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Newhaven College Farewells Boys Home Road

Students at Newhaven College's Boys Home Road Campus walked through the school gates at 3.09pm on Friday 8 December for the final time concluding 37 years of hearts and minds educated and nurtured at that campus.

The College had prepared both emotionally and physically for this day for several years now under the direction of Principal, Gea Lovell.

"We have worked very hard to ensure that Boys Home Road is remembered at the new campus, and we have balanced this with a duty to be environmentally responsible. To this aim we were pleased to be able to offer what could not be relocated to the public at our huge garage sale which was an outstanding success", Mrs Lovell stated.

Senior School staff, including some who have taught at Boys Home Road for almost two decades, have also said their goodbyes. They have moved to their new offices at Phillip Island Road to begin a new era of Newhaven's history in 2018 when the entire college is together again on one campus.

Enroll 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 Years 7 onwards, and enrolment at Prep is recommended to ensure a place for your child in Year 7 and beyond.



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



**Welcome to the December edition of The
Waterline News.**

Hard to believe we are at the end of another year after it just seemed to have started. We kicked off 2017 with our front page Grantville Historical feature - Meet The Wheatleys and since then have featured a growing number of history stories, more so of recent months, since we were loaned a magnificent collection by Jan and Harry Walker.

During the year we expanded to 40 pages, a far cry from the 12 pages of our first edition, back in September 2014 and yet there were still articles held over until the January edition.

History, along with Arts, books and writing have become of a major part of The Waterline News as we have progressed through this wonderful journey.

Don't forget, all previous editions are available on our website and all in full colour.

This year our webmaster also introduced a new search feature which allows you to search specific articles by topic, back through every edition.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our loyal band of Advertisers, regular readers, contributors, and the proof reading and delivery team a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Safe New Year 2018 and thank you all for your support during 2017.

Roger Clark, Editor



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This organisation has been formed to combine the aims of the Grantville Business and Tourism Association with those of the Grantville Ratepayers and Residents Association.

The new Association aims to work with and for the Grantville businesses and community by providing effective communication with Local, State and Federal governments, and other community, business and tourism organisations, on issues relevant to Grantville. We will focus on sustainable and sensitive development in Grantville, liaising with the Shire of Bass Coast, State and Federal authorities on ongoing planning issues in Grantville, working on the planning and implementation of a coordinated future for Grantville. We will be holding a competition for the design of a logo.

**If you are interested in this Association,
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CORINELLA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

2017 Committee

President. Wayne Maschette.

Vice President. Peter Tait.

Secretary. David Laing.

Treasurer. Lyndell Parker

General Committee Member.

John Stewart

As I look out of my window, thinking of the first few days of summer, I find it hard not to be amused to some degree, as the last week of spring I was roasting and now I have pulled the winter woolies back into duty! " 'Tis the season to be jolly" and we have so much to be thankful for. The world has seen, and is still seeing so much turmoil, and doesn't seem to be the safe and happy place that we like to think that it is. We have our ups and downs, joys and sorrows, good days and bad days, but whatever we are experiencing, it is good to reflect we live in a lovely place, we are as safe as a person can reasonably hope to be, our country is not torn apart by war, and we are not experiencing famine.....maybe we don't have all that we would like to have, but we are blessed with all that we do have..... and Christmas is a good time to be grateful for our families, friends and community. The Waterline towns are a wonderful place to be.

Boating and fishing are hugely popular in Corinella at this time of year, the CRRA would urge everyone to do their best, to show patience and consideration to each other as the very busy days hit.....we all want to enjoy the summer season, working together, thinking of others first, that's a great way to begin.

Our next big event is fund raiser for the CDCC, we will be having a night of fun and history walking down memory lane with a wonderful old movie, made years ago about early Corinella, thanks to Libby Skidmore and the Historical Society. Mysteriously entitled "Sensational Sausages" at \$10 per person, byo drinks, please come and join in a night of fun, frivolity, movies and sausages!, the 29th of December, 6pm at the Corinella and District Community Centre, Balcombe St entrance.

Looking forward to our big Australia Day Bash ? held at the Corinella Foreshore Rotunda, (ON AUSTRALIA DAY) with such an amazing backdrop view, it just isn't possible for the day not to be amazing! Free sausage sizzle, last year we gave away 350! Every year we hope to make the day more memorable and enjoyable, if you have any special skills you would love to share with the community, we would love to hear from you, especially if they are iconically

"Aussie", we really want to celebrate being Australians and everything Australian. Come along and enjoy some wonderful entertainment and a jumping castle for the kids.

The next CRRA special General Meeting will be held on Friday the 2nd of February at 7pm to 9pm at the Corinella Community Centre, Balcombe Street entrance. All ratepayers and residents are welcome, you don't need to be a member to attend, but we invite you to join and play a part in growing Corinella forward in a positive, responsible and caring way. We are all about community, come and meet new people, make new acquaintances and friends.... we always end our meetings with home made treats and a cuppa, or a sausage sizzleand a cuppa! Love to see you there!

In closing, on behalf of the committee and members of the CRRA, I would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year,

Lyndell. Parker.



President: Jean Coffey 0419 500 593

Secretary: David Pearce 0401 514 339

After the great success of Luminous Streets this year, Tenby Point residents are keen to remain involved with project.

Unfortunately the permanent installations planned for the other Waterline towns are not practicable in Tenby Point. Instead, we will hold a mini-event next year to coincide with the winter solstice around the end of June. It will feature a variety of light displays and all residents will be able to join in. Watch out for more details in the new year.

NBN internet connections are now available in Tenby Point and we are keen to hear about the experiences of those who connect. We are very concerned that the fibre to the node system available to us may not provide an adequate service and we are keen to collect information which will help us lobby for an upgraded service. Please call us if you have connected to the NBN recently or have questions about the NBN. 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



2017 Committee

President: David Buckingham

Vice President: Kevin Brown

Secretary: Stephanie Hartridge

Treasurer: Sebastian Nowakowski

General Committee Members:

Mel Gration and Mark Hanrahan

All our ratepayers and residents are most welcome to join or renew their membership for just \$20 per family annually.

Please contact our Secretary Stephanie on 0414370929 or Kevin Brown on 0418990214.

Our next meeting to be held at the Community Hall at 11.00 am on Sunday 7th January 2018, where you will be most welcome.

The January meeting will commence with our Annual General Meeting, where a new committee will be established for 2018. CBRRA member nominations for all Committee positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, two committee positions plus Treasurer) are to be delivered in writing, signed by 2 members and by the nominee, 7 days prior to the AGM to our Secretary Stephanie.

(email to shartrid@bigpond.net.au).

The AGM will be followed immediately by our usual Ordinary Meeting to review and keep everyone up to date with current issues and projects.

We meet four times per year. We are listening to your views and aim to work together to make Coronet Bay even more beautiful and a wonderful, safe place to live and play.

The Coronet Bay Combined Community Group organises our markets, fairs and other events.

The New Year's Eve Picnic and Fireworks will be held at the Coronet Bay foreshore commencing at 6 pm, with lots of food stalls, live music, rides and amusements for the kids and novelties to purchase. The entertainment will peak with the family fireworks display from about 9.15 pm. So bring along your appetites and blankets to help us bring in the New Year.

The next Market is on Saturday morning 6 January 2018 at the Coronet Bay Community Hall from 8 am to 1 pm, with lots of outdoor stalls and great food on offer at the Bay Cafe inside the hall.

There is a need for more helpers on those days and for future events. If you can assist at the Market please call the Secretary Combined Community Group, Sue Quartermain on 0408 290923 or email susiequa@tpg.com.au.

Community Notes



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

RHYLL TWILIGHT MARKETS

Friday 22nd December, 2017
Friday 5th January, 2018
Friday 12th January, 2018
Friday 19th January, 2018

ARVO TEA RETURNS

18th January, 2018 2pm – 4pm the Hall will be opened for afternoon tea; If you are new to Rhyll, or you want to come and have a chat & a cuppa with a neighbour, you are most welcome! You might even run into a former resident who has dropped in.

RHYLL TENNIS CLUB

New members are always welcome. The Courts are available for hire from the Rhyll General Store 5956 9205

RHYLL COAST ACTION GROUP

Do a terrific job of keeping our foreshore looking good. This is a friendly group, so if you have an hour to volunteer, then please contact them by email: rhyllcoastaction@gmail.com



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COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION WOULD
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AND
A SAFE
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Coronet Bay Neighbourhood Watch
See Something, Say Something
Chairperson: Ivan Bradshaw.
5678 0663 – 0414 345 754

Vice Chairperson: Pauline Hiscock.
Treasurer: Joyce Cotter.

Secretary: Sue Linley.

Zone Representative:
Levinus Van Der Deut.

Newsletter Editor/Social Media

Manager: Beck Phelan.

We have purchased 400 letterbox stickers at a cost of \$400, which will be FREE OF CHARGE for our community; 200 are standard Neighbourhood Watch stickers and 200 say 'warning - contents of this home have been marked for Police identification'.

Only people who have purchased UV pens for security identification will be given the warning stickers. Stickers will be available at our meetings (details below). The UV pens are also available at our meetings for \$7.

We have a January raffle (18 years old and over) on sale from 11th December. 1st Tickets are only \$1 and available at the CORONET BAY GENERAL STORE who very kindly continue to make this possible. Raffle drawn at our 12th February meeting.

We continue our research into street security cameras, which is a lengthy and involved process. Updates will be given when available.

Local businessman Ross Langlois from RANEYE SYSTEMS will be our guest at the 8th January meeting next year (to share his vast security knowledge and give advice on how to best protect ourselves and our property.

Next meeting: Monday

8th January starting 7pm

Venue: Coronet Bay Community Hall,
Fred Gratton Reserve, Cnr Gellibrand St &
Bantering Bay Rd

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Grantville Branch

Country Women's Association

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Courses currently offered:

Art for Pleasure, Book Club, Creative Writing, Gardening, Tai Chi for Arthritis and Welding.

www.u3abassvalley.com

(PO Box 142 Grantville 3984)

AGM

The first AGM of the newly incorporated U3A Bass Valley Inc. took place on 22 November.

A big thank you to those that attended and agreed to become office bearers and committee members. If any other member, who couldn't attend, wanted to join or help the committee please let me know.

The new committee is:

Chairperson : Mark Dunbar

Deputy Chair : Geoff Guilfoyle

Secretary : Christine Holmes

Treasurer : Beverly Walsh

Committee Members: Vicki Clark, Sue Dunbar.

Details on 2018 enrolments and the new course schedule should be available in the January edition.

Mark Dunbar

U3A TAI CHI

Why not give the U3A Tai Chi for Arthritis a try? Coronet Bay Hall
9.30am Tuesday

Gentle exercise, good company and a cuppa.



Further information:

Vicki Clark

5678 8734

U3A is a learning cooperative of older people that encourages healthy aging by enabling members to share many educational, creative and leisure activities. U3A Bass Valley was founded in 2007 by Sheila Moore of Grantville and incorporated in 2017.

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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Bass Coast Strollers

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Bass Friends of the RSL

Secretary Trish Thick 5678 1071 or 0409851599

Bass Valley Community Group

Monday - Friday 5678 2277

Bass Valley Landcare

2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass 5678 2335

Corinella & District Probus Club

Heather Reid 0421 012 519

Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

Balcombe Street Corinella.

Jacquie Carter 5678 0596

Corinella & District Community Centre

48 Smythe St Corinella. 5678 0777

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

www.corinellacomunitycentre.org.au

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

Contacts: Catherine 0416 112 629

Coronet Bay Adult Social Club

Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall

Ann 5678 0341

Country Women's Association of Vic inc.

Bass Group.

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Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

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bacoles@bigpond.net.au

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Grantville Tennis Club Inc.

Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

Kernot Uniting Church

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Contact Secretary Judy Hogan 0422 094 903

Lang Lang Bowling Club

Ian Painter 5997 6554 M: 0419 646 040

Email: langlangbowling@bigpond.com

Lang Lang Community Centre

Coordinators Marg and Michelle

Phone 5997 5704

Email: llcc@langlang.net

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.

Seeking new members.

Gayle Robertson 0408 509 259

Nyora Youth Group

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

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Contact Jack 0434 944 380

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The Phillip Island & District Railway

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Centre (PICAL)

56-58 Church Street, Cowes 5952 1131

Linda Morrison manager@pical.org.au



Phillip Island Patchworkers

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Contact - Lyn Duguid 0427 593 936

phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com

Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

Phone bookings

5952 2973

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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

South Gippsland Arthritis Support

Group

Contact: Adam 0408 353 785

Marg: 0417 154 057

Diane: 5658 1443

South Gippsland Mental Illness Carer's

Group

Maggie 5658 1781 Rosemary 5662 4352

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Email southgippslandsas@gmail.com

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Contact Sandy Ridge 5997 6127

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Other Sundays 9am

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Tenby Point Residents Association

President Jean Coffey 0419 500 593

Secretary David Pearce 0401 514 339

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Bruce Kent Station Commander,

San Remo phone: 5678 5500

Mobile: 0411 837 467

email: bruce.kent@police.vic.gov.au



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1st Saturday
Archies Creek Indoor Market
Community Hall

Enquiries: info@archiescreek.com

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
Koowee 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
Walk to nearby Make it - Bake it Market
Contact: Neville Goodwin 5672 7245
Garry Sherrick 5672 5812

Loch Lions Village Market
May - Sept Loch Public Hall
Oct - April Loch Railway Station Park
70 + stalls
Information from Noel Gregg 5627 5576
Market day phone 0418 500 520

Community Markets



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
BBQ & Sausage sizzle, Coffee Cart, indoor and outdoor, cake stalls plus plenty of home made goodies.
Contact for further details 5997 6221

Last Sunday of each month
Inverloch Community Farmers' Market
The Glade, Esplanade, 50+ stalls
Fresh produce grown and made in Gippsland.
Email:
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Phone 0417 370 488

2nd Friday and Saturday each month
San Remo Cuppa and Chat Market
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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:
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Community Centres and other local news

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre
The Grapevine
 Mitchell House & The Harvest Centre
 6 Murray St, Wonthaggi, 3995.
 Ph: 5672 3731 Email: mitchellhouse@dcsl.net.au
5672 3731

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) call: 5672 3731

When WNC is taking a Break

Mitchell House will close over the school summer holidays. From Saturday 23rd December 2017 and reopen on Monday 29th January in preparation for courses and activities starting up again in the second week of term. (Starting Monday 5 February.)

Full details of all the courses available from February will be outlined in the January edition of The Waterline News.



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you from all of us at WNC.

Corinella & District Community Centre
Spread your wings and fly with us

48 Smythe Street, Corinella, 3984

t: 03 5678 0777 f: 03 5678 1137

e: coord@cdcc.asn.au

w: corinellacommunitycentre.org.au

We close 22 December 2017 and reopen on 8 January 2018.

Not much will be happening during the Christmas/January period.

More information on what's happening at CDCC in 2018 in the January edition.

Keep up to date with us on Facebook

@CorinellaCommunityCentre.

Call in or call us on 5678 0777.

Cheers: Iain and our amazing volunteers

The Bass Valley Community Group Committee of Governance no longer wish to have their activities published in The Waterline News



Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre



56-58 Church St, Cowes
 Centre Manager - Linda Morrison
 5952 1131

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www.pical.org.au

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Christmas Church Services



Baptist

Service at the Grantville Transaction Centre
4pm Christmas Eve 24 December
No service on Christmas Day

Catholic

St Joseph's Bass
Christmas Eve 5pm Carols; 5.30pm Mass
No service on Christmas Day

Star of the Sea San Remo

No service on Christmas Eve
11am Christmas Day Mass

Anglican

St Paul's Bass
Christmas Eve 7.30pm Carols; 8pm Holy Communion
No service on Christmas Day

St George's Corinella

Sunday 17th December Service of Carols and Lessons
No service on Christmas Eve
Christmas Day 8am

St Augustine's San Remo

Christmas Eve 10.30am Holy Communion;
5pm Carol Service
Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion

Uniting Kernot

No services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

Thanks to Sandy Ridge from the local Combined Churches Group for compiling this information.



Serenade at Sunset



Bass Valley Music Festival Inc. regret to announce that after seven amazing years Serenade at Sunset in its current form will no longer take place as finances cannot guarantee a quality production.

The committee would like to acknowledge the enthusiastic support through these years of all partners, donors, sponsors, volunteers and of course performers & audiences. It's been a wonderful journey & many lasting friendships have been made.

However it's not the end of the dream, with strong support from Bass Coast Shire Council the committee is working to continue providing an opportunity for our community's young Rising Stars to be mentored by & perform alongside musical industry professionals at a major event.

In partnership with Council BVMF look forward to presenting future events encompassing the involvement of other community groups & introducing new facets without compromising the original philosophy behind the dream.

Watch this space for information regarding a sustainable relaunch of a bigger and even better Festival !

Jean Coffey



Contact Joy

5678 0602

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Classes don't start until February.

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Contact (03) 5997 5704
llcc@langlang.net



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More Community News



CFA NEWS
With
Michele Fulwell

Merry Christmas!!

The Waterline Fire Brigades – Bass, Corinella and Kernot Grantville would like to wish everyone a joyful and safe Christmas and New Year. Thank you to everyone who took part in our Santa Runs, we hope you enjoyed your visit from Santa! Please remain aware that our roads are particularly hazardous over the Christmas period and take extra care when driving. If travelling long distance's make use of Driver Reviver stops or call in and discover local cafes on your route. Definitely do not leave children, the elderly or pets in the car while you "pop in" to the shops.

If you are going away make sure you check which fire districts you are passing through and check conditions each day. Being away doesn't mean you can take a break from fire plans – you just need to have one suited to your location! Take the time to understand the Fire Danger Ratings, what they mean and check them every day.

Download the VicEmergency App and know the VicEmergency Hotline phone number 1800 226 226. The VicEmergency Hotline provides information during and after major bushfire incidents. It also offers information to help householders, landowners and small businesses reduce bushfire risk.

In a situation where you can see or smell smoke, VicEmergency Hotline can advise whether or not a planned burn is in progress. To report a fire or emergency, phone Triple Zero (000)

The state is already drier than normal for this time of year and the Fire Danger Period was declared in Bass Coast Shire on 4 December 2017.

From this time NO fires may be lit in the open air without a written permit from the CFA or the Local Shire. Restrictions may also apply to other hot work activities. More information is available in the "Can I, Can't I brochure" available on the CFA website. There is a zero-tolerance policy for any unpermitted fires and Police will be notified to attend.

Finally a thank you to all our volunteer firefighters and support members who give up countless hours every year to protect us and our neighbours. May this Christmas be quiet and safe for all.

<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/>



**Ambulance
Victoria**

**Summer is a time when many
Victorians enjoy warm weather and
outdoor activities.**

However, high temperatures can negatively impact the health and wellbeing of the community and vulnerable population groups such as older people, those with a disability or a pre-existing medical condition.

This summer is predicted to be of particular concern in regards to heatwave. There are ways in which you can prepare for and survive a heatwave.

If you are part of a local community group and would like Anthea Chester, Senior Team Manager, Ambulance Victoria Grantville to come and give a talk to your group about heatwave preparedness and survival, please call her on 0438 215 161.



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Music on the Grass

Just like an old style country fair, people came from far and wide to enjoy the music and craft in the community garden.

Now in its 5th year and supported by the Cardinia Shire Council, this community event showcased talented local musicians and school groups, entertaining crowds under the trees and on the lawns.

The Koo Wee Rup Men's shed catered with a BBQ and fresh produce stalls, hospital staff and the Ladies Auxiliary offered Devonshire tea, raffles and cake stalls, children were entertained with a free jumping castle, painting and treats throughout the day.

Local service clubs and community groups were there to offer information on the benefits they provide our local community.

The music was coordinated by Jane Coupe, a KRHS volunteer, who kindly donated hours of time to ensure a high quality and entertaining program, securing the fabulous feature act, local girl Bec Hance country music artist. Councillor Graeme Moore introduced the event, followed by KRHS CEO Frank Megens and Men's Shed President George Fittock, each bestowing their ongoing support and goodwill for the day.

Notice

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CFA and DELWP Chief Officers have advised that the Fire Danger Period and Seasonal Prohibited Period will commence at 1am on Monday 4th December 2017 in Latrobe City, Baw Baw, South Gippsland, Bass Coast shires and French Island.

These fire restrictions are declared at the onset of warmer weather when fires in the open air are legally restricted.

This is to help prevent fires from starting as dry vegetation and hot weather increase the incidence of fires accidentally starting and spreading. Certain restrictions on the lighting of fires are in force during the Fire Danger Period.

The CFA website provides information on what people can and can't do during the declared Fire Danger Period and days of Total Fire Ban.

Residents who suspect illegal burning off during the declared fire danger period should report it to the Police on Triple Zero.

The penalties for lighting fires illegally during the Fire Danger Period and on Total Fire Ban Days include large fines and possible imprisonment.

USEFUL INFORMATION

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CFA Website:
cfa.vic.gov.au

Can I or Can't I?
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DEMENTIA

Dr Rachel Wonderlin

Visit your friend with dementia and leave without a fight!



Beverly and her husband stood at the doorway of the care community, pointing fingers (literally) and arguing. "What do you mean, you're 'going home!'" she cried. "I'm coming with you!" "No," Beverly's husband argued back. "You live here now!"

We've all seen this same type of fight a million times, but how can you avoid it?

1. Don't tell your loved one that you're "going home."

When someone with dementia thinks about "home," they probably aren't thinking that the place where they currently live is "home." They may be expecting to go with you, and this starts a huge fight over the definition of "home."

2. Never tell your loved one, "You live here now."

This is always the start of a major argument. People with dementia have a hard time understanding logic, even when presented in a logical way. Something that makes sense to you and I does not always make sense to someone with dementia.

3. DO tell your loved one that you'll "be back soon."

This is true. You don't need to tell them when, but you can leave your loved one's room and say, "Hey mom, I'll be back soon." This is a perfectly reasonable way to

leave. You didn't say that you were going home, and you didn't have to come up with an excuse.

4. Come up with a reason why you can't take them home right now.

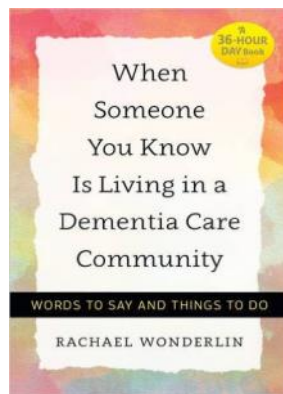
Things like, "My car is packed full of stuff and I can't fit you right now," or, "I'm going to the doctor and I'll be waiting in the waiting room for a long time," are good reasons to not take a person home.

Remember that, in dementia care, it's okay to take the word "lying" and throw it out of your vocabulary. It's all about living in their world.

5. Get your loved one involved in an activity before leaving.

I've literally watched families run to the door of a care community, which usually isn't the nicest way to exit. Bring your loved one to the next arts and crafts project, to listen to the guy playing piano, or to a meal. Don't just ditch and run—take a moment to ensure that they are actively engaged in something fun.

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Summer and the Festive Season

Welcome to Summer! The sun's out, the days are longer, we can finally get Vitamin D from the sun again! However, whilst it may feel as though we should be relaxing, it's likely we're doing everything BUT sitting with our feet up in the garden, or lazing on the beach.

Even us practitioners approach this time of year with bated breath. Year in and year out, we watch ourselves storm out of the depths of winter at a sprint – racing to the end of the year, packing it full of social events, extra work, extra jobs around the house; eating, drinking, and indulging. We take on too much, and then collapse into a stupor during those 1-2 weeks off over Christmas/ New Year – if we're the lucky ones to have this time of year off. The end-result is fatigue, overindulgence, and a pre-disposition towards choices that aren't particularly healthy. Unfortunately, we will pay for it later, usually in winter.

So, this year, the practitioners at Safflower are going to challenge everyone to think about summer differently. Try to forget that Christmas and all associated indulgence is upon us. Ignore the calendar, and the subconscious frenzy we are prone to when pondering the concept of "December 31!". We would like you to relax, and enjoy yourself.

Summer is three months long. It's a time of enjoying the fruits (and vegetables) the abundant sun has so kindly given us. It's a time for reconnecting with others, enjoying nature and the beautiful environment around us. It's a time of siestas in the heat of the afternoon, and quiet moments at sunrise in the morning.

In Chinese Medicine, summer is related to joy and love, as we recharge in the sun and share the warmth we have with others. We can also use this warmth to bring some light into the lives of those who may be experiencing sadness or loneliness. Giving love and warmth, (as the sun does to us) will fill us in a way the sparkling shiraz and mince pies probably won't.

Happy Summer everyone, much love and light to you all.

Your Safflower Team

New GP at Blackfish Medical Centre



Dr Ferdousi Akter, MBBS, FRACGP

Dr Ferdousi Akter graduated from University in 1999 and completed her General Practice Training in 2015. In total, she has been in General Practice both in Australia and overseas for over 9 years. Ferdousi's special interests are women's and child health, chronic disease including diabetes, hypertension, asthma and COPD. Ferdousi will be joining Black Fish Medical Clinic as a permanent, full time, GP in January 2018. Dr Ferdousi will also work every other weekend (Saturday & Sunday).

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& Lifestyle



Figure Out Your Goals

We're talking about "big-picture" goals for both your work and home life. For example, you may want to find a better work-life balance, get more exercise, and be more involved in your children's after-school activities. Once you know what they are, you can break them into smaller tasks and focus on how to fit them into your life.

Keep Track

It can help to take a week or so and note how long it really takes you to do things you do all the time -- do laundry, make breakfast, make your bed. Most people overestimate how long it takes to do something simple like take a shower and underestimate the time needed for bigger tasks, like write a term paper. If you know exactly how you spend your time, you may be able to manage it better.

Prioritize

Put to-do's in 4 groups:

- Urgent and important
- Not urgent but important
- Urgent but not important
- Neither urgent nor important

The goal is to have as few things under "urgent and important" as possible. Those cause stress when they pile up. If you manage your time well, you'll probably spend most of your time on "not urgent, but important" -- that's where you can get the most useful things done and keep from feeling overwhelmed later.

Schedule Your Day

Once you know just how long things take and what's most important, start to plan things out. Be flexible. Do you get more done in the late afternoon or early morning? Do you like to have your evenings free to

relax? Are you more likely to do yard work if you have a chunk of time to do it all at once or spread it out over the course of a week? Think about what works best for you, and don't be afraid to change things up.

Do the Hard Stuff First

Mark Twain said, "if it's your job to eat a frog, it's best to do it first thing in the morning. And if it's your job to eat two frogs, it's best to eat the biggest one first." In other words, if you have something hard to do, get it out of the way so you don't have to worry about it the rest of the day. At least that's how the author of one prominent time management book understood it. He titled it "Eat That Frog!"

Write It Down

A "to-do" list is tried and true. But you can use other tools, too -- the main thing is to write it down somewhere. Whatever you use to keep track of things you need to do, it's better to have just one and keep it with you wherever you go -- on your cell phone for example. Some kind of list keeper or calendar app is probably on your phone already.

Is It Worth Your Time?

Remember your big-picture goals and ask yourself if what you're doing is likely to help you get there. For example, that extra hour spent at work on something no one asked you to do might have been better spent at the gym or on the piano or at your child's baseball game.

Don't Cheat

If you schedule a work session at 9 a.m., stick to it -- 9:17 a.m. won't do, even if you work alone. Missing one start time will make you more likely to miss others. If you want some flexibility, allow yourself a choice -- return emails or file papers, for example -- but stick with the schedule as if it's set in stone. If you try it and find it doesn't work for you, you can always change it.



Just Start It!

If you feel a strong urge to put things off, find a way to push past it and take even a small step forward. You'll feel better once you make a little progress and may soon find yourself in a real groove. That's because your attitude often comes from your behavior -- and your results -- rather than the other way around.

All Your Time Counts

You've got a free 15-minute chunk of time before you have to be somewhere -- time to surf the Web and check social media, right? You might be surprised by what you can get done in that time. Four 15-minute chunks spread through the day is an hour of productivity. And you'll feel better about kicking back later.

Your Computer Can Help

Technology -- the Web, email, social networking sites -- can distract you for hours on end. But it can help too. Look for tools to help you track and schedule your time, remind you when you need to do something, or even block you from the time-sucking websites that tempt you most.

Set Time Limits

That is, set the most allowable time for the task. You may get it done sooner, but if not, the limit helps keep you from overdoing it. Once you hit the limit, move on.

Email: The Black Hole of Time Wasting

It can be a huge time suck and a source of stress. Try "The Four Ds":

Delete: If it doesn't concern you or isn't something you need to know, get rid of it.

Do: If it's about something urgent or something that can be done quickly, respond to it.

Delegate: If an email asks you something that's better taken care of by someone else, forward it to that person and move on.

Defer: If it's going to take more time than you have at the moment, set aside time for it later.



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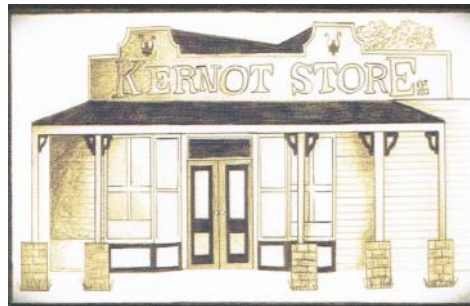
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ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

One of the highlights of last month's Phillip Island Jazz Festival was the annual presentation of the Encouragement Awards to students from Wonthaggi and Newhaven Colleges. This year's winners were:

Sidney Williams

Newhaven College Year 8 Student.

Sidney has been a member of the College since 2009 and learns the Trombone, he is a valued member of the College's Intermediate Concert Band.



TJ Sartori

Newhaven College Year 11 Student.

TJ has been a member of the College since 2013 and learns the Drum kit, he is a valued member of the Instrumental Music Program.



Clay Duke

Clay joined the WSC Junior Band as a percussion player when he was in Year 7. He has progressed through the ranks and is now a valued member of both the Senior Concert Band and Big Band. Clay hopes to continue with his musical studies at tertiary level.



Thomas Kaldvee

Thomas joined the WSC Junior Band this year as a trumpet player and has made significant progress throughout the year.



**PHILLIP ISLAND JAZZ CLUB
Sunday 21 January 2018 2pm - 4.30pm
Tamara Kuldin**



A jazz seductress with a honey-rich voice that soothes and captivates'. Tamara has been captivating audiences from Melbourne to Europe and New York

with her playful, sultry and heartfelt interpretation of songs from The Great American Songbook. European classics to lesser known vintage jazz & blues gems. A lover of storytelling through song,

Her vivacity and vocal prowess has impressed some of the finest Australian and international jazz musicians around. Tamara released her debut jazz album 'Secret Love' in 2015, celebrating her favourite tunes- sentimental and sassy- in a gorgeous bouquet of song, featuring gypsy jazz violinist Gerard Vandenbroucq (France).

Tamara recently released her evocative new recording 'LOVE, LONGING AND LULLABIES' and she was invited to tour throughout Italy as a result. Exploring the more demure and sweet side of song, this album includes an exquisite repertoire of tunes re-imagined.

The backing group is made up of a who's who of Australian jazz with Steve Paix (piano), Howard Cairns (Double bass), Carl Mackay (saxophone) and (Gideon Marcus) drums.

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The Saturday Community Grand Parade, commencing at 10.00 am, is a highlight, known for colourful cars, banners and musicians. This year the parade will be organised by the Inverloch Men's Shed. They will even provide a Town Crier, Frank Deane.

On Monday, there is a free picnic in "The Glade" a local park. There will be food, wine, and jazz with local producers showcasing their products. As one patron said "It's the only festival I know of where you can listen to Jazz, go for a swim, and come back for more!" All in all, a most enjoyable event for all the family.

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A COOK'S JOURNAL



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

Christmas goodies



IT'S that time of the year once again. Those long, hot (let's hope not too hot) summer days beg you to ask a few friends around for a barbecue.

These two very easy recipes should help with the nibbles. The dip is a favourite of mine because it's so simple and tastes great. The chickpea nibbles go down well with everyone because they are not too spicy. They are actually quite good for you! I sometimes snack on them during the day.

FETA & MINT DIP

Ingredients

150 grams of feta cheese
115 grams of sour cream
1½ teaspoons of toasted fennel seeds lightly crushed (optional)
1 tablespoon of sliced mint leaves
1 tablespoon of finely chopped chives
The juice of 1 small lemon
Salt and pepper

Method

Put the feta and cream into bowl and mash. Add seeds if using, mint, chives and lemon juice and season. Stir with fork till well mixed. Cover and refrigerate for 3-4 hours before serving with a couple of mint leaves on top.

CHICKPEA & ALMOND NIBBLES

Ingredients

420 gram can of chickpeas drained and rinsed with cold water
150 grams of almonds or a mixture of almonds and halved walnuts
2 tablespoons of vegetable oil
2 teaspoons of smoked paprika
1 teaspoon of curry powder
½ - 1 teaspoon of salt (to taste)
3 teaspoons of honey
2 teaspoons of dried oregano

Method

Heat oven to 180 degrees, line a baking tray with baking paper.
Dry chickpeas well with a clean tea towel or paper towels.
Mix with the whole almonds and walnuts if using.
Add half of the oil and toss well.
Sprinkle over paprika, curry powder and half of the salt.
Toss well and transfer to the prepared baking tray. Bake for 45 minutes tossing lightly every 15 minutes.
Cool a little and put into a large bowl.
Stir in the honey and remaining oil and oregano and toss to coat.

Return to the tray, sprinkle with remaining salt and cook for 10-15 mins until golden and crisp.

Enjoy!

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As a Reiki Seichim practitioner she has 15 years experience in the fields of healing. Her nature is gentle and enquiring enabling her to reach the source of client issues efficiently and effectively, applying her intuitive abilities and her learned techniques.

Over the years, countless people have benefited from her healing hands, support and instruction as she assisted them on their life's journey either in individual sessions or in one of the numerous workshops she has facilitated.

These workshops focus on relaxation and meditation where participants are encouraged to achieve balance and direction in their life, and assisted to develop strategies and techniques for ongoing self help.

Alongside her workshops, Delma has organised and facilitated many small groups for the purposes of meditation, relaxation, healing and information. She is a certified clinical hypnotherapist and specialises in weight relief using the Virtual Gastric Band.

Delma is a caring and wonderfully inspiring woman with developed interests in global healing and maintaining environmental balance and harmony that begins in her own back yard. See her ad on page 14 this month.

Meet Priscilla Alderton



With over 20 years experience on the concert stage, Priscilla Alderton has a wealth of experience to pass on to budding music students.

She specialises in piano, harpsichord, advanced work, teaching to Masters level, theory at the piano, theory related to works studied, aural work improvisation, basic composition, analysis, singing, AMEB, VCE and IB preparation, special needs children, gifted children. Children, teenagers, adults, enrichment and support for teachers. One-off feedback and preparation for performers. I work with the individual to encourage connectedness with the body, with every note through an understanding of how the music is put together, then we work to express with confidence, to communicate with a clear and cohesive attitude, to listen from the audience's perspective. Years of experience as a performer and examiner mean that my students consistently have excellent and happy results in exams, performances, their whole lives, as professional musicians and teachers.

She loves working with teenagers has recently completed construction of her new

home/music studio in the hills of Woolamai, overlooking the ocean and Kilcunda.

To book an appointment with Priscilla, contact her on 5678 2065 or 0408 810 408.

Farewell Lenny Burgess

After servicing hundreds of vehicles in Grantville for many years, Lenny Burgess, from Burgess Motors has decided to call it a day.

Plagued by health problems over the last couple of years, he found he was unable to continue with the demands of working as a full time mechanic.

Many people in the town will be sad to see him go, and so will their vehicle, especially some of the older brigade which he lovingly kept purring.

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More on that next month, but farewell Lenny, take care mate.



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The French Island News



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EMERGENCY SERVICES

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.

NURSE ON CALL

For non urgent health issues islanders may utilise the Department of Health's Nurse on Call service: 1300 60 60 24

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Ambulance Membership
Membership Enquiries 1300 366 141 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm). Membership is advised as Air Ambulance is used from the island. If local support is required ask Ambulance to request CFA support on the island.

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French Island General Store and Post Office

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we can't name them all here In the meantime, whether it's distilled water for batteries or a fuel filter for the car, ring to find out what's in stock. Newspapers can also be ordered from the store with at least 24 hours notice.

Christine Dineen's New French Island Visitor's Guide also available.

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French Island Landcare

For more information on all Landcare activities contact

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Landcare Nursery

Volunteers are always welcome at the nursery on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to noon.

Contact Terri: 0413 088 527



NEW FRENCH ISLAND SERVICE



French Island residents now have access to a new level of mechanical service, with Elliston's Mechanical Services, now having a dedicated service vehicle on the island.

Call Peter or Lisa

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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

Brand new vessel for French Island ferry service



A brand new vessel, purpose built to operate the French Island Ferry service, has arrived in Westernport Bay this week and has begun daily operation.

The new MV Naturaliste is an impressive 95 passenger vessel that will deliver a new level of comfort for guests. It is fully air-conditioned and complete with large viewing windows and outside deck seating on the lower and upper levels.

Named 'MV Naturaliste' after the ship captained by Jacque Hamelin who named French Island in 1802, the fast catamaran vessel is 18 meters in length with a total capacity of 95 passengers.

Western Port Ferries CEO Matt McDonald says the MV Naturaliste provides a safe and comfortable crossing in almost all weather conditions.

"The French Island Ferry provides an important connection to the mainland for French Island residents. It is also an extremely popular touring route for visitors to the area", Mr McDonald says.

Along with the launch of the new vessel, the French Island Ferry timetable has been expanded to offer 20 new additional ferry services throughout the day. In coming weeks, Western Port Ferries will introduce online bookings and an electronic ticketing

system on board the ferries. Western Port Ferries has been operating the passenger ferry service between Stony Point, on the Mornington Peninsula, Cowes on Phillip Island and Tankerton on French Island since 1 July this year.

The new ferry is just one of the exciting new developments affecting French Island with new wildlife and historic tours scheduled to commence on the Island in late November. Naturaliste Tours will be the only nature-based tour operator on the island offering small group touring options for guests.

More information about the French Island Ferry Service at -
www.westernportferries.com.au

French Island National Park.

French Island National Park is a true paradise. Accessible by ferry. French Island is a haven of peace and serenity, home to a diverse range of wildlife and containing environments ranging from mangrove saltmarsh areas to open woodlands.

Explore the park at leisure by bus, bike or on foot, using the network of public roads and management tracks. There are whole day, half day and shorter walks and rides starting at Tankerton Foreshore Reserve.

How to get there

Take the passenger ferry from Stony Point or Cowes. across to French Island.

Tickets are available for purchase on the ferry or for bookings visit:

www.westernportferries.com.au.



The trip takes 10-12 minutes and delivers you to Tankerton Jetty on French Island. The Ranger station is next to the pier. Check Western Port Ferries for the ferry timetable and weather conditions - ferry services can be cancelled at very short notice.

Aboriginal Traditional Owners

Parks Victoria acknowledges the Aboriginal Traditional Owners of Victoria - including its parks and reserves. Through their cultural traditions, the Boon Wurrung and Bunurong identify the French Island National Park as their Traditional Country. Further information is available from Aboriginal Affairs Victoria AAV and Native Title Services Victoria.

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Special Feature - The Gurdies

The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve Grantville

1142 Bass Highway, The Gurdies, Victoria



The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve represents some of the largest remaining areas of native vegetation on the eastern shore of Western Port.

The reserve covers an area of about 260 hectares and provides good bushwalking and sightseeing opportunities for visitors.

Location and access

The reserve is on the Bass Highway 12 kilometres south-east of its intersection with the South Gippsland Highway.

Things to see and do.

Bushwalking and sightseeing are the most popular recreational pursuits undertaken in the reserve.

Mountain bike riding is also permitted in the reserve, but only on vehicle width tracks.

For visitors who wish to go for a gentle stroll or stretch their legs, there is a seven minute walk from the Bass Highway car park.

There are numerous other walking tracks of varying distances throughout the reserve and they are well signposted. Horse riding is permitted in the reserve on a restricted basis. One to three horses may use vehicle-width tracks south of and including the central management track.

Groups of four or more horses must make a booking at the Wonthaggi Parks Victoria Office before using the reserve by phoning 13 1963.

History

In 1798 Western Port and Bass Strait were discovered by George Bass and a volunteer crew, who sailed and rowed from Port Jackson in an open whaleboat. Many features of the local area have been named after George Bass, such as the Bass Highway, the township of Bass, the Bass Ranges and the Bass River. During the 1800s Western Port was a very busy harbour and areas such as Corinella and Grantville were settled. Also during the 1800s many of the grand eucalypts of the ranges, such as Messmate and Bluegum (some 70 metres in height), were felled and used in the construction of wharves, railway bridges and railway lines. In 1977 the Gurdies bushland area was recognised as significant in term of its flora and fauna values. In 1992 the area was proclaimed a Flora and Fauna Reserve.

Flora and fauna

The vegetation in the reserve is predominantly eucalypts such as Messmate and Narrow-leaf Peppermint. Others include Blackwood, Silver Banksia, Prickly Tea-tree, She-oak and various sedges and grasses. Victoria's floral emblem, the



Common Heath, with its stunning pink and red bell-shaped flower, is also common throughout the reserve.

The reserve is home to a variety of animals and birdlife, including the Brushtail and Ringtail Possums, Sugar Gliders, Common Wombats, Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Crimson and Eastern Rosellas and wattlebirds. Other native birds such as honeyeaters, wrens and swallows can also be observed.

For further information Parks Victoria



Information Centre Call 13 1963 or visit our website at www.parks.vic.gov.au

Caring for the environment

Help us look after your park by following these guidelines :

Take your rubbish home with you for recycling or disposal. Please remain on designated tracks. "Bush -bashing" harms vegetation. Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the park. All native plants and animals are protected. No fires including barbecues may be lit on days of Total Fire Ban. This park is located in the Central Total Fire Ban District Leave the park as you find it.



U3A Bass Valley Garden Group



Over the last couple of months many varieties of native orchids have bloomed in and around Grantville and the Gurdies.

This area is internationally known for its range of rare and unusual orchids.

Undoubtedly the star of the show is *Caleana major*, the Large Duck Orchid.

Occurring from Queensland to South Australia and even Tasmania, this plant is found in eucalyptus woodland in coastal or swampy shrubland and heathland.

Mostly near the coast, but occasionally at higher altitudes. Because of the small size, it is a difficult plant to notice in the wild.

U3A Garden Group members, along with visitors to the area, have been regularly monitoring these plants which can be found in the Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve. The plants are approx. 40 cm tall with one to two flowers. The flowers are about 3cm tall and flower between late October and early December. Many other orchids including Cobras, Hooded, Suns, Hyacinth, Cinnamon Bells, Birds, Mosquito, Mayfly and Tongue orchids can be found in the reserve.

Mark Dunbar

The Beauty of Colour



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QUIZ?

Special Christmas Music Quiz



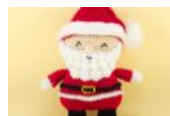
- Who wished it could be Christmas every day in the 70's?
- Originally recorded by Harry Belafonte in 1956, which group covered the song 'Mary's Boy Child' in 1976?
- Little Drummer Boy / Peace on Earth was recorded by the unlikely duo of Bing Crosby and who?
- Destiny's Child had a Christmas hit with which song?
- 'Simply having a' complete the title of this Paul McCartney hit.
- In 1998 and 2007 Chris Rea made the charts with this song?
- This 1984 Christmas hit was at number 1 for 5 weeks.
- John Lennon and Yoko Ono wrote this Christmas hit as an anti Vietnam War song.
- Which record by Queen reached number 1 in the charts in 1975 and 1991?
- Elvis had a Christmas number 1 in 1963 which described his repeated efforts to have what delivered?
- What is the next line of this 1966 Tom Jones number 1:- The old town looks the same, As I step down from the train, And there to meet me?
- Who was 'Lonely this Christmas' in 1974?
- Whitney Houston was number 1 for ten weeks including Christmas 1992, with which song?
- Who had a No.1 in 1983 with a cover of Yazoo's 'Only you'?
- Shakin' Stevens had a Christmas No.1 in 1985 with "Merry Christmas Everyone", but what was his birth name?

Philosophy, Trivia & Quiz,

- Since 1952, which song has topped the charts at Christmas on 3 separate occasions?
- Which group had a monopoly of Christmas no.1s from 1962 to 1964?
- Sung by Dickie Valentine in 1955, this was the first chart topper at Christmas that was actually about Christmas. What was the title?
- Two years later in 1957 "Mary's Boy Child" reached no.1 for which American singer famous for "The Banana Boat Song"?
- In 1949 Gene Autry recorded a song about a famous reindeer. What is the name of this song?



"YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS"



Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897.

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DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with

the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever.

A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Wizard. 2. Boney M. 3. David Bowie. 4. 8 Days of Christmas. 5. Wonderful Christmas Time. 6. Driving Home for Christmas. 7. Do they know its Christmas. 8. Merry Christmas (War is Over). 9. Bohemian Rhapsody. 10. A letter, in the song 'Return to Sender'. 11. 'is my Mama and papa'. 12. Mud. 13. I will always love you. 14. The Flying Pickets. 15. Michael Barratt. 16. Do They Know Its Christmas? 17. Beaulieu. 18. Christmas Alphabet. 19. Harry Belafonte. 20. Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer.

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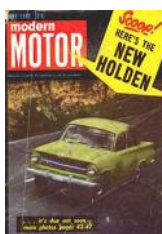
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Dr Cooper leaned forward. Allan George listened carefully to the softly spoken words of advice. "If you plan to spend retirement on the couch and your aim is 'no more work' you'll probably be dead in three years." the doctor intoned, "But, if you keep active on the farm and stay involved in the community, your span will be unlimited." Allan was about to retire after 43 years at the Lang Lang Proving Ground. That was December 2002.

In the mid-50s Holden struggled to meet demand for Australia's Own Car. Testing prototype cars on public roads had become too much of a security risk and the need for a private development facility became apparent.

Holden bought a large property at Lang Lang, reportedly for more than double the original asking price. The deal was sealed in the Palace Hotel and the locals helped to drink all the free beer that was on offer that night.

More beer flowed on a Sunday afternoon in early 1957. Construction of the ten foot fence around the site had locked in the wildlife so a wallaby and kangaroo drive started at the Bass Highway. Participants battled through thick scrub toward a nine gallon keg and BBQ that awaited at the top of Peacock's Rd where the fence had been re-opened. Legend has it that more animals wandered in than were driven out.

The serious business of constructing the first GM Proving Ground outside America had commenced and durability testing across three shifts started in August 1957. Grantville's Allan George began as a night shift driver in June 1959. He vividly recalls driving prototypes around the mostly unsealed roads. "Our garage and performance measuring equipment was basic – a world away from the high tech gear in use today"

"Back then heaters and demisters were optional - we wore overcoats, scarves and hats to handle the cold. We often got bogged but I enjoyed every minute. We drove 240 miles every shift, worked six days a week and were paid 21 pound after tax."

Allan spent five years rugged up on night shift then became a dayshift mechanic. He became a leading hand and his responsibilities increased until he was Senior Group Leader of Durability. In 1994 he was presented with a very rare Lifetime Achievement award by the Chairman of General Motors. Allan humbly accepted on behalf of the Lang Lang team. When he retired he was the longest serving employee at Lang Lang. During those 43 years Allan was involved in every new Holden model as well as all the overseas cars imported by GM-H.

"I was privileged to drive all those cars, and there were some very fast ones...." Allan smiles and the obvious question needs to be answered. "A whisker under 300 km/h. That was as fast as I ever went, and that was in complete safety on the speed loop." Lang Lang also ran competitors cars through the rigorous testing regime to set benchmarks. "It's not that any particular make was bad in comparison, they all had their own strengths."

The names Holden and Peter Brock were synonymous for two decades and Allan George spent countless hours across those years working with Brock to develop the HDT and racing cars. The legacy of both men is entwined in the corporate DNA. Although every new model was an improvement on its predecessor Allan has a fondness for the EH – "It had style, the red motor delivered good performance and it handled well. The later models grew larger though the biggest leap forward was the VT Commodore – body engineering, performance and safety features made it world class."

At its peak the Proving Ground employed 250 people, mostly locals.

As the final Australian built family car rolled off the line last month, Allan George reflected on the importance of the industry to Australia in terms of employment, pride, training and opportunities for generations of workers. Australia was one of many countries that had the capability to design, test and build cars. Retention of that capability was in the national interest. Now there are fewer countries that manufacture and we are importers.

Allan reckons that the demise of local car manufacturing can be traced back to the 80s when the stipulation for local content – then 58% - was reduced and badge engineering

spread across the industry under the Button Plan. The Corolla became the Nova, Toyota badges blossomed on Commodores and even the Falcon Ute wore Nissan decals. Although the plants at Fishermens Bend and Elizabeth have fallen silent the Proving Ground remains in operation so the Holden DNA can continue in cars built overseas. Allan can say that there was nothing negative about working at Holden. He looked forward to going to work every single day and he adds "We had a 'can do' attitude. There was never anyone I couldn't talk to, it was like a family." "Whenever I go back the greeting is always 'A.G. Glad to have you back.'"



Allan George was heavily involved in several community groups while he worked for Holden. Since retirement he has been involved in more groups and projects than there is space to list. Allan is reluctant to point to any achievement as his own. Most of the community around here is like that, too modest to accept more than a passing pat on the back for thanks. They help in any way they can - quietly staffing the tuckshops, turning up for working bees or emptying their pockets to buy raffle tickets. Many of them are part of several different groups and the common complaint is that there isn't enough time to get it all done. More government funding would be handy, too.

Allan cites the consolidation of eight small schools into one as a great example of people working together to achieve a lasting benefit to the community. The hardest task was achieving agreement on a location for the new Bass Valley school. This school was built on a shoestring and much money was saved by volunteers who moved infrastructure from schools such as Kernot to the new school. Many of the volunteers were dairy farmers who worked between milkings while their families filled in the gaps in the work roster. Having a school that has one teacher per grade increased the ability of teachers to concentrate on individual development and greatly enhanced the educational opportunities for the pupils.

17 years after retirement Allan George still hasn't stopped working.

Geoff Ellis

Greg Hunt MP



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Flinders**

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Health.
Minister for
Sport.**

As the festive season approaches with record speed and we cast our eyes towards 2018, it is important we all take time to reflect on 2017.

This has been a year of great change for me and the whole Flinders electorate, with many great changes made to help the local community.

At a Ministerial level, taking over as Minister for Health and Sport has been a tremendous honour.

The health portfolio has given me the opportunity to not simply meet brave Australians, but to play a key role in helping to fund lifesaving treatments and world-leading research to help curb the crippling effects of illness and disease.

Meanwhile, a busy year of national sport saw my beloved Richmond end its 37-year Premiership drought, our Socceroos gain qualification to the 2018 Football World

Cup in Russia and the Gold Coast continue to prepare to welcome thousands of guests as it hosts the 2018 Commonwealth Games. But as I have since 2001, I continued my work fighting for the people of Flinders. Lang Lang residents are set to benefit from a new pavilion at their recreation precinct, thanks in part to \$1.5 million in Federal Government funding. The people of Cowes are seeing a brand new, state of the art health and medical hub constructed before their eyes thanks to \$2.5 million in Federal funding. Helping French Island residents get one step closer to eradicating feral cats to help native wildlife - I could go on, and on.

But as we look back at our accomplishments in 2017, we must remember to march into 2018 with renewed sense of passion and vigour.

The tremendous possibilities of the future await us and when met with hard work and perseverance, their potential may be limitless.

But with Christmas just around the corner, I hope we all take the time to relax, unwind and get ourselves ready for 2018.

From myself, my staff and my family, we wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a safe and prosperous New Year. *Greg Hunt*

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Cranbourne Shire Historical Society
Tooradin - Fisherman's Cottage Museum
The museum is located in Foreshore Road on the edge of Sawtells Inlet (Melway ref 144 A6) and is open Sundays from 12noon to 4pm. Or by arrangement.
Contact - Polly Freeman - (03) 5998 3643

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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Lang Lang & District Historical Society
Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm at the Lang Lang Historical Display Centre, in Whitstable Street, Lang Lang.
The Centre is open each Wednesday 11am - 3pm or by appointment
Secretary Peter Hayden 5997 5114

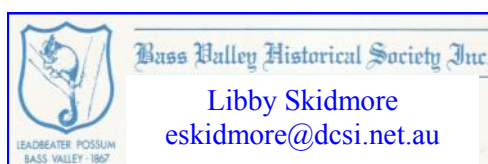
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Phillip Island Heritage Centre, 89 Thompson Coves.
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The society meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the museum.



A PIONEER CHRISTMAS
From the Burnie Advocate December 20th 1939
It was one Christmas Eve. In a poor little cottage lived a mother and father with their children. A river ran close by. At about 12 o'clock on the same night a terrific storm arose, raging all over the country. The poor little children were terrified; but the mother soothed them as best she could. Then the river began to rise. It came right to the door of the cottage. The mother and father got out the canoe and prepared for flight. For the sake of the children an attempt had to be made to escape.
Still the water rose. The children were packed into the canoe; then the parents jumped in. The wife murmured, "We are in God's hands." The canoe was soon out of control. Suddenly the wind changed and they were swept away.
When they came to themselves they found they were washed up on to a dry sandy beach. Wood there was in abundance. They made a fire and warmed their chilled bodies. Dry moss provided cosy beds, upon which the weary wayfarers sought rest for

the night.
On Christmas morning the sunlight shone brightly upon the bivouac of the pioneer. Through the interlacing leaves of punga fern it cast a glowing radiance like a halo round the downy head of a new born child. Wrapped in her mother's plaid shawl she lay in a small wooden box- a crudely fashioned crib, like unto the lowly Manger in which another Babe had lain on that first Christmas morning long ago. Gold of sunrise poured into the tiny uplifted hands, curled like pink rose petals. The Pioneer Baby slept. All was happiness. For joy cometh with the morning, and the travellers bourne is home
Libby Skidmore.
From the archives
Bass Valley Historical Society



Our History

by Noelene Lyons

In last months Waterline News I asked if you were a descendant of John Burns & Harriet McLeod as the Wonthaggi Cemetery Burial Register recorded Burial Section & Row but not the Grave number. We did not have any response from the families to help us place them in there correct grave.
But we have managed to find Alan Bentick's Great grandparents – James Charles & Edith Emma BENTICK. Alan always knew there were quite a lot of Bentick's buried in Wonthaggi Cemetery, but on his enquiry to find his original family graves was a wonderful surprise. The Bentick family came out in c 1910 to work the Coal Mines. James Charles Bentick d. 1938 and Edith Emma Bentick d. 1912. When Alan is not fishing he hopes to restore this grave.
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History

Meet the Walker's Part 1.



Jan & Harry Walker

In 1951, Harry Walker and his family moved to Grantville, in the middle of winter.

They came from the Mallee area, South West of Mildura and on the northern edge of the Sunset Country named Bambill South.

They were share farming on a Soldier Settlement block of wheat and sheep, living mostly self sufficiently.

In the early 1950's these twelve hundred acres were to be re zoned and the lease holdings sold on.

A neighbour who had been in the area longer than Tom, (Harry's Father) bought this land . Two thirds of these farmers had to move away. Tom owned a half share of the wheat crop, but the sheep, three to four hundred, belonged to Tom. He was also a shearer and at this time Tom had a substantial wool clip. The bales were loaded and taken to Bambill rail siding, then on to Redcliffs and Mildura. Somewhere between Mildura and Melbourne there was a rail strike. After reaching Melbourne the wool prices had escalated to the top and valued at "a pound a pound".

The sale of the wool was three thousand pounds, a substantial amount of money in the 1950's.

Tom realised this would go a long way towards buying his own farm and through a local Mallee stock agent Tom found a farm for sale in Grantville, owned by Cyril Dolphin. He had been a land owner in the area since 1934.

In 1951, Tom purchased this property of three hundred and eighty acres known as "The Grange". It is located on the Bass Highway, two kilometres of the eastern side, north of the township. The partly cleared land of approximately sixty acres enabled Tom to run a small number of beef cattle and later a sheep. Firewood was sold and

delivered and other timber was sent to chicory kilns on Phillip Island. Harry cut wood, which enabled him to buy his "racing type pushbike" which he rode for hundreds of miles around the area.

Tom went on to clear extra land for grazing with an old International TD18 dozer, weighing a hefty sixteen tonnes.

Located near the home was an old tennis court. This was repaired early after arrival as the whole family were keen tennis players.

Harry's Mother, Rita and her friend Nellie Bird, together formed the first Grantville Tennis Club and was the "home court" for competition matches.

The Bird family, at this time owned the Grantville Bakery, situated on the Northern end of the current Mitre 10 hardware site.



Jan Walker, was born at Berwick and was living in Dandenong in 1964, when she was introduced to Harry by his sister in law.

They were married in 1966 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year.

We continue their 50 year love affair, not only with each other, but with their home town, Grantville, in the next instalment of the part they have played in our local history, in the January edition.

Special thanks to Jan Walker, who wrote this for us.



Grantville General Store - Bass Highway. 1937

Harry's Father Tom, bought the farm in Grantville from Cyril Dolphin.

We have a fascinating historical view of Grantville, written by Cyril Dolphin to come in this special series on Grantville history, very shortly.

History in print

A lot of the historical articles we have uncovered for this series, come in the form of newspaper clippings, most of which are dated, but a lot don't tell us which papers they came from.



In an effort to ensure we were not republishing articles illegally, we contacted Sentinel Times Editor, Nathan Johnston, who said "The Wonthaggi Sentinel and the Korumburra Times merged in the early 1970s.

The Sentinel was established in the early 1910s and it had some competition at the time from The Powlett Express.

The Sentinel continued but I'm not sure the Express made it beyond WWII, but I could be wrong there."

We have agreed to acknowledge that the copies we are using, more than likely have come from these publications

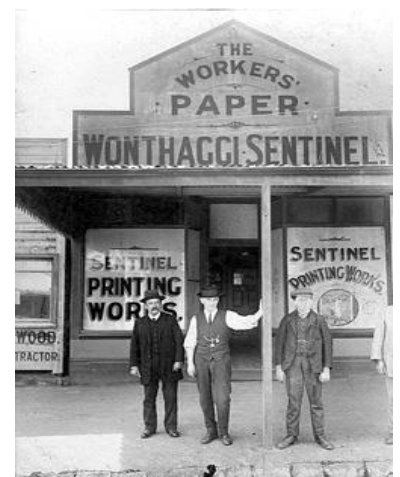
**South Gippsland
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History.

In the beginning, there were two newspapers; The Korumburra Times, started by George Mitchell on Thursday, July 7, 1892 and the Wonthaggi Sentinel, started by Hector McCrimmon on Saturday, June 11, 1910.

These papers served their local communities for three quarters of a century until a decision was taken in 1973 to launch South Gippsland's first regional newspaper, the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times, on Thursday, March 8, 1973, through the amalgamation of 'The Sentinel' and 'The Times'.

Initially, with a combined circulation of more than 7000 copies, the newspaper has continued to grow both in circulation, to more than 10,000 copies per edition, and scope to the stage now where it offers a very comprehensive news and advertising coverage, extending to 72 pages plus.



Grantville History

GRANTVILLE HISTORY

Grantville School

The Grantville School celebrated it's centenary in 1974.

This photo, taken in 1973 was on the front cover of a special booklet, prepared for the centenary.

At the time the Grantville School Committee acknowledged the work done by the school's then headmaster, John Morrisy, in connection with his organisational work in preparation for the celebration of the Grantville School.

We recently asked Jan Walker if she could put names to the faces in this remarkable Photo.

She says)with a little help from some other locals) they are as follows:

Back Row: L-R

Mike Wheatley, Joanne Blackney, John Blackney, Cincy Wheatley and "Lonny" Purton.

Middle Row: L-R

Martin De Zwart, Peter De Zwart, Unknown, Susan Smith, Terry Delyzer, Glen Oakley, Unknown, Sharon Smith.

Front Row: L-R

Kim Walker, Debbie Wheatley, Unknown, Rodney De Zwart, Audrey Delyzer, Carol George, Unknown, Unknown.

Teachers:

John Morrissy (Headmaster) and Margaret "Rita" Walker.

1974 Grantville School Committee

Back Row - Jack Delyzer, Allan Groege, Norm Ager, (H.M) Hermon De Zwart and Ray Blackney.

Front Row - Neil Motton, Irene Wheatley (Mrs.) Joan Blackney, (Mrs.) and Charlie Blackney.

1974 Grantville School Committee



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Bass Coast Shire News

Passport 2 Employment

Bass Coast Shire Council recently hosted a Passport 2 Employment (P2E) session, where Human Resources staff worked with students from Bass Coast Specialist School, to give them experience in preparing for job applications and interviews.

The session is part of an eight week program run by The National Disability Coordination Officer Program and South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN).

The innovative program helps secondary school students build practical skills and access opportunities for further education, training and employment.

Council prepared and helped students to partake in 'mock' interviews, where students were simulated through the job interview process of arriving at reception and introducing themselves, going to an interview, presenting their résumé, and answering questions.



P2E participants preparing for their 'mock interview' with Council Staff.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Pamela Rothfield, explained the importance of being involved in initiatives such as the P2E program.

"The P2E program aims to empower young people with disabilities to build their confidence and skills in leadership and self-advocacy," Cr Rothfield said.

"By building these skills we are providing clearer pathways and assisting them in seeking, finding, obtaining and retaining employment and further training opportunities."

The curriculum for the P2E program is based on career planning. Program sessions include an industry tour and opportunity to



meet with potential future employers, learning how to dress appropriately for an

interview, and mock interviews.

Since its establishment the program has been delivered in Portland, Warrnambool, Horsham, Geelong, Colac and Gippsland. The Gippsland LLEN group aim to roll the P2E program out to a number of additional locations in the future.

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Fireworks return for New Year's Eve



Bass Coast Shire townships Inverloch, Coronet Bay and Cowes will celebrate the year that was 2017 and welcome in the New Year with a fireworks display.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Pamela Rothfield

explained that at the February Ordinary Council Meeting this year Council resolved to set up a working group to plan and co-ordinate New Year's Eve activities on Phillip Island.

"The working group have organised family friendly activities at the Cowes Esplanade from 5.30pm, concluding at 9.30pm with a fireworks display at the Cowes Jetty," Cr Rothfield said.

"This will see the return of fireworks to Cowes after several years, and I'm sure many families will enjoy the delight and cheer fireworks bring."

"We know that Phillip Island is a popular destination for New Year's Eve celebrations and so there will be a heavy Police presence in Cowes for the duration of the evening."

Fireworks displays will also be occurring in Inverloch and Coronet Bay on New Year's Eve.

For those who have pets easily affected by fireworks, please be mindful on New Year's Eve and keep your animals safe and close. There will also be a fireworks display at the Cowes Christmas Carols at 9.30pm on Tuesday, 19 December.

For a full list of event details and times, head to basscoast.vic.gov.au/events

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 And so very smug
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 To cut a rug.

Always so immaculate
 So very well attired
 Ready for a dinner date
 Whenever required.

So pay for his food
 For the man about town
 Don't ever be rude
 Or bother to frown.

And the fans are all sighing
 As the scandal breaks
 And rumours are flying
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ODE TO MY PRINCE

The very first day of winter they stole your
 life away
 I wasn't there to see it or prevent it in any
 way
 By the time I picked you up and held you,
 you were already gone
 and although I tried I succumbed to the cold.

It entered my heart which shattered
 They will never know the pain they caused
 and how you really mattered
 The car hit you so hard catapulting you into
 the gutter
 It broke your neck, robbed you of breath,
 now you heart can no long flutter.

We sit and talk, shake our heads violence
 being so rife
 Do we really mourn the taking on non-
 human life?
 Plants cut down and poisoned any number
 of reasons will do
 Mangrove trees ripped out for spoiling the
 view
 Animals run down, wombats, foxes, dogs
 and cats just to name a few.

When this person looks into a mirror; What
 is it they see?
 To me it is a murderer of terrorist potentially
 For that is what we call those who
 unlawfully take a life
 What does it matter if it is with a car, bomb
 or knife.

Look at the world around you full of
 destruction and strife
 Now sit back and think about how you
 destroy the miracle of life.
 Poison it, shoot it, squash it, spray it - any
 way you like
 Do not cry or whine to me when the one you
 love is taken in spite.

In spite of all the love and care you have
 lavished
 Protected from hurt and pain.
 Just remember that everything you do
 comes around again and again and again.

Pawnote

I moved into Corinella in May 2017. My
 Siamese cat was deliberately run down and
 killed out the front of the house I am renting.
 I must admit it colored my opinion of the
 people in the area for a very long time. The
 cat had survived living in inner city
 Melbourne, Williamstown and other busy
 areas.



Katharine Keeley



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

HOME

Twenty-two months I was when first
 plucked from home and two years old before
 being retrieved from the pathway to certain
 death at the local hospital. Bereft of family
 for ten long weeks and bearing the life-long
 scars of self-inflicted wounds, I had refused
 to speak and forgotten how to walk. Back in
 familiar surroundings, Dad lifted me up to
 the window to see some horses passing the
 house. "Look at the gee-gees," I said. My
 self-imposed silence was broken. Recovery
 had commenced. I was home.

Always there was a garden. Dad's every
 spare moment was spent digging, planting,
 pruning. Grapes, fruit trees and vegetables
 were in abundance.

Having spent school holidays with my sister
 at her drought-stricken property where all
 was red dust and sparse foliage, I returned
 home to Kew when for the first time my
 eyes were opened to the beauty of the place.
 This dependency on greenery was to recur
 many years later after suffering withdrawal
 from the lush leafage of daily life. I had
 been to Spain for a month before flying to
 England for three delightful weeks in that
 green and pleasant land. Aware of the visual
 starvation which had built up, despite
 Europe's wonderfully rich enchantments,
 my last Saturday when I really wanted to go
 shopping simply had to be devoted to the
 scenic attractions of the Kew Gardens.

Home again, it would have been at least six
 weeks before I could open the back door
 without taking a deep breath and thinking,
 "This is so beautiful." Thank you, Dad, for
 all your efforts, but in passing on the
 gardening gene to your children, it is a pity
 exhaustion had set in before I arrived.

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Writing

SHORT STORY



THE TEMPTATION OF IMAGE

Margaret Pearce

"You're letting the old firm down, malady." The personage behind the desk chewed on his cigar and studied his unsuccessful salesman.

The salesman didn't look like a malady. He was tall, dark and good looking, immaculately and well groomed in a well cut suit.

"Update yourself," the chief directed. "All that old-fashioned stuff doesn't go down well with the modern woman."

"Greed and impulse buying never change," the salesman protested. "My tactics never date."

"Sales are down. Every Tom Dick and Harry have yachts and money for baubles," the chief said irritably. "Get yourself a new image. Something that will attract the modern female."

"They all have careers these days," the salesman sulked. "And buy their own toys." "So update yourself. No female is interested in tall dark and handsome and plenty of money any more. You've got to have an angle." The chief threw over a folder.

"Here's a bored woman who should be a pushover. Study what she needs and bring me her contract."

The salesman brooded over the profile of the bored housewife. She was a smart, mature woman, children doing their own thing, running her own business, between husbands and bored. An ideal target for a super salesman. He checked out her likes and dislikes. She was a gym junkie, into physical fitness and an avid admirer of the younger breed of movie stars.

"Toyboys," the salesman sniffed to himself. Still a client was a client. He gritted his teeth. Updating took a lot of pain and physical discomfort. The dark brooding intense eyes and sharp cut high cheekbones were out. He changed his hair colour and removed his mustache.

He threw out his wardrobe. He moved into high priced sneakers, jeans, tee shirts and leather jackets. He looked years younger, baby faced, boyish and appealing, and very fit in the painfully tight jeans. He was film star perfect! He flexed his pectorals and went hunting.

They met at the gym. He was diffident and charming. He knew he was successful because he was mobbed in a very unladylike manner by the other females. His victim was not impressed.

He renewed his efforts. The folder didn't do justice to the vitality of her strong personality. He had to have her signature on

his contract. She listened bored as he dangled gifts and ideas in front of her. He tried being a sensitive new age guy. He tried being a masterful wooer. He tried being generous with gifts. He named dropped about his friends in the film industry. Nothing worked!

"Move into her bed and then try again," an amused colleague advised.

There had been discreet discussions about weekends away. At last, she sounded interested. Perhaps she could do with a few days away.

"Trail riding?" he echoed. "Of course I can ride, and I love camping,"

"Not necessary to rough it," she said. "I'll meet you at the weekend place which has stables attached. It is only a day's ride from where I leave the car and float. We can ride up, spend the night there and head back the next day."

By the time he reached the arranged place to leave his float and car, due to some mix-up she had ridden on ahead. He was in a better mood as he arrived. It was a day's ride back to cars and horse floats. Time and distance were on his side.

His good mood lapsed when her closest friend, blonde, overweight and disgustingly cheerful rode out to greet him.

"She decided not to make it so we swapped," she explained.

"Swapped!" he echoed in horror.

He was a sophisticate. Modern attitudes on sex never caused him to turn a hair, but handing him over without his consent was disrespectful. He needed respect. He needed the weeping and trembling as he unveiled his real self.

"You're not her cup of tea," she said. "You look too much like that baby faced young actor that makes her sick." She grinned broadly, showing teeth nearly the same shape as her horses. "So I've got you!"

"Swapped," he repeated.

His painful new image had caused him to be taken for a toy boy!

So the slickest and least successful salesman in the company took his painful new image down below with him and settled to stoking.

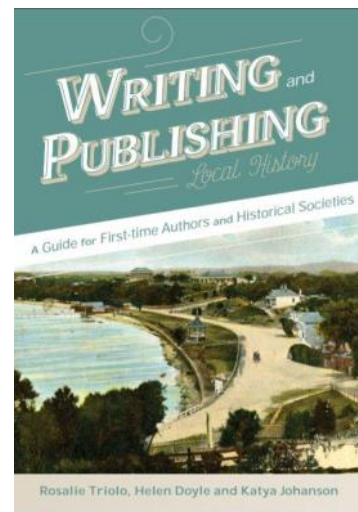
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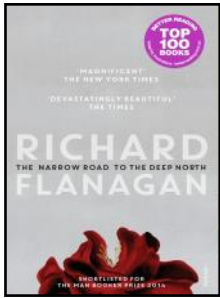
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The Narrow Road to the Deep North

by Richard Flanagan
Vintage, Random House, Australia Ptd Ltd, North Sydney, 2013



Though Richard Flanagan won the Man Booker Prize in 2014 for his book The

Narrow Road to the Deep North, it is hard to get into mainly because of the time shifts from present to various places in the past. Nevertheless, it is soon obvious the book was written by a master craftsman. Richard Flanagan's use of language is exceptional as in his strong metaphorical descriptions. His sky imagery, for instance, on pp56-7 is brilliant and unforgettable: That bruised sky, blue-welted and blood-puddling....All he could ever see ... was that filthy sky racing away from all that horror.

At first readers might not take to Dorrigo Evans, the womanising hero or anti-hero, a highly thought-of young doctor with a productive career ahead of him. Following his life, the book, in jumping from past to present, is a way to help the reader cope with the horror of the war passages. It is easier to read of Dorrigo's sensuous adventures and infidelities than to read about the tortured lives of Australian prisoners-of-war who were being used as slave labourers to build the Thai-Burma railway line and Dorrigo's efforts to help them survive.

Dorrigo does not have a high opinion of himself so does not wish to embody the larger-than-life traits of 'the Big Fella'. In carrying out the role fate forces on him, he became a bigger man.

Readers soon identify with him and become so involved in his life they cannot put the book down. They want his love affair with his uncle's young wife Amy to have a happy ending and for Dorrigo to survive the appalling life he and his fellow prisoners of war are forced to endure.

The discussion between the Japanese Colonel Kota, a man born or made sadistic by his war experiences, and Major Nakamura, the Camp Commander who thinks he is a good man, is chilling. What was a prisoner of war anyway? Less than a man, just material to be used to make the railway, like the teak sleepers and steel rails and dog spikes.

Some of the most harrowing descriptions of atrocities are short and abrupt, such as Watch, he said. This is how you cut off heads (p122.). Others such as the death of Darky Gardiner go on for pages and are virtually unbearable for the reader. How

much more so are they for the exhausted sick men returning from work and being forced to witness his beating (pp295-311). Disturbingly, each time Colonel Kato goes to behead a prisoner, he recites a superb Basho haiku.

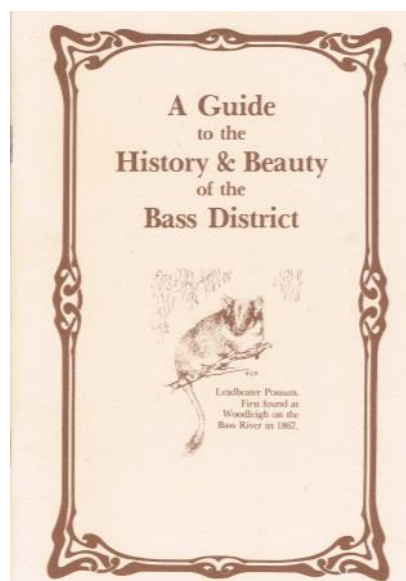
The last part of the book looks at what had happened post-war to some of the main characters. Major Nakamura, who manages to escape execution as a war criminal, meets Dr Sato, a Japanese doctor who tells him about inhumane and immoral experiments done on captive American airmen in the name of science. Chillingly, he adds, The Americans are interested in our biological warfare work. We tested these [biological] weapons on the Chinese; they [the Americans] want to use them on the Koreans. I mean, you got hanged if you were unlucky or unimportant. Or Korean. But the Americans want to do business now (p372).

It is easy to see why this remarkable book, which will remain in the minds of readers for a long time, has carried off many awards and why it is so highly recommended.

See Transcript: Richard Flanagan in Conversation with Ramona Koval on <https://www.themonthly.com.au/transcript-richard-flanagan-conversation-ramona-koval> for more details about Richard Flanagan and his late father, a former prisoner-of-war on the Thai-Burma railway. **A 467 page book, The Narrow Road to the Deep North costs \$19.99 in paperback form. However, prices vary, so do check.**

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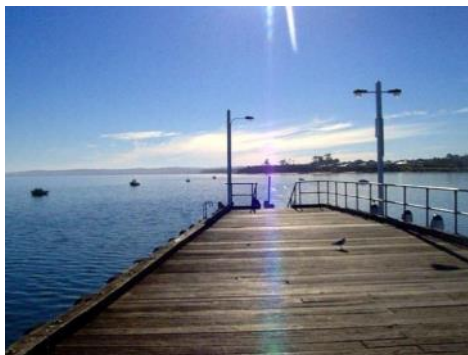
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All Quiet on the Erosion Front – not quite.

In the September 2017 edition of The Waterline News (TWN) some Grantville 'erosion questions' were asked: see "All Quiet on the Erosion Front". Thanks to the "Grantville History Find" as presented by the TWN Editor in the October 2017 Edition and recent correspondence from the Bass Coast Shire Council, here are some facts about the Pier Road sea wall and the jetty.

Who commissioned their construction?

The Member for McMillian, Barry Cunningham MP "assisted Bass shire in acquiring the government grant for the projects."

When were they built and at what cost?

The structures were officially opened November 1984. "The two projects cost a total of \$185,000, of which \$165,000 was met by a Commonwealth Employment Program grant. Bass shire contributed \$20,000." Today, \$185,000 equates to approximately \$549,000.

As it is part of the Bass Coast Shire Council's section of the Grantville foreshore, does the Council maintain this sea wall and if so at what cost?

"Currently Council maintains all assets on a risk to public infrastructure basis, subject to an assessment, in consideration of natural environmental processes and within state and federal policy and guidelines. The assessment is made after being notified by the community or the issue has been identified by staff during routine inspections."

It would seem the Council's current direction is to closely monitor "any areas where erosion or potential loss of a public asset may occur. In the event that beach access is lost an assessment is made as to the highest priority and works are planned and funding sourced."

The Council also added: "To replace or build a new boulder or concrete sea wall the typical current day unit costs for the construction of both types of structure are

generally considered being of the order of \$1,500 to \$2,500 per lineal metre." The Pier Road sea wall is just over 300 metres in length.

The other questions remain; hopefully, DELWP will provide the answers.

Just ask George

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December Gardening Tips Cool Temperate

What to sow:

You can plant just about anything in December! As you harvest garlic and leeks, use the space for sequential plantings of lettuce, rocket, adian greens, carrots, beetroot, celery, silver beet, more leeks, salad onions. We tend not to plant the cabbage tribe (brassicac like broccoli and cauliflower) in high summer, since they taste pretty flabby in warm weather, get attacked by cabbage white moths, and we want the space for things that won't grow so well in winter. If your broad beans and peas are just finished, use that nitrogen enriched space to plant hungry things like sweet corn, zucchini, cucumber, pumpkin and even more tomatoes. Yes really! Small varieties like cherry tomatoes, pickling cucumbers, and golden nugget pumpkins, will complete their growing and ripening more quickly than huge voluptuous varieties like Brandywine tomatoes or Queensland Blue pumpkins. So go for the littler ones in later December plantings. Potatoes can still go in too – try 'keeper' varieties like Kennebecs to be harvested before next winter.

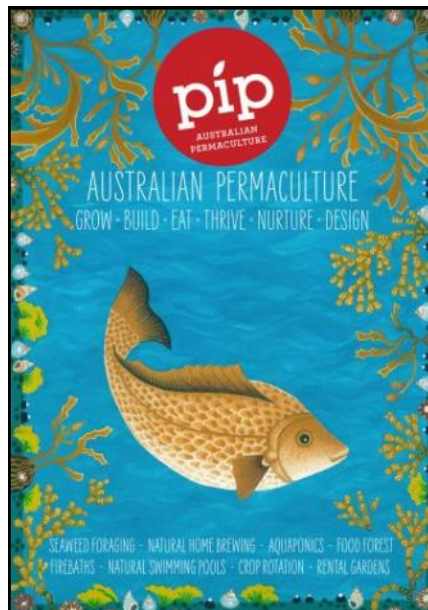
What to do:

Its berry time! Instagram and facebook feeds in cool temperate regions abound with photos of luscious raspberries, strawberries, currants and brambles such as logan berries. A truly delicious time! Excess berries can be made into beautiful cordials or vinegars, or frozen to be used after the memory of summer fades. Zucchini's are coming on soon, and the late peas and broad beans provide a green feast for garden snacking. Asparagus spears can still be picked – but for young plants let them grow after Christmas to send up a leafy ferny stalk that will send nutrients down to the roots, helping the plant grow strong. Mildews can affect new growth on apple trees, roses, and other perennials, as well as

cucurbits and any late peas. For small infestations, just pick or snip off the affected leaves. Often the new growth will be more resistant to the problem. For larger outbreaks in perennials such as apple trees, consider if you can open up the canopy a bit to increase air flow. Or start investigating varieties that are not so susceptible to fungal problems. For the vegies that are mildew affected, a ruthless approach is good. Cut off leaves that are mildewy. And keep doing that. Sacrifice the last few morsels of yield to pull out a plant that is badly affected, and use the space to plant a new seedling that might be more resistant. Keeping up with weeding can be a challenge as the Christmas craziness accelerates this month. Remember that mulch is your friend, both for keeping the soil cool, and suppressing (or at least slowing down) weeds. If the weeds seem a bit out of control, try just picking a small area, say one section of a garden bed, and get that weeded thoroughly then covered with a good mulch layer. Then when you next get a chance, tackle another small portion.

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