contentedly sitting on the rigging or structures of ships entering Port Philip Bay at the heads. Perhaps if you had had a very busy and tiring day fishing out on the continental shelf, you too might welcome a free ride home as a hitch hiking passenger.

Carole O'Neill



So excited to share workings in my garden again this month. I cannot believe how tasty and what a rich red colour our tomatoes have been for almost 3 months but like my zucchinis they are coming to an end. I planted beans in mid-January in the plot my potatoes grew in, after the bed had rested and been topped up with Bokashi treated food scraps.

I loved sharing some of our bounty with the Harvest Basket Vege Swap group and loved picking up some shallots and shallot seed ready for planting in June. I really enjoyed the few onions that have grown in the garden over the last year – so tasty and I only needed a small one to give the same flavor usually given by much larger shop bought ones. I was happy to learn from Rick that you plant on shortest day and pick on longest. I had heard this for garlic and now know it for onions too.

By the way - one of my relatives invented the onion seed planter in Drysdale called an Onion drill invented by James "Clocky" Grieve. Drysdale grew 91% of Victoria's onions in the late 1800s. So happy to be treading in my ancestor's shoes.

The beans are currently in flower and I am looking forward to a crop so I can share photos with you next month. Climbing purple beans and green beans – wondering which ones will please our taste buds the most.

I have planted carrot seed in another bed, we'll see how they develop. Hoping to start to grow peas in most of the garden beds prior to planting more potatoes later in the year. Not sure about growing broccoli this year. Being able to cut a broccoli head as needed was great but I'll have to learn how to encourage bugs not to come inside with the florets.

Anne Brackley happy gardener.

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Our first Competition for the year was an 'Open' comp and there were some brilliant photos submitted. We thank our judge for the night, Sandy Mahon. It was fantastic catching up with everyone at the SpringDale Hall after so many shut downs last year and we have some great activities planned for the year, anyone is welcome (Covid rules apply).

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](http://www.bellarinecameraclub.org.au)



### Prints

A Grade: 1st Music Man - Jenny Warren  
2nd Autumn Colour - Kevin Robly  
Merits: Last Night Mt. Augustus - Robyn Curtis.  
Zooming Wheel - Daryl Haywood. Sunrise Solitude - Lynne Pearce

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A Grade: 1st Blacksmith's Art - Jim Den Ouden 2nd Cable Beach - Robyn Curtis  
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## History of the Drysdale R.S.L. Sub-Branch as recorded in hand written Minutes

### Formally the Portarlington/ Drysdale R.S.L. Sub-Branch.

In the book *The Drysdale Boys and one Girl* written by Bob Willey there is a photo of the Drysdale WW2 Returned Servicemen in front of the Cenotaph, their regular meeting place. This brought about a discussion regarding a meeting place for local Returned Servicemen. A meeting was held in the Shire Hall Drysdale on April 4th 1949 in connection with the forming of a fund for the purpose of buying or acquiring a Memorial and Recreation Hall for Drysdale Returned Servicemen. An account was opened at the National Bank Portarlington under the name of the Drysdale Returned Servicemen's Building Fund. Various members were delegated to make enquiries concerning a suitable location for a hall, and were to report on the matter at a later meeting.

Further meetings were held and on November 14th a decision would be made regarding the possibility of acquiring a building used as the Presbyterian Church/School aka: Free Church of Scotland in Princess Street, Drysdale. The Church was built in 1852 it is thought to be one of the first schools in the Drysdale area, in later years it was also home to a local family.

After a very lengthy discussion by several members present at the meeting on November 14th, it was moved and carried unanimously that the building be purchased from Ellen Louisa Bennett at the asking price, namely £450-0-0.

A circular letter was sent to members of the public soliciting donations towards the Building Fund Appeal, it was moved that the same arrangements regarding collecting be made as were carried out in connection with the Bolton Appeal. (The Late Sloan (Scotty)

Bolton was a Light Horseman who was injured in WW1, later living in Mannerim.) A number of members were given authority to act as collectors they being Messrs K. McKiernan, T. Gallop, F. Casey, F. Butcher, L. Bigmore, E. Allen, T. Holland and S&A Hutchinson. The area agreed on was a three mile radius of Drysdale.

One generous donor was Mr .K .Nash a letter of thanks was sent to him for his very fine gesture in donating the sum of £50-0-0.

It was agreed a Membership of five shillings a year for those who intend to partake of the amenities provided. The building was finally purchased on 3rd August 1950.

It will be known as the Memorial and Recreation Hall.

In March 1952 a meeting of the Drysdale Returned Servicemen was held in the Shire Hall for the purpose of forming a separate Sub-Branch at Drysdale, arising out of a lengthy discussion subject to the tenancy of the recently required Hall, five members were nominated to interview the present tenant and ascertain the position relating to the Sub-Branch gaining possession of the building.

Many repairs were made to the building in the following years.

The Drysdale R.S.L. Hall at 13 Princess Street, Drysdale is a simple single gable corrugated iron roof brick building with plain barge boards, slightly arched double hung windows and a small entry porch.

The hall has historic and social value to the Drysdale and Bellarine Peninsula communities.



Photo by George Stawicki

# SpringDale Trivia 56th Edition by Drysdale Girl Guides

1. Which species of bird is known for having the widest wingspan?
2. What is the capital of Iceland?
3. Who directed the films 'Aliens,' 'Titanic' and 'Avatar'?
4. What is the bottom number of a fraction called?
5. A lunar eclipse occurs when the Earth is between the moon and what else?
6. What is the longest bone in the human body?
7. What is the name of the pet dinosaur on 'The Flintstones'?
8. Which is the largest state in America?
9. Which latitude line runs through Australia?
10. Which planet has the highest average temperature in the solar system?

Turn to page 23 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

This year in April 2022 the Drysdale R.S.L. Sub-Branch and the Women's Auxiliary will be Celebrating 70 Years of support to our Returned and Serving Veterans and their Families.



The men who inspired the hall purchase.

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# Memories of Yesteryear

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Those of us who saw Robin Williams starring in the 1993 film *Mrs Doubtfire* would agree that she fooled some people some of the time dressed as a woman.

On June 10 1946 many prominent Drysdale men dressed as women to partner some businessmen and Councillors in a *Mayoral Ball* as part of the many celebrations of Victory Day, not that they fooled many onlookers.

On May 8th 1945 VE (Victory in Europe) day was declared and millions of people throughout the world rejoiced in the news that Germany had surrendered to the allies after 6 years of war that had taken the lives of millions. Cities and even countries were destroyed, and after the announcement, people celebrated the end of World War 2, prompting our then Prime Minister John Curtin to declare a public holiday for the Commonwealth of Australia to celebrate.

Because our servicemen were still overseas and were still making their way home. It was not until the following year on June 10 1946 that the Victory Day March in Melbourne was led by General Thomas Blamey, where crowds mobbed the returned servicemen, handing out beer from nearby hotels around Princes Bridge and Flinders Street, with the parade and celebrations concluding in the evening.

In Drysdale the celebrations took the form of a *Mayoral Ball* and local identities gathered for a photograph taken in the police paddock where the local police station stands in Eversley Street today.

My grandfather Alf Butcher is the *Mayor's* partner and his father Tom Butcher's cousin Harry Butcher is the *Mayor*. Harry's son Reg is seated on his right and my father is seated next to the *lady holding the baby* (Bill Styles) and what is now the "Bungalow Restaurant" on the corner of Eversley and High Streets in the background.

A local resident, now in her 90's, remembers at age 16 she attended a bonfire opposite the police paddock, as part of the celebrations, on land that also housed the Cheese Factory on the corner of Princess and Elgin Streets.



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For event information you can contact Andrew Belfrage on 0407 843 143 or Bob De Vries on 0438 593 292. Any stall holders interested in attending can contact Bob De Vries on 0438 593 292



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# Drysdale Senior Women's Football Team

The Drysdale Football Club has a short but proud history as a forerunner for female football in the Geelong region. It started in 2010 with our first team competing in the Youth Girls competition. In 2015 we were one of just three clubs in the first Junior Girls U12 league & in 2017. We were the first club on the Bellarine to field a Senior Women's Team, playing in the Ballarat Goldfields league.

As the club prepares to kick off season 2022 we have teams in the Senior, U15 & U12 AFL Barwon female competitions. We also have mixed teams in the U9's, U10's and U12's providing opportunities for local girls of all ages to play football in a supportive, welcoming and encouraging environment focussing on the club principles of Participation, Education, Improvement and Enjoyment.

The journey begins with Under 12's playing modified rules for the Portarlington Hawks, an exciting collaboration between the Drysdale and Portarlington Clubs. This is a fantastic introduction to the sport where enthusiastic youngsters gain a solid grounding in skills & tactics, while having a great time under coaches Peter Evans and Harley Soall.

The next step is the U15's where the girls say goodbye to modified rules and start to take their football a bit more seriously. This year the club is thrilled to have co-coaches Glenn Smethurst and Adam Shawcross at the helm. Both men have enjoyed long and successful careers as players and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role.

The Senior team was poised for Premiership glory in season 2021. But the season was cruelly cut short by Covid with just the Grand Final left to play. They're hoping to go one better in 2022, and the team is coming together nicely with some handy additions joining a crew of familiar faces. Stuart Craven is back for his sixth season in charge and will be joined by legendary club captain Prue Davies in the assistants role. One of the highlights of season 2021 was seeing a number of exciting Drysdale juniors make impressive debuts in the senior team. The continued growth and development of these young stars will be vital to the team's performance this year.

If you're interested in giving footy a go in 2022 - it's not too late! No matter what age you are we'd love to see you down at the Hawks. Give Female Football Coordinator Jess Case a call on 0427753723 and be part of something AMAZING!



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## Trivia Answers

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Albatross     | 6. The Femur (thigh bone) |
| 2. Reykjavik.    | 7. Dino                   |
| 3. James Cameron | 8. Alaska                 |
| 4. A denominator | 9. Tropic of Capricorn    |
| 5. The Sun       | 10. Venus                 |

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