

Two Decades of Artmaking at SpringDale



Photography by George Stawicki

It's another milestone. I am now teaching in my 20th year at SpringDale.

I started tutoring at SpringDale in April 2006, just 12 months after we arrived here in Drysdale. I have met so many wonderful people, working with them to find their way into the enriching experience of making art and sharing it with others.

It is so rewarding teaching at the bustling, inspiring SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre and clocking up a 20th year seems surprising. Time has flown and I still look forward to each course I teach, because every combination of people in a course brings new energy to what I do.

My courses have developed over the years into 3 distinct areas: firstly, teaching the fundamentals artists need to develop or improve their practice, secondly, the two-dimensional techniques and art areas that artists can utilize in their practice, thirdly, assisting the development of bodies of work unique to each artist for sale in exhibitions. I also deliver occasional workshops in three-dimensional art forms and in printmaking to widen options for my students, and conduct experimental drawing workshops (with my artist colleague, Gillian Turner), to assist artists to further develop their art perceptions, widen experiences, and encourage risk taking in artmaking.

The central tutoring I do, is to build confidence in my students to the point where they realise that they are now practicing artists. This is the core of my teaching. I know artists expect to be taught how to make art, and I do that, but the determination and belief system that artists need to boldly put their art in exhibitions, or take on commissions is the focus of my practice as an art educator.

Recently, with the loss of my husband, Max, also my best friend, I realised even more how much I have become embedded in this lovely semi-rural place, and know Drysdale is home. I feel the support of everyone around me: my art community, my singing community, my neighbours and my SpringDale community.

In January this year, at my solo exhibition, "An Artists Journey to the Simpson Desert", held in the SpringDale Hall, I began this year of celebration, my 20th year, and it was affirming to have so much support and share this last art collection with Max, with my family and with my community.

The SpringDale Artists started in 2011, and has become a thriving artistic collective, a group for my graduates and artists, who call the Bellarine home. Our 20th annual exhibition will also be held this year. I love participating in this enthusiastic, mature group. It has become everything I hoped for when we started it.

Where to now? As I look to the future I will continue to listen to my colleagues and students, to their evolving needs as artists and let the courses and workshops evolve to meet changing needs. The opportunity to make art, to teach art and to explore creative possibilities with the motivated members of this community is a great joy.

Parting thought. Art can't hurt you, but it might just enhance your life. Give it a try.

Annette Playsted

Art Tutor SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre Drysdale

Sincere thanks from the SpringDale family for all of Annette's skills, patience and care that she has shared with our community for two decades. We look forward to many more years of Annette's dedication.

JULY 2025

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.

Tuesday	1	Welcome Morning Tea 10 - 11am Winter Wonderland Cruise - Port Phillip Ferry 11am Ferry to Docklands - Ferry back to Portarlinton book via Port Phillip customer service
Saturday	5	Harvest Basket Vege Swap 9 - 10am Safe Number Plates 9 - 11am (weather permitting) Repair Café - 10am - 12noon
Sunday	6-13	NAIDOC Week 6 Bellarine Historical Society Movie Fundraiser. Whale Rider, 2pm, Indented Head Hall, The Esplanade. Tickets: Trybooking.
Monday	7	World Chocolate Day
Tuesday	8	SpringDale Dining Group - The Range @ Curlewis - 6pm - bookings essential
Wednesday	9	Fritz - 11am - Potato Shed
Saturday	12	The Passion of St Nicholas - 8pm - Potato Shed
Mon	14	Bastille Day
Tue-Thur	15-17	Goldilocks & The Three Bears - 10.30am & 1.30pm - Potato Shed
Wed	16	SpringDale Lunch Bunch - Pretty's Place Ocean Grove - 12 noon - bookings essential
Saturday	19	Waltzing The Wilarra - 8pm - Potato Shed
Mon	21	Term 3 commences
Monday	21	Though to 18 Aug - City of Greater Geelong community engagement about footpaths in Drysdale and Curlewis via CoGG website in person sessions in August
Tuesday	22	Paul McCartney and Friends Show - 10.30am - Potato Shed
Saturday	26	Women of Wit '25 - 8pm - Potato Shed
Thurs	31	National Tree Day

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Coming up in August 2025

Saturday	2	Stickybeak - 3pm - Potato Shed
Sat-Sun	9-17	Science Week - a variety of activities

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and emerging leaders.



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Coordinator's News



Anne Brackley

Dear Friends and Friends I am yet to meet

A few years ago, I started to research the importance of the need to belong and I actually thought belonging and the sense of belonging was about to be a feeling or a value that gained more attention. But it doesn't seem to have eventuated to the extent I predicted.

Over the years, in this role, I have met only a couple of people who moved to the Bellarine, who didn't ever feel that they belonged and so they moved back to Melbourne. This made me realise how important it is for people to feel they are welcome and belong.

From this need we started to extend the Welcoming Activities that we offer. The Welcome Kit had been started in the 1990s and we continued to create and add to the Welcome Kits that we prepare weekly - most weeks we give out between 5 and 10 Welcome Kits.

We started to offer a monthly Welcome Morning Tea. Just after we had started this opportunity, a lovely lady moved to Drysdale, Eileen. Eileen had lived a purposeful life, full of service and felt that she might not be able to contribute in this new area. I invited her to facilitate our Welcome Morning Tea - Eileen felt welcomed, appreciated and needed. I think this added to her feeling of belonging. We appreciated every minute she gave us in this role.

The next Welcome activity that we added was the SpringDale Dining Group, which has been running for almost 11 years. As not all people are available for a morning tea, perhaps a dinner might attract people who are still working and trying to find a way to connect with locals. While I was working in Melbourne, earlier in my work life, I would have loved this opportunity and I hoped that others might also like to connect in this way.

We also decided to schedule the Dinners to happen on less busy nights to hopefully bolster attendance on those nights. Our average numbers to our dinners are about 40 and we add thousands of dollars into the community each year in this way. Various people have led this group including Pam, Elaine, myself and more recently Fran.

Lunch Bunch was the next Welcome activity to be added. Another wonderful lady, Joan, suggested this addition to our offerings and led this group for a number of years and since then Margaret picked up the baton and has organized these outings for many years.

We also try to schedule a range of activities throughout the year to hopefully encourage people through the SpringDale door for the first time. Once you have ventured in for the first time, hopefully you'll return.

Apart from reading the monthly SpringDale Messenger to gain knowledge about activities, opportunities and projects, you might also consider signing up for SpringDale webmail - I send out an email once or twice a month to highlight activities that are about to happen or to let people know about opportunities that have popped up since the Messenger went to print.

You might like to see us offer other opportunities or you might like to help offer something new - if so we'd like to hear from you. Last year one of our great friends of SpringDale, Agata, suggested Air Fryer classes, I had no idea how popular these would become. David suggested Repair Café sessions and then helped us get them started. What will be next? What would get you through the door for the first time? We'd love to hear from you.

Looking forward to seeing you at SpringDale
Anne Brackley OAM for team SpringDale

New Opportunities

Travel Training

Instructor: Anne and Bruce
Dates/times: Wed 9 July 10am-12.40pm
Fee: Free but please bring a valid Myki card with at least \$10 on it. Meet at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

Numbers Group

If you have an interest in numbers you might like to attend the Numbers Group. Each meeting we look at numbers puzzles, activities, theories and have fun. If this sounds like something you might like we meet first and last Wednesdays each month 1-2pm

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Growth and comfort do not coexist.
- Ginni Rometty

Anne Brackley - Quote curator

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Alison Marchant
Member for Bellarine



In May, the 2025/26 State Budget was released. It's a thoughtful budget, to help everyone through the challenges of today, but to also provide opportunities for the future. It's about looking after each other and providing real help with the current cost of living.

One example of this is the announcement that from January 2026, children and young people under 18 years of age will be able to access free travel on all public transport across the state. This is great news for kids and their families, reducing the cost of travel. It builds on a recent announcement that from next year, all public transport will also be free for Victorian Seniors Card holders on weekends and will continue to have discounted weekday transport.

While this announcement reduces the cost of travel, I acknowledge that there is a lack of public transport services that connect communities across the Bellarine. From young people trying to get to work, to residents needing to attend medical appointments, a cross Bellarine service is essential for improving local connectivity.

Since becoming the Member for Bellarine, I've met with local transport users, advocacy groups, community associations, and stakeholders - and invited many of them to meet directly with the Minister for Transport. These conversations have strengthened my advocacy for a full review to explore the next steps for improving our public transport system.

I'm excited to announce that the 2025/26 Budget includes funding for a comprehensive review of the Bellarine Peninsula bus network. As part of this process, the community will have the opportunity to share their views and help shape improvements to routes, timetables and the overall experience.

Throughout this process, I will keep the community updated on how to get involved and ensure everyone has a chance to have their say as we work towards a better-connected Bellarine.

Another exciting announcement is that we're making Victoria's Community Pharmacy Program permanent - and even bigger.

Throughout the pilot process, pharmacists delivered over 45,000 free consultations for conditions including uncomplicated UTIs, resupply of the oral contraceptive pill, mild skin conditions and travel vaccinations.

But now, we're making the program permanent, and we're adding more than 20 conditions over the next two years including acute nausea and vomiting, school sores, allergies, reflux and minor wound management. This will free up our busy GPs and reduce the number of non-urgent ED presentations.

This program is all about easing the cost-of-living for Victorian families and making it more accessible for all Victorians to receive the care they need. Unlike other states, there will be no charge for accessing this treatment in Victoria.

There are currently 8 participating pharmacies across Bellarine including: Barwon Heads Pharmacy, Peak Pharmacy Drysdale, Drysdale

Village Pharmacy, Direct Chemist Outlet Leopold, Peak Pharmacy Leopold, Direct Chemist Outlet Ocean Grove, Direct Chemist Outlet Kingston and Ocean Grove Terrace Pharmacy.

More information and locations can be found at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/community-pharmacist-pilot



Thanks to John Dougan, who helped to start the Springdale Repair Café. John fixed many items including 3 baby dolls, a tape deck, shoes and many other items, putting smiles on many faces. John volunteered at Springdale on Wed 4 June and passed away the next day. We are sincerely grateful for John's service, his skills, expertise and personality will be missed. We send John's family and friends our best wishes.

Alison Marchant.

Member for Bellarine

The 2025–26 State Budget is delivering for the Bellarine community.

- ✓ Point Lonsdale Primary School and Basketball Club **court resurfacing and equipment upgrades.**
- ✓ Launching a **Better Roads Maintenance Blitz** to fix potholes & resurface roads.
- ✓ **\$100 Power Saving Bonus** for eligible households.
- ✓ Delivering **65,000 Get Active Kids** vouchers.
- ✓ Doubling support for the operations of **Reginal Foodshares.**
- ✓ Delivering **more rebates for heat pumps and solar hot water systems,** offering savings of up to \$400 on energy bills every year.
- ✓ Increasing the **Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund** to \$400 to assist eligible students and families.
- ✓ Expanding the **Victorian Virtual Emergency Department,** and making it permanent.

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POTATO SHED

With winter well and truly upon us, there's no better way to stay warm and entertained than to take in a show at your home of performing arts on the Bellarine- the Potato Shed.

If you came to our 2025 Season Launch, you already know that the fabulous Geraldine Quinn is a force to be reckoned with. The 2025 Green Room Awards agree! **The Passion of St Nicholas**- the powerhouse Rock Cabaret she's bringing to the Shed- scooped up four awards, including Outstanding Artiste. Don't miss this one-night-only sensation: Saturday 12 July, 8pm. Our advice? Book quick!

Step back in time with **Waltzing the Wilarra** on Saturday 19 July, 8pm, and experience 1940's post-war Perth like never before. Amid curfews and cultural tensions, black and white communities come together to form a secret club where music, dancing, and the chance for romance offer a brief but powerful escape. Australian storytelling at its most moving- and musical.

Ready to laugh out loud with some of the funniest ladies in comedy? Comedy Victoria returns on Saturday 26 July, 8pm with the always-popular **Women of Wit '25**. This all-star line-up features Claire Hooper (House of Games), Denise Scott (Fisk, Winners & Losers), Sarah Maree Cameron (3AW), Freddie Arthur (RAW Comedy State Winner); Maren May (Germany) and local Teagan Stotz. Adult themes make this one a night for grown-up

giggles- don't miss out!

We've got the July school holidays sorted too! Two delightful shows promise fun for the young and the young-at-heart.

Wednesday 9 July, 11am, the wildly funny **Fritz** brings slapstick, magic and music mayhem in a show that wowed audiences at our Season Launch preview. Fritz's charming world of tricks (with or without help from their Magician) will have kids giggling from start to finish.

Then from Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 July, join Theatre 3triple2 4 Kids for **Goldilocks & the Three Bears**. With shows at 10:30am and 1:30pm, this enchanting take on a classic tale is a romp in the woods packed with singing, dancing and lots of audience participation.

And don't forget our always-popular Morning Showtime. On Tuesday 22 July from 10:30am, **Paul McCartney & Friends** hits the stage with Marty Rose channelling the legendary songwriter that soundtrack our lives. Enjoy iconic tunes, behind-the-scenes stories, and a tasty morning tea- included with your ticket.

Book for all our shows now at potatoshed.com.au or call the Box Office on 5251 1998 (Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm)

We can't wait to warmly welcome you to the Potato Shed this July- where the stories are bold, the laughs are loud, and the memories will last a lifetime.

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THE PASSION OF ST NICHOLAS



Saturday 12 July, 8pm

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GOLDILOCKS & THE THREE BEARS



Tues 15 to Thurs 17 July, 10.30am & 1.30pm

Theatre 3triple2 4 Kids put their unique spin on this age-old fairy-tale classic.

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WALTZING THE WILARRA



Saturday 19 July, 8pm

Take a musical journey back to 1940s post-war Perth and discover that reconciliation is more than saying sorry.

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Bellarine Birdwatching

Review by Dr David Smith

It has been said it can take ten years to become an overnight success. In Ian Smissen's case, make that 50 years, but those five decades of experience have been distilled into a beautiful book that is bound to succeed. *Bellarine Birdwatching* is guaranteed to become the must-have handbook which brilliantly fulfils the promise of its subtitle: How, when and where to find birds on the Bellarine Peninsula. Indeed, I predict it will become the Bellarine Birdo's Bible, to be found in bookstores and newsagents everywhere, as ubiquitous as the books on south coast shipwrecks by Jack Loney.

Smissen has written crisply and concisely, with twenty five featured locations, each with clear and simple notes on the available facilities, how to get there, the birds you can expect to find and the best times to visit. Plus exquisite photographs of 78 species from the region.

The book is introduced with useful notes on the ethics of birdwatching, safety and conservation issues and a general discussion of the Bellarine Peninsula. The outstanding feature of this book is its brevity, with a clear focus on the information you'll need to find your birds, and nothing else. This is where Smissen's long field experience and detailed research comes to the fore; there is absolutely no waffle in this book which means the information you need at any chosen location is at your fingertips. It is a perfect field guide and one you'll want to keep in the car's glove box.

Designed and published by the author, the book retails for \$30.00 and given the thousands of hours of work that have gone into it over decades, and the fine quality of the production, it is definitely a bargain and deserves to sell well for many years to come. The only thing I'd like to see in a future edition is a simple guide to bird photography; what, in Ian's view, are the five key elements involved in taking successful photographs of birds? Maybe that will be a separate book.

Highly recommended.

Check more of Ian's work at iansmissenphotography.com

Dr David Smith is a zoologist, author and film maker. www.imagination.net.au



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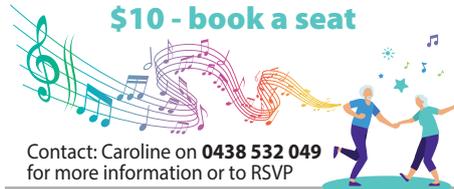
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It's been an exciting month for our team at S.H.O.W. We held our first Committee meeting, and have taken the first steps in becoming an Incorporated Association.

What does that mean?

The Vision of S.H.O.W. is to see "a society where older women have access to secure, safe, affordable, and long-term rental housing in a community setting".

What do we hope to achieve?

"Through partnerships with agencies, community groups, philanthropic societies and like-minded individuals, we hope to create a small co-housing project consisting of approximately six one or two-bedroom self-contained homes."

Once we are incorporated, our next aim is to obtain Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status.

This will mean that all donations to our project will be Tax Deductible.

Last month I wrote: *"What happens when we decide to live a good life? We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic goodness permeates things and people."*

I really want to thank and commend our whole team at S.H.O.W. for their willingness to stick with our Vision, for their sense of compassion and conviction that a basic goodness permeates things and people, and for believing that our Vision is achievable, with the help of the many like-minded people in our community.

If you would like to find out more about S.H.O.W., feel free to contact me.

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Councillors' News

By Leopold Ward Cr Trent Sullivan

Tastes of Greater Geelong has made its highly anticipated return, with some of our area's best hospitality venues and producers putting their best plate forward.

This year's program offers a four-week smorgasbord of events, with more than 80 businesses showcasing local produce, delectable dining experiences and immersive cooking workshops.

For lovers of French cuisine, Claribeaux has a range of events to fill your calendar, and stomach.

The Tastes of France event runs daily, while a bottomless brunch on 22 June offers a sumptuous four-course brunch for daytime diners.

For Bastille Day on 14 July, the team are dishing up a luxurious feast with a live piano accordionist transporting you to the dining rooms of Paris for the evening.

Over at Flying Brick Cider Co, cheese lovers can indulge in a High Cheese event, offering a tasty twist on traditional high tea with baked camembert and brie souffle sure to satisfy.

On 3 and 10 July, the cider house is also serving up a Masterclass in Modern Mixology, hosted by New York cocktail king Tim Harris.

In Drysdale, renowned chef and founder of Mabu Mabu, Nornie Bero, is hosting a hands-on workshop focused on regenerative farming – and organic produce in the Cooking on Country session.



While over at Ket Baker, the team are sharing the secrets to making the perfect sourdough – you knead to mark it in your calendar now!

Here in the north Bellarine, we are spoiled for choice year-round with some of the best dining venues in the region and beyond, so I encourage you to pay a visit to your favourite spots and explore new cuisines and experiences during the Tastes of Greater Geelong program.

For more information and the full program, head to www.geelongaustralia.com.au/tastes Bon appetit!

Footpaths for Health

City of Greater Geelong community engagement about footpaths in Drysdale and Clifton Springs via CoGG website 21 July - 18 August. In person sessions in August.

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Anne Brackley OAM



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Drysdale Primary School - 150 years



I love that so many people are sending photos and stories to SpringDale, to help us collate them for the SpringDale Messenger and for a book to be available during the celebrations in October. This month I met up with Maria Matuzak and Anja Zonneveld, Bibiana Verzyer, who was visiting from The Netherlands. John Edsall loaned many photos from his mother's collection and Emeritus Professor Ross Williams AM sent one of his class photos and I'm looking forward to some stories too.

Grade Six in 1965 had another reunion and Dianne Bennett (nee Gillies) wrote down some of the memories.

Our Grade Six class meets together on a fairly regular basis; at least twice a year and sometimes more often.

We are so fortunate to have so many class mates, who are living in Drysdale and the surrounding areas. There were fourteen present recently, but there have been more on other occasions. Some have never strayed far - like myself, and others have moved back after living interstate, overseas and in other areas of Victoria.

That sparked another question; What made you return to Drysdale? Heather was living in her own unit and working on the Gold coast in Aged Care. She just felt a longing to return "home", and to care for the Drysdale "oldies". Many of these Heather had know for many years. Even though she returned just for a trial run, she said she felt so at home that she didn't want to leave. She sold her unit, moved back to Drysdale and built her home here amongst family and friends, she had known all her life.

Others, who had moved away also felt the pull of "home". Some because their parents were aging and others because it was just "the best place" to retire.

Back to the memories: Gordon lived opposite the school and loved being able to go home for lunch. He also confessed to weekends wandering over to wreck the pine needle huts that we girls painstakingly spent all our lunch times constructing.

His favourite thing was being picked to ring the big bell outside for recess, lunch and home time.

There were "film days" when Mr. Robinson, in his grey dust coat, would come and show movies while we sat in the darkened cloakroom on the floor, and hating to have to do "yard duty" for punishment.

Our teachers were (mostly) remembered fondly, while others employed some forms of discipline we'd rather forget.

Drysdale was a great place to grow up, and Drysdale P.S. was a great school. We all had brothers and sisters, sometimes even mums and dads who had been to Drysdale P.S. It was a bit like a big family, because back then, it was such a small town, and all the families knew each other.

As John said, we are so lucky to have so many friends from those years who are still able to catch up and really enjoy being together. Class of '65, I think we've all done really well, and this has to be due in some part to our years at Drysdale P.S.

Dianne Bennett (Gillies)

Please send your stories and or photos to messenger@springdale.org.au thanks so much Anne Brackley for all the past students of Drysdale Primary School. Please remember to keep the weekend of 18/19 October 2025 free for festivities.



Clifton Springs Primary School Bizarre Bazaar, Brings Creativity to Life

The Bizarre Bazaar was a spectacular and memorable event for everyone who participated.

Held at Clifton Springs Primary School, the market was the culmination of weeks of hard work, imagination, and entrepreneurial spirit from our Year 5/6 students.

It all began on March 11th, when students brainstormed product ideas and formulated questions to help improve their designs. They surveyed younger students in Years 1 and 2 to gather feedback, asking questions like:

"What colours and themes do you prefer?" or "Are you more likely to buy this product because of this special feature?"

Using the feedback, students refined their products and began building. Their goal? To create something that would excite and appeal to the younger year levels.

On market day, the Year 1 and 2 students each received five tokens to spend on the stalls of their choice. Most products were priced between 1-2 tokens, while others aimed higher with prices of 4-5 tokens.

Many sessions were spent designing, testing, and improving products. When the market wrapped up, awards were presented to celebrate a range of achievements:

- **Most Original Product** - *The Book Box*
- **Most Innovative Product** - *The Plastic People*
- **Most Tokens Collected** - *Scoopa Doop*
- **Best Stall Design** - *Just Jewelry and Stress Balls*
- **Most Engaging Product** - *FORR*
- **Most Creative Product** - *Pet Rocks & Fuzz Monsters*

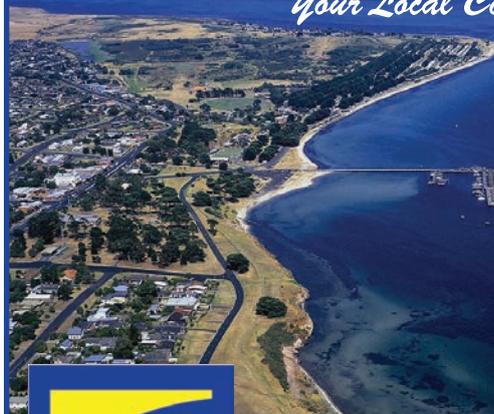
Everyone had a great time and it was an unforgettable experience. We'd do anything to do it all again!

Written by Ariana Fleming (Year 6) and Zoe Muller (Year 6)



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Term 3
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All classes held at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre 17-21 High Street, Drysdale, unless otherwise stated.

Science Week

Sat 9 - Sun 17 Aug

A range of activities will be offered.

Sign up for notification office@springdale.org.au

Adult Learners' Week

Mon 1 - Mon 8 Sep

A range of activities will be offered.

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Being Creative

NEW - Express Yourself through Pocket-Sized Abstract Art' Workshop

Want to get in touch with your creative side but don't know how? Explore composition, layering techniques, navigating colour combinations, patterns, and simple illustrative details to create small inspirational pieces of artwork. No previous art skills required. All art materials provided. Take that leap and have fun with other like-minded people as you build confidence and nurture your creativity!

Instructor: Peta Henshelwood

Dates/times: Sat 9 - 30 Aug 10am-12.30pm

Fee: \$160

Intermediate Collage Art - Workshop

Intermediate Collage Art is a perfect art medium for self-expression, to reawaken your creativity and nurture your imagination. You will have fun creating your own unique collage papers in different values. Learn to embrace the power of colour, typography, and stitching to enhance your artwork whilst deepening your understanding of design, patternmaking, dimension, and composition. All art materials provided.

Instructor: Peta Henshelwood

Dates/times: Sun 10 - 31 Aug 1.30-4pm

Fee: \$160

Intro to Gelli Printing

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

Instructor: Libby Hildebrandt

Dates/times: Thurs 24 July 10am-12noon

Fee: \$20

Gelli Printing

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

Instructor: Libby Hildebrandt

Dates/times: Thurs 31 Jul - 18 Sept 10am-12noon

Fee: \$100 or **Conc** \$80 8 weeks

Art Fundamentals - Discover the Artist Within

The starter or restarter course

An introductory or refresher course using drawing media for adults. This is a great starter course or refresher course for returning artists, but no previous experience is required. The course awakens and sharpens art perceptions, the skills of seeing as an artist "sees" using drawing exercises. It also introduces concepts of colour awareness, surface texture and composition.

Instructor: Annette Playsted

Dates/times: Tues 22 July - 9 Sept 1-3pm

Fee: \$160 or **Conc** \$85 (8 sessions)

Art Media Intermediate

Learning all the painting and drawing media

To help you develop further as a potential artist, this course is designed for those who have completed Art Fundamentals. Explore the wide range of Painting and Drawing media, and all

the methods of application. Increase your media knowledge in the techniques and processes of each medium.

Increase your skills and confidence in various processes of painting and drawing. Improve your media knowledge. Prepare for the next stage of exhibiting or for exhibiting again.

Instructor: Annette Playsted

Dates/times: Mon 21 July - 8 Sept 1-3.30pm

Fee: \$160 or **Conc** \$85 (8 sessions)

Advanced Art Workshop - Develop the Artist Within

Preparing to exhibit. Developing an Art based small business. This workshop program is designed to further develop your knowledge and broaden skills and perceptions. It is for hobbyists or art students who have studied the Art Media Course or have a mature knowledge of media applications. Challenges are set to encourage the building of ideas to improve conceptual development and encourage the experimental use of media to broaden and develop unique approaches to artmaking.

Participants will prepare to exhibit artworks and participate in exhibitions.

Instructor: Annette Playsted

Dates/times: Mon 21 July - 8 Sept or Tue 22 July - 9 10am -12.30pm

Fee: \$160 or **Conc** \$85 (8 sessions)

Cards with Lizzy

Let's get crafty with cards. Perfect for beginners. Come along and have a go.

Instructor: Lizzy Free

Dates/times: Wed 23 Jul - 17 Sep 1.30-3.30pm

Fee: \$5 per session

All Abilities Art

A studio based program for people of all abilities to explore their creative self, using a wide variety of art materials. Discover your creative language to express yourself in a safe, supported and relaxed environment.

Instructor: Celia Adams

Dates/times: Fri 25 July - 19 Sept 10am - 12noon

Bookings essential. 9 weeks

Fee: \$270 or **Conc** \$180

Textiles

NEW - Repair what you wear

Join us for a hands-on, 6-week journey into the art of textile repair and creative mending. Each week we'll explore a new technique: 1. Machine Sewing, 2. Hand Sewing, 3. Knitwear Repair, 4. Patching, 5&6. Visible Mending.

This course is suitable for both left- and right-handed participants. You're welcome to bring your own garments in need of repair - I'll also provide a selection of items to work on.

Feel free to bring along your sewing machine, as well as any fabric, embroidery thread, wool scraps, or other materials you think may be useful. All essential materials will be supplied.

Instructor: Claire Duffy

Dates/times: Wed July 30 - Sept 3 1-3pm

Fee: \$100

Teenage Sewing Classes

Learn to sew. Learn how to complete small projects with new and different techniques in each class. Learn to make your own personalised gift. Short projects you can take home on the same day. Utilise sewing machines, accessories, and haberdashery. Sewing machine provided or if you prefer, to bring along your own.

Instructor: Denise Kent

Dates/times: Sat 12, 26 Jul, 9, 23 Aug, 13, 27 Sep 10am-12noon

Fee: \$20 per session

The Language of Sewing Patterns

Learn to enjoy it. All brands of sewing patterns include a great deal of useful, mostly vital, info. Plan ahead of actually cutting/sewing - sit with a cuppa and read the inclusions, as if it were a book or magazine. Let's have a look at this together.

Instructor: Denise Kent

Dates/times: Thur 31 Jul 10am-12noon

Fee: \$20 or **Conc** Free Booking essential

Things I wish my Grandmother taught me

Draping my hankies and tea towels over the lavender bushes to dry in the sun, having Distilled lavender water in the steam iron. Sewing buttons on-with a thread 'shank' when needed, darning a hole, rather than tossing it out - All these and many more hints and tricks to discuss and make life easier and better.

Instructor: Denise Kent

Dates/times: Thur 28 Aug 10am-12noon

Fee: \$20 or **Conc** Free Booking essential

Sustainable Wardrobe Workshop

Learn how to update or upcycle a garment. Update something you found at a recycle shop or blend with something from your wardrobe. Upcycle or re-purpose items you already possess. You will learn how to replace a button, to mend a 'worn spot', to repair fallen hems, shorten (or lengthen) a garment or even a sleeve, to enjoy more wear from a favourite garment.

Instructor: Denise Kent

Dates/times: Thur 18 Sep 10am-12noon

Fee: \$20 or **Conc** Free Booking essential

Music

Intro to Harmonica

Would you like to learn how to play that harmonica in your drawer? Come and have a try.

Instructor: Jack Meredith

Dates/times: Thurs 24 Jul 10.30-11.30am

Fee: \$20 or **Conc** \$10

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: Thur 31 Jul - 18 Sept 10.30-11.30am

Fee: \$90 or **Conc** \$80

Acoustic Jam Session

Instructor: Steve Williams and Susan Norris.

Times: 3rd Wednesday each month 7:30pm at SpringDale Hall.

Fee: \$5 Feel free to bring your own refreshments.

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: Tue 29 Jul - 16 Sep 12.30-1.15pm

Fee: \$60 conc \$50

Beginners Ukulele Plus

Continue your ukulele journey with us. Learn a more chords and strumming techniques and keep making music.

Instructor: Jan Paradise

Dates/times: Tue 29 Jul - 16 Sep 1.15-2pm

Fee: \$60 conc \$50

Beginners Guitar Playing

Playing the guitar can be an extremely satisfying pastime and one that you can enjoy and improve your skills in for years to come. But everyone needs to start somewhere and this course will hopefully provide enough knowledge and skills to get you started.

Instructor: Steve Bayly

Dates/times: Thurs 31 Jul - 18 Sept 2 - 3pm

Fee: \$80 or **Conc** \$50

Languages

French With Serge

Designed for enthusiasts of the French language. The course focuses on vocabulary, comprehension, pronunciation and some grammar. This course is designed for those with an intermediate level of knowledge of the French language. Join a friendly and supportive group with ongoing lessons.

Instructor: Serge Botans

Dates/times: Tues 22 July - 16 Sep 11:30am - 12:45pm

Fee: \$135 or **Conc** \$121.50 (9 weeks)

Latin

The language of Catullus and Cicero for the beginner or for someone who has some previous Latin learning. A range of internet resources are used in the course. Enquiries to Neil email: neilbell@ozemail.com.au or phone 0419 037 147

Instructor: Neil Bell

Dates/times: Saturday mornings by arrangement

Fee: \$35 per term

Wellbeing

NEW - Developing Mindfulness' Health & Wellbeing Workshop

Prioritise self-care by developing a habit of mindfulness. By approaching art making with a fun and playful mindset you will cultivate your own unique creativity, connect with your inner wisdom to reduce daily stress-levels and renew your energy and spirit. All art materials provided.

Instructor: Peta Henshelwood

Dates/times: Sun 3 - 24 Aug 10am-12.30pm

Fee: \$160

Keep Fit Class

Encourage older adults to move in a fun and supportive environment. Learn simple exercises to maintain and improve muscle strength and flexibility.

Instructor: Irene Everett

Dates/times: Returning in Term 4

Re-imagining housing for seniors

For those who would like to help or those in need of help contact Dianne Bennett via email diannebennett4@hotmail.com or ph 0422 146 604

SitFit brain and body exercise class

SitFit is a brain and body exercise program. Sitting in a chair we can challenge our core and all muscle groups, as well as our brains. Exercises are fun and inclusive, set to music you'll know and love.

Instructor: Virginia Cooke

Dates/times: Wed 23 July - 27 Aug 9.30-10.20am

Fee: \$50 (5 sessions) or **single** \$15

Pole Walking - Getting started

Interested in seeing Pole Walking in action and starting off in the correct way. Come to a practical information session to help you try or get started Pole Walking.

Instructor: Anne Brackley

Dates/times: By arrangement

Fee: Free session

Tai Chi for Health - Beginners

Learn basic Tai Chi principles and exercises. Tai Chi consists of exercises equally balanced between ying and yang, which is why it is so remarkably effective. Suitable for all levels.

Instructor: Emilia Kurek

Dates/times: Tues 22 July - 18 Sep 10-11am

Fee: \$3 per session

Tai Chi for Health - continuing

Learn basic Tai Chi principles and exercises. Tai Chi consists of exercises equally balanced between ying and yang, which is why it is so remarkably effective. Suitable for all levels.

Instructor: Emilia Kurek

Dates/times: Tues 22 July - 18 Sep 11am-12noon

Fee: \$3 per session

Autism Plus

Talking about Autism

A time for sharing helpful and practical information for people interested in the Autism spectrum.

Instructor: Anne Brackley

Dates/times: Fri 15 Aug 1.30-3.30pm

Fee: Free Bookings essential

All Abilities Art

A studio based program for people of all abilities to explore their creative self, using a wide variety of art materials. Discover your creative language to express yourself in a safe, supported and relaxed environment.

Instructor: Celia Adams

Dates/times: Fri 25 July - 19 Sept 10am - 12noon

Bookings essential. 9 weeks

Fee: \$270 or **Conc** \$180

Digital Technology

Introduction to Computers

You will learn how to use your laptop or desktop computer system more effectively.

In this supportive environment created by our instructor, you will be exposed to how to use the mouse, how to set up folders and files, use email, and be exposed to a whole range of things that can be done with your computer.

Instructor: Brenda Richardson

Skill Level: Beginner

Dates/times: Tues 29 Jul - 16 Sep 2-4pm

Fee: \$165 or **Conc** \$85 (8 weeks)

Computers - Beyond the Basics

This is a continuance course from the introduction to Computers. This course is designed for those who have used a computer before and now want to move to more advanced learning such as how to search the internet for information, create more than just a basic document, as well as set up a computer to your preferences and likes.

Instructor: Brenda Richardson

Skill Level: Intermediate

Dates/times: Tues 29 Jul - 16 Sep 2-4pm

Fee: \$165 or **Conc** \$85 (8 weeks)

Smart phones, iPhones, tablets, iPads

This introductory course is designed to assist you to understand and use your iPhone or iPad confidently. Conducted in a friendly relaxed environment you will learn step by step how to set and use your device. We will cover issues such as security, keeping in touch with friends and family. Researching the correct apps available for your needs.

Instructor: Brenda Richardson

Skill Level: Beginner

Dates/times: Thurs 31 Jul - 18 Sep 2-4pm

Fee: \$165 or **Conc** \$85

Buying and Selling on eBay

This course will navigate you through the process of getting started buying and selling your goods and services on eBay. The first session focuses on buying and the second one focuses on selling. NOTE: Bring along your email address and password as well as your banking details so you can get up and running while attending the course.

Instructor: Ken Brackley.

Dates/times: Tues 29 Jul & 26 Aug 4.30-6.30pm

Fee: \$55 or **Conc** \$25

Photography Troubleshooting

It's the constant challenge of photography that what you see is often not what you get. Want to do better? With a bit of basic knowledge about your camera, settings, lighting and composition, you can achieve much better pictures. This

course comprises two x two hour sessions and is taught by master photographer George Stawicki.

Instructor: George Stawicki

Dates/times: Fri 8 & 22 Aug 1.30-3.30pm

Fee: \$60 or **Conc** \$50

Hospitality

Airfryer Cooking for One or a Small Family

Do you have an airfryer in the kitchen or maybe still in the box? Are you getting the most out of it? Come along to 5 action packed sessions - pushing the boundaries of what you can cook in an airfryer. Trial one or more different airfryers in this very, hands on series of workshops. Meet some new people and have fun cooking again.

Instructor: Anne Brackley

Dates/times: Mon 18 Aug - 15 Sep 3-5pm

Fee: \$120 or **Conc** \$60 (5 sessions)

Korean Cookery - Kimchi

Come along and help make Kimchi which is a traditional side dish of salted and fermented vegetables. There is growing evidence that fermented foods such as kimchi may improve intestinal health and as a result support the immune system and anti-inflammatory responses. Kimchi can also improve levels of good bacteria in the gut, and may support skin, brain and eye functions. Lunch included.

Instructor: Jasmine Hong

Dates/times: Wed 23 Jul 1.30-4pm

Fee: \$60 or **Conc** \$30

Korean Cookery - Korean BBQ

Korean BBQ is the popular method of grilling meat right at the dining table. In this session, you will learn how to marinate meat (short rib, Galbi) .

Instructor: Jasmine Hong

Dates/times: Wed 20 Aug 1.30 - 4pm

Fee: \$60 or **Conc** \$30

Confidence Through Cookery

Sri Lankan and other dishes. Taste the dishes and take some home for dinner.

Instructor: Marie McLeod

Dates/times: Tues 29 Jul - 26 Aug 10am-1pm

Fee: \$120 or **Conc** \$60 5 weeks

Espresso Coffee Making

How to make your coffee taste like a café using your home or work machine. You will also learn how to get the most out of your coffee machine.

Instructor: Sam Chait

Dates/times: Thurs 24 Jul 10am-12noon

Fee: \$20 or **Conc** \$10

Gaining Skills

Setting up a Bokashi bucket & garden bed

Many people have purchased or are thinking about purchasing a Bokashi Bucket - but - When do I empty the bucket? How should I dilute the Bokashi bucket juice? What do I do with the fermented food once the bucket is full? **A Science Week activity.**

Instructor: Anne Brackley

Dates/times: Fri 15 Aug 10am-12noon

Fee: \$5 or Free for SpringDale Members

Focusing on the Future

This course is designed to give you a sample of a number of classes running at SpringDale to help you decide on your future direction. Come along and share your ideas, experience and dreams. Then we will select a range of classes to suit your skills, ambitions & desires.

Instructor: Anne Brackley

Dates/times: Fri 18 Jul 10am-12noon plus 7 other sessions

Fee: \$50 or **Conc** Free

Joy of Volunteering

The joys of volunteering include giving back to the community, using your unique skill set. Many organisations and clubs rely on volunteers to survive. This course looks into all aspects of volunteering.

Instructor: Anne Brackley

Dates/times: Wed 23 Jul 2-4pm **Fee:** Free

Introduction to Event Management

This course will expose you to all facets of planning and running an event. Areas covered include, where to start, what roles need to be fulfilled, budget required, people needed. Also covering debriefing and follow up.

Instructor: Anne Brackley

Dates/times: Wed 30 Jul & 6 Aug 2-4pm

Fee: \$20 or Free for SpringDale Members

Returning to Learning

If it has been a while since you did any studying, this course is designed to assist you. The course will help with issues like you feel as though you have been left behind or feeling that you may not be able to keep up. You will also develop a career portfolio.

Instructor: Anne Brackley

Dates/times: Mon 21 Jul, Tues 22 Jul, Wed 23 Jul 10am-12noon

Fee: \$25 or Conc Free

Returning to Earning

Been out of the workforce for a while and you may not know how to take the first step - then this is the course for you. We will map your skills and help you realise that your life skills are incredibly valuable. Everything that you have been doing has been preparing you for the next steps in your journey.

Instructor: Anne Brackley

Dates/times: Wed 10 & 17 Sep 2-4pm

Fee: \$25 or Conc Free

Help SpringDale help yourself

Helping people find jobs for many years and we'd love to help you. Perhaps you would like to know what we do at a Neighbourhood House? Perhaps you would like to help and build your confidence? We'd like to help.

Instructor: Anne Brackley

Dates/times: By arrangement **Fee:** Free

Ken & the Art of Bicycle Maintenance

Not just a conversation about bicycles and their care but a workshop where you will learn how to replace a tube and more. **A Science Week activity.**

Instructor: Ken Brackley

Dates/times: Sat 9 Aug 9.30-11am **Fee:** \$10

Getting Started Cycling Again

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

Instructor: Ken Brackley

Dates/times: Sat 23 Aug 9.30-11am **Fee:** \$10

Accredited Courses

Provide CPR Code: HLTAID009

Pre-course work is required and you will be contacted before the course with the details.

Instructor: Stayin' Alive First Aid

Dates/times: Sat 13 Sep 9-10.30am

Fee: \$65

Provide First Aid HLTAID011 (Includes CPR)

Pre-course work is required and you will be contacted before the course with the details.

Instructor: Stayin' Alive First Aid

Dates/times: Sat 13 Sep 9-11.30am

Fee: \$130

Provide an emergency first aid response in an education and care setting Code HLTAID012

Pre-course work is required and you will be contacted before the course with the details.

The unit of competency applies to educators and support staff working within an education and care setting and will contribute towards approved first aid, asthma and anaphylaxis training under the Education and Care Services National Law, and the Education and Care Services National Regulation (2011).

Instructor: Stayin' Alive First Aid

Dates/times: Sat 13 Sep 9-11.30am

Fee: \$160



Raelene Newton - Stayin' Alive First Aid stayinalivefirstaid@gmail.com 0413513046

(Stayin' Alive First Aid delivers nationally recognised training in partnership with, and under the auspices of, Allens Training Pty Ltd RTO 90909)

SpringDale Groups

To attend SpringDale Groups you must be a member of SpringDale - Annual Membership \$12 - each group charges a small fee ranging from \$2 to \$12 per session.

Bellarine Community Singers

We are a friendly group who meet each Thursday throughout the school terms from 1.30-3.30 at the SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. We sing a variety of popular songs, show songs and golden oldies. Some of our current members play guitar, harmonica and ukulele and we often combine them in our performances. We always welcome new members, please contact David Smith 0411 444 048

Bellarine Family History Group

Our Group meets at SpringDale every Monday between 12-3pm and will assist you in getting started on and building your family tree, or provide guidance with general family history research. Cost: \$3 per session

Bellarine Wanderers

Thursday mornings 9.30am register your interest

Group Leader: Rob Gardner on 0413 458 562

Card Games

Enjoy playing cards? Come and play Canasta & Bolivia. Monday afternoons 12.30-3pm.

Cryptic Crosswords Group

This group meets 10am Fridays and solves crosswords from the Guardian. This group is for seasoned cryptic crossword solvers. We may provide workshops for beginners if there is a need.

Dining Club

Monthly dinner for new residents and people interested in meeting new people and trying local dining experiences. Dates and venues are published monthly in the SpringDale Messenger. Register your interest by emailing office@springdale.org.au or phoning 5253 1960

Felt & Textile Artists

1st and 3rd Saturday each month 10am - 3pm at SpringDale. If you'd like to come along & see what our members do, you'll be most welcome. For further info you can contact Julie 0409 368 290 or Jill 0435 499 820.

Footpath Advocacy Group

Footpaths are so important to enable people to increase walking for health and connections to activities, shopping and for pleasure. Footpaths on the Bellarine have been an issue for more than 30 years. Please contact SpringDale if you are interested in helping.

Friendly Cuppa and Chat Group

Call in for a cup of coffee and a chat on the first Tuesday of the month between 10-11am.

Fun Volleyball

We play with a soft beach ball, and the aim is exercise. Other session times possible, register your interest. Mondays from 10-11am

Venue: Drysdale Scout Hall

Genealogy

People interested in researching family history come together weekly and share tips and tricks. Thursdays 9am-12 noon

German Speaking Group

Our German Speaking Group meets at SpringDale on the first and third Thursdays 3-4pm

Girls' Shed / Craft Group

A great activity for all year. Keep your hands busy and be creative. Bring your UFOs (Un Finished Objects) Tuesday weekly from 1-3pm.

Harmony Group

Building a better world we meet as needed to bring an annual Harmony Day together - please let us know how you would like to help.

Harvest Basket Produce Swap & Edible Gardening Group

Meets 1st Saturday of every month in the SpringDale Hall. You do not need to have anything to swap to come along and forge friendships and share veggie gardening skills. 9-10.30am

Jigsaw Club

Borrow a jigsaw from a big library, 40c each. The first Thursday of the month from 10am-12noon.

Kinship Carers

Meets on the first Monday of each month 10-1pm at SpringDale (no meetings in school holidays)

Life Drawing

SpringDale Life Drawing Group meets every Monday 1.15-3.45pm. New Members welcome. Contact George-Ann 0438 028 250

Lunch Bunch

We meet on 3rd Wednesday each month to enjoy lunch together at a local café.

Mahjong Club

This group meets Wednesday from 9am-12noon.

Men's Kitchen - Tuesday Mornings

Tuesday morning 10am-1pm

Location: St Leonards Recreation Reserve

Fee: Price depends on menu

Men's Kitchen - Wed & Fri Morning

Wed/Fri 10am-2pm **Fee:** Price depends on menu. Fri morning kitchen - wait list applies

Numbers Group

Having fun with numbers.

Meets 1st and last Wednesday each month. For people who enjoy numbers - I know there are a few of us out there.

Pole Walking Group

Enhanced walking where the arms are used to push. The movements of your arms, feet, pelvic area and the entire body are similar to those employed during a vigorous walk. Weekly Mondays 8.50-10am (Contact SpringDale for meeting points)

Sci Fi Group

A group to focus on bringing Science and Science Fiction to life. This group started with a single person, John Reid who has been a Lost in Space fan for years. Its through his dedication that a group has been formed. Ring SpringDale to register your interest.

Scottish Country Dancing

Come to Scottish country dancing, Friday 11am-12noon. New and experienced dancers welcome.

Scrabble Club

Held on Tuesday afternoon, 1-3pm and caters for players of all abilities and new players welcome.

Scrapbooking & Card Making Group

Organise your precious memories by scrapbooking your photos or cardmaking for all occasions.

Scrapbooking solutions, products & use of tools.

Date/time: 2nd Thurs each month, 1-4pm

Instructor: Lyn Clough

Fee: \$15 per session Ph 5251 3008

SpringDale Artists

The SpringDale Artists meet each Wednesday. Activities include working sessions, discussions, demonstrations and gallery visits. Wed 9am-12noon or Wed 1-4pm.

SpringDale Reads

Our book group meets first Thursday each month 7.30-9pm

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.

Sprukers - SpringDale Ukulele Playing Group

You have been playing ukulele for a while and want to enjoy playing with others, this might be for you. We meet on Tuesdays 2.30-4pm.

Talking about Autism

Meets to talk about Autism strategies. Group Leader Anne Brackley. Fri 15 Aug 1.30-3.30pm. Bookings essential.

The Tuesday Bellarine Wanderers

If you are interested in longer walks, Terrific Tuesday Trekkers might be the group for you. Walks are usually approximately 12km.

Meets Tuesday mornings. Please contact SpringDale for more details ph 5253 1960

Toy Library - Drysdale

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Warhammer Group

Warhammer is a tabletop war game in where two or more people battle each other with armies of miniatures on tables with detailed terrain. Looking for people aged 13+ for tabletop war games. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month 5-10pm. Contact Mark on 0425889007 for more details.



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Non SpringDale Activities

Bellarine Camera Club

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For further details call in to a meeting, or go to our website www.bellarinecameraclub.org.au

President: Debbie Hallows ph: 0400 562 571

Drysdale Guides

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Festival of Glass

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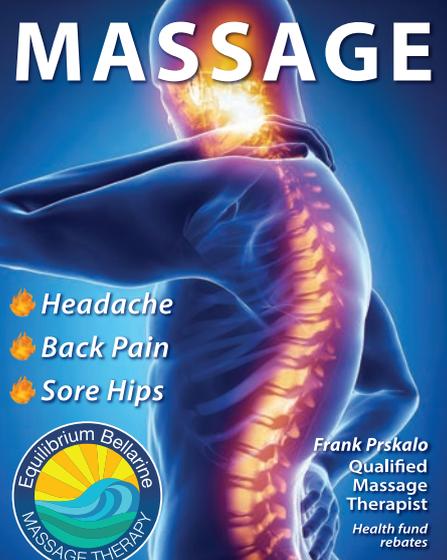

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Growing up in the 1950s & 60s...

Bellarine Family History Group



My recollection of my early years in the 1950's and 60's, provides memories of occasions of meeting older relatives, who as a child at the time, I had no immediate knowledge as to how and where these people were related to myself, or family.

I am now aware of who these relatives were and many of their stories and the incredible lives they lived in the formative years in the growth of Australia. I only regret now that I did not at the time of meeting these older relatives in my childhood, talk to them and listen to the stories of the history they had lived.

Many of these people may not have wanted to speak about their early lives, about the difficulties they had lived through, and the trauma they may have experienced, as in war, and so these stories may not have been ever been spoken of. It may only be after these people have passed that the facts of their life experiences will be found, by researching military records and other government archives.

Many of the people we have attending our Monday afternoon sessions of our 'Bellarine Family History Group' at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, reflect similar stories of regret that in their younger years they never spoke to older relatives to hear their life stories, and personal experiences, as only they can recall and speak of.

We do advise people attending our Group to take the opportunity if they have older relatives still with us, to talk to them and record video or audio records if they are willing to do so. These transcripts can then form part of this person's life story, attached, or included on the profile of the individual on the Family Tree record you prepare.

If you feel you fall into the same situation as myself with not knowing the stories from your family history, our Group may be able to assist you in researching your family history and establishing a family tree record on one of the many family tree programs now available online. We provide **one on one tuition** for six, one and a half hour sessions,

- We will show you the numerous websites available within Australia and overseas where information can be found on:
- The use of Ancestry.com and other online research programs and resources

- Birth death and marriage records
- Sourcing where information is obtained
- Other research websites, England FreeBMD, Scotland's People, Old Parish records, Cemetery Records, travel and migration records.
- Military Records - National Archives of Australia.
- Other Web research sites that are available, Family Search, MyHeritage, Find My Past.
- Researching Newspaper records for family notices, and other information.
- Victorian Public Record search for:
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 - National Library of Australia newspaper and gazette National archives (Trove).
 - World War 1 and 2 and other military records available from the National Archives of Australia

Come along and join us to commence the journey into your Family's past.

Contact SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre should you require any further information, or to register for our Group.

Norm Grey (for Val Duff, John Chapman, Geoff Pentecost - Bellarine Family History Group)

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Dossier:

Genre`... children's sci-fi novel.

First published... 1952.

Author... Ivan Southall.

Title...Simon Black in Space.

Subject...First expedition to Mars.

Round trip journey time...80 days.

Well people, there it is. A very challenging undertaking for its era. Although we were told that their "ride," rocket powered space plane "Firefly 3", was fifty years ahead of its time.

Still, even then, Ivan Southall envisaged possible danger in space. In his scenario, unfiltered cosmic radiation passing through the body slowly destroyed it.

Picking up the threads in 2025, we do concur to some extent. Here, we are protected from such rays by the earth's magnetic field.

On Mars, however, there isn't one.

N.A.S.A.'s manned Mars expedition current projected arrival date is mid 2030's. However, Ivan Southalls' "Mars", presented stationary. Ours isn't!

As the factual Mars is in continual orbit, and N.A.S.A. wants five hundred days worth of "boots on the ground", our trip looks more like three years!

Could we adequately shield ourselves for that long?

Also, low gravity situations drastically reduce bone density.

Returning long haul astronauts Butch and Soni have embarked on a rigorous rehabilitation program to restore lost bone. And what about compromised immunity?

"Immunosuppression during spaceflight, occurred in the 1960's Apollo spaceflights, and remains a health risk for astronauts."

They may also experience eye, back and heart problems.

Finally, we have the physiological.

Check out "Coronet Blue, Six months to Mars" on Google for this.

So, Mars-Force 2035?

Oh well, as comic book dog "Fred Basset" once said "I'm prepared to risk it mate, the very best of luck."

John.

P.S. Our space show has been booked for the Toy Festival, Geelong West Hall, Pakington St., Geelong, Sunday July 27.

Be there or be square! J.



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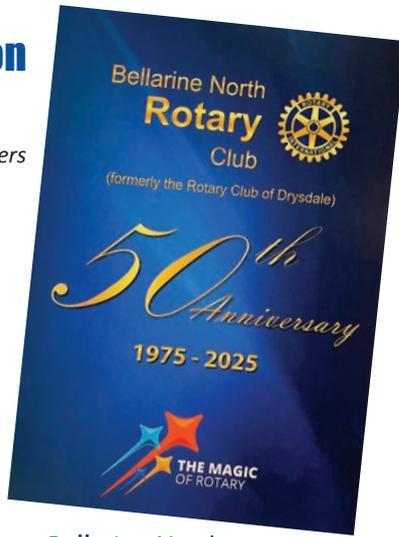
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SpringDale Trivia

by Drysdale Girl Guides

1. Which four colours make up the flag of Brazil?
2. True or False, 18 is a Prime Number?
3. Which author originally wrote The Little Mermaid?
4. What is the scientific name for the Northern Lights?
5. Who invented the telephone?
6. What is the longest river in the world?
7. Which letter is representative of 50 in Roman numerals?
8. Bump, set, and spike are terms from which sport?
9. How many months of the year have 31 days?
10. Which Australian capital city has the least daylight on the shortest day of the year?

Turn to page 23 to find the answers.

Drysdale Guides Meet on Thursdays during the school term from 7pm to 8:30pm. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Anne Brackley on 0407 529 205 or go to <https://www.girlguides.org.au/find-us/> to make an enquiry.



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Clifton Springs Garden Club

The wonders of modern technology keep fascinating me. I am writing this article whilst sitting in my caravan in Ceduna SA. Currently the sun is shining but over the last week we have had heavy rain, fog, wind, freezing temperatures and intermittent sun. We have seen first hand the devastation of the dry weather that South Australia (and Victoria) have experienced, so we are not complaining about being cold and wet whilst camping.

Rosemary Nugent was a most interesting speaker, giving our June meeting a most informative presentation on the Geelong West Community Garden. This community garden has been going for many many years and found themselves in the most unfortunate position of being established on contaminated ground. Consequently they have had to re-establish the whole garden, this time on a sealed surfaced in above ground garden beds (which of course have their benefits). The garden has lost some of its wildness and the character of the individual plot owners but given time I am sure this will return.

Drysdale/Clifton Springs also has a very active community garden. These community gardens are a great way for people to be able to grow their own produce and flowers, in the company of others when they haven't got enough space in their own back yards, especially now as we are all downsizing. It is

also a great way of connecting with people when you are on your own. As is a garden club. Our garden club has been running for over 40 years and has evolved over that time and is forever changing keeping up with modern technology, the changing needs of our members and society in general.

Our July meeting, is a social dinner. This year we are going to the Clifton Springs Bowls Club. This event is always enjoyed by those members who attend.

If you are interested in finding out what the Club is doing, you can be added to our mailing list to receive our monthly newsletter, or you can contact our Secretary Helen, on telephone 5257 2220 or email hma3152@gmail.com for more information.

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, at the Uniting Church Hall Drysdale at 7.30 pm. Visitors are most welcome.

Helen Allen



Rose Mary Nugent Geelong West Community Garden



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Bellarine Support Group for Kinship Carers

What does kinship care mean, is a question that I am asked a lot. Kinship means related by blood. Therefore, kinship care means the children in our care are related by blood or known to the children. Some cases in our group, when children are removed from their parents' care, and no blood relatives can be found, or are willing to care for the children, then the authorities need to look further afield, like friends or neighbours of the children or the parents.

The most important issue for the children is, being cared for by someone who knows them - relatives or friends. The relatives or friends then become kinship carers for the children.

Of all the 96 families that are part of our group, we do not have one family with the exact same situation as any other family in our group. Most of Carers are grandparents caring full time (that is 24hours a day, 7 days a week) for their grandchildren for various reasons. Those reasons can vary from the biological parents' illicit drug use, alcohol issues and at times sadly neglect and abuse of the children. Also, relatives of the children step up to care for the children, when sadly the biological parents are deceased. Each and every family in our group is so different to the next family.

We all have one thing in common, we all walk the same kinship path, even if that means we have to take a different route.

Every family in our group has one thing in common, WE ARE FAMILY, all 96 families, and, what a big family, as we stand to support each other. Sadly, our numbers are increasing, it seems like every week I receive a call for assistance. Considering I started Bellarine Kinship Carers with just two families 10 years ago this September, now our numbers are 96 families in our region who are travelling the kinship journey.

If you are a kinship carer sitting at home, thinking that you are all alone, come join our group - we laugh a lot, we sometimes cry and of course we talk too much.

Bellarine Kinship Carers meets on the first Monday of each (not during school holidays) at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre 10am to 12 noon. Stay safe everyone. **Jeanette Hanley-Heath** - 0414 308 257



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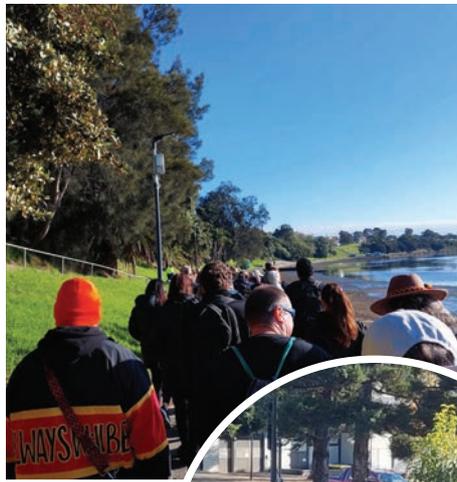
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Anne Brackley OAM



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Memories of Yesteryear

THE FAMILY HISTORY QUEST 14 NATURALISATION PAPERS

I have the naturalisation papers for my second great grandfather. This document provides a great deal of information on my ancestor who migrated to Australia. This document included in the handwritten application, the place of birth, former place of residence, name of the ship and the date of arrival in the colony of the applicant.

Naturalisation is the means by which aliens (non-British subjects), gained the privileges and rights of citizenship held by British subjects or people born in Australia.

There was no law covering naturalisation before 1849. Prior to that year, the process of naturalisation was known as denization and could only be performed through an Act of Parliament. Denization gave an alien the right to own land. The Act to Amend the Laws relating to Aliens, 1849 (No 11 Vic No 39), established the system of naturalisation, which gave much broader rights and made denization obsolete.

Who needed to become naturalised?

Any person born outside the British Empire, who wished to vote or own land, needed to become naturalized. This means that you will

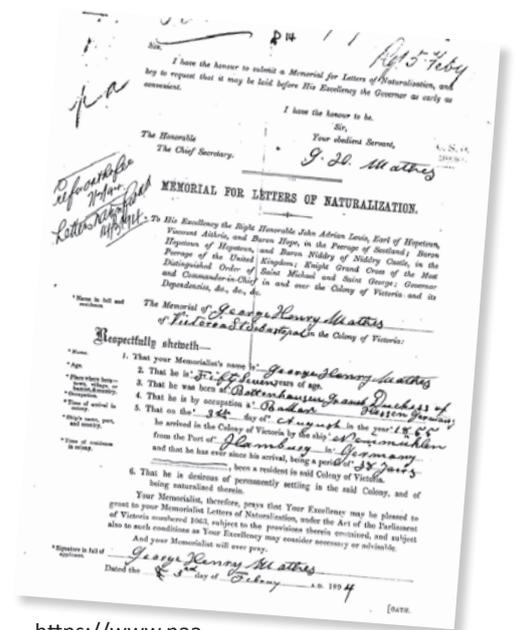
find people from European countries e.g.: Germany, as well as from Italy, France, China, North America and South America. You will not find people from Canada or Ireland as both of these countries were part of the British Empire. One of the conditions of naturalisation was a five-year period of residency.

Naturalisation was the responsibility of each colony until the end of 1903. From 1904, under the Naturalisation Act No 11 1903, the Commonwealth then assumed sole responsibility for naturalisation. Records from this date are held by the National Archives of Australia.

While many migrants to Australia who were eligible, did seek naturalisation, it was never compulsory. There is no guarantee that records of naturalisation will exist for all eligible migrants.

The National Archives holds Commonwealth naturalisation and citizenship records from 1904 onwards. They also have naturalisation records for the Colony of Victoria from 1848 to 1903 and the Province of South Australia before 1904.

To find Naturalisation records go to



<https://www.naa.gov.au/explore-collection/immigration-and-citizenship/citizenship-records> and use the NameSearch tab in RecordSearch.

John Mathes

Photo Document: Application for Naturalisation of Mathes George Henry, National Archives of Australia, Chief Secretaries office, Victoria 1855-1901, Series number A712, Control symbol 1894/X900, Item ID 1787762. <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=1787762>.

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A Grade 1st: and, Image of the Competition:

- "Glass Like" by Gordon Barfield
- 2nd: "Old Burra Town" by Graeme Addie
- 3rd: "Hanneke 2" by Debbie Hallows
- Merit: "Goliath Heron" by Neil Smith
- Merit: "Speed Demon" by Lynne Pearce

B Grade 1st: "If Only It Could Talk" by Geoff Evans

Electronic Digital Images

- A Grade** 1st: "Sentinal" by Kevin Robley
- 2nd: "The Waterfront" by Lynne Pearce
- 3rd: "Passages" by Graeme Addie
- Merit: "Inked" by Lynne Pearce

B Grade

- 1st: "Here for the Pier" by Keith Evans
 - 2nd: "Looking Up" by Geoff Evans
 - 3rd: "Playing Around" by Michelle Gallagher
- Bellarine Camera Club meets at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre at 7.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

For further details see www.bellarinecameraclub.org.au or phone Debbie (president), on 0400 562 571.



New members and visitors are welcome.



Sustainability News

Winter has arrived, and the cold winds have found a few draughty spots in the home. Filling these gaps is very effective at making the home more comfortable, and saves lots of energy. See the picture for common sources of draughts.

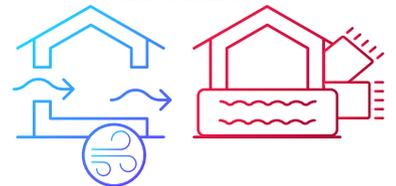
As the Household Feed-In Tariffs have dropped to almost zero (due to so much solar power being produced in the middle of the day), and interest rates are declining the energy economics have changed significantly.

The new Federal Government subsidy for home batteries is substantial (approx. 30%) for those with solar PV or going to install it. The subsidy will reduce every year so it encourages an early investment. One should analyse (or get advice) on what savings one could expect as generally one can use the battery to supply much or all of the evening usage which is at peak rates.

Investments on energy saving projects will also become more attractive (vs interest rates) so one may have to have an understanding of the equipment replacement and upgrade options - heat pumps for hot water, air conditioners as heaters, window coverings, insulation ...

This calendar year (6 months) I have spent \$0 on my electric car and driven 6,000km. I've made no very long trips - just many to Melbourne, and others to Phillip Island, Lorne and Princetown which can be done very easily on a fullish battery. I have foregone the Feed in Tariff income, of about \$40, but this disappeared on 1st July. Overall, the economics of EVs have improved, and now there are much cheaper models available (e.g.: BYD Dolphin at \$29,990 +on road costs)

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BELLARINE WANDERERS

We continue to explore the peninsula, with recent walks at Point Lonsdale at low tide, Queenscliff's Lover's Lane, Charlie's waterhole at St Leonards, Botanic Gardens E. Geelong, Ocean Grove to the Barwon, and the Clifton Springs clifftop. Our numbers continue to increase from 14 to 18 walking each week. The conversations are many, as also the range of coffee establishments.

Rob Gardner (Contact via the SpringDale Office)



Photo at Point Lonsdale from Audrey.

Trivia Answers

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| 1. Green, Yellow, Blue and White | 6. The Nile |
| 2. False | 7. L |
| 3. Hans Christian Anderson | 8. Volleyball |
| 4. Aurora Borealis | 9. 7 months (Jan, Mar, May, July, Aug, Oct & Dec) |
| 5. Alexander Graham Bell | 10. Hobart |



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We made good progress with removing Broom at the Second Dell, with some great assistance from many enthusiastic girls from Sacred Heart College. Helped some Clifton Springs Primary School children enjoy more elements of their local beach on their first day of term. Our usual Waterwatch activities which this month included a comprehensive Quality Control and Training session.



Forthcoming Events:

Monday July 7th we will start with Waterwatch at 9.30am at the Clifton Springs Boat Ramp car park.

Wednesday July 16th we will have a major Preparation Day on the Curlewis clifftop (opposite 17 Beach Vista Drive) at 9.30am with tea and coffee afterwards.

Sunday July 27th we return to the Curlewis clifftop for **National Tree Day** for a massive planting day starting at 10.00am with up to **1,000** grasses and shrubs to plant (Tools and gloves provided) followed by a free BBQ. **All welcome and assistance would be greatly appreciated.**

4th August we'll be back to Waterwatch at 9.30am at the Clifton Springs Boat Ramp.

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