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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Approaching the end of the first quarter of 2018, where has the time gone? Plenty for you to read in this month's edition including details on a number of important community functions and also inclusion of some community groups who have just joined us.

In our February edition, we told you people wishing to switch to NBN should take their time because they had at least nine months. A local newspaper reported on 6 March that there is only one month left, this is NOT true.

NBN have confirmed to us that the copper phone line connections will be disconnected throughout Grantville in **April 2019**.

Over the past few months the Waterline News has undergone an unprecedented surge in popularity. Copies are distributed on the third Wednesday of each month and are being snapped up quickly from all the usual outlets.

Despite gradually increasing the print run there are still people missing out. Due to financial considerations and the need for the magazine to break even each month we are limited as to the number of copies we are able to print, currently capped at 1600.

People who have internet access can read the magazine on the website :

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We are trying as hard as we can to make sure that nobody misses out

Grantville GBCA News



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Secretary: Sandy Ridge
sandyr1903@gmail.com
Treasurer: Lester Harris
General Committee Members:
Margaret Boyer, Lucy Cirona,
Roger Clark, Darrell Egan, Greg Miller
and Betty Young.

Bass Valley Combined Churches Easter Services.



The Combined churches at Bass on Good Friday:

9am Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's Catholic Church, then Parade of witness with the cross from St Joseph's to St Paul's Anglican Church, then 10am Service at St Paul's

Easter Sunday

6.45am Dawn service at St George's Anglican Corinella
12.30pm Easter Eucharist at St Paul's Bass

St Augustine's Anglican Church San Remo

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Easter Sunday 8am and 10am

Grantville Baptist Easter Sunday 4pm



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CORINELLA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

2018 Committee

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Vice President. Peter Tait.

Secretary. David Laing.

Treasurer. Lyndell Parker

General Committee Member.

John Stewart.

It is so hard to believe that a whole month has slipped away since Australia Day, what a busy day for the CRRA Committee members, partners, and some volunteer members.

It is a time of reflection on how important and significant are the people who so generously share their time and skills with this community.

Three fabulous and gifted "volunteers" who shared just that, for both Carols at the Rotunda and Australia Day are Michael Kelzke, our own music guru, who does hours of "behind the scenes work" selecting and preparing all the music, set up and supplying all the equipment and gives us the pleasure of hearing his fine voice and guitar skills, as well, Bruce Cameron, an awesome, accomplished poet, writing and performing his own original pieces, and if you have never heard him, you have really missed out, he had the entire audience in stitches, he is a LEGEND!, Robynne Clarke, (we borrow her from Jam Jerrup) she delighted us with her rendition of some very famous Aussie classics, her beautiful voice and delightful personality. We also thank Trish Brooks (an Island girl!) who performed classic Australian Poetry, (what an amazing memory) for joining us again on Australia Day. We are so blessed to have such talented people in our community, so giving and generous with their time and their talents, you are all invited back next year.

It seems inadequate, just to say Thankyou, but we want you to know you are valued and appreciated.

Next meeting of the CRRA is Saturday 7th April 10am Corinella Community Centre.



All welcome to share "a cuppa and cake" at the conclusion.

Lyndell. Parker.



President: Jean Coffey 0419 500 593

Secretary: David Pearce 0401 514 339

We will be holding a Winter Solstice Festival of Light on the weekend of 22-24 June.

The magic of light on the darkest night of the year will be on display along the street and on the water. Let us know now if you would like to be involved.

All Tenby Point residents are welcome to join our association. Membership is just \$10 per household per year."

CORONET BAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



2018 Committee

President: David Buckingham

Vice President: Kevin Brown

Secretary: Stephanie Hartridge

Treasurer: Louise Gratton

General Committee Members:

Mel Gratton and Mark Hanrahan

The CBRRA meets four times a year and for just \$20 per family per annum 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.

The next CBRRA meeting is scheduled for Saturday 17th March at the Coronet Bay Hall. 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 CBRRA would be pleased to welcome any new members to the association. Please contact our Secretary Stephanie Hartridge on 0414 370 929 or email shartrid@bigpond.net.au.

Alternatively, you may contact our Treasurer Louise Gratton on 0408 358 374 or email louisegratton@gmail.com.

The Combined Community Group organises our markets and fairs.

We have a double header at Easter, with a market at the Community Hall on Saturday 31st March and a family beach fair the following day at the Coronet Bay foreshore. 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

David Buckingham, President



CORONET BAY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Chairperson: Ivan Bradshaw

(P: 5678 0663)

Email: coronetbaynhw@gmail.com

Facebook:

Coronet Bay Neighbourhood Watch

Police Report:

There was no crime reported in Coronet Bay, although surrounding areas were hit again, especially Corinella.

We still have UV pens available to purchase at their cost price of \$7, which can be used to 'secretly' mark valuable items with driver licence numbers. Driver licence numbers remain on records even after a death and can still be traced by surviving relatives.

We also have 'free' Neighbourhood Watch letterbox stickers available in two styles: the standard Neighbourhood Watch logo available to everyone for free; and one given free to those who purchase UV pens, warning items in the home are marked for Police identification. These stickers act as a deterrent to criminals.

Next meeting:

Monday March 19

Special Guest: Sergeant Bruce Kent from San Remo Police

Starts 7pm sharp, Coronet Bay Hall, Fred Gratton Reserve.

We'd love to see you - and a friend too.

Other meeting dates for your diary:

Apr 9, May 14, Jun 18, Jul 9, Aug 13, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10.

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Community Notes



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

Rhyll Wooden Boat Festival

The Rhyll Community Association would like to thank the Rhyll Wooden Boat Committee, the wonderful volunteers, the Bass Coast Shire Council for their support, and all importantly, the general public for attending.

Whether it was the Welcoming Smoking Ceremony, Blessing of the Fleet, checking out the wooden boats, Classic Cars, Art Exhibition, Junior School Art Competition, Youth Boat Building, Children's Pirate Trail, Free - try sailing, watching the Tri Sailing Yacht racing, or popping into the Angling Club or the Yacht club for refreshments, everyone seemed to be having a great time.

We believe Rhyll has provided a great start to the celebrations of 150 years of European Settlement on Phillip Island.

Rhyll Coast Action Celebrate past achievements.

Rhyll Coast Action was established in 1998 by several residents concerned about the invasive weeds along the northern foreshore reserve leading to Rhyll Inlet.

Recently, twenty-one members gathered to celebrate the hard work and achievements of the past twenty years, and to honour those who had the foresight and motivation to become a part of the then "joint State and Commonwealth funded program that worked with local groups and individuals to address the problems of degradation and then became actively involved in coastal management".

The celebration included a lovely dinner and much conversation stimulated by the viewing of the DVD compilation of photographs and news items highlighting past projects as well as the establishment of the group, with many before and after pictures showing project outcomes. During 2017 the group hosted a low-tide walk with officers and Councillors from Bass Coast Shire Council, around the north shore of Rhyll where the first plantings were placed. This very first project is the reason for the establishment of the group, when water run-off from residential drainage degraded the cliff-face. Over the years many weeds had embedded themselves in the cliff-face which added to the problem

making the area look unsightly. Now, the weeds are gone and what once was bare eroded earth is covered with lush green foliage of indigenous coastal plants like salt bushes, coast wattles and grasses which improve the natural values of the coastline. New members are always welcome; please find us on Facebook or contact us at rhyllcoastaction@gmail.com.

Bass Coast Branch of the National Trust "Islands of Inspiration"

Saturday April 28th 2018 9.00am - 4.30pm
As Phillip Island celebrates 150 years, join the Bass Coast Branch of the National Trust for a one day guided bus tour of Phillip and Churchill Islands:

We'll visit gardens and galleries where we'll meet the artists who've been inspired by life in this idyllic setting.

We'll view some of the innovative buildings at Surf Beach and Kitty Miller Bay.

Guest Speaker, renowned architect Professor Tim Shannon will enrich our experience as we tour.

Indigenous Artist Patrice Mahoney will deepen our appreciation of the local Indigenous Peoples' story and their spiritual connection with this place.

We'll explore Churchill Island's house & garden & enjoy lunch there.

Cost: \$30.00 per adult. Places are limited so booking is essential.

Information and booking: Visitor Centres at Newhaven, Cowes and Inverloch.

Phone: 1300 366 422

PIONEER BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Contact :
Zena Benbow
pbpa@bigpond.com



Pioneer Bay Roads & Drainage Upgrade Project was unanimously voted through at the February 21st Council meeting. Time will tell whether VCAT will entertain objections, given the transparency of the process so far, which I believe Council Officers should be commended for. The onus has been on the property owners to participate in discussions and put their preferred options forward towards the development of the final plan. Owners have been kept informed via correspondence throughout the process on these discussions and findings. Much has been discussed regarding the exorbitant charges levied on each property, Melbourne Water's contribution vis-a-vis Council's Contribution to the 4.4 to 4.5 million dollar price tag of this project; time will tell whether Pioneer Bay streets end up paved with gold. (You knew the musical reference had to come at some time!) Wishing everyone a safe Easter!

Zena Benbow



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

The 2018 committee is:

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

U3A BASS VALLEY - 2018 ENROLMENT

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

Art for Pleasure

Book Club

Creative Writing

Gardening,

Get Creative

Local History (new)

Movie & Theatre Appreciation,

Tai Chi for Arthritis,

Travel & History

Welding

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

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



TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

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

Other U3A Groups in the Waterline News area are at:

Cowes (Pical)

Phone 5952 1131

and

Wonthaggi

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

Ph: 03 5672 3951



Community Directory



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

Artists' Society of Phillip Island

56-58 Church Street Cowes

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

Australian Red Cross

Woodleigh Vale Branch

Contact Sheila Campbell 5 678 8210

Bass Coast Community Baptist Church

Minister - Barry MacDonald 5995 3904

OP SHOP Mon-Saturday (Judy) 0498 350 634

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 or 0409851599

Bass Valley Community Group

Monday - Friday 5678 2277

Bass Valley Landcare

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Cape Woolamai Coast Action

Email

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Corinella & District Probus Club

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Corinella Boating & Angling Club

Website: 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

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

www.corinellacomunitycentre.org.au

Corinella & District Men's Shed

& Woodies Group Corinella Road

Contact: Ken Thomas 0427 889 191

Corinella Foreshore Committee

Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

Coronet Bay, & Surrounds Playgroup

(0-4yrs) Coronet Bay Hall

Mondays 10am—12noon

Contacts: Catherine 0416 112 629

Coronet Bay Adult Social Club

Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall

Ann 5678 0341

Country Women's Association of Vic inc.

Bass Group.

Coronet Bay Margot 0409 559 047

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 sandyr1903@gmail.com

Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

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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

Lang Lang Community Centre

Coordinator Marg Hambleton 5997 5704

Email: llcc@langlang.net

Lang Lang Cricket Club

Secretary: Sharon May 0459 368 431

Lang Lang Playgroup

(0-Preschool) Thursdays 9.30am

Contact Bon 0439 886 843

Lions Club of Bass Valley

First Tuesday each month 6pm

Grantville Transaction Centre then third

Tuesday each month, Dinner at Bass Hotel.

Gayle Robertson 0408 509 259

Nyora Youth Group

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

Phillip Island Bowls Club

Dunsmore Avenue, Cowes.

New members welcome, Free coaching

Contact George Mol 0407 851 065

Phillip Island Community Art & Craft

Gallery Inc.

Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave

All Enquiries Call Aleta 0419 525 609

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Contact Jack 0434 944 380

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The Phillip Island & District Railway

Contact Peter 5956 9513

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56-58 Church Street, Cowes 5952 1131

Linda Morrison manager@pical.org.au

Phillip Island Patchworkers

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Contact - Lyn Duguid 0427 593 936

phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com

Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

Phone bookings 5952 2973

Email piscc123@gmail.com

Phillip Island Squares

Square Dancing, Bass Valley Community Hall.

Bass School Rd,

Contact: Carol 5952 5875

Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow pbpa@bigpond.com

Probus Club of Corinella and District

First Wednesday of each month at the Bass

Hotel.

Contact Heather Reid 0421 012 519

Rob Parsons 0402 852 300

Probus Club of San Remo

Second Monday of the month (except January)

10am at the Newhaven Public Hall. Visitors

Welcome.

Enquiries: Bob Andrews 0437 526 757

Rhyll Community Association.

Secretary Cheryl Overton 0427 680 483

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 Support after Suicide

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Email southgippslandsas@gmail.com

Survivors of Suicide

Raising awareness to aid prevention

Jillian Drew 0413 056 165

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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

Woolamai Racing Club

Contact the Secretary (03) 5678 7585

Around the Markets & Op Shops

MARKETS



Every Sunday

Kongwak Market

10am - 3pm

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

Enquiries: Jane 0408 619 182



2nd Saturday

Coal Creek Farmers' Market

Coal Creek Community Park 8am - 12.30pm

50+ stalls

coalcreekfm@hotmail.com

Contact for information 0459 629 000

Cowes Island Craft Market

102 Thompson Avenue, 9am - 2pm

In the grounds of St Phillips Church

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

Contact for further details 0412 710 276

Corinella Community Market

Contact details 0435 736 510

4th Saturday

Churchill Island Farmers' Market

40+ stalls. 8am - 1pm

peter@rfm.net.au

Further Information 0439 364 760

Cowes Market on Chapel

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

Further information-contact 0428 603 043

1st Sunday

Jumbunna Bush Market

Jumbunna Hall

Further information, phone 5657 3253

2nd Sunday

Koowe Community Market

Cochrane Park, Rossiter Rd 8am - 1.30pm

Indoor/outdoor Phone 0418 289 847

Email: info@kooweemarket.com.au

Rotary Club Market Wonthaggi

Apex Park 8am - 1pm, 50+ stalls

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

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

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

10+ stalls

Bric a brac, 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

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Lang Lang Community Op Shop

12 Westernport Road

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Saturday 10am - 1pm

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Nyora Op Shop at the Nyora Station

Open Monday - Saturday 9am - 1pm.

Enquiries to Sylvia, Phone 5659 0089

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San Remo Op Shop

Back Beach Road.

Enquiries 5671 9200

Email: info@basscoasthealth.org.au

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Community Centres and other local news



Who are we?

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre incorporating Mitchell House and the Harvest Centre is run by a community based Committee of Management. We aim to provide a positive, welcoming environment where you can meet new friends, learn or share skills, ideas and information. If you're interested in being more involved in your Neighbourhood Centre call in and have a chat to the Coordinator Jan Bourne. News from Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre (Mitchell House) To call: 5672 3731

There is a lot on at the WNC. There may be quite a few activities or courses you would like to take up and costs can accumulate. Become a member and get a WNC discount, please ring to find out more and to book in for activities.

Special Event:

National Harmony Day Special Event 'Everybody Belongs' is on Saturday 24th March 11.30am to 3.30pm. This is a big event celebrating our rich cultural diversity in our country. The Australian Government's message of 'Everyone Belongs' reinforces the importance of inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone in Australia. To start the day, there is a Street Parade where we gather at the Poppet Head in McBride Ave at 11.30 for 12 noon start. At the Town Hall at 1pm there will be a photographic exhibition and a film 'Many Faces: One Community' - plus other celebrations highlighting Wonthaggi's wonderful multicultural story as well as singing, cultural performances, games and food tastings

To support Pre Schoolers:

Tea & Tots Facilitated Play Group is on Mondays 10.30am - 12noon. This is a weekly play group which includes story time with a special guest reader, free play and a healthy morning tea. Call to book.

For older children:

Tuesday Night Youth Hang Out! Is from 6.30 - 8.30pm and is a weekly get together at the Harvest Centre Shed for young people to drop in, meet with others, relax, share dinner and play board games.

For Health & Wellbeing:

Tai Chi for Beginners is on Thursdays 10.30 - 11.30am. A gentle introduction to Tai Chi with experienced practitioner Vicki Clark. Wear flat non-slip shoes and comfortable loose clothes. Please book.

Meditation Practice is on Tuesdays 2 - 4pm. Learn in a small informal group with Marion Bowes on how to relax and meditate. It just requires gentle practise.

Social Support:

Multicultural Women's Group is on Thursdays 10am - 12 noon. There is much to gain from sharing different cultural experiences. This new, culturally diverse group meet over a relaxing cuppa and share ideas and experiences. Call Janice Connor on 0401 164 520 for further information.



It's autumn already, that felt like a very quick summer? Did you know that we have rooms for hire, our function room is great for events and celebrations. We also have a smaller meeting room, reasonable rates, call to discuss. What's happening at your local community centre in Term 2 2018? We have activities and groups running every day; our term program is completed and can be viewed on our webpage at:

www.corinellacommunitycentre.org.au. Want to get back into the workforce or go onto further study? Brush up on your computer skills or further develop your skills, we have the Pre-Accredited Course for you. We will be running a basic computer course: Intel® Learn Easy Steps program. Call us for further information on 5678 0777. Learn about the history of the small towns of Corinella, Coronet Bay, Grantville, Bass and The Gurdies - Tales of Yesteryear will be running for 6 weeks. Want to learn how to create beautiful mosaics? We have an enthusiastic group that meets fortnightly, on a Thursday from 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. where you can work on your own masterpieces amongst likeminded people. On Monday evenings our local Yoga guru, Nikki runs the very popular yoga classes. The Crafties meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, bring along your crafts that you are working on or have not had the time to finish and join a bunch of fellow Crafties for a fun morning out. Every Thursday, local artist Keith facilitates an art group where you can work on your paintings and get some tips from Keith. Introducing a new service, our local Justice of the Peace, Libby will be available at the centre each Thursday 10.30—12.00 for witnessing docs, declarations etc. Call to make an appointment with Libby. Every Thursday at 12.00 pm, we run the 'Autumn Days Social Lunch.' Everybody's welcome to enjoy a light lunch whilst having a 'chinwag' with

others, cost is by donation. Book club is a great group that runs on the second Thursday evening of every month. Join Libby and the group to discuss or debate the book of the month. The lovely women of the St Georges Church Auxiliary host a delicious three-course community lunch on the second Friday of the month.

The food pantry is open every day to support people to put food on their table. This free service is designed to provide enough food in emergencies to get through a 24-hour period. We have a range of pantry goods, fresh fruit and vegetables. Fresh fruit and vegetables are generously donated every week by our friends, the Riccardi family at La Provincia in Corinella. Drop in to have a browse of our free book exchange, grab a book, swap a book or donate a book, up to you. We have a great range available for our selection. CDCC run regular small bus trips to city markets, theatre shows, hot springs etc., call us to register your interest and enjoy a day out without the hassle of driving. We have created the 'West Wall Gallery' in the foyer of the centre and are hosting monthly exhibitions of local artists. All of the exhibiting artists are living in the district, support your locals by dropping by and maybe purchase their work. We have two hosted tours running this term (dates to be advised). First off is a tour and talk at the Corinella Historic Cemetery and the second tour is a Historic Tour of Corinella. Join our local historian superstar 'Libby' as she recounts the history of the area. Cost is \$15.00 per person, book a spot on 5678 0777. Do you need a small bus to get to events? We hire out the Waterline Community Bus (9 seater) at very reasonable rates. Call us to check availability and prices.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers, do you have a spare day a week? If so give Iain a call and come and join the team. Volunteer roles are mostly in office administration but if you have special skills do call in and have a chat.

Contact:

Iain Ritchie
Manager (Tues to Fri)
Corinella and District Community Centre
48 Smythe Street Corinella 3984
Ph: (03) 5678 0777
Mob: 0409 528 543
FB: @corinellaCommunityCentre

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



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7 Westernport Rd, Lang Lang 3984

Contact (03) 5997 5704
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Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre



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

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Sustainable Living Free Workshops

Find out about how climate change impacts your health, resilience and emergency planning at the Hewitt Eco House, 215 Rossiter Road Koo Wee Rup.

- Sat. 10am - 1pm 21st April: Energy efficiency, upgrades & savings
- Sat. 10am - 1pm 19th May: Waste management
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- Sat. 10am - 1pm 18th August: Sustainable consumption & food production

RSVP Lea Duff 5997 9790
duffl@krhs.net.au

Free Art in the Garden

Explore the Koo Wee Rup Community Garden, meet artists showcasing their talents. Exhibition and sale of artworks, refreshments available.

Sunday 15th April
11am - 3pm
215 Rossiter Road Koo Wee Rup

KRHS is a 72 bed Public Hospital.

We provide a range of community and centre based services:

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website: www.kooweeruphospital.net.au

The Woodleigh Vale Branch of Red Cross



Invite you to a dinner in aid of Red Cross

Calling

6.30pm in the Community Hall Kernot;

Saturday 7 April. \$25pp

There will be a raffle and entertainment

Please contact to book
Secretary 5997 6127

Art in the Garden – Sunday 15th April 2018 11am -3pm Community Garden Koo Wee Rup – Free Entry 215 Rossiter Rd, Koo Wee Rup



The Community Garden adjacent to the Koo Wee Rup hospital is a charming collection of vegetable and ornamental plants. On Sunday the 15th April it will also host artists demonstrating their techniques and artwork. This will include scratchboard, printing, mosaics, painting and basket weaving. Visitors making the most of our extended summer weather will enjoy discovering the many weird and wonderful art pieces. The local Art Class will also display their artworks.

Pakenham Rocks will be making an appearance and special artist's rocks can be found hidden throughout the garden. Also you will be able to paint your own little rock masterpiece. Also come and add to the community canvas.

The Men's Shed will provide refreshments and Pizza for sale. Event Coordinator Jillian Ronald said "Art in the Garden is a wonderful day out. The combination of Art and Gardens is irresistible."



The event will run regardless of the weather as there is plenty of shelter come rain or shine!

More Community News



CFA NEWS With Michele Fulwell

BMO's and BAL's

With a lot of building going on in Grantville there has been a bit of discussion about Bushfire Management Overlays (BMO) and Bushfire Attack Levels (BAL), what they are and who can help with them. BMO's are planning controls applied to land with the potential to be affected by extreme bushfires. The mapping criteria were developed in partnership with the CFA and CSIRO and have been applied in consultation with local councils. Fire Authorities have assessed Grantville as having a VERY HIGH bushfire risk and Adams Estate and The Gurdies as having an EXTREME bushfire risk and BMO's are in place for these areas.

If your land is within the BMO you may need a planning permit to develop or subdivide your property. Hopefully your builder can assist you through the process but your first point of contact for general help and advice on a planning permit is Bass Coast Shire Council. The CFA website has a great deal of information (<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/planning-and-bushfire-management-overlay/>) including information about tank connections, standard permit conditions, bushfire management statements and plans. The DELWP website has more information on preparing a planning application under the BMO (www.planning.vic.gov.au/bushfire-protection/bushfire-management-overlay). There are many guides, fact sheets and templates in the Technical Information section of its bushfire protection page. The BAL is a means of measuring the severity of a building's potential exposure to ember attack, radiant heat and direct flame contact, used as the basis for establishing the requirements for construction to improve protection of a (proposed) building from potential bushfire attack. There are 6 BAL ratings in total: LOW, 12.5, 19, 29, 40 and FZ. BAL-LOW does not apply in the Bushfire Management Overlay or Bushfire Prone Areas.

Hopefully your BAL is indicated on your section 32 or title but if not assistance is available from qualified Bushfire Planning and Design (BPAD) provider. BPAD providers can be found on the Fire Protection Association of Australia website. Your local CFA brigades are unable to assist with BAL assessments or planning inquiries.

Grantville Adventure Expo

Sunday April 15, 2018 from 10 am till 4 pm
Grantville Reserve, Bass Highway
Grantville

The Kernot-Grantville Fire Brigade will again be holding their major fundraiser for the year on Sunday April 15, 2018 from 10 am till 4 pm, at the Grantville Reserve, Bass Highway Grantville. The Grantville Adventure Expo offers something for the whole family, with Camping, Caravanning and Outdoor products along with 4X4's, Utes and Vans on display. There will be plenty of activities for the kids including, Jumping Castle, Face painting and more, as well as live music, trade stands, market stalls, cooking demonstrations, Raffle and a Live Auction. For the first time this year there will be a rock climbing wall onsite and with five different climbs the wall is suitable for all ages.

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Social - Days out - Theatre, lunches, shopping trips etc.

Important Dates:

March 26 - Craft 10:00 am

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

We would like to fulfil the needs for ladies of all ages with Social Chatter and learning the services Country Women's Association has provided for the past 90 years

**Any info your welcome to call Betty on
0418 396 863 anytime**



CWA Bass Group 64th

CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION



7th and 8th April 2018

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Member's exhibits plus craft demonstrations

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Admission \$5 adults, children with adult free

Morning/Afternoon teas and light luncheons available

Contact Gwen Swan 0409 174 684

Health

DEMENTIA

Five reasons you shouldn't be the sole caregiver



I meet caregivers constantly. Caregivers looking after their mothers, fathers, spouses, siblings, best friends, aunts, uncles...they all have a story worth telling. Almost all of them are the sole caregiver.

Somehow, somehow, they've found themselves in the position of looking after another adult 24/7. Be it because "no one else can do it," or out of sheer guilt, the caregiver becomes the only person taking care of the individual with dementia.

Don't be your loved one's sole caregiver. It's an impossible task.

1. When you are raising a healthy child, the child gets better at caring for themselves over time. People with dementia get worse and worse over time. It's a task that gets harder and harder.

2. It's not healthy for you.

Your nagging guilt is whispering in your ear, "You have to stick it out!" I'm telling you that your Guilt is wrong, and it needs to shut up. Being another adult's sole caregiver is not healthy for you. In fact, due to the intense emotional (and often physical!) stress of caring for someone, many caregivers die before the person with dementia does.

3. It's not healthy for the person with dementia.

You can't be everything and everywhere, and your person with dementia needs 24/7 care. Even if you are doing everything you can, it's not going to be enough. Maybe you lay down for a quick nap (a normal thing to do!) and your loved one with dementia is out the door when you wake up. They need more care than one person can provide.

4. Everyone needs socialization.

This is a big one for me. People need to socialize, and seeing the same face, day after day, isn't really healthy, especially when that face doesn't match your cognitive level. Your loved one with dementia can't really communicate with you on their level, and you can't communicate with them on your level. There's a huge mismatch here that causes two individuals to essentially "drop out" of normal society due to isolation.

5. There are so many other options.

It's true: there are other options for housing, culture, and safety for the person with dementia. To name a few good ones: You live in an Independent Living Community and they live with you; moving that person to Assisted Living; trying Adult Day Care; hiring a Home Care Agency. There are many more combinations of options, as well.

Here's my main point:

Stop being your person's sole caregiver.



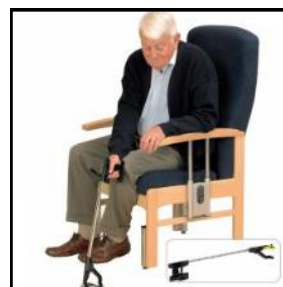
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Corner Bass Highway and Pier Road, Grantville

from 10am-12pm
Dates for 2018

25 January	28 June
22 Feb	26 July
22 March	23 August
26 April	27 September
24 May	25 October
	22 November

These meetings are hosted by trained volunteers who have themselves been bereaved by the suicide of a loved one.
For further details or to RSVP
email southgippslandsas@gmail.com OR phone 03 9421 7640

 Jesuit Social Services
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What Do You Mean "I Have Damp Accumulation?"

The Concept of Damp in Chinese Medicine



Damp is such a descriptive word.

What do you think of?

Wet? Cold or Heat? Sticky? Heavy?

These are all excellent words to describe the nature of how the pathogen Damp, is viewed in Chinese Medicine (a pathogen is a biological agent that causes disease or illness). Chinese Medicine also considers Cold, Heat, Wind and Dryness, or a combination of these, as pathological factors that cause dysfunction in the human system.

Meaning that turbulent or fierce elements outside the body can also cause havoc inside the body. This makes sense in a philosophy that sees ourselves as fundamentally connected to our environment.

In the body, Damp is one of the most problematic pathogens. Usually it is a result of the digestive organs (the Spleen & Stomach in TCM) functioning clumsily and fluids, instead of hydrating the body or being excreted as waste, start to accumulate in various weakened or sensitive areas.

For some people its the lungs and sinus, leading to constant phlegm, coughs or clogged sinuses.

For others its in the digestion as bloating, gas or diarrhoea. Sometimes it manifests in the head as foggy thinking or inability to concentrate.

Other times it's a heavy throbbing headache. There are so many ways that Damp can accumulate and cause problems, but there are things that you can do! Your digestion needs balance and warmth to function properly, just like the rest of you, so here are some things to avoid.

Stay away from icy drinks or too many salads.

Try to avoid late night or irregular eating, overeating, processed or pesticide laden foods and particularly dairy and too much sweet, stodgy or rich food.

Do more exercise.

Movement increases blood flow, oxygenates the tissue, and removes toxin build up throughout the body. Eat good quality fresh wholefoods, organic if you can.

Drink plenty of water.

Balance and simplify your life as much as you can and get some treatments to support you!

Call Safflower Chinese Medicine on 59567011, or book online at www.safflowerclinic.com.au.



Further Information

www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/



Immunisation Program 2018

Cowes	Wonthaggi	Grantville
Cowes Cultural Centre Main Hall and Foyer 91-97 Thompson Avenue 10.30am to 12.30pm	Old Wonthaggi Post Office Cnr McBride Ave and Watt Street (next to Shire Offices) 10.30am to 12.30pm	Grantville Transaction Centre 1504-1510 Bass Highway 10.30am to 12.00pm
Second Tuesday of each month	Third Tuesday of each month	Second Thursday of each month
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What to bring to an immunisation session
Please bring along the following to ensure a smooth and fast process for you and your children.

- Child's Health and Development Record Book (green book)
- Medicare Card



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& Lifestyle

Night Sweats



It is important to note that flushing (a warmth and redness of the face or body) may be hard to distinguish from true night sweats.

There are many different causes of night sweats.

To find the cause, a doctor must get a detailed medical history and order tests to decide if another medical condition is responsible for the night sweats. Some of the known conditions that can cause night sweats are:

Menopause.

The hot flashes that accompany menopause can occur at night and cause sweating.

This is a very common cause of night sweats in women.

Idiopathic hyperhidrosis.

Idiopathic hyperhidrosis is a condition in which the body chronically produces too much sweat without any identifiable medical cause.

Infections.

Tuberculosis is the infection most commonly associated with night sweats. But bacterial infections, such as endocarditis (inflammation of the heart valves), osteomyelitis (inflammation in the bones), and abscesses can cause night sweats. Night sweats are also a symptom of HIV infection.

WebMD

Cancers.

Night sweats are an early symptom of some cancers. The most common type of cancer associated with night sweats is lymphoma.

However, people who have an undiagnosed cancer frequently have other symptoms as well, such as unexplained weight loss and fevers.

Medications.

Taking certain medications can lead to night sweats. Antidepressant medications are a common type of drug that can lead to night sweats. From 8% to 22% of people taking antidepressant drugs have night sweats. Other psychiatric drugs have also been associated with night sweats. Medicines taken to lower fever, such as aspirin and acetaminophen, can sometimes lead to sweating. Many other drugs can cause night sweats or flushing.

Hypoglycemia.

Low blood sugar can cause sweating. People who are taking insulin or oral diabetes medications may have hypoglycemia at night that is accompanied by sweating.

Hormone disorders.

Sweating or flushing can be seen with several hormone disorders, including pheochromocytoma, carcinoid syndrome, and hyperthyroidism.

Neurologic conditions.

Uncommonly, neurologic conditions including autonomic dysreflexia, posttraumatic syringomyelia, stroke, and autonomic neuropathy may cause increased sweating and may lead to night sweats.

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Quick and Easy Ways to Get Healthier Fast

Silence your phone at night

Don't let your loved ones interrupt a deep sleep.

Alert friends and family to your normal sleeping times to minimize noisy calls and texts."

Turning the phone off works, too!

Get your shots

Get a yearly flu vaccine?

Great. Now add a Tdap booster. Tdap stands for tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis—and that last disease, also known as whooping cough, is a particularly dangerous respiratory illness. In fact, cases of pertussis have risen about 137% since 2000.

For most adults, that means a nasty cough; in children, it can be worse, so if you have kids or are around kids, it's essential to get vaccinated.

Even if you got the shot as a child, you still need one booster as a grown-up. (You'll also need a tetanus booster every 10 years.)

Keep medical info handy

Put a card in your wallet that lists any allergies you have and medications you're taking, in case you end up in the ER and are unable to speak for yourself. It could just save your life.

Take a ticker test

You may not think about your cholesterol, but you should:

Having high numbers is a major heart-disease risk factor that even slim women can have.

Go outside!

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PHILLIP ISLAND JAZZ CLUB
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The Jackson Four



The Jackson Four have been impressing audiences across Australia and internationally since 2013. Recently they were the 'surprise hit' of the Devonport Jazz Festival 2017 with 3 sell out full house shows. Followed by an invitation to perform in the UK during the international Edinburgh festival. Their latest release, 'Kool Kats - The Jackson Four', also reached top 5 on the Australian Blues and Roots Radio Chart in September. The band has developed quite a following overseas. In the Southern U.S., Europe and especially in the U.K. Locally, they've appeared at festivals including the Wangaratta International Jazz, Marysville Jazz and Blues, Bendigo Blues and Roots, Devonport Jazz, By the Bay - Wine and Blues (Kingston), Eltham Jazz and Blues, Stonnington Jazz, Castlemaine Jazz, Mornington Winter Jazz and Frankston Waterfront to name just a few. 2018 will see new exciting developments. With the band releasing 'Kool Kats' in the US as continued interest has grown since the release of their debut CD.

For more information please contact
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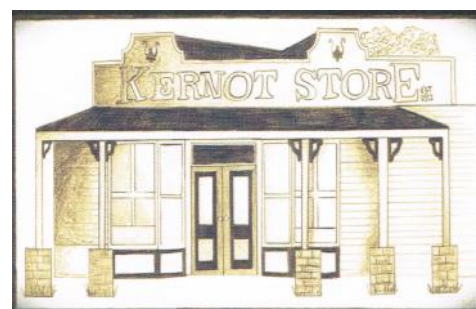


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Concordia coming to Cowes again! Something you may not know Jazz History

Robin Blackman



The extremely popular, and talented, Concordia Mandolin and Guitar Ensemble have a concert coming up in Cowes, next month.

They will be playing at the St John's Uniting Church, 86 Chapel Street Cowes on Sunday April 8 at 2pm.

Tickets will be \$25 (or \$20 concession). Children under 12 free.

Concordia Mandolin and Guitar Ensemble turns forty this year, their first rehearsal being held in June 1978. They have toured Italy, and recorded five CDs, the latest being 'Ringing the Strings' released in 2017 and featuring several pieces by their resident composer, and lead guitarist, Michelle Nelson. They continue to feature her works and many from this CD at our concerts.

The ensemble comprises mandolins, mandolas (learner and deeper than mandolins), a mandocello (deeper again), guitars and double basses. The relationship between these instruments is similar to violin, viola and cello, but our instruments are played with a plectrum, rather than a bow.

They also have a new website, so feel free to look there -
www.concordiamandolins.org.au/



Leon Bismark "Bix" Beiderbecke (March 10, 1903 – August 6, 1931)

"Bix" Beiderbecke was an American jazz cornetist, pianist, and composer. With Louis Armstrong and Muggsy Spanier, Beiderbecke was one of the most influential jazz soloists of the 1920s. His turns on "Singin' the Blues" and "I'm Coming, Virginia" (both 1927), in particular, demonstrated an unusual purity of tone and a gift for improvisation. With these two recordings, especially, he helped to invent the jazz ballad style and hinted at what, in the 1950s, would become cool jazz. "In a Mist" (1927), one of a handful of his piano compositions and one of only two he recorded, mixed classical (Impressionist) influences with jazz syncopation. A native of Davenport, Iowa, Beiderbecke taught himself to play cornet largely by ear, leading him to adopt a non-standard fingering some critics have connected to his original sound.

He first recorded with Midwestern jazz ensembles, The Wolverines and The Bucktown Five in 1924, after which he played briefly for the Detroit-based Jean Goldkette Orchestra before joining Frankie "Tram" Trumbauer for an extended gig at the Arcadia Ballroom in St. Louis. Beiderbecke and Trumbauer joined Goldkette in 1926.

The band toured widely and famously played a set opposite Fletcher Henderson at the Roseland Ballroom in New York City in October 1926.

He made his greatest recordings in 1927 (see above).

In 1928, Trumbauer and Beiderbecke left Detroit to join the best known dance orchestra in the country: the New York based Paul Whiteman Orchestra.

Beiderbecke's most influential recordings date from his time with Goldkette and Whiteman, although they were generally recorded under his own name or Trumbauer's.

The Whiteman period also marked a precipitous decline in Beiderbecke's health, brought on by the demand of the bandleader's relentless touring and recording schedule in combination with Beiderbecke's persistent alcoholism.

A few stints in rehabilitation centres, as well as the support of Whiteman and the Beiderbecke family in Davenport, did not check Beiderbecke's decline in health. He left the Whiteman band in 1930 and the following summer died in his Queens apartment at the age of 28.

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Flavour of the Pandan leaves



Up till late last year I was dreaming of growing a pandan plant, (pandanus amaryllifolius), in my garden, but this aromatic flavouring plant was impossible to get.

In the last couple of decades or so I could buy fresh pandan leaves from Asian grocery stores and a bunch would be too much for my immediate need so I would freeze the rest. The pandan leaf is an essential flavouring and colouring herb in the South and South East Asian cuisine. In Malaysia most kitchen garden would have a clump of the pandan plant growing and when the leaves are needed you only have to pick what you need.

It is difficult to describe the flavour and aroma of the pandan leaves, but if you have grown up with it you will notice its taste and perfume in rice that has been boiled with a couple of the knotted leaves, or in cakes or deserts that have been coloured

green by the juice extracted from the leaves. To extract the green juice I would simply pound the leaves, using the mortar and pestle, and add a small amount of water to the paste before squeezing out the fragrant deep green juice. A Malay cake, known as Seri Muka, is made up of a base of steamed glutinous rice topped with a custard mixture of sugar, eggs, coconut cream and pandan juice and then steamed to form a perfumed delicacy of striking green and white. This is one cake not worth making without the pandan juice.

I was at a nursery last December when I noticed a collection of plastic pots containing what looked like pandan plants. I looked closely and sure enough, the label read 'pandanus amaryllifolius'. I would have bought a couple of the plant but prudence cautioned me to start by growing one to see if it could survive the Melbourne winter. The pandanus, as it is sometimes called, is a tropical plant requiring a hot and humid climate. On the label the advice given is to bring the plant indoor in winter as it will not tolerate the cold. I wonder if buying fresh pandan leaves from the Asian grocery store would be a cheaper option. I worry about my inability to provide even the minimum heat and humidity required to keep the plant alive in the depth of winter. It definitely needs mollycoddling.

At the moment my pot of pandanus is doing well. A new shoot is telling me that the heat and humidity we have been getting is

just what the plant needs to thrive. I could wish for more of such weather but the discomfort would send me limp and useless. The plant itself is attractive, with long, narrow, sword-like dark green leaves. It multiplies by suckering and will do so in the right condition. The new shoots with roots can then be removed from the parent and potted in a friable mix. A good drainage is essential as the pandanus root will rot in damp condition.

It is my dream to pick fresh pandan leaves from my garden, when needed, instead of having to retrieve the frozen ones from the freezer. One of the dishes I have used the leaves for is to wrap the leaf around a small chunk of spiced chicken meat, secure it with toothpick and deep fry till golden. The leaf will infuse the cooked chicken with a subtle flavour and fragrance that makes such a difference to a simple dish. The leaf is discarded, of course. Search for 'chicken in pandan leaves' on the net and you will find a few recipes.

My pandan plant will be looked after with a lot of care in winter as I want it to multiply in the summer months so I can simply walk into the garden to pick any number of leaves needed at any time.

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Shirani Perera, from Claypot Curry House tells her own story.

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Of course Monday morning came and we forgot the trip to the countryside and returned to our usual jobs.

The weekend rolls along and we take a step forward by discussing our thoughts with a real estate agent.

Mid week we received a call from the agent saying that he found the ideal place for us and if interested we should come down and see the property. We had never heard of Woolamai, the agent said it was 10 – 15 mins from Grantville. It was a cold, wet and mid winter's day in July. The mist was rolling off the Bass hills as we drove towards Woolamai. It struck a chord with me the place reminded me so much of places where I grew up amongst the majestic mountains carpeted with tea plantations. On this day Woolamai was very similar with the hills being Emerald half clothed in mist.

I took an immediate liking to the house and the surrounds and my family wanted to know what I was going to do with the property. I said "I'd be growing food crops".

Food crops did I grow in the first few years. During the first year I harvested

nearly 75 kilos of garlic and shallots. I was impressed. The ideas now filled my brain, why not a little vegetable stall, provide fresh food to Melbourne restaurants or cook and show how good fresh tropical vegetables taste.



We started as a small cooking school in the shed which is now the restaurant. People just walked in and liked what they saw. A lady suggested "why not a restaurant?" My husband and I were both still working our normal jobs in Melbourne from Monday to Friday. We are not chefs by profession. Just the love of experimenting with cooking and food brought us on this journey. My idea was to make it look, feel and taste like Sri Lanka where I grew up. The builder and painter were fascinated with the idea, colours and décor but followed my instructions. They too were chuffed by the finished product. I must admit that I had no idea how to get the business off the ground. Two ladies in particular at the Bass Coast Shire Council (only Roslyn Jensen is still around) visited me and encouraged me to commence my business. Thanks to their support I got further courage to steam ahead.

The article published in the "Sentinel Times" attracted many people to make enquiries, the locals came along to see the place and booked in for meals. All their generous comments and support only made me believe in the business more and more. I wanted to give all my clients the best of Sri Lankan food in our small restaurant. I grow vegetables which I grew in Sri Lanka and then have gradually cooked and introduced to the restaurant. Every dish has been a winner.

We try and source most of the seasonal

vegetables from the garden and all our food for the restaurant is made from scratch. Not a single ingredient comes from a can or a packet. We want the natural goodness of the food to be retained as much as possible. My personal philosophy is keep it simple and natural as much as possible. This is how my business operates. We do have a booking in advance system so that food doesn't go to waste and the preparation time it takes is quite long. We recycle most of the green waste back into the soil with no chemicals used in the growing process except for earthworm juice. We do not provide straws at all.

It so happened that a 3AW food critique had lunch one Sunday and on the following Friday she gave our restaurant the best public review that we've ever had and following that was also awarded the best regional restaurant that year (see our website for the recording of her review). This boosted our business greatly. Up to now we have people who heard this review come to dine at our restaurant or participate in the Cooking School.

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The French Island News



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

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

Calling 000 is always the best option in an emergency.

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From bread and milk to plumbing supplies, the store provides so many goods and services, we can't

name them all here. In the meantime, whether it's distilled water for batteries or a fuel filter for the car, ring to find out what's in stock. Newspapers can also be ordered from the store with at least 24 hours notice.

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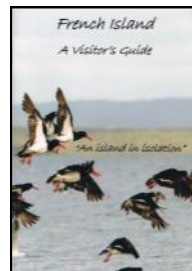
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French Island Visitor's Guide

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



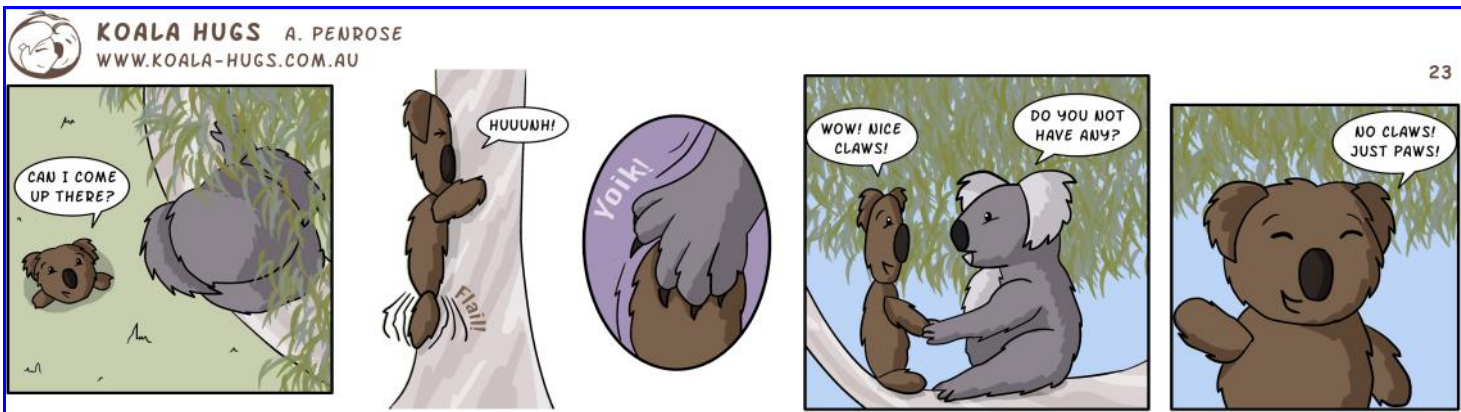
Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*

This very large bird can be identified by its white body plumage, black head and wing-tips and long, black bill which curves downwards. It is a common sight on the mudflats and saltmarshes along the coast and around the wetland areas.



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

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

The French Island News

Eastern Barred Bandicoot Update



Amy Coetsee

Last year, Zoos Victoria and the EBB Recovery Team sent out a joint letter to all community members via email, mail drop and the noticeboard, encouraging everyone to have their say on the proposed EBB release.

We received two letters of opposition that Zoos Victoria have now responded to. All feedback, whether positive or negative, is welcomed and helps ensure that this project will be a success for French Island and EBBs.

The letters of support received from FICA, Landcare and individual private residents show overwhelming support for the release of EBBs. These letters have allowed me to submit the translocation application for consideration at the February meeting. This is earlier than I expected due to the Translocation Evaluation Panel reducing the number of meetings to quarterly this year, however this will ensure that they have sufficient time to assess the application.

The Federal Assessments Branch also requested this application in order to complete the EPBC exemption application to deliver to Minister Josh Frydenberg for sign off. I have now sent this document to them and hope to hear an outcome of the application in the coming weeks. I remain confident that this exemption will be granted.

Whilst I am applying for translocation permits for a spring 2018 release (of which there are several permits required), we will only proceed if there are sufficient EBBs in source populations, there is evidence that

EBBs on Phillip Island have successfully established a population, and there is manageable level of feral cats on French Island. If these conditions aren't met, we may delay the release until next year to increase the chances of success.



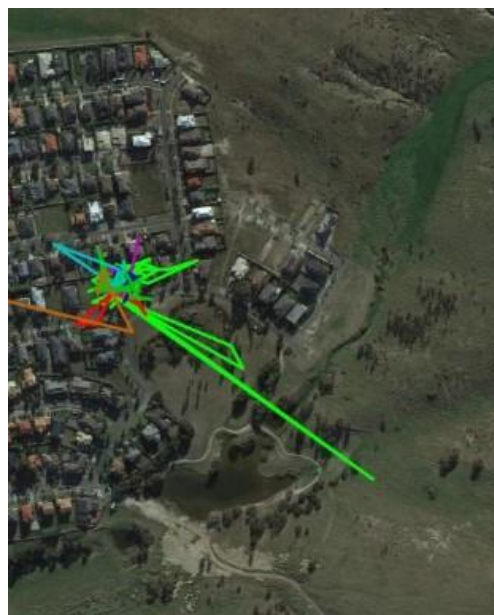
In April this year my honours student, Viviana, from Deakin University will start to unravel some of the mysteries of French Island cats. Using camera traps, she will monitor cat movements and habitat use throughout Blue gums. She is also really interested in finding out where domestic cats roam on the island and would like to track as many domestic cats as possible. The results will help inform not only the EBB release, but will also be interesting for cat owners to see where their cat goes during the day and night.

If you're a cat owner on French Island and would like your cat to participate in the

tracking study then please register your interest with either myself

ACoetsee@zoo.org.au

or Julie Trezise julie@trezise.com.au.



An example of what the cat tracking data you will receive will look like

I will send out regular progress updates on the proposed release throughout the year, but please feel free to contact me any time by phone or email for further information. I will also continue to make regular visits to the shop, so if you see the Zoos Vic car then please stop by to say hello.

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Obituary

Vale Cherry McFee
Died peacefully on January 26.



Long-time resident and much-loved Island identity Cherry McFee was farewelled by the Phillip Island community recently at a large funeral at St Philips Anglican Church, Cowes. She was approaching 94.

Cherry was the fourth child born to Stanley Joseph McFee and Isobel May Cherry, taking her name from her mother's maiden name. She arrived on April 22, 1924, and

grew up on the family farm at Long Point, south of Rhyll, with her two brothers, Malcolm and Stan, and her two sisters, Marge and Kath.

Over the past 50 years, Cherry's contribution to the local community has been enormous, especially her commitments to the Phillip Island and District Historical Society, and St Philips Anglican Church.

Cherry's services to the community have been publicly acknowledged at various times. She was a life member of the Historical Society and the Cemetery Trust. In 1989, she was named the Shire of Phillip Island Citizen of the Year, and in 2004 received the Flinders Electorate Community Award for her "valuable contribution to the community of Phillip Island".

Cheerful, determined and alert till the end, Cherry was supported by her loving family and friends in her final days.

She lived a life that enriched the lives of others, and will be sadly missed by the Island community.

John Eddy is a nephew of Cherry McFee.

Read his full tribute to his Aunt at:

<https://www.basscoastpost.com/point-of-view/island-farewells-cherry-mcfee>

ARTISTS SOCIETY OF PHILLIP ISLAND EASTER EXHIBITION

Cowes Cultural Centre, Cowes
Official Opening: 29 March, 7.30pm
Opening Hours: Friday March 30 – Sunday 1 April - 10am-5pm. Monday 2 April, 10am-2pm.

This year's Easter Weekend Exhibition returns in all its beauty to Cowes Cultural Centre. The Artists exhibition works encompass painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, photography, textile art and writing. There is something delightful to see for everyone.

In association with the Phillip Island 150th Celebration, the 2018 Easter exhibition includes a special award for the Best Portrait of a Phillip Island Identity. Free entry. Raffle Prize and all the beautiful Art is available to purchase.

Jenny Jackson's painting of Phillip Island palaeontologist Mike Cleeland, who works out of the Bunurong Environment Centre in Inverloch.



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2. The word succumb means to be: Overjoyed; Overcome; Overlooked; or Oversized?
3. Central, Mountain, Pacific, Alaskan and Samoa are five of a total nine US: Major highways; Basketball leagues; Timezones; or Lions?
4. Tallow, Beeswax, Spermaceti, and Paraffin are traditionally used in making: Paint; Contraceptives; Candles; or Pasta?
5. The famous self-styled anarchist web hacking group founded in 2003 is called: Mysterious; Incredulous; Anonymous; or Delirious?
6. Name the controversial detention camp established in 2002 by the USA in Cuba?
7. Often suggested as an English national anthem, William Blake's 1804 poem set to Hubert Parry's music is: Copenhagen; Jerusalem; Casablanca; or St Petersburg?
8. Oxygen is a: Conductor; Insulator; Solvent; or Surfactant?
9. A tenth divided by a fifth is a: Tenth; Fifth; Fiftieth; or Half?
10. Which one of these is not a Toy Story movie character: Woody; Slinky; Stinky Pete; or Pingu?
11. Fleckerl, Natural Turn, Chasse, and New York are: Muffins; Cocktails; Dance steps; or Homeopathic brands?
12. Chesterfield, Ottoman, Tallboy, and Cheval are: Furniture; Sailing ships; Australian cities; or Pig breeds?
13. Martini, Rossini, Mojito, and Sazerac are: Composers; New York City districts; Cocktails; or Pig breeds?
14. Clipper, Brigantine, Corvette, and Schooner are: Sports cars; Drinking glasses; Card games; or Sailing ships?
15. Gascon, Pot Belly, Saddleback, and Landrace are: Rope knots; Pig breeds;

16. Ultra/endurance marathons; or Abdominal ruptures?
 17. Pegassi Zentorno is an: Italian soup; Estonian for 'Hello'; Racing snail; or Sports Car in 'Grand Theft Auto'?
 18. Bachata is a type of (What?) from the Dominican Republic: Music/dance; Hairstyle; Unleavened bread; or Banana sculpture?
 19. Popocatepetl, Pico de Orizaba, and Iztaccihuatl are: Barcelona cathedrals; Mexican volcanoes; Cuban dictators; or The National Flowers of India?
 20. Mixing yellow and blue paint produces: Orange; Green; Red; or White?
- Based on Greek legend, a constant uncontrollable threat, especially to a safe/desirable situation, is called The Sword of: Hades; Damocles; Hermes; or Aphrodite?



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Arthur Schopenhauer

"No matter how many plans you make or how much in control you are, life is always winging it."
Carroll Bryant

"The moment you stop trying to become a better person, is the moment you start to become worse than what you already are."
Carroll Bryant

"Life contains but two tragedies. One is not to get your heart's desire; the other is to get it."
Socrates

"Stay low, stay quiet, keep it simple, don't expect too much, enjoy what you have."
Dean Koontz

"But a desperate heart will seduce the mind."
Mitch Albom, The Time Keeper

"Every man has forgotten who he is. One may understand the cosmos, but never the ego; the self is more distant than any star. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God; but thou shalt not know thyself.
We are all under the same mental calamity; we have all forgotten our names. We have all forgotten what we really are. All that we call common sense and rationality and practicality and positivism only means that for certain dead levels of our life we forget that we have forgotten. All that we call spirit and art and ecstasy only means that for one awful moment we remember that we forget."
G.K. Chesterton

"Have you ever sensed that our soul is immortal and never dies?"
Plato, The Republic

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 12
2. Overcome
3. Timezones
4. Candles
5. Anonymous
6. Guantanamo Bay
7. Jerusalem
8. Insulator
9. Half
10. Pingu
11. Dance Steps
12. Furniture
13. Cocktails
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Coronet Bay. A small town where you learn astonishing things about your neighbours.

IT'S THAT kind of morning in Coronet Bay. Clear sky, light breeze off the water, sun warm on your back. 7am: dog walking time.

Joy Button and her border collie are heading home up Cutty Sark Road. Four days to go to Coronet Bay's 11th annual Christmas lunch for people who'd like to be among friends. She's mentally ticking off jobs to be done by the planning group. Sixty diners coming from as far away as Nyora and Clyde plus 16 volunteers. Ham, turkey, Christmas pudding, pavlova and berries ... \$12 all in. And a takeaway box for the mince pies, shortbread, rumballs, Christmas cake. All home-baked fare.

Walking down the hill towards her is Reg Toull, his Jack Russell pulling at the lead to get to the water. Reg is close to 90 and he's a bit of a legend.

"Morning, Reg," Joy says.

"Had a big day yesterday," Reg tells her. "Left here at 6.20 in the morning with my son and got to the Alfred at 9.40. Been seeing my specialist for years and yesterday he shook my hand, and told me he didn't

want to see me again. I'm cancer free.

"On the way back we called in at the Grantville Pharmacy and I told 'em: 'I won't be seeing you any more. I'm cancer-free!' They come up and hugged me and kissed me. Hugged me and kissed me, God damn it all!" he says happily, laughing in disbelief.

The Grantville Pharmacy is a busy dispensary. They might make up 400 prescriptions in a single day. But it's a place where people stay to chat and drop in gifts of home-made jam and share photographs and good, and bad, news.

That's how it goes around here, thinks Joy. We don't have much but there are natural hubs. The pharmacy is one. Our general store is another. Drop-in places. Places to tell a remarkable story like this one.

"And yeah, when I got home I celebrated with a glass of red wine." Reg said.

Reg was a builder and proud of it. He built the Lady Barron pub on Flinders Island. When his wife of 55 years died, he sold up the family home in Rosebud and bought a property in Benalla. The cancer story started there six years ago. The trigger was a hernia. Two weeks after the operation they took a swab of his throat and next thing he was having chemo for cancer. That was Wangaratta. Later it was the Alfred for more tests and more of those MRI machines.

"All these tunnels I had, I had about seven of them. The doctor's went through it all, mate. Non-Hodgkin lymphoma in the throat. Then I went to the Austin and they found exactly where it was. So I went back to the Alfred. They zapped me 15 times for two minutes every day. Fifteen times! Then it's all gone. After that I went back to the Alfred for regular check-ups and the other day I got the all clear."

Joy is astonished. He had never talked about the cancer before, never complained. He'd always been so ... purposeful.

Meanwhile, Reg is warming to a favourite topic. "You know what did it? My specialist said: 'Reg, You know why? Because you're a healthy bloke!'

Because I eat well. Breakfast every morning, four Weetbix, never miss! I don't drink beer and I don't smoke. I gave up smoking 50 years ago. All I do now, every second night is I have a little red wine while I'm cooking tea."

He had twelve years in Benalla. "Only me, the dog and the bird. When I got sick it was too much to look after so I came down here to my daughter's partner's house. He's been doing it up. I've done a bit. I've done the veranda's, just taking my time, because I'm a builder. I don't have to hurry. And I don't worry. The only tablets I take are two Digoxins; they're nothing to do with cancer. But what I do every morning is put a pinch of bicarb soda and half a teaspoon of salt in some warm water and gargle that after I have me breakfast."

"It's like what the doctor said. 'You're one of the few, Reg.' In five months time I'll be 90. And I'm still riding the motor bike: the big Cruiser. Been riding bikes since before I was married. Sold the Harley, got a Honda Cruiser. Play nine holes of golf with a friend once or twice a week."

What a way to start your day, thinks Joy. She loves this open, generous town and the way people bump along together. She thinks of the devastated boy who had his kayak stolen. A quick whip round, word of mouth, and they'd raised enough to buy another kayak. The town's Facebook page is abuzz with information sought and offered. Recently someone posted a request: "Can anyone lend us a ladder?" Within minutes there were five or six people saying: "I've got one!" Someone else says: "I'll bring it round now."

Reg isn't a joiner. He marches to the sound of his own drumming. "There's only me and the dog and the bird. The day after I got here I took my bike out - it's the same as a Harley except its red, the Cruiser. 'Geez, that's a nice bike!' they said. And I got to know 'em all.

"I walk that Jack Russell every second day with a big lead and he swims a mile and a half and I walk along with him in the water or on the sand. My bird is a cockatiel. He talks like mad. 'Welcome home, Reg,' he'll say. I've had him 23 years. Of a night time I watch Chase. I love that."

Taking her leave, Joy calls: "It's a good life, Reg".

He raises an admonishing index finger: "Only if you don't weaken!"

Gill Heal

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Greg Hunt MP



Federal Member for Flinders

**Minister for Health.
Minister for Sport.**

I understand that Flinders residents don't always have the time to come and visit my office to discuss their local issues, which is why my staff and I will be bringing the office to you.

My team and I will be travelling around the electorate to chat to locals about what matters to them and how we can help. So far this year we have already undertaken mobile offices in Grantville, Pearcedale, Hastings, Somerville, Balnarring and Lang Lang.

This resulted in worthwhile discussions with many passionate residents who were able to tell us about the issues that directly impact them and their local communities. There will be plenty of mobile offices this year, so stay tuned to find out when one will be coming to an area near you.

Also in great news for local volunteer organisations, applications are now open to apply for a scholarship to attend this year's National Volunteering Conference. These scholarships would support volunteer coordinators and community leaders to travel to Sydney for the national conference. This funding recognises the vital role volunteers play in our communities by funding conference registration, accommodation and travel costs for managers and leaders of volunteers in rural, regional or disadvantaged communities. Volunteers in Flinders are at the heart of our community, from fighting fires, to raising money for local sport and caring for our most vulnerable.

I strongly encourage the leaders, managers and coordinators of volunteer and community organisations to apply for the scholarships so they take an active part in shaping volunteering into the future. For more information, please visit: nvc2018.com.au

You are also more than welcome to contact my office directly at 03 5979 3188 and by email at greg.hunt.mp@aph.gov.au at any time to discuss your issues.

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Secretary: Opening hours:

Tues & Thurs 10am-3pm

Saturday 10am-2pm

The society meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd
Thursday of the month at the museum.

The Trek to Gippsland



Early in 1846 four Englishmen and four aborigines are driving sheep through forests, over swamps and across rivers. Four bullocks are harnessed to a dray. The party is well mounted. Each man carries a rifle. Their journey is long, the heat almost intolerable and water scarce. They must cross the inlets and creeks at the north at the northern end of Western Port; then travel eastwards till, turning south, they make for the river Bass. Then still south to what is known today as Anderson's Inlet, between Cape Patterson and Cape Liptrap, to the river Tarwin. Then for some eighty miles they will trek in a north easterly direction. Crossing the river Latrobe, they will go northwards till they reach their destination, Glenmaggie on the banks of the river Macalister. Henry, their leader tethers his horse to a gum tree and sending his companions forward with the sheep and bullock dray, he spends half an hour writing to his brother, James.

To have carried ink and paper for this purpose on such a trek through the bush is at once a revelation of the writers character and of his great affection for his brother, James.

Gippsland Road
February 3rd 1846

"I have scarcely a moment to spare, but sit down to tell you that I have started for Gippsland with the sheep, tomorrow I try to affect a passage over the inlets, you will see them marked on the map; three rivers at the head of Western Port.... I intend as the sheep are strong and in good case to get over the journey as quickly as possible so that I think I shall be in Gippsland by the 1st of March..... It is an undertaking of no small magnitude, but it is absolutely necessary that we should go somewhere and we have no place else to go. Had we been in any other part of the country we should have been independent, but no man can thrive in this accursed Western Port.

We have worked hard and lived on salt beef and damper for nearly six years to no purpose, but I am now sanguine with hope that after the journey is over we shall be

able to hold up our heads..... I will now work out my own way or utterly fail"
Feb 9th - Left the inlets and travelled in an easterly direction about ten miles over heathy country.

Feb 10th - Travelled all day without water.. Thermometer 86 degrees. Camped at a small waterhole; distance ten miles. I had to cross over three very steep gullies. One of them almost perpendicular. Mine was the first dray that ever went over without unloading.

Feb 11th - Travelled about 11 miles crossing the river Bass... The dray capsized and one of the boxes sprung.

Feb 12th - Sent on the sheep at sunrise. Repaired the dray and overtook the sheep at the east station at Western Port Gairdner's, Griffiths Point near Cape Woolamai. I got into great disgrace here; the sheep broke out of the yard and devoured Gairdner's potatoes, but I compounded the matter pound for pound.

From the book "Life in the Bush 1840-1847" by F.J Meyrick.

First published in 1930 by Thomas Nelson

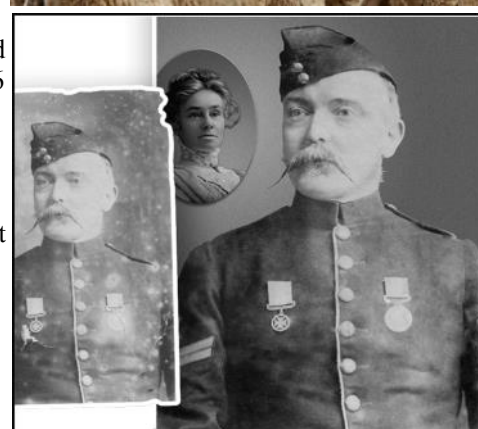


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Grantville History



New Local History Group



The Bass Valley U3A local history group had its first meeting recently and determined the general boundaries for the group's interest.

At the first meeting, they determined the boundaries for what they call local.

Grantville and District.

North/South – Start at The Gurdies, down the highway to Corinella Road.

East/West – Waterline, not including Corinella or Tenby Point, east to Glen Forbes?, Almurta, Kernot, Woodleigh.

The group identified the following as Points of Interest to pursue.

Grantville

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

The Victoria Hotel (where and when?)
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

Primary school (at St. Helliers).
DonMix Quarry (Donohue Brothers, 1958).

Now 'puddling' station.
Blackney's garage (1950s - 1960s?)
Caravan Park (closed 1980s)

Kernot

Kernot Railway Station & Shier Road
Trestle bridge
General Store

Almurta

Primary schools (3?)
Candowie Reservoir
John Paul's general store
Butter Factory (1896-1910)
Railway Station
Post Office (closed 1960s)

Glen Forbes (General Store

School
Railway Station
Cheese Factory
Saw Mills
Church Hall

The group has launched its own website:
www.grantvillehistory.com.au

Contact with the group can be made via the website or at:
leader@grantvillehistory.com.au

If you have any photos or stories which you believe are of significant interest and you would like to share them with the community, please let us know.

The website is sponsored by The Waterline News and Chase Computers

Grantville History



Daughter, Kim's 1984 High School Paper, published in 1984, included an interview with Mr. Don Wheatley of Bass Highway Grantville.

Mr. Don Wheatley has lived in Grantville all his life and admits to being just a little over fifty years old and he recalls being told that his father went to school in 1918 at the old school between Queensferry and Grantville.

While Mr. Wheatley was at school during the moving of the school to central Grantville, he recalls school being held in the hall. He said that under the stage, which

had two doors on the front, there was a library. It was hard for him to remember if the library was there at an early stage or what happened to the books when the stage was rebuilt.

The jetty, he remembers has rotted planks and gaps everywhere, but it was a great place to fish for cod at night and have a fire pot for warmth. Once someone forgot to put their fire out and the fire was spotted the next day and put out, but not before the end of the pier was burned off the jetty, making it a section shorter.

A petition was set up at the Bass Hotel saying the jetty was dangerous because a lot of people camped there, so the Public Works Department pulled it down because it was too late for repair.

Mr. Wheatley also commented about the large rocks that are around the present boat ramp. Apparently these rocks were used as ballast in the flat bottomed boats as they came in. The ballast was thrown overboard then the timber was loaded onto the boats.

During our conversation, Mr. Wheatley informed me that the flowering gums which lined the highway from the hall to Almurta Road had plaques of bronze on a post in front of them. They were an Avenue of Honour for the World War one veterans. Most of these have now disappeared.

Mr. Wheatley said Bill Kennedy was an unforgettable character in the district. He made his living by grading the road from The Gurdies to Grantville, with his horse team using a smudger. He was known as 'Count' Kennedy because he loved to dress up to the 'Nines', smoke his pipe and drive his fancy buggy to town.

There are still old fruit trees around his very early Grantville home, where, as children, Mr Wheatley was sent to buy fruit.

Kim Smith's boot making shop was mentioned as being near the licensed grocery now in the town, cattle yards next to the hotel and various houses dotted near the town.

Mr. Wheatley has many happy memories of the town and still many to come.

Thanks, Mr. Wheatley.

Kim Walker, 1984

Editor's note:

Kim received high praise in a written report from her teacher and received a mark of 44/50 for her efforts.

I believe the paper is quite a significant document in Grantville's history, and hope that at some stage, the whole paper can be converted to pdf and published on the new local history group's website.

We will be featuring more extracts from Kim's paper in the coming month as space allows.

Thanks, Miss Walker.

Grantville History

The first coach to Grantville Reminiscences of Early Dandenong by G F Roulston 1935.



The Coaching Days

From about 1858 coaches were the main link between Melbourne and Dandenong. Prior to the railway opening coach was the method of travelling.

There were many vehicles eventually on the road, in fact each hotel ran a line at one time in the very early days. One connected with "Dunbar's Hotel", another with the "Bridge" and so on.

Dave Bowden drove one coach, Thomas Dallimore another and "Old George" drove for Cobb & Co.

There were coaches running from Dandenong to Cranbourne and Bass: others to Berwick; and so on. The latter ran after the main road was made, as before that time horsemen carried the mail, driving of a trap being an impossibility.

Tom Murray, Tom McMahon, and other drivers of recent days, drove coaches, but they do not properly come within the range of the early-day drivers.

In 1858 Messrs. Cobb & Co built stables and offices at the corner of the main and Pultney streets, and the large underground tank still remains as a memento of the old coaching days.

When Mr Peter Evans bought the building, which he converted into a boot-making shop, it was often remarked upon why such a small establishment required such a large tank; but those who enquired were not aware that the large tank was not more than sufficiently large to water a big string of horses required for the coaches.

The coach from Dandenong to Bass ran three times weekly. Its original driver was

George Wright ("Old George"). He was followed by J Moorehouse, after whom came W Smiley, and the last driver of that line was Charlie Wilson.

In 1873 Cobb & Co's coach left the Albion Hotel, Bourke street, for Dandenong, the fare each way being four shillings.

Mrs Dunbar ran a line of coaches between Melbourne and Brandy Creek and also between Melbourne and Tooradin in 1876.

The First Through Coach to Grantville

Mr George Usher's first through coach also commenced running in December 1876.

It was a great feat in those days, when one considers the state of the roads - almost either all mud or dust.

I take the following account of the initial run from the "Journal" of the 13 December 1876.

"It is only a few months since we had the pleasure of being present at the trial trip of the 'Eclipse' a nice steamer purchased to trade from Hastings to Phillip Island and Griffith's Point, in which business she is now employed: but it seems that the country is to be opened in another direction. Last Saturday morning a representative of this journal accepted the invitation of Mr George Usher, of the Bridge Hotel Dandenong to accompany him on the first occasion of his coach being driven right through to Grantville. If genuine pluck ought to succeed, then Mr Usher deserves to do so.

A start was made from Dandenong about 11 o'clock with four spanking horses and a most competent, careful driver, and a full complement of passengers. Some from one place and some from another. For the first quarter of a mile the horses which had never worked together before were a little trouble to the driver, but after that they went splendidly along at a slashing pace, soon making Cranbourne. At 12 o'clock another start was made.

The main road between Cranbourne and



Tooradin is not in such good condition as might be expected since last we travelled it, but works are being carried on that will improve it.

A brief call at Host Strudwicke's (who has recently taken the Sherwood Hotel) and The Tooradin Hotel soon appeared in view, where the traveller will find himself treated with that homely hospitality so desirable when on the road. Here the change of horses took place, and four specially fine animals were put into the places of the others. Speeding away over Tooradin Bridge, between the large properties of Mr William Lyall, on one side, Mr McMillan's with its miles of fine Hawthorn hedge on the other; Mr C Rossiter and the Messrs Facey and other fine estates.

Shortly arriving at McDonald's Track, many of the passengers being selectors were put down to find their homes, the main road being off to the right. The road then gets worse, but we understand that improvement will shortly be made by the Shire Council. It was here where the driver showed his skill, navigating his four horses through very narrow places between and around trees, but he was equal to the occasion.

The country does not seem what one might call interesting, as the timber is close to the so-called road. At length a house came in view, which we found to be Mr J Monk's and as he, like many other desired to be present at the arrival of 'the first coach' at Grantville, he came on. Another mile brought us to 'the city' of Grantville and to Host Dickens' Grantville Hotel where there were a good many in waiting for our arrival and greeted us with hearty cheers.

The journey about 60 miles had been made in less than six hours with only one change of horses. The remainder of the evening was spent pleasantly with many of the residents who came specially to meet the coach".

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Western Port Ward Update

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

MARCH 2018



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So that everyone has a chance to put their question we ask that people adhere to our protocols and treat everyone with respect at our public meetings. Ask away, either in person at the meeting or by email and we will get back to you.

Cowes to Stony Point Car Ferry

The draft business case was released for public consultation at the 21 February Ordinary Council Meeting.

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Once all feedback has been considered, the Full Business Case will be presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 April in Cowes.

Pioneer Bay Roads and Drainage Scheme

On February 21st Council declared the Pioneer bay Special Charge Scheme. This is the expenditure to date for the investigation, survey, geotechnical investigations, planning, consultation, design and estimates:

Financial Year	Expenditure
2011/12	\$38,741
2012/13	\$17,972
2013/14	\$2,816
2014/15	\$4,454
2015/16	\$43,633
2016/17	\$63,633
2017/18 (budgeted)	\$45,000
Total	\$216,249

The total budgeted cost from this point on is \$4,580,692. Works to be done outside of, but in association with, the scheme include budget allocations of over \$1.75 million from Melbourne Water.

Including land acquisition for the new wetlands, Bass Coast Shire Council is contributing well over a million dollars.

Special Charge Schemes

Apportionment and distribution of the leviable costs of a scheme is calculated by distributing the costs amongst the properties in the Scheme on the basis of frontage and/or sideage of a property for the road-related works and area of a property for the drainage-related works.

What if you can't afford the charge?

Information about financial assistance is available for those who may experience undue Financial Hardship as a result of being included in a special charge scheme. You can contact Council's Project Officer-Finance, Mark Greening (Monday to Wednesday) on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) for any further information.

Contact the Asset Management Team on Ph1300 BCOAST (226 278) or 03 56712211 or email

basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au for any other information about the Special Charge Scheme

Road Survey



A Road Network Condition Survey is underway, you may have noticed the survey cars out and about with camera's attached. These cars are assessing around 923km of roads across Bass Coast to help us better manage our roads and develop future works programs.

VicRoads:

VicRoads is investigating traffic flow and safety improvements along the Bass Highway between Anderson and Leongatha.

To participate go to: <https://engage.vicroads.vic.gov.au/basshighway>

San Remo Channel Challenge



There were just short of 500 competitors at the 33rd annual Channel Challenge held last month.

BCSC was acknowledged throughout the day as the major sponsor and the race was on at 2.00 pm!

Focus On: Glen Alvie



Located in our beautiful hinterland Glen Alvie is home to 431 people.

Glen Alvie was part of the Blackwood Forest. In 1888 slightly more than 28 sq km of the forest were opened for selection. During the next ten years community facilities in the form of a school (1893), a hall (1896) and a butter factory (1897) were opened. Catholic and Baptist churches were constructed in 1905 and 1910. A new hall was built in 1925.

Rabbit infestation in the 1920s required netting and eradication programs, and pasture improvement gave better milk yields. Glen Alvie dairy farms supplied butter factories in nearby towns such as Archies Creek and Kongwak.

There was some prospect of diversification from dairying when the Glen Alvie coal mining company was formed, but the coal seams were less than first thought.



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Three Generations On

Visit us on Westernport Bay
 walk on a white sandy beach
 where ibis roost in mangroves
 gather mushrooms in paddocks
 drink from a water-tank
 watch out for snakes

Drive around Australia
 hike through pristine valleys
 in Carnarvon Gorge
 stand on Katajuta peak
 wade through a darn tunnel
 in the Kimberleys

Enjoy fresh air, pure water
 plant food in clean soil
 swim in turquoise sea
 Don't live underground
 or in cities of bubbles
 With 'virtual reality' your life

In turn, pass the baton
 to your great-grandchild
 to a world worth living in

Meryl Brown Tobin

Phillip Island Interlude

This is as life on earth was meant to be -
 this evening after storm. This harmony
 of nature, sunset softly sifting through the
 bay,

this golden time of day
 when all the world's in rhyme.

All the world I see
 slides satin-soft around the shoulders of my
 mind
 and I unwind.

Clouds sail to their harbour past the hill,
 the trees so still - against the sky so still -
 Sea folds neatly into sand
 whisper smooth, sshsh-sshsh-sshsh
 it scarce dare move.

Not a sound is heard
 except the flutter of its fingers and
 the wings of birds.

Oyster satin bay now
 pink-blue-gray
 fold yourself away
 careful not
 to wake a wilder day.

(c) Joan Katherine Webster



Audrey McKee



At a recent Community
 Lunch at Corinella
 Community Centre, the
 very lovely 95 year old
 Audrey McKee, stood up
 and read the 'Ballad of
 Audrey McKee', written
 and presented to Audrey
 by local Bruce Cameron.

Audrey received a hearty applause and we
 wondered whether it would be possible to
 have it published in the Waterline News?

Ballad of Audrey McKee

You talk about the champions of old
 The peerless drop kickers the brave and the
 bold
 Barassi, Farmer, Skilton we all went to see
 But none hold a candle to Audrey McKee
 We were well into mustering on Coronet
 Station
 When Aussie rules football was sweeping
 the nation
 We decided for our own recognition
 We would field a team a team in the local
 competition

Lorraine was named to play in attack
 Norm was named at centre half back
 Jeffrey the brander was known as a stayer
 Ann Reed the cook was a back pocket player
 We had no reserves so we gave it a fling
 And named James Samson to play on the
 wing
 Such a motley crew and we thought it insane
 And felt quite certain we'd lose every game
 But as bad as we were and conditions
 adverse

The other three teams were a darn sight
 worse
 Can you imagine the pleasure out Coronet
 Way

When we were named to play on Grand
 Final Day
 Judy was struttin and startin to brag
 Kaye was planning to auction the flag
 But joy turned to gloom and we cancelled
 the keg

When Ann Reed fell over and busted her leg
 To start a Grand Final with seventeen men
 Was like trying to float the Titanic again
 A new cook was due on Grand Final Day
 So we prayed and sweated and hoped he
 could play
 As the coach came round the bend for all to
 see

Out in the sunshine stepped Audrey McKee
 Janet was shattered and Margaret she swore
 Bernie said crikey its my mother in law
 Budgie said nah this is Audrey McKee
 A flaming good woman and as strong as can
 be

Her scones are delicious and jelly slice first
 class
 From seventy metres she can pinpoint a pass
 Audrey muttered something obscene

I haven't the faintest idea what you mean
 Lorraine said there's no time to explain
 We've only got thirty-five minutes to train
 Put on that jumper, tie back your hair
 Throw on those socks and the boots over
 there
 Take of that chain, get rid of that locket
 We're in the grand final and you're in the
 back pocket
 Ann Reed came over with her leg in a cast
 Said just think of it woman we need you at
 last
 We took to the field at quarter past three
 And leading us on was Audrey McKee
 Down at the back pocket she took her
 position
 All puffing and sweating and out of
 condition
 She tangled with a nuggetty rover who
 raised his elbow and bowled her over
 She lunged for a tackle and missed by a yard
 Tripped on her bootlace and hit the deck
 hard
 Flew for a mark that wasn't quite there
 Swore like a trooper and fought like a bear
 In the last quarter with a minute to play
 We were five points behind and the ball
 came her way
 A lumbering ruckman came thundering by
 And said you remind me of Audrey McKee
 You can't be responsible for your miserable
 looks
 But you play just as bad as the old buzzard
 cooks
 Well he should have stayed silent and just
 let it be
 He raised the demons in Audrey McKee
 She took off in a frenzy too angry to speak
 And knocked the big ruckman clean into
 next week
 Picked up the ball and tore thru the pack
 Not veering or swerving not looking back
 The ump was distracted by all of this ruction
 Audrey McKee left a trail of destruction
 With a huge drop kick that nearly brought
 rain
 She split the big uprights and won us the
 game
 The crowd were ecstatic they both gave a
 cheer
 Lorraine and Audrey come and have a beer
 So when you talk of the legends today
 The games won and lost both home and
 away
 The champion wingmen the half forward
 flanks
 The heroes the villains, the crackpots the
 cranks
 The classic grand finals, the narrow defeats
 The red blooded spectator glued to his seat
 There is one final chapter for all to see
 The flag that was won by Audrey McKee!

Written by Bruce Cameron.

Writing



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

Diplomacy

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

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

That was bad enough but worse was to come.

Next day, I was to impart the news of this dreadful infection to my teacher and, with it, Mother's theory of its origin: hanging my hat on the peg rack! Before school commenced, I crept into the classroom, sidled up to Miss Scott, made my shameful confession, she simply nodded, I left to re-join my playmates and expected nothing further. My duty had been painfully discharged. Mid-morning our lessons were interrupted by the arrival of Mr McLean, head-master, who commenced his address with the words, "A complaint has been received ..." And I sat there, anonymous, with all the other hearers of this unpleasant bulletin. Thus I glimpsed a little of the grown-up world on that 1937 day.

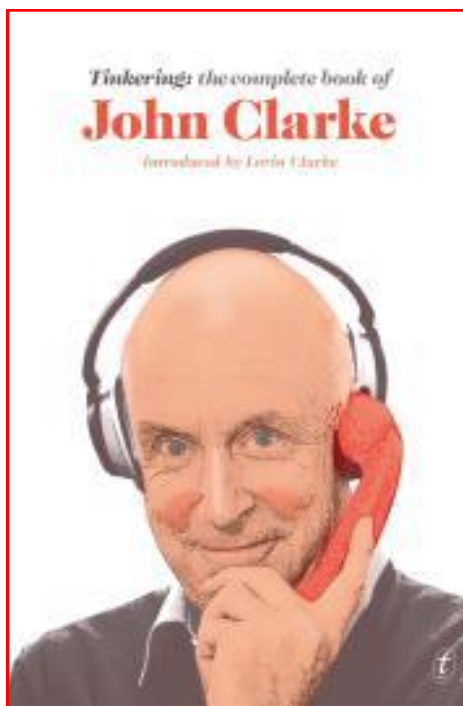
Things do not always have to be spelt out in detail. I was totally gratified and a little more than amazed.

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Book Review

Tinkering: the complete book of John Clarke
INTRODUCED by LORIN CLARKE



Some people's dads spend hours tinkering in the shed. Our dad, John Clarke, borrowed the word but required only a desk and 'gallons of tea' for the kind of tinkering he did.

LORIN CLARKE

Sadly, John Clarke's life was cut short in April 2017 but fortunately for his many fans, he left behind a magnificent body of work. This book is the story of his writing life. It includes previously unpublished pieces—the Doorstop Poems and the Letters from the School—as well as his writing for radio, television, stage and screen. Tinkering includes all kinds of puzzles and propositions, and each one reveals Clarke's comic genius. You will find within its pages such treats as Fred Dagg dispensing advice on everything from dentistry to dreaming; the complete history of the lost sport of farnarkelling; the famous 'Quiz Answers' and 'Saint Paul's Letter to the Electorates'—a brilliant account of the Rudd/Gillard years. ('Each of the three leaders except one, would appear before another multitude, at the Hill of Rooty...')

ABOUT JOHN CLARKE

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Born 1948. Educ. subsequently. Travelled extensively throughout Holy Lands, then left New Zealand for Europe.

Stationed in London 1971-73.

Escaped (decorated).

Rejoined unit. Arrived Australia 1977.

Held positions with ABC radio (Sacked), ABC Television (Defunct), Various newspapers (Deceased), and Australian Film Industry.

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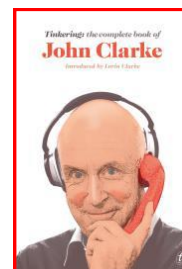
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- Sore throat reliever
- Cold sores
- Toothpaste
- Supplement for chemotherapy patients

Pollination

Around a third of the food we eat is estimated to be dependent on bee pollination. Some trees produce food that we eat and others don't but all trees convert carbon dioxide into the oxygen that we breathe. Most trees are pollinated by bees so bees are part of the process to make the fresh air that we need.

Top Ten Flowers to Plant in Your Garden to Attract Australian Native Bees



1. Cut-leaf daisy Brachysomes
2. Lavender
3. Flowering gum
4. Pincushion Hakea Hakea laurina
5. Tea tree Leptospermum
6. Purple Coral Pea Hardenbergia violacea
7. Grevillia Pink Surprise
8. Sage Salvia officinalis
9. Native Rosemary Westringia fruticosa
10. Bottlebrush Callistemon

Bass Coast Strollers

Seventeen Bass Coast Strollers walked the shoreline from Grantville to Queensferry Jetty on 5 February. The tide was out, giving plenty of room for the

walkers. The day was warm and overcast, no hint of rain and little wind.

The mangrove fringe of the coast was noticeably thin and almost non-existent in places. Shoreline erosion was significant. Near the derelict Queensferry jetty a local landowner spoke to us about the history of erosion in this area. Where we were walking was, for much of the twentieth century, an esplanade with houses. Removal of mangroves for soap-making had allowed wave action to wash away the shore and undermine the houses and road. Barely any sign of these old houses remained. In the last two decades alone several metres of private property has eroded into Westernport bay.

The mangroves are being replanted and the erosion slowed, but not halted. It's a big job to replant enough mangroves to completely halt the erosion. Stopping it may also help seagrass recovery in Westernport.

Strollers collected and bagged quite a few pieces of litter on the shoreline, from discarded plastic and broken glass to lost footwear.

We returned to Grantville along Frederick Drive and the Highway. Some Strollers extended their walk to Swan St and back via the shoreline, a walk of around 9 km in total. Short walkers toured Grantville and joined us for lunch at Pier Road. For more information:

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Letters

Protecting Victoria's Marine and Coastal Environment

Of the Two significant Environment Announcements ... (see The Waterline News, September 2017 edition) one is progressing: the Marine and Coastal Bill 2017 legislation has been introduced to parliament.

The Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio announced that the Bill has been developed in consultation with communities and organisations working to look after our marine and coastal areas, as well as the guidance of a panel of experts, chaired by Associate Professor Geoff Wescott.

The media release went on to say that Victoria's marine and coastal environment

is under pressure from the long-term challenges of climate change and population growth. Infrastructure along the coast is also ageing, which makes it harder to take action on the ground.

The aim of the Bill is to deliver a simpler, more integrated and coordinated approach to planning and managing Victoria's unique and diverse marine and coastal environment.

To accompany the Bill, a Transition Plan has been prepared that identifies a program of complementary policy reforms and on ground actions, many of which are underway, to transition to the new system over the coming years.

The proposed Transition Plan is expected to be finalised in 2018 once the Bill has been considered by parliament.

The Transition Plan is available on line and is titled:

Strengthening Victoria's Marine and Coastal Management – A proposed Transition Plan, December 2017.

<https://www.coastsandmarine.vic.gov.au/>

The Transition Plan is a comprehensive document and specifically mentions "identifying the threats to Port Phillip Bay through a coastal hazard assessment", but fails to mention Western Port and the need to preserve the Ramsar wetland - it seems this unique environment is still a long way from Spring Street!

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Special Feature - Luminous Galleries

LUMINOUS GALLERIES

OUR VERY OWN NIGHT-TIME ART SPACES.

Look up at the stars; look at the wonderful art and the new night time galleries. Check out the surprised faces and the happy smiles of your family and neighbours! Mark the calendar. Get the boots and scarves ready. Volunteer to help and have fun at the same time! So many ways you might assist!

Local artists are already building surprising art installations and preparing to venture into the cold nights of Autumn and Winter, to bring to life the luminous outdoor light galleries which are being built in the Westernport Bay Waterline towns. The Launch of the Luminous Galleries will take place on April 7th from 5:30pm onwards, with a special opening Launch at Corinella. There will be food, drink and performances in Corinella with artworks spread across four towns: Pioneer Bay, Grantville, Corinella and Coronet Bay. Following the success of last year's Luminous Streets, everyone will now be able step out anytime and join in some fun under dark starry skies by making or viewing artworks that will sit over the new lights which were inspired by the Indigenous people's custom of using the constellations for navigation when they travelled from area to area. These innovative galleries will feature a scattering of small permanent ground lights with specially designed tie-down features, and will be installed in the foreshore public spaces of four towns. Sculptures will sit over the lights and glow at night in the towns. Each artist or group will have their work over the lights for three weeks in a display that changes monthly.

Tenby Point's Midwinter Solstice Festival of Lights from June 22-24th also promises a bit of magic under the guidance of local artist Lisa Burrell.

This project is part of THE EDGE OF US, one of the Victorian Government's Small

Town Transformation projects managed by Regional Arts Victoria.

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Community artist Joann Gann

By Barry Hutton



Joann Gann sits; words tumble out describing the passion she has for this project – Luminous Galleries. She believes strongly in the community coming together to work in a positive manner, values that have come from years of study and community work.

Joann was born and brought up in Penang, Malaysia where at school she excelled in art and sport but had little interest in other subjects. It was later in life she made the decision to improve her education and qualifications; a step she saw as essential in supporting her family. It took determination to study part time and bring up a family, but she succeeded in such areas as hairdressing, and teaching hair and beauty.

JoJo came to Australia in 2002 and after a little while realised that she had a

responsibility to give back to the Australian and International community. Working through the Australian High Commission she was involved in aid work in Pakistan, while back in Australia she continued her community work including teaching Mandarin at Chisholm Institute at Frankston and Wonthaggi. On arrival in Coronet Bay two years ago, Joann set up a hair dressing business and has quickly become well known in the local community. Education and raising a family have not been an easy road so it is not surprising that Joann's values include a strong aversion to waste. She says that as a society we waste far too much and must understand the distinction between recycling and reusing. 'If something is of good quality I do not throw it away, I use it again and possibly not for the same purpose'. Joann would like to see people take what is often considered waste and think 'what else could I do with this?' and to do this as a matter of course.

It is these values that Joann has brought to the Luminous Galleries project. Her aim is for people to give her waste items such as old plastic spoons, broken glass and other things that can be found at home or even on the beach and she will create something new. This is what she wants people to see from her display – that she has created something new from the "rubbish" they have given her.



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Gardening & Outdoors

April Gardening Tips



By April the summer heat should be over and it is time to prepare for winter .

In the tropics this means cooler and drier weather. In cooler and temperate climates this hopefully means a lot of rain is on its way.

It can actually be around now that gardeners make the biggest mistakes because you start to think 'well we've survived summer, now we'll just sit back, relax, and let winter take care of our garden by itself'.

Wrong!

What you do now over the next month or two will directly affect how well your garden survives the next summer!

Autumn is a fantastic time to be out and about in your garden.

Usually, in most parts of Australia, the weather starts to become milder but there still remain a significant number of sunny days.



April is also a great month for planting spring bulbs, such as daffodils. This will give them plenty of time to get set and grow, ready for a beautiful showing come September.

It can also be a good time to spread a light organic fertiliser around your shrubs and trees. Though they'll receive winter rains in cold and temperate zones, and won't be growing as much, they still require nutrients to survive the cooler winter.

Autumn, and in particular April, can be a great time for planting trees because trees really do require good amounts of water to take root. In tropical zones your gardens should be filled with moisture and cold/temperate gardens will soon receive the rain needed.

Planting now will give them a month or two of good, sunny weather while still receiving some good rain, and then lapping up the rain from winter.

The milder weather will also help because the trees won't experience sun damage as easily before they have the root system to cope with it.

From a vegetable growing perspective, vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and your leafy Asian-style veggies really need to go in now if you want to get the best out of them throughout winter.

Use the next few months to really sow into your garden.

As the rain starts to fall in cooler and temperate climates you won't have to spend as much time worrying about, and making sure, your garden has water, so really work on other tasks, such as preparing garden beds for spring and summer annuals, fertilising, and the like. Take the sunny days provided to you to do the most you can for your garden so that when spring and summer comes again your job will be easier!

Top 10 Vegetables to Grow Over Winter

Don't let your vegetable plot stand empty and neglected over winter. There are plenty of winter vegetables to grow throughout the coldest months.

1. Onions and Shallots
2. Garlic
3. Spring Onions
4. Perpetual Spinach
5. Broad Beans
6. Peas
7. Asparagus

Vegetables to grow in the greenhouse in winter

8. Winter Salads
9. Carrots
10. Pak Choi



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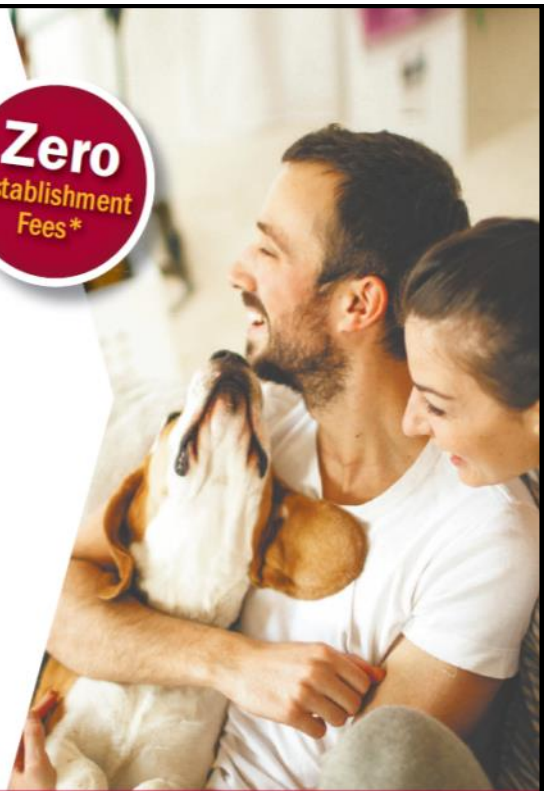
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