

## The SpringDale Messender

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

Sunday 28 Legacy Week (till 3rd Sept)

1 Jigsaw Group 10am - 12noon at SpringDale Thursday

Footy Colours Day - Raising Funds to support kids with cancer

3 Harvest Basket Produce Swap 9-10.30 am at SpringDale Saturday

> Free replacement of anti-theft number plates screws at SpringDale Car Park 9-11am (weather permitting)

Felting Group 10am - 3pm at SpringDale

Tom Jones & Engelbert Humperdinck Tribute - 8pm

- Potato Shed

Father's Day Sunday

Monday Kinship Carers 10am - 1pm at SpringDale

6 Friendly cuppa and chat 10.30-11.30am at SpringDale Tuesday

I Guess It Doesn't Matter Anymore - 10.30am - Potato Shed

Thursday 8 Writing & Book Publishing Talk - 12-1pm.

Join us for a light lunch and Talk at SpringDale

Friday Dave Cosma & Charles Jenkins World Tour of Australia

- 8pm - Potato Shed

Wednesday 14 Dining Group - Bruenzo's Italian Pizza - 6pm

163 Bellarine Highway Newcomb

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Ocean Grove Bowling Club at 12 noon

18 The Terrace Ocean Grove BOOKINGS REQUIRED

International Day of Peace

World Alzheimer's Awareness Day

World Gratitude Day

23 International Day of Sign Language Friday

Grand Final Public Holiday (Centre Closed)

Saturday 24 **AFL Grand Final** 

Sunday 25 Bellarine Vintage Machinery - Vintage Rally

Tue-Fri 27-30 The Submarine Adventure - By Alysha Jane / Music by

The Beatles - 10.30am & 1.30pm - Potato Shed

Thursday 29 World Heart Day

#### 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.

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

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The SpringDale Messenger September 2022



#### Coordinator's News



**Anne Brackley** 

Dear Friends and Friends I am yet to meet

One of my favourite things to do is to guide a person around SpringDale for the first time. I can never tell which part of SpringDale is going to be the highlight of the tour. Every time I feel so energized, so happy to have introduced another person to SpringDale, and its plethora of activities and services.

We usually start at the Art room and depending upon weather conditions, determines whether we wander out and see the room from the inside or outside. I also list the other things that the Art Room is used for, Ukulele, Banjo, Bellarine Singers, Business on Bellarine meetings, Drysdale Guide Meetings, Felting and War Hammer.

We then wander to, or speak about the Recreation Room, and talk about the group / class that are in there at the time - Scrabble, Cards, Mahjong, Toy Library, Book Club, Craft, Decoupage, First Aid, French, Astrology and our Kinship Carers' meeting, or something else.

Then into the foyer again that seems to be a bit of a transfer area, at the moment, we have the bins for the collection of blankets and warm clothes for the homeless, its where our volunteers pick up Messengers for delivery and where the empty boxes come back to for recycling. We have books for sale - new and preloved. We have many other items including lots of teddies at the moment, ready for a Teddy Bears' picnic later in the year, or for sale and adoption. There is still room in the foyer for some more meetings, for those brave

On to the commercial kitchen where 3 men's cooking groups meet regularly - weekly or fortnightly, we hold cooking classes, Korean Cooking, Sri Lankan Cooking, Cheese Making, Sour Dough Bread Making and many many more. We also use the kitchen for a large variety of other activities.

Then onto the small kitchens - one has a commercial barista machine and we run coffee making and coffee appreciation classes. We have two computers for the use of the public and a small kitchen for use by those who hire the hall.

Then onto our 109 (almost 110) year old hall, with models of Anne Drysdale and Caroline

Newcomb presiding over the stage, and all that happens in the hall. Harvest Basket vege swap, Yoga, Tai Chi, Bellarine Woodies meetings, Bellarine Camera Club meetings, some Girl Guide activities in between other activities, our SpringDale Ukulele Group called Spruke, Line Dancing, Scottish Dancing, Ballroom Dancing, public meetings, weddings, funerals, wakes, wedding anniversaries, children's parties, art shows, expos, garage sales, and so much more including 3 pianos at the moment.

We are now about half way through - onto the Jigsaw library room, in which we curate about 5,000 jigsaw puzzles - about 1,000 out at any one time. The other front room, which is set up as office space and can be used for other activities when not used in that way.

Around the hall to the Training / Music room, where we have a set of drums and a key board, this is where we are running the Girls' Shed craft group, Aspree study with Monash Uni, Tax Help and many groups meet in this room DCSCA, Footpaths for Health, etc.

Then the computer room where we hold Introduction to computer, introduction to iPads/iPhones/android etc, with more advanced computing classes held, Digital Photography, Photoshop and video editing classes. The Bellarine Family History Group meets and runs Genealogy classes. We also house a volunteer JP signing service, on a Wednesday morning 10am -12noon.

Back to the office, where we welcome approximately 20 volunteers each week to help us keep the administration of the Centre rolling. We photocopy, print, shred, bind, and help people with a variety of documents and tasks. We hand out welcome kits that probably prompted this guided tour! Our office also helps people with MyGov etc.

Hope you enjoyed it. Hope I made SpringDale come to life. This isn't what I thought I was going to write for this month, but it feels like the right thing to write today! It is my favourite thing to do!

Keep well - hope to see you at SpringDale soon, and I'll tell you about all our offsite activities too!

Kindest regards

Anne Brackley for Team SpringDale



#### Course News

#### SpringDale Writers

Each month, the group members are given a sentence to write a short story or poem around, using their own creative magic.

New members always welcome, all ages, all genders, no judgement, and no experience necessary. First Friday of the month 9:30-11am.

Come along and join the fun - \$2 per attendance and you do need to be a member of SpringDale.

#### **Express Yourself through** Creative Arts

Do you feel you have used up your remaining resilience, and coping strategies trying to make sense of our currently chaotic world? Do you feel you can't find the words to express how you feel? This 4-week (2 hour per session) workshop will provide you with a 'sampler' of different workshops I hope to offer in 2023. The focus is on self-expression through various Creative Art mediums.

> Instructor: Peta Henshelwood Dates/times: Sat 29 Oct - 19 Nov 10am-12noon Fee: \$160 conc \$90



Morning Tea at SpringDale Tuesday 6 10.30am



The SpringDale Lunch Bunch are going to Ocean Grove Bowling Club 18 The Terrace Ocean Grove on Wednesday 21st Sept. meeting at 12pm. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL, so everyone gets a seat, please phone Margaret 0418 370 857.



SpringDale Dining group are going to Bruenzo's Italian Pizza 5/163 Bellarine Highway Newcomb (near Foodbiz Geelong & Subway) 6pm on Wed. 14th Sept. Please call SpringDale on 5253 1960 to reserve your spot.

#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.

Barack Obama



News from Lisa Neville MP STATE MEMBER



I recently visited Bellarine Secondary College to officially open the school's Later Years Centre and to celebrate the installation of solar panels at the school. It has been great to have worked with the school on securing State Government funding of \$8. 9 million to build the education centre, providing fantastic facilities for students completing their secondary education.

The Later Years Centre known as 'the Yani iny ngitj Centre, meaning 'walk to the future' is a beautiful new space, including state of the art seminar rooms, a quiet study space and communal kitchen for all to enjoy.

Bellarine senior students can now look forward to studying in a modern purposebuilt centre, ensuring they have amazing

surroundings and the very best facilities in which to undertake their important senior years studies.

I also commend the school on having solar panels installed on their Drysdale Campus Technology Building through the state **Government Greener Government Schools** Building Program.



I recently turned the sod on the Clifton Springs Primary School upgrade works. The \$15.6 million project will deliver a totally refurbished school and include new junior and senior student learning centres, incorporating general classrooms and specialist facilities. The works will also incorporate a new administration and resource centre.

Clifton Springs was built in the 1980s and has served the community well, but with the school ageing and the community growing the State Government has recognised the need to modernise the school.

The school and families have done an incredible job in supporting students over the last few years and with these new facilities we are ensuring students will have the modern state of the art facilities they so deserve.

#### **Extra Breast Screening Services** for Geelong

The State Government recently funded extra breast screening services across Victoria, including an extra service for the Geelong region, giving locals easier and more ready access to vital preventative breast scans and specialist treatment.

While breast cancer mortality rates have decreased by almost 2 per cent since 1994, in 2020 alone 4,575 Victorian women were diagnosed with breast cancer and tragically 766 died.

When it comes to breast cancer early detection is vital and therefore having regular screening is so important.

As such Breast Screen Victoria provides free two-yearly breast screening to eligible Victorians without symptoms.

So please, if you are due to be screened book an appointment through Breast Screen Victoria by calling 13 20 50 or visiting www.breastscreen.org.au

#### 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.



Lisa Neville MP

STATE MEMBER FOR BELLARINE

For help with State Government matters, please contact my office on **5250 1987** 

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This month at the Potato Shed features a world tour (of Australia), a celebration of the legends of rock n' roll and a journey under the sea.

September Morning Showtime, 10:30am Tuesday 6 September charts the lives, loves, tragedies and music of legendary musicians Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, Ricky Nelson and more. I Guess it Doesn't Matter Anymore is the latest exploration of the history of rock n' roll, written, researched and presented by local Geelong historian Colin Mockett. Soundtrack provided by All Shook Up.

Join seasoned entertainer Eddie James, 8pm Saturday 3 September when James pays tribute to two of music's biggest icons, **Tom Jones** and **Engelbert Humperdinck**.

Classic crooner James will have you swinging and swaying the night away with such classics as: Delilah, You're My World, She's a Lady, Sex Bomb, What's New Pussycat along with Spanish Eyes, Release Me, Quando Quondo Quando, My World, The Last Waltz and many, many more.

Legendary Melbourne independent singer-songwriters Charles Jenkins and David Cosma bring their **World Tour of Australia** to the Potato Shed, 8pm Friday 9 September.

Jenkins and Cosma perform a set each, giving the audience an intimate insight into two of Australia's finest independent singer songwriters. Original songs inspired by the land we walk on, the water that surrounds us, flora and fauna which inspires us, events which shape us and the people who are the fabric.

Theatre 3triple2 4 Kids return to the Potato Shed Tuesday 27 September to Friday 29 September with the brand-new show, **The Submarine Adventures**.

Written by Alysha Jane with music by The Beatles (by special arrangement), young and youngat-heart will be captivated as they join in the underwater sea adventure from the safety of the Potato Shed black box theatre. This season will incorporate the 500th performance from this committed group! Come along and celebrate!

Tickets to all shows are available at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/potatoshed

Be social with us at Facebook and Instagram/potatosheddrysdale

Subscribe to Spud News to keep up-to-date with ticket releases and new show details via our website.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Shed.

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### WHAT'S ON

POTATO SHED



#### EDDIE JAMES & GARRY JOHNS



#### SAT 3 SEPT 8PM CABARET STYLE TABLE SEATING: Adult \$34 Conc \$30

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#### I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYM<u>ORE</u>



The lives, loves, tragedies and music of legends **Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison**, **Rick Nelson** and more. A look at rock music's 'live fast die young' period in the 1950s and 60s.

#### TUES 6 SEPT 10.30AM

All tickets \$17, Incl Morning Tea

#### JENKINS & COSMA



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#### FRI 9 SEPT 8PM

**CABARET STYLE** 

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#### SUBMARINE ADVENTURE



Come and Celebrate
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Featuring the music of 'The Beatles' (with permission).

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#### Councillors' News GEELONG

By Deputy Mayor Trent Sullivan

It's hard to miss the progress of the new library on Wyndham Street, Drysdale - its unique shape is really taking shape!

With the circular frame of the two-storey building up, it's much easier to imagine the 'living green habitat' that's planned for the roof and surrounds.

The City has received enthusiastic feedback from the community on not just their sustainability values, but also how the outdoor space can bring people of all ages together.

And so, the team is working to integrate public art into the project to support this aspiration.

An expressions of interest process has been underway over the last few months for a suitable artist.

Creatives have been asked to consider the unique qualities of the site, of the Bellarine Peninsula and the culture of the region.

Our ward is strongly connected to the water, including Corio Bay and the Barwon, and is a place of cultural significance for our Traditional Owners, the Wadawurrung People.

Our stunning natural environment and contemporary local community, are also cause for reflection.

We have been on the hunt for artists who can

stimulate the imagination, and make us feel something special.

Submissions may be for a singular larger work, or a series of connected smaller scale works that encourage interactivity and invite the viewer through the space.

Public art really has the ability to connect a diverse range of people, and can play a role in making a new building part of the furniture.

The City expects to commission the successful artist this month.

As both the chair of the Creative Communities and Culture portfolio at council, and a member of the Geelong Regional Library Corporation board, I find this is a thoroughly exciting project!

While I have you, I'll tell you about a regularly mown/slashed track that the City has created between the Drysdale Sporting Precinct and surrounding schools.

The track and new bollards now make it an easy walk between the facilities for students and addresses the issues that the schools have been raising.

As always, you're welcome to contact me at tsullivan@geelongcity.vic.gov.au. Here's to Spring!



The Bellarine Show is back for 2023, The Bellarine Agricultural Society have been busy, even though we weren't able to celebrate Agriculture on the Bellarine for the last two years.

Every year the Victorian Agricultural Shows (known as VAS) have standard competitions, which every show society has the opportunity to participate in and compete. For the 2022 Conference, which was held n Nagambie recently, the Bellarine show society sent some entries, one being, "Sew an Article from old Show Ribbons". Annie and Denise very cleverly made a crown and a Jesters hat, pictured here. Congratulations to you Annie and Denise for up cycling our old show ribbons.



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#### **Donnie** GRIGAU FOR BELLARINE



I'm Donnie Grigau.

The Bellarine is my home.

I own a local restaurant. I love employing people and supporting my beloved Queenscliff.

Like so many small businesses, my restaurant struggled through the Covid-19 lockdowns. But after 20 years in the retail sector, I was battle ready.

Challenging days are what shape us.

It's why I'm ready to take on the challenge of change - to seek and achieve more for the Bellarine. I want to put people first.

That means when you call 000, an ambulance arrives. It means bad roads are fixed so your family can get home safely. And it means you can get surgical needs attended to now, not in the never never.

As a Councillor on the Borough of Queenscliffe, I understand good governance and accountability. Taxpayers must get value for money.

Good Government must also provide hope.

That positive direction is what I bring.

#### **LOCAL. LISTENS. ACTS.**

➤ Donnie.Grigau@vic.liberal.org.au f DonnieGrigauBellarine





The Festival of Glass was initiated in 2011 by the Drysdale, Clifton Springs, Curlewis Association. In July 2021, The Festival of Glass became an independent incorporated association, and continues as a not-for-profit enterprise, run entirely by volunteers. Earlier this year the United Nations endorsed 2022 as the International Year of Glass. We are so fortunate that The Festival of Glass Inc is formally a part of the celebrations across 85 countries.

Some of you may recall that the 12th Festival of Glass Expo normally held in February, had to be cancelled earlier this year due to COVID restrictions. Hence it is great to announce that we intend to hold our previously postponed Expo on Sunday the 11th of September.

The Expo showcases glass art exhibits, with sales and demonstrations. \$2.00 entry - children under 12 free. The venues are SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre & the Festival of Glass Studio in Eversley street. Both venues are in walking distance from each other, and will allow us to spread attendance and hence be as COVID safe as we can. The Expo will be open from 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Further information can be found on www.festivalofglass.net.au Queries to the festivalofglassdrysdale@gmail.com

Hope to see you there.

Mercedes Drummond - FoG Convenor





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Our group meets:

Every Monday - 10:00am - 3:00pm and 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday of each month -7pm-8:30pm at the Drysdale Community Hub, 21 - 27 Eversley Street Drysdale.

Our meetings are relaxed and informal, and offer a social outlet enabling our members to meet in a safe and friendly environment with other ladies, who share a common interest. Members bring along their handywork and there is always 'Show & Tell', to inspire us. Our members are from all ages and backgrounds

who share a common love for all things' patchwork and quilting, embroidery, knitting and any other type of craft. We share our skills, experiences, ideas, techniques, projects and enthusiasm, with the occasional problemsolving discussions thrown in for good measure.

Our members are very generous and community minded. We make quilts for our loved ones, family and friends but also make quilts for others.

The quilts we make for others provide comfort and joy to children and families in need on the Bellarine Peninsula, especially children from



disadvantaged backgrounds.

During the year, we organize different events and, these can include charity projects, workshops, shopping trips and special lunches. Every two years we hold an exhibition of our work.

A UFO day is held on the 1st Saturday of every month, so members can come along and finish off that special project or just to sew and chat.

Members pay \$3.00 per meeting and there is no joining fee. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact: Anne Millward - 0438 044 860 Chris Fox - 0481 060 090

## CLIFTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED INC.



The Clifton Springs Community Men's Shed were the grateful recipients of the CommBanks, July community donation of \$500. President Stuart Davies accepted the cheque from Linda Flapper and Monica Gangemi. Funds will go towards ongoing consumables enabling the Shed members to continue their work for and within the community. The Shed meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am until around 2.30 pm with men from all backgrounds gathering together to share their skills and company, keeping them active in their ageing years. The Shed have both a metal shed and a wood shed where they involve themselves in varied projects to raise funds to keep the Shed operational and assist the community as requested. Thanks to the CommBank for recognising and supporting the local community.

Further to the Men's Shed - They are having a "Car Boot/Garage Sale" at their grounds, 45 Central Road Clifton Springs, in conjunction with the Baptist Church.

Local residents are also welcome to set up a stall on the day.

Saturday 10th September 9am-1pm.

Stuart Davies President - CSCMS.



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## SpringDale Trivia 61st Edition

by Drysdale Girl Guides

- 1. Which animal is the mascot for the Drysdale Football Club?
- 2. The Isle of Man is located in which body of water?

page 22 to find the answers.

- 3. What does the word "dinosaur" mean?
- 4. Damascus is the capital City of which Country?
- 5. What shape is a stop sign in Australia?
- What is the last letter of the Greek alphabet?
- 7. Eggplant is a vegetable, true or false?
- 8. Which line of latitude runs through Australia?
- 9. Who directed the movie Titanic?
- 10. Which was the first city to host the Modern Olympic Games more than once?

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



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

## • Sunday 25th September • 9am-3pm

VINTAGE RALLY

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- Straw Press & Water Pumps

#### It's on again but it's at PORTARLINGTON

Bellarine Vintage Machinery Group is holding its Rally this year at Portarlington Recreation Reserve (Just follow the Signs). Display of Vintage machinery will be operating as they were in the past. As well as the usual demonstrations, there will be a display of rope making. Vintage cars, tractors, steam and trucks all on display. Hot (BBQ) and Cold food available. A good day for the whole family to enjoy.

#### Portarlington Recreation Reserve,

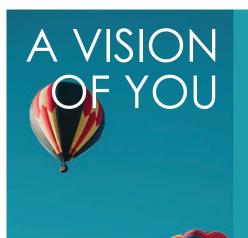
Enter via Point Richards & Boat Rd, Portarlington ENTRY: Adults \$10, Family \$20, Kids under 14 Free A free bottle of water will be provided upon entry

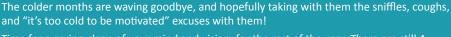
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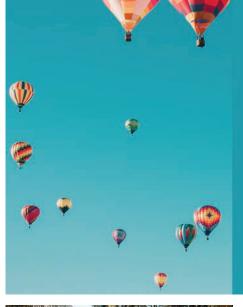
Time for a spring-clean of your mind and vision, for the rest of the year. There are still 4 glorious months to fulfill! So I invite you to check in with the vision, desires and ideas you had in mind at the start of the year. Note the elements that have come to fruition, the ones that are ticking along and those you may have forgotten.

This year I have been facilitating some workshops to visually capture the hopes, dreams and goals that align with personal values and desires. I am always amazed at the power of planting a seed of intention. It is about now, that we look back at our boards, and notice with wonderful surprise, (even when the world has changed, the game or motivation had teetered) all we have achieved.

If you haven't got a vision board, I encourage you to get out the old magazines, scissors and glue, and begin one today - or start combining those pinterest boards into a daily digital visual reminder!

Today's little exercise is to consider your "location" in the following aspects of your life, and gently nudge your imagination to consider a vision of where you want to go. The next few months can launch you on a wonderful journey towards them.

NOW	VISION
e.g. running 3 times a week	e.g. run the rip to river





Try to choose really compelling visionary goals. Find a picture that captures the emotion and your imagination. Make no deadlines in this starting exercise, just allow your creative juices to flow, and be open to how wonderful the ride there could be. A vision board links your conscious and your subconscious; it can ignite a spark of excitement within to encourage its fruition.

When clarifying your vision, it is important to make sure that you only include the visions that are compelling for you. Try not to include those that just fulfill other peoples expectations of you. Get wild in your dreams, delete the resistance, doubt and disbelief from the "dreamsnatchers" around you. Make it your ideal future.

A vision board is a bit like a change room for your mind. You get to try on the images and see how they fit your life. Look at it regularly and imagine you are already the person that has achieved them (because your are!). And most of all, have fun doing it!

If you need some support to create your vision, gather some friends, attend a workshop, or try counselling or hypnotherapy to clarify your true vision.

Kim High, Clinical Hypnotherapist - Family Hypnotherapy.







#### **Espionage and Memoirs**

Wrestling words from a draft manuscript to a book.

Denise Main and Ian Chisholm

Laurent Boulanger, an experienced novelist and script writer, showed us how to tackle the challenge through group sessions and meetings at the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre in Drysdale. He highlighted and demonstrated the process of choosing self publishing, or through a publisher.

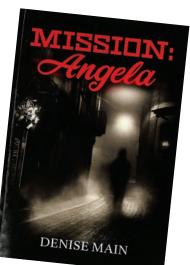
Ian chose the self publishing route for his collection of stories and with guidance from Laurent and his technical skills, Ian produced a book with photos titled, A Collection of Imperfect Memories, by Ian Chisholm.

My draft manuscript was submitted to publisher FeatherKnight Books and after a time of crucial editing and living in the world of crafting a story for publication, the espionage/ love story Mission: Angela went into print. The pages and story finally were nestled between the cover which symbolised the tension and danger which existed in the Cold War period in East Berlin.

Mission: Angela can be obtained from FeatherKnight Books, Amazon, Queenscliff Book Shop and Gove Books Ocean Grove.

#### **Denise Main**

Join Denise for a talk about writing and book publishing on Thursday 8 September 12-1pm. Join us for a light lunch and talk at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre - this is an Adult Learners' Week event. RSVP SpringDale 5253 1960.





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**Bellarine North** 

## READING IS MORE THAN RELEVANT

Reading is still relevant to enhancing our lives. We all need to be able to read, especially signage that warns us of danger, or instructions to follow in our daily lives.

I personally love reading and during the course of my life it has educated me, helped me with my spelling and been used for relaxation.

I recently babysat my grandchildren who were excited to read their school readers to me. It was a time to explore their books and chat about the content. I learnt a lot about Wolves.

Look at the smiles on the faces of the children in these photos. They were very excited to receive these books donated to the Clifton Springs Primary School to be used in their library as well as in the classroom libraries.

One of our Rotary members picked up 13 boxes of books for the school, identified as a school that would benefit from receiving these books from the charity 123readtime. Check out, 123read2me.org.au

Books were separated into 3 types:

- 1. Story Books, containing a short story with text and pictures.
- 2. Chapter Books, with text separated into chapters.
- 3. Picture Books. for the younger children.

The response from Principal Megan Parker from Clifton Springs Primary School:

"At CSPS reading is really important! A big thankyou from students and staff at the school for the generous donation of fabulous books from 123Read2Me and the coordination by Bellarine North Rotary. The children are excited and really enjoying the new books in their library."

Life has gotten busy. Parents are often both working and don't get the time to spend reading with their children.

Some of our Rotary Club members are involved in volunteering with the schools Literacy Program which identifies the students at risk who need extra support for the basics of life such as reading for survival.

This is another area that Rotary can volunteer our time to make a difference to the formative lives of our future generations. Imagine a different life for the young children where we can support the parents who are time poor due to trying to make ends meet.

Would you like to explore what other areas Rotary gets involved with? Call for more information.

Publicity Officer - Bellarine North Rotary Club

Caroline Rickard - 0408 989 221





Wow I cannot believe that 7 years ago, in September 2015.

I established Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers.

I clearly remember the first informal meeting I had with Anne, she listened to everything I was saying, with such heartache and eager to learn more about kinship care.

She believed in my dream and wanted so badly to help in any way she could - which she did, and is still doing.

To Anne and the wonderful team at SpringDale on behalf of Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers we thank you for assisting us to become the group we are today.

I clearly remember at our first meeting I was sitting waiting, all prepared, then I questioned myself, what have I done - but I was totally amazed and shocked, so many kinship carers wanted to join our newly formed Kinship support group.

Some of those Carers who turned up at that first meeting were new to kinship care, on the other hand some Carers had known each other for years and came along for support. We started our new group with 2 families and now sadly we have 59 families and over 100 children.

All our kinship journeys are the same, but different. We all care for the children in our care, we love each child with all our heart, we support each child with everything they do and we guide the children in our care to become the best they can be in whatever they do.

The struggles at times are hard, but we manage the best way we can. At times we take 10 steps forward then we are forced by the circumstances thrown at us to take 9 steps back, but we always remember it is not about the 9 steps back we took, it is about the ONE step forward we achieved.

I would personally like to thank each and every person in our wonderful community who have donated so much to our kinship group.

Your awesome donations have made so many children in our community so happy, from the beautiful pink cardigan to the spider man pyjamas, the many bikes, games, books, new clothing including new underwear the list just goes on and on - a huge thank you to everyone.

If you are a kinship carer sitting at home, feeling isolated and lonely and totally confused about your kinship journey please come join our group. We laugh a lot, we sometimes cry, we talk too much but we support each other in our kinship family.

Our meetings are held the first Monday of each month (not during school holidays) at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre from 10am to 12noon.

Stay safe everyone.

Jeanette Hanley Heath

0414 308 257



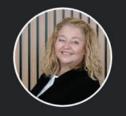
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#### Women Living Well - History

It is said there are four stages to making a real change in a life situation:

Alertness, Interest, Desire and Action.

Some four years ago I came across some staggering information: - one in three women over the age of 55 is living in financial poverty. This cohort of women is the most likely to find themselves homeless in the future. And most of these women have never experienced homelessness before. These are facts. I confirmed them time and again as I read and researched all the data and statistics I could find.

I had become **alerted** to the problem, and then like many others, I became **interested** in what was being done and how this tragedy had happened.

For women over 55, their most urgent need is safe, affordable, long-term housing. It's so basic; such common sense. The statistics and data prove that providing women with security of housing will decrease the ever growing need for many government and community funded services such as mental health, declining physical health due to malnutrition and poor diet, crime and domestic violence and emergency housing and food relief.

I quickly moved into the **desire** stage; the desire to do something, to see things change, to alert others to this shameful situation.

Through articles in the SpringDale Messenger I put out an invitation to the women in our area who were in this situation to share their stories and experiences. We had women from all walks of life and backgrounds bravely opening up about their journeys. We also had women who wanted to help and support in whatever way they could.

And so our team, Women Living Well (WLW) on The Bellarine began. We moved into the ACTION stage.

What will we be able to achieve? That will depend upon the ones who step up and get involved and offer their skills, experiences, knowledge and wisdom.

I would say at the moment we have all the information we need and there is hardly a day goes by where this problem is not discussed and dissected by the media and in conversations all over the country. We are **alert**, we are **interested**, and many now have the **desire** for **ACTION**.

Will you join us?



Dianne's Vision

Every woman deserves a safe, affordable, secure and permanent home. Every woman deserves the chance to connect with a local community, to put down roots, to join in activities with family and friends, to enjoy some little luxuries and to spend her retirement years in a state of good health and well-being.

Imagine the sense of relief when, after years of being shunted from one house or room to the next with little time to get packed and organised, you are now "home". It's hard to believe.

No more having to pay exorbitant increases for rent and moving costs for a house or room that you know will only be yours until the landlord changes his/her mind. No more stressful months wondering where or whether you will find a place next time. No more couch surfing or house sitting. Not wanting to unpack your belongings anymore because you know you'll only be packing them up again in a few months. No more leaving behind the few friends you've made and the support services you've finally established. No more uncertainty, no more financial stress, no more going without food, heating/cooling, new clothes, medicines, social activities with friends, treating your grandchildren, or running a car.

At last - this is "home" and this is permanent.

## CALL TO ACTION

Our group - **WOMEN LIVING WELL on The Bellarine** has decided it's time to take **ACTION**. We're doing what we can, and we're looking for ways to connect with support and services that can help to house the growing number of women on The Bellarine who are struggling with this housing crisis.

We need your help. This is a problem that is affecting our community and we need our community to rise to the challenge.

#### Please ask yourself -

What could I do to help?

Could I help to advocate for fairness?

Could I donate or rent out a house or some land?

Could I rent out a room?

Do I have knowledge or skills I could share that could help?

Do I have connections or know someone who could help?

Do you want to know more?

Please contact **Dianne**0422 146 604
diannebennett4@hotmail.com

or talk to **Anne** at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre 5253 1960

coordinator@springdale.org.au

#### www.wlw.onthebellarine.org.au

Women Living Well is auspiced by SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, and is a team of like-minded women on The Bellarine who are passionate about improving the life and well-being of Women over 55 who are living in financial stress.

#### HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

#### SalvoConnect Barwon South West Region

35 Myers Street GEELONG VIC 3220

Ph: (03) 5223 5400

www.salvoconnect.com.au

Crisis & Supported Accommodation

#### SalvoConnect Barwon South West Region (Women's Services)

Settlement Road BELMONT 3216

Ph: (03) 5244 9560

www.salvoconnect.com.au

Crisis Accommodation - un-partnered women 18 years or over with or without children, Family violence packages, Family Violence Private Rental Access Program

#### Community Support Services - Doorways (SalvoConnect)

26-28 Bellerine Street GEELONG 3220

Ph: (03) 5223 9200

Emergency Relief, Financial Counselling and

Counselling

#### **Opening Doors** - 1800 825 555

For those experiencing or at risk of homelessness, this is the entry point which will refer you to the closest help for you.

#### Barwon Housing and Homeless Support

If you are homeless or at risk of homelessness call 1800 825 955

#### Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

www.dffh.vic.gov.au/housing-and homelessness Phone 1300 650 172

#### **WIRE**

Ph: 1300 134 130

A state wide, free support information and referral service for Women, non-binary and gender diverse people www.wire.org.au

#### Haven: Home Safe

15 Yarra St, Geelong Vic 3220

Ph: 1300 428 364 After Hours 1800 627 727

Email: erclient@hhs.org.au

Housing support, Case Coordination, Financial Assistance (Emergency Relief only).

**HAAG** (Housing for the Aged Action Group)

Home at Last program.

Housing related enquiries: 1300 765 178 Email intake@oldertenants.org.au

#### **Bethany Community Support Geelong West Office**

1/2 Waratah St, Geelong West, VIC 3218

Ph: (03) 5247 2111

Email: info@bethany.org.au

Support for Families, Family and Relationship Counselling, Emergency Relief, Housing Services, Financial Help

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Ph: (03) 5223 9200

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Ph: 1300 428 364 After Hours 1800 627 727

Email: erclient@hhs.org.au

Housing support, Case Coordination, Financial

Assistance (Émergency Relief only).

#### FOOD RELIEF

#### **Drysdale Family Support Food Bank**

Ph: 5253 2099. 276-290 Jetty Rd., Curlewis.

#### **Portarlington Food Assistance**

Ph: 5258 6140. Bellarine Community Health.

39 Fenwick St. Portarlington

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Ocean Grove - Feed Me Bellarine

Ph: 0422 798 791

## Planning for the Future:

Let's be realistic about what lies ahead.

#### Have you registered with:

- My Aged Care. Apply for an assessment online at www.myagedcare.gov.au or phone 1800 200 422. You need to be over 65 and unable to perform certain tasks for yourself.
- - Other community and/or aged care services which provide housing for seniors.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



Drysdale Clifton Springs Curlewis Association

The first moves to establish the present DRYSDALE/CLIFTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION took place in June 1997.

The then SpringDale Community Cottage Committee of Management made its usual call for community ideas on activities to pursue in the coming year. The aim being to develop better communication between members of the local area, and meet any needs community members felt were lacking, in the newly amalgamated City of Greater Geelong.

Three people came up with the suggestion of the need for a combined community action group now that the Rural City of Bellarine no longer existed, and the growing area of Drysdale/Clifton Springs was very much on the outer fringe of City centred ideas and events.

SpringDale was delighted to be part of the exercise and agreed to auspice the set up, and provide the necessary support. A meeting was called in November 1997 to start the ball rolling. A working group was established, and the first Community Meeting was held in June 1998.



Wayne Elliot (Chairman Drysdale/CliftonSprings Community Association) handing over more than 2000 signatures to Heather Wellington protesting the closure of the Customer Service Centre at Drysdale.

Nearly seventy-five people attended, forty-two representing local businesses or organisations.

A committee was elected and projects were selected. It was planned at this time, that The Association would be incorporated in its own right, within twelve months. Sadly, this did not occur.

Over the next twelve months The Association continued to work hard and tackled projects ranging from Christmas Town, establishment of the skate park and lobbying for a 24 hour police station and to keeping the Council Customer Service Centre open and active. (This effort first started with letters dating back to July 1998).

The Association seemed to go into semi recess between 2001 and 2004, and was eventually incorporated in November 2004.

From that point on, the Committee has met monthly, basic administration matters have been put into place, and contact made with other local organisations, Government - both Local and State (and officers of those governments) and Issues and Concerns of the community noted, and listed for action.

Over the years DCSCA has advocated for and created many opportunities for our community - creating the Festival of Glass in 2011, advocated for many local aspirations and in March 2018, changed its name to incorporate Curlewis, becoming the Drysdale Clifton Springs Curlewis Association.

Our Presidents have included: Wayne Elliott, Roger Lavingdale, Doug Carson, Rick Paradise, Mercedes Drummond and Lynne Sutton.

#### DCSCA is holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 13 September 7pm

at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre - all welcome.

RSVP Secretary Anne Brackley phone/text: 0407 529 205

## Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at SpringDale



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

#### Dial 000 and stay on the phone.

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

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

Follow the advice from Ambulance Victoria accordingly.

Further information and links to videos, apps and education on AED's can be found on the Ambulance Victoria website: www.ambulance.vic.gov.au



A recent peaceful Bellarine rally at Edwards Point, St Leonards.

For more information www.protectthebellarine.com DCSCA is committed and active in the

Combined Bellarine Community Associations.







Born and raised on the Bellarine, I understand it's the unique charm of each township, the natural landscapes and our community spirit that make this a wonderful place to live, work and play.

**ff** Lisa Neville has been an incredible local State Member. I will continue that work, by putting the Bellarine community first.

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I am currently filling in for Sergeant Jane ARNOLD whilst she is enjoying the warmth up north. I have been at Portarlington for approximately three weeks and am settling in well, with some much appreciated support from local members and also members from the greater Geelong area. I am usually based over in Ocean Grove and very much enjoy my role over there, but am very much enjoying the change of scenery being at Portarlington.

I would like to give an update regarding the increase in property damage in the Curlewis, Clifton Springs, Drysdale and Portarlington areas. In particular, the increase in graffiti, which I'm sure the community has noticed. Portarlington and Bellarine Police, in conjunction with the COGG, have been investigating these incidents over the last few months, under Operation RISILE. I am pleased to advise that an offender was identified and has been arrested and charged with 87 counts of criminal damage, and we are anticipating that there will be more charges in due course. As police, we recognise that not only does graffiti make areas look untidy, it can also contribute to members of the community feeling unsafe and we will continue to investigate these incidents.

Given we are in the middle of the cold winter months at the moment, generally our crime rates are low on the Bellarine during this time. However, we continue to have incidents of thefts from vehicles. I would like to remind everyone to ensure they lock their vehicles, whether your vehicle is in the driveway, street or garage. Also, please don't leave any valuable items on display in the vehicle, or spare vehicle/house keys or garage remotes. Don't give opportunistic thieves any reason to attempt to or to gain entry to your vehicle. Prevention is better than the cure. We also need your assistance with reporting any suspicious persons, behaviour or vehicles. This can be done by calling your local police station or crime stoppers on 1800 333 000. You can remain anonymous if you chose. As our eyes and ears in the community, you may just be able to provide a piece to the puzzle and enable us to progress investigations and continue to provide a safe community. If you know, see or hear something, say something. I was at Portarlington until the end of August and have enjoyed saying hello to you out in the street. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to call us. Stay safe and look after one another.

Bec WILSON | Acting Sergeant 35126



#### **SpringDale Membership** is \$12 per year or \$100 for whole of life.

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#### Bacon & Cheese **Bread Puddings**

Serves 8 (oven at 180C)

8 bacon rashers, chopped - fry until golden

10-12 slices bread

½ cup chives, chopped

½ cup parsley, chopped

3 spring onions, chopped finely

½ cup ricotta or creamy cheese

½ cup tasty cheese

½ cup Parmesan

800ml milk

8 eggs, lightly beaten

salt & pepper to taste

- Spray 8 ramekins with cooking oil.
- Roughly cut the bread and place in cups.
- Combine herbs, onion together and bacon and cheeses together.
- Scatter on top of bread and repeat.
- Beat milk and eggs together with salt &
- Pour over the bread and allow to stand for about an hour or so.
- May need to top with egg mix, bake for 20-30 minutes.



122 Power Saving Bonuses applied for which will bring \$30,500 to homes on the Bellarine and beyond.

Started 35 courses (equating to 171 sessions) to help skill people in a variety of subjects.

Helped a volunteer get a job.

Helped set up MyGov for 2 people wishing to have Tax Help.

71 volunteers delivered 15,200 SpringDale Messengers across the Bellarine.

Handed out 146 SpringDale Messenger Welcome stickers.

Welcomed a new Dance teacher, who is hiring the hall weekly.

Helped set up MyGov for 2 people wishing to use our Tax Help service.

#### The Bacon Salsa

10 rashers bacon, roughly chopped Roast or Grill the bits of bacon on a tray.

1 can of chopped tomatoes 2 tablespoons honey

10 chives, finely chopped

2-4 pickled Jalapeno chillies, chopped

Juice of 1/2 lemon

Drizzle Extra Virgin Olive Oil

- Oven on 180C
- Prepare a baking dish to roast the tomatoes with a drizzle of honey.
- After 20 minutes add the chives and pickled chillies and bits of bacon.
- Stir well and place back in the oven for another 30 minutes.
- Remove from the oven.
- Add the lemon juice and a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil.
- Store in a jar to ready to use.

Serve on toast with eggs or cheese or any other favourite foods.

## RT Edgar

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#### RFTTHKIUE CAWEBA

A recent competition was 'Autumn'. Thank you to Peter Marin who came out into the cold night to join us and critique our work.

#### **Prints**

A Grade: 1st Rendezvous - Lynne Pearce 2nd Autumn Roadmap - Alex Vaulkenburg 3rd Leaf Alone - Robin Curtis Merit: Softly Falling - Jenny Warren

#### **Electronic Digital Images**

A Grade: 1st Orb Spider - Lynne Bryant: 2nd Autumn Gare - Darren Henry 3rd Last Leaf - Sheridan La Peyre.

B Grade 1st Shedding Leaves - Gordon Barfield 2nd Maple Walk - Gordon Barfield 3rd Added Colour - Gordon Barfield.

Bellarine Camera Club meets at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre 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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## Disability Inclusivity - you too, can take the lead

Inclusive leadership is more than a current buzzword. Inclusive leadership is also not just a set of skills available to workplace employers or managers, it is something we can **ALL** provide. The attributes that make a great inclusive leader can only be harnessed by listening to understand the perspectives, needs, challenges and skills that others possess. But it doesn't stop there – we need to put that acquired knowledge into inclusive action.

At every level of life, we should all be practising and displaying inclusionary behaviour. Diversity Council Australia defines inclusive leadership as the mindsets, knowledge, skills, and behaviours that ensure a diversity of employee perspectives shape and improve an organisation's strategy, work, systems, values, and norms for success. How does that look to those of us that are not in a business setting? How can we shape and improve our local school, playground, restaurant, or gym? How can we improve the lives of our friend, dad, or golf mate and in the process, ourselves?

Inclusive leaders, whether they be friends, retailers, colleagues, or hospitality workers, are aware of the value of hiring, networking, catering to and befriending people with identities and perspectives, different from what is familiar to them. This awareness and genuine non-judgemental curiosity and empathy for another person's unique value to our conversations or hiring strategy or membership base makes a truly inclusive leader.

A disability-inclusive leader could be you or I. It could be an employer who sets quotas

and actively seeks to employ a person with a disability. A sports club proactively ensuring the participation of people with disability and being open to changing outdated rules by working with new skill sets and preferences. Diversity leadership is valuing feedback and hiring a person with a disability to speak to your group or workplace on inclusive practices.

Everyday leadership is simply taking the lead in being a disability ally. My wonderful local book club group make every effort to accommodate not just suitable times for all but venues that work for me. This flexibility also applies in taking a creative approach to a business owner adding a ramp to a venue entrance while maintaining the charm of a bygone (and socially exclusive) era. Inclusive leadership is also being courageous enough to admonish ableist behaviour, such as taunting or rudeness. And we all know how inclusively our inimitable Springdale Messenger Coordinator, Anne Brackley OAM leads.

Disability inclusive leadership is sharing our stories to normalise disability and create an equitable space in our society for every one of us. One of the best things about living in the 21st century, is that we have the education and communication tools to elevate our understanding of the fantastic and valuable diversity within our population. Inclusive leadership embraced by us all makes for a greater society in every way.

#### Leanne





### Bellarine Birdlife

#### Collective Nouns

I understand that a book was printed in 1477 with the title, "A Book of Courtesy". This was designed for the nobility of course, as they were the only ones to be able to read. In the pages, we are able to read about hawking, hunting, heraldry and angling with the appropriate language given. What is so important to modern scholars, is that the books cover the first lists of collective nouns for use by the nobility. Many of the terms are still used today, and by many who aren't quite in that higher class.

Stimulated by my reading as well as enjoying a book gifted to me recently, '101 Collective Nouns', by Jennifer Cousins, I thought that I would see how much knowledge the Springdale Messenger readers have remembering collective nouns of the English language, perhaps first formed in our school days long since gone. Remember some have formed centuries ago, some more recent.

So here is our competition for this month - Collective Nouns. If you know the nature of the birds it sometimes assists. Good luck one and all.

#### Caro

- 1. Name a group of emus
- 2. A group of cockatoos
- 3. A group of pelicans
- A group of owls
- 5. A group of gulls
- 6. A group of geese (on the ground, in the air)
- 7. A group of starlings
- 8. A group of magpies
- 9. A group of wrens
- 10. A group of chickens
- 11. A group of sparrows
- 12. A group of quails
- 13. A group of swallows
- 14. A group of cuckoos
- 15. A group of ravens
- 16. A group of kookaburras
- 17. A group of coots
- 18. A group of rosellas
- 19. A group of swans
- 20. A group of crows

  Answers on page 22



#### On Sale now at SpringDale



Have you seen the Bunyip Lately?

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#### AR WARS

"The trouble with the Rebel Alliance, is that they are trying to create a society where everyone is right."

A chap I met in Drysdale told me that the Empire Tie fighter was his favourite "Star Wars" creation. As the whole thrust of the story rests on the Empire being the so called "bad guys", I pointed out that he had adopted the wrong ship. But he said that he was on the side of the Empire and not the rebels.

Now, all the info. I used to mount the S. W. show, I obtained from a series of books, "The Art Of Star Wars", which I dragged out of an old suitcase full of S.W. literature, previously presented to me by the Springdale office. I have to admit that the S.W. Art books were invaluable in providing me with a badly needed brush up on all things "Star Wars" before planning out the show.

A feature of one of these books, is an imaginary discussion between Luke and Death Vader, about the differences between their respective cultures. During the course of this dialogue D.V. makes the above statement...

"...Create a society where everyone is right..." Interesting...

Consider our current "Western" style of living. Are we, in our apparently unending endeavours to be totally inclusive, in a sense, "over licensing" some forms of antisocial conduct?

Graffiti for instance.

Food for thought. John

#### THE SPRINGS TOWN CLUB Take Off Weight Naturally!



Hello everyone, how are you coping with winter? Are you sitting inside, snuggling up to the heater, or are you going outside in the garden, going for a walk or pursuing some sporting activity regardless of the weather?

Recently we read an article about people above the Arctic Circle where they don't have light for 3-4 months... it's very cold and snowy. Yet they don't suffer from S.A.D. (Seasonal Affective Disorder). It was found that people in the area go outside, dressed for cold conditions - perhaps we should do the same!

What's all this got to do with The Springs TOWN Club? Being active is the best way to feel good and not over-eat. Research tells us that active people feel well and not as hungry as those who usually sit indoors in the cold weather.

Physical activity also gives us endorphins that boost our feel-good feelings. TOWN Club likes to focus on the positive ideas of exercise and nutritious food.

Winter food needs to be nourishing and warming, with lots of vegetables and less carbohydrates. We don't need to end a

meal with a pudding - fresh fruit is a good alternative. Think about the type of food we need to live, and how you can manage that. At The Springs TOWN Club we use group therapy to discuss what food to eat, how much to eat and interesting ways to cook it.

The Springs TOWN Club is a supportive group for people of all ages where they can get help to take-off weight slowly and successfully. Group therapy is a big part of our philosophy. Sessions include sharing practical ideas to help with weight loss, chair exercises and relaxation time. Weekly & monthly awards, and competitions to encourage individual weight loss.

**TOWN (Take Off Weight Naturally) Clubs** have been active In Victoria since 1968. The Springs group has helped people for 22 years. Weekly fees are \$5.00, annual membership is \$51.00.

We invite you to attend a 'free meeting' any Monday to see if the group is right for you.

The Springs TOWN Club meets Mondays 9am-10.30am at Drysdale Community Hub, 23 Eversley Street, Drysdale.

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#### Clifton Springs Garden Club

Gardening is about surprises, and Spring is certainly the time for surprises, with bulbs popping up in places that we can't remember planting them, and plants that were dormant in Winter coming to life, bringing colour where there was none.

Gardening is also about sharing ... Here is where I send a shout out to Mal, for sharing some of his beautiful hellebores with the Garden Club. Mal had been doing a tidy up in his garden and had some excess hellebores, so he thought the Garden Club might make use of them. He was right, we certainly will.

Spring is a good time to shake off the Winter blues and get out into the sunshine, and visit some gardens. In September the Garden Club will be doing a tour of the gardens at Parliament House. Those members attending are really looking forward to this visit as it has been a while in the making.

And in October, we are heading off to Mt Mitchell Estate near Ballarat. This property includes a heritage listed house as well as beautiful gardens.

Spring also means our Annual General Meeting. A short AGM is always followed by a normal meeting, with an interesting speaker. Without Committees, Club's cannot function so it is very important to come along and support your Club at their AGM. There are never any surprises, as no-one is put on the spot to join the Committee, or take on a role. Members are always approached prior to the meeting if there is a vacancy.

We still have three months left in our "gardening" year, so if you would like to keep up to date with what the Garden Club is doing, contact our Secretary Helen, on telephone 5257 2220 or email hma3152@gmail.com.

Photographs - spring in my garden







#### St Leonards Garden Club

Hello Everyone.

The St Leonards Garden Club meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month, at the Memorial Hall, 1342 Murradoc Rd St Leonards. Start time is 1.00pm for a 1.15pm start.

Entry is \$4.00 and Membership is \$10.00 per year. Members are asked to bring along a small plate of afternoon tea.

Another good attendance of members this month which is very pleasing. If you are new to St Leonards, come along to our garden club, make new friends and enjoy an afternoon of guest presentations, great information for the garden and beyond. Why not bring your friends. The more the merrier.

Thank you to Jenny and Malcolm, our guest presenters from Protect the Bellarine. They have a sustainable garden, with wicking tanks for planting plants like vegetables, and plants in the garden that require little water.

Now is the time to spray your fruit trees, peach, nectarine and plum, before the buds appear. Spray with copper oxide to prevent leaf curl. Make sure you drench the branches

to run off. Spray around the base of the trees to kill spores that may be there.

Would you believe Spring is almost here? Bulbs are up, and most of them are flowering. Now is a good time to feed them.

Just a reminder that our Garden Club is having an open garden event on the 29th October (Melbourne Cup week end) we are hoping to have 12 gardens to visit Club members are asked if they would please assist us at the garden gates to take admission money, and assist with the selling of raffle tickets. Admission is only \$10.00 regardless of how many gardens you visit. NOT \$10.00 PER GARDEN. There will be Devonshire Tea for sale at one of the gardens. There will be various types of gardens to visit.

We hope to see you at our next meeting. Stay well, stay warm.

Until next month.

Cheers Wilma McLaren







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The Bellarine Keen-Agers is a local over 50's social Table Tennis Club for women and men based at Marcus Hill Hall. The Club's main aims are to have fun, make friends, be active and enjoy recreational table tennis. The Club currently has around 60 members and is affiliated with Table Tennis Victoria, as well as being sponsored by Rancie Finance, Bendigo Bank, Neville Richards and OPSM Waurn Ponds.

Sessions are held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 12.00pm with a half hour break for morning tea, which gives our members the opportunity to socialise and enjoy each other's company.

The sessions aren't based on any particular skills or ability; it is solely for enjoyment and social interaction, coupled with light exercise. All levels are catered for and beginners are most welcome. Table tennis bats are provided for those who may not have a bat.

The Club would like to invite anyone interested in 'having a go' at table tennis, to come to our 'Come and Try' days, being held from 9am on Tuesday 20 September or Thursday 29 September with a special morning tea provided. If you are interested in coming along on other days, then you are most welcome.

If you would like to come along or learn more, please contact Trevor on 0449 523379, or Leigh on 0418 419522.

We would be very pleased to hear from you.



September is a great month for gardening, getting everything set up for a great summer harvest. Planting seedlings, tending potato plants – this year I have decided to plant many more potatoes due to the joy they brought me last year. I prepared the garden beds for potatoes for many months prior to planting and hopefully this has given them a great start.

My pea plants are producing peas and we love eating them straight out of the pods. These beds may become strawberry beds for the summer season.





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## Memories of Yesteryear

THE BUTCHER FAMILY

Along with majority of Drysdale and Clifton Springs residents who bank with the Commonwealth Bank, I am extremely disappointed with CommBank management's decision to close the only branch apart from Ocean Grove on the Bellarine Peninsula, forcing their many long term and loyal customers to reconsider their banking habits.

I have already defected to the Bendigo Bank and suggest that those who cannot or will not make the trip to Ocean Grove (where parking in the main street is not always easy) will follow my lead and consider doing the same. Perhaps their slogan CAN needs to be changed to CANNED or CANNOT.

As the community has grown we now have fewer banks, with the NAB closing in March this year and WESTPAC abandoning us some years ago, leaving those among us who struggle with or distrust internet banking with no other option than the Bendigo branches in Drysdale, Portarlington or Leopold to do "over the counter" banking which the majority of older residents seem to prefer.

As the new library starts to dwarf it's surrounding, it is interesting to note that the only 19th century building in the town centre is the former NATIONAL Bank building (est 1876), now coincidently the funeral parlour, so as we bury the past let us not forget the towns churches.

The free Presbyterian School (now the Drysdale RSL) opened in 1849, the same year Miss Drysdale and Miss Newcomb moved into "Coriyule", and the Rev. Tuckfield established the WESLEYAN Chapel in Wyndham St, on the land opposite present day Ashworth St. The old timber Chapel was later incorporated into the building that became the home of Bill and Florence Humphrey and family.

The foundation stone for St. James Anglican Church was laid in 1871, and the church was opened in 1872 by the Bishop of Melbourne. The manse on the opposite side of Collins St, is now privately owned.

The original Catholic Church and Presbytery in Wyndham St, has now been incorporated into the Drysdale Aged Care Facility, and St Thomas' Hall (est 1946), which was on the corner of Palmerston St, was demolished to make way for the Aged Care development.

The Methodist (now Uniting) Church in High St, opened in 1888, and the first service was conducted by Rev. James Dodgson, who was the husband of Caroline Newcomb. The minister from 1956 to 1960 was Rev. William (Bill) Higgins whose previous appointments were at





Underbool and Wycheproof in the Mallee. His wife and three children, Daryl, Melville and Marilyn lived in the parsonage next to the church, and when they moved to Wonthaggi, I lost a good friend in Melville who I believe eventually became a teacher, and lived in Eltham. Bill Higgins was eventually replaced by Rev. Trevor Williams another minister who worked for the Church and community. Bill spent his retirement years in Clifton Springs until he passed in 1998 and is buried in the Drysdale Cemetery.

#### **Russell Butcher**











#### **NETBALL** Opportunity

Wondering if there might appetite for social junior netball competition on the Bellarine Peninsula, because at present, there is only the winter AFL Barwon competition on Saturdays.

My aim is to offer a competition after school at Drysdale, and hope it will be more accessible to juniors who would like to play with their friends.

After discussions with Netball Victoria who would oversee the competition -I have created a questionnaire to gauge the interest and demographic that this concept would attract. Find the link here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ GFW8TK6

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

The link to the survey is below.

Jennifer Mordy

Ph: 0419 375 134



#### **Collective Nouns Answers:**

- 1. A mob
- 2. A crackle
- 3. A squadron
- A parliament (I prefer the old collective noun, a wisdom)
- A squabble
- A gaggle (on the ground) A wedge (in the air)
- A murmuration
- A tiding or a mischief (for the magpies

- around my house definitely a mischief of magpies)
- 9. A chime
- 10. A clutch
- 12. A covey
- 13. A gulp
- 14. An asylum
- 15. A conspiracy
- 16. A riot
- 17. A commotion
- 18 A family
- 19. A bevy

- 11. A quarrel

- 20. A murder

# WALK FOR VELLBEIN

#### Walking Together for Mental Health in October

The 'Walk for Wellbeing Event', returns on Sunday October 9th in Portarlington, to coincide with National Mental Health Month. National Mental Health Month October is an initiative to advocate for and raise awareness about mental health. The Walk for Wellbeing aims to bring our local communities together to promote the important place mental health has in our lives and support better health for all.

This will be the fifth year of the event after a few years recess. Previous funds raised through entry donations, have helped support local mental health activities. This year we wish to target raising further funds to sponsor local community participants to become Mental Health First Aiders. This is an educational course to learn practical skills, to support someone with a mental health problem. This kind of help when needed can make a real difference to friends, family members, colleagues and others. About 1 in 5 Australian adults experience a common mental illness each year.

To join us you need to assemble on the foreshore, Pier Street, West Portarlington for an 11 am walk start time. Registration from 10.30 onwards to sign in and your entry is a donation.

We hope to have some entertainment to send you on your way. Participants head along the foreshore trail to complete a leisurely 3km walk from Pier Street to turn around at 4 Boats Ramp. Dogs are welcome on a lead. We invite participants to wear something green, as this is the event's signature colour representing balance, renewal and growth.

Our hope is that mental health becomes no more difficult to talk about than other health issues, free of stigma with support services there when needed. The event's mental health message is "A Problem Shared is a Problem Halved."

We are delighted to be able to invite you to join us for the Walk for Wellbeing 2022. Hope to see you on Sunday 9th October with your walking shoes on for an 11 am event start time.

Event Contact - Julie (5259 3138 or pcam3122@ bigpond.net.au)



#### Trivia Answers 1. Hawk 6. Omega

- The Irish Sea
- Terrible Lizard
- 4. Svria
- 5. Hexagon
- False, it is classed as a fruit
- 8. Tropic of Capricorn 9. James Cameron
- 10. Paris







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A new era for junior girls footy on the Bellarine Peninsula will start in 2023, with the announcement of the 'Peninsula Sharks Football Club', entering AFL Barwon in the junior leagues.

Local clubs Drysdale, Portarlington, Leopold and Queenscliff have fielded various junior girls' teams over the years, but have never been able to get a consistent number of girls to fill all age groups. So, they have all come together, to create this wonderful opportunity for girls to be able to play their whole junior football at the one club, rather than changing clubs to suit age groups. The Sharks will field teams in the Under 12, Under 15 and Under 18 divisions of the Barwon Football League.

Through the hard work of Jenny Decker and Stuart Craven, the Peninsula Sharks were created to become a team of Under 18s in 2020, and in 2021, fill the gap for girls not quite ready to play senior football, as no clubs on the Bellarine had an Under 18's team, but like most things covid quickly put a stop to it.

With Drysdale and Portarlington already having a combined Port Hawks under 12 team and Portarlington debuting an under 15's in 2022, discussions between coaches began to map out the best pathway for local girls footy. Leopold and Queenscliff were approached and the decision was made to come together, and in 2023, the Sharks will finally get to play their first game.

Because of the nature of the team, girls will become or stay members of their local club, and will be given a permit to play for the Sharks.

Current coaches Pete Evans, Harley Soall, Adam Shawcross and Glenn Smethurst, have already committed to coaching teams in 2023, and we are still looking for an Under 18's coach, assistant coaches and any other volunteers that may be interested in helping out.

Anyone interested in getting involved please email the Sharks coordinator Glenn Smethurst at peninsulasharksfootballclub@gmail.com or follow us on our socials to keep up to date with all thing's sharks related.

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#### The Bellarine **Wanderers**

We've welcomed several new members this month and enjoyed a range of walks.

We've walked around the Clifton Springs Waterholes and also along the Dell beach area plus at Barwon Heads around the Headland and also alongside the River and around the St Leonards lake and beach.

Our walks are on Thursday mornings starting at 9.30am and are usually for about 80 minutes and generally follow minor tracks.

We will continue to explore our region and its fauna and flora (and coffee shops) and welcome new members

If interested please contact SpringDale 5253 1960.

## Calling for Walkers

Do you need a reason to walk? Would you like to help deliver our well-loved and read SpringDale Messenger? Perhaps you could share it in your Street?

Join a team of almost 70 people helping to deliver the SpringDale Messenger across the North Bellarine. Could you spare one or two hours a month? Join our Fitness with Purpose activity.

Please let SpringDale office know if you would like to help us out in this time of need. Email office@springdale.org.au or ph 5253 1960.





Our group has met 3 times and every meeting so far we have welcomed new members and focused our intentions and learnt a little more. We are seeking assistance from City of Greater Geelong and hope to be able to report next month about our next steps.

Footpaths are so important to connect neighbourhoods, enable active transport to and from shops and activities, encourage better health outcomes through improving fitness and so many other reasons to have footpaths in our environment.

We meet on the last Monday each month 7pm at SpringDale. Please register your interest in this advocacy project. Ph 5253 1960

**Anne Brackley** 

for the Footpaths for Health group

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