



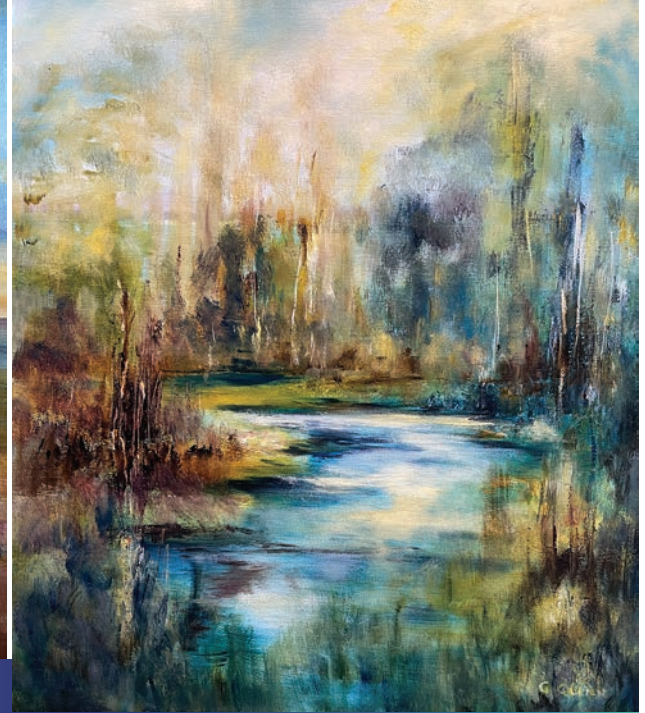
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SpringDale
Artists 20th Annual

ART



**Sat 20 Sept -
Sun 5 Oct 2025**

**Open Every Day
10am-4pm**

The SpringDale Artists welcome you to their 20th annual exhibition to be held in the hall from Saturday 20 September to Sunday 5 October opening 10am - 4pm daily. All artworks will be for sale, including paintings, lino prints, small sculptures, cards and bookmarks.

Our official opening will be on Sunday 21 from 2-4pm, so come along to meet the artists and enjoy some music, food and wine and perhaps take the opportunity to purchase a beautiful piece of art.

Exhibition & Sale

**SpringDale
Neighbourhood Centre
17 High St, Drysdale**



SEPTEMBER 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.

Reminder
Bookings &
copy required by
1 September for the
October 2025
issue

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| Monday | 1 | Adult Learners Week at SpringDale
- 10-11.30am

Waterwatch monitoring Clifton Springs Boat
Harbour with Clifton Springs Curlewis Coastcare 9.30am |
| Tuesday | 2 | Welcome Morning Tea 10-11am at SpringDale Free |
| Friday | 5 | Adult Learners Week at St Leonards - 9.30am-3pm |
| Saturday | 6 | Harvest Basket vege swap

Bellarine Vintage Machinery event at Oneday Estate Winery
9am - 3pm |
| Sunday | 7 | Father's Day |
| Tuesday | 9 | SpringDale Dining Group - Sushi Inn Drysdale - 6pm bookings
essential |
| Thursday | 11 | R U OK? Day |
| Friday | 12 | Support Melb Uni Researchers counting Oysters at Clifton
Springs The Dell Eco Reef with Clifton Springs Curlewis
Coastcare 12:45-3:30pm |
| Sunday | 14 | National Bilby Day |
| Tuesday | 16 | Tribute to Buddy Holly - 10.30am - Potato Shed |
| Wednesday | 17 | Planting, weeding, planting prep 200 plants Beach Vista
Nature Reserve with Clifton Springs Curlewis Coastcare
9.30am

Lunch Bunch - Leopold Sporties - 12 noon bookings essential |
| Saturday | 20 | SpringDale Art Show starts 9am-5pm til Sun 5 Oct

Magic of Paris - 8pm - Potato Shed |
| Thursday | 25 | Cinderella Spinderella - 11am - Potato Shed |
| Tues-Thur | 30-2 | 321...Blast Off - The Final Mission - or is it? - Potato Shed |

Coming up in October 2025

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| Saturday | 4 | Dusty Springfield and Connie Francis Show with Special
Guest The Dean Martin Show - 8pm - Potato Shed |
| Monday | 6 | Positive Aging Open Day at SpringDale |



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



I could not have guessed how much fun I could have helping to prepare for the 150 years of Drysdale Primary School. Each interaction has given me joy and helped to increase my knowledge of Drysdale and our wonderful community.

The other day a gentleman, who attended Drysdale Primary School for just over a year, brought me a photo of the children in Grades 1-4 taken in 1939. He pointed himself out in the front row and went on to list many Drysdale names, Ron Turner, Max Parish, Vonnie Kilby etc and I asked did he know Norma Rodgers - Ray almost jumped up and said "Chooky Rodgers - she's in row 2" and he pointed my mum out.

It was so great to have a photo of mum at school. Everyone just wants to see themselves, a relative or a friend. It's great that we are being able to bring all the photos together to make history come alive. So many people are so excited about this very special event. People from all over Australia, who went to Drysdale Primary School, want to come back.

Our list of competitions around the 150 year celebration seems to be increasing too. There's the competition for which family has had the most generations go to the school - 5 generations seems to be winning at the moment. A competition seems to be brewing about which person has had the best job since leaving Drysdale Primary School - I know I have had the best job, but many other people are talking about the wonderful roles they have played, in the University sector, farming sector, services sector etc and even art and

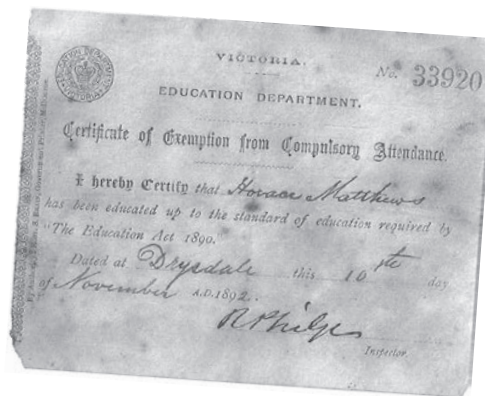
culture - wouldn't it be great to list all our accomplishments.

Another competition could be, which grade has the most attendees on Saturday 18 October at the School, another one could be the oldest artifact - at the moment a copy of a "Qually" 1892 certificate of Exemption from Compulsory Attendance - seems to be the oldest artifact so far. Horace Matthews was given this certificate at age 10.

A few years ago, I helped Bernie Crowe (my Grade 6 teacher) to publish his memoir and I wonder if anyone will have a copy that we can borrow for the day - often these wishes do come true.

Looking forward to bringing together a book we are writing for the 150 years and getting it printed for 18 October, its coming together. Please let me know if you have a story that could be included.

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



New Opportunities

SECONDARY SCHOOL FRENCH SUPPORT

For students studying French at high school who would like more practice with a focus on speaking, listening, vocabulary and comprehension. Help with homework and tasks also catered for.

FRENCH FOR TRAVEL

For those who are planning on travel in the near future in France or a Francophone country with a focus on speaking, listening, travel vocabulary and comprehension.

Taught by qualified educator, Dr Laurent Boulanger, with over 25 years class teaching experience.

Please register your interest in these new classes

Did you save your copy of the Directory from the August Messenger?

Copies of the Directory are available at the SpringDale Office.

Or go online
<https://directory.onthebellarine.com.au>



Tues 2 Sept 10-11am rsvp SpringDale 5253 1960

ADULT LEARNERS WEEK



Adult Learners Week at SpringDale

Two special sessions

Monday 1 September 2-3pm
Introducing AI through Co-Pilot
Facilitator: Brenda Richardson
Bookings recommended
office@springdale.org.au or ph 5253 1960

Wednesday 3 September 2-3.30pm
Is English your second language?
Perhaps you'd like to attend a session especially for you.

Facilitator: Lou-Anne Sinclair
Bookings welcomed office@springdale.org.au or ph 5253 1960

Adult Learners Week at St Leonards

Friday 5 September 9.30am-3pm - Come to our Open Day at St Leonards Community Space, Unit 2/ 1375-1377 Murradoc Road St Leonards, and share time with all our different group leaders and learn about what is on offer in the Space during the week. All welcome.



The SpringDale Lunch Bunch are at Leopold Sporties Wednesday 17 September 12noon.
Bookings essential ring Margaret 0418 370 857.



SpringDale Dining group are at Sushi Inn Drysdale Tuesday 9 September 6pm.
Bookings essential ring SpringDale 5253 1960 or email dining@springdale.org.au

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Be Authentic
- Dr Beverly Eramo

Anne Brackley - Quote curator

Alison Marchant Member for Bellarine



It was a great honour to officially hand over the keys to the new boat, RESCUE 203, to Coast Guard Queenscliff last month. Co-designed by Coast Guard volunteers, this advanced vessel features cutting-edge technology and enhanced safety measures. It represents a significant investment in our region's marine safety and supports the vital work of our Coast Guard volunteers in search and rescue operations.

The waters beyond the bay, through the Rip and into Bass Strait, are notoriously treacherous. With its improved capabilities, this new vessel will equip the crew to respond effectively in challenging conditions.

A heartfelt thank you to all Coast Guard volunteers, past and present, for every hour served, every rescue conducted, and every life saved. You do an extraordinary job, and I am proud to support your work.

I would also like to extend my deepest thanks to the hundreds of volunteers across the Bellarine. Whether in emergency services, service clubs, or community organisations, your time, dedication, and kindness make a lasting impact. You help strengthen our communities and enrich the lives of everyone around you.

Free Pad and Tampon Vending Machines in Bellarine

Access to essential health items should never be a barrier to participation, education, or wellbeing. That's why free pad and tampon vending machines are now being installed across Victoria, an important step in supporting period dignity and ensuring everyone can access sanitary products whenever they need them.

Here in the Bellarine, I'm proud to share that the first machines have already been installed and are now available at:

- Leopold Library
- Drysdale Boronggook Library
- Queenscliff Library

When the rollout is complete, 1,500 vending machines will be available at up to 700 public locations across the state.

Virtual Women's Health Clinic

Earlier this year, the State Government announced a Virtual Women's Health Clinic, and I am proud to announce it is now operational, delivering free specialist reproductive and sexual health care to all women and girls in Victoria.

This service is available without referral, offering video or phone appointments for services including cervical screening, sexual health, endometriosis support, pelvic pain support, menstrual health and menopause care, contraception, breast health and termination care.

Open 9am-5pm Monday to Friday, bookings can be made online at each.com.au/services/virtual-womens-health-clinic or via 1300 003 224.

If you need any assistance with any state matters, please contact my office on 03 5250 1987 or via email alison.marchant@parliament.vic.gov.au

Alison Marchant. Member for Bellarine

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This free healthcare service is in addition to the **Victorian Virtual Emergency Department** that offers free statewide care for non-life-threatening emergencies, that you can access from your home.

Other free healthcare services available include:

- Nurse-on-Call
- Urgent Care Clinics
- The Community Pharmacist Program

Scan the QR code to find out more about each service



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POTATO SHED

Hard to believe it's already September, but what is easy to believe is that we have some great entertainment for young and old at your home of the performing arts on the Bellarine.

Milko and Corinne return with another spectacular homage to the City of Lights in **Magic of Paris**, 8pm Saturday 20 September.

The show is a new French international concert experience, mixing French classics with pop standards of the '60s and '70s. There will also be a detour into the world of musicals, operetta and the movies, delivered with a distinctly French flair.

Keep the digital devices at bay these school holidays with two shows guaranteed to have your little ones engaged and enthralled from Jally Entertainment and Theatre 3triple2 4 Kids.

On Thursday 25 September at 11am, Jally Entertainment presents their 21st century update on the age-old classic, Cinderella with **Cinderella Spinderella**.

Cinderella is always doing the household chores while her bossy Stepmother, Edna Bucket, sits around playing on her phone all day.

It's hard for Cinders to make any friends because she is cleaning, cooking, and spinning - all the time. She gets very dizzy! Murray the Moose has just delivered an

invitation to the big party.

Everyone will be there, even Prince Perfect, but Cinders is not allowed.

And even if she could go, how would she stop spinning?

Poor Cinders! Will she ever make any real friends?

Will she ever meet Prince Perfect? Will she ever stop spinning?

Come along and find out!

Back by popular demand, Theatre 3triple2 4 Kids' **3...2...1.. BLAST OFF! The Final Mission - or is it?** returns Tuesday 30 September to Thursday 2 October, two shows daily, 10.30am and 1.30pm.

Join in the fun when the Space Rescue team, with Captain James Link, Astronaut Lina Tik and Commander Carl Cosmic embark on what may be their final mission into the galaxy.

Loads of audience participation is guaranteed.

Back by popular demand for the young at heart, our September Morning Showtime show is a **Tribute to Buddy Holly**.

Meticulously researched by local historian Colin Mockett, with the soundtrack supplied by our favourite Geelong rockers, All Shook Up. From 10.30am Tuesday 16 September, with our delicious morning tea included in the ticket price.

POTATO SHED

WIN FAMILY PASS (2 adults 2 children) to Cinderella Spinderella



Thursday 25 Sept 11am

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

COMPETITION CLOSES 19 FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4PM

All of our shows are available to purchase via our website, potatoshed.com.au or in person at the Box Office, Monday-Friday 10am - 4pm.

You can also call our Box Office on 5251 1998 and book with your credit card.

We're looking forward to seeing you all at the Shed.

WHAT'S ON

POTATO SHED

CITY OF GREATER
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MORNING SHOWTIME TRIBUTE TO BUDDY HOLLY



Tuesday 16 September, 10.30am

Join us when we celebrate one of the founders of popular music. Colin Mockett narrates the story of Buddy Holly, and The Day The Music Died, with All Shook Up providing the iconic soundtrack.

All tickets \$20
Morning tea provided.

MAGIC OF PARIS



Saturday 20 September, 8pm

Ooh la la! Milko and Corinne return with another spectacular homage to the City of Lights in Magic of Paris. Expect hits from the '60s and '70s with a dash of operetta.

Cabaret
\$45 Adult \$40 Conc \$25 Under 25s
Theatre
\$40 Adult \$35 Conc \$25 Under 25s

CINDERELLA SPINDERELLA



Thursday 25 September, 11am

Cinderella is always cleaning, cooking and spinning - she gets very dizzy. These school holidays, find out if she will ever meet Prince Perfect - and if she will ever stop spinning! Presented by Jally Entertainment.

All tickets \$15 or
\$50 for a family of 4 (under 2 free).
Group 10+ \$12.50 each

BLAST OFF THE FINAL MISSION... OR IS IT?



Tuesday 30 Sept to Thursday 2 Oct, 10.30am and 1.30pm

They're back! Join the Space Rescue Team with Captain James Link, Astronaut Luna Tik and Commander Carl Cosmic as they embark on their final mission (or is it?) into the galaxy. Presented by Theatre 3triple2 4 Kids.

All tickets \$15 or
\$50 for a family of 4 (under 2 free).
Group 10+ \$12.50 each

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In August 2015 I walked into SpringDale Neighbour Centre to discuss the possibility of starting a support group for kinship carers in our region.

I talked to Anne Brackley at length about kinship care and how it impacts families in our region. To Anne's credit she listened and asked lots of questions. Anne believed in my dream of supporting other kinship carers to the best of my ability, with such things as obtaining a birth certificate for the children in their care, Medicare card and issues with Centrelink.

In September 2015, we held our first meeting in the front meeting room at SpringDale. We started with just 2 kinship carer families, one of those families being my granddaughter and myself. Sadly, our numbers as of late August 2025 now stand at 96 kinship families in our region travelling the kinship journey. Each of our families has a different story to tell, no two families are in the same situation. Many of our families are grandparents raising their grandchildren, but we also have aunts and uncles, cousins and even friends all supporting the children in their care.

Over 90% of our families are involved in some way with child protection, these families are known as FORMAL Carers whilst the other 10% are known as INFORMAL Carers with NO child protection involvement.

Our Formal Carers receive an allowance each fortnight from child protection, sadly our Informal Carers do not receive the child protection allowance. The Informal Carers rely totally on Centrelink to put food on the table, clothe the children in their care plus everyday expenses. Our Informal Carers are doing it tough every day.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to the following - Anne Brackley from SpringDale and all the staff.

To the many kind and generous people in our community who have left donations of new children's clothing, games, books and the list goes on and on at SpringDale.

To all the Service clubs e.g. Rotary, Lions, View and Probus ... please accept my apologies if I have left any Service club out.

To all the schools in our region, both government and non-government which have held fund raising events to support our group.

To all the local businesses and churches.

You have all reached out to support the children we are caring for, local children, children are our future.

If you are a kinship carer or know someone who is - sitting at home alone thinking that life cannot get any worse, please come join Bellarine Kinship Carers - we talk too much, we laugh heaps and sometimes we cry, but we support each other.

Bellarine Kinship Carers meets on the first Monday of each month (not during school holidays) from 10am to 12noon at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. Come join us.

Thank you again everyone.

Jeanette Hanley-Heath - 0414 308 257

Re-imagining Housing for Seniors - and Everyone!

Sometimes the simplest things are overlooked for the bigger, brighter, better alternatives. We think if something costs more, is bigger in size and is more often chosen over 'the ordinary', that it's got to be better.

Housing has become one of the things that is no longer simply a home to us that provides us with security, shelter, warmth and a place of belonging. It's now one of the 'bigger, bolder, better' commodities that costs far more and offers more than most of us really need.

How simple it would be for government to locate a piece of land and look for a local modular housing manufacturer to pre-build as many 1 or 2 bedroom homes as will fit on the block. Leave some space around each one, allocate some common space for a community garden, and rent the homes to people who can't afford the bigger, bolder, better 4-bedroom homes that developers are churning out for three times the cost.

The Modular Housing Industry is leaps and bounds ahead of common construction at the moment. Beautiful, clever design makes the most of the space and they are better insulated, and more eco-friendly than most mainstream builders are offering.

It would only take a small shift in our thinking, and the will and boldness to take on the challenge. We at S.H.O.W. believe this can be done.

Each week we're hearing from women and men who are interested in what we are doing and willing to help in any way they can. They're catching the vision that communities and grass roots movements like ours can bring the change.

If you're interested in chatting about an idea you might have, and you'd like to be part of the solution to the housing crisis that we're facing, we'd love to talk with you.

Dianne Bennett

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Councillors' News

By Cr Elise Wilkinson

The Dell Eco Reef, just offshore at Clifton Springs, is drawing more international attention. Most recently, it has been on display at the Trienal de Design de Covilhã in Portugal, one of the world's leading exhibitions of sustainable design.

As chair of the City of Greater Geelong's Environment and Circular Economy portfolio, I am proud of the team for their achievements, and it's a great reminder that smart environmental solutions can start right here on the Bellarine.

Designed by Australian industrial designer Alex Goad, in partnership with the City of Greater Geelong, the reef was created to tackle two serious issues facing our coastline: erosion and habitat loss. Installed in October 2022, the reef modules sit in shallow water, around 60 metres from the coast. They're made from eco-friendly concrete using the bi-product fly ash instead of standard cement, blended with recycled shells.

The structures form a permeable barrier that slows wave energy, helping to protect our cliffs while also creating habitat for marine life. Already, the reef is showing signs of success. More than 1,000 juvenile Angasi oysters were recently placed on the modules by University of Melbourne researchers, and local Coastcare volunteers. The species is critically threatened, and the reef is helping to bring it back. This hands-on, community-driven work will be monitored over the coming months, to track

how the oysters grow and settle.

The reef also won the 2023 Dezeen Sustainable Design (Building Product) of the Year, an LGPro Award for Excellence, and the Victorian Marine and Coastal award, for Excellence in marine and coastal design-development in 2024. It builds on the success of another local project - Ramblers Reef at Portarlington, which has also demonstrated how nature-based solutions can protect our coastline while encouraging marine life to return.

Both projects are great examples of what can happen when local design, science and community care come together, to protect the places we love. To keep up to date with environmental news and projects across our region, visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/environment.



It is National Bilby Day on the second Sunday of September 2025 - Sunday the 14th. Frank Manthey led the campaign for this: this is the only gazetted day in Australia, that celebrates one of our amazing native species.

Save the Dates

Drysdale Primary School **150** Years

Sat 18 Oct 9am - 2pm School open to visit and reminisce

Sat 18 Oct 6pm Dinner

booking via Anne Brackley messenger@springdale.org.au

Sun 19 Oct 9am - 2pm Brunch at SpringDale

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Drysdale Primary School 150 Years

Last call for photos, stories and names for people in photos. Go to projects.onthebellarine.org.au please send information to Anne Brackley c/o messenger@springdale.org.au

1939 Grades 1 - 4

Back Row: (1), (2), (3), Max Willey, (5), (6), Ivan Kilby, (8), (9), (10), (11)

4th Row: (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17), (18), (19), (20), (21),

3rd Row: (22), Vonnie Kilby, (24), (25), (26), (27), (28), (29), (30), (31), (32), Teacher: Miss Harris

2nd Row: (33), Audrey Nash, Norma (Chooky) Rodgers, (36), (37), (38), (39), (40), (41),

Front Row: (42), Ron Turner, Donald Peel, Max Parish, (46), Brian Gallop, Ray Matthews, (49),



Sydney Olympics 2000 - Marie Ellis-Bird & Steve Keating

Torchbearer 1778624428, Pomborneit, Vic, Day 45 of 100 days of Australian Torch Relay.

It was with great pride that I accepted this once in a lifetime experience after being nominated by my cousin and military personnel, (for our connection with The Services).

On accepting, I had to send back an agreement form and could select to buy The Torch I was to use. (The gas cylinder to be replaced with an empty one).

I had to estimate how long it would take me to cover 500 meters with a 1kg torch which took some trials.

22nd July - Myself and family met organisers at Pirron Yallock, at 07:30, the coldness of the day was taken over by excitement and nerves.

The importance of being part of The Relay did not really set in until my torch was lit by the previous Torchbearer and then me passing the flame onto the next Torchbearer, playing a part in finally the Cauldron being lit at Sydney.

It was great, that although you were told you are not to, they let Karen, Joseph and Daniel briefly carry the torch.

Marie Ellis-Bird

I had the privilege of carrying the Olympic torch in Mortlake. I was nominated on the basis of my coaching and volunteering roles over the previous decade. It was a wonderful experience for us as a family and we shared the excitement of the event.

Steve Keating

Steve + I spoke about our Relay Experience at DPS assembly. The Children were all excited and had a lot of questions, particularly wanted to know how the torch worked and if it could still be used.

This was part of an Olympics Day at Drysdale Primary School in honour of the Olympic Games.

Marie and Steve.



Top Left - Marie and Steve carrying their torches at assembly. Circle - Marie and Billy Brownless. Left - Marie Ellis and Steve Keating and their children at school.

PROSTATE CANCER



18 September 2025 is 170 years since
Bellarine Shire was proclaimed

September is Prostate Cancer Month and Blue is the Colour associated with Prostate Cancer.

Clifton Springs Community Mens Shed members are going to participate in a month of activities to highlight the effect on men of this debilitating disease. Our members will be out in the community to educate the community about Prostate Cancer.

The members will also paint one of their nails blue in support of the men suffering from Prostate Cancer. Members of the public could also participate in the fingernail painting.



Prostate Cancer Signs and Symptoms

Early Prostate cancer does not usually cause symptoms

More advanced prostate cancer symptoms can include:

- Frequent Urination
- Pain whilst urinating
- Blood in Urine or Semen
- A Weak Stream
- Pain in the Back or Pelvis
- Weak Legs or Feet

More widespread disease often spreads to the bones and can often cause pain or unexplained weight loss

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in Australia



1 in 5 men
diagnosed by 85



66 men
diagnosed daily



24,000+
per year

10 men die every day in
Australia from prostate cancer



Prostate Cancer
Foundation of Australia

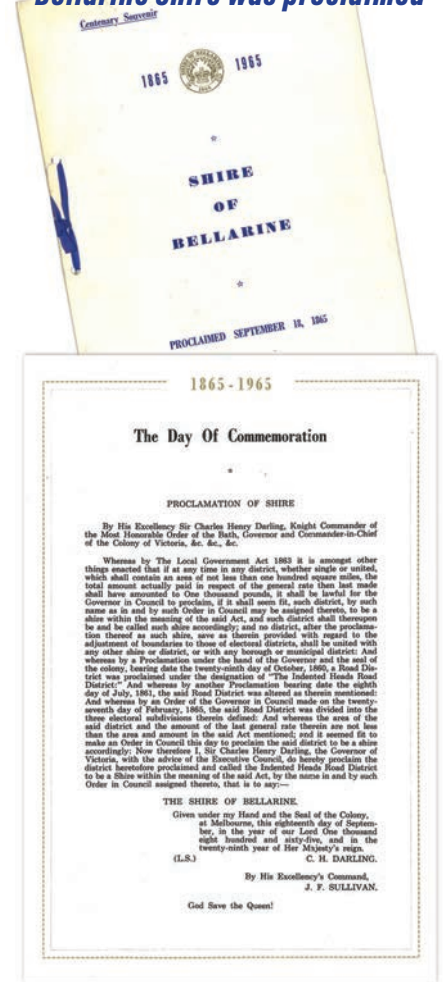
Causes of Prostate Cancer

Some Factors that can Increase your Risk of Prostate Cancer

- Age, increasing rapidly after 50 years of age
- Family History of Prostate, Breast or Ovarian Cancer especially BRCA1 and BRCA2
- A father or brother diagnosed with Prostate Cancer before the age of 60

There is an association with high Testosterone levels

Lawrence Isaacs - Clifton Springs Community Mens Shed





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Who is Parent Pathways for?

Parents and carers who:

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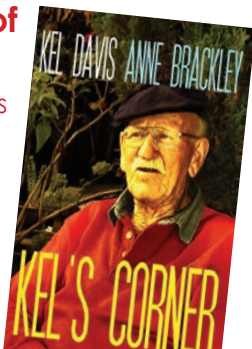
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Sharing inclusivity and accessibility

Before beginning my radio show on 94.7 The Pulse, I never realised just how extensive disability was in our community, but the more I spoke to other disabled people, or people who are working on and advocating for disability related issues, the more I saw how important it is to have these conversations. Discussions lead to understanding, destigmatising, and to everyone becoming more comfortable with the presence of disabilities in our community.

Working on the radio show was a wonderful experience of advocating for disability inclusion, and it's great to be doing this again with the SpringDale Messenger. My next few contributions will be discussing and recapping some of my radio interviews with local people whose impact and stories are worth re-sharing.

This month we are revisiting an educational and important topic that is typically uncomfortable, yet necessary. Sally Cant spoke to me in her role as (then) a board member, and a current volunteer with Compassionate Hearts on the Bellarine (CHoB). Sally has thirty (30) plus years of experience in the death and dying sector as a death advocate, including her published book 'Conversations About Death', made for an enlightening chat.

The topic of death is deeply personal. To understand our choices and rights for the end of life not only helps us personally, but those that we are close to, as they are going through the process. This is all part of death advocacy and support. End of life considerations are not just medical, financial or administrative; they are very importantly about human connection and mental and emotional sustenance.

As you know from their own contributions to the SpringDale Messenger, Compassionate Hearts on the Bellarine provides support to people who have a life limiting illness and their families. After matching a volunteer

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Sally Cant
On community support available for those living with life limiting illness, their family and carers

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with a client, these services include sitting with the dying person and simply listening, taking clients to local cafes or a walk on the beach if they're able, reading stories, being a sounding board, providing respite for carers and assisting those grieving post death. One volunteer journalist even offers a free scribing service for clients who wish to have their lives documented.

The impact of this volunteer support was made clear, when Sally shared a powerful anecdote, involving a client who has lived years beyond expectations. The client puts this down to the volunteer support from CHoB, whose constant presence has given her a sense of purpose.

From my conversation with Sally, it seems that volunteering with CHoB gives these wonderfully compassionate and talented community angels, as much emotional reward as they give to the recipients. How lucky we are to have such wonderful help when we really need it so close to home. Thank you, Sally, and all who volunteer at Compassionate Hearts on the Bellarine.

If you're interested in learning more about Compassionate Hearts on the Bellarine, visit their website on www.chob.org.au.

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Community Members Honoured

Gilbert and Sullivan Society's Honorary Life Member badges were recently awarded to Gerald Edgar, Marguerite Edgar and Roger Colvin at a performance of The Mikado at the Queenscliff Town Hall.

These badges are awarded to members who have shown exemplary service over many years.

Gerald and Marguerite, who joined the society in 1963, were involved in the making of the costumes for each production and Gerald also assisted in the property department which consists of set design, etc. Marguerite also served as President for a number of years.

Roger joined in 1964 and was Secretary of the Society for 12 years. His wife Sue, although not an official member helped out in various ways, organising ticketing, dyeing costumes and her volunteering included assisting Sir Robert Menzies to his seat. Sir Robert was patron of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society at that time.

During their years as members of the Society, all three sang in many of the operas, which at that time were produced three times a year.

Dianne Wilson.



Above - Gerald & Marguerite Edgar
Below - Roger Colvin



Footpaths for Health Murradoc Road Urgent Support

Over the last 3 years I have walked along Murradoc to attend a regular exercise program beginning at 6.30am. Each time I walk to the class, I am fearful for my safety. This is due to the unsafe nature of parts of my journey, I need to use parts of Murradoc Road for my pathway and although I haven't been hurt yet, I am always worried for my safety. I have bought safer coloured coats to increase my visibility at that hour of the day and pray that the drivers see me.

The surfaces are uneven, there are puddles, it's just unsafe. I understand that Murradoc Road is a State Government Road, but that City of Greater Geelong has responsibility for it where the speed limit is 60 kph or less. I understand these two levels of government are going to work together to improve access to this rapidly growing commercial area of Drysdale.

Others have told me of their concerns in getting to the last remaining bank in Drysdale. Many people cannot attend any of these businesses due to a lack of a car/licence, lack of public transport in this part of Murradoc Road, and lack of footpaths for access by wheel chair or mobility scooters.

Murradoc Road has been the highest priority for many residents and my reason for becoming part of the SpringDale Footpaths for Health group. I am hopeful that Murradoc Road is immediately addressed and footpaths along with whatever other infrastructure is needed, are built so that many in our community are not discriminated against and disadvantaged. Please do not wait until someone is injured or worse still killed because of the lack of safety.

Please contact me via SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre - office@springdale.org.au to voice your concern and increase our pressure to get this infrastructure in place for the safety of all concerned.

Margaret Reing, active Drysdale resident.



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2. Which city in the world has the highest population?
3. What was the name of the Flintstone family's affectionate pet dinosaur?
4. Which travels faster, Light or Sound?
5. The unicorn is the national animal of which country?
6. The Majority of Adults have how many permanent teeth?
7. How many times did Peter Brock with the Bathurst 500/1000?
8. Which US state is the only one you can type using only one row of a standard QWERTY keyboard?
9. Which is the only planet in our solar system to rotate clockwise on its axis?
10. What is the name of the fictional town that the majority of the TV show Stranger Things is set in?

Turn to page 21 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.guidesvic.org.au/find-us/> to make an enquiry.



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Bellarine North Rotary



At Bellarine North Rotary Club, we are always seeking meaningful ways to give back to our local community—whether through hands-on volunteer efforts or financial contributions aimed at improving the lives of those around us.

One recent example of our commitment took place at the beautiful foreshore of St Leonards, where a group of our dedicated members came together for a community planting day. The goal was twofold: to enhance the natural environment and to remove invasive weeds that threaten the local ecosystem.

This important environmental initiative was made possible through generous funding from the Victorian Government's Port Phillip Bay Fund. We are also deeply grateful for the support and coordination provided by Bellarine Bayside, whose efforts were instrumental in organising the weeding and planting activities. A special thanks goes to the enthusiastic children from St Ignatius College and the hardworking members of the St Leonards Volunteer Group, whose involvement helped make the day a true success.

The weather was on our side, and with around fifteen passionate individuals from various groups working in harmony, we achieved a great outcome. It was a shining example of what can be accomplished when community groups unite for a common purpose.

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By a local computer engineer with 45 years' experience

I'm sadly still seeing customers who have been scammed or had their Android mobile phone or PC infected with malicious software (malware).

I've been fixing computers for over four decades, yes well before PC's, and lately, I've seen a huge rise in people coming to me with the same heartbreaking story:

They've been scammed. Their bank account's been raided. Their phone or computer is misbehaving. They're embarrassed. They blame themselves.

Let me say this loud and clear:

It's not your fault.

Scammers are not amateurs working from mum's garage. They're professionals. Many of them work full-time in overseas call centres, especially from places like India and Southeast Asia. This isn't guesswork - it's what I see every week.

They're trained, persistent, and incredibly skilled at sounding convincing. They know how to manipulate your emotions - fear, urgency, even kindness. And they use every trick in the book:

- Fake phone calls from "Telstra"
- Emails pretending to be from Microsoft, the ATO, or your bank
- Text messages with dodgy links
- Pop-ups telling you your device has a virus
- Apps that look innocent but secretly collect your data

These people scam hundreds of Australians every single day. And anyone can fall for it - no matter how smart or careful you are.

So here's what I want you to know:

Golden Rules to Keep Yourself Safe

1. No legit company will ever call you out of the blue to "fix" something.

If someone rings saying they're from Microsoft, NBN, Telstra, your bank, or the government - and you didn't ask them to - hang up. It's a scam. If you have clicked on something, get your PC checked as they can load malware into startup which loads in the background every time you start up the PC.

2. Never click on links in emails or texts unless you're absolutely sure they're real.

Scammers are experts at faking messages from real companies. If in doubt, don't touch the link. Go directly to the website or app yourself.

Tip: if you hover your mouse over the link, most browsers will show you at the bottom of the page where the link is actually going to, rather than where the scammers want you to think it's going. Don't click on the link!

3. If a pop-up tells you there's a virus - it is the virus.

Close your browser or restart your device. Never call the number they give you even if it looks local, it's not they spoof it.

4. On Android phones, be very careful what apps you install.

Only download from the Google Play Store - and even then, check the reviews and the developer's name.

5. Use strong passwords and two-factor authentication.

Yes, it's a bit of a pain. But it's worth it. If a scammer gets one password, two-factor (like a text code to your phone) can stop them in their tracks.

6. If you're unsure - ask someone.

Better to feel a bit silly asking than to lose your savings. You can always call a local expert (like me!) or a trusted family member.

If It's Already Happened to You...

Please don't feel ashamed. You are not stupid. These scammers *want* you to feel that way, because then you won't tell anyone - and they get away with it.

Tell your bank. Tell your phone company. Report it to www.scamwatch.gov.au. And get your device checked for malware.

You *can* recover.

But the first step is speaking up.

We live in a world where crooks don't need to wear balaclavas or carry crowbars anymore. They just need a headset and a script.

But with a bit of knowledge, and a healthy dose of suspicion, we can beat them at their own game.

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St Leonards Community Space

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Monday again, it comes around so quickly, but that's all good for the girls at the Space who play with clay. Each of us work on our own projects and thoroughly enjoy the creativity involved in handbuilding a new vase or maybe a little bird.

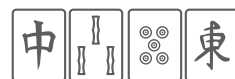


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St Leonards Chess Club Still Going Strong

At the St Leonards Chess Club, it's all about fun, friendship, and community. Meeting every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the St Leonards Community Space, this group plays for the love of the game—no fuss, just good company.

Founded by local Hugh Peters, the club continues to grow. Hugh prefers playing with people over computers, valuing the emotional connection and friendships built across the board. Stan Rusiniak, who helps run the group alongside Hugh, says the club's appeal also lies in its sociability and relaxed atmosphere.

The club welcomes players of all skill levels, Hugh and the team are always happy to help beginners get started.

For more info, contact Lynn Blackall at 5216 9255 or visit the St Leonards Community Space Centre at Unit 2/1375-1377 Murradoc Rd.

Stan Rusiniak



David Palmer, Nick Martin, Hugh Peters, Stan Rusiniak, Adrian Slykerman, Harry Balmer, Daryl Rowe, and John Griffiths.



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Our recent competition was on Street Photography. Quite challenging to many members, but they pulled through with some excellent images. A big thank you to our judge, Heather Prince for taking the time out of her busy schedule, to critique our images.

Congratulations to the Members who were awarded the following places:

PRINTS - A Grade: 1st Watching by Lynn Cornell, 2nd Storm Coming by Darren Henry, 3rd We love Lorne by Darren Henry. Merits - Sunday Brunch by David Brewster and Waiting for Mum by Debbie Hallows.

Electronic Digital Images - A Grade: 1st Rush Hour by Kevin Robley, 2nd The Carrot Man by Lynne Pearce, 3rd Home by Geoff Gaskill. Merits - Waitress Waiting by Ian Chalmers and What's Below by Robyn Curtis

B Grade: 1st Ignoring Temptation by Keith Evans, 2nd Addicted to the phone by Geoff Evans, 3rd Busy Ruins by Michelle Gallagher. Merit - Streetside Podcast by Geoff Evans.



Bellarine Camera Club meet at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre, Drysdale at 7.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. For further details see our website www.bellarinecameraclub.org.au Or, phone **Debbie** (President) on 0400 562 571
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Clifton Springs Garden Club

Although I am writing this article in the last month of Winter, there are signs that Spring is in the air around my garden. Despite the low rainfall in my part of the Bellarine, I have some beautiful snowdrops, early jonquils, yellow soldiers (*Lachenalla aloides* var *aurea*), hellebores, orchids and daphne appearing all over my garden. And by the time you read this, I will have blossoms on my ornamental cherry tree, bluebells everywhere and buds on my wisteria, such a lovely time of the year with surprises popping up everywhere, especially if you are like me and can't remember where you planted the bulbs. All these lovely flowers combined with the beautiful sunshine we have had and the longer days lifts one's spirit and gives you renewed energy to get out and get your hands dirty.

As mentioned last month, our Club has been going for a long time and life as we knew it in the 1980s has changed and so have our gardening habits and what we want to get out of a garden club. I would like to thank all those members who attended our August meeting and who gave our Committee useful information to help us take our Club into the future and keep it relevant to our membership base.

Our September monthly meeting is our AGM, it is important that members attend these meetings, as it is a legal requirement and Clubs need Committees to function. We try and make our AGM as short as possible and have a guest speaker as well. Our guest speaker will be one of our members Helen Myroniuk, who is going to share some photographs of gardens that she visited on a recent trip to England.

At the time of writing this article, we have not bedded down our outings for the rest of the year, but rest assured we will visit some interesting places over the next few months and have some great speakers, stay tuned for photos and reports. If you want to know more about our upcoming speakers and outings you can contact our Secretary Helen, on telephone 5257 2220 or email hma3152@gmail.com for more information, go on our mailing list, or come along to a meeting. We meet the first Monday of the month in the Uniting Church Hall Drysdale at 7.30 pm.

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A remarkable 15 year commitment to music making on the Bellarine.

I have been with the Coryule Chorus since we began it together in 2010. What a ride we have had with Joy Porter at the helm. At her farewell concert as Musical Director, but also our 15th Anniversary Concert, held recently, Joy shared the following words about her amazing achievement:

"Over the 15 years we have sung at 186 gigs (that is an average of 12 per year!!!) Our busiest year was 2012-2013 when we had 26 gigs.

Ranging from singing sometimes twice a year at all eight age care facilities on the Bellarine, doing fund raisers and entertainment for various churches both here and in Geelong, Cancer Council and Biggest afternoon tea, Vision Australia, Probud Clubs, SpringDale art shows, to name just a few. We were invited to sing sea shanties at the Potato Shed.

We have sung in the open air at the Drysdale railway station, at OG Anzac Day ceremonies, at our local supermarkets, at the new Boronggook library, The National Celtic Festival and Relay for life cancer support.

We have spread our music across the Bellarine and from Waurin Ponds to Bannockburn



to Geelong, to Heidelberg and Brighton in Melbourne.

One year, we even had a progressive concert and moved our audience around to 3 beautiful churches in Drysdale to present a different program in each venue on the same day.

During COVID lockdowns we had 26 rehearsals on Zoom and recorded a concert for our age care residents on YouTube.

It has been a great privilege and honour to lead this choir."

Joy's final day as musical director of Coryule Chorus was a concert day we will remember with great pride. We sang a wide-ranging program taken from our large repertoire built over 15 years together. It was such a wonderful day for the whole Coryule community with a bumper audience to share this moment with Joy and the choir.

Coryule is a beautiful musical community to belong to, so ably led by Joy. She has a remarkable, inclusive and resourceful leadership style.

"Belle Mama"

Annette Playsted Coryule chorister

national science week

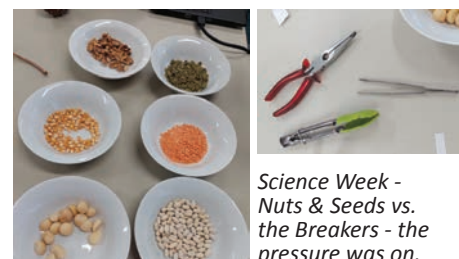
Science Week 2026

Let's look ahead to Science Week 2026, I'm guessing there are lots of people in our community, who would love to celebrate science and learn something new or learn it in another way. This year Steve Bayly led us in activities based on the Science Week Theme – Decoding the universe. We shared a couple of great sessions looking at flowers, counting petals, comparing them to the Fibonacci Sequence, pretending we were Galapagos finches picking up different seeds with different types of beaks, categorizing items and just thinking in a totally different way for an hour or so.

I have a science background and although I don't often get to use my time and energy in this way, it does influence all I do and perhaps help with the systematic way we approach many of our activities at SpringDale. But I love having a chance, during Science Week, to share time with others who love science.

We have a Numbers Group that meets regularly and perhaps we could also have a Science Group? Apparently we were the only community centre sharing Science Week activities this year, I understand we were the only group in the Geelong / Bellarine area presenting Science week activities. Perhaps this sets us apart as does our support in the Autism space.

Anne Brackley BSc (Physics)



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Sustainability News

I achieved my "challenge" in financial year 2024/25 in having no home energy costs - in fact Red Energy owes me \$10.48 over the year. It has been helped by government subsidies and also a 5c /kWh feed in tariff so I'm unlikely to repeat it, but proved it was possible. Incidentally I spent \$156.35 on charging up my EV away from home which arose from two trips to South Australia whilst the other 8000km+ of local use was effectively free.

Over the last four years I've installed solar panels, a small battery, a hot water heat pump, two air conditioners and an induction cooktop (so getting off gas) as well as sealing up lots of gaps, re-laying the ceiling insulation, installing under-floor insulation and zoning off areas within the house better and buying an EV.

As the weather is warming up there will be less intense heating demand so using the air conditioner for heating whenever possible should be financially worthwhile.

The Federal Government Battery Program is proving to be extremely popular which is not surprising since it is a 30% subsidy on the cost of an installation. There may be a bit of a waiting list but, I'd recommend those with or want to get solar panels, check out the financials again as the Feed-in-Tariff has fallen to almost zero.

There are good local suppliers available. Also a scheme being run by Geelong Sustainability covers not only solar and batteries, but a large range of appliances and also Electric cars and bikes. If you don't have solar, but can use much of your power during the day (and can't afford the battery) then also check out the figures for just solar cells and remember your grandchildren may also be very appreciative of your contribution to a clean energy future.

In early 2026 the Victorian Government will also be introducing a ceiling insulation subsidy which is likely to be financially attractive for many households.

AEMO (The Energy Manager) has just published its 2nd Qtr 2025 report which compared to Q2,2024 shows:

Overall electricity demand increased by 0.7% but residential Solar output increased by 15% so demand on the generators fell by 0.7%.

Wind energy increased by 31% and grid solar by 17% so overall renewables increased from a 32.2% to 37.9% market share. Shares for black coal fell 3.9%, brown coal 0.9%, gas 0.9% which continues the steady transfer from old fossil fuel sources to Renewables.

Overall demand increased due to population growth, electrification of heating (water and space), increased EV usage and data centre growth.

Overall CO2 emissions reduced by 5.9% for the Electricity sector.

New capacity progressing through the system increased by 31% to a huge 53GW.

Finally, China reports that its energy consumption increased by 8.8% in 1st half 2025 vs 1st half 2024 with the vast majority from solar (+62.7%) and wind (+19.8%) so their carbon emissions actually declined for the first time.

Rob Gardner

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Geelong Sustainability's award-winning Electric Homes Program is back for its third year—fully charged and ready to help more households make the switch to all-electric living. Designed in response to growing community interest in lowering energy bills, moving away from gas, reducing emissions and improving home comfort, the Electric Homes Program removes the guesswork and barriers many people face when trying to make their homes more energy efficient. "Many people in our community know that electricity is cheaper than gas and they want to take action but don't know where to start and who to trust," said Jane Spence, CEO of Geelong Sustainability. "That's why we created this program—to connect people with trustworthy local suppliers and quality products. We're here to make the transition easier, more affordable, and more reliable." With new products in 2025, the Electric Homes Program offers access to exclusive pricing, reliable installers, and quality products and services. Geelong Sustainability has vetted and partnered with trusted local businesses to provide:

- Home Energy Audits
- Draught Proofing
- Home Insulation
- Heating and Cooling Split Systems
- Hot Water Heat Pumps
- Solar
- Battery Systems
- Induction Cooktop Installation
- Electric Vehicles
- Electric Vehicle Chargers
- eBikes

The program is open to residents across Greater Geelong, Surf Coast, Golden Plains, Colac Otway shires, and the Borough of Queenscliff e. Scott Barnes installed a hot water heat pump through the program in 2024: Geelong Sustainability Group Inc. ABN: 85 007 177 238 PO Box 258, Geelong VIC 3220 E-mail: info@geelong sustainability.org.au Phone: 1300 133 702 Website: geelong sustainability.org.au

"It was great to install a hot water heat pump through the Electric Homes Program because I didn't have to get multiple quotes. I was quite comfortable that Geelong Sustainability had done that homework." Whether you're looking to improve home comfort, reduce your energy bills, or take steps towards an all-electric lifestyle, the Electric Homes Program provides a trusted starting point. **Visit www.electrichomes.com.au to register your interest.**



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In the past, having convicts in the family was seen as an embarrassment and not what you wanted on your family history tree. Nowadays it is seen as having royalty in the family. It is special to have convicts in the family.

Transportation to the Australian colonies began in 1788 to Botany Bay in New South Wales and finished in 1868 in Western Australia. Over the eighty years throughout which convicts were transported to the Australian colonies, more than 160,000 prisoners were shipped here. Of those, only around 25,000 were females.

Your criminal ancestors may not have been innocent, but some of them will have been unlucky; unlucky to be caught, unlucky in that they lacked sufficient connections to pull them clear of the courts, unlucky that they lacked the social capital to effectively work the system. English criminal trials were very different from those of today. Trials were quick, lawyers were rarely present, and prosecutors, judges, and jurors exercised considerable discretion in how they interpreted the law.

Unfortunately, in New South Wales the government decided in the 1860s and 1870s to destroy many of the detailed records about convicts. By way of contrast, in Tasmania (Van Diemen's Land), many of the convict records have survived.

Ancestry.com has a lot of convict records including England & Wales, Criminal Registers, 1791-1892. English newspapers often had summaries of the convict court cases and are worth looking at. Many of those transported

from England were sentenced at London's Central Criminal Court or Old Bailey. Trial records can be found at: <https://www.oldbaileyonline.org/search>.

The Digital Panopticon is a website that brings together information from around fifty datasets, all of which relate to the lives of 90,000 convicts that were sentenced at London's 'Old Bailey':

https://www.digitalpanopticon.org/Crime,_1780-1925.

Many convicts were convicted at Assizes Courts which were held across England and Wales during Lent (the period leading up to Easter) and Summer. Check out:

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/criminal-trials-assize-courts-1559-1971>.

For NSW convicts see Ancestry.com. For Tasmanian convicts - Digitised copies of convict indents are available online through Libraries Tasmania. Use the Tasmanian Names Index to find and read these records.

https://linctas.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/names.

These records include muster rolls, shipping records and descriptions of convicts in case they absconded. See also <https://libraries.tas.gov.au/family-history/convicts-in-van-diemens-land-now-tasmania/convict-life/convict-records/introduction>;

For other information on convicts, check out:

<https://convictrecords.com.au>; <https://mhns.wa.gov.au/indexes/convicts/convicts-index>;

John Mathes

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During the last almost 12 months, our Repair Café has started and has repaired so many items or giving people a strategy to get their items repaired. Toasters, Dyson vacuums, costume jewellery, statues, electronics, toys, jumpers, socks, beanies, much loved baby dolls, clothes horses, lamps and so much more.

The Repair Café is open on the first Saturday each month 10am – 12noon (except January). Our repairers are volunteers and it would be great to increase our team if you have a skill to share. You might like to bring an item to be repaired or have a chat about a project you have in mind. Repair Cafes are world wide and we are happy to be part of this movement.

David Wilkie

Trivia Answers

1. Jane Austen 2. Tokyo 3. Dino 4. Light 5. Scotland 6. 32 7. 9 times, in 1972, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1987 8. Alaska 9. Venus 10. Hawkins



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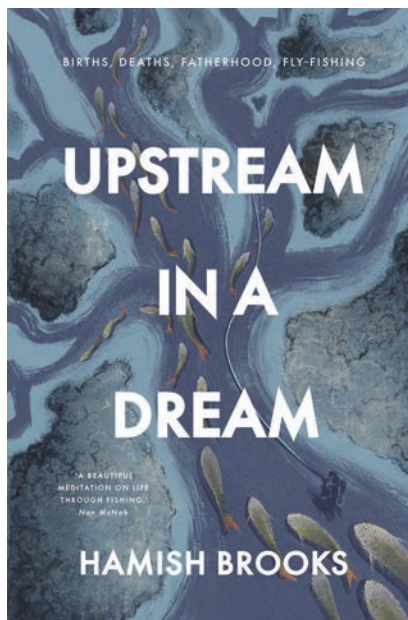
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The emotions of fatherhood, family and the passing of time take on the poetic cadence of fly-fishing in this book of beautifully written essays, which invite reflection on the natural world and human nature.

The book features lovely writing about the Barwon River in Barwon Heads, the scenery of the Great Ocean Road and the creeks of the Otways, it's a great option for local fishers, water lovers and lovers of nature writing alike.

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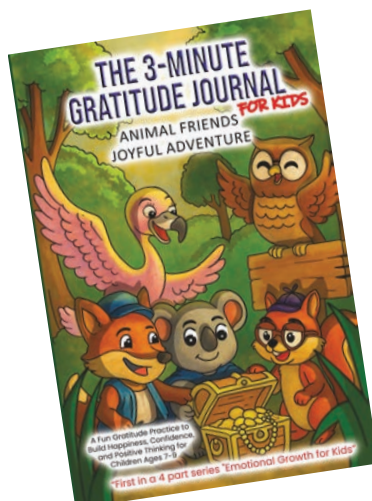
- Lower depression/anxiety rates
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- Better physical health and coping abilities

Book 1 of 8 - each building essential gratitude, mindfulness, self-love, compassion and a lot more, because grateful kids become happier, more resilient adults.

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Tony Jones

Bottom Line: 3 minutes daily = lifelong emotional superpowers!



Wow ! Just got back from the Geelong Comic and Toy festival. Had a total blast!

We had the two sided "Lost in Space" "flight" and "landed" mode set on one side of a narrow concourse adjacent to the main hall. (landed mode is illustrated)

Trade tables showcasing "Marvel" toys and comics were opposite us but they were very static.

On the other hand we were running a boiling cauldron of blazing non-stop sci fi action as we assisted the on screen Space family Robinsons as their Jupiter 2 space craft blasted off from the doomed planet, dodged a rapidly approaching comet by a whisker, then pursued and located the elusive Xenion Space Probe. Subsequently dragged inside by a rogue magnetic beam they had to land the ship perforce.

At this point we reverse the set so that the controls face away from us, and then "dock in" the ladder. (In the show the ladders extend down for the ship to land on.) You can see us (the young and the young at heart?) fending off the alien attack with genuine 1960s Coles stores toy "Jet Ray Guns !" (although that time I had to pretend)

We started off fairly quietly for the first hour and then it just exploded! For four hours we feverishly flew the ship and reversed the set and battled the aliens and straightened the set again.

Continually switching the set in the middle of a crowded alleyway was complex to say the least ! I was waiting for someone to complain but everyone either waited patiently or just edged around me!

For the last hour I was so exhausted that I was running on adrenalin and not too sure what was happening more than one step away from me!

As Herman Munster said, "I don't know what I'm doing but I'm sure having fun!"

John.





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Clifton Springs & Curlewis Coastcare Group

The Tree Planting Day was a huge success with over 900 grasses and shrubs being planted and guarded due to a very enthusiastic and hard-working group of over 50 volunteers directed by Tess and CoGG staff. Rotary turned on a great BBQ, so we all went away well fed and happy with our progress. We are in the process for applying for more funding to do the next section of Beach Vista Nature Reserve at Curlewis.

Our next events are:

Monday 1st Sept 9.30am at the Clifton Springs Boat Harbour for Waterwatch monitoring

Friday 12th Sept afternoon (12:45-3:30pm) at the Clifton Springs The Dell Eco Reef to support Melbourne Uni researchers counting Oysters. Our group took part in this project seeding oysters onto the reef structure last year, and now it's time for counting oysters. See our social media for further information.

Wednesday 17th Sept 9.30am at Curlewis Beach Vista Nature Reserve to put in another 200 plants (which hopefully have grown sufficiently larger) and do some more weeding and preparation work.

Hans Heine, and Rob Gardner



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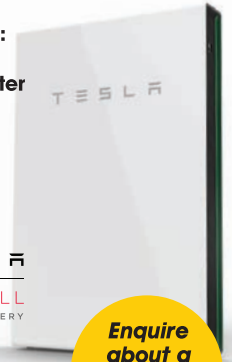
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