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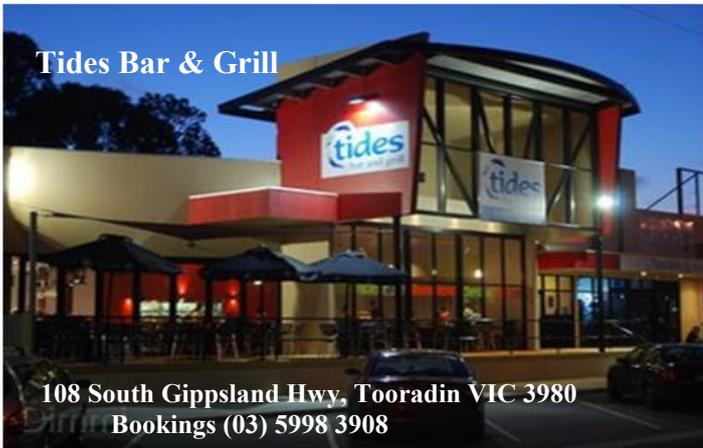
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## Bin Calendar - Zone 1

- Landfill and Organics
- Recycling and Organics
- No collection
- Landfill, Recycling and Organics
- Free Green Waste disposal (1 Nov - 16 Dec)
- Alternative Christmas Day collection (Landfill and Organics)

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**Zone 1 collection days – Monday:** Cape Woolamai, Wimbleton Heights, Ventnor | **Tuesday:** Newhaven, Rhyll, Smiths Beach, Sunderland Bay, Surf Beach, Sunset Strip | **Wednesday:** Bass, Grantville, Pioneer Bay, Jam Jerrup, The Gurdies, Lang Lang | **Thursday:** Silverleaves, Cowes

For all enquiries about kerbside bins please contact Wonthaggi Recyclers on (03) 5672 1933  
For more information on waste services visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/waste](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/waste)

# ZONE 2

Corinella, Coronet Bay, Tenby Point, Dalyston, Harmers Haven, Kilcunda, San Remo, Archies Creek, Cape Paterson, Inverloch, Wonthaggi, South Dudley, Wattle Bank

## Bin Calendar - Zone 2



- Landfill and Organics
- Recycling and Organics
- No collection
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- Free Green Waste disposal (1 Nov - 16 Dec)
- Alternative Christmas Day collection (Recycling and Organics)

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**Zone 2 collection days – Monday:** Corinella, Coronet Bay, Tenby Point | **Tuesday:** Dalyston, Harmers Haven, Kilcunda, San Remo, Archies Creek, Cape Paterson | **Wednesday:** Inverloch  
**Friday:** Wonthaggi, South Dudley, Wattle Bank

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**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**  
[editor@waterlinenews.com.au](mailto:editor@waterlinenews.com.au)



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

Hard to believe 2018 has gone so fast and will be all over in a couple of weeks. As we get older, time seems to go faster, obviously just an illusion but one which has some effect on all of us.

2018 has been another year of growth for The Waterline News. This is our fifth Christmas edition and looking back through those five this morning I noted:  
 2014 had 16 pages.  
 2015 had 32 pages.  
 2016 had 36 pages.  
 2017 had 40 pages and this year we have 48 pages.



The 2016 Christmas Cover is still one of the most favoured of all 53 editions.

Wonder how this year's will rate.

The incredible success of The Waterline News since launch in August 2014 is due to the loyal and continued support of many people.

Our loyal advertisers make sure the printer gets paid every month. Then there the hundreds of people who have contributed stories and reports over the years.

The community Committee volunteers who make sure our directories are up to date.

Without our two loyal and hard working proof readers there would be no Waterline News and the regular volunteers who help me deliver the print copies ensure that you get yours every month.

My sincere thanks go to you all, each and every month.

**Please Remember:**

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We have been asked by quite a number of people if they can have the magazine posted to them and the answer is yes, the cost is \$2.50 per month, which includes postage and envelope costs etc.

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*Roger Clark, Editor*

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<b>Bass Valley</b>	5678 2277
Bena Maureen	5657 2276
<b>Corinella</b> Paula Clarke	0448 441 046
<b>Coronet Bay</b> Peter Thick	0429 851 004
<b>Dalyston</b> Dorothy Slade	5678 7334
<b>Grantville</b> Pat Van	5997 6221
<b>Kernot</b> Julie Johnston	5678 8555
<b>Kongwak</b> Betty Anderson	5657 4317
<b>Lang Lang</b> Cynthia Gane	5997 5510
<b>Loch Greig</b> Barry	0419 358 628
<b>Kilcunda</b> Andrea	0400 065 253
<b>Nyora</b> Nikki	0421 992 106
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<b>Rhyll</b> Ring General Store,	5956 9205
<b>Woodleigh</b> Evan Jones	5 657 7275

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 2nd Wednesday except June July August

**Membership & visitor enquiries - Glen Richards 0419518351**

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**Emergency Dial 000**  
[www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au)



# 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 5678 8210

## Bass Coast Community Baptist Church

Minister - Barry MacDonald 5995 3904

## Bass Coast L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program

Wonthaggi  
Leanne Tilley 5672 3731 or 0467 590 679

## Bass Coast Strollers

Contact Liz Hart 5678 0346

Website <http://basscoaststrollers.org/>

## Bass Friends of the RSL

Secretary Trish Thick 5678 1071

Mobile 0409 851 599

## Bass Valley Community Group

Monday - Friday 5678 2277

## Bass Valley Landcare

2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass 5678 2335

## Cape Woolamai Coast Action

Email [capewoolamaicoastaction@gmail.com](mailto:capewoolamaicoastaction@gmail.com)

## Corinella & District Probus Club

Heather Reid 0421 012 519

## Corinella Boating & Angling Club

Website [www.corinellafishing.com.au](http://www.corinellafishing.com.au)

## Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

Balcombe Street Corinella.

Jacque Carter 5678 0596

## Corinella & District Community Centre

48 Smythe St Corinella. 5678 0777

Website [www.corinellacomunitycentre.org.au](http://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.

Cowes Lorraine 5952 2165

Glen Alvie Libby 5678 3280

Grantville Annie 5678 8037

Loch Val 5659 4268

Woodleigh Vale Carol 5678 8041

## Cowes Table Tennis Group

Social play, coaching available.

Barbara Parrott 0425 885 834

## Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary

Contact - Shelly 0417 593 497

## Grantville Business & Community Association

Secretary Sandy Ridge

Email [thegbcal@gmail.com](mailto:thegbcal@gmail.com)

## Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

Contact: Barbara Coles

Email [bacoles@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bacoles@bigpond.net.au)

## Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee

Pat Van 5997 6221

## Grantville Tennis Club Inc.

Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

## Kernot Uniting Church

1040 Loch-Kernot Road, Kernot

Contact Secretary Judy Hogan 0422 094 903

## Lang Lang Bowling Club

Ian Painter 5997 6554 M: 0419 646 040

Email [langlangbowling@bigpond.com](mailto:langlangbowling@bigpond.com)

## Lang Lang Community Centre

Coordinator Marg Hambleton 5997 5704

Email [llcc@langlang.net](mailto: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.

Lyn Renner 0416 024 356

## Nyora Youth Group

Contact Michael Felton

Email [nyorahall3987@outlook.com](mailto:nyorahall3987@outlook.com)

## Phillip Island Bowls Club

Dunsmore Avenue, Cowes.

New members welcome, Free coaching

Contact George Mol 0407 851 065

## Phillip Island Camera Club

Meet at the Heritage, Cowes.

Contact Susan 0408 136 717

## Centre Phillip Island Community Art & Craft Gallery Inc.

Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave

All Enquiries Call Aleta 0419 525 609

## Phillip Island Indoor Carpet Bowlers

Come and join the fun. Phillip Island

Celebration Centre 6 Lions Court, Cowes

Contact Jack 0434 944 380

## Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers Inc.

The Phillip Island & District Railway

Contact Peter 5956 9513

## Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL)

56-58 Church Street, Cowes 5952 1131

Email Linda Morrison [manager@pical.org.au](mailto:manager@pical.org.au)

## Phillip Island Patchworkers

Meet on a Monday night from 7.30.

Contact - Lyn Duguid 0427 593 936

Email [phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com](mailto:phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com)

## Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

Phone bookings 5952 2973

Email [piscc123@gmail.com](mailto:piscc123@gmail.com)

## Phillip Island Squares

Square Dancing, Bass Valley Community

Hall, Bass School Rd,

Contact Carol 5952 5875

## Phillip Island World Vision Club

Second Wednesday each month 1.30pm

St. Phillip's Church Cowes

Enquiries - Thelma 5678 5549

## Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow Email: [pbpa@bigpond.com](mailto: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 Coast Speakers - Toastmasters

Meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday

from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the San Remo Hotel,

145 Marine Parade, San Remo.

Contact Patricia 0412 339 795

Email [info@southcoastspeakers.org.au](mailto:info@southcoastspeakers.org.au)

## 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

## South Gippsland Parkinson's Support Group

Third Friday each month 10am for 10.30

Leongatha RSL

Meeting/Guest Speaker/Lunch available.

Email [Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com](mailto:Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com)

## South Gippsland Support after Suicide

Phone 9421 7640

Email [southgippslandsas@gmail.com](mailto:southgippslandsas@gmail.com)

## Survivors of Suicide

Raising awareness to aid prevention

Jillian Drew 0413 056 165

# Around the Markets & Op Shops

## Community Group Notices continued

**St Pauls Anglican Church Bass**  
HC at 12.30pm every Sunday  
Contact Sandy Ridge 5997 6127

**St Georges Anglican Church Corinella**  
1st Sunday each month 11.00am  
Other Sundays 9am  
Free Community Lunch Corinella  
Community Centre Second Friday at  
12pm  
Op Shop open Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri  
10am - 2pm Saturday 9am - 12.30pm

**Tenby Point Residents Association**  
President Jean Coffey 0419 500 593  
Secretary David Pearce 0401 514 339

**Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc.**  
Family History Centre, Library Complex,  
Murray Street, Wonthaggi 5672 3803  
Tues & Thurs 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm  
secretary@wonthaggi-genealogy.org.au

**Woolamai Racing Club**  
Contact the Secretary (03) 5678 7585

## MARKETS

**Every Sunday**  
**Kongwak Market**  
10am - 3pm  
Retro stalls, food,  
vegetables, coffee, curries, 30+ stalls  
Enquiries: Jane 0408 619 182



**2nd Saturday**  
**Coal Creek Farmers' Market**  
Coal Creek Community Park  
8am - 12.30pm 50+ stalls  
coalcreekfm@hotmail.com  
Contact for information 0459 629 000

**Cowes Island Craft Market**  
102 Thompson Avenue, 9am - 2pm  
In the grounds of St Phillips Church  
60+ stalls Make, bake and grown goods  
and produce.  
Contact for further details 0412 710 276

**Corinella Community Market**  
Contact details 0435 736 510

**4th Saturday**  
**Churchill Island Farmers' Market**  
40+ stalls. 8am - 1pm  
peter@rfm.net.au  
Further Information 0439 364 760

**Cowes Market on Chapel**  
Chapel Street. 8.30am - 2pm, 30+ stalls  
Further information- 0428 603 043

**1st Sunday**  
**Jumbunna Bush Market**  
Jumbunna Hall phone 5657 3253

**2nd Sunday**  
**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

**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:  
info@inverlochfarmersmarket.com.au  
Phone 0417 370 488

**2nd Friday and Saturday each month**  
**San Remo Cuppa and Chat Market**  
St. Augustine's Church  
Marine Parade San Remo  
Friday 9am - 1pm Saturday 9am - noon.

Bric a brac and Cuppa and Chat Market,  
cakes, & jams Friday, plus a sausage  
sizzle on Saturdays.  
Further Information: 5678 5386

## OP SHOPS

**Bass**  
**Bass Valley Community Group**  
**Hadden House Op Shop**  
Next to Bass Hall, Bass School Road  
Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm  
Saturday 10am - 2pm  
Phone Enquiries 5678 2277

**Corinella**  
**St George's Anglican Church Op Shop**  
Smythe Street Corinella, next to Church  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
10am - 2.00pm  
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Bass Valley Lions Club Op Shop**  
Situated at the Grantville Garden  
Supplies  
Open Monday-Saturday 5678 8357

**Korumburra**  
**Korumburra Uniting Church Op Shop**  
Thur-Fri 10-4 Saturday 10-12  
Contact for information 5658 1884

**Lang Lang**  
**Lang Lang Community Op Shop**  
12 Westernport Road  
Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm  
Saturday 10am - 1pm

**Nyora**  
**Nyora Op Shop at the Nyora Station**  
Open Monday - Saturday 9am - 1pm.  
Enquiries to Sylvia, Phone 5659 0089

**San Remo**  
**San Remo Op Shop**  
Back Beach Road.  
Enquiries 5671 9200  
Email: info@basscoasthealth.org.au



**LIONS CLUB OF BASS VALLEY**  
**OP SHOP HAS RE-OPENED**  
The Lions Club of Bass Valley  
is pleased to announce,  
their Op Shop is now open  
again.



The Op Shop is located at the  
**GRANTVILLE GARDEN CENTRE**  
Bass Hwy., Grantville  
**OPENING HOURS will be:**  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
10am to 2pm  
Also - Saturday 9am to 12pm  
Ask what Lions  
can do for you  
or what you can do to become a Lion.  
contact Lyn on 0416 024 356

# Community Notes



**CORINELLA  
RATEPAYERS AND  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

## 2018 Committee

**President.** Wayne Maschette.

**Vice President.** Peter Tait.

**Secretary.** David Laing.

**Treasurer.** Lyndell Parker

### General Committee Member.

John Stewart and Michael Kelzke

Another wonderful magical Carols by Candlelight has just gone by in Corinella. Thank you to the committee and their partners for all the hard work that goes into making this event happen.

A very special thank you to Michael Kelzke for the many, many hours of work he has put in to make this night a success. We were treated to wonderful and inspiring performances by, soloists, Robynne Clarke, Lucy Najm, and Michael Kelzke, trio, Peter Bucci, Val Philgren, and Barry Larkin and the U3A sing for leisure group.

Thank you to all these gifted people for generously sharing their talents with us all. Again a huge thank you to each and every person who helped make this very special community Carols something to be looked forward to and treasured, making lovely memories for all of us, our children and grandchildren.

We are so very blessed to be able to come together and share this joyous time together.

The Christmas gallery over the lights at the Rotunda, were designed and created by members of St. George's Anglican Church in Corinella, entitled, "The reason for the season, the very first gift", an inspirational touch for Corinella for the Christmas season, any groups or individuals also wishing to create a gallery for a month can contact me on 0422247490.

Our next major event will be on 26 January at our Australia Day BBQ held at the Rotunda on the Foreshore, all welcome, for an iconic Aussie sausage sizzle, face painting for the kids and classic Aussie entertainment, a fantastic opportunity to join together and celebrate this wonderful country we call "Home". Our next meeting will be held on Saturday the 2nd of February 2019. The CRRA Committee and Members would like to wish everyone in our Waterline community a very merry Christmas, a happy, prosperous, and safe New Year. On behalf of the CRRA Committee

**Lyndell Parker 0422247490**



**President: Jean Coffey 0419 500 593**

**Secretary: David Pearce 0401 514 339**

We have been pleased to welcome quite a few new residents to Tenby Point during the past couple of years, including some families with young children. Many have joined the Association and nearly half the households in Tenby Point are now members.

The past year has been very active for our little Association.

If you are a Tenby Point resident and would like to stay abreast of what is happening, you are welcome to join our association. We meet four times each year, on a Saturday morning, and membership is just \$10 per household per year."



## 2018 COMMITTEE

**President: David Buckingham**

**Vice President: Kevin Brown**

**Secretary: Stephanie Hartridge**

**Treasurer: Louise Gratton**

**Committee Member: Mel Gratton**

**Committee Member :**

**Mark Hanrahan**

The CBRRA meets four times a year and for just \$20 per family annually you will receive minutes of our meetings, the latest news and regular updates on local issues. Together we can make Coronet Bay even more beautiful and a wonderful, safe place to live and play. During our meetings we regularly discuss the current issues of interest to our community, including planning and development proposals, shared use of our beach, community events and council matters, the latter presented by a local ward councillor. So if you want a say in these matters, why not come along and join our association.

Its purpose is to represent you, our community.

The next CBRRA meeting is scheduled for 11 am on Saturday 12 January 2019 at the Coronet Bay Hall, combining the Annual General Meeting (AGM) with our next Ordinary Meeting. The AGM will establish the committee positions for 2019 and report our financial position. There will be committee vacancies, so if you wish to nominate someone or be nominated then please contact our Secretary.

As well as our regular topics the Ordinary Meeting will have a discussion of the proposed changes to the Southern Mobile Library service with a West Gippsland Regional Library Board representative.

The CBRRA would be pleased to welcome any new members to the association.

Please contact our Secretary Stephanie Hartridge on 0414 370 929 or email [secretary@coronetbayrra.org.au](mailto:secretary@coronetbayrra.org.au)

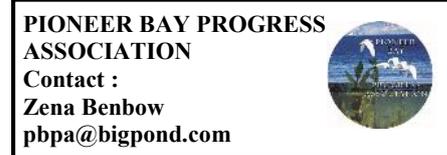
Alternatively, you may contact our Treasurer Louise Gratton on 0408 358 374 or email [louisegratton@gmail.com](mailto:louisegratton@gmail.com).

The Combined Community Group organises our markets and fairs. We have the New Years Eve Picnic & Fireworks on the foreshore, followed by our annual market at the Community Hall on Saturday 5th January.

There is a need for more helpers on those days. These events are an integral part of the community but are at risk of not happening in the future without more regular volunteers.

If you can assist please call the Secretary Combined Community Group, Sue Quartermain on 0408 290923 or email [susiequa@tpg.com.au](mailto:susiequa@tpg.com.au)

**David Buckingham, President**



If someone could possibly let me know what happened to the month of November I'd appreciate it! And so here we are poised for another silly season ahead - take care!

I would like to thank the committee for another great year as we head in earnest into Aussie Day Bash preparations; whilst I'm on this topic volunteers would be appreciated for this event and the following day at the Grantville Market, the pool of local volunteers is shallow at the best of times let alone back-to-back events.

We are very excited to announce Scat, and Flame Trees will be performing at the Bash this year.

Don't forget to support your local community and shop local this Christmas - lets see if we can get as many local business owners 'jigging' as possible! Whilst you're enjoying the next month around family and friends- don't forget to check in on those living alone and don't be afraid to ask 'Are you Okay?'

**Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas and a safe New Year.**

**Zena Benbow**

# Community Notes



**Rhyll Community Association Inc.**  
C/- Rhyll Post Office  
Rhyll. 3923

**President :** Judy Lawrence  
**Vice President :** Jim Kiley  
**Secretary :** Cheryl Overton  
0427 680 483

Meetings are bimonthly (1st 3rd 5th 7th 9th 11th) on the 3rd Saturday of the month, and are held in the Rhyll Hall, at 10 am.

**RHYLL TWILIGHT MARKETS are on again!!**



**Friday January 4th and Friday January 18th , at 4pm until twilight. Come along and join the fun, live bands, face painting, lots of food trucks and plenty of interesting stalls.**

**Bass Coast Branch of National Trust.**  
If you are interested in joining the Bass Coast Branch of NTA, meetings and activities, contact Mary-Lu Burt for information.  
mlburt@melbpc.org.au or visit the NTA website:  
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic>

**The Rhyll Community Association would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful year ahead.**



**Karen Cicala - Wonthaggi**

I'm a new rawleighs rep in the district  
For all your Rawleighs health products, medicinals, personal care, nutrition, home care and Rawleighs specials  
Remember Rawleighs salve, tapioca and many more family favourites  
Call Karen 0418554125 or 0356725731



**Grantville Business & Community Association Inc.**  
**2018-19 Committee:**  
**Chairman:** Les Ridge  
**Deputy Chair and Business Liaison:** Neroli Heffer  
**Secretary and Community Liaison:** Sandy Ridge  
**Treasurer:** Lester Harris  
**General Committee:** Margaret Boyer, Roger Clark, Dianne Goeman and Steve Korlaci  
If you are interested in joining the group contact:  
**Secretary, Sandy Ridge:**  
[thehgca1@gmail.com](mailto:thehgca1@gmail.com)

## Parkinson's Support Group

Caregivers and family members are welcome!

The South Gippsland Parkinson's Support Group was formed in October 2004 and continues today.

The group meets on the third Friday of each month at the Leongatha RSL 10.00 for 10.30 start.  
A short meeting is conducted, then a guest speaker to follow, lunch is also available.

We also try to have another activity each month, which could be anything from a bus trip to a luncheon at the local church. People with Parkinson's and their carers most welcome.

**Inquiries:**  
Email: [Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com](mailto:Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com)

## Phillip Island-San Remo-Bass Coast Vegan Community



<https://www.facebook.com/PhillipIslandSanRemoBassCoastVeganCommunity/?ref=hovercard>



[www.u3abassvalley.com](http://www.u3abassvalley.com)  
(PO Box 142 Grantville 3984)

**The 2018 committee is:**  
**Chairperson :** Mark Dunbar  
**Deputy Chair :** Geoff Guilfoyle  
**Secretary :** Christine Holmes  
5678 0033  
**Treasurer :** Beverly Walsh  
**General Committee Members:**  
Vicki Clark and Sue Dunbar.

## U3A BASS VALLEY - 2018 ENROLMENT

If you are interested in joining your local U3A community, Bass Valley is now offering the following activities for 2019:

- Art for Pleasure
- Book Club
- Creative Writing
- Craft & Conversation
- Local History
- Movie & Theatre Appreciation
- Singing for Leisure
- Tai Chi for Arthritis
- Travel & History

An Annual Subscription of \$30 per person will cover as many U3A Bass Valley classes as you may wish to attend, subject to availability. Current members of other U3A groups may join U3A Bass Valley for \$15 per annum as an associate member. Come to as many classes as you wish to attend, subject to availability.



## TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

Hosted by Vicki Clark  
Held at Coronet Bay Community Hall  
Gellibrand Street  
Every Tuesday 9:30 am - 10:30 am  
Phone Vicki 0403 025 634

**Other U3A Groups in the Waterline News area are at:**  
**Cowes (Pical)**  
[www.pical.org.au](http://www.pical.org.au)  
Phone 5952 1131  
and  
**Wonthaggi**  
<http://www.u3awonthaggi.org.au>  
Ph: 03 5672 3951



# Community Centres and other local news



5672 3731

Bass School Road, Bass 3991  
Centre Manager: Roderick McIvor

As I am sure most people are finding, Christmas is rushing at us like a train coming out of a tunnel. In the last week of November we held a very successful variety show at the Bass Hall. Participants and the audience joined our social support group with contributions of songs, music and other performances. We had contributors from Rose Lodge, Melaleuca Lodge and Bass Coast Health. A number of lucky number door prizes were won and the groups were hosted for morning tea. It has been some years since we hosted this event which was formerly an annual event. Around sixty people attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Our new partnership with Scope is going from strength to strength. The disability support group has been giving cooking lessons to their clients each Tuesday morning in the Bass Hall kitchen. They are now looking to extend the sessions to cover the full day on Tuesday. Their clients very much enjoy the activity and their dishes are getting increasingly ambitious. And while on the topic of Tuesdays... Tuesday mornings we also hold our men's group. We now have half a dozen show up for it regularly. As well as the weekly BBQ, they have started going out with more trips planned. In November they visited the National Vietnam Veteran's Museum on the Island. Rumour has it that as the weather improves it will be difficult not to schedule some fishing. So if this sounds like something that you or someone you know might be interested in, give us a call on 5678 2277, or just show up at 10:00 on a Tuesday morning. Christmas won't be the only event

rushing at us. Our annual Bass Valley Autumn Festival on 2 March 2019 seems like a long way away...but we can be sure it'll be upon us sooner than we expected. We have plans for making this Festival bigger and better. More on that next month. In the meantime, everyone at the Bass Valley Community Centre wishes the community all the best for the holiday season. A merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.



SOS Bass Coast is a Community based organisation which is supported by you, the people of Bass Coast. We would like to share an open invitation for any members of our community to come along and have a cuppa with us on the dates below. We are here to support and assist with what ever we can, individually or as a group. If you or someone you know is struggling with their mental health, please pass on these dates or feel free to contact us personally for a chat.

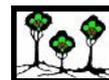
We are also looking for members of our community to become volunteers and help out where needed. The more we pull together, the lighter the load.

We meet monthly at the Phillip Island Tourist Information Centre in Newhaven at 7pm, every second Tuesday of each month.

Please call Koula on 0414 773 191 or Tanya on 0411 154 839  
or you can email us at [sosgippsland@hotmail.com](mailto:sosgippsland@hotmail.com)

**Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre**  
56-58 Church St, Cowes  
Centre Manager - Linda Morrison  
5952 1131  
Email : [admin@pical.org.au](mailto:admin@pical.org.au)  
Website: [www.pical.org.au](http://www.pical.org.au)

## LANG LANG COMMUNITY CENTRE



- Public Internet Access to all members.
- iPad Tuition
- Lifestyle classes including:
- Yoga, Pilates, Cardio, Walking group and Line Dancing, Tai Chi.
- Playgroup for the littlies.
- A variety of Patchwork groups.
- Men's Shed Group.
- Secretarial Support Services including: Photocopying, typing and scanning.
- Book Exchange
- Small offices for hire
- Centrelink Agent with dedicated computer.
- Medicare Claim Service



We have vacancies in our Tai Chi and Cardio exercise classes if you are interested please give us a call .  
Fridays 12 noon—1.00pm

Please call us, we open @ 9.30am M-F  
7 Westernport Rd, Lang Lang 3984  
Contact (03) 5997 5704  
[lcc@langlang.net](mailto:lcc@langlang.net)



We will be closing on Friday 21 December  
And reopening on  
Wednesday 23 January 2019  
Take care and stay safe

## BASS GENERAL STORE & POST OFFICE

Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm  
Saturday - Sunday 8am - 4pm

PH: (03) 5678 2220  
63-65 HADE AVENUE,  
BASS 3991

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- \* LOCAL PRODUCE
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# Community Centres and other local news



## Who are we?

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre incorporating Mitchell House and the Harvest Centre is run by a community based Committee of Management.

We aim to provide a positive, welcoming environment where you can meet new friends, learn or share skills, ideas and information. If you're interested in being more involved in your Neighbourhood Centre call in and have a chat to the Coordinator Iain Ritchie.

**The Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre (Mitchell House) is now closed for the Summer break and will reopen for First Term on: Monday 14th January and courses and activities will start up in the second week, starting Tuesday 29 January.**

This would be a good time to become a member of the WNC as it will provide you with discounts to LearnShare Activities (LSA), a copy of The Grapevine Newsletter each term and weekly electronic updates via the 'Wonnigrapevine'.

Being a member is also another way to support your Neighbourhood Centre. Come to Mitchell House to learn more!

## What to look forward to:

### To support Pre Schoolers:

Free Tuesday & Friday Supported Playgroups are for families with a Health Care Card (or equivalent).

Each week Janine our Early Childhood Facilitator will provide fun activities for you and your child to enjoy together.

**The Toy Library:** Become a member of the Wonthaggi Community Centre and choose from a large variety of toys and puzzles. You select a toy and a puzzle for two weeks, return them and select anew.

### For older children:

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

### For Health & Wellbeing:

Gentle Movement for Pain Management: If you suffer from the discomfort and pain of fibromyalgia, arthritis or other osteo related problems this gentle movement class may be of assistance. LSA

**Life force practice:** Is a two part class to stimulate your mind, body and soul. The first class is about Taiumba a presentation of basic exercises from Asia

and South America emphasising pleasant and worthwhile exercise with fun in a spiritual environment. This leads into the second class which will be meditation. Learn to relax and meditate through guided meditation to calm and quieten the mind. Both are LSA

### Tai Chi for Beginners:

A gentle introduction to Tai Chi with experienced practitioner Vicki Clark.

Wear flat non-slip shoes and comfortable looks clothes. Please book.

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

### Art & Craft activities:

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

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

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

### Taking up new skills

**Friendly adult bicycle group:** Come along and learn (or brush up on) this enjoyable skill.

### Fortnightly digital camera evening

**classes:** James Lower is keen to share his knowledge on how you can get the most out of your digital camera. The sessions are held fortnightly and alternate between inside theory and outdoor practical sessions. LSA

### Social cards group:

Like playing cards? Why not come along and have some fun and keep your mind alert joining in new card games. They are starting off with '500' and 'May I' but other games can also be introduced.

### One offs:

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

**'Pop Up' Lunches:** Are once a term and are a delicious lunch (featuring some produce from our community garden) and lots of friendly conversation.

### Everyone welcome!

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

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

Everyone welcome.



48 Smythe Street, Corinella,

t: 03 5678 0777 e: coord@cdcc.asn.au

w: corinellacommunitycentre.org.au

@CorinellaCommunityCentre

The Corinella & District Community Centre (CDCC) has been the central hub for people of the Waterline region of Bass Coast for more than 30 years, providing a venue for training, support and other community services. These include:

- Offering Creative, Wellbeing and Lifestyle programs such as a range of Art & Craft classes; Guitar lessons; Yoga; Walking Club; and Strength Training, just to name a few!
- Lifelong Learning and Accredited and Pre-Accredited Training courses including Landcare and Farm Management; Digital Media; Computers; and Tutoring Services for primary school students.
- A meeting venue and community noticeboard for Mutual Interest/ Support Groups such as The Corinella Foreshore Committee; The Golden Girls; Probus; Men's Shed; and a Cancer Support Group, among others. Find a group that suits you or start one of your own...
- A wide range of Health and Allied Health Services; Counselling; Nurse Practitioner Clinic; Massage Therapy; and a Community Food Pantry is offered for those in need. Providing helpful Office and Admin services to the general public such as cheap Printing; Copying; Faxing; Laminating; Binding; and Internet Access.

**Don't forget, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers from the community who feel they might like to help with the running of the centre, share the skills you already have, or indeed maybe even learn some new ones.**

**There is so much more to CDCC so why not give us a call and find out what we can do for you?**

03 5678 0777

# More Community News



**CORONET BAY  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WATCH**

coronetbaynhw@gmail.com

**Every crime prevented means one less victim.  
See something, know something, say something.**

**For POLICE attendance call 000**

We are very sorry that due to a 'glitch in the system' and conflicting holidays we have unfortunately not been given a Police report for this edition. We do however expect all updates to be included in the next edition.

Over the Christmas and holiday season please always remember that thieves are very opportunistic and will likely steal whatever they can from unlocked cars, unlocked homes and unlocked sheds. They also break into locked cars and other places if they can actually see expensive items that are easy to use or sell later. So remember to always lock everything and keep expensive items out of easy view.

Please remember it is important to call 000 and not simply leave messages at Police stations as shifts at Stations are 8 hours and it may be too late when messages are finally read and responded to. 000 operators will redirect your calls to Police who are 'actively' on duty.

Please remember our meetings are now quarterly and we would love to see you there

Next Meeting: February 11 at 7pm  
Coronet Bay Hall, Fred Gratton Reserve.

We would love to see you there.

Further meetings: May 13, Aug 12

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

**Emergencies 000 (24hrs)**

**Police Wonthaggi 5671 4100 (24hrs)**

**Police San Remo 5678 5500**

**Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000**

**Domestic Violence 1800 015 188  
(24hrs)**

**MensLine 1800 789 978 (24hrs)**

**Text emergency 106 (24hrs) For deaf  
& speech & hearing impairment**

Susan Linley



**Neighbourhood Watch**

Let's watch out for each other

**BASS COAST  
SUMMER  
AGRICULTURAL  
SHOW 2019  
WONTHAGGI**

**SATURDAY 12 JANUARY  
+ SUNDAY 13 JANUARY  
(Equestrian and Harness Show)**

**SUMMER HOLIDAY CHILDRENS FUN COMPETITIONS**  
Equestrian, Cattle, Poultry, Craft, Photography, Cookery

**WONTHAGGI REC. RESERVE**  
Karumburra Road Wonthaggi

**Want to lose weight?**

If you are overweight and would like support and encouragement while you achieve weight loss, then TOWN could be for you?

TOWN stands for "Take Off Weight Naturally". That's exactly what we do together. TOWN is low cost and makes it affordable to all. Your nearest TOWN meeting is at the Rhyll Hall, Phillip Island. Thursdays 9am to 11am.

**For more information call:  
Judy Pitcon 0400 073 665**

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## CFA NEWS With Michele Fulwell

As I write this column over 100 fires are raging in Queensland. There have been evacuations and property losses.

Colleagues from fire fighting agencies throughout Australia, including CFA permanent and volunteer firefighters are on their way to assist. Without a crystal ball I can't know the conditions as you read this. I hope things have settled down, that no lives were lost, that property losses were minimised but I can't know that.

Such fires are unprecedented in Queensland and here in Victoria we need to take notice. We need to consider what this summer may bring for us. We are heading into a predicted hot, dry summer. We have had one of the top 10 driest years on record. Many of us will be heading off on holiday. So what can we do?

Firstly, download the Vic Emergency app, set a watch zone for yourself, family, holiday area. With that done revisit your planning and preparations at home. Make sure your property is clear that you have a "go bag" ready and that everyone is aware of your plans. Talk to neighbours. If they are elderly or isolated consider including them in your plans. Then practise your plan.

Once you have home sorted consider your holiday plans. Make sure you know the fire district you are entering, where you are staying, the conditions there. Then put together a fire plan for your holiday destination.

Download a copy of CFA's Can I, Can't I brochure and attend any Fire Ready Victoria meetings in your area. There will be one in Grantville in early January. Watch our Facebook page or check the notice between the newsagent and pharmacy for the exact date.

Both Corinella and Kernot-Grantville Fire Brigades have made arrangements for Santa to deliver presents on their trucks again this year. Details are available on Facebook or by contacting the brigade.

**From all the CFA volunteers in the Waterline area we wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.**



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### Woodleigh Vale Branch of the Country Women's Association



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Dikki Dickenberg / Abby Cininas

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Elizabeth Hickey



In 2019 the Woodleigh Vale branch is looking to the celebration of its 70th birthday. An historic milestone!!

We extend best wishes to all CWA members, and the wider community, for a safe and happy festive season.

Woodleigh Vale Branch is one of six active branches within Bass Group (regional area).

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# Health & Lifestyle

## DEMENTIA

Rachael Wonderlin



**Dementia is a “beg for forgiveness” group of diseases**

**So many family caregivers will say to me, “But mom/dad/aunt/brother/spouse will not let me...”**

- Take the car
- Move them into a care community
- Pay the bills for them
- Take over the healthcare Power of Attorney
- Send caregivers to the house
- Do the grocery shopping
- Make any decisions for them
- Bring them to the doctor

What I always tell these caregivers is, “Your loved one is never going to wake up one morning and suddenly be agreeable about these things.”

**When your loved ones have dementia and can no longer make healthy decisions for themselves, it is no longer**

**up to them what happens.**

This may sound harsh, but think of it this way: would you want your loved one with dementia driving down the highway alone? No, probably not.

If that’s the case, why are you letting the car stay in the driveway? Why are you keeping the stove plugged in? Why are they at home by themselves most of the day? The answer is this: someone needs to take over their decision-making. And that person is you.

This is a “don’t ask for permission, beg for forgiveness” situation.

**If you’re waiting for permission to do something regarding your loved one’s care, you’re going to be waiting forever.**

Your loved one is never going to say, “You know what, I woke up this morning and decided to let you take over the bills, plan my day, and move me into a care community.” It’s just never going to happen. People living with dementia do not have the ability to plan ahead using logic and good judgment.

**The hard truth is this: you need to be their decision-maker.**

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# Health & Lifestyle

## HEALTHY TIPS FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

Christmas bells are ringing as we prepare for another festive season. This time of year always seems to be the busiest and can often be very stressful and demanding. Here are some tips to keep you energised this season.

**Rest:** We need plenty of rest in order to recharge our body battery, it is just not sustainable or healthy to be constantly on the go. Take time out whenever you can, switch off from the TV and internet, go for a walk in nature, breathe deep and tune into your body. We also recommend getting to sleep by 10.30pm, if you struggle with this or your waking throughout the night, acupuncture and herbs are very beneficial for promoting a peaceful sleep and a restful mind.

**Water:** We can't live without it! Fresh, filtered water is the best and will boost your energy levels as your cells are nourished by this essential life source. Dehydration can be linked to many diseases so swap that sugary drink for a glass of water and see the benefits for yourself.

**Diet:** This is challenging at the best of times, but especially during celebrations. It's ok to enjoy yourself but not at the expense of your internal balance. Listen to your body and learn what foods are right for you. A healthy digestion is the cornerstone to a healthy life. If you experience digestive upset acupuncture

and herbs can help.

**Presents!:** Or should we say Presence – Being present with family and friends and fully enjoying these moments together brings much fulfilment to our lives.

Maybe you know someone who is having a hard time, don't be afraid to reach out and offer support or a shoulder to lean on, sometimes this is the greatest gift we can give. Avoid falling into the consumer trap and buying more unnecessary things, we recommend investing in experiences instead of things this year, perhaps treating a loved one to a session of acupuncture or a rejuvenating massage from one of our dedicated therapists could be the ideal gift this Christmas.

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# Health & Lifestyle

## SnakeBite

**That bite of summer has well and truly come early this year and with that heat, comes snakes.**

Our neighbours (Meringandan near Toowoomba) have reported many sightings.

Nationally:

3000 bites are reported annually.

300-500 hospitalisations

2-3 deaths annually.

Average time to death is 12 hours. The urban myth that you are bitten in the yard and die before you can walk from your chook pen back to the house is a load of rubbish.

While not new, the management of snake bite (like a flood/fire evacuation plan or CPR) should be refreshed each season.

**Let's start with a Basic overview.**

There are five genus of snakes that will harm us (seriously)

Browns, Blacks, Adders, Tigers and Taipans.

All snake venom is made up of huge proteins (like egg white).

When bitten, a snake injects some venom into the meat of your limb (NOT into your blood).

This venom can not be absorbed into the blood stream from the bite site.

It travels in a fluid transport system in your body called the lymphatic system (not the blood stream).

Now this fluid (lymph) is moved differently to blood.

Your heart pumps blood around, so even when you are lying dead still, your blood still circulates around the body. Lymph fluid is different. It moves around with physical muscle movement like bending your arm, bending knees, wriggling fingers and toes, walking/exercise etc.

Now here is the thing. Lymph fluid becomes blood after these lymph vessels converge to form one of two large vessels (lymphatic trunks) which are connected to veins at the base of the neck.

Back to the snake bite site.

When bitten, the venom has been injected into this lymph fluid (which makes up the bulk of the water in your tissues).

The only way that the venom can get into your blood stream is to be moved from the bite site in the lymphatic vessels. The only way to do this is to physically move the limbs that were bitten.

**Stay still!!! Venom can't move if the victim doesn't move.**

Remember people are not bitten into their blood stream.

In the 1980s a technique called Pressure immobilisation bandaging was developed to further retard venom movement.

It completely stops venom /lymph transport toward the blood stream.

A firm roll bandage is applied directly over the bite site (don't wash the area).

**Technique: Three steps: keep them still**

**Step 1**  
Apply a bandage over the bite site, to an area about 10cm above and below the bite.

**Step 2:**  
Then using another elastic roller bandage, apply a firm wrap from Fingers/toes all the way to the armpit/groin.

The bandage needs to be firm, but not so tight that it causes fingers or toes to turn purple or white. About the tension of a sprain bandage.

**Step 3:**  
Splint the limb so the patient can't walk or bend the limb.

**Do nots:**  
Do not cut, incise or suck the venom.  
Do not EVER use a tourniquet  
Don't remove the shirt or pants - just bandage over the top of clothing.  
Remember movement (like wriggling out of a shirt or pants) causes venom movement.

DO NOT try to catch, kill or identify the snake!!! This is important.

In hospital we NO LONGER NEED to know the type of snake; it doesn't change treatment.

5 years ago we would do a test on the bite, blood or urine to identify the snake



so the correct anti venom could be used. BUT NOW...

We don't do this. Our new Antivenom neutralises the venoms of all the 5 listed snake genus, so it doesn't matter what snake bit the patient.

**Read that again- one injection for all snakes!**

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**Australian snakes tend to have 3 main effects in differing degrees.**

**Bleeding** - internally and bruising.

**Muscles paralysed** causing difficulty talking, moving & breathing.

**Pain**

In some snakes severe muscle pain in the limb, and days later the bite site can break down forming a nasty wound.

Allergy to snakes is rarer than winning lotto twice.

**Final tips:**

Not all bitten people are envenomated and only those starting to show symptoms above are given antivenom.

**Did I mention to stay still?**

**Rob Timmings (Amos)**

**Rob runs a medical/nursing education business Teaching nurses, doctors and paramedics.**

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# Food

## A cook's journal



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

Here is one of her favourite recipes

**Berry, berry nice!**

### BERRY CHEESECAKE SLICE



I often have problems making cheesecake. However, this simple recipe is delicious and easy. It would make a lovely dessert for a birthday or anniversary celebration. Quite honestly, I could eat it for dessert every day of the week!

### BERRY CHEESECAKE SLICE

#### Ingredients

250 grams of Nice biscuits  
125 grams of butter melted  
500 grams of cream cheese (at room temperature)  
395 gram tin of condensed milk  
2 tablespoons of lemon juice  
2 eggs lightly beaten  
1½ cup of mixed berries (or your preference)

#### Method

Preheat the oven at 150 degrees and place the rack on the bottom shelf.  
Grease and line a 20 x 30cm lamington pan.  
Crumb the biscuits in a processor or with a plastic bag and a rolling pin.  
Add the melted butter and stir well.  
Spoon the crumbs into the pan pressing it down with a flat-bottomed glass.

Mix the cream cheese, condensed milk and lemon.

Add the egg and mix well.

Sprinkle half the berries over the base.

Pour over the cream cheese mixture and smooth. Add remaining berries.

Bake for 30 minutes until JUST set

(wobbly!).

Turn off the oven and cool with the oven door open for 1 hour.

Remove it to the fridge for 2 hours before serving.

**Enjoy!**

### Gluten Free Cooking

Before we get to this month's recipe a reader has asked for an outline on Gluten-Containing Grains and Their Derivatives

**They are:**

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Brewer's Yeast, and Wheat Starch that has not been processed to remove the presence of gluten.

<https://celiac.org/gluten-free-living>

### Gluten Free Christmas Cake



### Ingredients

850g dried mixed fruit  
1 cup brandy  
150g butter, softened  
1 cup brown sugar  
3 eggs, at room temperature  
1 cup gluten-free plain flour  
1/4 cup gluten-free self-raising flour  
2 teaspoons Ground Cinnamon  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves  
3/4 cup blanched almonds  
1/4 cup apricot jam

### Method

Step 1

Place dried fruit and 2/3 cup brandy in a large airtight container. Mix well. Cover and stand overnight or preferably for 1 week, stirring occasionally.

Step 2

Preheat oven to 150°C. Lightly grease a 7cm deep, 20cm (base) round cake pan. Line base and side with double layers brown paper and baking paper (see note). Using electric beaters, cream butter and sugar in a large bowl until pale and creamy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition.

Step 3

Sift flours and spices over butter mixture. Add fruit mixture and stir until well combined. Press mixture into pan. Smooth surface. Decorate top with almonds.

Step 4

Bake cake for 2 to 2 1/4 hours or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Pour remaining 1/3 cup brandy over hot cake. Allow to cool completely in pan.

Step 5

Place jam in a heatproof, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH (100%) for 30 seconds or until warm. Remove cake from pan and brush top with warm jam. Allow to set. Serve.

You will need to start this cake at least 1 day ahead.

Baking tips: Lightly grease cake pan. Line base and sides with double layer brown paper, then double layer baking paper, allowing a 6cm overhang at all sides. Position oven rack just below centre so cake sits in centre of oven.

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**PHILLIP ISLAND JAZZ CLUB**  
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**Andy Scott Quintet**



Andy Scott has spent the last few years with CW Stoneking playing on his current album *Gon' Boogaloo* with over 100 sold out shows including 42 shows in 52 days all over Europe and UK, a week-long tour of Brazil, tour of New Zealand, various gigs in all Australian capital cities as well as many of the big festivals like Splendor in the Grass, The Falls Festival, Marion Bay, Melbourne Zoo Twilights and Sydney Zoo Twilights.

He now has his own Swing band playing bass and singing.

He has also has formed R'n'B band GAP with drummer/vocalist Gary Young .

Andy Scott	Bass and Vocals
Steve Grant	Piano
Steve Temple	Trumpet, Valve Trombone and Vocals
Gary Young	Drums and Vocals
Matt Kirsch	Guitar

**For more information contact:**  
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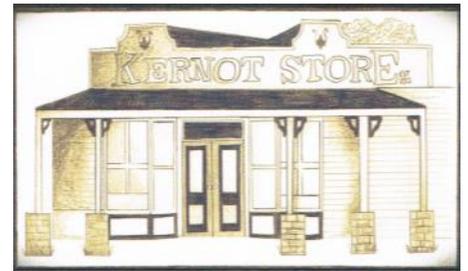
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**Christmas 2018 Church Services**



**The Waterline News has received details of the following Christmas Church services.**

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 Christmas Eve - 5pm Carol Service  
 Christmas Day - 8am Holy Communion

**St. Paul's Anglican Bass**  
 Christmas Eve  
 - 7:30pm Carols  
 - 8:00pm Holy Communion  
 - Christmas Day - No Service

**Catholic Service Times**  
 Christmas Eve 5:00pm Bass  
 6:30pm San Remo  
 8:00pm Cowes  
 Christmas Day 9:00am Cowes only.

**Westernport Anglican Parish**  
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 5pm Nativity Play  
 Christmas Day 10am Holy Communion  
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## Phillip Island Jazz Festival 2018 An abridged review from Bob Greaves

The musicians say that this is the best festival, and so do we! It all started at the Friday night dinner and night opener, but the real fun started for us on Saturday morning. The lyrical pianist and everybody's favorite Bruce Gourlay setup the mood for visiting NSW trombone/trumpet player Geoff Power though sans trombone which was mislaid on the aircraft. His wide experience with the New Wolverines (20 years), Café Society Orchestra and various Sydney groups plus his big band teaching skills led to 2 memorable sets. By the second set the missing trombone turned up, couriered down from Tullamarine Airport and to paraphrase Trump, Geoff was "Very Happy". On later discussions with Geoff he said there is a move by Ben Jones in Bowral to get the Southern Highlands Festival going again.

Good news for the Jazz Fraternity if they can pull that off.

There had been a late withdrawal from the midday time slot, which was filled wonderfully by Les Fittons "Le Jazz Hot" led by John Haws on Trumpet

The one o'clock band got the whole place jumping. Jules Boulton and the Redeemers, a powerful Rhythm and Blues group who inspired much clapping and foot tapping. They returned to an enthusiastic audience for a second "Boulton" at 4.15pm.

The Hot B'Hines always a crowd favorite, started with David Hines singing 'The Gipsy'.

Ken Collins driving trumpet always tricks me with a tune until halfway through I realize it is one of my most liked tunes. "Oh yes, it's Panama".

The Creole Bells continue to delight. Steve was given an encouragement award with a joke book so he would have less corny jokes to use as a fill. This band who have been together have a great knowledge of the origins of the music they play. Bob Pattie is the resident authority who, with Steve Waddell and Beverly Sheehan, explain where the tunes and various versions they use originate. Before the last session for the evening there was a Jam Session with 2 Trombones, 2 trumpets, 3 clarinets, 3 banjos, 2 tubas, drums (1) and piano, Doug Rawson. They all had a great time, so did we?

Sunday morning saw Bruce back at the piano with his cheeky smile and his unique interpretation of a wide variety of tunes until at 11am the Gospel session with Bev and the Creole Bells began.

Midday saw the return after 2 years of the French gipsy band La Mauves Reputation, a quartet with 2 guitars, string bass and accordion. Think Edith Piaf, Django, Maigret and picture the scenes from Midnight in Paris.

To quote from Robin's program, the group has "the extraordinary talents of

internationally-acclaimed Manouche guitarist Jon Delaney". From what I can gather "Manouche" means Gypsy Jazz. There is no way I can convey in words how exciting his guitar playing is. Check the band out on <https://lamauvaisereputationband.com/home>, and see for yourselves.

Sunday afternoon concluded with a double session of Shirazz. Willy Purcell substituting for Michael Hanley was their guest Banjo player, working very hard as Shirazz are not known for their slow gentle music. It was nice to see Matt invite Bev Sheehan to come up and sing, "We Shall Not be Moved". Matt came up with an old song I have not heard since my school days, "At the Mardi-Gras". The band also paid a tribute to La Mauvaise Reputation by playing an Anglicized version of "Madam Madam" but were not allowed to finish until they had played their frenetic sign off piece "Tiger Rag".

Sunday night finished for the die-hard fans in the piano bar with Bruce Gourlay and various "drop-ins".

Put November 15-17, in your diaries now so you do not miss out for 2019

**Bob Greaves**

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# Western Port Ward Update

**Western Port Ward Update**  
Crs Geoff Ellis, Clare Le Serve and  
Bruce Kent



**Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!**

The festive season rushes towards us and my first request is that we all count to ten next time some clown cuts us off on the road or at the check-out. Secondly, please be careful on our busy roads, your family and our community can't afford to lose you.

Christmas is a great time for friends and family to come together and we want to thank all the community groups and volunteers who tirelessly make all the dinners, parties, and events happen and perform the hundreds of tasks that keep us all connected.

It's been a great year. On behalf of Cr Le Serve and Cr Kent I sincerely thank you all for your effort and your contributions.

**Cr Geoff Ellis, Western Port Ward**

Over last few weeks I have attended quite a few community meetings, such as resident and ratepayer groups and these include an element of seasonal festivity. The other day, a Saturday, I attended a Christmas lunch and someone asked me if I ever had a day off.

I was somewhat surprised because I regard travelling around this fabulous shire, to talk to people about what matters to them, as the best way to spend my time, especially around Christmas and New Year.

I know there are times when we need to respectfully disagree and every outcome isn't universally appreciated, and the last two years have been such a great experience and I eagerly anticipate the next two. I also hope that that people of Western Port Ward will look upon us favourably in October 2020.

Cr Pam Rothfield recently stood down as Mayor in November and Cr Brett Tessari

has stepped up from Deputy Mayor to the top job.

One of our Western Port Ward councillors, Bruce Kent, has taken over as Deputy Mayor and this seamless transition will give us, as council, the ability to build on the work of the last two years.

Part of that transition is a refresh of our council four year plan. In January 2017 BCSC conducted extensive consultation across the shire to inform our four year plan and having ticked some fairly big boxes such as a new secondary college and stage 1 of a new hospital, we will be setting up the tent at community events to ascertain community sentiment about our next two years.

When you see us, be sure to pop over and tell us what matters to you.

In closing I point out that concerns about our roads and other infrastructure should be reported to:  
basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au or 1300 226 278.

Contact details for all councillors are available on the Bass Coast Shire Website and free subscription to our regular Western Port Ward Update is available by email to [wpwbcge@gmail.com](mailto:wpwbcge@gmail.com).

Below are the dates for our council meetings and community connection sessions for the first six months of 2019.

**See you next year!**

**Community Connection Session**  
13 February 2019 3.00pm  
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
20 February 2019 5.00pm  
Community Hub, Inverloch

**Community Connection Session**  
13 March 2019 3.00pm  
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
20 March 2019 5.00pm  
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

**Community Connection Session**  
10 April 2019 3.00pm  
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
17 April 2019 5.00pm  
Heritage Centre, Cowes

**Community Connection Session**  
8 May 2019 3.00pm  
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
15 May 2019 5.00pm  
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

**Community Connection Session**  
12 June 2019 3.00pm  
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
19 June 2019 5.00pm  
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

**Geoff Ellis**



This Update is edited on behalf of the three Western Port Ward Councillors by Cr. Geoff Ellis  
This update is based on the personal views and opinions of Councillors, Clare Le Serve, Bruce Kent and Geoff Ellis and may not be indicative of BCSC policy.



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If the person concerned has a medical alarm (monitored or unmonitored), autodialler or emergency call button (eg MePACS), the alarm will cease to work when the home phone line is disconnected. I believe that unmonitored medical alarms currently connected to the home phone can cost as much as \$3000 to replace (although according to an advert I heard on the radio the other day there is one company "doing everyone a favour" by offering to upgrade the system to NBN for only \$900), I am sure there are cheaper or even free services that can be accessed. Nobody likes change, but ignoring the inevitable will not make it go away. Easter is a bad time to ask for a new service to be provisioned or a technician to come and sort out a problem, but everyone's service will be removed with no noticeable delay at all by or around Easter next year. Please don't let anyone get caught out when the phone line goes dead.

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# The French Island News



The French Island News

**FRENCH ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
Tankerton PO  
French Island , Victoria 3921  
[secretaryfica@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryfica@gmail.com)

## 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. 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

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## POISON INFORMATION HOTLINE



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Phone 0438 077 329 Email: [secretary@fofi.org.au](mailto:secretary@fofi.org.au)

## FOFI Project Days

Third Saturday each month  
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## French Island Landcare

For more information on all Landcare activities contact [filandcare@gmail.com](mailto:filandcare@gmail.com).



## Landcare Nursery

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It is advisable to book as far in advance as possible, as the barge schedule and availability is limited by times and tides. As a guide, the barge runs approximately every half hour for a few hours either side of high tide.

Foot passengers can take the barge but they should arrange transportation at either end as there are no other facilities.

For information about fees and to book the Barge, call 0428 880 729.

## French Island Visitor's Guide

Christine Dineen's French Island Visitor's Guide is a fantastic publication we visit all too infrequently.

Detailed map included is a great reference, for visitors to the island, and anyone who has an interest in the local flora and fauna.

Available at the French Island General Store, or you can obtain a copy from the author:

Christine Dineen



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

# The French Island News

## Wildlife monitoring continues on French Island



Work to monitor feral cat activity and native animal populations on French Island continues to yield positive results since it was established a few months ago.

Part of a project to eradicate feral cats from the island, the work aims to establish the 'baseline' activity of feral cats and native wildlife populations, particularly ground-nesting birds, prior to undertaking intensive broad-scale control across the island.

Funded through the Australian Government's Office of the Threatened Species Commissioner, the project team has now deployed sixty remote cameras across the island to help determine feral cat distribution and abundance.

The information these cameras gather is critical to help plan for the island-wide eradication of feral cats over the next few years. Contractors Michael Johnston, Vaughn Thompson and Julie Trezise have been working tirelessly analysing the 500,000 images that have been collected to date.

The cameras also provide insights into some of the native wildlife that is found on French Island. Recent reviews of the images has identified recordings of Latham's Snipe, Long-nosed Potoroo, Painted Button-quail and Swamp Harrier. It is expected that populations of these species will benefit from the feral cat eradication program.

As part of the project, a team led by Elizabeth Znidarsic from Charles Sturt University has also been monitoring ground-nesting birds, including Australasian Bittern, King Quail and Lewin's Rail, to determine their distribution and abundance on the island. French Island supports a rich diversity of birds, with over 240 bird species recorded, many of which are vulnerable to predation by feral cats.

The data will be used to estimate the level of impact that the feral cat population has on these species and their recovery after the cat's eradication in the coming years,

The ground-nesting birds monitoring team have been delighted with the results to date, with analysis confirming the presence of Lewin's Rail, Buff-banded Rails and Swamp Skink.

A second survey is scheduled for December 2018.



*Dillwynia*



*Echidna*



*Tiger Snake*



*Indian Pea Fowl*

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## Vale Kathleen Chandler (1934-2018)

We were very saddened to learn that Kath Chandler had slipped away from this life on 19 September. Kath was a founding member of FOFI in 1984, and even though she had a busy household to run, she often joined us on our project days, pulling up weeds or carrying shell grit out to Rams Island, as well as baking wonderful scones for our morning tea, and sometimes driving the bus to get us to and from our destinations.



*Kath Chandler driving the bus on a FOFI day in 1995*

*Photo - Meredith Sherlock*

Kath was also a founding member of French Island Landcare.

After Kath and Allan moved to Crib Point, Kath was active in the Community Garden as well as making a beautiful garden at home, but she always enjoyed the occasional return visit to French Island, and it was no surprise that a number of islanders were among the more than 200 people who attended her funeral.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Allan, Chris and the other members of Kath's family.

We shall miss this "gentle lady" with the laughing eyes, whose kindness, generosity and humility inspired many of us to live better lives.

*Meredith Sherlock  
F.O.F.I*



# Philosophy, Trivia & Quiz,



## Thought for the Month - December

Spring – Grass grows, flowers come up etc. etc .....

Last month there was no evidence of my much loved Lily but now its shoots wave about in the wind. No it didn't die as I thought it might have and I look forward to the flowers.

We too have seasons and despite evidence to the contrary, we continue to grow. Maybe not as we used to but sometimes with unexpected additions that can reach further than last seasons' growth was capable of.

Keep going .. keep going.

Blessings,

REVIL

1. What is Elvis Presley's middle name?
2. Who is the singer of The Counting Crows?
3. Who was the Queen of Soul?
4. What is the lowest male voice?
5. Which famous group was once known as The Quarrymen?
6. What was the name of AC/DC's lead singer who died in 1980?
7. What is Madonna's full name?
8. What is the name of the Irish singer who won the Eurovision Song Contest twice?
9. What is the noisy invention of Louis Glass in 1890 called?
10. Who is the front man of The Prodigy?
11. Who is the drummer of Metallica?
12. Which group had a hit with the Macarena?
13. Who won the most Grammy Awards in the 80's?
14. How many strings has a mandolin got?
15. What is the biggest hit of Bing Crosby?
16. What is the surname of the singer Rihanna?
17. Which British pop group had a hit called Angel Eyes in the seventies?
18. How many lines has a music staff (or music stave) got?
19. Which singer was nicknamed the Voice of Europe after having won the Eurovision Song Contest three times?
20. Who composed the music for the spaghetti western The Good, The Bad and The Ugly with Clint Eastwood?

"How long are you going to wait before you demand the best for yourself and in no instance bypass the discriminations of reason? You have been given the principles that you ought to endorse, and you have endorsed them. What kind of teacher, then, are you still waiting for in order to refer your self-improvement to him? You are no longer a boy, but a full-grown man. If you are careless and lazy now and keep putting things off and always deferring the day after which you will attend to yourself, you will not notice that you are making no progress, but you will live and die as someone quite ordinary.

From now on, then, resolve to live as a grown-up who is making progress, and make whatever you think best a law that you never set aside. And whenever you encounter anything that is difficult or pleasurable, or highly or lowly regarded, remember that the contest is now: you are at the Olympic Games, you cannot wait any longer, and that your progress is wrecked or preserved by a single day and a single event. That is how Socrates fulfilled himself by attending to nothing except reason in everything he encountered. And you, although you are not yet a Socrates, should live as someone who at least wants to be a Socrates."

**Epictetus**

"Freedom of mind is the real freedom. A person whose mind is not free though he may not be in chains, is a slave, not a free man.

One whose mind is not free, though he may not be in prison, is a prisoner and not a free man.

One whose mind is not free though alive, is no better than dead.

Freedom of mind is the proof of one's existence."

**Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar**



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## QUIZ ANSWERS

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3. Aretha Franklin
4. Bass voice
5. The Beatles
6. Bon Scott
7. Madonna Louise Ciccone
8. Johnny Logan
9. jukebox
10. Keith Flint
11. Lars Ulrich
12. Los Del Rio
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16. Fenny
17. Roxy Music
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# The Bass Coast Post in Print

## Bass Coast Post



Online news, articles, columns, photos by and for Bass Coast residents.

### Famous last words

By Catherine Watson



Cartoon: Natasha Williams-Novak

**BOB Middleton was the Post's second subscriber, one of the Post's first writers and the only Post writer ever to be mobbed by a fan. As the pharmacist called "Bob Middleton?" a Post reader stepped out of a long queue and hugged him. "I love your stories" she said.**

For all the accomplished writers who have called the Post home, Bob's gentle, laconic stories were the most cherished. When I ran some workshops for prospective Post writers a few years ago, someone asked me to teach them how to write like Bob Middleton. "I wish I could," I said. "I don't even know how he does it."

He found his subjects close to home: wayward chooks, wild birds, eccentric neighbours, racing pigeons, a succession of neurotic terriers called Charlie, horses, friends, musicians. His stories were deceptively simple but never lazy. Every word had the right weight. Close observation. Exact reporting. Then drilling down to find the essence of man or beast. A balance of the mundane and the lyrical.

He wrote about artists, shearers, farmers, musicians, carpenters, the postman. But most of all he wrote about birds. Wrens, honeyeaters, warblers, shrike thrushes, lorikeets splashing in the bird bath or singing in the trees as he observed them from the kitchen window. They didn't have to be gorgeous, endangered or even native to draw his interest. He was a champion of the English thrush and the

humble blackbird. ("Must we only value that which is rare or in short supply?")

In Final flight he hears a bird thudding into the window with frightening force:

Outside a crimson rosella, its soft breast feathers drifting down in a cloud of pinks and greys. Eyes still open and still breathing its head lolling at an awkward angle. I pictured the last flight, the fatal headlong collision into an illusion of a never-ending landscape. You could tell it had only a short time left. I went to the wood heap for the axe.

His first Post story, Wonder of Kilcunda, featured his surfing mate Shane Simpson and an encounter with a great white shark just off the Kilcunda break. "Where do we find the courage to plunge into the ocean despite the dark shadows moving silently below?" Bob pondered, adding that he spoke as one who paddled in the shallows.

In his 70s Bob was still working in shearing sheds. In his 80s, he was fencing, felling trees, lumping red gum sleepers and moving mountains. He could hardly complain, then, when just about every part of his body, bar his heart and lungs, wore out.

Two years ago, he and Gill faced the inevitable and swapped their rich, nature-filled life in the hills of Jeetho West for the suburban convenience of Wonthaggi.

Bob mourned for a year before he was able to write of the move with some equanimity: Our new place retains that feel of open country as it backs onto the fairways of the golf course and we are within a good tee shot from the wetlands. Mobs of kangaroos come right up to our back fence. More importantly, Dan Murphy is just around the corner. And it no longer takes a 30-minute drive to visit our friends who live down this way. I have a good feeling we are going to be OK.

He didn't exactly rage against the dying of the light but he cursed at his inability to do the things he had once done so easily.

He also acknowledged the compensations of old age: time at last to read, listen to music (having discovered the magic of Youtube) and daydream.

Last year he wrote to me: One thing I am sure about now is that when you see the elderly just sitting and staring they are contented. And if they aren't they should be. Get them a comfy chair and if they still complain give them a biff around the ears.

As Bob wound down, there were fewer Post stories. My compensation was daily emails, droll accounts of a grumpy old bloke called Bob, his endlessly patient partner Gill, neighbours, friends and of course the neurotic and much-loved Charlie. He continued to observe and celebrate the world around him, the antics of animals and people, the pleasures of domestic life, and the company of good friends, preferably over a bottle of good wine.

### Just a sample from the past few months:

July 17, 2018

Been outside lately CJ? Looks like the world has gone upside down. Charlie and I just went out for a pee and for a second I thought I was in Alice Springs. One of those clear desert nights. Charlie has started his Jenny Craig diet. He looks better already.

July 25, 2018

When I was a kid song thrushes were everywhere, nesting outside my bedroom window, cracking snails on the stone driveway. Geeze they were as common as blackbirds. Now my bird book lists them as rare between Warragul and Lorne. I blame those lousy snail poison pellets and think someone ought to pay.

August 17, 2018

I typed in 'hnotmail' in error and this came up on the screen. RUSSIAN MAIL ORDER WIVES. Find True Love with a Russian Woman. Fast and Secure. Amazing how love can just fall into your lap out of nowhere.

September 5, 2018

The wood swallows are building their nest outside our bedroom window again so I lay in bed to watch their energetic efforts until guilt and Charlie's breakfast demands got the better of me. So good to see the flowering fruit trees too. Spring has finally arrived.

**RIP Bob, thanks for the stories you shared with The Waterline News.**

# Maru Koala & Animal Park

## Dreamnight at the Zoo 2018

This November Maru hosted our 13th annual 'Dreamnight at the Zoo' event which is one of the ways we give back to and support our local community. VIP children with a life threatening illness or special needs and their entire family from right across Gippsland were invited along to enjoy a free night of fun and activities. This year over 50 families enjoyed this event.

The night started with a sheep shearing demonstration from our shearer Danny and then it was off to explore the animal park which included hands on experiences with many of the animals, feeding the kangaroos and family pictures with a koala or dingo. Then off to play Pirate Pete's Mini-golf, enjoy the children's carnival rides and activities and be entertained by Fairy Fran, Mojo the Clown and the CFA's Captain Koala who was brought along by our local Kernot-Grantville CFA. A free BBQ dinner, with the meat kindly cooked by our local Lions Club, was prepared with salads and condiments by the Maru chefs and topped off with cakes, fruit and ice-creams for dessert. The evening finished with each family receiving a free show bag of donated goods and printed copies of their family photos.



*Captain Koala greeting visitors*

We would like to thank our absolutely wonderful team of staff and Animal Park Volunteers who once again volunteered their valuable time to run this night and happily answer questions and entertain the children. We had so many valued sponsors and donators which locally included the Bass Coast Shire Council, Aquasure, Alex Scott Real Estate, Van Steensels Timber, Koo Wee Rup Stockfeed, McDonalds Bass, Connells Bakery, Agar Amusements, Woolworths Cowes, Foodworks San Remo and all of our business suppliers who donated show bag goods. We would also like to thank local Craig Spencer who continues to volunteer year after year to set up the business for Dreamnight and to help right throughout the night.



*Feeding the Kangaroos*

Without all of you supporting us Maru would not be able to put on such a great night that brings a smile to so many faces.

**Happy Dreaming to all**

**Neroli and Ian Heffer**



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# Greg Hunt MP



**Federal Member for Flinders Minister for Health. Minister for Sport.**

As we enter the festive season, it is with a great sense of pride that I look back on a tremendous community endeavour and the amazing journey I took through our waterline community. After 19 days on the road, I crossed the finish line on our 500km Walk for Autism at the Abacus Learning Centre in Hastings.

As part of my over 500km trek, I spoke to thousands of students in the Waterline community about autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and how to support those living with the condition.

It has been a rewarding and at times emotional experience. I have heard many stories of the difficulties faced by local families caring for a child with autism and directly from the children themselves about how living with ASD affects them. That's why I took on this challenge, to walk and visit so many schools around my electorate to raise awareness about autism.

A child with autism finds the world a confusing place and often struggles to communicate and socialise with other children. As we visited each school the message was simple: be a friend to someone with autism.

While there is no cure, autism responds well to early intervention and assistance.

Crucially, community understanding helps make life better for those with autism.

Thanks to the tremendous support of the schools, the local community and people like you, the walk vastly exceeded our \$30,000 fundraising target.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to say thank you to everyone who has donated, including the schools who have held special fundraising events, as well as the families who have joined us on the road.

At this stage more than \$120,000 has been raised for the Abacus Learning Centre in Hastings and the Light Up Autism Foundation, with more donations still to come.

Donations can still be made online through [greghunt.com.au](http://greghunt.com.au) and you can also view some of our videos from the journey via social media on facebook, twitter and instagram.

With Christmas fast approaching, myself, my staff and my family, wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe and prosperous 2019.

**You are also more than welcome to contact my office directly at 03 5977 9082 and by email at [greg.hunt.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:greg.hunt.mp@aph.gov.au) at any time to discuss your issues.**

*Greg Hunt*

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## Letter to the Editor

Thank you to the community, those who voted for me, my campaign volunteers and supporters.

I stood during the recent State Election to make the Seat of Bass marginal, I believe we achieved that and some.

The past 4 years has shown that the more marginal the electorate the more governments take notice. We deserve to have that status after decades of not a lot. Living in this democratic society, voting is the heart of democracy. The work done 4 years ago altered the safe seat status and since many projects have been funded, committed to and more promised; and it's great to see Bass starting to matter! I will be pleased to monitor the electorates progress over the next 4 years as it moves forward as a marginal seat. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my volunteers and campaign team for all their assistance during the State Election. My team consisted of an amazing articulate group of people. We raised the issues and made the electorate matter. So well done everyone.

Thank you to all the other candidates for putting their hands up and standing to represent. There was always only going to be one winner and I congratulate that person. To all others I offer my respect for your stance.

**Your Independent Candidate  
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We wish them well in their retirement and thank them for their service.

Editor

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## December Gardening



**December is here and this marks the start of summer in Australia.**

What the garden looks like this month really depends on how well you have prepared for summer.

If you mulch your garden, fertilise it, and take the steps I recommended throughout spring, then summer shouldn't really be too bad. However, if your soil is bare, you haven't given it a dose of wetta soil or fertiliser then you still have a bit of work to do.

During summer you need to make sure that your plants are well watered.

As I have said, mulch helps to hold moisture, so if your garden is well mulched, then you can, most likely, get away with watering once every day to three days.

Vegetable gardens need a little more frequent watering. I water mine once a day and twice if the temperature hits 30° plus.

I personally like to water early in the morning (before 9 am), especially for garden beds that don't have the morning sun, however watering at night is also fine. Make sure you check if there are any water restrictions in your area.

Many places limit or do not allow reticulation during summer and require hand watering. Some places, in extreme droughts, even limit the use of hand watering.

Check with your local water authority to find out about your situation.

Some of your plants may wilt a bit more in summer than they do other months. If you have garden beds that either receive full sun or the afternoon sun, perhaps consider adding some shade in the form of shade sails or shade cloth.

During summer it is very important that you look after your grass. Water restrictions are often tough, so it is important to make sure you can make the most use of every drop possible. It is imperative that you have applied wetta soil to your grass or have aerated it with a fork. It is also important that when you mow during summer, you raise the blades a little higher than normal.

Longer grass helps protect the root system, keeping it cooler, which helps it to survive and stay as green as possible. During summer it is a good idea to give your plants, at the very least, a monthly feed with a good fertiliser. All-purpose fertilisers are fine, but if there is a specialist fertiliser, like rose or native fertiliser, use that. It wouldn't hurt to do this fortnightly or even weekly, as long as the fertiliser you choose doesn't say otherwise. If this sounds like too much work, choose a good slow release fertiliser which will usually last a month or so. Again, the container you buy it in will have the correct dosage and frequency.

Keep an eye on your flowering plants. Summer is a regular flowering season for many plants. Once they have finished flowering, give them a light trim either early in the morning or very late in the afternoon or evening. Afternoon or evening is preferred because this gives your plants a night to get used to their new shape.

If you have prepared your garden well, it should handle summer and provide you with a great backdrop for all the summer BBQ's you are going to host. Just keep an eye on everything when watering or walking through the garden.

If you notice plants struggling, either increase watering, add mulch where it isn't sufficient, or add some form of shade. Established plants should cope quite well, but younger plants might need a little extra tender loving care.



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### Hard Leaf Wattle

**Genus:** Acacia

**Species:** sclerophylla

**Common Names:** Hard Leaf Wattle

**Flower Colour:** Yellow

**Foliage Colour:** Green

**Growth Habit:** Shrub to 2m

**Flowering:** Spring

This variety is apparently one of the most hardy Acacia varieties, supporting most soil types.

It reportedly thrives in both full sun positions or positions that experience part shade and is tolerant of frosts to around about -7 degrees celcius.

This makes for one very sustainable and hardy plant!

Though it is not a ground cover, due to its height, it does spread quite wide, sometimes to as much as 3m which makes it a good 'fill' variety, to be used to cover big spaces that you don't want to see.

It sends out lots of stems as it grows, making it quite a bushy variety.

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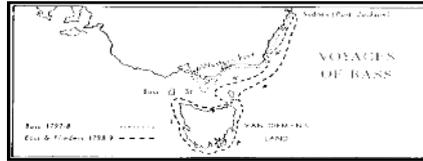


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Secretary: Opening hours:  
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The society meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the museum.

*With Libby Skidmore,*  
*Historian.*  
**Bass Valley Historical Society**  
**MEET A PIONEER SQUATTE**



### FITZHERBERT MILLER MUNDY of Red Bluff 1810-1847

His invariable dress was blue flannel shirt, a pair of loose canvas trousers which had once been white but were something of the color of mahogany with a fine polish about the knees, they were studded with stains of blood and a few burnt holes. Round his waist was a broad belt fastened with a massive silver buckle, suspended from the belt was a knife, a pouch made from the skin of a platypus, containing a pipe tobacco and a tinderbox. His head was covered by a broad brimmed Manilla hat, such as a Quaker might have envied. His beard was long and straggling but the moustache which mingled with it was unexceptional.

His residence, a square building of one storey was described as being in the semi-demi- savage style. It was surrounded by park like lands on which great mobs of kangaroos roam in liberty affording me intense sport and occasionally a dinner. Forty eight stately cattle and my old horse Charley are the only remnants of the large herds once owned by the noble proprietor.

The four walls were raised some seven feet from the ground and were composed of split slabs set upright about three inches in thickness and many of them standing at least three inches apart. The hut was roofed with broad sheets of stringy bark lapped one over the other, and this perhaps was the most efficient work of the whole. The chimney which occupied a considerable space was built up with mud and turf. There was an apology for a window which was stuffed up with flour bags and dried grass but the door and its hinges was a triumph of inventive skill.

At this hut the bushman is the essence of hospitality. Even if you are a stranger to him he would in five minutes possess you with the feeling that the hut and all in it was as much your own as his, and whenever you might feel disposed to resume your journey, he would take special care to examine the state of your provision bag and see you provided with a sufficiency to carry you at least to the next station where you would be certain of receiving similar treatment.

In some ways associated with hospitality was the note of conviviality and hard drinking. In the forties there were comparatively few advocates of teetotalism and temperance. Hard drinking was frequently the solace of the lonely or depressed squatter. Mundy was notorious. Described as the best rider in the district he could drink as hard as he could ride. "His heart poor fellow before it ceased beating was in the right place though his elbow seldom was. He would make nothing of riding fifteen miles to a neighbor on the chance of finding something to drink there".

George Henry Hayden 1822-1891 recorded these impressions of early pioneer life in Western Port in a humorous novel titled *The Australian Emigrant*. In 1894 he visited Mundy at Red Bluff and spent Christmas Day with two swanners on French island in 'virtuous jollity' and proposed a toast in tea.

'Happy New Year to all and every and absent friends'  
From *The Good Country* by Neil Gunson published 1968

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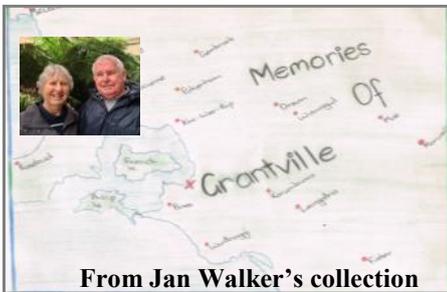


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# History



From Jan Walker's collection

## Photos of some Grantville business in the 1980's



## From the top

Capeview Hardware situated at the southern end of the township.

Licensed Grocery, Newsagency, Post Office and General Store

French View Caravan Park and Gymnasium situated in Pier Road.

Homeland Real Estate.



## The Bass Valley U3A's Local History Group meets monthly in Grantville.

There are vacancies in the group, which requires U3A Membership (\$30 p.a), which also allows you access to all U3A groups, vacancies permitting. (see page 11).

The group has a website:

[www.grantvillehistory.com.au](http://www.grantvillehistory.com.au) and has also launched a free subscription e-newsletter. **The Western Port Times**, which is available for download from the website, or emailed direct to you each month.

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## The recent Grantville History Day unearthed some interesting material

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**Grantville (Points of historical interest)**  
Hotels - (Grantville Hotel & Prince Of Wales), Cemetery Pier (Old & New), Saw mills & tramways - (Brazier Mill etc.), Primary Schools (various iterations) Western Port Times (1896-1910) Mechanics Institute (local hall), Drive-in theatre General stores (esp. Wheatley's store) Anti-erosion barrier (1970's? rebuilt 1980s?) Cobb & Co coach service (terminated Grantville extended to Bass for a time), Grantville Racing Club Grantville Rifle Club, Racecourse (1896? To 1920s?) Site, date and type of 1880s to 1900s businesses Agricultural shows (various)

**Queensferry (Points of historical interest)**  
The Victoria Hotel (where and when was it?), Piers Beach 'coolstore/wine cellar' Post Office and general store location Race track & agricultural shows The Great Victoria Colliery & tram line to Queensferry

**The Gurdies (Points of historical interest)**  
Primary school (at St. Helliers). DonMix Quarry (Donohue Brothers, 1958). - Now 'puddling' station, Blackney's garage (1950s - 1960s?) Caravan Park (closed 1980s)

**Kernot (Points of historical interest)**  
Kernot Railway Station & Shier Road trestle bridge General Store

**Almurta (Points of historical interest)**  
Primary schools (3?), Candowie Reservoir John Paul's general store Butter Factory (1896-1910), Railway Station, Post Office (closed 1960s)

**Glen Forbes (Points of historical interest)**  
General Store School Railway Station, Cheese Factory, Saw Mills, Church Hall

## which we are still processing. OUR HISTORY

by Noelene Lyons

Over the many years that I have been compiling and photographing cemeteries I come across some wonderful stories of achievements. So I thought I would bring these stories to life on some of the History that these souls achieved who are buried at Wonthaggi Cemetery. Remember we are only here for a short time.....not a long time.

This story is about SISTER - Annie WHITTET – daughter of Mr. Peter & Mrs. Margaret ( nee Ellis ) WHITTET Annie Whittet was born 1892 at Bena, Vic.- being the second daughter for her parents. Two generations of the Whittet families where Pioneers of the Bena & Sth. Gippsland areas. It took many years for the selectors to clear their land to make a living. Once the land was clear townships appeared – Bena – ( Aboriginal name for “ Lyre Bird “ ) originally known a Cromwell. The railway was coming and shops and hotels were starting to be built. The Whittet families are recorded as building the first general store for the community in 1887. At the age of 20 years Annie decided to be a nurse and did her training at Wonthaggi Hospital. When she qualified as a trained nurse she went to the Women's Hospital and decided to look after the very sick and those in the Radium Ward. She later moved back to the area and lived and worked in the Archies Creek area. She built up a large circle of friends and when you were sick she was known as the “ Fairy God-Mother “ to all that were sick. Annie was a great worker for charity and helped with many fund raising projects that would benefit the families of the districts. Annie Whittet was not well in the later part of her life and she died on Wednesday 26th January 1944 at the age of 55 years. There was a very large attendance for her funeral which left Archies Creek and she was interred at Wonthaggi Cemetery on Thursday 27th January 1944.

Annie Whittet's grave is located Presb. Sect. 3 Row C Grave 1.

**If you would like to find family graves or just have a question please contact Noelene 56724739 or email**

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# History

## The Grantville Cemetery Early History by Jane Hendtlass Part 2



### The Grantville Cemetery

George Francis Monks (1837-1910)  
Chairman of the Grantville Cemetery  
Trust (1878-1879)

George Francis Monks was a Roman Catholic farmer, publican and sawyer who was a saw mill proprietor in Grantville between 1874 and 1879. The Grantville Cemetery trustees appointed him as their first Chairman at their first meeting on 22 June 1878 but, by then, there were already at least 22 burials in the informal burial ground which the Grantville community established north of the Deep Creek.

George Francis Monks was the 3rd of 11 children born to Irish convict immigrants, James Monks (1808-1862) and Mary Comber (1807-1887). James Monks and Mary Comber were married in Ireland in 1825 and had one child before they were separately convicted for minor theft offences and each sentenced to seven years transportation in New South Wales. In 1827, James Monks arrived in Port Jackson on the convict ship "Sophia". He was housed in the Hyde Park Barracks and worked on the Government Gaol Gang before he was allocated to agricultural work. On 12 November 1832, he was granted his Certificate of Freedom and was issued a conditional pardon for his offences in 1841.



*A Government Gaol Gang, Hyde Park Barracks 1830*

Meanwhile, Mary Monks née Comber was working as a needle woman and servant in Dublin when she was transported to Port Jackson three years after her husband on the convict ship

"Forth II" in 1830. She was assigned to work as a servant in Concord in Sydney but her transfer to the harsh 3rd Class Parramatta Female Factory for one month and a further three years in the secure but less severe Women's Factory coincided with James' release in 1832. These restrictions did not prevent the birth of James and Mary Monks' 2nd child in Sydney in about 1836 and George Francis Monks was born in Sydney ten weeks after his mother obtained her Certificate of Freedom in 1837.

James and Mary Monks' growing family moved around New South Wales until 1849 when they bought the Crown lease on land in Benalla and Wangaratta in Victoria. They were still in Wangaratta on 9 April 1850 when the twelve-year old George Monks was in the procession to celebrate laying of the foundation stone of St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne but the family had settled on a small farm and ran the post office in Muckleford near Castlemaine by 1855. James Monks also bought the local Racecourse Hotel and Mary Monks took over the business when James Monks died in Muckleford in 1862.

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On 22 February 1858, George Monks was a 21-year old farmer when he married Ellen Murphy (1836-1908) from Cork in Ireland in Castlemaine. They lived close to George's parents and continued the family's involvement in the Muckleford community: In 1863, he held a beer licence for his leased Muckleford property and he obtained a publican's licence in 1867. In 1868, he and a neighbour, George Brazier (1829-1877), also built and operated a steam-powered threshing machine on his property in Muckleford. In 1869, he

supplemented his income maintaining the main road for the local council, he shot and presented the local bank manager with a 28lb pelican as a gift intended for eating and providing skin and feathers for clothing, and he was fined £5 for sly grog selling. In October 1869, George Monks retained his interest in Muckleford when he took over the Carriers Arms Hotel in Castlemaine but he was declared insolvent within six months.

George Monks moved back to Wangaratta in 1871 near where his friend, George Brazier, was already operating sawmills in Dockers Flat and Benalla. It seems that they continued their friendship and/or worked there together because they both moved to Grantville in 1874 and borrowed £1450 to establish the Grantville Saw Mills with a third business partner, Thomas Lynn Sawyer (1833-1915). George Brazier owned 50% of the business, they built the mill on Thomas Sawyer's 15-acre Crown lease on the Hurdy Gurdy run east of the Grantville township and Thomas Sawyer also worked as a sawyer. Although George Monks described himself as a mill owner or saw mill proprietor and his eldest son, James Francis (Frank) Monks (1860-1881), worked at the mill, it is unclear what or how he contributed to the business.

On 12 February 1877, George Monks' daughter, two-year old Honora (Nora) Maud Monks, died from the effects of a two-day oppressive heat wave. She was buried in the Grantville Cemetery and there can be no doubt this event influenced her father's decision to accept nomination for appointment as a trustee and Chairman of the Grantville Cemetery Trust in 1878. In the six meetings chaired by George Monks, the new trustees set about clarifying their role, obtaining the funds and documents they required to operate, arranging a survey and letting tenders for clearing and fencing the new cemetery. By 14 January 1879, they had also persuaded the Government to reserve the extra three acres required to incorporate the pre-existing graves.



# History

## The Grantville Cemetery Early History continued

However, when George Brazier died in 1877, the Grantville Saw Mill owed his wife £400, she inherited all his share of the business and she continued to live in their five-roomed weather board cottage and kitchen with a sawn shingle roof near the Grantville jetty (probably marked "saw mill" on the 1888 map). She also shared responsibility with George Monks and Thomas Sawyer when two employees sustained serious injuries on 3 February 1878 and 3 May 1879. On 10 May 1879, Thomas Sawyer withdrew from his Crown lease and moved to Bairnsdale. This series of events marked the beginning of the end of George Monks' involvement with the Grantville Saw Mill and he chaired his last Grantville Cemetery Trust meeting on 21 June 1879. The next meeting was not until 6 November 1880 and the Trust appointed Alexander Stewart as their new Chairman on 4 December 1880.

George Monks' family moved to Melbourne but George continued working as a sawyer and, in so-doing, he became an absent husband and father: In 1881, he was absent when Frank Monks died from pneumonia. In 1887, he was blazing the tram line from Yarragon. In 1888 and 1889, he was running the No.2 saw mill supplying the Yea & Alexandra Railway line. In 1895, he was still a sawyer when his 18-year old daughter, Mabel Rosie Monks, died from typhoid fever. In 1896, George Monks returned to the Bendigo area to follow gold but he was in Melbourne in 1899 and took over the lease of the O'Connell Centenary Hotel in South Melbourne on 7 June 1902. When George Monks died at the hotel on 4 April 1910, he still had no substantial assets other than life insurance and his interest in the hotel. **Next month, I will**



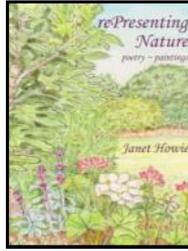
*Current view of the O'Connell Centenary Hotel*

report on John Dickins' life and how he combined his work as a publican with his role of the secretary of the Grantville Cemetery Trust. An extended version of this story including references will be featured in the December Western Port Times.

# Book Reviews

## Book Reviews

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## Thistles in the Wind

### Autobiography By Nalini de Sielvie

Available through AuthorHouse, Amazon, and other online bookstores Mid-December



Nalini de Sielvie was born in Sri Lanka and emigrated to Australia in 1972. Not only as an artist, she has diplomas in Journalism, Commercial Art, Script-writing, and Pianoforte. She is a member of the Society of Women Writers Victoria, Vitorian Writers Centre, Arts Society, and past president of Authors Australia Inc. Nalini is included in "Who's Who" of Australian Writers.

With a vivid description of early childhood in Sri Lanka, the Lotus Island, and then migrating to Australia in 1972, Nalini's journey is a captivating story of fortitude in the pursuit of her dreams. Her indomitable spirit, faith, and resilience in the face of adversity and loss is truly inspiring, as the rich tapestry of her life is interwoven with optimism and determination to succeed in a new country.

Nalini is a regular contributor to The Waterline News.

Her previous books include: Dark Shores-Return to Serenib. Serendib.

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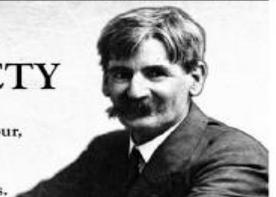
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## Poet's Corner

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### CHRISTMAS TO ME

Heard a message t'other day  
"Put Christ back in Christmas day."  
What a funny thing to say!  
I never knew He went away!  
But I give thanks on bended knee  
For what Christmas means to me.

A blanket spread upon the ground  
For a picnic safe 'n' sound  
In my land where there's no war  
Or secret police at the door.  
How I love my land so free  
That's what Christmas means to me.

Children playing in the sun -  
Sounds of laughter - sounds of fun;  
Water melon on the beach  
Ice cold drinks in easy reach;  
Skies as blue as blue can be;  
That's what Christmas means to me.

Summer days so nice and hot;  
The Christmas presents that we got:  
Knowing life is pretty good;  
Stomachs filled with Christmas pud;  
Home with good friends and family;  
That's what Christmas means to me.

The air is filled with happy noise -  
Children playing with new toys;  
May such wonders never cease  
Treasured in good will and peace.  
No place I would rather be;  
That's what Christmas means to me.

The happiest day of the year  
Full of joy and love and cheer  
When I awake on Christmas morn  
And celebrate that Christ was born  
Midst these things I love to see —  
That's what Christmas means to me.

I could say a whole lot more.  
Someone's knocking at my door  
I must go to see who's there  
Who with us these things will share.  
Someone I'll be glad to see.  
That's what Christmas means to me.

From my family to you and yours  
may you enjoy these things and more  
And may the things I have to say  
Come your way on Christmas day.  
For you too may it always be . . . .  
That's what Christmas means to me.

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### CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

To stirring strains of Silent Night and  
jolly tune of jingle bells,  
Cash registers jingle and sing just as or  
more merrily.  
Tis' the season to be jolly, as we all  
know, and  
Booming retailers help frenzied shoppers  
spend and spend!  
Buying presents for one and all that never  
ends.  
Some save all year through in Christmas  
Clubs,  
But come December, they haul the cash  
out.  
Then begins an orgy of shopping and  
buying things,  
For Grandpa, Grandma, children,  
husbands and wives.  
Cousins, friends, and some you simply  
cannot miss out.  
The list grows ever longer and that much  
longer,  
And you spend a little bit more on your  
credit card.  
A few dollars only on each present you  
say,  
But twenty such, and the card is in the  
red.  
Then comes first day of the New Year,  
To worry about overdrawn credit cards  
and such.  
What possesses normally sane and  
sensible people,  
To hurl themselves on the brink of  
bankruptcy?  
Christmas season means extravagance for  
most,  
Doing things they simply would not  
dream,  
Of doing the rest of the year.  
In the name of Christ's birth, even pagans  
make merry.

Over-eat, binge-drink, and some end up  
dying on roads.  
So now it's turkey, ham and trolley loads  
of food,  
To help get through the silly season.  
But when twelve jolly days of Christmas  
have fled,  
Sober-spirited, we settle down to another  
year of toil,  
Until the merry-go-round starts again,  
come December.

Nalini de Sielvie

### PREDATOR

Deep in the lair of the Boardroom  
Capitalism starts its roar  
Warning the captive masses  
the beast will feed some more.

Coiling around the jingles  
prowling through the fears  
The high decibels pulsing  
through polyunsaturated ears.

Smashing barricades of reason  
with insidious repetition  
'Consume, consume, consume  
your cut price competition.'

And cringing at last defenceless  
against cliches and banalities  
The prey are then devoured  
by mass media unrealities.

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# Art, Books & Writing

## Writing

Another piece from regular Contributor E.E (Betty) Caldwell, with thanks to Maree Silver.



## POSITIVITY

In this transitive world most things are not positive but my mother was unwaveringly so. "Near enough is not good enough" and if a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well." How often did we hear those gems! She would quote newspapers when they reflected her stance on a particular subject and if challenges would maintain, "They wouldn't dare print it if it was not true." And that was the end of that. However, should they dare to defy her set position (and we would delightedly point this out) she would switch to "Well, they don't always know everything," which I suppose implies that she herself did. My father was overjoyed with a cartoon featured in an American magazine long before women served on Australian juries. It depicted a court room scene with the jurors filing out to consider their verdict with one of their number resolutely squatting in the back row. With arms defiantly crossed and uncompromising expression, she spat out what became Dad's favourite phrase – "My mind's made up." Mother was not exactly the Rock of Gibraltar but she was consistent and Dad likewise was a perfectionist but his responses were, or seemed to be, far more conciliatory. This polar star attitude to parenting gave us a stable approach to life and we grew up with a background of certainty. This others seem to interpret as unfailing reliability. My brother displayed this quality with his twenty year work record without having taken a sick day. Now whenever I see a three year old skilfully manipulate his parents I shudder at the accompanying self-satisfied smirk for underlying that sense of victory is a further layer of unease. He truly knows he is not wiser than the adults and is reliant on their guidance. It is a long, slow path that leads to decision-making and there may be many pot-holes before he attains a true sense of positivity.

E E CALDWELL

## WEDDING PHOTOS

It was the morning of the Victorian state election and what better time to gather with my sons and daughter-in-law to make predictions of the result of the supposedly tight race between the two major parties. My newly married son and

his wife however had better reasons to get us together. The wedding photos had finally arrived from Italy, where their wedding had taken place in July.

The northern hemisphere autumn provided the photographer some respite to put together a selection of images captured from the time the bride and groom were prettying themselves up to the end of the evening when the magnificent wedding cake was cut. The four months had not dimmed my memory of the wedding in Tuscany, when rain and thunder in the middle of the ceremony in the roofless ancient Abbey of San Galgano, created a sense of drama, rather than dampened our spirits. We sat in front of the computer screen waiting for the slide show to begin. There were obligatory pictures of the groom and his two brothers helping each other with the ties and cuff links and to my surprise one of me, already dressed and made up, at the door, trying to take some pictures but vehemently denied by my three sons.

The photographer had clicked away, capturing every little detail of the big day. The expense of having a professional photographer and videographer is factored into the overall cost of a wedding. The actual creativity of the photographer comes into play after the legal ceremony when the bride and groom are arranged in different poses, and in the case of my son's wedding, the rain puddles make for extra props to reflect the couple resplendent in their outfit. We could not help but laugh at some of the poses. Joyful laughter aside, these photos would be looked at again and again because the captured images would tell the story of the day.

The group photos were taken at the reception venue, which had for a backdrop the splendor of the scenic Tuscany countryside. The summer storm had gone and the different groups of friends and families of the bride and groom were photographed in natural light against a background of an ancient Tuscany building. It took place between the serving of the aperitivo and the main meal, and for me the perfect time to sneak into my room to put my feet up for a few minutes. I was completely unaware that the photographer was busy at work and was enjoying my quiet time when one of my sons came barging in. It was time for the group photo of the groom's family and I was found missing. He was expecting me to get up and go but I had the important task of repairing my look or risk being captured as a most dishevelled mother of the groom.

When friends asked me to describe the

wedding I would say it was a very joyful and relaxed occasion, as captured in the many photographs taken.

We have yet to see the work of the videographer but the mobile phone is a multi-functional recorder capable of disseminating pictures and videos at the click of a button. During the reception guests were loading up pictures onto instagram and I have seen some videos of the heavy rainfall almost drowning the voices of the celebrant and the bride and groom and later on when the sky was clear, of the long conga line with happy faces acknowledging the mobile phones clicking away. I can remember what I did and the people I talked to, but with over a hundred people in attendance it was interesting to have the photographs reveal the other stories happening during the evening of merrymaking.

The photographer will be compiling the photographs into a book and what will his narrative be? The highlights will be focused on the bride and groom, the wedding dress and cake but what stories will he be revealing through his captured images.

Aside from the posed photographs of the bride and groom, there will be many of guests mingling, eating and dancing and they will be the pictures I want to look at so I will know who is who of the guests who have come from far and near to celebrate the marriage of two young people from two different countries and cultures.

I hope the photographer has captured the nuances of the day.

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## THE BREAD WINNER'S NOEL



Christmas Eve, and the young man sat on the post office steps with all the confidence of the suitably dressed male; dirty heavy boots and faded blue jeans frayed around the ankles. The heavy leather jacket was ornately studded and open to show his bare chest.

He had spent the morning drifting around staring with lack lustre eyes into store windows. He did pause at some bike accessories. It was only a momentary interest and the light faded from his eyes again. He drifted past counters laden with silks and overpowering perfumes, and glassed in displays of sparkling baubles, whose attendants eyed him with suspicion.

He had a problem. It showed in the quietness of the heavy face, partially obscured by the straggling hair and beard. Now he was resting but the problem still worried him. What could a man get for the two most important people in the world? Even if he had unlimited funds, there was still nothing! It was all junk! You could only wear clothes, and then only one set at a time; you could only eat food; all that wrapping and tinsel - only suitable for burning, and he didn't have a fireplace anyway.

His mind slid back to the electrical goods and furniture departments. He sniffed briefly. He had the true nomad's contempt for possessions that encumber. Junk! Always breaking down, getting repossessed, and when the electricity got cut off, utterly useless!

His aimless eye fixed on a scurrying figure in a dirty overall, and he brightened. 'Hey, Pinky.'

The little man hunched his shoulders. 'Jake,' he acknowledged from the side of his mouth.

He paused, dabbing his bald head with a rag. Jake stared, preoccupied with his thoughts. Under the fixed gaze, Pinky got nervous. 'Something on your mind?' 'So right, Man,'

Pinky cringed. 'You still owe me for your rent. Not a red cent.'

Jake placed a dirty hand on the skinny arm. 'Not to cost you, Man,' he soothed. 'Just to chew the fat for a while.'

Pinky relaxed. Getting money out of Jake was mostly too hard unless he was desperate, but time was a commodity he was willing to share. They sat with their heads together ignoring the shoppers hurrying past them. Jake expounded his problem. Pinky wrinkled his head even more as he delved into unaccustomed levels of thought trying to produce a solution to Jake's problem.

The crowds had started to thin out when they stood up. Pinky waited a few more seconds before blending with the crowd and vanishing. Jake slouched off with the air of a man of decision, his eyes shining and his face clear.

It was still only late afternoon when Jake headed homewards. He was encumbered with a large parcel on one arm and a plastic bag of smaller parcels on the other.

He cut up a back lane that climbed tortuously up the hill. It was narrow and dingy, trapping in the heat and airlessness of the day, and lined with rotted fences repaired with rusting tin. Jake's face got brighter. This was his home territory.

He quickened his pace. The gate in the high back fence was shut and he kicked it open as he went through into the overgrown backyard with the shabby bungalow. The sun was just setting.

A foolish grin that came over his face.

The small bungalow sheltered Jake's three treasures. Three things he valued above all else in the entire world.

A girl sitting in the doorway with a small transistor radio smiled at him. Her face was placid and innocent of make-up, and her long stringy hair uncombed. Her jaws moved slowly chewing gum as she listened to the volume of sound blaring from the transistor.

He smiled back at her. As of a few months ago she had become his official old lady, and he was very proud of her. 'Bring anything home?'

He stepped past her into the hot and airless bungalow, placed his plastic bag with a flourish on to the card table and put his large parcel on the floor.

Apart from the card table, the bungalow was furnished with a two stroke motor bike, its duco polished to threadbare patches, and chained through a hole in the floor to a stump and a mattress with a soundly sleeping baby on it.

Jake opened his purchases; a tin of milk and a tin of baby food. The girl gave an approving nod. He produced their Christmas celebration, one bottle of beer. 'Still cold' he assured her.

She giggled.

'Your present.' He handed her the small package, its contents concealed by the brown paper wrapping.

She opened it carefully. Inside were two batteries for her transistor. She gave him a nudge on the shoulder and he shuffled his feet in embarrassed pleasure. She looked a question at the parcel on the floor. He rocked on his heavily booted feet with excitement. She tore the paper off it.

'Wow,' she whispered. 'How did you guess?'

She struggled for a few seconds until he showed her how to unfold the pusher and lock it into place. It was second hand and battered, and painted a bright canary yellow.

She picked the baby up off the mattress and laid him in the pusher. He was a fraction small to be a good fit, but with his blankets wedging him securely, he was safely confined. Jake lifted the pusher down the steps of the bungalow.

The movement woke the baby who recognised him and chuckled.

'Fish and chips?' Jake asked, as he locked the bungalow door.

The girl nodded, picked up her transistor, and trailed beside him as he guided the pusher around the heaps of rubbish towards the back gate to the lane.

Jake smiled down at his son and the lively dark eyes in the dirty chubby face twinkled back. He slid a sideways glance at his very own old lady chewing gum, her young face at peace listening to her precious transistor. His heart filled with pride and contentment.

There would not be too many guys in all the wide world this Christmas Eve, whom had managed to give completely and absolutely, the perfect gifts to the people they loved.

**Margaret Pearce**

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## Please, Santa ...

Like ultra-busy bumblebees elves cut and sewed and sawed they hammered and glued, painted and packed while impatient reindeers pawed.

Above the din old Santa roared, "Elves, you're great, it is a fact!"

Called an elf, "Another letter, Santa, bigger than the rest, with kangaroo and emu crest—the Australian coat of arms!"

"Not that Tony again!" said Santa as if in jest, picturing islands of golden sand, swaying palms.

He opened the letter, frowned as he read, "Please, St Nick, restore me as PM of Oz—my fourth request.

I say icecaps are not melting, and I am no hick, so please grant me my wish and then have a rest.

"Forget climate change scares—think of me, my dear friend.

Then, with a Captain's call, I'll dub you Sir Saint Nick and you'll be safe for centuries on end and you and your reindeer will never be sick."

Like a roundabout clown with open mouth, rolling eyes, Santa said, "Playing favourites isn't so wise. Let's not be dumb - your letter I'll file behind those of other Aussie guys, Kevin, Julia, Malcolm, and also Dutton."



**Meryl Brown Tobin**

# Our Environment

## Grantville Foreshore Committee



**The Committee continues to do what it can to preserve and protect the foreshore reserve north of Grantville as far as Pioneer Bay. The foreshore reserve managed by the Committee has been buffeted by high tides and winds in recent weeks resulting in some tree damage. Funding is being pursued so that an arborist can deal with problem trees.**

The Committee is concerned that there are several instances in the crown land reserve of vegetation being illegally cut back and other materials introduced. This is mostly in the Malcom Drive/Stewart St areas. Anyone who has been involved in this type of activity should be aware that the Department of Environment and the Council have been alerted and action against those responsible may well follow.

**Eric Hornsby 0417 222087**

## So, the question remains

“Why is it so?” an article in the November 2018 edition of The Waterline News, has prompted Dr. Greg Parry, a Director of the Western Port Seagrass Partnership, to write. Most importantly, Dr. Parry sets down some relevant historical information and provides an insight to the future of Western Port and its Ramsar wetland:

- Seagrass is central to the ecology of Western Port, and its loss from Western Port in the late 1970s early 1980s remains perhaps the most serious marine environmental issue in Victoria.
- Western Port Seagrass Partnership (WPSP) became interested in planting mangroves when seagrass planted at Lang Lang more than a decade ago, died after it became covered in very fine mud.

The source of the mud appeared to be the adjacent Lang Lang cliffs, which subsequent CSIRO studies showed contributed about one third of the sediment entering Western Port. Our focus shifted from seagrass to mangroves as we endeavoured to reduce erosion and make the mudflats adjacent to the Lang Lang cliffs a more suitable habitat for seagrass.

Subsequently, WPSP have been developing new methods to grow mangroves at Grantville, where they once grew naturally, and at Lang Lang, where they have never grown naturally, but where erosion is causing a significant bay wide turbidity problem.

WPSP have recently been working with University of Melbourne which has a grant to develop new methods of protecting young mangroves. Some of their methods are a natural evolution of our techniques, although they are proposing to use larger and heavier structures.

Mangroves offer the potential to reduce erosion problems, by restoring a habitat that contributes to the natural ecology of the bay, including the re-establishment of seagrass upon which many fish and waders depend. However, mangroves grow slowly and to provide effective erosion protection, wide bands of mature trees are probably required. This could take 10 years once techniques are developed. Developing the techniques to enable mangroves to be established is our primary aim. It is not until this becomes possible that debates about where mangroves should be planted or not becomes very relevant.”

So it would seem that the question will remain for some time to come and as suggested in the November edition of The Waterline News, it's imperative that all research and activity associated with the preservation of Western Port be coordinated by a central body – a body that can “screen potential management

actions to identify those that are likely to lead to successful outcomes.”(1) Perhaps this may come about through the newly established National Centre for Coasts and Climate at The University of Melbourne, for while mangroves maybe the long-term solution, time is running out particularly with the increasing urbanisation of Western Port's hinterland and the associated pressures this will have on, conceivably, Victoria's most important “blue wedge”.

**Just ask George ...**

(1)Understanding the Western Port Environment - A summary of current knowledge and priorities for future research, Melbourne Water Corporation, November 2011.

## Nature-based Coastal Defences

The University of Melbourne ran an Open House at Grantville last month about their Nature-based Coastal Defences project as part of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's “Coastal Protection Plan for Grantville”.

The project team spoke about the proposal to grow mangroves in purpose-designed pods in the intertidal zone between the end of Malcolm Drive and Pioneer Bay, and gathered community thoughts about coastal erosion, flooding and climate change via a questionnaire. Prepared by the National Centre for Coast and Climate (NCCC) at The University of Melbourne, the questionnaire can be accessed via the NCCC website if you would like to add your comments. It's called: “Perceptions of coastal erosion and flooding” and the project team would appreciate your feedback.

The team will start installing the pods and planting the mangrove seeds this December and will report back to the community early next year.

The questionnaire can be found at:  
<https://nccc.edu.au/mangrove-survey>



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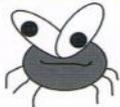
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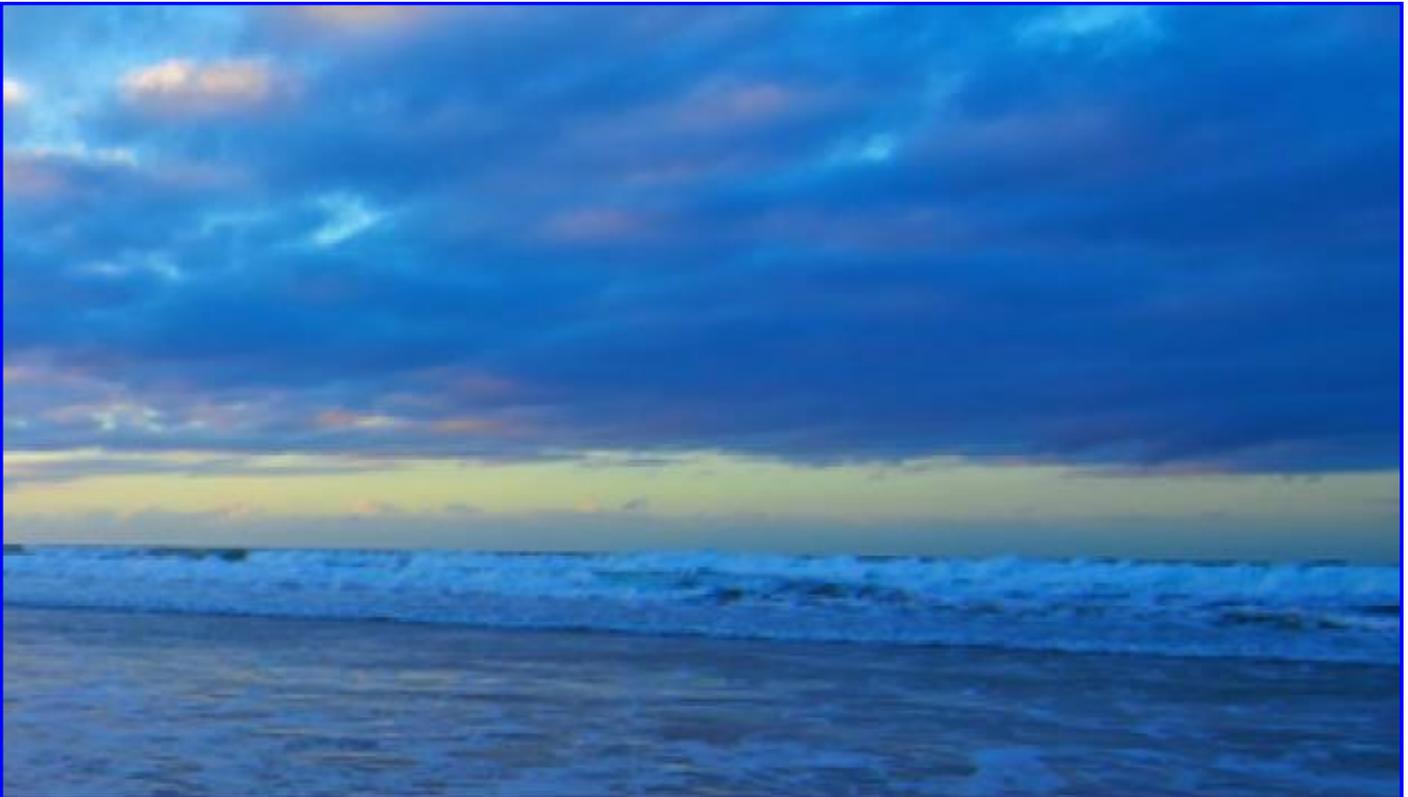
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