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Clifton Springs Primary Science Academy Excels at First Lego League: Building Robots, Solving Real-World Problems, and Winning 'Breakthrough' Award

Recently, the Clifton Springs Primary Science Academy made the trip to Werribee to compete in the Western Districts final of the First Lego League. The First Lego League is a worldwide competition for teams of students aged to 9-16 to engage in research, problem-solving, coding and engineering - building and programming a LEGO robot that navigates the missions of a robot game. As part of Challenge, teams also participate in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem.

We have been preparing for this competition all year but only received the final challenge at the beginning of term. We have been feverishly building and programming our robot, preparing our innovation project and putting it all together to present to the panel of judges. The competition was held at the Wyndham Tech School with 20 other primary schools from the Western side of Melbourne.

This was our first experience of the competition and under the guidance of our coach Mr. Smith and with a lot of time during spent during lunches and before school, we were able to finish sixth out of 21 schools. For the robot game we had 3 rounds to get our best score and on our last round managed to score 170

points. There were only 40 points separating the top teams and us, next year we are hoping to do even better.

Our research project challenge was to invent a new way to share and encourage people to participate in a hobby. We all like riding bikes so we thought about some of the problems that kids face when getting out and about on their bikes. After surveying other students, the biggest problems were not being allowed to go out by themselves and being afraid to ride too far away from home. We developed the idea of an app that anybody could use to explore bike rides in different places without leaving their home. The app would use virtual reality technology and 360-degree videos to allow people to explore places they might not be able to in real life. We called our app vRider.

We were all excited and proud of our efforts and although we finished sixth, we were given the "Breakthrough" award as the team that showed the most improvement throughout the competition. Thank you to the First Lego League for this awesome experience and Mr. Smith for your guidance throughout the year.

Clifton Springs Primary School Science Academy



Students in Year 5/6 STEM Academy



DEC 23 - JAN 24

Community Calendar

SpringDale Community Calendar is a SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre initiative to support the whole community. If you wish to place your event in the calendar and further issues of The SpringDale Messenger please email, write or call the event details to our office.

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

SpringDale Office closed from Friday 22nd till Monday 22nd January 2023

December 2023

Saturday	2	Harvest Basket Produce Swap 9-10:30am at SpringDale Free replacement anti-theft number plates screws at SpringDale car park 9-11am (weather permitting) Felting Group 10am-3pm at SpringDale - Last for 2023
Sat-Sun	2-3	The Addams Family - The Musical - Potato Shed- Sat 1pm & 3pm - Sun 3pm
Monday	4	Kinship Carers 10am-1pm at SpringDale FREE Child Car Restraint Fitting and Safety Check. 10am-2pm Car park next to SpringDale SpringDale hosting Christmas Lunch
Tuesday	5	Friendly cuppa and chat 10:30-11:30am at SpringDale Issi Dye Special Christmas Show - 10.30am - Potato Shed
Wednesday	6	2024 Potato Shed Season Launch - 6.30pm
Sunday	10	12x12 Plays - 2pm - Potato Shed
Monday	11	Dining Group Meeting at SpringDale 6pm New Pickleball Facility Opening at Clifton Springs Bowling Club
Tuesday	12	SpringDale hosting Christmas Dinner (Booking essential please) 12x12 Plays - 7pm - Potato Shed
Thursday	14	SpringDale hosting Christmas Lunch (Booking essential please)
Friday	15	Christmas at the Shed - Potato Shed
Sunday	17	Stand Up For Seniors - 2pm - Potato Shed
Wednesday	20	SpringDale hosting Christmas Lunch (Booking essential please)
Friday	22	SpringDale Closes for Holiday Season - reopening 22 January 24
Monday	25	Christmas Day
Tuesday	26	Boxing Day

Reminder Bookings & copy required by 1 December for the February 2024 issue

January 2024

Monday	1	New Year's Day
Monday	8	Festival of Glass Launch
Tue-Fri	16-19	Mother Goose - 10.30am & 1.30pm - Potato Shed
Monday	22	SpringDale reopens
Friday	26	Australia Day

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 of SpringDale and the Bellarine

Much of what I do in life is in partnership with someone else, another group or organization, thus partnerships are super important to me. I have found that the best partnerships are built on very small, positive, interactions. Being consistent with word and deed, setting a good example and not asking someone to do things I wouldn't be prepared to do, all seem to set the partnership up for success.

All the volunteers, who write for the Messenger are in partnership with us. Providing stories of hope and activity for community members to enjoy, they inform and invite, bringing stories to our attention, for all of us to be inspired or to attend. *Thank you for your writings and pictures for another year of articles for our community.*

All the advertisers, who pay to ensure that the SpringDale Messenger remains a free magazine, through their support and ensuring our community are aware of the services available to them in their local area. *Thank you for supporting the community through your support of the SpringDale Messenger.*

Our staff and volunteers at SpringDale, who do so many things to help so many in our community every day. The care, with which we approach every situation, the enthusiasm with which we give to all people and all situations, that need our attention, and the support we give to each other is all appreciated. *Thank you to everyone who supports SpringDale in its ambition to support our community.*

The 3 levels of Government, other funding partners and networks of which we are members, we work with you all to meet the needs of our community and deliver

projects that have been funded, and many that we fund through donations, to support our community in the wide range of ways that we are asked to help, or a see a need to provide help for people to not only survive, but to thrive. *Thank you to our funders and supporters.*

By having clear communication, it is easy to build a good partnership. By saying what you will do and doing what you say, helps to build good partnerships. By being fair in your contribution, and not expecting the partnership to be one sided, as that will never provide a sustainable partnership. By listening more than talking, and only saying things that are really important to be said, I find helps to support and build good partnerships and achieve far more than one could ever do alone.

I calculate that SpringDale has more than 150 partnerships if we include all the people and organisations listed above, which I do. Then there is every relationship we have with all our members and students who regularly attend SpringDale, and then our community members who visit every now and then. We try to build a good relationship with you, to meet you where you are, and to help you down the path you are on. *Thank you for allowing SpringDale to be part of your life. This extends our partnership / relationship number to approximately 1000+ each year.*

Looking forward to seeing you during the rest of 2023 or as we start 2024 - an Olympic year, a leap year and my 20th year as Coordinator of SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. Thank you for allowing me to have this special role for so many years.

Kind regards

Anne Brackley OAM for Team SpringDale



CHRISTMAS MEALS

Thanks to many people for volunteering to help make meals for Christmas and thanks to those people who have said they would like to attend. We are now firming up our dates and would love to hear from people who might still be able to help and especially people who might like to share a meal.

Our dates so far are:

Monday 4 Dec Lunch, Tues 12 Dec Dinner, Thurs 14 Lunch, Wed 20 Dec Lunch and if you would like to book in for a meal, help prepare and stay on a meal, take a meal home or pick up a meal or two. If you would like to donate an ingredient or perhaps washup.

There will be room for everyone. Please email office@springdale.org.au or ring 5253 1960.

Christmas meals sponsored by a City of Greater Geelong 2023-24 Community Investment and Support Fund



New Courses

Making Christmas Cards with Jan

We made jam and chutney earlier in the year, now we are making cards with Jan. Enjoy a fun afternoon creating with Jan.

Instructor: Jan Ward

Date/time: Mon 4 or 11 Dec 2-4pm

Fees: \$5 conc free

Chocy Christmas Balls

Grain free treats for your Christmas table.

Instructor: Christine Ciancio

Date/time: Thurs 7 Dec 1-3pm

Fees: \$40 conc \$20

Finding your Ikigai

Instructor: Kathy Henschke

Date/time: Mon 11 Dec 10am-12noon

Fees: \$25 conc \$20

Quit Smoking in one hour

Tony is an experienced Clinic Hypnotherapist who has helped over 2000 people quit smoking in just one hour.

Instructor: Tony Ahearne

Date/time: Wed 13 Dec 10-11am

Fees: \$100 conc \$50



Friendly Cuppa & Chat

Tuesday 5 Dec 10.30-11.30am

Come & chat at SpringDale - RSVP 5253 1960



The SpringDale Lunch Bunch are going to SpringDale Wednesday 20 December 12noon. **Bookings essential.** Please call SpringDale on 5253 1960 to reserve your spot.



SpringDale Dining group are going to SpringDale Tuesday 12 December 6pm. **Bookings essential.** Please call SpringDale on 5253 1960 to reserve your spot.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"There is no path to happiness; happiness is the path."

Buddha

Anne Brackley - Quote curator

Alison Marchant
Member for Bellarine



SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Grant

It is very exciting to see SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre receive a \$50,000 grant to support the hardworking staff and volunteers to continue providing services the Drysdale and greater Bellarine community needs.

The SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre has brought locals together to meet, socialise and learn new skills through education, training and community connection opportunities, along with a range of support services in a comfortable, friendly and accessible environment.

This grant supports the centre to do what they do best - help local families and members of the community when they need it, close to home.



The SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre offers invaluable support to the Bellarine community, and I am immensely grateful to Anne Brackley and all the staff and volunteers who play a powerful role in building strong communities.

Neighbourhood and community houses do a fantastic job across our state in promoting a sense of belonging, reducing social isolation and offering educational opportunities. The

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre is run by the community, for the community and I'm excited to see them receive this grant so they can continue their great work.

Holiday Season

As we come into December, I'd like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. As the weather warms up, I remind you to be safe along our waterways, and take extra care on the road as the Bellarine fills with visitors. We know many make the trip to our region to experience our beautiful coastlines and local businesses, but we want everyone to get home safe.

If you are just starting your Christmas shopping, I encourage you to shop local first. Enjoy our local environment, take a trip on the Portarlington or Queenscliff ferries, or treat yourself at one of our fantastic cafes or restaurants. There's so much to discover right near home!

I also wish to acknowledge that Christmas can be a difficult time for some. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office. There is local food-relief support (Feed Me Bellarine 0422 798 791), free mental health support (Geelong and Queenscliff Mental Health and Wellbeing Local 1800 573 151) and community services such as Orange Door (23-25 Palmerston Street, Drysdale) or Lifeline (13 11 14) that can help.

I do hope you enjoy the holiday season with friends and family and I look forward to continuing to work hard for you into 2024.



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📱 📷 📺 Alison Marchant - Member for Bellarine

POTATO SHED

Well here we are December already! we still have lots of entertainment to see out the year at the Potato Shed.

To start the month, we have the very last morning showtime for 2023!! Get into the Christmas spirit with the one and only **Mr Issi Dye** who will present a very **Special Christmas Show** with sing-a-longs and some great Christmas tunes to see you into the busy festive season.

Speaking of the seasons - it is that time of year when we launch the next season of events and performances... we only have a few spots left at the **official launch** on Wednesday the 6th of December from 6pm. Don't panic as the **2024 Season booklet** and Web pages will be updated and ready for holiday reading - and let us just say 2024 is going to be a big year at the Shed.

Our great supporters and local theatre group, **Theatre 3triple2** will present their annual shot play festival with the **12 x 12** short plays! Twelve plays that are twelve minutes or less on the 12th day of the 12th Month. These plays have become so popular that a special matinee edition is now part of the presentation - So you have two changes to get to see these original and very entertaining works. Sunday the 10th of December at 2pm and then Tuesday the 12th at 7pm.

Our small celebration of Christmas returns

on December 15th with the free film screening of **Home Alone** - come along to this free event grab some popcorn, have a couple of sing-a-longs and meet Santa. This is a bookings essential event, and a few spots are still available!

Seeing out the month and just before the big day we have a new and fun event - **Stand Up for Seniors** - a fun afternoon of comedy, stories even a couple of songs - and guaranteed to be a very un-Christmas event! Join Colin Mockett OAM and some of his best friends as they guide you through an afternoon of laughs - and some afternoon tea also... a great way to see out the year! Sunday the 17th at 2pm.

And that's a wrap for the year that was 2023 - what a fast one - it was non stop with entertainment coming at you from the Potato Shed - we would like to wish everyone a great Christmas, and celebration for the year that was - we loved seeing you back at the venue and we look forward to meeting a whole stack of new people in 2024 - take care and again thank you for your ongoing support!

January sees the return of **Mother Goose** - this delightful gaggle of short stories and songs will have you laughing and singing along with the theatre 3222 for kids crew - Another sure fire fun way to spend some holiday time - two shows daily from Jan 16th to 19th - one not to miss

POTATO SHED

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WHAT'S ON

POTATO SHED

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12 x 12 PLAYS



SUN 10 DEC 2PM
TUES 12 DEC 7PM ALL TICKETS \$25

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By Mayor Trent Sullivan

We were very excited to open the new North Bellarine Aquatic Centre this month.

This project has been a long time coming, so it's fantastic to finally see it operating.

The doors were thrown open on 5 November for a free open day, to allow everyone to have a look at experience the first stage of the wonderful new facility.

It features:

- An outdoor eight-lane 50-metre pool
- Kiosk with outdoor seating; and
- Shaded tiered seating and landscaped lawn areas.

The centre becomes part of our Swim, Sport and Leisure (SSL) network, meaning existing SSL members have reciprocal rights.

The first stage works were possible thanks to a \$10 million investment from the federal government and \$5.5 million from the Council.

There is obviously a larger component still to come.

Designs for stage two, featuring indoor aquatic facilities, have been approved.

Thanks again to the Community Advisory Panel - and to the wider Drysdale community

- for their valuable input into the concept design.

We can be confident, that when complete, the North Bellarine Aquatic Centre will support all members of the community for many years to come.

It will be able to host swimming carnivals, learn to swim lessons and other aquatic programs, while providing an array of public meeting space and multi-purpose activity areas.

Stage two includes:

- An eight-lane 25-metre pool
- Warm water pool, to host learn to swim classes
- Café and social space
- Gymnasium and group exercise studio/s; and a
- Changing places changeroom.

The significant works have the support of \$20 million each from the state and federal governments.

Council is set to provide up to \$300,000 for additional capital expenses.

For more information on the centre visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/nbac

FOOTPATHS FOR HEALTH

What a wonderful experience I had on Monday! I wistfully mentioned to Anne Brackley, that I would have loved to be able to become a member of the new North Bellarine Aquatic Centre (NBAC).

I wished I could visit regularly, to enjoy a swim for both pleasure and exercise, but unfortunately my only means of transport is my mobility scooter, and I believed that it would be too hazardous for me to attempt to navigate my way to the NBAC.

Immediately a fantastic journey began for me! Moments after my thoughts were uttered, I was presented with printouts of operational hours, fees, accessibility and membership details, then whisked away to explore the route.

I was so excited to discover that it is possible to travel almost all the way from SpringDale by footpath. There is only a short stretch of grassed area in front of the railway station, and one major crossing of the highway being a little difficult to negotiate - but doable! As Anne pointed out where paths joined, and finally met up with the concrete bridge across the retention basin in the north east corner of the Drysdale Sporting Precinct, then a safe crossing to the Aquatic Centre, I was so thrilled that she had shown me my wish can really come true!

Thank you so much Anne

Glenys of Drysdale

Photo courtesy of June Hansen



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2. Myki card purchase and top ups can happen at Drysdale News agency, High Street Drysdale.

SpringDale has a selection of timetables for PTV Buses across the Bellarine and the Vline train service Geelong to Melbourne. We also have Port Phillip Ferry Timetables as well.

Hoping this information might help to make your summer happier on the Bellarine.

Anne Brackley OAM for Team SpringDale,
17-21 High Street, Drysdale, 3222
Phone 5253 1960

Thank you so much to everyone who has been part of our group this year, whether you have come to stay, or just come to find out what we're doing.

Thank you to the clubs and organisations that have given me the opportunity to speak to their members about the housing issues being faced by older women, and thank you to those who have made offers of help and donations to assist those who've needed a little hand up.

It's been a productive time, and as the year draws to an end, we are busy exploring another possibility of funding and assistance which has just presented itself.

This year we've continued to look at a number of possible solutions to the housing crisis for women over 55, on the Bellarine, and we've had some interesting guests join us from time to time. At our last meeting, Alison Marchant MP came along with Linda Tonkin to hear about the options we've looked at, and the obstacles that we find in the way of pursuing these options. We'll be keeping in touch with Alison, and hope that she will be able to assist us in the future.

Carolyn wrote about our trip to Castlemaine in the last Messenger, and we are still looking into the many things that need to be "sorted" and worked out, if we are to pursue this model of Co-housing for women. We've also looked at a more modest version of Co-housing which is being achieved in Queensland, through Sharing With Friends (www.sharingwithfriends.org). This organisation provides smaller co-housing communities of up to 5 accommodation units, built around a community hub. This requires smaller parcels of land. and a smaller budget, but still a great deal of planning.

We are excited about what the future holds, and looking forward to making further progress in the New Year.

We wish you all a wonderful, hope filled Christmas,

Dianne Bennett 0422 146 604

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A Christmas Mission Statement

I wonder what Christmas meant to you as a child. What do you want it to mean for you (and your family) now? When you are juggling the gifts, the parties, the gatherings, the graduations; all the needs and wants of everyone around you, it can be challenging to stay true to your real Christmas intention.

Organisations, businesses, and startups often create a "mission statement", to help stay focused on their goals and connect with their original "why". Having a mission statement can help with problem solving and decision making by providing a scaffold and a means to bring choices back to intention. So why not make a Christmas Mission Statement for your family this year.

1. Brainstorm

Gather your family and talk about what Christmas is to each one of you.

- What do we do at Christmas that makes it feel special?
- How do we make a difference to other people at Christmas?
- How do you want to feel at Christmas?
- What has felt really good in Christmases past?
- What has been stressful and could be avoided?
- What are your expectations around presents, gifts, giving and receiving?
- How could we make an impact on others this Christmas?

2. Sort your ideas into a mind map, of traditions, intentions, and values (and budget)

Be open to crossing things out, reinventing old ideas, creating new ones, and keeping things simple!



3. Write your mission Statement

You may like to use a template such as:

"This Christmas we will.... (do/goal) by... (actions/how) for... (audience) so... (impact).

e.g. "This Christmas we will celebrate love, kindness and family connection by cherishing traditions and creating memories with family and friends, so we can all feel calm joy and gratitude."

(We will strike a balance between enjoying the festivities, spreading goodwill, and respecting our financial stability.)

Otherwise design your own:

e.g. "Christmas at our house is about making time and effort for family and friends. Our gifts are small, thoughtful, and gentle to the environment. We make an effort to connect with each other and practice kindness and gratitude throughout the season."

4. Make it Visual

Write it up and put it somewhere you can refer to when making decisions about Christmas. Decorate it and share it with the rest of your friends and family.

5. Use it

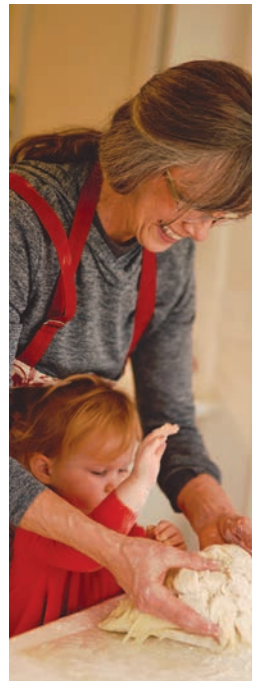
When Christmas blindsides you, or gets a little off track, you can return to this statement and use it to clarify decisions and necessities.

Encourage your family to remember what the intention of Christmas is, and offer a clear way to keep grounded and calm this season.

May your Christmas Mission be joyful and kind this year. Wishing you a safe and healthy Christmas,

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Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to Rotary members. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centres, and training facilities in underserved communities, struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Providing clean water: Rotary has worked with partners to provide more than 80 percent of Ghana's people with clean water, to fight Guinea worm disease.

Reducing HIV infection: In Liberia, Rotary members are helping women get tested for HIV early in their pregnancies. They used prenatal care to reduce new HIV infections in children, by 95 percent over two years.

Ending polio: Rotary members have played a key role in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. Their efforts have not only ended polio in 122 countries but also created a system for tackling myriad other health priorities, such as Ebola.

Bellarine North Rotary Club

Caroline Rickard - 0408 989 221
Publicity/Membership Director



Rotary Members at the opening of North Bellarine Aquatic Centre opening day.



Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers

What an exciting and interesting time 2023 has been for lots of our Carers.

Sadly, our numbers now stand at 72 families and well over 150 children ranging in ages from 12 months to over 18 years of age.

Each and every family has the same story, but different circumstances and names. The most common thread in each story is the use of illicit drugs by the parents of the children in our care.

We as kinship carers do the what we can, to support the children in our care - but at times that task is beyond all the love and care we can provide. As kinship carers, we just keep going.

As the festive season is too fast approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our local community for your heartfelt generous donations that have been left at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre for the children and Carers of Bellarine Kinship Carers.

Many donations are left without names and phone numbers, so to all those wonderful anonymous people from the bottom of our hearts, a big thank you.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you, our local community, a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2024.

Jeanette Hanley-Heath 0414 308 257

Jetty Road Urban Growth Area Stage 2

City of Greater Geelong has given notice of Planning Scheme Amendment C387ggee. The land affected is bounded by Jetty Road, Portarlington Road, McDermott Road and Port Phillip Bay in Curlewis. This area has been known as Jetty Road Urban Growth Area Stage 2 and has been talked about for almost 20 years.

Any person may make a submission to the planning authority about the amendment.

Closing date for submissions is Monday 18 December 2023.



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Instructor: A number of show Stewards & Judges
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New - Gelli Printing

Learn to make papers for collage, card making and other mixed media art with Gelli Printing.

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A studio based program for people of all abilities

Instructor: Celia Adams
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The starter or restarter course. An introductory or refresher course using drawing media for adults.

Instructor: Annette Playsted
Dates/times: Tues 30 Jan - 19 Mar 1-3pm
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Dates/times: Mon 29 Jan - 25 Mar 1-3.30pm
Fee: \$160 or **Conc** \$85 (8 sessions)

Advanced Art Workshop - Develop the Artist Within

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This will be a workshop full of experimental processes

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Instructor: Peta Henshelwood
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Self-publishing

In this course, you will learn how to self-publish.

Instructor: Dr Laurent Boulanger
Dates/times: Fri 22 Mar 10am-12noon
Fee: \$35 or **Conc** \$30

Edit Your Fiction

Have you finished your novel or short story and wish to make it better details.

Instructor: Dr Laurent Boulanger
Dates/times: Fri 1 & 15 Mar 10am-12noon
(2 sessions)
Fee: \$55 or **Conc** \$45

Write, produce & distribute your feature film

In this class, you will learn what it takes to write, produce, direct and distribute your film idea

Instructor: Dr Laurent Boulanger
Dates/times: Fri 16 & 23 Feb 10am-12noon
(2 sessions)
Fee: \$55 or **Conc** \$45

Cards with Lizzy

Let's get crafty with cards.

Instructor: Lizzy Free
Dates/times: Wed 31 Jan - 27 Mar 1.30-3.30pm
Fee: \$5 per session (9 Weeks)

Textiles

Teenage Sewing Classes

Learn to sew.
Instructor: Denise Kent
Dates/times: Sat 10 Feb, 24 Feb, 23 Mar
10am-12noon
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Things I wish my Grandmother taught me

Sewing buttons on-with a thread 'shank' when needed, darning a hole, rather than tossing it out

Instructor: Denise Kent
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The Language of Sewing Patterns

Learn to enjoy it. All brands of sewing patterns.

Instructor: Denise Kent
Dates/times: Thurs 22 Feb 10-11.30am
Fee: \$10 - Bookings essential

Sustainable Wardrobe Workshop

Learn how to update or upcycle a garment.

Instructor: Denise Kent
Dates/times: Thurs 21 Mar 10am-12noon
Fee: \$20 or **Conc** \$10 Booking essential

Stitch, don't ditch

Use slow stitching and visible mending to bring damaged and worn clothes back to life

Instructor: Claire Duffy
Dates/times: to be advised
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Music

NEW - Beginners Harmonica

Would you like to learn how to play that harmonica in your drawer? This course maybe for you.

Instructor: Jack Meredith
Dates/times: Thurs 1 Feb - 21 Mar 10am-11am
Fee: \$90 or **Conc** \$80

Beginners Ukulele

Come and start your ukulele journey with us. Learn a few chords and strumming techniques and get started making music.

Instructor: Jan Paradise
Dates/times: Tues 6 Feb - 26 Mar 1-2pm
Fee: \$90 or **Conc** \$80

Beginners Guitar Playing

For players with no guitar knowledge at all.

Instructor: Dr Laurent Boulanger
Dates/times: Thur 1 Feb - 21 Mar 1pm - 2pm
Fee: \$110 or **Conc** \$100

Intermediate Guitar Playing

For players who have a knowledge of basic open chords and strumming

Instructor: Dr Laurent Boulanger
Dates/times: Thur 1 Feb - 21 Mar 2pm - 3pm
Fee: \$110 or **Conc** \$100

Electric Guitar Playing

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Instructor: Dr Laurent Boulanger
Dates/times: Thur 1 Feb - 21 Mar 3pm - 4pm
Fee: \$110 or **Conc** \$100

Five-String Banjo - Level 1

Complete beginners.

Instructor: Steve Williams
Dates/times: Tues 6 Feb - 26 Mar 9.45-10.45am
Fee: \$200 or **Conc** \$150 (8 weeks)

Five-String Banjo - Level 2

You can already play a forward roll and G, C and D7 chords.

Instructor: Steve Williams
Dates/times: Tues 6 Feb - 26 Mar 10.45-11.45am
Fee: \$200 or **Conc** \$150 (8 weeks)

Five-String Banjo - Level 3

You've been picking three-finger banjo for a few months and can play simple tunes in the key of G,

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Acoustic Jam Session

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Languages

Introduction to French Level I

This course is designed exclusively for individuals devoid of any prior knowledge in French.

Instructor: Dr Laurent Boulanger
Dates/times: Tues 6 Feb - 26 Mar 9.15-10.15am
Fee: \$90 or **Conc** \$80

Introduction to French Level II

This course caters to students who possess a rudimentary understanding of the French language.

Instructor: Dr Laurent Boulanger
Dates/times: Tues 6 Feb - 26 Mar 10.15-11.15am
Fee: \$90 or **Conc** \$80

French

Designed for enthusiasts of the French language.

Instructor: Serge Botans
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A practical information session to help you try or get started Pole Walking.

Instructor: Anne Brackley
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Instructor: Emilia Kurek
Dates/times: Tues 30 Jan - 26 Mar 10-11am
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Tai Chi for Health - continuing

Instructor: Emilia Kurek
Dates/times: Tues 30 Jan - 26 Mar 9-10am
Fee: \$3 per session

Yoga

Join our group of yogis on a journey to more calm and flexibility.

Instructor: Marta Cwiek
Materials: Bring your own mat & blanket if required.

Venue: SpringDale
Dates/times: Mon 29 Feb - 25 Mar 9-10.30am

8 weeks **Fee:** \$140 or **Conc** \$130
OR Thurs 1 Feb - 21 Mar 6-7.30pm 8 weeks

Fee: \$140 or **Conc** \$130
\$25 per session if paying for single sessions



Clifton Springs Garden Club

What a wonderful year our Club has had. After the past few years of COVID interruptions, it has been so heartwarming to see our members out and about at both meetings and enjoying our fabulous outings arranged by Keith. We look forward to a bigger and better year in 2024.

The last month was busy month for the Club, as we held our last meeting for the year, with Rob McLure, The Bromeliad Society of Victoria our speaker. I have a large collection of Bromeliads in my garden so I was most interested in what he had to say. A mini bus load of us enjoyed a trip to Blackwood Ridge Gardens near Trentham and our annual Christmas luncheon which was well attended, at the Portarlington Golf Club. Our final outing for 2023 is to The Heights Geelong. The Club meets next the first Monday in February 2024.

After a very worrying slow start, we ended up having a very successful plant sale, with a few plants left over, that we were able to sell at one of the gardens that the Portarlington Garden Club had.



I would like to thank everyone who helps make our annual plant sale successful, especially Lorraine and Colleen, both non members, and Bellarine Landcare Nursery, who donated plants to us. Also, SpringDale Neighbourhood House and Drysdale Uniting Church, who every year are great support and finally all our members who contribute in some way towards making the day successful. A great team effort.

During these troubled times both at home and overseas and on behalf of the Clifton Springs Garden Club, we wish you all a safe and happy Christmas, spent with family and friends. Stay safe, stay healthy, stay happy and we look forward to seeing some of you in 2024.



If you would like to keep up to date with what is happening in the Clifton Springs Garden Club, you might like to go on our mailing list. Contact our Secretary Helen, on telephone 5257 2220 or email hma3152@gmail.com for further information.



Making my Home more Sustainable

- Part 8

A few more steps in my upgrades but always check on the risks, safety aspects and practicality before starting.

My two heating / air conditioners have been installed.

It was a quick and clean installation and the paperwork (re grants) went smoothly. I'm now using minimal gas - just for the gas hob so the next stage will be to install an induction cooktop and then no gas connection fee of approx \$375 / year and also an annual home insurance saving of \$50.

There are also associated health benefits resulting from gas leaks and the chemicals generated by burning fossil gas (mostly methane) and reduced risks from fires and burns. My grand-daughters are surprised how hot the hob and the pans get when cooking on gas (compared to induction) and how they stay "burning" hot for quite a while and also how much easier it is to control the heat level on the induction cooker. It is also cheaper to cook using induction rather than gas due to the much higher efficiency (lower heat losses).

As the temperature increases one may need to try and keep at least one room coolish which may involve improvements to reduce leaks and avoid heat penetration.

We are holding a Q&A session at SpringDale Centre Friday 8 December 7pm to discuss sealing products, insulation, double glazing and other ways to make a home more pleasant and liveable both in summer and in winter (and save money along the way). Please advise Anne at SpringDale if you would like to attend.

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Bellarine Show News

At the Bellarine Show, we have so many areas where you can enter and showcase your handy work, whether it's in the Cookery section, Photography, Gardening, showing your Sheep Fleece, Art and Handcrafts to name a few.

We also have all the Victoria Agricultural Shows, (VAS) competitions for you to enter.

There are 18 classes that may interest you including the Horse, Cookery, Photography, and Handcrafts. If you win a VAS competition, (congratulations if you do!) it allows you to then go on and compete in the Western Region of Victoria group competitions, where if you win again, it allows you to go onto the state competitions. These may be held at the Melbourne Royal Show, or the VAS State level competitions.

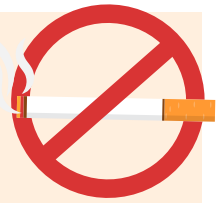
So, get your creative hat on and think about which areas interest you and start the preparations for all the competitions at the Bellarine Show. The Schedule is out now for you collect at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre.

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Instructor: Tony Ahearne **Date/time:** Wed 13 Dec 10-11am **Fees:** \$100

Dinner at Feed Me Bellarine

Thanks to Lana, a Founder of Feed Me Bellarine, for informing the SpringDale Dining Group, when we visited recently about all their good works including the thousands of meals delivered weekly.



The Wish Group

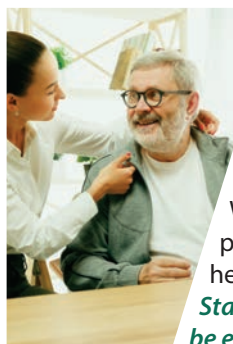
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The latest competition was an open subject with a wide range of entries from macro, to landscapes, birds and plants, abstracts and some fabulous still life creations. The competition was judged by Mark Bloot'Hoofd. Mark gave an interesting critique of all images and engaged members by asking about their vision and creative processes. The club appreciates the work Mark put into judging the large number of diverse entries.

It was an interesting night once again and we hope our three visitors also enjoyed the evening.

Prints - A Grade:

- 1st: Jim Den Ouden - Honey Eater
- 2nd: Daryl Haywood - Abstract Reflection
- 3rd : Stan Coath - In Sync
- Merit: Daryl Haywood - Space Between Buildings
- Merit: Neil Smith - Magic Blue Cup

Prints - B Grade:

- 1st: Rob Peck - Better Luck in Town
- 2nd: Debbie Hallows - Autumn
- 3rd : Lynn Cornell - Tessellation
- Merit: Debbie Hallows - Challenge

EDIs - A Grade:

- 1st: Jim Den Ouden - Blue Dragonfly
- 2nd: Jim Den Ouden - On the Prowl
- 3rd: Kevin Robley - Beware

EDIs - B Grade:

- 1st: Rob Peck - Foggy Forest Romance
- 2nd: Geoff Gaskill - Dark City at Dawn
- 3rd : Geoff Gaskill - Spooning
- Merit: Debbie Hallows - Along the Great Ocean Road



Image of the Competition:
Jim Den Ouden - Honey Eater



All images which received a placing are available for viewing on the club website. Bellarine Camera Club meets at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre at 7.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. For further details see www.bellarinecameraclub.org.au New members and visitors are very welcome.



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SpringDale Trivia Mega Christmas Special Edition by Drysdale Girl Guides

1. What does Santa's belly shake like?
2. Which Christmas carol includes these lines: "The stars in the sky / Look down where He lay / The little Lord Jesus / Asleep on the hay"?
3. What country has the tradition of filling children's clogs with treats and candies on December 5th?
4. Where would a tree skirt typically be placed at Christmas time?
5. What colour outfit does the Elf on a Shelf typically wear?
6. According to the Bible, what is the name of the town where Jesus was born?
7. Which form of poultry is a popular choice in English speaking countries as an option for Christmas dinner.
8. Elvis isn't going to have a white Christmas; he's going to have a ...?
9. Factoring in time differences, which city does Santa visit first, Wellington (New Zealand), Paris (France), or New York (United States of America)?
10. In which country has it become traditional to celebrate Christmas with KFC
11. Which Australian singer wrote a Christmas song about the preparation of Gravy?
12. In 2023, Hannukah will be celebrated between which two dates in December?
13. What colour is the Grinch?
14. Why does Santa need Rudolph's help to deliver presents in Rudolph the Red nosed Reindeer?
15. In "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what is given on the fourth day?
16. Who portrayed the role of Ebenezer Scrooge in the movie the Muppet Christmas Carol
17. Which popular Christmas food has a long shelf-life (hint, they are often sold in Australia by the Lions as a fundraiser)?
18. Which Christmas song contains the lyrics "Gone away is the bluebird, here to stay is a new bird"?
19. Which poem was the first publication to mention Santa's reindeer?
20. What drink and snack are commonly left out for Santa on Christmas Eve?
21. What is the name of the of the first Christmas movie featuring Scott Calvin, played by Tim Allen?
22. What are you supposed to do when you find yourself under the mistletoe?
23. Who sang "All I Want for Christmas is You"?
24. What Christmas beverage is also known as "milk punch"?
25. In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," how many gifts were given?
26. Which of Santa's reindeer shares a similar name with a famous Valentine symbol?
27. Which famous scientist was born on Christmas Day?
28. Which city do McCallisters go to when they leave Kevin behind in the film "Home Alone"?
29. Who wrote, "Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?"
30. Saint Nicholas dropped gold down the chimney for three poor sisters. This gave rise to which Christmas tradition?
31. Which action movie starring Bruce Willis is controversially known as a Christmas film?
32. What does the famous Spanish phrase "Feliz Navidad" mean?
33. What is the real-life department store featured in Miracle on 34th Street?
34. Who created the first strand of Christmas lights?
35. Who hosted Melbourne's Carols by Candlelight every year (except for 1999) between 1989 and 2007?
36. In Elf, which actor plays Buddy the Elf?
37. What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant?
38. What are the names of all 9 of Santa's reindeer alphabetically?
39. Which small, green, layered vegetable is often eaten as part of a traditional Christmas dinner?
40. What gifts did the three wise men present to Jesus?
41. Which animated Christmas movie tells the adventures of Jack Skellington, Halloweentown's pumpkin king?
42. What colour belt is Santa typically shown as wearing?
43. Every year since 1947 a Christmas tree is sent by the city of Oslo, Norway, to be put up where as a token of friendship and appreciation for support received during the Second World War?
44. Christmas Island is located in which Ocean?
45. In 2023 the traditional Boxing Day test match at the MCG will take place between which two Cricket teams?
46. Which song, written by Robert Burns, but inspired by earlier folk songs, is closely associated with New Year's Eve?
47. In "It's A Wonderful Life," what happens each time the bell rings?
48. In which country did the custom of putting up Christmas trees start?
49. How often does Santa Claus check his list to find out which children have been nice and which have been naughty?
50. Who said "God bless us, everyone"?
51. In 2023, Christmas day falls on what day of the week?
52. In the Australian version of "Jingle Bells" what mode of transport is used instead of the one-horse open sleigh?
53. What was Joseph's occupation?
54. Which Australian city was hit by Cyclone Tracy in 1974?
55. People playing Whamageddon try to avoid hearing which song for as long as possible from the 1st of December until Midnight on Christmas eve.
56. Which two ornaments are most commonly found at the top of a Christmas tree?
57. This festive period, when does Greek Orthodox Christmas fall?
58. In the opening scene of A Charlie Brown Christmas, the characters are seen doing which well-known winter activity?
59. According to the Guinness Book of Records, the world's tallest-ever cut Christmas Tree stood in a shopping centre in Seattle in the United States of America in December 1950. To the nearest metre, how tall was it?
60. Which country is credited with the creation of the dessert "White Christmas" made from coconut oil and dried fruit?

Turn to page 23 to find the answers.



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Drysdale Girl Guides would like to wish the entire community a happy, safe, relaxing and healthy Christmas and holiday period. We would like to extend a special thanks to our Guiding families who have helped support our Guides in participating. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Drysdale Guides Meet on Thursdays during the school term 6:30 to 8:00. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Anne Brackley on 0407 529 205.



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Memories of Yesteryear

To commemorate 125 years of Bellarine Rural City Council, a time capsule was placed in a large cairn in the Drysdale Village Square, on Tues 18 September 1990. It is scheduled to be opened on Friday 18 September 2065.

After 32 years, during the building and remodeling of the new Boronggook - Drysdale Library, the cairn and time capsule were removed. The time capsule and the brass plaque have been reinstated into the garden ready for the next 42 years.

Thanks to Gary Kingsbury for adopting this column for 2023 and also for 2024.



Photos courtesy of Monument Australia



Thanks to everyone for coming on a World Wind trip around the world at SpringDale with Patrycja Piekutowska. Patrycja was played violin for 25 years in more than 40 countries, performing more than 1200 concerts and two of those have been in Drysdale, at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. We all look forward to welcoming Patrycja back in the near future.

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The Dell Eco Reef

The Clifton Springs Dell Eco Reef project was recently featured on the ABC and I thought it was timely to ask Ralph Roob, Senior Strategic Environmental Planner City of Greater Geelong, for an update to share with our community.

We constructed the reef to stabilise the beach, prevent further erosion and accumulate sand through the reduction of wave energy. This nature-based coastal protection approach is encouraged by the Victorian Government before implementing things like seawalls. Yes, there was a risk of failure with non-conventional approaches such as this, but the City of Greater Geelong is a big advocate of trialling innovative initiatives to identify better ways of doing things.

We wanted a solution that not only attracted more visitors to this stunning beach but addressed the environmental impacts, so we set about creating a sculptural reef that inspired people's imagination. The City of Greater Geelong commissioned Alex Goad from The Reef Design Lab to create a shape that met the environmental needs of the project but also fit in with the natural surroundings. Alex came up with an inspirational shape that was based on the holdfast of a kelp plant or seaweed.

The reef is now home to a host of algae, or seaweeds, but also a diverse range of shellfish, such as limpets and top shells as well as

crustaceans, like shore crabs and shrimp. The wave shadow created by the reef provides some protection for seagrass from severe wave action.

The Dell Eco reef modules are constructed from recycled materials, we used small shells, a by-product from shell grit processing, as the aggregate, instead of crushed rock. We also used fly ash, which is left over from the process of burning coal, instead of standard cement. The fabrication of the reef modules focussed on minimalizing our carbon footprint on our journey towards net zero.

The Dell Eco reef provides an opportunity for all the community to come and enjoy these eye-catching sculptural forms either by wading or snorkelling amongst them. They

provide habitat and structure for interesting sea life, my favourites are the crabs and shrimp who play a game of hide and seek when approached, it's simply a fun solution to what is a serious problem.

The City has also partnered with the University of Melbourne to undertake experiments such as shellfish seeding trials and establish a monitoring program that measures the effects the reef has on the beach, foreshore, and marine environments.

Thanks, Ralph, for the update. Here's a link to the installation of the Dell Eco Reef courtesy of Kestral Media - Artificial Reef Installation - Clifton Springs 26th Oct 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mS4h1FmdnQ>

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SCI FI with John

Farewell Don.

It is with regret that I report that Mark Goddard, who played *Don West* in the original series of *Lost in Space* has passed away peacefully in his beloved Boston aged 87. I would imagine that all *Lost in Space* fans would now, like myself, be feeling rather hollow.

Mark Goddard's acting career certainly didn't begin and end with his space assignment. Like many American actors, he started on the local stage and then went on to New York.

In 1959 he arrived in Hollywood and, while sitting in a cafe on impulse wrote a letter to the studio rep and gave it to the gate guard. Next day he received an invitation for an interview and was promptly dispatched to an actors agent, who immediately placed him on their books.

Three weeks later he was signed up as *Cully* in the Western T.V. series *Johnny Ringo*.

He subsequently leapfrogged from series to series until in 1965 he was snapped up by Twentieth Century Fox studio to play opposite Guy Williams in Irwin Allen's ground braking new space fantasy vehicle *Space Family Robinson*, which became *Lost in Space* we know and love so well.

Having, grown up watching *Lost in Space* I subsequently revelled in the amazing opportunity of meeting him when he was brought to Australia, by the Sydney based Australian fan club.

Don was my first experience of interacting with a celebrity and it certainly was very exciting. However, I must say that Don and Mark Goddard are very different personalities and trying to resurrect your old hero from the current ex actor can be fraught.

But hey, lift off, power on and on with the show! **John.**



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- Old fuel that has been sitting around over winter is emptied and fresh fuel added, and sufficient for your proposed trip.
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- Engine has had regular servicing by qualified marine mechanics.
- Steering system – a boat that cannot steer is an accident waiting to happen
- Battery has been charged.
- Radio/communications equipment is in working order.
- Anchor is working and functional.

And of course, make sure all safety equipment, lifejackets etc. are up to correct standards and are in good working order. Also, make sure you know the weather conditions when you head out, but also what tides and winds are doing throughout the day, in case you do find yourself out on the water for longer than you intended.

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Lawrence Altamura

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'Truly humbled': Trevor Hume appointed new Drysdale Hawks Football Club President.

Drysdale Football Club will transition to a new president for the 2024 season, as David Walder completes his tenure on the Drysdale Football Club executive and hands the reins to Trevor Hume.

Merging from the pandemic in a position of strength is just one significant achievement from a long list of accomplishments for the Club under David's tenor. "The Club is left in a very good financial position, thanks to David and his team. They are big shoes to fill, but we could not be happier with the appointment of Trevor Hume to lead us into 2024", said Life Member, John Edsall at the Annual General Meeting. John also thanked outgoing Committee members, Peter Preece, Daniel Hopgood and Jennie Deckker for their contribution to the Club.

A long-standing member, coach and sponsor of the Drysdale Football Club, Trevor first joined the Club in 1983 playing as a junior, before transitioning to the senior group in 1989. He brings significant management experience as a former manager, general manager, regional manager across human resources, and environment businesses.

New President Trevor Hume said, "I'm proud to be associated with a Club, despite the size, are still a family. I hope to continue the strong momentum the committee has created into next season."

The Drysdale Football Club Committee and members, would like to thank all the 2023 Club Sponsors, especially major partners Mortimer Petroleum, Stockdale and Leggo and Drysdale Hotel, who without their support, rewarding community engagement through sport would not be possible. The relationships formed truly highlight the fulfilling, inclusive town we live in.

Join us in 2024 as a member, senior player, junior player or volunteer, we'd love to see you. Pre-season has started, link in with our social media for details.

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Drysdale/Clifton Springs Pickleball Club



What a successful club trip to the Australian Masters Games in Adelaide. Around 50 different sports participate in the Masters Games, and this was the 1st year that Pickleball was included. Around 35 of us ventured over to Adelaide, wearing our special masters tee shirts. With 171 competitors from all over Australia and overseas competing in pickleball, we were a force to be reckoned with. We ended up with 35 medals for pickleball, 1 for tennis, 2 for golf and 3 for Petanque. But the camaraderie and friendship is the best part of the trip. It was also a great learning experience for all of us. A lot of the group had never played in a tournament before, and are now keen to play in many more.

Our new venture at the Clifton Springs Bowling Club is progressing well. Work has started on renewing and repurposing the old disused bowling rink. It required extensive de-mossing and deep cleaning, after years of neglect. Soon 8 courts will be marked out with pickleball lines. This means that our club will then have indoor (at Drysdale Primary School) and outdoor facilities. We are very grateful to have this partnership with the Clifton Springs Bowling Club, and see it as an opportunity for both our clubs to develop and prosper more. This new facility should be ready to use in a few weeks and we anticipate having an official opening of the courts on December 11 and hope to have our local member Alison Marchant MP in attendance.

If you are interested in finding out more about our club, our email is: dcspickleballclub@gmail.com

Fiona Bond



Trivia Answers

1. A bowl full of Jelly
2. Away in a Manger
3. The Netherlands
4. Around the bottom of a Christmas tree
5. Red
6. Bethlehem
7. Turkey
8. Blue Christmas
9. Wellington, New Zealand
10. Japan
11. Paul Kelly
12. 7th -15th December
13. Green
14. Because it was Foggy
15. Four Calling Birds
16. Michael Caine
17. Christmas Cake
18. Winter Wonderland
19. "Old Santeclaus with Much Delight" by an Anonymous author.
20. Cookies & Milk
21. The Santa Clause
22. Kiss
23. Mariah Carey
24. Eggnog
25. 364
26. Cupid
27. Sir Isaac Newton
28. Paris
29. Dr. Seuss
30. Hanging a stocking near the fireplace
31. Die Hard
32. Merry Christmas
33. Macy's
34. Thomas Edison in 1880
35. Ray Martin
36. Will Ferrell
37. White
38. Blitzen, Comet, Cupid, Dancer, Dasher, Donner, Prancer, Rudolph and Vixen
39. Brussel Sprouts
40. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
41. The Nightmare Before Christmas
42. Black
43. Trafalgar Square, London
44. Indian Ocean
45. Australia and Pakistan
46. Auld Lang Syne
47. An Angel gets its Wings
48. Germany
49. Twice
50. Tiny Tim, in A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
51. Monday
52. A Rusty Holden Ute
53. Carpenter
54. Darwin
55. Last Christmas by Wham.
56. Star or Angel
57. 7th of January 2024
58. Ice Skating
59. 67 metres (listed in some places as 64 metres)
60. Australia



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