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Grantville History Day  
Saturday 6 October  
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DATE	TIME	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY	PARENT ACTIVITY
Thurs 18 Oct	2:30-3:15pm	Classroom Story Time	Afternoon tea with the Principal and Head of Junior School
Thurs 25 Oct	2:30-3:15pm	Jump & Move Perceptual Motor Program/PE Session	Join in with or assist your child
Thurs 1 Nov	2:30-3:15pm	Creative Young Artists	Caring for your child and continuous learning feedback
Thurs 8 Nov	2:30-3:15pm	Meet the Orchestra Music & Drama Session	Parent involvement in school life.
Thurs 15 Nov	2:30-3:15pm	Love the Library	Literacy presentation by Linda Austin, Prep teacher
Thurs 22 Nov	2:30-3:15pm	Little Builders	Numeracy presentation by Rikki Porter, Prep teacher
Wed 28 Nov	9.10-9.50am	Come along to the Junior School Assembly	Join the parent gallery and see our students in action
Thur 29 Nov	11.00am	Meet your 2019 Year 6 Buddies	School Transition presentation with guest speaker Melinda Vander Reest from Walker Learning
Fri 7 Dec	9:30am-1pm	Orientation Day - Meet your classmates and teacher	School uniforms will be on display

Stay and play in the playground after each Thursday session

**You don't need to be enrolled to join in the fun!**

Come along and participate in these fantastic student and parent activities as part of our Prep Transition Program.

***For enquiries please contact Belinda Manning - 5956 7505***

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Phillip Island 3923  
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# LIFESTYLE

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## **580-586 GRANTVILLE GLEN ALVIE ROAD, ALMURTA**

### **HISTORIC ALMURTA HALL & MODERN RESIDENCE**

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- Approx. 3320 square metres of elevated land



## **699 KOETSVELDT ROAD, RYANSTON**

### **EMERALD COTTAGE**

- Small acreage (1 1/4 acre + approx) in a rural area.
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 new bathrooms
- Featuring timber windows throughout, high ceilings and magical views
- Expansive covered deck, it even has a timber swing ready for you!
- Beautiful views and peaceful surroundings.

Currently being refurbished. What a package!



## **37 ISLAND VIEW ROAD, THE GURDIES**

### **PANORAMIC WATER VIEWS**

- In a unique position with incredible views across Westernport Bay, French Island and the Bass Coast Region.
- Large allotment of approx. 736 square metres of elevated land
- 2 good sized bedrooms with centrally situated main bathroom
- Craftsmen built timber kitchen offers a servery out to breakfast bar to the meals area



## **9-13 SHEPHERD ROAD, GRANTVILLE**

### **WATER VIEWS ON A HUGE BLOCK!**

- This premiere property is situated on approx 1724 square metres of land
- Views of Westernport Bay from the expansive home
- 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large workshop, storage shed and double garage
- with wrap around verandah

A large aerial photograph of a property with a modern house and a large covered deck, overlooking a body of water and rolling hills.

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



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

This edition marks the start of our fifth year.  
We are extremely pleased with what we have been able to achieve in our first four years, and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed over that period.  
Our long suffering proof readers and two volunteers who assist with some of the deliveries, deserve special mention.  
Thanks must also go to all the volunteers from all of the community groups which feature each month, for getting their reports to us and keeping readers up to date with what is happening in your area and details of forthcoming events.

Finally thanks to our many loyal advertisers, some who have been with us right from the start.  
We have come a long way since our first 12 page edition in September, 2014, now publishing 44 pages each month, which most months still doesn't allow space to fit everything in.  
We will continue to support all community groups right through our delivery area and present articles of interest from areas on the fringe.

### Please Remember:

Deadline : First of every month.  
Distribution : Third Wednesday of month.

The Waterline News was started as a community service and we believe that at the end of our fourth year, we have lived up to our original objectives.

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

## Tai Chi in Grantville

Discussions are taking place regarding the possibility of starting a Tai Chi Group for Arthritis/health/fall prevention in Grantville.

If you are interested and would like to be kept informed, register your interest now with Vicki Clark 0403 025 634

Email: [clark.vicki9@gmail.com](mailto:clark.vicki9@gmail.com)



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## Parkinson's Support Group

Caregivers and family members are welcome!

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

**The group meets on the third Friday  
of each month at the Leongatha RSL  
10.00 for 10.30 start.**

**A short meeting is conducted, then a  
guest speaker to follow, lunch is also  
available.**

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

**Inquiries:**

**Email:**

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

## Community Halls for Hire



**Grantville Hall**

Archies Creek	
Mez Oldham	0415 445 215
Bass Valley	5678 2277
Bena Maureen	5657 2276
Corinella Paula Clarke	0448 441 046
Coronet Bay Peter Thick	0429 851 004
Dalyston Dorothy Slade	5678 7334
Grantville Pat Van	5997 6221
Kernot Julie Johnston	5678 8555
Kongwak Betty Anderson	5657 4317
Lang Lang Cynthia Gane	5997 5510
Loch Grieg Barry	0419 358 628
Kilcunda Nicola	0439 476 724
Nyora Nikki	0421 992 106
Newhaven Noel Street,	5956 6122
Rhyll Ring General Store,	5956 9205
Woodleigh Evan Jones	5657 7275

**Details not right?**

**Let us know....**

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## CORINELLA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### 2018 Committee

**President.** Wayne Maschette.

**Vice President.** Peter Tait.

**Secretary.** David Laing.

**Treasurer.** Lyndell Parker

**General Committee Member.**

John Stewart and Michael Kelzke

Spring is a fabulous time for reflection in Corinella, waiting and watching as new life appears all around us. The trees are bursting into bloom, the freshness of the emerging green foliage is energising and speaks of the "hope" that renewal of life brings to our hearts and minds, birds are busy nest building, yes it feels very hopeful of the warm weather we are longing for, to be back outside enjoying time on the track or at the beach again, and the return of the black swans with their cygnets, just wonderful!

Also it is a time for us all to be responsible and to keep dogs on leads as they are being walked, so as not to disturb those very precious nesting sites, and native habitat, it is also for the safety of our pets to keep them on lead, as our native tiger snakes are very active (and potentially quite aggressive) at this time of year.

The CRRA and CDCC committees are working together this year for the iconic "Cent Night" a popular social event and fundraiser for many years in the community. This year's proceeds will go towards funding a new disability entrance to the Community Centre.

Saturday 6 October from 5.30pm at the Corinella Hall, \$25 a head, 3 course meal and an opportunity to win some fantastic prizes. Tickets from the Corinella and District Community Centre direct. There are only 130 places available, tables of 8. This months Luminous Galleries exhibit is entitled "The Armistice Contradiction" explores the paradox between the peace of Armistice and the continuing wars Australia has been involved in. This commemorates the 100 year anniversary of the Armistice at 11am on 11 November, 1918. The project was led by Vietnam veteran Wayne Maschette, who was ably assisted by Peter Tait and Lyndell Parker.

Anyone interested in being involved with or creating a sculpture or gallery exhibit in the next 12 months please contact me. Our next meeting will be Saturday 6 October at 10am at the Community Centre.

On behalf of the CRRA Committee  
**Lyndell Parker 0422247490**

## Community Notes



**President: Jean Coffey 0419 500 593**

**Secretary: David Pearce 0401 514 339**

About one third of Tenby Point households are members of the Association and all residents are welcome to join.

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 Gration

**General Committee Members:**

Mel Gration and Mark Hanrahan

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

The next CBRRA meeting is scheduled for 11 am on Saturday 20 October at the Coronet Bay Hall.

The CBRRA would be pleased to welcome any new members to the association. Please contact our Secretary Stephanie Hartridge on 0414 370 929 or email [secretary@coronetbayrra.org.au](mailto:secretary@coronetbayrra.org.au) Alternatively, you may contact our Treasurer Louise Gration 0408 358 374 Email [louisegration@gmail.com](mailto:louisegration@gmail.com). The Combined Community Group organises our markets, fairs and other events. Our next important events are a market at the Community Hall on Saturday 3rd November and a Fun Run/Walk on the following day. There is a need for more helpers on those days. If you can assist please call the Secretary Combined Community Group, Sue Quartermain 0408 290923 or email [susiequa@tpg.com.au](mailto:susiequa@tpg.com.au)  
**David Buckingham, President**



### Grantville Business & Community Association Inc.

**President:** Les Ridge

**Vice President:** Neroli Heffer

**Secretary:** Sandy Ridge

**thegbca1@gmail.com**

**Treasurer:** Lester Harris

**General Committee Members:**

Margaret Boyer, Lucy Cirona, Roger Clark, Darrell Egan, Greg Miller and Betty Young.

**If you are interested in joining the group contact:**

**Secretary, Sandy Ridge:**

**thegbca1@gmail.com**

**\*Details on the new Committee next month**

**Open Public Meeting &  
FREE sausage sizzle**

**Thursday 20 September  
6:30pm at the Grantville Hall**

Learn about and join the new Grantville Business and Community Association (GBCA), which acts in place of the previous Ratepayers & Residents Association and the previous Business & Tourism Assoc.

Learn about local projects

- The Great Witch Hunt is coming to our area, learn about this community initiative to promote our region
- The Grantville Activation Project: refurbishment of the tennis courts, Stage One of the Skate park, new shelters and playground
- Update on Local Shire News from local councillor
- Mingle with and meet other locals and raise your concerns and issues for our area
- The first GBCA AGM will be hosted (please note that only financial members can vote and membership can be paid on the night)

For further enquiries and to RSVP so that we can appropriately cater for the evening, please contact the GBCA Secretary via:  
[thegbca1@gmail.com](mailto:thegbca1@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you on the night

**South Gippsland  
Support After Suicide**

**Have you been  
bereaved by suicide?**

**Come for morning tea and a chat**

South Gippsland Support After Suicide is a new initiative offering peer support for those bereaved by suicide.

We meet monthly on the fourth Thursday at the  
**Grantville Transaction Centre**  
Corner Bass Highway and Pier Road, Grantville

**from 10am-12pm**  
Dates for 2018

25 January 22 Feb 22 March 26 April 24 May	28 June 26 July 23 August 27 September 25 October 22 November
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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 [southgippslandsa@gmail.com](mailto:southgippslandsa@gmail.com) OR phone 03 9421 7640

# Community Notes



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

**President : Judy Lawrence**  
**Vice President : Carmen Bush**  
**Secretary : Cheryl Overton**  
**0427 680 483**

Meetings are Bimonthly (1st 3rd 5th 7th 9th 11th) on the 3rd Saturday of the month, and are held in the Rhyll Hall, at 10.00 am  
**Rhyll Coast Action News**

It was a privilege to work with John Eddy in June and July as he started the daunting task of revegetating Pleasant Point at the end of McFees Rd with 1000 plants. You may have seen the posters around Rhyll at the time.

The windup of the Barb Martin Bush Bank Nursery before it was incorporated into the Nature Park enabled us to apply for and receive funding for a couple of projects. We now have a magnificent Vegetation Survey and Management Plan for the Rhyll Coastline thanks to Alison Oakes, a botanist who has worked extensively around the whole coastline for some years. The recommendations from the report will inform our work, especially along the south coastline where some robust invasive weeds are thriving, many, escapees from gardens. During September and October you may see us on any weekend outside the General Store at Rhyll displaying samples of the weeds we are wanting to eradicate from the coastline and encouraging everyone to check their gardens for these weeds. We will have alternative plants on show and be offering tube plants to people who do remove these invasive weeds.

The revegetation of the Beach Rd South cutting is a difficult site for our ageing members and is taking a long time but after another spray we will be able to complete the planting.

We always welcome new members. Call Gabrielle 0410 4415 40 or email:

**rhyllcoastaction@gmail.com**

We are also on facebook.

**Bass Coast Branch of National Trust.**

If you are interested in joining the Bass Coast Branch of NTAV, meetings and activities, contact Mary-Lu Burt for information.

mlburt@melbpc.org.au or visit the NTAV website:

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic>

Phillip Island continues the 150 years of European Settlement Celebrations in November.

Local Community Groups have been at work creating floats to reflect the 150-year theme for the Nov 3rd Street Parade from Cowes Town Centre in Thompson Avenue to the Cowes Foreshore where the fun will continue with the Island's Community Stalls, live music, games and rides.

This Cup Weekend will also include the Island's annual activities such as the ASPI Art Exhibition in the Cultural Centre, Cowes.

The Patchwork and Woodcraft Display in the Newhaven Hall.

Saturday 3 Nov will kick off with the fabulous Market on Church from 8am. - 4pm; 60+ stalls, local produce, craft and other goods. The Royal Australian Navy Band will lead the Street Parade at 11am. From 12noon - 4pm visitors can take in the Island's community stalls in the newly redeveloped Jetty Triangle with other activities for young and old, along Cowes Boulevard.

The Great Duck Race will make a comeback only for this very special day. The Phillip Island Jazz Band and Rockhouse will be there as well as other entertainment. Bendigo Bank (San Remo Cowes, and Grantville Community Bank branches) and the Bass Coast Shire Council are funding this free Community Day event at the Foreshore.

## PIONEER BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Contact :

**Zena Benbow**

**pbpa@bigpond.com**



September- time to start the planning for Australia Day again for 2019- our ninth consecutive year.

We were buoyed by the news of two potential additions to the Reserve Committee, with the committee already endorsing Catherine Styles nomination and the other person remains a mystery. My how times have changed when you used to knock on someone's front door to volunteer your services, now it's all shrouded by bureaucracy! So here's the invitation for anyone wishing to volunteer their time to knock on the door and say hi - we can always assist with any processes required for either committee or if you would merely like a household membership you can join the association and get news emailed directly to you. We're looking to hold our AGM(s) soon. We will endeavour to letterbox and back up with the Facebook page. So stay tuned.

**Zena Benbow**



**www.u3abassvalley.com**

**(PO Box 142 Grantville 3984)**

**The 2018 committee is:**

Chairperson : Mark Dunbar

Deputy Chair : Geoff Guilfoyle

Secretary : Christine Holmes  
 5678 0033

Treasurer : Beverly Walsh

General Committee Members:

Vicki Clark and Sue Dunbar.

## U3A BASS VALLEY - 2018 ENROLMENT

If you are interested in joining your local U3A community, Bass Valley is now offering the following activities for 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. Come to as many classes as you wish to attend, subject to availability.



## TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

Hosted by Vicki Clark

Held at Coronet Bay Community Hall  
 Gellibrand Street

Every Tuesday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Phone Vicki 0403 025 634

**Other U3A Groups in the Waterline News area are at:**

**Cowes (Pical)**

**Www.pical.org.au**

**Phone 5952 1131**

**and**

**Wonthaggi**

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

**Ph: 03 5672 3951**







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

# Community Directory

## Artists' Society of Phillip Island

56-58 Church Street Cowes

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

## Australian Red Cross

Woodleigh Vale Branch

Contact Sheila Campbell 5678 8210

## Bass Coast Community Baptist Church

Minister - Barry MacDonald 5995 3904

## Bass Coast L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program

Wonthaggi  
Leanne Tilley 5672 3731 or 0467 590 679

## Bass Coast Strollers

Contact Liz Hart 5678 0346

Website: <http://basscoaststrollers.org/>

## Bass Friends of the RSL

Secretary Trish Thick 5678 1071

Mobile: 0409 851 599

## Bass Valley Community Group

Monday - Friday 5678 2277

## Bass Valley Landcare

2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass 5678 2335

## Cape Woolamai Coast Action

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

## Corinella & District Probus Club

Heather Reid 0421 012 519

## Corinella Boating & Angling Club

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

## Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

Balcombe Street Corinella.

Jacquie Carter 5678 0596

## Corinella & District Community Centre

48 Smythe St Corinella. 5678 0777

Website: [www.corinellacommunitycentre.org.au](http://www.corinellacommunitycentre.org.au)

## Corinella & District Men's Shed & Woodies Group

Corinella Road  
Contact: Ken Thomas 0427 889 191

## Corinella Foreshore Committee

Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

## Coronet Bay, & Surrounds Playgroup (0-4yrs)

Coronet Bay Hall

Mondays 10am—12noon

Contacts: Catherine 0416 112 629

## Coronet Bay Adult Social Club

Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall

Ann 5678 0341

## Country Women's Association of Vic inc.

### Bass Group.

Cowes Lorraine 5952 2165

Glen Alvie Libby 5678 3280

Grantville Annie 5678 8037

Loch Val 5659 4268

Woodleigh Vale Carol 5678 8041

## Cowes Table Tennis Group

Social play, coaching available.

Barbara Parrott 0425 885 834

## Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary

Contact - Shelly 0417 593 497

## Grantville Business & Community Association

Secretary Sandy Ridge

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

## Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

Contact: Barbara Coles

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

## Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee

Pat Van 5997 6221

## Grantville Tennis Club Inc.

Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

## Kernot Uniting Church

1040 Loch-Kernot Road, Kernot

Contact Secretary Judy Hogan 0422 094 903

## Lang Lang Bowling Club

Ian Painter 5997 6554 M: 0419 646 040

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

## Lang Lang Community Centre

Coordinator Marg Hambleton 5997 5704

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

## Lang Lang Cricket Club

Secretary: Sharon May 0459 368 431

## Lang Lang Playgroup

(0-Preschool) Thursdays 9.30am

Contact Bon 0439 886 843

## Lions Club of Bass Valley

First Tuesday each month 6pm

Grantville Transaction Centre then third

Tuesday each month, Dinner at Bass Hotel.

Lyn Renner 0416 024 356

## Nyora Youth Group

Contact Michael Felton

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

## Phillip Island Bowls Club

Dunsmore Avenue, Cowes.

New members welcome, Free coaching

Contact George Mol 0407 851 065

## Phillip Island Camera Club

Meet at the Heritage, Cowes.

Contact: Susan 0408 136 717

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

Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave

All Enquiries Call Aleta 0419 525 609

## Phillip Island Indoor Carpet Bowlers

Come and join the fun. Phillip Island

Celebration Centre 6 Lions Court, Cowes

Contact Jack 0434 944 380

## Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers Inc.

The Phillip Island & District Railway

Contact Peter 5956 9513

## Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL)

56-58 Church Street, Cowes

5952 1131

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

## Phillip Island Patchworkers

Meet on a Monday night from 7.30.

Contact - Lyn Duguid 0427 593 936

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

## Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

Phone bookings

5952 2973

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

## Phillip Island Squares

Square Dancing, Bass Valley Community

Hall. Bass School Rd,

Contact: Carol 5952 5875

## Phillip Island World Vision Club

Second Wednesday each month 1.30pm

St. Phillip's Church Cowes

Enquiries - Thelma 5678 5549

## Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow Email: [pbpa@bigpond.com](mailto:pbpa@bigpond.com)

## Probus Club of Corinella and District

First Wednesday of each month at the Bass Hotel.

Contact Heather Reid 0421 012 519

Rob Parsons 0402 852 300

## Probus Club of San Remo

Second Monday of the month (except

January) 10am at the Newhaven Public Hall.

Visitors Welcome.

Enquiries: Bob Andrews 0437 526 757

## Rhyll Community Association.

Secretary Cheryl Overton 0427 680 483

## South Gippsland Arthritis Support Group

Contact: Adam

0408 353 785

Marg: 0417 154 057

Diane: 5658 1443

## South Gippsland Mental Illness Carer's Group

Maggie 5658 1781 Rosemary 5662 4352

## South Gippsland Parkinson's Support Group

Third Friday each month 10am for 10.30

Leongatha RSL

Meeting/Guest Speaker/Lunch available.

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

## South Gippsland Support after Suicide

Phone 9421 7640

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

## Survivors of Suicide

Raising awareness to aid prevention

Jillian Drew 0413 056 165





# Around the Markets & Op Shops

## Community Group Notices continued

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

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

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

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

## MARKETS



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2nd Sunday**  
**Rotary Club Market Wonthaggi**  
Apex Park 8am - 1pm, 50+ stalls  
Walk to nearby Make it - Bake it Market  
Contact: Neville Goodwin 5672 7245  
Garry Sherrick 5672 5812

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

**3rd Sunday**  
**Inverloch Farmers Market**  
The Glade, Esplanade, 8am - 1pm  
50+ stalls Information: peter@rfm.net.au  
Phone 0439 364 760

**Tooradin Sunday Market**  
9am - 1pm  
Stallholders wanted, \$20 includes 1 sausage & bread breakfast per stall.  
All Market Enquiries: 0429 188 280

**4th Sunday (Weather Permitting)**  
**Grantville Variety Market**



Except December which is the third Sunday  
Grantville Recreation Reserve  
8am - 2pm 100+ stalls  
BBQ & Sausage sizzle, Coffee Cart, indoor and outdoor, cake stalls plus plenty of home made goodies.  
Contact for further details 5997 6221

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

**2nd Friday and Saturday each month**  
**San Remo Cuppa and Chat Market**  
St. Augustine's Church  
Marine Parade San Remo  
Hosts a Cuppa and Chat Market  
Friday 9am - 1pm Saturday 9am - 12noon  
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  
10am - 2.00pm  
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

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

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

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

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

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

### BASS OP SHOP

**Open Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm**  
**Saturday 9am - 12pm**  
**Sunday Closed**

Stop and shop to help raise community funds

#### Community Op Shop

Are you having a clean-up or thinking of cleaning out your house?  
Think recycling, not only to donate but to buy  
Think Hadden House Op Shop, Bass for all your preloved quality items: Clothing, toys, bric-a-brac, furniture, books etc.

Due to Government regulations we are unable to accept second hand electrical goods  
Funds raised by the Bass Op Shop assist the Bass Valley Community Centre in providing valuable community services and programs.

Bass Op Shop, just off the Bass Highway, next to the Bass Hall in Bass School Road, Bass, Victoria  
Phone: 03 5678 2277 Fax: 03 5678 2242  
admin@bvccg.org.au bvccg.org.au

# 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) Call: 5672 3731

Become a member of the WNC this term and reduce the costs on LearnShare Activities (LSA) for the rest of the year. Bookings are required for all activities unless specifically stated. Some require a gold coin (GC).

## New activities:

**Guess Who's Back in Town? The CWA!** on the Wednesday 19th September at 7pm. Come and find out just why the Country Women's Association is so successful and remains so relevant. It is the largest women's organisation in Australia! It encourages women in so many areas of life. Social service, friendship, personal development, leadership and the crafts. Your new ideas and skills will keep the dream and tradition of the CWA alive. They will meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

**The Pioneer Group:** is starting up next term (4) on Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30pm. Please ring the WNC for more information.

## Art & Craft:

**Wet Felting:** is returning term 4 on Wednesdays 10am - 12.30pm. Learn or revisit wet felting techniques and tools to make useful and decorative objects and gifts.

**The art of the mosaic:** is on Saturdays 10.30pm - 1pm. Learn basic techniques used in making mosaics and work on your own projects. Contact WNC for what to bring and to book in. LSA

**Traditional Sampler Quilt:** Meets on Mondays 9.30 to 10.30am. Find out how to make a beautiful 'Sampler Quilt' using basic quilting techniques - hand or machine. LSA

**Evening Crochet:** Meet on Wednesdays 7 to 8pm. Have fun learning a variety of stitches and create colourful and beautiful crochet work. LSA

**Craft & Cuppa:** Meet on Fridays 10am to 12noon. Bring along your craftwork or ideas or both! LSA

## For Health & Wellbeing:

**Life force practice:** Is on Tuesdays from 1.45pm to 4pm and is a two part class to stimulate your mind, body and soul. The first class is about Taiumba a presentation of basic exercises from Asia and South America emphasising pleasant and worthwhile exercise with fun in a spiritual environment. This leads into the second class which will be meditation. Learn to relax and meditate through guided meditation to calm and quieten the mind.

## Other Programs:

**Wild women's wandering:** is on Thursdays 7.30 - 9pm and is for those who have inquiring minds, exploring and tuning in to the power of the sacred feminine from archetype mythology to model feminist thought.

**Digital Camera Evening Class:** starts next term and is on Mondays from 7pm to 8pm. These weekly classes will help you to get the most out of your digital camera. LSA

**How to Talk to Your Guardian Angels**  
A 5 week Course: Starts on Tuesday October 16th from 7pm to 8.30pm. Experienced teacher, Pip, believes everyone has a guardian angel - even if they don't know it. 'Your angel may be helping you in lots of ways.' Call Pip on 0437 670 820 to enrol in her informative course.

## 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. LSA

## 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. GC

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

Pat Atkinson



Bass School Road, Bass 3991

Centre Manager:

Roderick McIvor - Phone 5678 2271

It's that time of year when the Bass Valley Community Group has its AGM (or Annual General Meeting). This year's meeting is scheduled for 2:00 on Thursday 20 September. An AGM may sound like a rather dry affair. However it is a vital part of community organisations such as ours. Its purposes are primarily two-fold. Firstly it is the annual opportunity for the organisation to be accountable to its members and the wider community. Anyone can attend, the AGM is a public meeting, and anyone can ask questions. The second purpose for the AGM is the election of members of the Committee of Governance. The term of all Committee members (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and General Members) only lasts for one year. Any member of the Bass Valley Community Group Inc can nominate. And to become a member is very simple, involving little more than signing up and paying the annual subscription. The Committee gig is far from onerous. A meeting one afternoon a month always raises interesting matters and resolves some of the issues that the Community Centre faces. If it sounds interesting, drop by, or give us a call on 5678 2277, we'd love to see you. As many of you will know, the Bass Valley Community Centre comprises the Hadden House Op Shop (our wonderful fundraising engine), the Bass Hall and the old school room and our office. However these buildings bring with them a big responsibility and no little work to look after them. Currently we have a team from Corrections who do a wonderful job of cutting the broad acreage of lawn area on their monthly visits. Around the Op Shop we have our volunteer Klaus who has as his special project the immaculate tending of those grass areas. We still have a lot of odd jobs around the place that currently have no one able to do them. So, if you have an interest in a little exercise in a picturesque outdoor environment, please drop by or give us a ring. A little help would be very much appreciated, and the weather's just starting to warm up. Another item of interest is that our Men's Social Group, each Tuesday morning from 10:00, is starting to attract a few more members each meeting. If you find yourself at a bit of a loose end, why not come along. No appointment needed.



# Community Centres and other local news



**48 Smythe Street, Corinella,**  
**t: 03 5678 0777 e: coord@cdcc.asn.au**  
 w: corinellacommunitycentre.org.au  
 @CorinellaCommunityCentre

Be Connected is an Australian Government initiative committed to increasing the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians. Be Connected aims to empower everyone to use the internet and everyday technology to thrive in our digital world. You can learn the basics of using digital devices (smartphones, tablets, laptop and desktop computers) and engaging with the internet, topics including:

- Learn about your device
- Being safe online
- Talking to or seeing family and friends who live far away
- Finding new friends who share interests and hobbies
- Connecting with old friends
- Keeping up to date with what's happening in communities and around the world
- Shopping and selling online, safely and securely

Be Connected is provided free of charge and available to anyone in our community. So if you want to learn how to use that mobile phone, tablet or computer, call and book in for a session and we will show you how. Classes running Tuesday's, call us on 5678 0777 for bookings. We are also looking for volunteer mentors who have digital skills and want to share their skills with older Australians, we will provide the training and support. Call Iain or email i.ritchie@cdcc.asn.au for further information.

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](http://www.corinellacommunitycentre.org.au). 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 a monthly bus running to Dandenong Market on the first Tuesday of the month, pick up some bargains and your fruit and veg supplies without the hassle of driving.

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. 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 'Community Lunch.' Everybody's welcome to enjoy a light lunch whilst having a 'chinwag' with others, cost is by donation. Each Friday we run a Mindfulness Meditation session commencing at 12.30. A weekly self-help support group for people who are living with depression and anxiety runs each Friday at 2.00. Come and join in and help create a safe place where you can share your experiences, thoughts & feelings in a confidential, accepting and warm environment with people who have been through similar experiences to you. 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. Thank you to La Provincia for supporting us. 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. 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. 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. 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.

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. Keep up to date with us on Facebook @CorinellaCommunityCentre. Call in or call us on 5678 0777. **Iain Ritchie**



## LANG LANG COMMUNITY CENTRE



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



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

### BLOKES IN THE KITCHEN

**Thursdays: @ 10.30 am**

**Sept 20th**

**Prepare healthy nutritious meals under the guidance of a experienced cook. The classes are FREE however places are limited.**

**Bookings essential ( 59975704**

**Please call us, we open @ 9.30am M-F**  
**7 Westernport Rd, Lang Lang 3984**  
**Contact (03) 5997 5704**  
**llcc@langlang.net**

### Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre



**56-58 Church St, Cowes**  
**Centre Manager - Linda Morrison**

**5952 1131**

**Email :**

**admin@pical.org.au**

**Website:**

**[www.pical.org.au](http://www.pical.org.au)**

# More Community News



## CORONET BAY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

coronetbaynhw@gmail.com

We're very happy to say we are continuing. We welcome Clive Linley as Chairperson, Joyce Cotter as Treasurer, Monica Bloetz as Newsletter Editor and Sue Linley as Secretary. Joyce returned from holidays and offered to return, which pleased Levinus Van der Neut very much as he had volunteered (uncontested) as Treasurer simply to keep the group going.

We extend a big thank you to outgoing founding members Ivan Bradshaw and Pauline Hiscock for their genuine commitment and hard work. We also thank Coronet Bay General Store for their continuing support.

### Police Report for July

**BASS:** Burglary at community hall. Attempted burglary at house with offender disturbed. Tamper with motor vehicle with offender identified. Theft of petrol with offender identified.

**CORINELLA:** Theft of steering wheel from old boat in rural environment.

**GRANTVILLE:** Theft of petrol with stolen vehicle identified. Theft of motor vehicle with offender identified. Theft of dishwasher left in driveway for several hours.

**CORONET BAY:** Criminal damage to motor vehicle. Theft LPG tank from house. Theft of motor vehicle with offender identified.

**Meetings are now quarterly. Next Meeting is November 12 at 7pm Coronet Bay Hall, Fred Gration Reserve. We would love to see you there.**

Further meetings: Feb 11, May 13, Aug 12

**REMEMBER:** thieves are opportunists so always lock everything away before you lock and leave your home or car. Thieves will steal anything that's easy to take.

**\*For Emergencies call 000 (24hrs)**

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

### Probus Club of Corinella and District

The Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the George Bass Hotel, meeting, lunch and guest speaker.

For inquiries call President Sandy Ridge on 5997 6127

or Vice President  
Rob Parsons 0402 852 300.



## On the move



### Flourishing Figures is now located at: 1 Cambridge Street Lang Lang 3984 (Opposite the Stihl Shop)

They are sharing the building with Pure Body Health and you will notice their big sign out the front.

There is one car space in the driveway, otherwise there is plenty of parking on the Street, although please be sure not to block the lane way next door.

Shelley Beilharz

## Want to lose weight?



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

**TOWN** stands for "Take Off Weight Naturally".

That's exactly what we do together.

**TOWN** is low cost and makes it affordable to all.

Your nearest **TOWN** meeting is at the Rhyll Hall, Phillip Island.

Thursdays 9am to 11am.

**For more information call:**

**Judy Pitcon 0400 073 665**

## CORINELLA BOWLING CLUB INC.

22 Balcombe Street,

Corinella

Ph. 5678 0497



Follow and like us on facebook

Corinella Bowling Club Inc  
Over SUMMER... Friday Barefoot Bowls at 5 pm during daylight saving time and Community/Corporate Bowls in January are the main social events.

After the game stay on for a meal at 7 pm in the licensed club house & experience the social side of this family friendly club.

Members also play pennant bowls Tuesday & Saturday and your support for the home games would be appreciated.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact:

Dave Burzacott, Tournament Secretary  
0423 593 227 or

Steve Bray, President 0418 316 912.

## San Remo Bowls Club inc.

Wynne Road, San Remo

Ph: (03) 5678 5558

Website;

sanremobowlsclub.teamapp.com



**Each Wednesday Social Bowls  
12.30pm with a 1.00 pm start.**

During Summer Time Each Friday  
5.00pm Barefoot Bowls and BBQ.

All Visitors and New Members  
welcome.

Contact Arthur Parker 0421 061 074

Members of other clubs or visitors to the area can join us in the Monthly Triples as well as the Barefoot Bowls.

Please contact Arthur on  
0421 061 074 if any further  
information is required about the San  
Remo Bowls Club.



**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO  
The Home and  
Party Plan Expo**

Wonthaggi Town Hall  
14 Baillieu St, Wonthaggi  
**9am - 3pm**

**Saturday 20th October 2018**

For further information  
please contact  
hbppexpo@gmail.com

## Some of the featured companies

DOTERRA  
CHEFS TOOLBOX  
NUTRIMETICS  
SENEGENCE  
FLAVOURISTA  
POSTIE  
NATURE DIRECT  
KIRRIAK KIOSK  
ITWORKS

PURE ROMANCE  
THE BODY SHOP  
TUPPERWARE  
SCENTS/ADRI  
PARTYLITE  
YOUNIQUE  
LITTLE MISS RUBY  
YAYME

THERMOMIX  
SEASHORE PEARLS  
PARKLANE JEWELLERY  
KANDLES BY KBW  
LORRAINE LEE LINTEN  
FEATHER AND FAWN CREATIONS  
EARTHS TREASURES COLLECTIVE  
BOWS, CLIPS & PRETTY THINGS



# More Community News



## CFA NEWS With Michele Fulwell

All indications are for early season. It has been a dry winter with below average rainfall. We have already had significant fires interstate and in East Gippsland. The fire danger period and fire restrictions commenced on 10 September 2018 in East Gippsland and Wellington Shire's. If you are travelling to those areas for the school holidays you will need to be aware that restrictions are in place. You can find out more at the CFA website.

With early restrictions comes the need for an early clean up of properties. With the winds we have had we understand this can seem like a constant battle, but this means clearing up leaves and fallen branches, clearing gutters and trimming back trees. If you are clearing up remember to check with the shire if you plan on burning off as shire bylaws may prohibit burning off in your area. Also remember to register your burn on 1800 668 511 so we don't pay a visit in the fire truck!

Now is also the time to make sure you have the Emergency Victoria app on your phone and to make a fire plan with your family. When considering your fire plan keep in mind that Grantville, Adam's Estate and The Gurdies are high risk areas. Also remember that it takes at least two physically and mentally strong adults to defend a prepared home. Consider who is in your home (including pets), where you can go, how you can get there, what your trigger to leave will be and what you will take. A planning guide is available at

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

### 2018 Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb

This year three members of Kernot-Grantville Fire Brigade entered the Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb on Saturday 1st September. Held at Crown Metropool the climb involved climbing the stairs of the 28-storey building in full structure gear and breathing apparatus. Captain Andrew Blackney made the climb in just 5.07 minutes and came in tenth overall in his category (Donned Only) and was placed 2nd in the Master's division. Andrew, his son Daniel and 4th Lieutenant David Cox were able to raise almost \$2000 between them to help with PTSD and suicide prevention in emergency service personnel. The brigade is exceptionally proud of their commitment and achievements!

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



### For FRIENDSHIP, SHARING, CARING

Enjoy the company of ladies of all ages, who have similar interests. Learn new craft skills, exchanging recipes and cooking tips. Social days out, theatre, lunches, shopping trips etc.

#### Our current projects:

- Knitwear, comfort rugs and toys for children in foster care.
- Knit A Row located at "The Pantry" - Scarfs for people in need
- 4th Friday of the month - Sewing Bee at Corinella, Reusable bags.

### During the month of August

We delivered a large case of knitted and crochet rugs, toys, teddies jumper and cardigans to Anglicare Victoria at Leongatha. These items will be forward to children in Foster care

Also preemie cardies and beanies to Local hospital

A BIG "THANK YOU LADIES FOR YOU GREAT EFFORT

State Creative Arts Exhibition held at Leongatha in August

CONGRATULATION TO THE GRANTVILLE AND OTHER BASS GROUP LADIES, WHO ENTERED MANY ITEMS WITH A VERY SUCCESSFUL RESULTS

– Great work

### Important dates

Monday 8 October 12:30pm  
General meeting

Monday 22 October 10:00am  
Craft meeting

Country Women's Association of Victoria is currently celebrating 90 years of service to women and children.

**Any info you're welcome to call Betty on 0418 396 863 anytime**



**Are you a carer or looking after someone with dementia or memory loss?**  
The VERILY project is a short term project that helps carer's and care givers on-line support. If you live in the Koo Wee Rup and District area and are interested in participating in this trial please look at the information below

**verilyconnect**

is a place for carers  
to connect online and  
support each other in  
a dementia-friendly  
community

For more information

➡ [verilyconnect.org.au](http://verilyconnect.org.au)

☎ (03) 5444 7676

✉ [verilyconnect@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:verilyconnect@latrobe.edu.au)

Melbourne Health HREC 17/MH/404 Version 3 07.05.2018  
Verily Connect: An Australian Government initiative

**Find us on**

**KRHS is a 72 bed Public Hospital.**  
We provide a range of community and centre based services: Acute Care, Early Parenting, Transitional Care, Respite and Residential Aged Care, Community Health, District Nurses, Home Care Support, Pathology and Allied Health e.g: Physiotherapy, Social work and Occupational Therapy.  
There is also Specialist Medical Services: Podiatry, Cardiology and a Diabetes Clinic. KRHS is a member of the International Health Promoting Hospitals Network and Global Green and Healthy Hospitals.

235 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup  
ph: 03 5997 9679 email: [gregorys@krhs.net.au](mailto:gregorys@krhs.net.au)  
website: [www.kooweeruphospital.net.au](http://www.kooweeruphospital.net.au)

# Food

## A cook's journal



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

**Jan shares some of her favourite recipes.**

### The Delicious Stalk



**THIS** is a really old-fashioned soup that was very popular in Britain when I was growing up. I had forgotten all about it until recently when I was going away on holiday and had a large head of celery to get through before we left. This is really a most delicious soup and very simple and cheap to make, especially if you have lots of celery in your garden.

### CREAM OF CELERY SOUP

#### Ingredients

2 tablespoons of olive oil  
1 head of celery, sliced  
1 large onion, finely chopped  
1 clove of garlic, chopped  
Small bunch of parsley, roughly chopped  
1 litre of vegetable stock  
100ml single cream (plus a little extra for serving if desired)  
A good pinch of nutmeg and some black pepper to season

#### Method

In a large saucepan heat the oil gently and add the sliced celery, onion and garlic to the pan. Cook over a gentle heat until the vegetables are soft but not browned. This will take around 15 minutes. Add the chopped parsley and vegetable stock then season well with nutmeg and black pepper. Simmer the soup for about 15 minutes then pour into a blender or food processor along with the single cream. Process/puree at high speed till soup is smooth and creamy. Serve with an extra drizzle of cream if you wish.

**Enjoy!**

### Fruit Loaf with a twist



I often give some of my home-made marmalade away to friends. However, there is always some left over and when it is just the two of us we don't get through it very quickly.

This is the reason I make this lovely marmalade and ginger loaf. It is very delicious and tangy and very easy to make. You can use any sort of marmalade for this.

### MARMALADE AND GINGER TEA LOAF

#### Ingredients

250 grams self-raising flour  
½ teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
175 grams of brown sugar  
50 grams pecans or walnuts, chopped  
3 eggs  
120 grams marmalade  
175 grams butter, softened

#### Method

Preheat the oven to 170C. Grease and line a 21x11cm loaf tin. Sift the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and ginger. Cream the butter and brown sugar until soft. Add the lightly beaten eggs alternately with the sifted flour - mix well. Add the chopped nuts and marmalade and mix well. Pour the batter into the prepared loaf tin and bake at 170 for 1-1¼ hours. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes before removing to a cake rack to cool completely.

Optional: To make this loaf extra tangy I sometimes add about a tablespoon of chopped crystallised ginger.

**Read more of Jan's large collection of recipes at:**

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**What kitchen short cuts are you missing?**

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## Putting a Spring Back Into Your Step

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In Chinese medicine springtime is attributed to the wood element and the liver and gallbladder systems. The nature of wood is to spread, grow and reach new heights. Once the seed is planted it is destined to become a tree and although it may encounter obstacles on its path, it does not stop pushing and it never considers giving up. This is the wood energy and as such the liver and gallbladder system is responsible for this smooth spread and flow of Qi within the body. Any congestion or restriction can cause the wood energy to stagnate and backfire which can lead to symptoms like pain, PMS, menstrual irregularities, emotional outbursts or digestive problems. The spirit of the liver is said to be the planner and the gallbladder is the general who executes those plans. Therefore, issues concerning lack of direction, setting goals for the future and the inability to focus and complete tasks to reach those goals, can be seen as a disruption in this system.

With acupuncture and herbs as well as implementing a healthy diet and lifestyle we can promote the smooth flow of Qi and bring a sense of wellbeing and balance back into the body and mind.

Foods that help to encourage the healthy functioning of the liver and gallbladder include dark leafy greens, sprouts, herbs like parsley, basil and rosemary, fennel and citrus fruits as well as whole grains like rye. Avoid eating too much refined and processed foods, sugars, fats as well as dairy as these tend to weigh heavy and are congesting to the body.

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# Health & Lifestyle

## DEMENTIA

**Rachael Wonderlin**

**The only three questions you need in Dementia care giving**



**These are the best 3 tried-and-true questions that you need in dementia caregiving. Are you ready?**

### 1. "Where do you think they are?"

This is the question that you're going to use with someone who has dementia when they are talking about a loved one who has passed away. For example, perhaps your mom is saying, "Hey, where's my dad?" You know that her father (your grandfather) died years ago, but saying, "Don't you remember? He's been dead for years!" is a terrible answer. Let's figure out where her reality is so that we can embrace it! Ask her, "Where do you think he is?" and then repeat that answer back to her.

### For example, it may go like this:

"Where's my dad?" / "Where do you think he is?" / "I think he's at work." / "That sounds right, he must be at work." The great thing about this answer is that it takes you completely off the hook: you don't have to come up with anything, and you won't accidentally give them the wrong answer! I spoke to a staff member at a local SNF recently who told me about the wrong answer she gave one of her residents. "Uhh...I think your husband is at work," she offered. "My husband is on disability, so he doesn't work!" the resident called back, annoyed. If the person you are caring for believes

that their loved one is dead, you can also confirm this. The trick is to always repeat their answer back to them. You can also reuse their answer, without re-asking the question, multiple times in a row!

### 2. "What do you think about this?"

This is the question that you're going to use when introducing a stuffed animal or baby doll to a person with dementia. Just like in the first question, we give the person with dementia the opportunity to tell us what THEIR reality is! We don't want to introduce a stuffed dog and say, "Look at this real dog!" because they may say, "That's not a real dog." Let them guide you to what their reality is, and then do that.

### 3. "Can you help me?"

If you ask someone with dementia if they "want" to do something, what will they probably tell you?

They'll probably tell you, "no," even if they may have been interested in the thing you were asking about. If you ask someone "for help," you're actually asking a completely different question! I've done this many, many times with people who have dementia. The phrase, "Do you want to help me?" or, "Do you want to..." is very different from, "CAN you help me?" "Can you" inspires a sense that you are the one needing assistance, and everyone wants to feel helpful and needed!

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# Bass Coast Business Award Winners

## Bass Coast 2018 Business Awards Winners are gridders at the Bass Coast Business Awards

Wattlebank winery and cellar door, Harman Wines, were awarded Business of the Year on Friday evening at Bass Coast Shire Council's annual Business Awards.

Harman Wines also won the Business Excellence 0-5 Employees award, for which they were runner up in 2017.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Pamela Rothfield explained that Harman wines are proud of their farm to plate business philosophy.

"The judges were particularly impressed by Harman Wines passion for utilising ingredients sourced from within a 30km radius," Cr Rothfield said.

There were 32 local businesses who entered the awards and the People's Choice awards had 171 different businesses across the Shire nominated by community members.

The 2017 Business of the year, Norte, took home multiple awards this year including winner of the Environment and Sustainability category, and runner up in Marketing and Promotions and Business Excellence 0-5 employees.

In the People's Choice category, Inverloch family restaurant and café The Bayside Lady won People's Choice Business of the Year and People's Choice Hospitality Services.

Phillip Island Helicopters had another successful year winning the Industry Collaboration category, a new category introduced for the first time this year, and also the people Choice Tourism/Attraction award.

Cr Rothfield said it was a fantastic night, with over 160 people attending from over 36 different Bass Coast businesses.

"I'd like to congratulate everyone who was involved in the Business Awards this year, including all of the award winners and finalists, and everyone who entered, nominated or voted for a business," Cr Rothfield said.

"I'd also like to thank our sponsors on the evening, and Council's Economic Development Team who worked tirelessly to make this year's event another huge success."

## 2018 Award Winners

### People's Choice Award Winners 2018

Category: Health and Lifestyle

Winner - B h Beauty.Skin.Body

Category: Hospitality Services

Winner - The Bayside Lady

Category: Professional Services

Winner - D G Practitioner

Category: Retail Business

Winner - Dalyston General Store

Category: Tourism/Attraction

Winner - Phillip Island Helicopters

Category: Trades and Services

Winner - McHenry Motors

People's Choice Business of the Year

Winner - The Bayside Lady

### Category: Business Excellence 0-5 employees

Runner up:

Norte

Winner: Harman Wines

### Category: Business Excellence 6+ employees

Runner up:

Phillip Island Helicopters

Winner:

Maru Koala and Animal Park

### Category: Marketing and Promotion

Runner up: Norte

Winner: Amaze'n things

### Category: New Business

Runner up: North South Homes

Winner: Bass Strait Direct

### Category: Environment and Sustainability

Runner up: Silverwater Resort

Winner: Norte

### Category: Good Access is Good Business

Winner: Focus on Lifestyle and Mobility

Category: Industry Collaboration

Runner up: Phillip Island Experience

Winner: Phillip Island Helicopters

Business of the Year

Winner: Harman Wines



## 2018 Bass Coast Business Award Winners



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Trumpet/Flugelhorn/Arrangements: James Mustafa  
Guitar: Samuel O'halloran  
Piano: Selene Messinis  
Tenor Sax: Trent Howard  
Baritone Sax: Aaron Rodriguez  
Double Bass: Hiroki Hoshino  
Drums: Timothy Clifton

**Jennifer is described as an enchanting** singer with a natural sense of swing. Jennifer has made a name for herself among the jazz community with her breezy renditions of the American songbook. When onstage, she channels the great voices of the '40s and '50s guiding her audience in a time-traveling roller-coaster of emotions, navigating the history of jazz. Her own song writing is deeply influenced by the golden era of jazz; it's almost impossible to tell apart the songs that she wrote herself, from the classic repertoire she draws from to tell the Unspoken Rule story; songs immortalized by Billie Holiday, Chet Baker, Doris Day, Benny Goodman, in unexpected arrangements by James Mustafa, turning the project into a balancing act between the vintage and modern aesthetics.

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## SOUTH GIPPSLAND JAZZ SOCIETY



**Inverloch Jazz Club**  
**2pm Inverloch RSL**  
Sunday 14 October:  
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(Anita Harris & Pippa Wilson)  
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**Saturday 6 October**  
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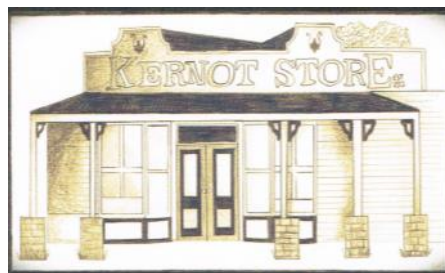
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**Saturday 6 October 2018**  
**Presented by Inverloch Jazz Festival**

Two of Australia's premier instrumentalists, Michael Johnson and Evripides Evripidou, will appear in BREATHE, at Inverloch on Saturday 6 October 2018. Michael and Evri have backgrounds in jazz, folk and classical music, and their original compositions draw influences from Ireland, Spain and South America.

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**19 - 21 Oct - Murray Bridge Jazz Festival**  
**19 - 21 Oct - Marysville Jazz & Blues Festival**  
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**Phillip Island Jazz Festival**  
**Details on page 19**

**The Jazz Club - 12-2pm Saturdays.**

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## 2018 Phillip Island Jazz Festival 16 - 18 November



**Tickets are now on sale for the 2018 Phillip Island Jazz Festival, so book early to avoid disappointment.**

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### Sunday Evening

Piano Bar with Bruce Gourlay

Numbers Restaurant 6.30 - 9.30pm

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### Appearing at this year's festival

This year we have concentrated on bringing back groups who have been audience favourites over the last four to five years.

Many of the groups appearing have received the ultimate accolade a standing ovation from the audience.

### Have a look at this for a line-up:

- Bruce Gourlay
- Geoff Power & Friends
- Royal Garden Jazz Band
- Jules Boulton & The Redeemers
- Hot B Hines
- Creole Bells Revival Band
- Beverley Sheehan
- La Mauvaise Reputatiion
- Shirazz

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### Phillip Island Jazz Festival 2018 Band Profile # 1



#### *Beverley Sheehan performing with Steve Waddell in the Creole Bells Revival Band*

The Creole Bells are a professional and entertaining jazz band providing excellent music for dancing, weddings, cabarets, parties and corporate functions. The Melbourne-based band plays an exciting style of music inspired by the happy and carefree jazz of the 1920s. Their extensive repertoire embraces Dixieland favourites, popular tunes from the 20s and 30s, as well as compositions by such legendary Australian jazzmen as Graeme Bell and Ade Monsborough, both of whom have performed with the band.

The band members are acutely conscious of the importance of this part of their musical heritage, and consider it an honour to pay tribute to their own jazz pioneers.

Leader Steve Waddell formed the Creole Bells some thirty years ago and their popularity is well established at home and overseas.

In 2014 Phillip Island Jazz decided to have a Gospel Hour to open the Sunday Program. The obvious choice was Creole Bells to be accompanied by Beverley Sheehan. This year will bring up their fifth appearance and there is little doubt that a large crowd of jazz fans in attendance and will voice their approval as they have in previous years.

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# Western Port Ward Update

**Western Port Ward Update**  
Cr's Geoff Ellis, Clare Le Serve and  
Bruce Kent



**Another big win for Bass Coast.**  
When the new Wonthaggi Secondary College opens in 2020 Bass Coast Shire will be handed the keys to the old buildings.



In the lead up to that day, Council will develop a master plan for the site through a comprehensive community engagement program. Library, Gallery, Sculpture Park, Public Amenity, so many great ideas to consider and the clock's ticking. Watch this space and make sure you have your say!

## **Boomerang Bags – Wonthaggi**

The next sewathon will be held at Wonthaggi Library on Saturday September 29th 10am to Noon. This amazing and committed team are approaching a distribution milestone of 10,000 bags and they are looking for people to help cut out and iron material as well as more people who can sew.

## **Breakfast at San Remo**

We had a great turn-out at the 'Plastic Bag Free Bass Coast Breakfast.' Craig Reucassel from the ABC's War on Waste and Lauren Barker from Plastic Free Phillip Island & San Remo were guest speakers. We'd like to thank the people of Bass Coast for patiently embracing the introduction of the organic waste service. Your great work means we are diverting, on average, 77% of our organic waste from landfill!



*Councillors Clare Le Serve and Geoff Ellis at the recent "War on Waste" breakfast at San Remo.*

## **VicRoads says NO**

If it was in Spring Street it would be funded tomorrow.

Following on from discussions between concerned community members, councillors, emergency services and VicRoads we asked for an update regarding proposals to make it safe to cross the highway in Kilcunda.

The news from VicRoads is that they can't find the funding to undertake any interim works in the near future. This is mainly due to the "quick fix" options not being feasible without "significant" expenditure. A long term solution is being considered through the current Bass Hwy corridor planning work. A further update on this will be provided to Councillors in a few weeks at our regular meeting with VicRoads.

We share the community's dismay with this outcome, particularly in light of the amount of money being spent on the Monash.

## **Bass Coast Shire Meeting Schedule for the coming months:**

### **Community Connection Session** **10 October 2018 3.00pm**

Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

### **Ordinary Council Meeting**

17 October 2018 5.00pm  
Grantville Hall, Grantville

### **Community Connection Session**

14 November 2018 3.00pm  
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

### **Special Council Meeting**

14 November 2018 5.00pm  
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

This Update is edited on behalf of the three Western Port Ward Councillors by Cr. Geoff Ellis



This update is based on the personal views and opinions of Councillors, Clare Le Serve, Bruce Kent and Geoff Ellis and may not be indicative of BCSC policy.

## **Councillor's Update** **Progress Report**

Recently another newspaper ran an informative piece focusing on the commitments made by Bass Coast Councillors and how these promises have been fulfilled. Or not.

This obviously led to consideration of the commitments that Western Port Ward councillors made and how well we are travelling.

Given that we ran as independents in 2016 it seems appropriate for each of us to have separate progress updates and, as the editor of our collegiate updates, I'll nominate myself to go first. Cr Kent and Cr Le Serve will follow in the next two monthly issues.

In early 2016 I told the VEC that seven councillors was plenty, we should stick to individual wards and asked "what could two more councillors possibly provide?"

The VEC imposed the 3 x 3 ward structure so I decided to run to add value to communication/engagement through finding out what really mattered and attempting to meet the aspirations of our people.

My first lesson was the realisation of how hard Cr Le Serve worked to cover Leadbeater Ward and how large our new ward was. As the only returning councillor Clare helped guide us newbie councillors, provided continuity across the two terms and continued to look after the people in the expanded area we now cover as a team.

Building on her Leadership made my transition to "Councillor" much easier than it might have been.

Representing such a great community helped enormously, too.

Firstly, I'd like to list three of my unfulfilled promises –

Live streaming, which we are still inching toward, Resurrection of the Coronet Bay boat ramp, which proved insurmountably expensive.

And fixing that damned pot hole at Grantville shops which, I now know, is the remit of Telstra and is one more example of that mob's disinterest in our people.

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# Our people & Happenings

## Councillor's Update Progress Report continued

A commitment that remains to be delivered is more, properly fenced, dog off lead areas. The Wonthaggi Dog Park is now a model for these facilities and we need to have more of them across the shire. I hope to include funding for these in the next budget.

Despite those disappointments I can also look upon many commitments that are being fulfilled. This includes listening to what people want council to achieve and voting accordingly when these matters come before council.

Ongoing support of the Small Coastal Township Alliance and its resolve to clarify DDO-1 is an example of that continuing conversation.

I also promised to work collaboratively with community groups and my fellow councillors. I think we are achieving that as we strengthen our relationships.

I promised 'not to squander the rates' and the effort this, and the previous council, put into service review continues to produce significant financial efficiencies.

Our recent commitment to exploring shared services with other councils is another step along that pathway.

As the chair of The Library (WGRLC) I take great pride in the efforts of our Librarians and the amenity of Inverloch and Wonthaggi libraries. One of my commitments was continued, undiminished support for these valuable community resources and extension of the opening hours of the Cowes Library is a result of the efforts of our staff.

Last year there were over 65,000 free, individual computer sessions provided by WGRLC across the three shires. This is a marker of the lack of connectivity in this area as well as the value of the service. Continued funding of the Rural Land Management Rebate Scheme and support of our Rural Engagement Group show that we are meeting our commitment to engage our agricultural sector and the people who work so hard across our hills. We need to advocate hard for support for our drought affected farmers. Even though our laneways are muddy and our tank's full we are impacted by the scarcity of fodder and the surplus of unwanted cattle across parts of Victoria and NSW.

Our roads are continuously being improved and this is part of our Road Asset Management Plan which Crs Kent, Le Serve and I fully support and will ensure that it remains a well-funded budget priority.

My council delegated membership of our

Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee, The South Coast Inclusion Network and the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group are part of my ongoing commitment to advocacy for all the people who call Bass Coast home.

Personally, I see my successful motion in support of marriage equality and another motion re-affirming our stance against coal seam gas as reflections of strong community feeling.

I could go on and here's the gist – I think we're doing OK and we have a lot more to achieve. Made a few mistakes, sure – my initial vote against the bigger, better, highball stadium that will soon be built was a rookie mistake – and I'm happy to talk to you, about all of the above and more, at the next Grantville Market.



## Arts project planned to commemorate the centenary of Armistice Day



*Janice Orchard at the Grantville & District Memorial Park*

An ambitious project to upgrade the existing Wall of Honour in the Grantville & District Memorial Park, beside the Bass Highway at Grantville could be the key to increasing visitor numbers to the region.

Instigated by the Bass Valley Friends of the RSL and funded by grants from the Commonwealth of Australia represented by the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Bendigo Community Bank to commemorate the centenary of Armistice Day and the end of World War 1, the aim of the project is to celebrate the diverse range of campaigns fought by Australians from 1914 to 1918. Images produced will include the Australian Light Horse, the 1st Imperial Camel Corp, and the Australian Navy, Infantry and Flying Corp as well as the valiant work done by Australian Nurses.


Aimed at highlighting significant military events while honouring the courageous service men and women who fought for our freedom and quality of life when Australia entered the First World War, the plan is to create a bright and colourful mural, designed by artist Janice Orchard, of selected images reproduced in glass mosaic tiles on the Wall of Honour. Members of the community will be encouraged to actively participate in the construction of the mural and free workshops would be run to teach the skills necessary for cutting and placing the coloured glass tiles in position within the design.

This would be a great opportunity for anyone who wishes to learn the art of mosaics, and people with some experience would also be most welcome to come and help out with the project. All work on the mural will be supervised by Janice Orchard, the project coordinator who has previous experience having designed and supervised the glass tiled murals in front of the library in Inverloch as part of the Rotary Clock Tower installation.

**A public meeting to discuss the project will be held at the Grantville Transaction Centre on Sunday 13th October at 2 pm. Anyone who would like to participate in the creation of this historic mural is welcome to attend.**

**Afternoon tea will be served so for catering purposes please contact Trish Thick on 0409 851 599 or Janice Orchard on 0419 301 363 if you plan to be there.**





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If you wish to purchase dinner before the speaker please contact  
Daniel at the George Bass Hotel  
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# The French Island News



**FRENCH ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
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French Island, Victoria 3921  
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## EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

There is one fire engine stationed permanently on the island. CFA volunteers are able to respond to any kind of emergency. Calling 000 is always the best option in an emergency.

## NURSE ON CALL

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

## AMBULANCE SERVICES

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

## POISON INFORMATION HOTLINE



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## French Island General Store & Café

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Visit [www.figsfrenchisland.com.au](http://www.figsfrenchisland.com.au) or Facebook/figsfrenchisland for more information.

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## FRIENDS OF FRENCH ISLAND NATIONAL PARK (FOFI)

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## FOFI Project Days

Third Saturday each month  
Membership enquiries and  
More details - [www.fofi.org.au](http://www.fofi.org.au)

## French Island Landcare

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



## Landcare Nursery

Volunteers are always welcome at the nursery on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to noon.  
Contact Terri: 0413 088 527



## FRENCH ISLAND FERRY



<http://westernportferries.com.au/>

## BARGE

Spirit of French Island operate a vehicular barge from Corinella on the eastern side of Western Port to the barge landing on French Island. It accommodates two standard size cars or a larger truck.

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

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

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

## French Island Visitor's Guide

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

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

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

Christine Dineen



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



## French Island Cricket Club

The French Island cricket club is facing the reality of having no cricket side this season.

The club has 120 years of history within the MPCA and is in desperate need of players to continue their tradition of a cricket club on an isolated island.



*2012 Premiershipe Team*

The club enjoyed long awaited success with a premiershipe as recent as 2012 in the A1 grade but has more recently had a decline in players and with no junior teams to source players from, the club is searching for anyone that would like to have a game of cricket.

French Island are willing to offer free membership, playing shirt, performance based incentives, cover the ferry travel costs to and from the island and supply refreshments free of charge at the completion of play each week at home games.

If you would like to play at a friendly, family oriented club with a long history please contact the French Island Cricket Club ASAP before the upcoming season.

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The club recently received great coverage of its recruiting drive, with an article including colour photo in the 4 September edition of the Herald Sun.



*The 1960 Premiershipe team played a prominent part in the club's rich 120 year history.*



## FOFI News

Friends of French Island National Park

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A hot chocolate and a rainbow at the French Island General Store, following the recent Western Port Wader Survey on French Island.

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# Community Spirit

## Bass Coast Business Awards The People's Choice Professional Services

**If a person's sick and needs to be seen, they'll be seen today. This is Deb Garvey's overriding commitment to the people of Bass Coast.**



Her personal guarantee means that she won't go home till the last patient has been looked after.

Deb Garvey wanted to make a difference when she began her health career.

Winning The People's Choice: Professional Services Award, at the Bass Coast Business Awards, shows just how much of a difference she is making, particularly across the Waterline area. Deb's been based in the Grantville Transaction Centre since 2013.

Prior to that State Government research had identified the area as 'High Need' and there was a large gap in medical services.

Bass Coast Community Health asked Deb to apply for funding to set up a clinic and a grant was obtained to start a Nurse Practitioner led service that would deliver care to the older person.

It was then successfully argued that in a geographically isolated area you can't discriminate between the 'older' person and the 'younger' person.

Wages for a project worker, a Nurse Practitioner and a Nurse Practitioner Candidate were covered by the grant as was some supplies, one car, rent, advertising, a one-off conference attendance and some equipment such as a defibrillator and air viva.

With two Master's degrees and a strong medical background that includes being initially a State Enrolled Nurse then a Registered Nurse in Wonthaggi, and then specializing in Emergency, Coronary and Intensive care at Frankston and then returning the Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Deb was obviously well qualified and undertook specific Nurse-Practitioner training before commencing the role at Bass Coast Community Health and, ultimately in Grantville.

Five years later Deb is a vital part of the local community. She opens the doors of the centre at six each weekday except Wednesdays.

Tradies are often the first patients of the day. People come from as far afield as Inverloch and Cowes as they know Deb fits walk-ins in between the scheduled appointments.

Part of Deb's philosophy is to empower patients by making sure they understand

their treatment and she helps to interpret test results. Deb has an engagingly direct way of dealing with patients and she treats them like people, not a product. A bit of humour can help lighten the load. One patient recently informed her that it was his job to get hurt and her job to fix him.

As a Nurse Practitioner Deb offers a range of services that include issuing prescriptions, referrals to specialists, immunisations, women's health, men's health and diagnostics.

Deb can also perform various procedures and all consultations are bulk billed.

In an area where public transport is basic and an aging population is less likely to be able to drive, Deb is providing an essential service to her community.

Her friendly, down to earth approach flows into the waiting area which is more like a family gathering place than an office.

As well as looking after her patients Deb answers the occasional call for first aid at the shops across the road or at the nearby bus stop.

When the original Grant funding expired the local people valued Deb's presence so highly that they raised money to temporarily pay her rent to ensure continuity.

This affection was further evidenced by the tide of people who rushed to vote for her once the on-line voting opened.

Deb was surprised to find out she'd been nominated for the award but the 400 supportive reactions that soon appeared on her facebook page confirmed that the community wasn't surprised.

Once the public recognition of her patient's appreciation became apparent she was flattered and honoured. At the awards ceremony, after Deb's well deserved win was announced she was overwhelmed.

Later Deb said "I love what I do. People are fantastic, this is so heart-warming."

As well as Grantville, Deb also opens a practice at Tarwin Lower on Saturdays with the same philosophy: she only closes the door after the last patient is seen.

The official criteria for

'The People's Choice Award: Professional Services' is "A business that delivers professional services that exceed customer expectation." Well deserved, indeed. Just ask the people of the Waterline.

**Geoff Ellis**

## NBN



If you read last month's article you will hopefully now be aware that even if you don't care about or use the internet, you must take action to convert your home phone across to the NBN, this will not happen automatically. Grab your last phone bill, ring your provider and tell them you wish to change.

If you have a medical alarm (monitored or unmonitored), auto dialler or emergency call button (eg MePACS), explain this to your provider, they will advise if you need to discuss the problem with your medical alarm provider. If you do nothing, the alarm will cease to work when your home phone line is disconnected.

None of this should cause any stress, it is just important that you take the appropriate steps, all the hard work will be carried out for you at no charge. Once it is done you simply unplug your home phone from the wall, plug in the modem provided, power it on and plug your home phone into the phone socket on the modem. For some this NBN connection will come with the bonus of internet access at little or no extra cost (eg TPG \$29.99 plan includes 10gig of data). Some people we have spoken with already have the internet and see no reason to change anything, especially with daily bulletins of NBN failures and inconvenience. The biggest mistake these people can make is to do nothing. The existing internet connections (ADSL) will be shut down by April next year in this region. Make the phone call, arrange the changeover, hopefully you will also enjoy the savings (no more phone line rental plus Internet Plan), just a simple NBN plan, the speed you want, with the amount of data you require. Depending on your choices it will be as good as or much better than your existing service and the chances are the changeover will be seamless and the service more reliable.

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# Philosophy, Trivia & Quiz,



"Happiness is a frightening state of being. If we let ourselves be happy, then there is something that can always be taken from us. In one minute, one second, everything can change."

**Jacqueline Simon Gunn,  
Forever and One Day**

"If you have a philosophical inclination inside you, you always feel that you observe the minute details of life, then be ready to live a challenging life."

**Yash Thakur**

## Literature and Film

1. Who is the fourth musketeer besides D Artagnan, Athos and Porthos?
2. Who killed the Minotaur?
3. Which Egyptian woman was considered as the inventor of agriculture? She married her brother and together they had a son: Horus.
4. Who is the giant with 100 eyes according to the Greek mythology?
5. Whose box did Epimethius open?
6. What is the name of the winged horse in Greek mythology?
7. On which island did Ernest Hemingway stay to be able to write much?
8. In which country did Shakespeare's Hamlet live?
9. Who was the wife of Othello?
10. Who was the imaginary love of Don Quixote?
11. In which two languages did the Irish writer Samuel Beckett write.
12. Name the book Mary Shelley wrote when she was 19?
13. What is the English name of the Russian novel titled Voyna i Mir?
14. How many Oscars did the Titanic movie get?
15. Which malformation did Marilyn Monroe have when she was born?
16. What is the house number of the Simpsons?
17. What is the name of the prison in the film The Rock?
18. Who is the protagonist in the Last Action Hero film?
19. What is the pseudonym of Allen Stewart Koningsberg?
20. Who did play the role of Peter Pan in the Peter Pan movie?

"When you are HERE and want to get THERE, when you get THERE, you find that there is no THERE."

Moral: "THERE" only exists because you are comparing it with "HERE." Yet, your "there" changes when your "here" changes. Therefore, grandly appreciate where you are, i.e., "here," because "there" is just a myth that turns into "here" when you get "there." Simplified, HERE and NOW is all there is. Enjoy this moment."

**Dr. Jacent Mpalyenkana, Ph.D. MBA**

"Life is like a long walk, an extended mediation, where a person discovers the difference between living with attention and awareness and simply passing through the world in a zombie state, ignorant of what is beautiful, true, and virtuous."

**Kilroy J. Oldster, Dead Toad Scrolls**

"Genuine and lasting friendship is possible, but it is not easy to achieve. If all of us could establish a long lasting friendship, many mature people would still have old friends from their school days."

**Eraldo Banovac**

"Intensive work engagement is an effective medicine that we should use in case of many problems that occur in life. For example, when you are being treated unfairly at work or going through promotion discrimination, do not despair or complain that life isn't fair, but rather respond by intensive work, start a new challenging project, enrol in a master's degree program or in a doctoral program. Such activities will occupy you completely, so that you will quickly overcome the problem and repair your injured self esteem."

**Eraldo Banovac**



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**Contact:** Ian 0407 24 00 24 John 0402 442 284

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Aramis. 2. Thesius. 3. Isis. 4. Argus.  
5. Pandora's box. 6. Pegasus. 7. Cuba.  
8. Denmark. 9. Desdemona. 10. Dulcinea.  
11. English and French. 12. Frankenstein.  
13. War and peace. 14. Eleven. 15. Six toes.  
16. Number 742. 17. Alcatraz. 18. Arnold Schwarzenegger. 19. Robin Williams

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

### Mud between the toes

Mark Robertson



***Mahers Landing is no place for millionaires' yachts, but it has plenty of riches for those who are willing to see.***

WHEN you first arrive at the Mahers Landing carpark, you might be underwhelmed. There's a basic boat ramp, a fish cleaning table, a navigation beacon and a toilet block. At high tide there's an expanse of water with Venus Bay on the distant shore. At low tide, you can see expansive mudflats dissected by sinuous channels. This is Andersons Inlet, the estuary of the Tarwin River.

If you pause, take a few breaths of salty air and look more closely you will find that this area is teeming with life. The mud is punctuated with the holes of crabs, bass yabbies and marine worms. There are usually many species of shorebirds feeding or resting and a variety of fishes fin about under the waters.

Directly in front of the carpark, Zostera seagrass is establishing, along with a few white mangrove seedlings. As the days become longer, the sunlight will allow these plants to photosynthesize and grow long and lush, providing habitat and food for all manner of marine creatures. Their roots will bind and stabilise the mud, protecting the low shoreline from erosion. The seagrasses are not algae's or seaweeds but flowering plants, or angiosperms, which have cleverly adapted to a marine lifestyle, as have the mangroves.

Estuaries are a fascinating place to observe, the meeting place of river and ocean, land and water. The conditions are constantly changing – tides, floods, light

and salinity provide a challenging but rich environment allowing all sorts of odd, interesting and important creatures to thrive. During a period of flood, brown trout from the Tarwin River may appear, and in the high tide salt water you may see a gummy shark nosing about in search of a tasty sand crab.

I've spent more than 40 years boating in this area. The boat ramp is a perfect launching site for kayaks and the humble "tinnie". Larger, more elaborate vessels may find the mud and shallow waters difficult to negotiate. This is not a place for captains' hats, deck shoes and floating gin palaces. It is for those of us who can handle wet, muddy feet and minimalist vessels. There are no launching fees – ramp users understand this means minimal facilities. It tends to deter the speed freaks with fast boats and hoons on jet skis. The shallow waters will soon sort out those who are foolish and unobservant.

There are few better ways to spend a day than pottering about in a small boat, casting a line and watching the birds ply their craft. There is always some new natural wonder to ponder. On my last trip, a white-bellied sea eagle was hunting for fish. It swooped down less than 20 metres behind the boat, snatching a largish fish from the surface, close enough to enable a view of its wicked talons. Unlike many raptors, the sea eagle has a short stubby tail. This close-up display enabled me to work out why this is so. Long tail feathers would drag along the surface of the water upsetting the bird's ruthlessly efficient hunt. They seemingly have the ability to control individual wing feathers, adjusting for slight wind changes – simply wonderful to view – true masters of their world.

Under the water there were large numbers of ascidians, or sea-squirts, gently rolling along the bottom of the channel. A few were caught on my fishing line, which enabled a closer look. They were like a small kiwifruit – brown and furry capsules, the leathery case protecting a gelatinous interior. A pair of siphons allow them to filter water and trap tiny morsels of food. They look to be very primitive organisms, yet have a rather

complex nervous system, more highly organised than many invertebrates. They usually attach to a rock or mangrove root, leading a sedentary lifestyle. So why were these ones seemingly migrating towards Inverloch? The weather had been benign – perhaps it was a Sunday jaunt.

The trip before – several weeks earlier – there were hordes of tiny snapper in the channel, pinching our baits within seconds. Only about 10cms long, these voracious little chaps would have been spawned in the inlet the previous spring. The rich food sources of the estuary aids their growth and, as the tide flooded and darkness encroached, they would swim up into the shallows to feast and maraud.

Over the next few years some of the growing fish will leave this estuary, repopulating the Bunurong coastal waters. Others may make a longer trip around Wilsons Prom and eastward along the Gippsland coast, perhaps even into southern NSW. A prime example of the far-reaching beneficial effects of a healthy estuary. Commercial netting was banned in Andersons Inlet some years ago, allowing many fish species the opportunity to breed.

Readers may be aware that Mahers Landing has been mooted as a site for a large marina and residential development. Information sessions have spruiked the benefits of "environmental improvements". While the developer has not divulged how many residences he proposes to build, there are rumours of a gated community and helicopter-loads of rich tourists and international visitors.

### More from Mark soon.

Part 2: Why a rich man's playground may not be appropriate for this local jewel, and the tiny critically endangered fish that may have the power to scuttle the development.



### Close encounters with the natural world

Mark Robertson writes about the strange and special species that share our Bass Coast home.



# Maru Koala & Animal Park

## Save the Koala Month.

Here at Maru we are pretty passionate about our koalas and their conservation. Our Koalas are all great ambassadors for their species helping to educate all our visitors about Koala conservation, especially coming into September which is Save the Koala Month! Cultivating into September 20th with Save the Koala Day.

Koalas Australia wide are declining in number though not yet considered 'endangered', in Queensland they are considered 'Vulnerable', and in one area of South East Queensland are considered 'Functionally Extinct'. Unfortunately this may be the future of our koala populations across Australia with numbers as low as 43,000 koalas estimated left in the wild. Here in Bass there is an estimated 2000-3000 koalas on French Island. Here in Victoria our koalas are not officially listed on the Threatened Species list, meaning they lack protections and proper management.



The biggest threat to our koala populations is land clearing and deforestation. 80% of our Eucalypt forests have already been demolished and the remaining 20% is not protected and most occurs on private land. Most koala habitat is along the Eastern Seaboard of Australia where land is fertile and eucalyptus trees grow well in comparison to other, harsher areas of Australia. Unfortunately this land is also well favoured by humans for farming, meaning trees are regularly cleared to create for farmland and rapid urbanisation.

Even the removal of just sections of koala habitat can have a major effect on our koala populations. Koalas are primarily solitary animals but do live in social colonies of overlapping territory's. The removal of social trees, and trees used for shelter and feeding can have a lasting effect on these colonies and leave them disoriented, stressed and more likely to fall victim to road accidents and disease. It's not just deforestation that effects our koalas. Disturbance by humans accounts for many koala injuries and deaths. Road accidents kill hundreds of koalas every year, dog attacks make up another large threat to koalas as both feral and domestic dogs and cats attack koalas regularly often leaving fatal injuries.

Due to our conservation efforts here at Maru we have planted over 11,000 trees throughout the local area to support our local wildlife. Our successful breeding program also helps to ensure more koalas in the insurance population; and by watching our ecological footprint by recycling and using more sustainable products across the park and shop. Money raised at the park also goes towards our wildlife shelter which helps orphaned and injured wildlife. These animals are cared for away from people, in the back of house areas of the animal park, before they can be released back into the wild.

*Renae White—Senior Park Keeper*



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# Greg Hunt MP



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Each year, one in four Australians will suffer from mental health issues. It is vital that we provide the services to assist them in their local communities. That is why I was thrilled to recently announce that better support services for young Australians are on the way to the Bass Coast and South Gippsland thanks to the establishment of headspace services in Wonthaggi.



Headspace provides highly accessible, youth-friendly models of support for some of the serious issues young Australians face, with mental health, general health, alcohol and other drug and vocational concerns at the forefront of their thinking. The Australian Government is committed to supporting and expanding headspace across the country, which is why we invested \$28.9 million to establish ten new headspace services by 2019, including on the Bass Coast and Gippsland.

As part of this new Headspace, I am also thrilled to announce that we will establish a Youth Assist Clinic on Phillip Island. The establishment of a specialised Youth Assist Clinic will mean locals won't have to travel off island to have access to mental health services.

This Clinic will work with our local medical providers and is expected to commence in December this year to provide better response, treatment and outcomes for young people experiencing mental illness on the Island.

In further good news for the Island, the Australian Government is acting to improve local roads by investing over \$750,000 into Cowes-Rhyll Road under 2018-19 Black Spot Program.

Road crashes place major emotional and economic strains on all affected communities but particularly the families and friends of the victims.

Motorists living on and visiting the Island will be pleased to know that this notorious black spot will be fixed with funding from the program.

This project would not have been delivered without the community's vital input, and I'd encourage all residents and motorists in the region to nominate projects for future funding rounds.

For more information on the Australian Government's Black Spot Program, or to nominate a black spot, visit: <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/blackspots/>.

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

*Greg Hunt*

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## Maru wins another award



Congratulations to all at Maru Koala and Animal Park on yet another award win. Maru won the 2018 Bass Coast Business Award for Business Excellence in the 6+ category.

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**Details of all the award winners on page 17.**

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# Gardening & Outdoors



## September Gardening

### Apple Tree Pruning



#### Our top tips for pruning your fruit tree are:

Remove dead and diseased bits of your tree.

One of the most important things you are doing for your tree is removing parts that it is sending nutrient to that are dead or diseased. This lets your tree put more energy into fruit and growth.

Get rid of branches that grow downwards.

Generally, you want your tree to grow up. Branches that hang down can allow disease to get in the tree from the ground and just make it harder to pick. It's best to encourage the bulk of the tree to grow and fruit where you can easily reach it to harvest your delicious apples. Remove branches that are crossing over. Crossed over branches can rub and are another place disease can get in. It also makes it hard for fruit to grow and harder for you to harvest. Keeping it neat and tidy helps the tree and you to eat more apples.

Try to reduce the damage you make to healthy branches.

Sharp tools and taking your time are great ways to reduce the damage you do to the otherwise healthy branches of your

tree. It's great if you can make clean cuts and try not to hack into other parts of the tree.

Aim to create space in the growth. The branches and fruit of your tree will grow better if they have airflow and space. When you're pruning it's great to make tough choices about which branch is going to give the most fruit and (gulp) remove the competing branch.

#### Pruning Tools

High quality, sharp tools are a must when pruning your trees.

**Natasha Berta**

[www.pipmagazine.com.au/grow/apple-tree-pruning/](http://www.pipmagazine.com.au/grow/apple-tree-pruning/)

We're over the moon!

Pip Issue 11 has arrived and it's another cracker, sure to get you inspired!

Perfect for by-the-fire reading this issue features

so much, including DIYs, gardening ideas, profiles and more! Flip through here to take a peek...

[www.pipmagazine.com.au/news/pip-issue-11-is-here/](http://www.pipmagazine.com.au/news/pip-issue-11-is-here/)



### Water, Water,



**Rain, we complain when we have too much and too quickly and we complain even more loudly when we get too little.**

A number of years ago a small company called Aquatrek developed the Supadiverta to capture the rain so you

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Internally each outlet has a baffle, and when the water rises above this baffle the air is removed from the pipe work and flows syphonically, typically moving as much water as a standard downpipe. For those with reservations about how well this may work for such a low cost, be assured that I fill two 15,000 litre tanks with one supadiverta and some polypipe from an admittedly large shed. As a by-product of the development of the syphonic flow Supadiverta, Aquatrek developed the Gutter Pumper to deal with too much rain falling too quickly and overloading roofline guttering. The Gutter Pumper is fitted into the bottom of your guttering, and when the depth is approximately 25mm, the air is purged from the PVC pipework and flows syphonically to anywhere you wish. The flow is so fast that it will quickly drain the excess water from your guttering and stop overflows.

There is insufficient space here to fully explain the efficiencies and advantages of these two products, so please, visit [www.aquatrek.net.au](http://www.aquatrek.net.au) for an in depth description of the capabilities of each device, plus links to the dedicated websites for each. If you do not have access to the internet but would like further details, I am sure the editor of the Waterline News would be pleased to pass your details to me or provide my contact details if you prefer, or you can ring **Aquatrek directly on (03) 97045339.**



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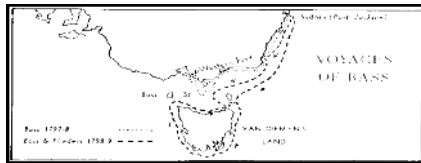


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The society meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the museum.

*Libby's Corner*  
*With Libby Skidmore,*  
*Historian.*  
*Bass Valley Historical Society*



## MOTOR TOUR 194 MILES ON THE FRINGE OF GIPPSLAND

By the Herald writer on motoring  
Friday August 22, 1947

Now that the greater part of the road to Wonthaggi and Inverloch has been reconstructed, an interesting day tour along the fringe of Gippsland can be taken in comfort.

It will whet the appetite for a longer run into what is one of the most picturesque parts of the state.

For years the Wonthaggi road was in an unsatisfactory condition, but it is now well on the way to highway standard. The suggested route is 194 miles and as there is no difficult driving on any part of it, the day's outing will be neither long or tiring. Spring is the best time to see South Gippsland.... after the winter rains have refreshed the country, and while the seasonal crops and pastures are still green.

It's a run of 87 miles to Leongatha, branching off the Prince's highway just beyond Dandenong and passing through Cranbourne and Tooradin to Lang Lang 50 miles.

A mile and a half beyond Lang Lang a turn to the left is made, and the South Gippsland Highway sweeps through bushlands to Nyora, and then through more open and beautiful country to Korumburra and Leongatha.

Much of the land is devoted to dairy farming, and the fertile hills and valleys present a pleasing picture when spring brings forth their rich colouring.

At Leongatha turn right to Inverloch and a run of 17 miles will take you to that popular holiday resort on Anderson's Inlet. This could be made a halting place for a picnic lunch near the water's edge usually quiet enough at this time of the year, but a busy spot in summer when the Wonthaggi people take their families to the sea for a swim.

The run home through Anderson, Bass and Grantville is 90 miles of easy driving when the weather is fine and although the best of the scenery will have been passed through on the outward journey, the return trip will not be without scenic

interest. If a change from the direct route is desired the main road can be left at Dudley, four miles on the Dandenong side of Wonthaggi and a drive taken through the Almurta ranges.

This picturesque road passes through Woodleigh and Loch and joins the South Gippsland highway at Nyora.

See as much of the country as possible before it is dried up by the heat and north winds of summer.

**Libby Skidmore, Archivist**

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## SPRING

It's springtime once again in Gippsland,

The little birds are back again

Fair Spring takes Winter by the hand  
And leads him to his icy den.



The kookaburras laugh once more  
Tall white lilies grace their beds,  
The earth gives up its hidden store,  
Shy dewy violets lift their heads.

Spring waves her wand o'er wattle trees  
Then they robe in their fluffy gold  
New born lambkins frisk with glee,  
And even timid mouse grows bold.

From The Argus Thursday  
9 November 1939

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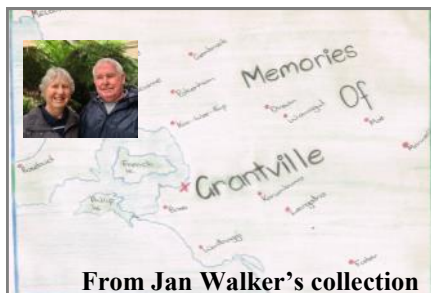
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# History



From Jan Walker's collection

**This month we look back to 1988 and the newspaper report on the passing of Margaret Mary (Rita Walker).**

Rita was Jan Walker's mother in law, and mother of Jan's husband, Harry.

**She WAS Grantville**

Mrs Margaret Mary (Rita) Walker who was buried yesterday WAS Grantville.

She had been secretary of the tennis club, progress association, hall and recreation reserve.

And CWA branch president.

The 80-year-old former school teacher was the first teacher at Bramhill South, near Mildura, where she taught her brothers; then, during World War Two, her children; and finally, from 1955 to '73 at Grantville, nine grandchildren.

She and Nellie Bird were playing tennis with nearby Bass when they started the Grantville club on an old court on the farm of Mrs Walker and her husband Tom.

She was a charming, capable, public-spirited person.

She is survived by five of her six sons and daughters who include Irene Wheatley and Harry Walker, both of Grantville.

There are 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Grantville cemetery – and Mrs Walker had been cemetery trust secretary, too.

Ray Anderson, of Wonthaggi, conducted the funeral.

*Sentinel Times 15-6-88*

## Margo Kroyer-Pedersen

**Interesting follow up on from last month's feature on leading Australian Wildlife Artist, Margo Kroyer-Pedersen.**

**My research uncovered the following tribute to Margo in a 2009 Nillumbik Shire publication, Celebrating Nillumbik Women.**



### They wrote:

Margo was an internationally-known painter of birds, who lived in Eltham for many years.

She moved from Eltham three years before her death and was a completely self-taught artist.

She held exhibitions in Australia and overseas, some were also held in Eltham.

She was commissioned by the Gould League to illustrate three of their field

guides. She also illustrated Every Australian Bird and Care and Breeding of Australian Finches.

As well as her love for birds, she developed a passion for all animals, especially possums. The RSPCA often sought her services to care for wildlife and she regularly delivered injured wildlife by RSPCA ambulance. She developed effective techniques for caring for a range of animals and her advice was often sought from around Australia and even overseas.

Margo had a generous spirit and willingly shared her hard-gained knowledge and expertise with interested people.

She was also generous with her time to help environmental campaigns like the Eltham Copper Butterfly campaign.

In 1954, Margo married Svend Erik Kroyer-Pedersen, a furniture maker who worked at Montsalvat.

They had no children.

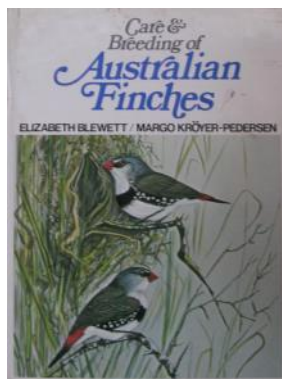
Her exquisite paintings can still be seen in galleries around Australia and in private collections. Their charm and attention to detail makes them instantly recognisable to anyone who knows her work. The books she illustrated are now collector's items and can be seen in rare book catalogues.

Her name is carried on in The Margo Kroyer-Pedersen Wildlife Shelter in Grantville, where she moved in 1994.

The shelter is named after the renowned wildlife artist who used her art to pay for the care of sick, orphaned and injured wildlife. The shelter looks after native species of all types.

The Shelter works to raise awareness of native plants and animals and to find answers to the dangers facing native fauna and flora communities.

In her later years, she was working on illustrations for a children's book for the local conservation society.



**She was nominated for the Nillumbik Book, by Sue Dyet.**

**If you have any information on the Margo Kroyer-Pedersen Wildlife Shelter, please let us know.**

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

There are vacancies in the group, which requires U3A Membership (\$30 p.a), which also allows you access to all U3A groups, vacancies permitting. (see page 7).

The group has launched the website:

**[www.grantvillehistory.com.au](http://www.grantvillehistory.com.au)**

and has also launched a free subscription e-newsletter. **The Western Port Times**, which is available for download from the website, or emailed direct to you each month.

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## The group will be holding a Grantville Open History Day at the Grantville Hall on Saturday 6 October.

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**Public Open Day  
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1:00pm - 4:00pm**

- All Welcome.
- Find out about the Group's activities.
- Bring along your old photos, documents, newspaper clippings, artefacts, etc. for us to copy, scan, or photograph to form part of the rich history of our great area.
- Afternoon tea will be available at a small charge.
- Register your interest now so we know how many to expect.

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Bring along an old photos, newspaper clippings, or artifacts so we can copy or photograph them to preserve as part of the rich history of our wonderful town. The September edition of The Western Port Times will be available online and for subscribers at the end of this week.

Hope to see you at the History Day on 6 October.



# History

## OUR HISTORY

by Noelene Lyons

### Memorial Plaque at Flag Pole

#### Thomas “Lofty” HORNER



Over the many years that I have been compiling and photographing cemeteries I come across some wonderful stories of achievements.

So I thought I would bring these stories to life on some of the History that these souls achieved who are buried at Wonthaggi Cemetery.

Remember we are only here for a short time.....not a long time.



My first story ( and I have to keep them short ) is on Lion Member Thomas Leslie D. HORNER – known as “ LOFTY ”. He was born in 1916 at Yarram and married Elsie Birkett. Lofty is recorded as the first LICENSED Tanker Driver and worked for Murray Goulburn at Archies Creek until retirement. His passion was to always help others and he became a LIONS MEMBER – being recorded in Minutes as a Charter Member of Wonthaggi Lions and his other passion he was a avid photographer, so many of the events held by the LIONS Members – Lofty was behind the camera. So a photo of him is rare. One great achievement in his photos was he took many on the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine. He compiled them in to an audio visual slides for the Wonthaggi Mines Visitors Centre and this ran for many years. Another recorded achievement was the Wonthaggi Cemetery needed a flag pole for Remembrance Day and for when a local dignitary was buried. Lofty purchased and donated the flagpole and Council were to organise erection. Lofty also wanted each Undertaker to have their own Australian Flag and lower to ½ mast when a dignitary was being buried. With all this in hand Lofty decided on a holiday in QLD to visit some friends. On the 8.12.1992 Lofty suffered a Heart Attack at Tullamarine Airport ...just a

week before the event of the Flag Pole at Wonthaggi Cemetery was to take place. Council then erected a brass plaque at the base of the flag pole in Remembrance of the life and achievements of Thomas Leslie D. HORNER – : LOFTY : He will always be remembered as a true example of a LION MEMBER always there to help others.

He is buried in the Rose Garden Lawn Section 1 Row D Grave 22

### The first in a new series of stories on local cemeteries.

#### Lang Lang Cemetery



#### Little Louisa Mary Pickersgill was just two years old when she became the first person to be buried at Lang Lang Cemetery.

Sadly, Louisa’s younger brother Samuel became the third person to be buried there only seven months later. In 1886 Louisa and Samuel, and their older brother Robert (aged four) lived with their parents Will and Jane on a heavily timbered block near Lang Lang. Will worked for a neighbour during the day and cleared the farm by night. Will was away from the farm and Robert was staying with his grandparents when Louisa and Samuel became ill.

Alone, with no neighbours or doctor nearby their mother decided to yoke up the horse and take the children to the doctor at Griffith’s Point (San Remo) thirty miles away. Jane made them as comfortable as she could, piling up blankets and rugs around them to keep them warm.

But, according to the memoirs of Louisa and Samuel’s uncle, Samuel Jabez Pickersgill, Louisa died on the way. Samuel died some seven months later. The memoirs of Samuel Jabez Pickersgill cite diphtheria as the cause of the children’s deaths, their death certificates, however, list ‘natural causes’. Our thanks to the Lang Lang & District Historical Society for helping us with the finer details of the children’s deaths. Jane gave birth to her fifth child in 1890, but the baby was stillborn and she

herself died a few hours later.

Jane was just 28 years old and was buried beside Louisa and Samuel.

#### Reference: Lang Lang Cemetery Tour 2013 by Narre Warren & District Family History Group.



#### A plaque was unveiled on Saturday 24 June 2017.

#### Louisa Mary Pickersgill plaque Transcription

This plaque marks the site of the first grave in the Lang Lang Cemetery. Interred here are the remains of Louisa Mary Pickersgill of Grantville aged 2 1886. The grave was dug by James Baker who also officiated at the funeral. Laid as a joint initiative of Lang Lang and District Historical Society and Lang Lang Cemetery Trust - 2017.

#### New cemetery feature



#### The U3A Local History Group has just added two interesting features on monuments and plaques in the Grantville Cemetery.

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# History

## The Grantville Show



The first Grantville show was held in March 1885.

This began a series of most successful shows with many entries in the various competitions in the pavilion and also in horses and livestock events.

The town buzzed in show week.

The hotel put in extra stabling paddocks to house the number of horses and carts and all the ladies dressed up in their finery.

In 1894 there were over 780 entries for all sections.

The committee continued to work hard to improve the show, spending money on fencing and clearing flat land for competitions.

Successful shows were held yearly until 1909 when a series of debts forced the committee to look for a site accessible by rail.

The show then moved to Dalyston.

Libby Skidmore

This information is taken from one of the story boards in the history walk at the Grantville and District Memorial Park. Cnr Bass Highway and Pier Road, Grantville.

In response to a reader request, from Rosemary Loughnan, for information on the Grantville Show, we published the above summary on our facebook page with the promise to do some more research.

Early in October, 1884 a meeting of residents was held at the Grantville Hotel to discuss the formation of an agricultural society, with representatives present from Fernhill, Jeetho, Jumbunna, Lang Lang, Poowong, Corinella and other districts.

After much discussion on where the show would be held, Chas Worsley moved that a society to be known as the Grantville and Jeetho Agricultural, Pastoral and Horticultural Association be formed. Mr. Bergmeier seconded the proposal and a provisional committee was formed having as its members, John Tulloch, secretary, Messrs. Biggar, Bergmeier,

Le Roux, Geo. Stewart, Worlsey, Brett, Nowell, Lawrence, Anketell, White, Clark, McNeil, Dempsey, R. Stewart, Littlelyke, A.R. Smith, Juno Hall, Sloss and W. Stewart.

A committee meeting was held on 14 November 1884 and it was decided the first show would be held in March 1885.

This was the start of the Grantville Agricultural Society. The name was later changed to Grantville and Jeetho Agricultural Society due to, it was said, to the number of subscribers coming from the Jeetho Hills area in the Parish of Jumbunna.

Mr. Nowell was elected president and D. McLaughlan, vice president.

The first show was held at the recreation reserve on 20 March 1885.

The show that year more than justified their hopes and it was a complete success from a show angle, exhibitions and spectator views.

The encouragement the committee received inspired them to improve the show and make each successive show better than the last.

So well did the show improve that it became the gala event of the year.

Visitors came from all surrounding districts, Jumbunna, Lang Lang, Bass, Corinella, Queensferry, Cranbourne, Phillip Island and the families from surrounding farms.

The showground in use was, by Crown Grant in 1887, made over to the society for permanent use as a showground.

The charge for admittance was 1/6, Mrs Parks offered paddocks for horses while the hotel had good stabling if required. In the show of 1890 there were 14 classes, 3 for horses, 7 for cattle of all breeds, with sheep, swine, poultry one class each and one to farm, home and dairy produce.

For some years before 1892 the committee ran a Spring Show known as the Horticultural section.

Owing to the lack of support this was discontinued after all efforts were concentrated on the one show.

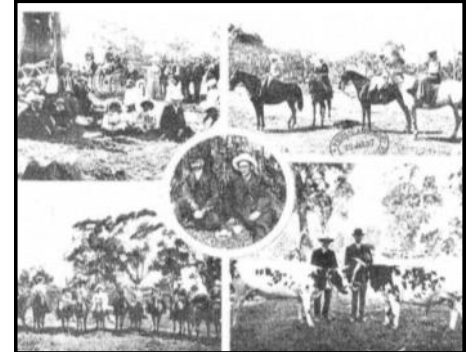
Successful shows were run each year until 1908 when the society began to get into debt.

The 1909 show was not successful, with the society going still further into debt, which now stood at 168 pounds. The committee knew that something drastic would have to be done, either to move the show nearer to the town on the Bass Railway or close it down.

After several meetings the decision was

made to close down and take the show to another town if a town could be found willing to form an agricultural society. The town proved to be Dalyston and the first show was held there on 5 February 1913.

Some of this information courtesy of Joseph White's One Hundred Years of history.



This collage of photos comes from Joseph White's book, first published in 1974, for the Shires of Bass and Phillip Island.

It has been out of print for many years now and extremely rare.

It contains a detailed coverage of all aspects of life in the area over the hundred years and is an extremely valuable historical work.

### Next month in History

Next month we have more on shows in the Bass Coast, with a summary written for us by Rosemary Loughnan.

We will also have a story from the history of the Phillip Island cemetery and developments at the Corinella Cemetery.

The first in a fascinating series by Jane Hendtlass on the early history of the Grantville Cemetery.

Then we have an interesting story about, Sarah Fagan, Hotel Keeper, by Heather Arnold, President of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society.

We will also have a brief summary on the U3A Local History Group's Grantville History day, which is being held at the Grantville Hall on 6 October.

This event will be just as the October edition should be off to the printers, but we will give a brief overview.

Editor

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so don't expect an explanation  
we also want love and education  
try to understand our situation.



Jan C. Morris©

About Jan Morris  
A most 'promising' poet.  
Janette 'Jan' C. Morris.

This is her Profile:

Being a baby-boomer and retired nurse,  
and upon meeting Tony Lambides-Turner  
and attending poetry group readings.  
Became a member: (5 years) of the Henry  
Lawson Memorial & Literary Society  
Inc. & C. J. Dennis Society.

Previously, I regarded poetry only in  
school text-books or stuff from Pam  
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I gradually learnt, from attending Bush  
Poetry festivals, becoming a member and  
avid reader of the A.B.P.A. magazine,  
always savouring its pages, on arrival in  
my letter-box, also Wally "Bear"  
Finch's" eMuse online bush newsletters,  
reading both publications, over and over  
again with delight.

In doing so, have gained a love of the  
printed and spoken-word, their meanings  
and varieties of poetry available, some  
seem so long to cover the whole context,  
yet short humorous ones are my  
favourite.

To recite from memory, is repetitive,  
hard work, I have tried but failed, maybe  
my age?

By using my "art skills" I illustrate with  
bright acrylic paints on curtaining  
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enhance and give a vision to poems in  
both performance and visual  
presentations, that I perform regularly to  
aged care residents, other elderly groups  
and communities and open mike  
gatherings, with reverence, always  
mentioning the author or poets name.

Have now written many of my own  
works, I feel proud to have been  
published, both in the Henry Lawson  
magazine the Lawsonian and Wally's  
e-Muse, and in a number of Anthologies:  
Poetica Christi, Mordialloc Writers and  
the Writers Block of Frankston, my  
artwork now reaches overseas in a  
publication 26 Sheila's on a Bus and  
Murder Most Foul By local author  
Marjorie Darling Ward, that has now  
been translated into Chinese, for the  
incapacitated and visionally challenged,  
in China, a very great honour to have  
been involved.

My life has become exciting, always  
alert, constantly searching for poetry  
everywhere, in libraries and my beloved

op-shops, especially discovering the  
poetry of Jim Haynes his books are a  
great find, and Award winning Bush  
poet, Roderick Williams, who writes with  
such compassion.

Yeah! Poetry has given me a new lease  
on life. This old dog feels just like a  
puppy!

Thank you for this opportunity to share  
my experiences:

Jan C. Morris.

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## Writing

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



## HISTORY

To any who may ask, "What is history?" perhaps the most appropriate reply is, "What is not history?"

My literary acquisitions during the last year or so include the Battle of Flodden, both book and DVD, the Tyrannicide Brief (Geoffrey Robertson's account of the trial and aftermath of the execution of Charles the First), the papers and letters of the first year of the American Civil War, Cakewalk (the story of the 1990 AFL premiership), Ashes to Ashes (Gideon Haigh's version of the 2013 and 2014 Australia-England cricket matches), Waterloo (Quatre Bras only), Kings and Queens of England, Shipwreck (a book detailing seafaring disasters from 100 years BC, and DVDs of WW2 newsreels and Bannockburn.

In the realm of family folk lore an aunt once told me that her cousin was the telegraph operator aboard the Titanic and was responsible for saving the lives of several hundred people. The truth of this I very much doubted but not her sincerity.

Imagine my delight in reading of the British ship Republic colliding with Florida, an Italian liner in thick Mediterranean fog; it was January 1909 when the very first radio distress signals made and received were from Republic to its sister ship Baltic which came to the rescue. Yes, Aunt Ruby was correct – she just had the ship's name and date wrong. Three years before the Titanic met its doom, her cousin Jack Binns so my book on shipwrecks told me, was the hero of the hour by broadcasting the message which saved the lives of all 1290 souls aboard both vessels.

That much was documented but word of mouth adds that on his return home to

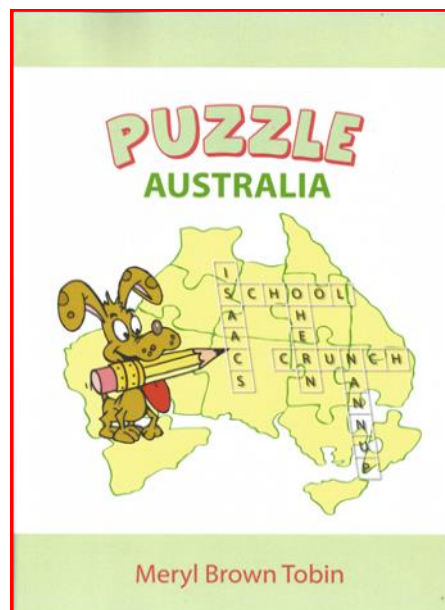
America, Jack was welcomed with a hundred show girls lining up to kiss him. When asked what was the most horrifying part of his ordeal, he swore it was being kissed by the reception committee.

History certainly can prove interesting, particularly where one's family is involved.

E E CALDWELL

## Book Review

**Puzzle Australia by Meryl Brown Tobin**



Puzzle Australia by Society of Women Writers Victoria member, Meryl Brown Tobin, is an informative, educational and interactive tool that can be used in a variety of settings.

Aimed at Upper Primary and Lower Secondary level, it is suitable for adults as well as its subjects are of interest to all age groups.

While this book can be enjoyed by anyone, it can be used in various environments. Puzzles include: Word Search, Word grids, Crosswords featuring Australian dates, all with

answers at the back. The topics covered within the puzzles are educational and unique to Australia – topics such as the 31 Islands of the Great Barrier Reef, topics related to early settlement of Australians, Australian wildlife, dinosaurs, The First Australians and much more.

This makes Puzzle Australia conducive to the teacher's classroom as a teaching tool. There are additional games at the end of each puzzle for those who work a little faster than others. This enables the teacher to keep the entire class occupied, interested and working together.

Puzzle Australia is well set out, it has large print and is easy to navigate with its content page. It has clear guidelines on how to use the book and gives permission to photocopy for the class of the purchaser of the book only.

If you are looking for an innovative enjoyable teaching tool, or simply enjoy doing puzzles then Puzzle Australia is for you.

The A4 paperback of 48 reproducible blackline masters, which might be used as a teacher's aid or as a puzzle book for children and adults from middle primary upwards to any age, is available from the publisher

Five Senses Education at <https://www.fivesenseseducation.com.au/puzzle-australia-9781741307368#>; RRP \$21.95 plus P&H or contact the writer Meryl Brown Tobin at [h-mtobin@bigpond.com](mailto:h-mtobin@bigpond.com)

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## Short Story

### A RURAL ROMANCE

Margaret Pearce



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You couldn't get anywhere quieter than Kokoburra. It looked as if nothing had changed much since the Dreamtime period.

I worked in the local Post Office and had come to an 'understanding' with Bill Smaills, the local butcher.

Kokoburra seemed a good place to hide from my brother. My brother was a dingbat and a fruitcake, also a learned Paleontologist, hopefully still upsetting authorities overseas undermining buildings, excavating and holing oil pipes.

"Old jeep's parked in front of your place," someone reported one day. I went home. The television cowered behind a half-finished skeleton of a giant kangaroo. Clothes, textbooks and digging implements cascaded everywhere in wild disorder. My brother looked as if he was settled in forever.

"Staying long?" I asked.

My brother blinked at me through thick glasses, gray hair standing on end.

"You're putting weight. What's for dinner?"

I prepared salad and grilled steaks and listened to his monologue. It was still the same as usual. I probably could have repeated it word perfect.

"Nothing much has changed around here so there should still be some evidence of the giant wombats that roamed here in the Pleistocene period."

In the morning he started his digs across the river flats, and left a pile of abusive correspondence with his rivals for me to type.

My evenings were now spent typing up notes and trying to keep dirt encrusted bones from taking over my small house. My post office box overflowed with legal looking envelopes, enclosing the usual trespass and damage suits, and abusive

letters.

One Saturday afternoon my brother flourished his find. "The thighbone of a diprotodon," he gloated.

Came one night he was so excited, he almost couldn't talk. "Biggest discovery since the Tasmanian Tiger," he spluttered through his mouthful of steak. "This is going to revolutionize the theories on the extinction of the dinosaurs."

When Bill arrived to take me for our usual evening walk he sounded worried. "Your brother's got old Angus going," he warned.

Old Angus owned a big grazing property way back in the hills. He was a freckled, bald headed, peppery old fellow, with a neck as thick as one of his own bulls, and an equally unpredictable temper.

After Bill left, I confronted my brother.

"What's all this about you upsetting old Angus?" I accused.

"That his name?" my brother mused.

"The local peasantry with their electric fences and bull terriers are the very end!"

"Stay away from his property. Country people are a bit funny about their privacy."

"A bit funny is right," my brother agreed.

The next day it happened! Old Angus had called the police to throw my brother off the property. It had taken two constables, old Angus and a couple of farm hands to restrain him.

The procession stopped in front of the police station. My brother was in the back of the police car being held by two constables. Old Angus was behind them in his big truck. One of his hands drove my brother's battered jeep.

"A bit touched, Miss," the farmhand whispered as he dropped the jeep's keys into my hand.

I nodded worried agreement. My brother was purple with rage and heat. He pointed a shaking finger at old Angus.

"This man is hiding diprotodons on his property and wantonly slaughtering them. Arrest him!"

"Unless it is a notifiable disease, it's no concern of the Law," the constable had returned.

"The only thing on my property are me own stock," old Angus roared back. "And they're losing condition with that ratbag spoofing them."

"I was only trying to photograph them," my brother yelled back.

The local doctor turned up, took my brother's temperature and gave him a tranquilizing injection.

"Sorry, Mavis," he apologized. "He's got a touch of the sun."

I had trouble holding back my tears as I signed the form as his nearest of kin for him to stay at the Clinic. Old Angus

withdrew his damages, trespass, assault and battery charges and left.

I visited every night. My brother didn't seem to be improving.

"They were diprotodons, magnificent giant wombats from the Pleistocene period. I saw them through my field glasses."

The doctor had given very definite orders not to upset him. My brother became calmer after he had dictated a sheaf of letters addressed to all his University colleagues, both friends and enemies. I typed them up and took them back for signing. I was relieved when he confided he would stay at the Clinic until the answers to his letters arrived.

"It's a quiet place to get work done," he explained. "The food is as good as any hotel. I'm going to make a start on my book while I'm here."

When I got home that afternoon, Bill helped me make a bonfire of my brother's collection of nasty smelly dirty bones, and we packed his clothes, charts, reference books and notes back into his suitcases, including his letters. My brother was going to be thankful I hadn't posted them with their preposterous claims when he recovered.

Over dinner, Bill and I made a decision to get married. "It's not your fault your brother is as nutty as they come," Bill pointed out. "Lots of the locals got eccentric relations. They'll keep him happy down at the Clinic."

I complimented Bill on how tender the meat was. Although they were big steaks and nearly covered the plates, they were as tender as any of the eye fillet steaks.

"Angus's beasts," Bill said. "Don't know about the breed, as he butchers and skins them on the property, but they must be the size of dinosaurs."

For a few seconds I nearly lost my appetite, but then I remembered Bill's quiet sense of humour. I held up my glass for more wine to toast our future, a quiet life with no hassles.

I wondered if they were feeding my brother the same sort of steaks. The food at the Clinic was one of the things keeping him contented as he laboured on his book on the survival of the diprotodons past the Pleistocene period.

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**A version of this published in the Geelong Writers Anthology 'Flights of Fancy' 2013**





# Our Environment

## Grantville Foreshore Committee



The Committee continues to do what it can to preserve and protect the foreshore reserve north of Grantville as far as Pioneer Bay. The foreshore reserve managed by the Committee has been buffeted by high tides and winds in recent weeks resulting in some tree damage. Funding is being pursued so that an arborist can deal with problem trees.  
**Eric Hornsby, 0417 222087**

## New Marine and Coastal Act 2018

**The Victorian Government has introduced a new Marine and Coastal Act which improves management and oversight arrangements for the state's marine and coastal environment.**

### What's changing?

On 1 August 2018 the Marine and Coastal Act 2018 came into effect. The new Act provides a simpler, better integrated and coordinated approach to planning and managing the marine and coastal environment:

- enabling protection of the coastline and the ability to address the long-term challenges of climate change, population growth and ageing coastal structures
- ensuring all partners work together to achieve the best outcomes for Victoria's marine and coastal environment.

### Key elements of the new Act

New guiding principles  
The Act establishes clear objectives and new guiding principles that specifically recognise climate change and Traditional Owners. It also provides better direction for managers 'on the ground'.

### Simpler advisory arrangements

Regional Coastal Boards have been discontinued and simpler advisory arrangements introduced.  
A new Marine and Coastal Council (effective 1 August 2018) will provide independent advice to the government on a range of matters including:

- the development and implementation of statewide policy and strategy (and other plans developed under the Act)
- significant decisions relating to the marine and coastal environment
- matters requiring scientific research.

### Integrated policy and strategy development

From 1 August 2018, the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change will be responsible for developing a state-wide policy and strategy, with advice and guidance from the new Marine and Coastal Council. This will enable a more integrated and coordinated whole-of-government approach with a greater focus on the marine environment.

### Marine Spatial Planning framework

Victoria's first marine spatial planning framework will be included in the statewide policy to help achieve integrated and co-ordinated planning and management of the marine environment. Marine and Coastal Environment report  
Part of the new Act includes the development of Victoria's first 'State of the Marine and Coastal Environment' report. Information collected will not only improve current knowledge of Victoria's marine and coastal environment, but track its health over time as well.

### Stronger regional and strategic partnerships

A new approach to regional planning will be established that focuses on strengthening regional and strategic partnerships. These improved partnerships will help address significant, long-term issues like planning for climate adaptation, visitor management and environmental protection across jurisdictional boundaries.

### Environmental Management Plans

Environmental Management Plans will be developed and implemented for Port Phillip Bay (and other areas) as a result of the Act. These plans will align government, industry and community groups on actions to manage future challenges resulting from population growth, urbanisation, and climate change.

### Improved local planning

Local planning and management will be improved by linking multiple coastal and marine managers so they can work together to develop clear and relevant local plans.

Additionally, improved controls will be created for access, use, and development in the marine and coastal environment. This will mean greater penalties for noncompliance and better tools to implement policies, plans and strategies on the ground.

### Better management of coastal erosion

In recognition of the need to fill a technical skill and knowledge gap, DELWP will work with agencies to establish statewide objectives, standards, databases and guidance to build understanding of coastal erosion and flooding.

Victoria's Marine and Coastal Reforms Transition Plan

Victoria's Marine and Coastal Reforms Final Transition Plan, released 1 August 2018, complements the Marine and Coastal Act 2018.

It identifies a program of policy reforms and on-the ground actions, many already underway, to transition to the new system over the coming years.

The plan has been updated to reflect the new Act. It also includes recommendations made in the Victorian Auditor-General's Office report, Protecting Victoria's Coastal Assets, released March 2018.

The plan contains 45 actions that will help implement the complete package of marine and coastal environmental reforms.

### Each action item listed includes:

- brief background/description
- lead partners
- likely delivery timeframe
- scope of work
- measures of success.

More information

To access a copy of the Marine and Coastal Act 2018, go to:

**[www.legislation.vic.gov.au](http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au)**

To access a copy of Victoria's Marine and Coastal Reforms Transition Plan, go to:

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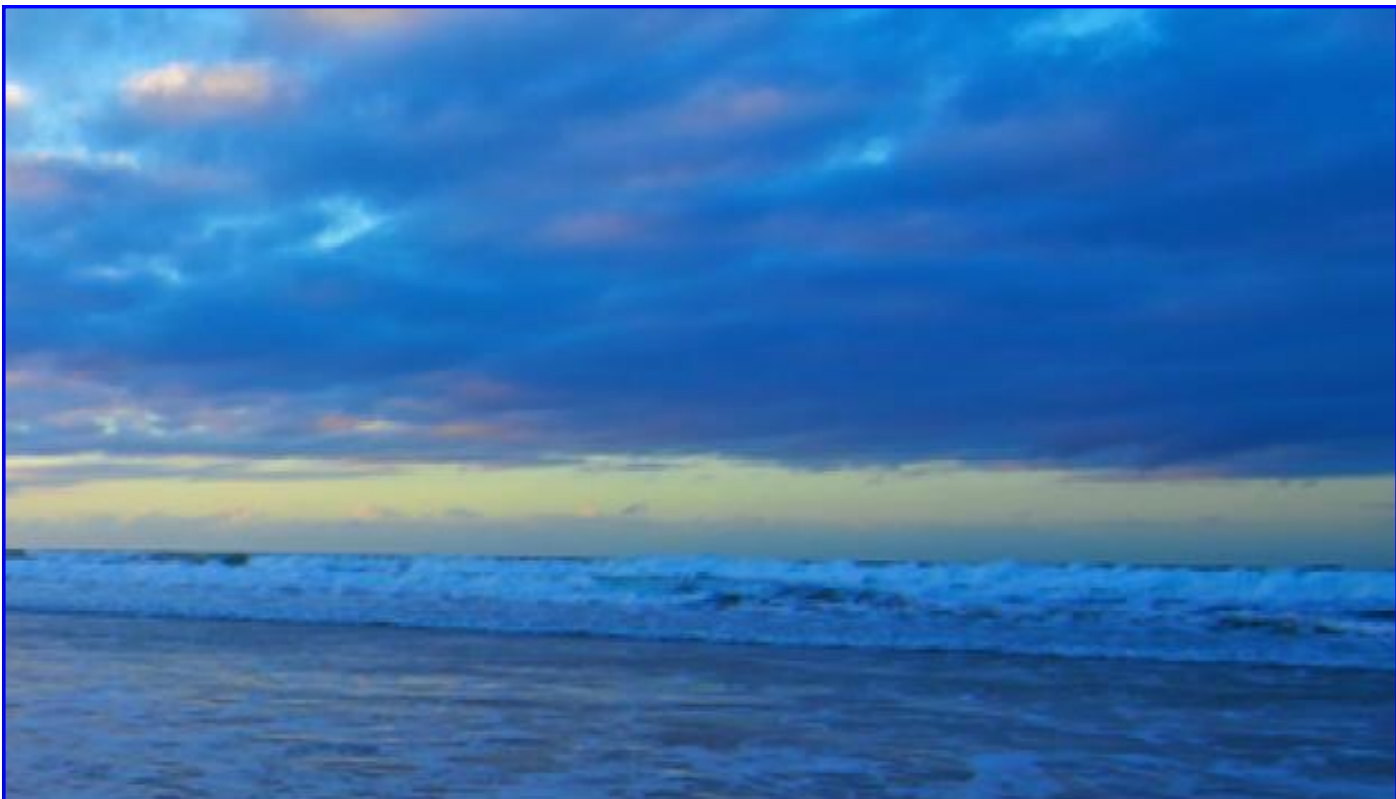
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