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2018 heralds a new era for Newhaven College with the new Senior School and Art, Science and Technology Wing ready to welcome students when school commences on February 1.

Originally purchased in 2004, the 82 acres that is now the Phillip Island Road Campus has undergone a 14 year planned staged development to transform from farm land into the state of the art independent school that we see today.

The original vision of Newhaven College's founders to provide a comprehensive ecumenical education built on Christian values holds true to this day, and will continue in the future thanks to the leadership of the Board of Directors and College Principal, Gea Lovell, who dedicates countless hours to ensure that Newhaven College is the best it can be.

Enrol now for 2020 and beyond

Enrolments are invited for every year level, with some places still available for 2018.

The main points of entry to the College are Prep and Year 7.



Prep to Year 6 has two small classes at each year level which increases to four classes from Year 7 onwards, and enrolment at Prep is recommended to ensure a place for your child in Year 7 and beyond.

Visit Newhaven College

You are invited to visit Newhaven College to experience school life in action at a College Tour. The first tour for 2018 is at 9.30am on Thursday 15 March. Other 2018 tour dates are available at www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments/college-tours

Enrolling for 2020

**Year 1-3 Places
Available in 2018**



Contact Belinda Manning, 5956 7505
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Phillip Island, 3923
www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au



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FROM THE
EDITOR'S DESK
editor@waterlinenews.com.au



And welcome to the January edition of The Waterline News.

As we enter the new year, we do so with a renewed commitment to our community. This is edition #41 and despite having expanded considerably from our original target area, believe we have made a significant contribution to the Waterline area community and aim to continue to do so.

We makes space available to all community groups in our distribution area and nearby for letting the community know about their activities and events.

If you are a member of a community group not currently featured, send us your details. Deadline - 1st of each month.

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The start of a new year is also an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of many contributors, and the behind the scenes team, proof readers and those who assist with deliveries of the magazine.

Thank you all, have a healthy and safe 2018

Roger Clark, Editor



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General Committee Members:
Margaret Boyer, Lucy Cirona,
Roger Clark, Darrell Egan, Greg Miller
and Betty Young.

If you are interested in this Association,
please contact the Secretary on
5997 6127 for more details.

Vale Beryl Craig (1929-2017)

The Waterline News has lost one of it's most avid readers. Former Corinella area resident and Bass Valley Community Group life member, Beryl Craig, passed away peacefully on 24 December with her loving family by her side.



She had been living in a retirement village in Cranbourne for many years, and loved getting her copy of The Waterline News in the mail every month. She never failed to ring and tell me which stories she had enjoyed the most. Beryl is survived by her two sons, Stephen and Timothy, daughter in laws, Janet and Gail, and much loved grandchildren, Jackson, Matthew, Danielle and Simone. Much loved and dearly missed. R.I.P Beryl

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ASSOCIATION**

2018 Committee

President. Wayne Maschette.

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Secretary. David Laing.

Treasurer. Lyndell Parker

General Committee Member.

John Stewart

Happy new year to all.....may it be a happy, healthy and prosperous year for our Shire and town, as well as all who live here!

The CRRA December meeting had a guest speaker from the CFA, and it was very informative and extremely well received by all who attended, we will certainly be inviting them back as it is so important to be "Fire ready" as we go into the summer season.

For the 3rd year, we held a traditional "Carols by Candlelight" at the Rotunda on the Corinella Foreshore..... it was a great evening, approximately 250 people joined in the Christmas spirit, candles glowing or flashing as the "Carolling" filled the quiet of the night, after a visit from Santa, always a winner with the kids! It was a magic evening and you can be assured it will be bigger and better next year. You can put it your diary now for Saturday 15 December!

Unforeseen circumstances, saw our "Sensational Sausages" fundraiser for the Corinella and District Community Centre rescheduled to March, date to be decided, check out our Facebook page for the year's upcoming program of events.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Friday 2nd of February at 7pm, Balcombe Street entrance of the Corinella and District Community Centre.

Free Australia Day celebrations will kick off at 10.30am at the Rotunda on the Corinella Foreshore. A jumping castle for the kids, great music and entertainers, iconic Australian poetry and LOTS OF SAUSAGES and onions!

Your CRRA committee is working very hard to bring the community together, celebrating all things Australian and this amazing, wonderful country we live in. Love to see you there - let's get together and have fun !

Lyndell. Parker.



President: Jean Coffey 0419 500 593

Secretary: David Pearce 0401 514 339

Our next general meeting will be on Saturday 17 February at 10am in the Corinella Community Centre. We will be discussing several projects we have planned for 2018, including the Luminous Galleries event.

We have made a good start with collecting data about NBN services from those who have connected so far, but we need more households to help. The information we collect will help us lobby for an upgraded NBN service. Please call us if you have connected to the NBN recently or are considering doing so.

Membership of the Association is open to all Tenby Point residents and costs just \$10 per household per year. We meet quarterly on Saturday mornings and our next meeting will be on Saturday 17 February 2018. We always welcome new members so call us for details.

**CORONET BAY
RATEPAYERS &
RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION**



2018 Committee

President: David Buckingham

Vice President: Kevin Brown

Secretary: Stephanie Hartridge

Treasurer: Sebastian Nowakowski

General Committee Members:

Mel Gratton and Mark Hanrahan

Secretary Combined Community Group,

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**CORONET BAY NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH**

Chairperson: Ivan Bradshaw

(P: 5678 0663)

Email: coronetbaynhw@gmail.com

Facebook:

Coronet Bay Neighbourhood Watch

Police Report Summary - December San Remo Station Commander Bruce Kent personally gave the report and congratulated Coronet Bay as it is not experiencing the crime that surrounding areas are, such as trailer theft from nature strips. He warned:

With the summer holiday season upon us, items like boats, trailers, surfboards and

bikes should be stored away from prying eyes and opportunistic thieves. If you hear or see hoon behaviour, like screeching, burnouts or speeding, call 000 immediately as police will respond quickly if available and in the area. Hoons need to be caught 'red-handed' or immediately after doing something illegal.

Caravan & Boat Security Tips

When away and when at home consider NOT reversing your caravan or boat into its space, making it harder for thieves to access quickly.

Also consider getting a wheel clamp, hitch security device, alarm, tracking device or sensor lights.

Meetings are monthly on the second Monday, except for public holiday and long weekends. Feb 12, Mar 19, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 18, Jul 9, Aug 13, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10.

Come along, get involved and help support your community minimise preventable crime. Meetings start 7pm sharp. Coronet Bay Hall, Fred Gratton Reserve. All are welcome.

Thank You to our sponsors, Coronet Bay General Store and Elliston's Mechanical Services.

**PIONEER BAY PROGRESS
ASSOCIATION**

Contact :

Zena Benbow

pbpa@bigpond.com



Apologies to both the editor and readers of the Waterline News for my lack of contributions in recent months- insufficient hours in the days!

Presentation of the concept designs of the community building are set to be presented to Council this February 14. We are trying to figure out the logistics of presenting them to the Pioneer Bay Community for some pre-emptive feedback for this presentation at The Aussie Day Bash on January 26th.

Speaking of The Bash- sponsors are now all locked away so a huge thankyou to Grantville Community Committee, Waterfront Computers, Roger Bailey & Associates, Bass Coast Shire, Brian Paynter - Member for Bass, Bendigo Bank, Stickland Moving, Tomlins Liquid Waste, Alex Scott Real Estate and Sand Supplies for making this year's event possible.

We're also working with Phillip Island Web Radio this year which you can find online or via Facebook. Remember these businesses support of this family orientated community event- so please consider them FIRST with your next purchase/business enquiry.

Don't let the music die in you- see you on 26th at Daisy Avenue Reserve, Pioneer Bay Middy until 4pm.

Community Notes



Copies of The Waterline News are now available at the Rhyll General Store each month.

Rhyll Community Association wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

RHYLL TWILIGHT MARKETS:

Jetty Goods Shed to Jansson Road along the Rhyll Foreshore. One market left in Jan and two in Feb in the lead up to the RWBF 4 pm Friday Jan 19, Feb. 2 & 16. This market is offering handmade creations and locally home-made gourmet foods. Local growers and artisans will display their goods together with a variety of other speciality products. Keep up to date with [rhylltwilightmarkets](#) on Facebook. Rhyll Community Association gratefully appreciate the support provided by the Rotary Club of Phillip Island & San Remo.

RHYLL WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL (RWBF) 2-4 Mar 2018

Celebrating Phillip Island's 150th and blending all things nautical with history, art, music and culture; all weekend! At the Rhyll Hall, from Friday March 2nd, the 'Really Rhyll Art Exhibition' will highlight the "wealth of talent in different art forms" of our local artists. Works featuring a variety of mediums including; oils, pastels, water colour and photography will be available for purchase. As well, a multimedia display of Rhyll's Maritime History in the Hall's meeting room and a Classic Cars & Caravans display in the Park.

The Rhyll Yacht Club will host events including a Sailing Regatta between all three Phillip Island Yacht Clubs and exhibit the budding talent in our local primary schools with the Children's Art show; the response to this has been fabulous; a must-see attraction!

Displays of Wooden Boats and Model boats on land and in the water and a boatman or two! Young people will be building wooden boats in a special workshop. Two classic ferries will provide rides around the bay, so get your sea legs ready!

A Gala Dinner Event on the Saturday Night, March 3rd, including the announcement of the RWBF Raffle winner.

A line-up of bands will be performing in various locations; all weekend. Children's Zone and a Pirate Trail are a couple of examples designed for the kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors, (did someone said something about a treasure chest?).

An all weekend Food & Craft market and the Rhyll Phillip Island Angling Club open to serve drinks. Lots of fun and entertainment for everyone!

All happening over the first weekend in March.

Check out our website:

www.rwbf.com.au

RHYLL COAST ACTION

Time to remove those seasonal weeds in your backyard. An Eco-friendly recipe for weed control is basically salted vinegar; a quarter cup of salt to one litre of white vinegar with a dash of detergent, shake well to dissolve the salt before use in a well labelled spray bottle. Thanks to John Shields for this recipe which shrivels up the leaves especially in dry sunny weather.



Photo of wooden boats c 1960 by Alan Hutchinson from John Jansson's Archives



**www.u3abassvalley.com
(PO Box 142 Grantville 3984)**

The 2018 committee is:

Chairperson : Mark Dunbar
Deputy Chair : Geoff Guilfoyle
Secretary : Christine Holmes
Treasurer : Beverly Walsh
General Committee Members:
Vicki Clark and Sue Dunbar.

U3A BASS VALLEY - 2018

ENROLMENT

If you are interested in joining your local U3A community, Bass Valley is now offering the following activities for 2018:

**Art for Pleasure, Book Club,
Creative Writing, Gardening,
Get Creative, Local History (new),
Movie & Theatre Appreciation,
Tai Chi for Arthritis,
Travel & History, Welding**

An Annual Subscription of \$30 per person will cover as many U3A Bass Valley classes as you may wish to attend, subject to availability.

Current members of other U3A groups may join U3A Bass Valley for \$15 per annum as an associate member, which will cover as many classes that you may wish to attend, subject to availability.

There are a number of options available to you to enable enrolment in U3A Bass Valley:

1. In person: Monday 29th January, 2018 Between 10.00am – 12 Noon at Grantville Transaction Centre, Grantville
2. Download, print and complete an Enrolment Form from our website:

<http://www.u3abassvalley.com>

and post it with a cheque to:
U3A Bass Valley, P.O. Box 142,
Grantville, 3984

If you do not have a printer, contact us and we will post an enrolment form to you.

Secretary: Christine Holmes 5678 0033

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Other U3A Groups in the Waterline News area are at:

Cowes (Pical)

Phone 5952 1131

and

Wonthaggi

<http://www.u3awonthaggi.org.au>

Ph: 03 5672 3951

Community Directory



Send us your Community Group
Notices by 1st each month
editor@waterlinenews.com.au

Artists' Society of Phillip Island

56-58 Church Street Cowes

For more information <http://aspi-inc.org.au/>

Australian Red Cross

Woodleigh Vale Branch

Contact Sheila Campbell 5 678 8210

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Minister - Barry MacDonald 5995 3904

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Program Wonthaggi

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Bass Friends of the RSL

Secretary Trish Thick 5678 1071 or 0409851599

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Monday - Friday 5678 2277

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Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

Balcombe Street Corinella.

Jacquie Carter 5678 0596

Corinella & District Community Centre

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Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm Keep up to date:

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Corinella & District Men's Shed

& Woodies Group Corinella Road

Contact: Ken Thomas 0427 889 191

Corinella Foreshore Committee

Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

Coronet Bay, & Surrounds Playgroup

(0-4yrs) Coronet Bay Hall

Mondays 10am—12noon

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Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall

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Bass Group.

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Lang Lang Community Centre

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Lang Lang Cricket Club

Secretary: Sharon May 0459 368 431

Lang Lang Playgroup

(0-Preschool) Thursdays 9.30am

Contact Bon 0439 886 843

Lions Club of Bass Valley

First Tuesday each month 6pm

Grantville Transaction Centre then third

Tuesday each month, Dinner at Bass Hotel.

Gayle Robertson 0408 509 259

Nyora Youth Group

Dawn King: Email: cps.58@bigpond.com

Phillip Island Bowls Club

Dunsmore Avenue, Cowes.

New members welcome, Free coaching

Contact George Mol 0407 851 065

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Gallery Inc.

Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave

All Enquiries Call Aleta 0419 525 609

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The Phillip Island & District Railway

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56-58 Church Street, Cowes 5952 1131

Linda Morrison manager@pical.org.au

Phillip Island Patchworkers

Meet on a Monday night from 7.30.

Contact - Lyn Duguid 0427 593 936

phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com

Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

Phone bookings 5952 2973

Email piscc123@gmail.com

Phillip Island Squares

Square Dancing, Bass Valley Community Hall.

Bass School Rd,

Contact: Carol 5952 5875

Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow pbpa@bigpond.com

Probus Club of Corinella and District

First Wednesday of each month at the Bass Hotel.

Contact Heather Reid 0421 012 519

Rob Parsons 0402 852 300

Probus Club of San Remo

Second Monday of the month (except January)

10am at the Newhaven Public Hall. Visitors

Welcome.

Enquiries: Bob Andrews 0437 526 757

Rhyll Community Association.

Secretary Cheryl Overton 0427 680 483

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Saturday 9am - 12.30pm

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President Jean Coffey 0419 500 593

Secretary David Pearce 0401 514 339

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Around the Markets & Op Shops

MARKETS



Every Sunday

Kongwak Market

10am - 3pm

Retro stalls, food, vegetables, coffee, curries
30+ stalls

Enquiries: Jane 0408 619 182



2nd Saturday

Coal Creek Farmers' Market

Coal Creek Community Park 8am - 12.30pm

50+ stalls

coalcreekfm@hotmail.com

Contact for information 0459 629 000

Cowes Island Craft Market

102 Thompson Avenue, 9am - 2pm

In the grounds of St Phillips Church

60+ stalls Make, bake and grown goods and produce.

Contact for further details 0412 710 276

Corinella Community Market

Contact details 0435 736 510

4th Saturday

Churchill Island Farmers' Market

40+ stalls. 8am - 1pm

peter@rfm.net.au

Further Information 0439 364 760

Cowes Market on Chapel

Chapel Street. 8.30am - 2pm, 30+ stalls

Further information-contact 0428 603 043

1st Sunday

Jumbunna Bush Market

Jumbunna Hall

Further information, phone 5657 3253

2nd Sunday

Koowe Community Market

Cochrane Park, Rossiter Rd 8am - 1.30pm

Indoor/outdoor Phone 0418 289 847

Email: info@kooweemarket.com.au

Rotary Club Market Wonthaggi

Apex Park 8am - 1pm, 50+ stalls

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Contact: Neville Goodwin 5672 7245

Garry Sherrick 5672 5812

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May - Sept Loch Public Hall

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70+ stalls

Information from Noel Gregg 5627 5576

Market day phone 0418 500 520

3rd Sunday

Inverloch Farmers Market

The Glade, Esplanade, 8am - 1pm

50+ stalls

Information: peter@rfm.net.au

Phone 0439 364 760

Tooradin Sunday Market

9am - 1pm

Stallholders wanted, \$20 includes 1 sausage & bread breakfast per stall.

All Market Enquiries: 0429 188 280

4th Sunday (Weather Permitting)

Grantville Variety Market

Except December which is the third Sunday Grantville Recreation Reserve

8am - 2pm 100+ stalls

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Contact for further details 5997 6221

Last Sunday of each month

Inverloch Community Farmers' Market

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Email:

info@inverlochfarmersmarket.com.au

Phone 0417 370 488

2nd Friday and Saturday each month

San Remo Cuppa and Chat Market

St. Augustine's Church

Marine Parade San Remo

Hosts a Cuppa and Chat Market every month on a Friday and Saturday.

Friday 9am - 1pm Saturday 9am - 12noon

10+ stalls

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Further Information: 5678 5386

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Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm

Saturday 10am - 2pm

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Grantville

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Community Centres and other local news



Who are we?

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre incorporating Mitchell House and the Harvest Centre is run by a community based Committee of Management. We aim to provide a positive, welcoming environment where you can meet new friends, learn or share skills, ideas and information. If you're interested in being more involved in your Neighbourhood Centre call in and have a chat to the Coordinator Jan Bourne.

News from Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre (Mitchell House)

The Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre (Mitchell House) will reopen for First Term on: Monday 29th January and courses and activities will start up in the second week, starting Monday 5 February.

This would be a good time to become a member of the WNC as it will provide you with discounts to LearnShare Activities (LSA), a copy of The Grapevine Newsletter each term and weekly electronic updates via the 'WonniGrapevine'. Being a member is also another way to support your Neighbourhood Centre. Come to Mitchell House to learn more!

During the Break:

The See & Veggie / Produce Swap will be on Saturday 10 February from 9.30 - 11.30am. Bring your excess produce to swap. A gold coin donation if you are not a member of the WNC. It's on at the Harvest Centre.

What to look forward to:

To support Pre Schoolers:

Tea & Tots Facilitated Play Group: This is a weekly play group which includes story time with a special guest reader, free play and a healthy morning tea.

Free Friday Supported Playgroup

Is for families with a Health Care Card (or equivalent). Each week Janine our Early Childhood Facilitator will provide fun activities for you and your child to enjoy together.

The Toy Library:

Become a member of the Wonthaggi Community Centre and choose from a large variety of toys and puzzles. You select a toy and a puzzle for two weeks, return them and select a new one.

For older children:

The Youth 'Pop Up' Space: This is a fun space for young people to share games, have something to eat and just relax. Primary aged children will need signed parental consent. To check the dates available, ring 5672 3731

For Health & Wellbeing:

Meditation Practice: Learn in a small informal group with Marion Bowes on how to relax and meditate. It just requires gentle practise.

Tai Chi for Beginners: A gentle introduction to Tai Chi with experienced practitioner Vicki Clark. Wear flat non-slip shoes and comfortable loose clothes. Please book.

Sing for Fun: Bring your voice, a sense of fun and any songs you would like to share.

Art & Craft activities:

Traditional Sampler Quilt:

Find out how to make a beautiful 'Sampler Quilt' using basic quilting techniques - hand or machine.

Craft & Cuppa: Bring along your craftwork or ideas or both!

Evening Crochet: Have fun learning a variety of stitches and create colourful and beautiful crochet work.

Taking up new skills

Adult Learn to Ride Classes: Come along and learn (or brush up on) this enjoyable skill. Enrolment is required so booking is essential.

One offs:

'Welcome to our Town' Morning Tea:

Are you new to Wonthaggi and would like to know about the area, town and WNC? Come along and share a cuppa and pick up your FREE 'Welcome to Our Town' DVD and pack.

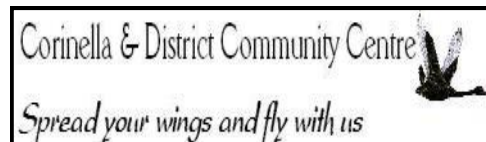
'Pop Up' Lunches:

Are once a term and are a delicious lunch (featuring some produce from our community garden) and lots of friendly conversation. Everyone welcome!

There will be more activities to select when the Summer edition of the WNC 'The Grapevine' comes out in Term 1.

There are many other courses and events available, find out by visiting our Facebook page on Mitchell House Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and keep up to date with what's going on or just pop in and have a cuppa and a chat, everyone welcome.

5672 3731



The Corinella District Community Centre reopened on 8 January 2018 but most regular activities will not re-commence until February.

You can either contact the centre if you want specific information, or our February edition will have details of the first term program.

Contact:

Iain Ritchie

Manager (tues to fri)

Corinella and District Community Centre

48 Smythe Street Corinella 3984

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Mob: 0409 528 543

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Community Centres and other local news

Disabled Surfing Event



Inverloch at the Surf Beach on February 17th 2018.



This event is an all abilities event that we ran last year with approximately 120 volunteers and 65 participants in attendance.

Our events are for all abilities and we offer support and help for all our participants to be able to get onto the beach and enjoy the surf. We have an amazing girl that is a bit of the face of our Branch.

Her name is Sally Messer. She is one of our participants and was the first surfer in the water last year at our first event.

She is very sick at the moment and in hospital, but she is hoping to be out and better in time to be at our event in February. There is a video Sally Messer's dad has put together to promote our event and to gain volunteers.

You will see the DSA Bass Coast President Stuart Yates also speaking on this video.

<https://youtu.be/YHNBrnODyeo>

Contact the Disabled Surfer's Association if you require any additional information.



Disabled Surfers Association Bass Coast

President: Stuart Yates

Mobile: 0411 476 478

Email: infodsabc@gmail.com

Secretary: Jodie Cvetovac

Mobile: 0428 666 050

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Get yourself an original art work!

For a couple of months now I have been trying to get in a couple of examples of the paintings by Cowes artist, Sharyn Grant.



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Classes don't start until February.

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We have a number of places available in our Tai Chi for Arthritis group - a relaxing method of exercise to help reduce the pain of Arthritis, improve mobility and balance.



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CFA NEWS
With
Michele Fulwell

Firstly thank you to everyone who supported our Santa Run's!

Hopefully everyone is recovered from the Christmas and New Year period. One of the things that came to light for local brigades over this period was that drivers are still not slowing down when passing emergency vehicles at an incident.

It is now law in Victoria that motorists must slow to 40kmh when passing emergency vehicles at an incident if their lights are flashing.

FIRE DANGER RATINGS (FDR)

We talk a lot about fire danger rating but what do they mean?

Ratings are forecast using Bureau of Meteorology data for up to four days in advance and tell you how dangerous a fire would be if one started. It helps you to know when conditions are dangerous enough to put your bushfire survival plan in to action. Ratings are Low-Moderate, High, Very High, Severe, Extreme and Code Red and basic interpretations are:

LOW-MODERATE, HIGH, VERY HIGH

If a fire starts, it can most likely be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety.

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If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be uncontrollable. If you are not prepared, leaving bushfire prone areas early in the day is your safest option.

EXTREME

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CODE RED

Indicates the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas. Leaving high risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option - do not wait and see.

If your plan is to stay, your property needs to be well prepared and you need to be physically and mentally prepared to defend your property. In all instances be aware of local conditions and seek information by listening to your emergency broadcasters, go to cfa.vic.gov.au or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

Grantville Branch
Country Women's Association
Meets at the Grantville Hall on the second
Monday of each month at 12.30pm.
Followed by afternoon tea.
Contact Betty 0418 396 863



Welcome to 2018

After a restful Christmas -New year Break.

Grantville CWA ladies will meet on Monday 12 February.

We will make welcome ladies interested in joining our branch, for FRIENDSHIP, SHARING and CARING. Enjoy the company of ladies of all ages, who have similar interests.

Learn a new craft skill, exchange recipes and cooking tips
Social - DAY OUT- Theatre, lunches, shopping trips etc.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 12th Meeting 12:30pm

February 26th Craft 10:00 am

March 12th Meeting 12:30pm

March 26th Craft 10:00 am

April 7 and 8. Bass Group Annual Exhibition at Loch Public Hall

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If you would like to become involved in this new and exciting project initiated by the Kooweerup Regional Health Service please contact:

Fleur Hamilton-Weeks

Ready2Go Coordinator

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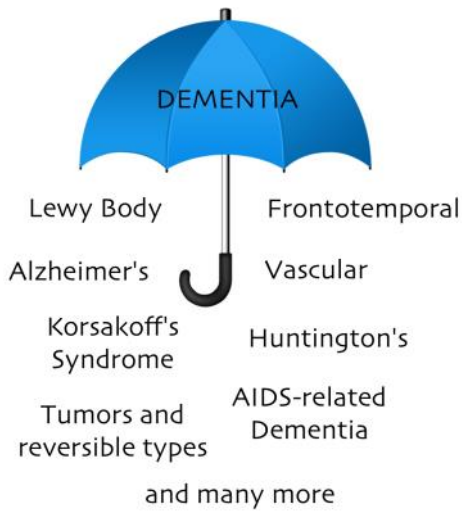
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Health

DEMENTIA

Dr Rachel Wonderlin

What is Dementia?



I like to put a review of "the basics" up on my blog every so often.

There is a lot of confusion over what dementia actually is. A lot of people ask me, "What's the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's?"

Here's the true (and very simple) answer: **Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia.** That's it!

If you go to the doctor, and the doctor says that you have cancer, what's your next question? You **SHOULD** ask the doctor, "What type of cancer is it?"

You wouldn't leave the doctor without that information, would you?

Unfortunately, a lot of people leave the doctor after a dementia diagnosis without any further information.

Dementia is an umbrella term, much like cancer is an umbrella term.

There are many types of cancer, and there are many types of dementia (some say over 70 or even 100 types) so it's best to see a neurologist or geriatrician for an accurate diagnosis.

Dementia just means cognitive loss over time.

What's cognitive loss, you ask?

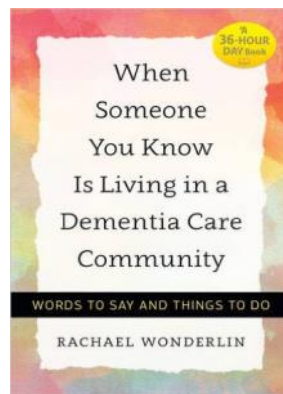
Any bad, noticeable brain changes like: mood changes, memory, visual and spatial awareness, word-finding, speaking, ability to walk, eat, bathe, and do things independently. All of these things are symptoms of cognitive loss.

Don't panic if you don't have a type of dementia diagnosis for your loved one. Many people don't.

If you are interested in getting one, I recommend going to a neurologist or geriatrician's office.

These appointments will take a few hours because they do a lot of different tests: a brain scan, a physical exam, memory and mental status testing, etc.

For many people, however, more information is worth it.



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Life after death!

By Ashley Porter



Jane's mission is to get us talking about dying

If you knew when you were going to die, would you do anything differently? If you would, why wait?

We attend classes to learn about birth, but apart from the recent debate prompted by Victoria's voluntary assisted dying bill, general discussions about dying are rare.

Jane Melling was moved to share her views and experience about dying after the death of husband Joe, aged 55, who battled with cancer for four months. She hopes her story can help us all.

The mother of four was once a successful real estate agent. She describes her working life as constantly chasing the next listing and commission. This is Jane's story, in her own words:

"After Joe died in 2013, I thought, what's life really all about? I was no longer happy going to work, so I handed in my notice. A few months later, I took on a job helping out at a funeral business. When the lady who was doing the mortuary work decided to leave, they asked if I was interested, and I was. I wanted to learn what happens after someone dies. I went home and told the kids, and they said, 'How gross', but it was one of the best things I've ever done. It has been so satisfying.

I suppose for me, Joe's death put a different perspective on how I looked at life, definitely. You realise how short life is and how things can happen in just one day.

Helping at the mortuary helped me cope with Joe's passing. It made me feel like I was doing something good, and it made me much more accepting of death as a fact of life. When you lose a partner, people don't know what to say to you. 'Oh, he's in a better place,' they say, 'not suffering any more.' Sometimes you feel like saying, 'he's not in a better place because I want him to be here.'

It's the tried and tested sentences that people say, though they really do mean well. The first couple of weeks after it happens you get everyone around bringing food, but that's when you don't want everyone around, you don't want to talk or see people. You go into yourself.

Eighteen months ago, someone said to me, 'Oh, shouldn't you be over it?' Grief is different for everyone; for me, it made me appreciate life.

Everyone does the same thing, they go to work, have two or three weeks off – it's a treadmill.

Not any more for me. I grab life, enjoy it and appreciate it. I see things differently: how short life can be, how precious it is. I started seeing the blue skies and the stars again, and then I thought, 'I wished I'd stopped and seen them when Joe was with me'.

I will always love Joe, but as someone once said, you are loving a dead person. They are correct. You have to accept the fact that for the rest of your life they are still part of you and you will love them, but you have to get to a stage where you want to get up in the morning."

Jane says the trauma is generally worse for families who haven't talked about dying, and that

the task of identifying someone in a coffin can be more traumatic than the funeral. She promotes the logic that close family or friends need to know what a person's wishes are: do they want to be buried or cremated? Do they have a will?

"So many people don't understand what happens when someone dies," Jane explains. "Until it hits them between the eyes, they don't actually look at it as a proper transition. They think, 'Oh, someone has died and the funeral is next week'; it doesn't compute. For example, their mum dies, and I ask the family to bring some clothes in for her. Some cannot understand why. It's about making the person look as nice as possible. Dignity is so important." These days Jane loves going to work. She loves helping bereaved families and the deceased. "Having been with Joe through his tough months and now working with death has made me far more assertive in believing that life is definitely too short," she says. "It gets me out of bed every day, and as much as I still love Joe, life goes on. It must."

Can you talk openly with family and friends about dying?



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& Lifestyle

Welcome Razmi

This month we have the pleasure of introducing a new Lifestyle contributor.

Razmi Wahab knows that writing is a passion, like cooking and gardening, that she will not want to give up. She arrived in Melbourne from Malaysia in 1973 and had worked as a teacher, a librarian, a public servant and a mother of four while finding time to write. She is a member of the Society of Women Writers Victoria."

And don't forget the Medicare card

On the first day of May 2016 I boarded the plane at Tullamarine airport for a late night flight to Rome. All I wanted to do was to sleep away the journey between Melbourne and Dubai, which would take about fourteen hours. I wanted to rest my tired mind and body before meeting the parents of my son's fiancée, Anna, in Florence and then my other son who was working as a mathematics researcher in Annecy, France. There was a couple of hours of transit at Dubai airport and I had enough dirham, the United Arab Emirates currency, to buy some breakfast.

Out of the plane I had to walk up the escalator, which was not working, to get to the security check and transit lounge.

Half way up I felt a pain so sharp in my chest I had to stop. Breathing became difficult and I wondered if I was having a heart attack. I took a few more steps upward and the searing pain forced me to stop and lean against the side of the escalator. I needed help.

An Emirates flight attendant was at the top of the escalator, directing passengers. Slowly I walked up towards her and asked for a wheelchair. I told her I was not well. I did not know what I was going to do beyond the acquisition of a wheelchair. I knew I needed to get to Rome as I did not want to be stranded in Dubai. In that state of fear and uncertainty I survived the wait in Dubai without getting the cup of tea I wanted so much.

During the flight of about six hours I watched one movie after another to avoid thinking about my unhealthy body. I was hoping the pain would go away and I could spend the couple of days in Rome sightseeing before taking the train to Florence to spend a week with Anna's parents. I was willing myself to get better while not even knowing what was causing the pain in my chest and the breathless. I was asthmatic as a child and the stress of the past few months could have brought on the asthma.

I was too sick for sightseeing and fortunately Anna's Dad was working in Rome that day and picked me up at five for the trip to Florence where I would see a doctor the next day. The doctor was a friend of the family. After a quick examination he asked Anna's Mum to call the ambulance so I could be attended to immediately. He could not say what the problem was but being admitted to the emergency department of the Hospital of Santa Maria Nuova, (founded in 1288), would ensure a thorough examination. Thorough they were as I was made to go through blood tests, investigations by X-ray, ultra sound and finally the CAT scan, which showed the clot in my left lung. The beautiful cardiologist with raven black hair patted my hand in sympathy and told me in hesitant English that I would be given very strong medicine straight away. Later on another doctor told my son it could have been fatal. My son had travelled from Annecy to be with me and in the seven days I was being treated in the hospital he tried to cheer me up. He even took me to a window where I could see the famous Duomo, the Brunelleschi's Dome that dwarfed everything else in the city of Florence. He also spent a lot of time on the phone speaking to the agents of the travel insurance. I wanted to make sure I was covered by the insurance for all the expenses incurred at the hospital. I was not to worry as the hospital administrator informed me that my medical treatment was covered by the Reciprocal Health Care Agreements between Australia and Italy. All I needed was my Medicare card, which

was sitting safely at home in Melbourne. Finding the card and photographing it for the hospital administrator is quite another story.

I recovered from an unfortunate illness brought about by the long stretch of immobility during a long flight. Next time I fly I will put on compression stockings and walk up and down the aisle when the flight attendants are not pushing the food trolley. The most important thing to bring, besides my passport and credit card, is my medicare card, which should not take up too much room in my wallet. The Reciprocal Health Care Agreements website will tell you the countries involved in this very useful inter-country agreement.

Razmi Wahab

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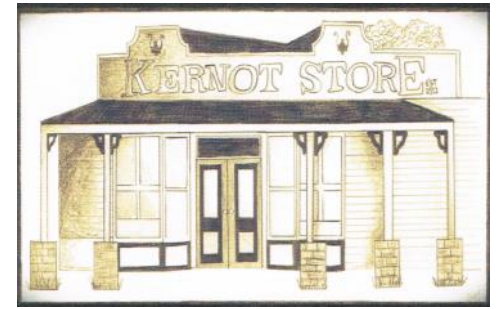


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Trad bands include among others Slipdixies and local band The Wonderdogs.

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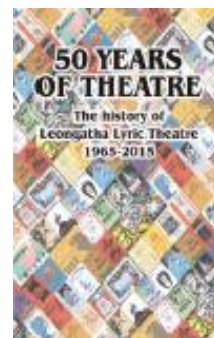
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For Jan Cheshire, good cooking starts in the garden with fresh, seasonal vegetables, herbs and fruit.

A marrow escape



Today's zucchini, tomorrow's marrow.

HELP! What on earth am I going to do with all those zucchinis? A frequent cry in my house at this time of the year. As Bert, my husband, tells me, today there are some young zucchinis in the garden, tomorrow they will be large ones, the next day they will be marrows. It's important to catch them early to get their real flavour.



MARINATED ZUCCHINI



This is a very simple and tasty way of cooking the sweet, young zucchinis. Serves 4 people as a side dish or at a barbecue.

Ingredients

1-2 medium (or 3-4 small) zucchini thinly sliced lengthways
1 clove of garlic crushed
1 tablespoon of olive oil
Juice of half a lemon
Salt and pepper

Method

Mix all marinade ingredients and add sliced zucchini and toss around until coated. Chill for at least 30 minutes. Heat a BBQ grill or a char grill pan and fry for about 1-2 minutes each side until browned.

SPICED ZUCCHINI CAKE

When the small zucchinis threaten to turn into marrows, I make this deliciously spicy cake.



I liken it to a carrot cake as it is made in a similar way and is very moist.

Ingredients

300g plain flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
2 teaspoons of ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon of grated nutmeg
300g caster sugar
1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
3 eggs
1 cup sunflower oil
2 cups (300g) grated zucchini from about 3 zucchinis
100g sultanas
1½ cups (210g) of pecans or walnuts, toasted and chopped (I toast these in a dry frypan for a few minutes. Watch out, though – they burn easily)

Method

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees. Grease and line a 22cm springform tin.

Sift flour, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, cinnamon and nutmeg into a large bowl.

In a separate bowl mix sugar, vanilla, eggs, and oil together.

Fold the egg mixture, grated zucchini, sultanas and nuts into the flour mixture. Pour into the prepared pan and bake for 1-1½ hours until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cool in the pan for 5 minutes then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

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YOU MEET THE NICEST PEOPLE

There is a song doing the rounds at the moment, in a health insurance ad on TV, Which has been doing my head in? The song is called "Ooh La La", by a group called the Faces. It starts off, "I wish that I knew what I know now, when I was younger"?

Interesting how music can affect people's train of thought, once it gets into your head!

Another song recently had the same effect on me, an old Jazz song, recorded by Fats Waller, titled - YOU MEET THE NICEST PEOPLE IN YOUR DREAMS, which I was researching for a different reason.

The words of the song are:

How d'ye do! I've met some very nice people,
Some very very very nice people,
But you meet the nicest people in your dreams!
It's funny but it's true,
That's where I first met you,
And you're the nicest paradisiest thing I ever knew!
I've looked the universe over,
From wacky Nagasaki to Dover,
And now that we have met how sweet it seems!
I love you more the more I know you,
Which only goes to show you
You meet the nicest people in your dreams!
I've looked this universe over,
From wacky Nagasaki to Dover,
And now that we have met how sweet it seems!
I love you more the more I know ya,
Which only goes to show ya
You meet the nicest people in your dreams!
Oh fine people, friend people, most rambunctious people in your dreams, yes yes!

Hearing the recording again reminded me of an idea for a story, about the people I've

met, as a magazine editor, not in my dreams, and some of them not even personally, just by email, as emails are exchanged that result in stories.

One such person is **David Tattersall**



David contacted me recently after I published details of the Lyric Theatre's forthcoming production of the musical, Annie.

David said:

"Thanks for including the info about Lyric Theatre's forthcoming production of Annie in this edition of Waterline News. I was interested to read your article on the history of the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times. I was printer at Coal Creek from 1979-2005 and as part of my job, I researched the history of printing and local newspapers and published a booklet documenting the results of my research for the use of tourists and school groups. I trained as a Linotype operator and hand compositor at the Great Southern Star in Leongatha, working there for 15 years. During that time I saw the newspaper convert from letterpress printing on site to offset printing, with the newspaper being typeset on a photo-composing machine and printed at Morwell.

I was advertising manager when I left the Star, my trade having become obsolete. I went from the Star to Coal Creek Heritage Village at Korumburra, where I managed the printing office, using the sort of machines I had worked on during my early years at the Star. As part of my job, I gave demonstrator talks to groups of visiting schoolchildren.

I commenced researching the local newspaper history during the 1980s and eventually got around to publishing the results of my research. I sold copies of the booklet (bound with comb binding) to Coal Creek which were then resold to tourists until about 2012/13.

You are welcome to quote from it, but I would appreciate acknowledgement. It would also be nice if you could mention Coal Creek Community Park & Museum (as it is now called). I am very fond of the place, having worked there for 25 years. For the last 10 years I have been a volunteer there, being a member of the Coal Creek Literary festival committee. (I can also send you news items about our forthcoming 11 annual literary festival due to take place in October 2018 if you like). Regarding Lyric Theatre - keep in touch and let me know what you would like. I am Facebook Admin and Newsletter editor, and have also written the 50-year history of the group (published in 2015). My wife and I have been members of the group since 1969, and have shared the job of archivists for the group since the late 1990s."

David's work, A Short History of LETTERPRESS PRINTING TO 1950 and SOUTH GIPPSLAND NEWSPAPERS, 1875-2000 is an outstanding historical document and is worthy of a major feature in The Waterline News, which I will get to as soon as I can.

Thank you David, great to hear from you and I am sure our readers will enjoy reading more about your work in coming editions.

Roger Clark, Editor & Publisher and occasional writer.



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There is no regular police presence or ambulance service on the island. French Island has a Country Fire Authority (CFA).

There is one fire engine stationed permanently on the island, next to the Community Hall on Tankerton Rd. CFA volunteers are able to respond to any kind of emergency.

Calling 000 is always the best option in an emergency.

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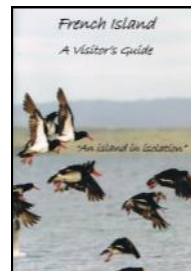
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French Island Visitor's Guide

Christine Dineen's French Island Visitor's Guide is a fantastic publication we visit all too infrequently. It's 52 pages, and fully detailed map included are a great reference, not only for visitors to the island, but anyone who has an interest in the local flora and fauna.



Copies of the booklet are available at the French Island General Store, or you can obtain a copy from the author:

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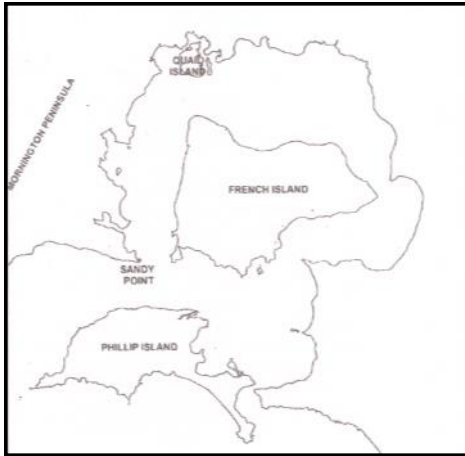
Notices for the French Island section of The Waterline News should be sent to: editor@waterlinenews.com.au - 1st of month.

The French Island News

Book Review

'Quail Island, Western Port, Victoria', Warrangine Word, 2017 (Spiral Bound Book)

Ruth Gooch



Ruth Gooch is one of Victoria's most respected and read, local historians.

This is her fourth history of Western Port's islands.

The others were:

Sandstone Island, 2003

French Island, 2006 and

Seal Rocks, 2008.

This is the final one in the series. It contains references, historical photographs, maps and bibliography.

Quail Island, Western Port, Victoria is a 32 page bound booklet.

Ruth says:

"Quail Island has an air of quietude and desolation.

Situated close to the mainland in the northern waters of Western Port Bay, Quail Island is some 50 kilometres south-east of Melbourne.

Years ago, it was farmed.

The Acclimatisation Society gave it a try. A wildlife scandal in the 1940's made the national news.

But it does not even make the local papers these times and many do not even know that it is there.

The island is now part of the North Western Port Native Conservation Reserve, established in June 1997.

Barralier's chart of 1802 does not show mangroves. So are they indigenous to the bay?"

The book can be ordered direct from the author, for \$25 plus postage.

Full details available on the website
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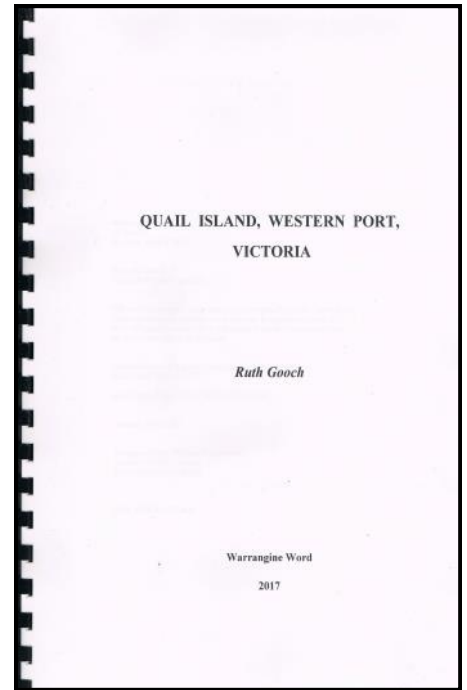
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All of Ruth's books are a must read for local history buffs.

So little is known about French Island by the majority of people.

Next month we will take a look at three of Ruth's other books, including her history of Cape Schanck.



Footnote:

Talking with Ruth whilst formatting this review, I asked her about Oysters in Western Port, as we have had a number of enquiries from readers. She has given me some leads which we will follow in in the coming months.



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BUSH FIRE

Margaret Pearce



How can anyone who hasn't experienced it really understand!

What use is a fast car along winding country roads when a fire is moving at one hundred kilometres an hour?

What use is taking refuge in your cellar when the heavy wooden beams that are its roof catch on fire and collapse? (three killed in that house).

What use is any sort of refuge when the temperature of over 1200 degrees is hot enough to melt discarded agricultural machinery and cause steel beams to sag like plastic?

I was at a barbecue after the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires. A survivor was in a state of shock. His big two storey house of concrete bricks had an art gallery on the ground floor and living quarters upstairs.

"We had the whole hill cleared. There was nothing to catch! There was just the house and the garage on the top of the bare hill. The radiant heat came through expanding the air in the concrete blocks so the whole building exploded. The railway sleepers used for retaining walls on a slope were burned to ash. All that remained of our garden furniture were the neat piles of screws lying on the ground."

I heard of a couple who lived outside Cockatoo during Ash Wednesday. They put their two toddlers into the car and left. The car couldn't start because the heat had caused the petrol to vaporize! Fortunately they were on a hill so they rolled down until the car started. When they reached Cockatoo the brigade had to hose the car so it could be cooled down enough for them to get out without being burned by the hot metal.

I live in one of four flats that were built underground after the Ash Wednesday fires as fire safe places. The builder hoped that all the people burnt out at Cockatoo would rebuild their homes as fire safe structures. They didn't!

I am very aware of the reality of bush fires. I am old enough to remember the 1939 fires. I was a very small child. I think some of my mother's family were country people because of the horror stories handed down to me.

There was plenty of warning about what February 7th 2009 was going to be like. (Now referred to as Black Saturday). My daughter was a volunteer with the CFA for a while. She turned up the day before explaining when the CFA warns you to get out well ahead that is exactly what you should do. (And so many people didn't!)

She left her two favourite oil paintings at my place, upped her fire insurance and took off with the children and her three cats to a safer area. Some friends who had relatives in the affected area came in with their horror stories, of people who survived and those who didn't. There were stories of freak escapes. One child ducked into a wombat hole when the fire ball came over and

survived.

There were tales of water pumps that didn't work because the air in the pumps vaporised and the couplings were either on so tight or melted on so they couldn't be loosened. Or they were dependent on the town electricity supply to run their pumps and of course the electricity was burned/cut off. Only people with their own generators were able to cope and even then there were deaths.

Monday 23rd of February 2009 another fire flared up. They traced it back to some idiot who was belatedly using a grass slasher and a spark caught.

This time it came up across the crown land and bush reserve right up to my daughter's street and her home.

She lives in a very countrified street edging on to crown land reserve and bushland. All the houses are on acre blocks and they all have lots of trees around them. A very dangerous area in fact.

Although the fires were all around they hadn't reached Belgrave and my area which is closer to the Main Street.

One granddaughter was at another school, so she was picked up and taken to a friend's house. Her two sisters came straight from their secondary school to my place. From their school which is on a hill they saw the flames heading across to their house in South Belgrave.

"All my clothes, my books, our family photos," wept one granddaughter.

"All my homework," moaned her sister.

I considered my granddaughters were lucky to have come straight to my place. A teacher sent one student home unaware that she lived in the fire danger area, despite the radio urgently repeating the street names of the area over and over. The bus driver dropped three students off there and drove off and left them. Doubtless he wasn't listening to the radio either. Fortunately a local noticed them and drove them back to the school.

My daughter raced down to where her four ponies were agisted. The fire was heading towards the paddocks. She opened all the gates into the various paddocks and removed all the halters and fly veils as they could have melted on to them. Fortunately there was a wind change so the fire was controlled. Then she rang with the news that she couldn't get back, as the police had closed all the roads. She circled back a long way into the safer suburbs and caught up with her other daughter.

I ended up with three girls and a spare cat for the night. One family had decided to stay and defend their home, but they wanted their daughter safe. Despite trying to keep the place sealed the bush fire smoke got into the house. My asthmatic neighbour left for clearer air. It was a very creepy night.

The roads were congested either with parents rushing up to collect their kids as the schools were closed early or escaping refugees panicking on the main road. There were lots of accidents as drivers ran red lights. When the police closed the roads, children not collected from the schools were taken to the fire safety collection points.

My daughter's house was saved. They said only a large shed in the area actually was burned, but it was close. The fire jumped the road, burned down some of her trees, and melted her wheelie rubbish bin, but they saved her letterbox. It burned the bottom off all the wooden fence posts and scorched the heavy electric light pole all the way

up.

Fortunately the CFA trucks – eleven of them parked outside the front of her (wooden) house must have kept hosing it down. Only the edge of the verandah was scorched.

The next day her road was closed to outside traffic because of the danger of falling trees. She took me back to show me why the fires had re-ignited so effortlessly a week later.

Lots of blackened areas but the fire looked gone. A tree across the road, looking perfectly normal and untouched suddenly split with a 'pop'. Inside the perfectly normal looking trunk were live flames!

I prowled up to see what was smoking (not smouldering but smoking) in the bare dirt. I was warned away. The roots of the tree had caught fire, and once they burn through the tree will drop because there is nothing to hold it upright any more. This was happening right along the roads and country tracks that the fire fighters and fleeing people were using.

CFA were out grimly hosing everywhere the fire had been through trying to make sure that there were no smouldering trees or tree roots still alive to restart the fires. They were worrying if the predicted high wind coming through with the change on Friday would set it all off again. And if it came through after dark it would make things even harder to control.

The CFA and the police must have been exhausted. All I can say is that no one was working union hours. It had been a death and destruction all out battle for days and days and days. Everyone was so very grateful for the outside help that flooded in.

It is hard to believe that people move into the bush because they say they love it and then build the equivalent of English manor houses very high up to appreciate the views. Then they bad mouth the bush when they are inevitably burnt out in the next lot of fires. Some victims were demanding that the government cut down all the bushland. When the colonists first arrived in Australia all the primary sources remarked on how 'park like' the Australian bush was like. It was park like because the aborigines set fire to it every year to clear the undergrowth to encourage grass and the kangaroos in to feed on it so they could feed on the kangaroos. There were no problems. If they set a fire and it burned right across Australia it didn't matter in those days.

The tribal aborigines are long gone. So is the 'park like' appearance of the Australian bush. In crown land and reserves the undergrowth and much too often the blackberries grow unchecked and unnoticed for years at a time until we suddenly have a nasty hot dry summer. Then it is decided to burn back firebreaks that often end up out of control.

And with another hot summer, it starts all over again.

Has anybody ever said that Australians are fast learners?



QUIZ?



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1. Name the actor who starred in 142 films including The Quiet Man, The Shootist, The Searchers and Stagecoach?
2. Name the film noir actress who starred in I Married a Witch, The Glass Key, So Proudly We Hail! and Sullivan's Travels..
3. What is the oldest film ever made, and when was it made?
4. Which actress has won the most Oscars?
5. Which actress said, "Fasten your seatbelts. It's going to be a bumpy night
6. Name the director of the Lord of the Rings trilogy?
7. Who played Neo in The Matrix?
8. Name the actress whose career began at the age of 3, and who went on to star in films such as Contact, Maverick and The Silence of the Lambs?
9. Bray Studios, near Windsor in Berkshire, was home to which famous brand of horror films?
10. In which film did Humphrey Bogart say, "We'll always have Paris?"
11. In "Thunderbirds", what was Lady Penelope's chauffeur called?
12. On "Blue Peter", what was John Noakes's dog called?
13. Name the BBC series about a shipping line set in Liverpool during the late 1800s?
14. In the TV series Dad's Army, what was Captain Mainwaring's first name?
15. Who invented TV?
16. What was the most watched UK TV programme of all time?
17. Phyllis Nan Sortain Pechey was as famous for her flamboyant character as for her cookery books and TV show throughout the late 1960s to the mid-1970s. By what name was she more usually known?

18. Which popular BBC series about old collectables began in 1979, presented by Bruce Parker and Arthur Negus, and is still running to this day?
19. Which BBC music programme was broadcast weekly between 1964 and 2006?
20. Alastair Burnett, Sandy Gall, Reginald Bosanquet, Alastair Stewart, Carol Barnes and Trevor McDonald were all regular presenters of which TV programme?



10 Philosophy Basics Everyone Should Know

1. Allegory of the Cave.

Created by Plato in his work The Republic, the allegory of the cave is meant to demonstrate the effects that education can have on humanity. The allegory describes a group of people who are chained together in a cave. They watch the shadows on the cave walls and believe that the shadows are independent entities. Eventually, the prisoners realize that the shadows are connected to them. Plato's point is that your perception of the world around can be totally wrong – and until you change that perception, you cannot accurately see reality.

2. Nihilism.

Popularized by the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, nihilism is the principle the the human condition—basically anything we think or feel – has no meaning. Until we realize that, we cannot have a thriving culture.

3. Cogito Ergo Sum.

René Descartes proposed that because we think, that proves our existence. Thus Cogito Ergo Sum: I Think Therefore I Am. Taking that a step further, if you doubt your own existence, you're realizing that not everything you know is true – which is the foundation of Western philosophy.

4. The Socratic Method.

Created by the philosopher of the same name, the Socratic method is a method of discussion wherein the person presenting a hypothesis is forced to defend their position. This method allows the presenter to think critically about their position, forcing them to realize their point of view's weakness and develop alternative hypotheses.

5. Aristotelian Ethics.

The successor to Socrates and Plato, Aristotle believed that the law should not be applied blindly. Taking in the context of situations is more important. By doing this, you exercise 'prudence' in all things. He also believed that the purpose of ethics is not just a pursuit of knowledge. Your aim should be to become better.

6. Confucianism.

At its heart, the Chinese philosophy of Confucianism relies on the 'Golden Rule' – treat others how you would like to be treated. The philosophy also puts a great emphasis on respect for your elders, your family, and your ancestors.

7. Karma.

A concept that occurs in both Hinduism and Buddhism, the principle behind karma is a simple one. If you do good, good things will come to you. But if your actions have negative consequences, those negative actions will come back to haunt you – in this life or the next.

8. Taoism.

Conceived by Laozi, Taoism posits that the heart of existence is 'Tao.' People who behave 'unnaturally' fall out of balance with tao – basically meaning that your existence is out of whack. So Taoism focuses on bringing your life back into balance.

9. The Social Contract.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau was not impressed by monarchies. Rousseau did not believe that inhering a throne made you an inherently better or divine ruler. He thought that the best way to rule was not through force, but by following the will of the people. Any government or sovereign who did not rule with the best interest of the people in mind should be overthrown.

10. Samsara.

This is the concept that we don't just live one life. Our present and past actions have affects on our future and past lives. We just keep repeating the cycle with different lives – which are determined by how good or bad our karma is.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. John Wayne. 2. Veronica Lake. 3. Roundhay Garden Scene made in 1888. 4. Katharine Hepburn, with 4 Oscars and 12 nominations. 5. Bette Davis (as Margo Channing, in All About Eve). 6. Peter Jackson. 7. Keanu Reeves. 8. Jodie Foster. 9. Hammer Horror. 10. Casablanca. 11. Parker. 12. Shep. 13. The One and Only. 14. George. 15. George Carey, a Boston civil servant, first thought up television in 1876. John Logie Baird is often quoted as its inventor but his ideas didn't come along until the 1920's. 16. Eastenders, when Den divorced Angie, which drew 30.10 million viewers on 25th December 1986. 17. Fanny Cradock. 18. Antiques Roadshow. 19. Top of the Pops. 20. ITV News at Ten.

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Sweet As

By Megan Watson



A bucket of chips. Really? Fresh from New Zealand, Megan Watson tries to navigate the local language and culture.

THE editor (Aunty) said I had to write down my first impressions of Wonthaggi because she needed one more story for the Post. I said I couldn't write but she said that didn't matter, just to put down the things I'd noticed since arriving about a month ago. And to get it down quickly because soon it will all start to feel normal and I won't notice. So here goes, in no particular order:

Language difficulties ...

The first week we were here I went to the fish and chip shop and asked for two pieces of fish.

"Flake?" the woman said. I didn't get what she was saying. "Do you want flake?" she repeated.

"No," I said, "I want fish."

Even the chips were difficult. I asked for a scoop of chips.

"Do you want a bucket?"

A bucket of chips? Even my dad can't eat that much. Then she pointed at this little cardboard cup. That was a bucket and it cost \$6.

It was doing my head in. I said "It's OK thanks" and went to the supermarket and bought some frozen fish and chips and we cooked it in the oven.

A couple of weeks ago I started work at Bean'd café. I've never worked in a café before so the first week I worried about all the things I had to remember: lattes, cappuccinos, macchiatos, flat whites – then someone asked for a mugachino. "What is that?!" I asked. It turned out he just wanted a mug of cappuccino. The coffee here is

really good. People take it seriously. We're so busy but everyone works together and it's a lot of fun.

My workmates like practising their Kiwi accent on me. They say "Chur, bro!" I had to explain that we don't really say that. It's "Chur, cuz!"

In Melbourne I didn't stand out but when I got to Wonthaggi I soon noticed I was the only brown person in the place. It's so different from home! Aunty says there are other brown people, they all work at the hospital and everyone will assume I'm a new doctor.

When I met Mark, my new neighbour, he said "Are you Maori?"

"Yes," I said.

"Please don't hurt me!" he said, and put up his hands. He cracked me up.

I was telling my dad. He said "Tell him it's not the daughter he has to worry about, it's the father." You have to know my dad to know why that's funny. He's a skinny Pakeha (white guy) called Hamish.

People here are comical. There's a constant parade of dogs and their owners walking past my house. So many eccentrics in a small place. No one is normal. I like that. People have been really welcoming. My favourite so far is Dave the bike man. He's really cool. His whole house is filled with partially built bikes, even the kitchen. I don't know where he eats.

On my dad's birthday, he said I had to buy him a drink so we went to the hotel with the whale jawbones. There was an old feller in there betting on every race. He lost every time. He's going "F... this!", "F... that." The barman says, "Steady on, mate, watch your language, there's a female in the room." The old feller goes, "She's not a female, she's a New Zealander!"

I thought Kiwis were crazy about sport but Aussies are something else. Too much Dustin Martin. Every night on the TV news, every day on the front page of the newspaper. I'm over him! I watched a game of Aussie rules but it was so messy. Perhaps next year I'll understand it better.

My first week here we went for a walk in

the Gurdies. I'm driving down the Gurdies road just on dusk. Aunty says "Look out for kangaroos and be ready to stop." I'm thinking, "Yeah sure," and suddenly there's a huge kangaroo in the middle of the road, just staring at us. It was like he was put there on purpose. He hopped into the bush and as we passed the spot where he'd been we saw a dead kangaroo on the side of the road. I learnt my lesson.

Another evening we went up to the end of Reed Crescent to see the kangaroos. They were racing the horses in a paddock next to the reserve. They're so graceful when they run. I've seen wallabies at Cape Woolamai and some crazy birds: kookaburras, lorikeets, white cockatoos, galahs.

I haven't seen a snake yet. We don't have snakes or anything poisonous at home, so I think it will freak me out. But I'm sort of looking forward to it too. Aunty says it's not the snakes I have to worry about, it's the ants. We saw some mean huge ones with bright blue tails in the Gurdies.

I love the way you can go to the beach after work. On Wednesday night we went for a bike ride on the rail trail. We were on Aunty's old bikes that she found at the tip. At home it would have been shame, but no one seems to care here. We were only going to go as far as the Dalyston bridge but we just kept going. Another five minutes, oh well, we might as well go and see the kangaroos, another five minutes ... and suddenly we were at Kilcunda. As you come up the hill, there's a view of the swell crashing against the cliffs. The sun was setting. It was so beautiful. We'd earned it after the bike ride. By the time we got back to Wonthaggi, we were riding by moonlight.

I was telling my workmates the next day and they're like, "Where's that?" "How far?" None of them had been on the trail! The chef said he felt inspired to go for a bike ride when he got home from work that night.

We've walked at Cape Woolamai and along the trail from Punchbowl to Kilcunda. Those cliffs are mean as. The sea is a different colour. It seems like a much darker blue. And I love the sunsets. I'm not sure why it's different but the sky lights up here. It blazes.



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Greg Hunt MP



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Our local beaches are a great source of pride for many people in my electorate, however in the past week we have seen how deadly they can be when swimmers get into trouble.

Three men have sadly lost their lives off the coast of Phillip Island during the Christmas-New Year's period in avoidable tragedies. One drowning death is one too many and we must do more to ensure the safety of those who use our beaches. That is why the Federal Government is delivering an additional \$3 million to surf lifesavers to curb drowning deaths.

I recently joined Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Minister for Sport Bridget McKenzie on New Year's Day to announce a further \$3 million investment for life saving clubs and other water safety

organisations around Australia to help reduce drowning deaths and near-deaths.

A large part of the funding will go to the Government's beach equipment program, to assist the approximately 310 surf lifesaving clubs around Australia.

This will enable the clubs to buy new rescue equipment, as well as first aid and medical supplies.

Some clubs may use it to invest in new technology such as drones to enable remote monitoring of unpatrolled beaches.

I will also be working to deliver multilingual warning signs at our beaches, which could help avoid loss of life and make sure more Australians and international visitors alike make it home to their families, instead of becoming another drowning statistic.

This financial year, the Turnbull Government is also providing more than \$15 million for ongoing water safety activities by SLSA, RLSSA, AUSTSWIM and Laurie Lawrence Swimming Enterprises.

These activities include awareness raising and education, policy advice, surf lifesaving activities, surf patrols, swimming lessons, and swim teachers' training and education.

It is extremely important for or anyone heading to the beach this summer to swim between the flags, learn how to spot a rip and know what to do if you get into trouble.

These tips include:

1. Raise your arm and call for help
2. Float with the current and hopefully return back to safety
3. Swim parallel to the beach
4. If your chosen option isn't working, try another

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The Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society.
Meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Mallow house in Rossiter Road, corner of Henry Street. New members welcome. The Museum is generally open the second and fourth Sundays from 1.30pm until 4.30pm or by appointment.
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George Bass in Western Port



January is the month George Bass discovered Western Port and the area around Bass where he came for fresh water and stayed for 13 days eating swans and other wild life. No doubt someone else would have found Western Port and the Bass river . It may have even been the French and all our lives would have been different!

In speaking about George Bass, I want to use his words and the words of the people who knew him, to make him as real as possible to us.

When George Bass was in Western Port he was only 27 years of age, in fact he "celebrated" his 28th birthday on his journey back to Port Jackson. His father-in-law described him as being "six feet high, dark complexion, wears spectacles, a very penetrating countenance".

He was not a professional mariner, he was a surgeon. He never served a formal apprenticeship in navigation seamanship or ship handling and yet his leadership inspired the respect of the seamen who accompanied him into this voyage into the unknown.

Bass and his volunteer crew left Port Jackson on December 3rd 1797 and set a southerly course down the New South Wales coast to see if a strait existed between Victoria and Tasmania. They were beset by heavy seas and rough weather and after rounding Wilson's Promontory they decided to seek shelter along the coast where they could. On the 5th January 1798 Bass writes "At 7 seeing a large break in the land we stood in for it.....we waited until high water and crossed the spit and entered a very extensive harbour. I have named the place from its relative situation to every other known harbour, Western Port. It is a large sheet of water branching out into two arms which end in wide flats of several miles in extent....."

The whale boat had entered the eastern side of Western Port and the strong west winds made it easier to follow the east coast but they found the Anderson coast and the Bass mud flats most inhospitable.

Bass described what he saw.....

"The land around Western Port is low but hilly, the hills rising as they recede which gives it a pleasing appearance. Upon the borders of the harbour it is in general low and level. In the different places I landed I found the soil almost uniformly the same all round.... a light brown mould free from sand, and the lowest lying grounds a kind of peaty earth.

There are many hundred acres of such sort of ground. The grass and ferns grow luxuriantly and yet the country is thinly and lightly timbered. The gum tree and she and swamp oaks are the most common trees.

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George Bass continued

Little patches of brush are to be met with everywhere, but there are upon the east side several thick brushes of some several miles in extent whose soil is a rich vegetable mould... In front of these brushes are salt marshes. The island is but barren. Starved shrubs grow on the higher land and the lower is nothing better than sandy brushes at this time dried up.

We had great difficulty in finding good water and even that which was brackish was very scarce. There is however every appearance of an unusual drought in the country. The head of the winding creek on the east side was the only place we could procure it free from a brackish taste. At half tide there is water enough over the shoals for the largest boat and within the creek there is at all times a sufficient depth. There seem to be but few natives about this place. We saw only four and that the day after we came in but they were so shy we could not get near them. There are paths and other marks of them in several places but none very recent. The want of water has perhaps driven them back upon the higher lands. We saw a few of the brush kangaroo, the wallabah but no other kind. Swans may be seen here, hundreds in flight and ducks a small but excellent kind fly in thousands. As the seventh week had now expired our reduced stock of provisions forced us to turn our heads homewards. We did it very reluctantly."

Bass and his party left Western Port at 5am on January 18 and returned to Port Jackson. His friend Matthew Flinders says of Bass's journey

"It should be remembered that Mr. Bass sailed with only six weeks provisions but with the assistance of occasional supplies of petrels, fish, seal's flesh and a few geese and swans and by abstinence he had been enabled to prolong his voyage beyond eleven weeks. His ardour and perseverance were crowned in despite of the foul winds which so much opposed him with a degree of success not to be anticipated from such feeble means. This voyage has not perhaps its equal in the annals of maritime history." On his return from Western Port, Bass continued his explorations.

He mapped the Derwent and Tamar estuaries, he climbed Mt Wellington, he published works on the anatomy of the wombat and the feeding habits of swans. He returned to England where he met and married Elizabeth Waterhouse in 1800. George and Elizabeth spent the next ten weeks together. George was tired of the poor pay and prospects as a naval surgeon and he determined to make his fortune in trade with the islands of the South Pacific. He arrived back at Port Jackson with a profit and decided to try

to make enough money to bring Elizabeth to Sydney..."I often wish thee with me. My Bess would be delighted with this place.....oh how the presence of my beloved wife would aggravate this temporary distress that I feel." he wrote in a letter home. He sailed out of Sydney in the brig "Venus" in February 1803 and disappeared without a trace. In March 1804 Governor King wrote "After a twelve month absence he is not yet returned which makes apprehensive for his safety.....there is no doubt some accident has occurred" Elizabeth waited in vain....she didn't believe that George was lost, she refused the naval pension she was entitled to. She rejected a later offer of marriage. She was George Bass's "little wife" awaiting his return.

Libby Skidmore Bass Valley Historical Society

This memorial stone commemorates the visit by naval surgeon and explorer, George Bass, and his party of six who landed near Bass in January 1798.

The reverse of the stone is a memorial to the pioneering Anderson brothers.

Bass and his party were in search of fresh water after their voyage in an open whale boat which they rowed from Port Jackson in Sydney.

Front Inscription

George Bass

Born 30th January 1771 in Lincolnshire.

Disappeared 1805.

This memorial commemorates the visit by Surgeon George Bass and his party of six who landed near this place on January 4th, 1798, in search of fresh water after a voyage in an open whale-boat from Port Jackson, Sydney.

Bass named the bay he had entered Western Port as the most westerly harbour he reached in the strait which was later to bear his name.

Unveiled on September 29th, 1974, by the Hon. H. R. Ward, M.L.C. on behalf of the South Eastern Historical Association and the Shire of Bass



Meet the Walker's Part 2



We continue their 50 year love affair, not only with each other, but with their home town, Grantville. Special thanks to Jan Walker, who wrote this for us.

In 1966 Grantville was a small community. People would say to us "Why you would choose to live here? - it will never go ahead - it's in the middle of nowhere!"

Well we did make that choice, we still love Grantville, the people and the friendships, Westernport and the bush, Harry after 66 years, and myself 52 years.

After we were married in 1966, Kim was born in 1968, followed by Trevor (Trev), who was born in 1970.

Living on the Bass Highway, in the first brick house, we built, on the Bass Highway, worked well for the children.



We were near the school, grandparents were across the road, the Recreation next to us, to ride their bikes with friends and walk to the beach.

An old pony, called "Beaver" taught quite a number of kids to ride and Harry erected a small, above ground pool, which was also used by the school for the young ones.

Connecting electricity was to be expensive, but when Harry's Mother, Rita, recalled that Harry and the family, years earlier had contributed funds to bring electricity to the town, a very small connection fee was settled on.

In 1966, Harry was working at the GMH Proving Ground at Lang Lang, where he spent 21 years of his working life. He was a Vehicle Test Driver for ten years and then became an afternoon shift Durability Foreman, for ten years, followed by a Plant Engineering Foreman for a year.

After GMH, he worked at Donmix Concrete at The Gurdies for 18 years.

All jobs were six days a week, which limited the time he was able to spend with the family.

Daughter, Kim, recently discovered this photo of Harry, test driving a HK Holden in 1966, on the GMH Retirees club website.



Harry had a runabout boat during his afternoon shift days, which was used for fishing for whiting and water skiing, which is where quite a number of local kids learned to water ski.

Next month, we look at daughter Kim's "Memories of Grantville", which fuelled Jan Walker's love of local history, much to our delight. Thanks Jan.

Grantville History

The Old Grantville School



This is how many pupils and teachers knew their school from 1940 to 1968. The same main structure had been used at two previous sites

A century of teachers at Grantville 1874-1974

It is not really surprising that teachers on average stayed so short a time that forty (called head teachers but almost always single handed) were in charge at the school in it's first 100 years.

Conditions for both pupils and themselves were often crude in the extreme; country conditions caused poor attendances and unpunctuality.

James A. Read stayed the longest - but then he had property and a permanent home at Corinella, close by. Some stayed only months. Schoolmasters were poorly regarded by the government and the worse-paid by its educational department.

Part of their pay was a kind of commission on attendances and quality of school work, which was quite unrealistic for remote rural schools.

It is no wonder that, so far as we have been able to discover, nobody of note has ever been a child of Grantville education.

(However there is plenty of time between now and the bicentenary, and our school is a very well-equipped one!).

From The Grantville School 1874-1974, written for the school's centenary, and more than likely by then headmaster, John B. Morrissey.

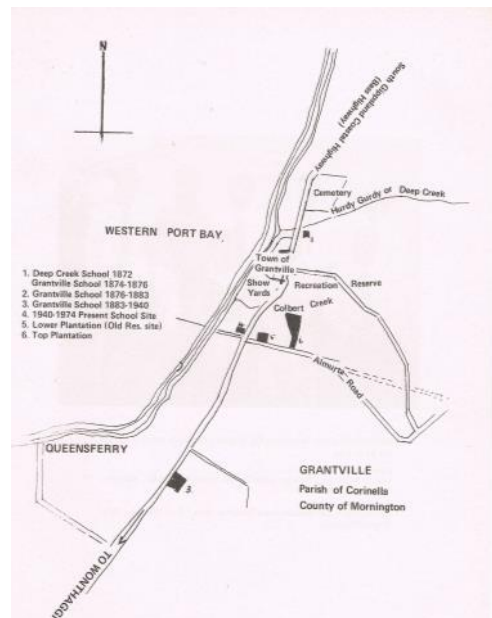


Grantville School Head Teachers 1874-1974

Teacher	Year arrived
Ebenezer Mackay	1874
Ben Langford	Aug 1874
J. R. Uylett	1875
Edward Wade	June 1875
John Scott	1876
Janet Henderson	1879
James Read	1883
Joanna Mackay	1898
James Gray	1900
Stuart Groom	1903
Gilbert Wallace	1904
William Wallace	(bro.) 1905
William Lees	1906
Catherine McLennon	Nov/Dec 1906
Henry Wilson	Jan 1907
B. C. Ryan	Apr/Aug 1907
William Thomas	Sep 1907
Ronald Campbell	Jan 1919
John Fleming	1919
Helen Brown	1921
Marion Chircher	1924
Benj. Nankervis	1925
Ethel Portch	1926
Lillian Roddis	1928
Iris Broad	1929
Hilda Fox	1931
Mary Haydock	1933
Leo Doolan	1934
Chas. Sarsfield	1936
Muriel Dawson	1941
Shirley McKenzie	1942
William Brawn	1943
Bernard Finlayson	1947
Michael Bourke	1950
Robin Butler	1954
William O'Connell	1956
Ivan Tilbury	1957
Gavan O'Day	1963
Bryan Hyland	1965
Barry Carr	1968
John B. Morrissey	1970
Norm Ager	1974

The School was closed in 1978, just four years after the Centenary.

We would love to know who the teachers were in the final four years, and to hear from anyone who attended the school.



The Grantville School had four locations in it's lifetime.

Known as the Deep Creek School in 1872, then Grantville in 1874, the first school was located on the highway, near Hurdy Gurdy or Deep Creek Road.

The School was moved to the west side of the highway in 1876.

In 1883 the school moved to the East side of the highway, on the way towards Wonthaggi, where it stayed until 1940.

From 1940 until it's closure in 1978 the school was located on the corner of the highway and Pier road, where the transaction centre is now.

The two sites on the Almurta Road marked on the map, were the Plantations, part of the Grantville School Endowment Program, which we will feature in a forthcoming segment in this series.

The Bass Valley Primary School was created with the consolidation of seven rural primary schools; Bass, Corinella, Grantville, Kernot, Kilcunda, Woodleigh and Woolamai, and was officially opened on 5th February, 1979.

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Well done Gemma

Gemma Reaches Reading Milestone



Five year-old Gemma Van Den Broek from San Remo is the first child in the region to reach the major milestone of reading 1000 books before starting school.

Gemma Van Den Broek, aged five, receives her certificate from Library Officer, Robyn White.

Gemma signed up to state-wide 1000 Books Before School program with West Gippsland Libraries after it was launched at libraries across the region earlier in the year. Gemma is a regular visitor to the South Coast Mobile Library.

West Gippsland Libraries Chairperson, Cr Geoff Ellis, congratulated Gemma and her family for reaching the target.

"This is a fantastic achievement. It will help set Gemma up for future learning and a lifelong love of reading. The more a child is read to in their pre-school years, the better prepared they are when they start to learn how to read and write.

"There are almost 500 children in our region currently working their way through the program, which offers a framework to encourage families to read as often as they can," said Cr Ellis.

1000 Books Before School is a joint initiative of State Library Victoria and Public Libraries Victoria Network. Parents and caregivers who would like to participate in the program are welcome to register at their local Bass Coast library. West Gippsland Libraries is one of 200 libraries across Victoria participating in this early literacy campaign.



West Gippsland Libraries



Notes And Votes

Next Council Meeting:

Inverloch Hub – Feb 21st – 5pm

Agenda items will include Pioneer Bay roads and drainage: Special Charge Scheme #61.

People can ask questions about council related matters at the commencement of each monthly council meeting, though questions need to be submitted at least 24 hours before the meeting: [www.http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au)

Next Community Connection session:



Wonthaggi Civic Centre
Feb 14th 3-5pm.

Community Connection Sessions are open

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 delights
 While practising their control of the
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 The technology rises to break on discarded
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 knowledge and speed
 Balancing on the technological edge the
 experts keep their lead
 And the unskilled, swamped by megabytes
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 Under the incurious memory of cloud and
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Lost delight

My garden is my delight.
 Through it the life force breathes.
 For lost delight I grieve.

My garden breathes its light
 as seasons' forces weave
 as roses dim and leave

return and breathe delight
 and gardens rose-light wreath
 and trees, like I, believe

we'll share for e'er this rite
 of joint delight, we'll cleave
 together; can't perceive

that stiffened twigs grow tight
 that light grows dark with eve,
 delight sets time to leave.

My force has dimmed its light.

My garden strives to breathe.

For lost delight I grieve.

Joan Katherine Webster



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As child, student, friend
 worker, partner, parent
 we journey through life
 face test after test
 at times stand for what
 we believe in

We laugh, cry, feel, love
 Time's too short
 to do all we could do
 want to do
 Yet to end
 do we have any options?
 Do we accept challenges
 or let life do to us
 what it will?

Meryl Brown Tobin



The Writings of E.E. (Betty) Caldwell.
 with special thanks to Maree Silver who has done all Betty's typing for her.

DIPLOMACY

Never had I heard the word diplomacy nor
 had tact in any way raised its head in the
 clear-cut, unambiguous world of my
 childhood. There was no choice but to obey
 the commands of parents, teachers and
 adults in general.

When my mother discovered I was playing
 host to hordes of head lice, she promptly
 despatched my brother to the chemist for a
 remedy. Quassia chips. At no time let the
 merest sip penetrate your taste buds, or like
 me, you'll know why the poor creatures
 instantly capitulate.

That was bad enough but worse was to
 come.

Next day, I was to impart the news of this
 dreadful infection to my teacher and, with it,
 Mother's theory of its origin: hanging my
 hat on the peg rack! Before school
 commenced, I crept into the classroom,
 sidled up to Miss Scott, made my shameful
 confession, she simply nodded, I left to re-
 join my playmates and expected nothing
 further. My duty had been painfully
 discharged. Mid-morning our lessons were
 interrupted by the arrival of Mr McLean,
 head-master, who commenced his address
 with the words, "A complaint has been
 received ..." And I sat there, anonymous,
 with all the other hearers of this unpleasant
 bulletin. Thus I glimpsed a little of the
 grown-up world on that 1937 day.
 Things do not always have to be spelt out in
 detail. I was totally gratified and a little
 more than amazed.

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SHORT STORY



A MATTER OF REVERENCE

It wasn't wet enough to waste the afternoon
 in church. We knew that Pa agreed with us
 but Mother objected.

"Sunday is the Lord's day. It's a matter of
 reverence. You are not taking the boys
 rabbiting."

We were waiting for Pa to explain to Mother
 that it was too good a day for church when
 someone knocked at the door.

Mother opened the door. The stranger was
 an odd looking fellow not much taller than
 us, although at twelve I'm considered pretty
 tall for my age. Next year I will be able to
 start working down in the mines with Pa.

The stranger had an old felt hat flopped over
 his face almost hiding his morose dark eyes.
 The rest of his face was hidden behind a
 heavy set of black whiskers. He wore
 shabby mud stained trousers, down at heel
 boots, and a shovel and tomahawk stuck out
 from his pack. He looked hopeful as the
 smell of soup and the meat stew that only
 Mother makes drifted out to him.

"Want some jobs done, Madam?"

The stranger was enveloped in a ripe fruity
 Christmas cake sort of odour that caused
 Mother's lips to tighten.

"Today is the Lord's day," she snapped. "I
 have no work for you."

She slammed the door and turned back to
 the stove.

"That was uncharitable, Matilda," Pa said,
 but mildly, as though it wasn't particularly
 important.

This set Mother off. She had been brought
 up Methodist and Pa had just been brought
 up. She was very against what she
 considered lack of reverence for the
 Sabbath. Pa wasn't against anything, which
 is probably how he got along. While they
 argued, the clouds rolled down from the
 mountains and the brightness faded from the
 sky.

"What sort of example do you think you set
 your sons? Rabbiting on the Sabbath
 indeed."

"But Matilda, I've been down the mine all
 the week. I'd never see the boys if we didn't
 get out occasionally."

Mother flung the tablecloth over her
 white scrubbed wooden table. "If it's not
 rabbiting or shooting, it's fishing or horse-
 riding. Besides," she said to clinch the
 argument. "It's raining."

Mother had the Lord on her side.
 There was no point in taking the ferrets out
 into the wet.

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A MATTER OF REVERENCE Continued

So like a good church-going family we were trapped in the old wooden church with most of the other miners and their families listening to the sermon.

The Text was, 'What are true riches?' Luke 12:33.

Old Honest John the preacher had a nasal drone. Today, Sunday, being the Lords' day, he resided behind the pulpit instead of behind the pub.

"Sell that ye have, and give alms. Provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth neither moth corrupteth."

It was a silly sermon really. In our mining community nobody had anything to sell. Pa had the produce of his vegetable garden, the occasional rabbits and fish and Mother had the cow and her chooks.

After church, Mother stoked up the stove and put on her flat irons to heat. Soon the smell of freshly ironed clothes spread through the house.

Pa changed into his gardening clothes, lit his pipe and took refuge among the pumpkins. We struggled out of our good clothes into heavier boots and trousers, and mooched off along the track that led across the gully. My brother sloshed heavily through the puddles behind me.

"I was thinkin'," he said. "The clay we wanted to have a go at potting - the rain would've softened the good stuff."

We were experimenting with trying to make clay pots. For a change, it was a hobby Mother didn't mind and she even let us try to bake them in her oven, but we needed a finer clay.

Enough rain had fallen during the afternoon to wash the mud off the clay in Ragged Gully and soften it.

As we trudged up the track, the creek became a gutter and the gutter a hesitant waterfall dribbling from one clump of boulders to the next.

We kept climbing, following the steep gutter that turned into a proper waterfall when the rain really set in.

This was the start of the unexplored territory where we weren't supposed to be.

Experienced prospectors still vanished into this dense bush land never to be seen again.

One of the big flat moss covered boulders had an occupant. It was our stranger, hat pushed back of his head exposing his black hair, pack and panning dish muddy and wet beside him. He had dug in a wide arc across our best patch of clay and it was puddled through with mud and gravel.

We climbed past him, to where an

overhanging fern had a precarious foothold over a miniature waterfall. We scooped out a channel behind the fern. The water in the channel filled up and seeped across the ledge. First the thin covering of gravel went over the edge, and then the baby fern with a few bigger rocks. Beneath was pure yellow clean washed clay, with not a speck of mud or stones.

I took off my shirt and piled the clay into it. It was just what we needed, fine textured and clean. It wouldn't even need working over. We twisted the shirt into a sort of hammock, to share the weight.

I did up my jacket over my bare chest and picked up my half of the shirt as we moved away. It was the usual view from up here, everything clean and dripping with a half rainbow sneaking over one clouded up edge of the mountain and the sun slanting through the tall timber in rays of gold.

Everything was kind of hushed, as if something special was likely to happen any minute. My brother nudged me. I turned around to look at the stranger. I don't know why Mother said he had no reverence. I've never seen anybody, not even old Honest John at funerals, look so reverent.

He kneeled in the gully in the water in a right humble and reverent manner, his face turned up to the splash of yellow clay still left on the ledge. His face was transfigured, rapt and solemn, his eyes round with awe. They were so wide open I could see the tracery of gold in the dark brown of the irises. His hands were clasped in front of him in an attitude of prayer, yellow clay and water dribbling from the rock he held between them.

The expression on his face reminded me of the picture I had pasted up in our room, of the knight kneeling at his vigil, same posture and expression. You could almost see the halo radiating from his head.

My brother pointed to the mist blotting out the side of the mountain. I buttoned my coat higher and started moving. The rain beat us home. We sloshed through the deepening puddles with our heads down carrying our clay. We put it safely in the shed and went inside.

Mother's disapproval as she scrubbed us down in front of the stove was a tangible thing, focussed on the mud we were plastered with rather than ourselves.

The next afternoon, my brother and I were busy in the shed with our new batch of fine clay. The rain had eased to a steady drizzle and the candlelit shed was cozy and warm. The gate creaked and the slow footsteps of Pa splashed up the path.

"Matilda," he called.

Over the rustle of him taking off his waterproofs, we recognized the impending drama through his flat monotone.

"I did hear, Harold," Mother snapped.

"Oh," said Pa, flat.

"What the Lord was thinking of to let that irreverent stranger find such a nugget up at Ragged Gully, I don't know! Panning on the Lord's day too." There was silence. She had stolen Pa's thunder, and again won some invisible battle. "The dry clothes are by the fire, come and get changed."

There was the careful sound of Pa scraping his boots and the kitchen door shutting after him. We put the rest of our clay back in the bucket. Mother would be dishing up and the smell of her pasties had been reminding me of how hungry I was for the past half hour.

I waited until my brother latched the shed. We sprinted up the path together. As usual, he said out loud what I was thinking.

"Proves what Honest John was saying though, about riches for the reverent in spirit."

"I reckon he was reverent too," I agreed as we dashed through the rain to the kitchen door.

Mother would have been impressed if she had seen the way the stranger held up that nugget of alluvial gold. He did look exactly like the knight kneeling at his vigil, holding aloft a golden chalice, the mountains his cathedral.

True riches indeed - reverence and gold on the Sabbath.

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'Mr John Clarke's' private love was photographing Australian birdlife.

A series of his photographs have been donated to support two of John's great loves: the ABC and the Trust for Nature. The Clarke Family has kindly given a series of his extraordinary photographs to raise money through a very special calendar, which is available online for just \$25 through ABC Friends.

ABC Friends National Spokesman, and Clarke family friend, Ranald Macdonald says the quality of the images show John could easily have had a second career. "He was a naturally-gifted photographer," Mr Macdonald, a former Managing Director of the Age, said. "The images must have taken a great deal of time, patience, and concentration to achieve." "It really is very kind of the Clarke family to allow the photographs to be made public, so that all of John's fans can enjoy them," Mr Macdonald said.

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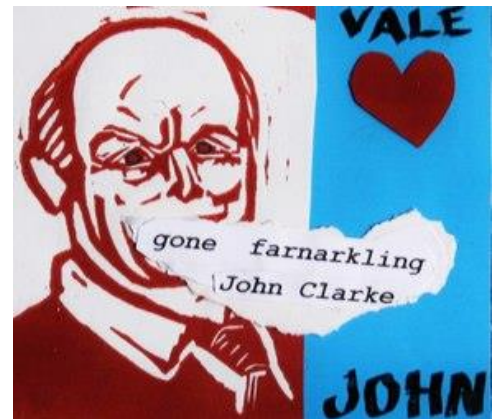
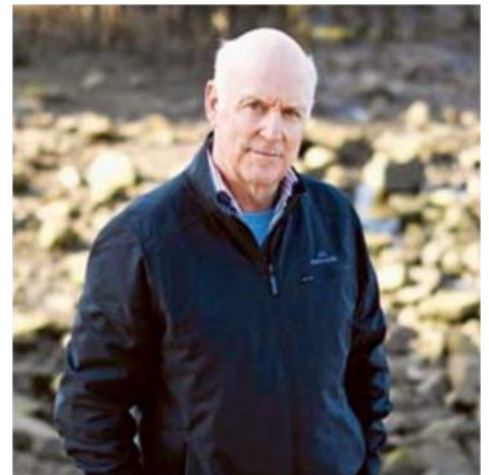


John's hobby of photographing birds enabled him to clear his ever-ranging mind as he took shots at Phillip Island, the Mornington Peninsula and Bass coast.

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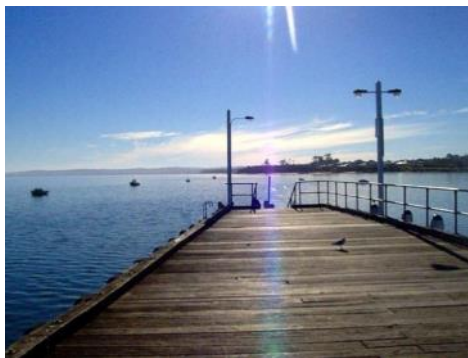
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Letter to the editor

It was nearly Christmas 2017 ...

By the time I'd got to the 'answering machine' it was too late, but being close to Christmas I thought Santa had remembered me at last!

But no, it was Brian Paynter the "Liberal Member for Bass" inviting me to contact him about "issues affecting you and your family."

If I'd taken up his invitation, I would have suggested he follow our local issues by reading The Waterline News and drawn his attention to The Grantville Foreshore Erosion Mitigation Plan published in the October 2017 edition (page 32).

I'm hoping Mr Paynter MP does get a chance to read the article and reflect on the issues raised, for although they may not be vote-winners for those in government or those aspiring to lead us, they seek to address some of the environmental problems confronting Western Port and, in particular, at Grantville.

So my Christmas wish for this year is that our local MP will 'be Santa', and when the phone rings this time the message will say: "Western Port will be preserved and The Plan is under the Christmas tree."

Neil Daly

P.S. Judging by the front cover of the December 2017 edition of The Waterline News, it seems that Santa, or perhaps a disguised MP, is already thinking about "the issues."



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February Gardening Tips



There is basically one word which sums up the key focus for gardening in February: water.

In cold and temperate regions this is because you likely haven't had enough of it. Water is particularly important in cold and temperate climates in February.

After a long, dry summer, or even patches of hot summer in these regions, plants that have lacked a good water supply are more susceptible to disease and worse, death.

In tropical climates, water is often not the issue but water getting down into the soil may still be problematic.

February can be a good time for the application of a good soil wetting agent. If you are not a fan of soil wetting agents, use a pitchfork to aerate the soil.

This is something that would be useful across the board and will be necessary for large, grassed areas. The hot summer sun bakes the soil, causing it to form a crust which reduces the ability for water to sink in. If you are watering your plants and just watching the water run away and not penetrate, you need to either aerate the soil or apply a soil wetting agent.

Soil wetting agents are available from most garden nurseries and many hardware stores which stock garden accessories.

In February keep regularly dead-heading flowers such as roses and dahlias.

If you encourage your plants to continue to bud through February, they will flower for longer, where as if they are able to go to seed, there is less chance of solid flowering into the autumn months.

February is a month where plants can really start to suffer from disease. Even if plants have been well watered, and the water is

getting into the soil, bugs are very active during summer and February can easily become a month where they take over.

Check over your plants and make sure that, if you find leaves or flowers with disease on them, clip them off and throw them out. Don't compost these because the problem can spread to your soil through the compost. Check out your local nursery and see what plants they sell a good powder protection for.

Roses are one plant that could do with a light rose powder covering to help them fight against aphids and cover tomatoes with tomato dust to ward off caterpillars. An organic way to tackle aphids is to make a soapy mixture. Try mixing 1 cup vegetable or white mineral oil, 2 cups water and 2 teaspoons of soap shavings (without bleach).

Mix this together so the soap shavings mix and then spray this over the affected leaves every few days until they disappear.

Hopefully your summer vegetables are still growing strong but if they are looking abit on the bad side you might like to consider starting to get your garden beds ready for the autumn vegetable crop.

Remove dead veggies and compost them. Start cleaning up the garden beds, making sure they are well formed and, if they are reticulated, check to see if the reticulation is still in fully functional order. More will be done here in March, these are just some early steps if your summer vegetables are finished.



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60 Corinella Road, Corinella



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This is a chance for all interested community members to look through the new Centre prior to its opening in late January.

The Centre will offer:

- four year old kindergarten program
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