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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to the July edition of The Waterline News.

Mid winter, everyone's frozen and there seems to be a bit of a lull in community activities, particularly outdoors. However it won't be long and we'll be looking to spring to brighten everyone up. Plenty of features in this month's Waterline News, including most of our regulars. Unfortunately still no Why I Live Where I Live? No-one brave enough to have a go at putting pen to paper, well maybe next month.

Again we couldn't get everything in this month but some of the things we received had already been well covered in the local papers anyway.

Don't forget if you are a member of a club or local community group, make sure we have all your details, including contact details for our community directories. Volunteers work very hard organising community events, so don't forget, as soon as you've set the date and have some details fixed in place, email us.....

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Chris Cox, Ilse Smidt, and Julie Bartolo.

The Grantville & District Ratepayers & Residents Association are confident that the proposed fitness stations for

Grantville will soon become a reality. GDRRA members met with Shire officers Mark Lindsay and Josie Kent in May to discuss the project.

A survey circulated in 2014 indicated strong support for fitness stations with the majority of respondent's choosing the Grantville Memorial Park as the preferred site.

Landscape Architect Paul Smith, who designed the Memorial Park Gardens, was commissioned by GDRRA to draw up a plan for the proposed fitness stations. The designated location in the park was chosen after consideration of privacy and safety issues.

'People using the equipment should be out of site of highway traffic but have sufficient visibility from Pier Rd for safety reasons', Paul Smith said. GDRRA is currently holding \$16,323 in trust for the now defunct Memorial Park Committee of Management. The money had accumulated over a period of time from past Shire funding to the Memorial Park.

The committee have applied for a further \$5,000 from SUEZ Environment Community Grant which if secured, would enable them to proceed with the installation of the fitness equipment.

The company 'Play Safe' have quoted the project at \$20,500 fully installed and a 'Play Safe' representative met with Council officers recently to discuss the project. Council were very impressed with the 25 year guarantee of the equipment which is designed to withstand the harsh coastal environmental conditions.

'We are feeling very positive about this project and optimistic that it will be installed before Christmas.' GDRRA representative Helen Zervopoulos.

Next GDRRA meeting will be held on 18th September 2015.

Kathy Hopkins, Secretary

Kylie Slink

Kat Cox

Kathleen Hopkins

Sylvia Harris



CONNECTOR BUS

The small connector bus that runs between

Grantville, Tenby Point, Corinella and Coronet Bay

has suffered a

severe decrease in the number of services it is providing as of 1 July 2015.

Initial advice from the bus line indicated that there would only be morning and evening services that would assist those wishing to travel to the city for the day but for those wishing to do business in Grantville or travel to other towns such as Wonthaggi or Pakenham during the day, there would be nothing.

Public Transport Victoria (PTV) believes that the bus does not pay its way and needs to be subsidised, consequently a new approach is needed. A group of concerned residents (led by David Buckingham of the Coronet Bay Ratepayers' and Residents' Association who approached the Minister of Transport directly) met with officers of Public Transport Victoria and our Council to express the problem of this change for local people. The outcome was that in the short term, mid morning (10.30am from Coronet Bay) and lunch time (1.15pm from Grantville) services have been restored and usage will be reviewed over the next three months.

During this three months PTV and our local working party will continue to work on the problem to endeavour to come up with a solution that will enable Waterline residents to move around their region on public transport. This may mean a new model of transport.

We are grateful for the effort of these people in working with PTV to resolve the situation which puts everyone, but particularly the elderly, disabled and young people at a severe disadvantage. Included in this group are Faye and Des Burgess, who worked hard over a period of years to get the service in the first place and for whom this has been a great disappointment. They bring all of their knowledge they garnered to the table and they are supported by Joy Button of Coronet Bay and Jean Coffey from Tenby Point who are representing not just their own townships but also Grantville and Corinella.

So if we want transport services we must use them or we could finish up having none.

Barry Hutton

A full timetable can be viewed at www.ptv.vic.gov.au/timetables



Community Notes



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

Australian Red Cross

Woodleigh Vale Branch

Members meet in each other's homes on
2nd Thursday of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug & Oct.
Contact Marion Walker 5678 8320

Bass Coast Community Baptist Church

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Saturday 10am-1pm

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Bass Coast L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program

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The Bass Coast L2P Program now has a car
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For further information contact:

Veronica Dowman 5672 3731 0467590679

Bass Valley Community Centre

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Friday 9am-3pm

Op Shop open 6 days Monday - Saturday

Check Hours 5678 2277

Bass Coast Community Health Cancer Support Group

Corinella Community Centre

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\$2 Entry

Peter Bekers 5678 1150 -or- 0417 157 144

Bass Valley Friends of the RSL

Secretary Janet Welch 0411 446 129

Bass Valley Landcare

2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass 5678 2335

Bass Valley Lions Club Op Shop

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Corinella & District Probus Club

1st Wednesday each month except January

Bert Allison 0407 339 243

Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

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BYO Lunch

Patti Scammell 5678 0191

Corinella & District Elderly Citizens Club

Monday & Thursdays at 1.00pm

Corinella Hall

Margaret 5678 0716

Corinella Cancer and Chronic Illness Social Support Group.

Meets every 2nd

Tuesday of the month. 10am - 2pm.

Corinella Community Centre. Cost \$2

Call Peter Berkers 5678 1150

Corinella & District Men's Shed & Woodies Group

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Contact Secretary: Jim 5678 0930

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Ann 5678 0341

Coronet Bay Playgroup

children 0 - preschool - Coronet Bay Hall

Mondays 10am - 1pm \$2 per family

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Meets at Corinella Community Centre

12noon Third Monday of each month

Faye 5678 8366 -or- Rosemary 5997 5827

Country Women's Association Grantville

Meets at the Grantville Hall 12-3pm

Second Monday each month

Judy 5678 8553 -or- Annie 5678 8037

Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary

Contacts - Anthea Chester 0407 457 642

or Jane Hendtlass 0409 386 152

Grantville & District Business & Tourism Association

President Neroli Heffer 5678 8548

Grantville & District Ratepayers & Residents Association

Secretary Kathleen Hopkins 5678 8327

Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

Roger Hayhurst 0416 061 400

Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee

Neville Goodwin 5657 7245

Grantville Senior Citizens Group

Grantville Hall

1st and 3rd Mondays 12noon - 2.30pm

Contact Doug Prescott 5997 6106

Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow pbpa@bigpond.com

St Pauls Anglican Church Bass

12.30pm every Sunday

Rev Greg Magee 5952 2608

St Georges Anglican Church Corinella

1st Sunday each month 11.00am

Other Sundays 9am

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Community Centre Second Friday

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Community notes, diary & markets



Community Diary

If any group you are associated with has an event coming up don't forget to let us know. Deadline for all notices is the **first of each month**. The Waterline News is distributed and available online approximately the 15th of each month.
editor@waterlinenews.com.au

SKATE RAMP & FRISBEE GOLF ROSTER

Location	Dates	Weeks	School Holidays
	In	Out	
Coronet Bay	06-Jan-14	14-Feb-14	6 Yes - 6 Jan - 28 Jan
Harold Hughes Reserve	14-Feb-14	09-May-14	12 Yes - 5 Apr - 21 Apr
Newhaven	09-May-14	20-Jun-14	6 No
Grantville	20-Jun-14	01-Aug-14	6 Yes - 28 Jun - 13 Jul
Coronet Bay	01-Aug-14	12-Sep-14	6 No
Newhaven	12-Sep-14	27-Oct-14	6 Yes - 20 Sep - 5 Oct
Maintenance	27-Oct-14	21-Nov-14	No
Grantville	21-Nov-14	09-Jan-15	7 Yes - 19 Dec - 9 Jan
Harold Hughes Reserve	09-Jan-15	27-Feb-15	7 Yes - 9 Jan - 28 Jan
Coronet Bay	27-Feb-15	17-Apr-15	7 Yes - 27 Mar - 12 Apr
Newhaven	17-Apr-15	05-Jun-15	7 No
Grantville	05-Jun-15	24-Jul-15	7 Yes - 27 Jun - 12 Jul
Harold Hughes Reserve	24-Jul-15	11-Sep-15	7 No
Coronet Bay	11-Sep-15	30-Oct-15	7 Yes - 19 Sep - 4 Oct
MAINTENANCE	30-Oct-15	27-Nov-15	No
Newhaven	27-Nov-15	15-Jan-16	7 Yes - 19 Dec - Jan
Grantville	15-Jan-16	04-Mar-16	7 Yes - 15 Jan - 27 Jan
Harold Hughes Reserve	04-Mar-16	22-Apr-16	7 Yes - 26 Mar - 10 Apr
Coronet Bay	22-Apr-16	10-Jun-16	7 No
Newhaven	10-Jun-16	29-Jul-16	7 Yes - 25 Jun - 9 Jul
Grantville	29-Jul-16	23-Sep-16	8 Yes - 17 Sep - 2 Oct
Harold Hughes Reserve	23-Sep-16	28-Oct-16	7 Yes - 17 Sep - 2 Oct
MAINTENANCE	28-Oct-16	25-Nov-16	4 No
Coronet Bay	25-Nov-16	13-Jan-17	7 Yes - 21 Dec - 13 Jan
Newhaven	13-Jan-17	03-Mar-17	7 Yes - 13 Jan - 26 Jan
Grantville	03-Mar-17		
Harold Hughes Reserve			



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2nd Saturday
Coal Creek Farmer's Market
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3rd Saturday
Prom Country Farmer's Market
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4th Saturday
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1st Sunday
Jumbunna Bush Market
Jumbunna Hall **Enquiries** 5657 32533

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Koowee Community Market
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BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP Inc.

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Roderick McIvor
Phone 5678 2277



I think everyone is happy to have passed the point of the winter solstice. We can now expect it to be light a little sooner as we get up in the morning.

Possibly the days will start to get warmer rather than colder and we can get back into the garden as things start to grow again.

At the Bass Valley Community Centre we can start to use the heaters a little less and the lights too can be switched off as it gets warmer and brighter.

This is all by way of saying that we are hoping to get some solar power for the Centre. While we won't benefit from feed-in tariffs of a few years ago (when the amount paid by the electricity companies for power fed back into the grid from your solar power could keep you ahead of your electricity bill) there are still definite benefits. Part of the benefit of current systems (pardon the pun) is the evolution of the technology and the accompanying fall in price of the cost to capture solar power.

As our buildings are all in an area that has been designated as having a heritage overlay we had to get planning permission from Council.

This raises interesting questions about the mix/intersection of heritage and environment. As part of our application for the planning permit we included overseas examples of solar panels on historic buildings. For the most part it seems that solar panels are not disguised on historic buildings. They sit like badges of the current environment perched on top of the old. It was a very effective process with Council. A Council officer supported us in putting together our application and the process returned us a permit in a very short time. This isn't our only success in getting planning permission.

We had to apply to the State Government department responsible for such things to replace our very worn and dilapidated shed at the Hadden House Opportunity Shop. Once again, the requirement for a permit was due to the heritage overlay on our site. While the process was considerably longer, we were nonetheless successful in the end and we will, with the support of a Council grant we received last year, now be able to purchase and erect a much better looking and significantly more functional shed for our furniture sales. And, with a bit of luck, we won't have snakes taking up residence in our shed as we have in the past.

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KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS

This month we complete our profiles on the Bass Coast Shire Councillors and find out a bit more about Bass Coast Shire Council, Thompson Ward Councillor Andrew Phillips.



Cr Andrew Phillips endeavours to listen to the community he represents, deliver positive outcomes for the Bass Coast, and give back to the beautiful community he grew up in. Bass Coast is a wonderful and beautiful part of Victoria and we must work hard to ensure our unique environment is properly respected and looked after. Andrew has spent most of his life on Phillip Island, after completing his Pharmacy degree he now owns and operates a pharmacy in Cowes. He aims to utilise his knowledge on local issues and with business and management principles ensure that Bass Coast Shire is run efficiently and effectively to service the needs of the ratepayers and residents in the Bass Coast. He believes management that is focused on sensible decision making which puts the interests of our ratepayers and residents first will deliver a nurturing, family lifestyle for the Bass Coast Shire.

Cr Phillips is a representative on the following committee:

Bass Coast Community Road Safety Committee.

Thompson Ward is located on Phillip Island and includes the main centre, Cowes and its surrounds. Thompson Ward is 7.447 sq km in size with 5,850 registered voters.

You can contact Cr Phillips by:

- Landline: (03) 5952 3006
- Mobile: 0448 082 953
- Postal: c/o Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995
- Email: andrew.phillips@basscoast.vic.gov.au

VALE CHARLES HAWKE



Charles Edward Hawke, who passed away on June 8 after a short illness, was born on November 13th 1931 at Port Adelaide in South Australia.

After attending Le Fevere Primary School he started his working career with Grace Brothers in S.A before moving on to work for Rheem.

In 1947, Annie Murphy went to South Australia to stay with her brother and his family on holiday, which is where she met Charles, and they were married at Newport on June 18, 1949.

After moving to Melbourne, Charles went to work for R&R Anderson where he drove a petrol tanker for a time and was then promoted to supervisor.

He later went to Unigate in Dandenong as a transport supervisor where he stayed until his retirement in 1995.

Charles and Annie had a holiday house in Coronet Bay for many years, which they sold in 1990 after selling the family home in Noble Park, and moved to The Gurdies. They were in the process of moving into a new residential village in Pakenham when Charles was taken ill and passed away just six weeks after being diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Unfortunately Charles passed away just nine days before what would have been their 66th wedding anniversary.

They had four children, Mary, Charles, Peter and Patrick, and have eight grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Charles and Annie shared an interest in football, cricket and the Liberal Party. Charles also loved his pigeons and raced them in partnership with son Peter.

He also loved his garden, in particular his orchid collection, and was involved in the Lions Club and Rotary.

He was a Councillor with the Shire of Bass from 1993 to 1994 when that shire was amalgamated to become the Bass Coast Shire.

Current Bass Coast Shire mayor Kimberley Brown read the following condolence at the last council meeting.

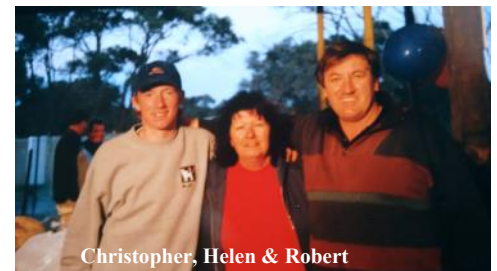
"The passing of Mr Charles Hawke of The Gurdies, Charles was a Councillor with the Shire of Bass from 1993 to 1994 until the shire was dissolved for the amalgamation. Charles was a very modest and quiet man who took his role as Councillor very seriously. He was very active within his community and was a member of the Kernot Hall and Reserve Committee of Management for the current Council."

After 24 years living in The Gurdies Charles and Annie had many friends, and he will be sadly missed by them all.

Annie asked The Waterline News to thank all of the people who have sent cards and flowers at this sad time.

Charles is survived by his wife Annie, brother Stanley, and his Children and partners, Mary & Rodney, Charles & Candy, Peter & Sandy and Patrick & Katie. Grandchildren, Elke, Bradley, Dwayne, Stacey, Lee, Gemma, Matthew and Casey, and great grandchildren, Deakin, Finn, Elspeth, Archer, Eamon, Evelyn, Spencer and Charlie-Rose.

FAREWELL HELEN COLPOYS



Almost one hundred people, family, friends, locals and members of the greyhound fraternity gathered at a graveside service at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery on June 19 to farewell Bass resident, local identity and greyhound owner, trainer and breeder Helen Colpoys.

Helen died on June 11 at Banfields at Cowes after a short illness.

Well known and liked throughout the Bass district, Helen was a regular at greyhound meetings around the state, particularly her favourite track, Cranbourne, and Warrnambool where she and husband Robert spent regular Christmas-New Year holidays with the grandchildren over recent years.

Helen is survived by her husband Robert, children Dean, Cheryl and Christopher, grandchildren Lily, Mia and Isabella, and brother Bruce.

Many of those who attended the cemetery service joined Robert, family and friends at a wake for Helen at Trios at Cranbourne, adjacent to her favourite track.

Rest in peace Helen, you will be sadly missed, and lovingly remembered by many.

Roger Clark

FIVE WAYS TO BURN MORE CALORIES WHILE WALKING



There are a whole lot of reasons walking is such a popular workout for people of all ages and fitness levels. Not only can you do it wherever you are, whenever you like, it's also easily tailored to your needs and doesn't require any fancy equipment. You can incorporate walking into almost any fitness regime with little effort and fantastic results. In the interests of keeping things interesting and challenging your body a little more, we've got five suggestions for jazzing up your walking workout. Give one a go this week.

1. Switch up your route – If you walk the same route all the time, try switching things up and incorporating something new into the mix. A hill or set of steps is great for upping your heart rate, while a beachside track or visit to a local park offers a great change of scenery and likely a shift in terrain.

2. Invest in a pedometer – While certainly not a necessity, a pedometer will count your steps, helping you keep track of how far you're walking. If you're the type that likes a challenge you can try and beat your number of steps every walk.

3. Invite a friend – If you usually catch up for coffee with friends, why not try a "walking catch up"? Not only do you get the chance to stretch your legs and get a workout in, you also have someone to chat with along the way – which can push your heart rate up even further too. If you can't live without your coffee, try meeting up and walking to your favourite café for a quick fix then back again.

4. Add music – If you're more of a solo walker, an iPod or other portable music device can be a great companion. You also don't have to listen to tunes. You could download podcasts on your favourite topics or even install an app for meditation or relaxation tracks to play while you stroll. The music might even motivate you to walk for longer.

Try intervals – If you're keen to get your heart pumping, try interval training. While

commonly associated with running, it's easy to add intervals into your walking workout. Simply choose a distance or time period where you'll walk at maximum speed before dropping back to your usual pace and repeating. For example, aim to walk at maximum pace for 45 seconds then drop back to your normal speed for the next 45 seconds. Repeat for as long as you can.

Naomi Cotterill

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When time is precious, working out at home can be a quick and effective way to help develop your strength and flexibility. The best bit? You don't need any fancy equipment or gear to get started. These easy strength and flexibility exercises are suitable for all levels of fitness, super simple to learn and easy to incorporate into your daily fitness regime.

1. Gentle squat and press – Combining two exercises is a great way to work a larger range of muscles and engage your core. This exercise focuses on the muscles in your upper thighs and bottom and your upper arms and shoulders.

Stand with feet hip width apart, toes pointing out slightly. Holding a can of baked beans/tinned tomatoes in each hand, raise your arms upwards so that your elbows form right angles and your hands are in line with the top of your head (otherwise known as a "press position").

Gently bend your knees into a gentle squat. As you return to your starting position, push cans upwards at the same time into a press before returning them to your starting position.

Repeat 10 times.

2. Bridge – The gentle bridge exercise activates the muscles in your core and bottom while helping stretch your lower

back.

Lie down on the floor comfortably – back against the floor.

Bend knees and place feet flat on the floor. Place hands by your sides.

Turning on your stomach muscles, gently tuck in your bottom and lift it up off the ground so that your thighs and bottom are in a line.

Hold for 20 seconds before gentle lowering to the floor.

Repeat five to 10 times.

3. Brace and curl – Holding a gentle squat position helps build strength in your core, bottom and thighs while adding in a bicep curl is great for your arms and balance. Stand with feet slightly wider than hip width apart, toes pointed slightly outwards. Hold a can of baked beans/tinned tomatoes in each hand.

Gently lower into a shallow squat.

Roll arms upwards into a bicep curl.

Repeat 10 curls before raising out of your squat.

Naomi Campbell



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Entertainment

GIPPSLAND JAZZ

Sunday July 19

Phillip Island Jazz Club
Ramada Resort, Cowes
2pm - 5pm



Appearing at Phillip Island Jazz Club on Sunday 19th July will be The New Nite Owls. The group comprises a number of musicians who were part of the original Nite Owls. The group is led by reeds player Pat Miller, a long time member of the original group and includes John Morrison of Moonee Valley Jazz Band fame on keyboards, Rob Moffatt on trombone who is well known for being a member of the Red Hot Rhythmakers and the Andrew Nolte Orchestra, Zac Barter on bass and a member of the previous group and Richard Opat on drums who has played with every well known jazz group in Victoria.



Enquiries: Robin Blackman 0432 814 407

Sunday July 26

1.30pm Moe RSL

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Saturday August 1

Coronet Bay Hall 7 - 11pm
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Sunday August 9

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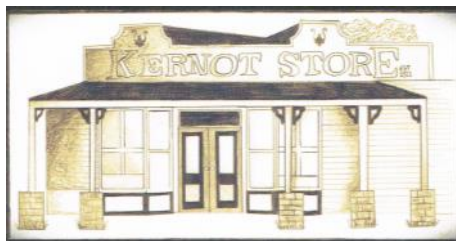
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JIMMY FONG ALBUM LAUNCH

Some musicians look how they sound, but Jimmy Fong is a surprising exception. Listening to his fusion of Latin, Chinese, blues and Islander beats, you'd be forgiven for looking a little confused when a 5'7" Asian man with a beaming smile walks onto the stage. But the mystery is all part of the performance when it comes to Jimmy Fong.

Growing up in Malaysia in the 1960s, Jimmy spent many a day learning the strings of his acoustic guitar. And that was before he hit the age of double digits. As a child he listened to local tunes with one ear, while tuning the other to Western influences like The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bob

Dylan, John Denver and of course, the infamous Elvis.

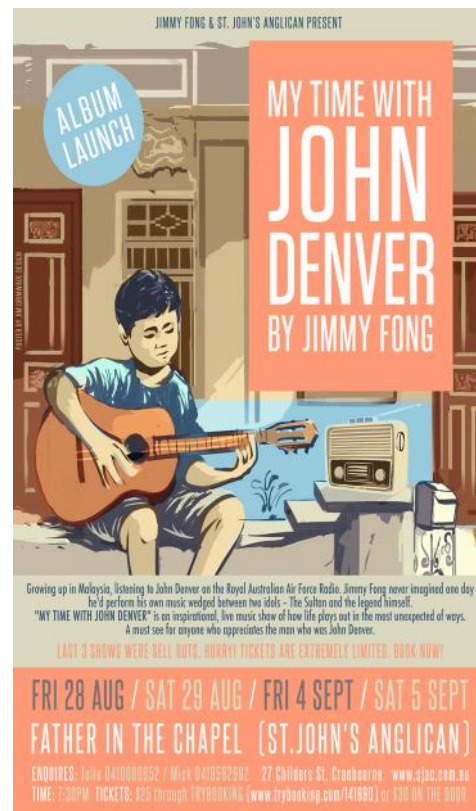
Years later and Jimmy Fong has made his influencers proud. In 2011, he graced Malaysian television performing his original song – December Skies – with a 50pc live orchestra, which also won him a finalist in the National Malaysian Songwriting competition.

Other originals – Balancing Act and Helang Langkawi – have also become favourites here and abroad, gaining semi finalist at the Australian Songwriter's Association and being honored with the opening song for the Langkawi international Maritime Airshow (L.I.M.A), respectively.

He's also a published songwriter of RTM (radio TV Malaysia), listed on iTunes international and has his debut album, Just when you thought.. with 10 tracks of his own originals.

His latest is a tribute album to John Denver titled " My time with John Denver" due out August 2015

Jimmy Fong will do much more than entertain. He'll take you on a nostalgic journey through song.



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CONCERT TO LOOK FORWARD TO



JOURNEY BOUND GET SUPPORT GIG

Talented multi genre musical group Journey Bound have been chosen as the support band for the Cranbourne Lions Concert Band concert at the end of August. A very excited Colin Smith who is an extremely talented recorder player in Journey Bound, as well as other orchestras, emailed the news to us last week. Journey Bound will be playing before the main concert starts, and also at interval. This should be an outstanding night of musical entertainment, but I would suggest you book your tickets early. **Roger Clark**

Journey Bound



L-R Wendy Snook, Sharon Start, Jose Garcia and Colin Smith

"Able to leap tall genres in a single bound", **Journey Bound** is a versatile musical vehicle that likes to cover a lot of different musical styles, including Gospel, Folk, Pop, Rock, and Jazz. Many locals will remember them from their appearance at the Bass Valley Community Centre last year.

Journey Band are an ideal group for absolutely any occasion.

Contact them through their website www.journeyboundmusic.com

BASS VALLEY CHILDREN'S CENTRE UPDATE

In May, Bass Coast Shire Council advertised for the services of an experienced architect / designer in integrated preschool educational facilities to undertake the design development, documentation, costing and provision of drawings that will enable Council to seek external grant funding for the Bass Valley Children's Centre proposed for 60 Corinella Road, Corinella.



Bass Valley Childrens Centre, Secretary Tanya Hughes discusses the building proposal with Federal MP Greg Hunt

A significant number of tenders were received and are currently being evaluated by a panel who will identify and appoint a preferred tenderer in late June.

The Bass Valley Children's Centre board provided a design brief for the project, which was a representation of the needs of their community. The design brief was then issued to interested architects and designers bidding. The brief included a range of needs, and objectives to be met, some of the principles included:

A conservative, functional, efficient building with low-operational costs. An eco-friendly hub, low in maintenance, high in practicality. Cost effective, welcoming and non-imposing. A facility which concentrates on the learning experience of each child. A safe and comfortable facility for children, staff and parents. The natural, yet modern building will provide excellence in service delivery and promote continuity in learning from birth through to school age and beyond.

A building that is efficient to run, with solar panels, water tanks, double glazed windows, where heating and cooling costs will be minimised by its design, positioning, and the wide verandas. A good street appeal will welcome families, and through the front entrance a bright, light and airy facility awaits. Good airflow and breeze and a smart design, materials chosen for their functionality, minimal maintenance, and durability.

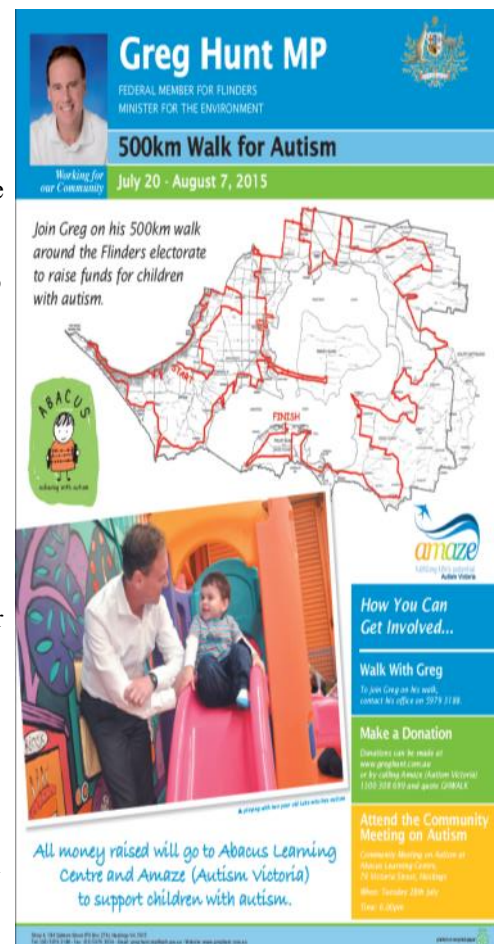
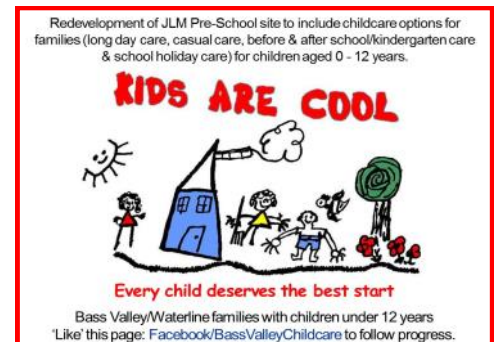
It will be a natural extension of the neighbouring school's buildings but with an

obvious point of difference as it will offer distinct services. It will be a dynamic, interactive people place that is a source of community pride and where groups can interact well and where positive outcomes will be achieved.

The entry way will be one for families and service providers to interact and a space the community can access. It will be a solid build, for decades of use. The vision and the flow of the building will come from a sense of connectedness and journeying around each and every child.

The philosophy of the centre is to be connected and in tune with nature. Minimising the children's centres footprint is vital to not only minimising the operational costs of the centre but to ensuring the longevity of the centre and environment around it.

The community can follow progress online, 'Like' Facebook/Bassvalleychildcare



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Books & Writing

MEET THE AUTHOR



This month we are pleased to have the first in a series of short stories and articles by E.E (Betty) Caldwell.

After retiring from fulltime employment in 1983, Elsie Elizabeth (Betty) Caldwell took up voluntary occupation with the Adult Migrant Education as a tutor of English as a second language. From there, she went on to join the Stories on Aging group of writers, The Society of Women Writers Victoria and the U3A City, Melbourne, where she is currently a tutor of the Wednesday Writers Group. Her collection of fiction includes *Home* is the Teacher and its sequel *Back to Coverdale*, and *Lily*, and approximately 160 short stories, plus a similar number of articles covering a wide range of subjects. She appeared in the Inaugural State Edition of *Who's Who* in 2008 and every year since then in *Who's Who of Australian Women*.

Noble Monarch (A Story written in 2005)

A commanding view the tree held. Over the valley, down to the river, on to the town monarch held sway.

The small boy found the axe, discarded, not worth sharpening. "Just the thing," and rejoicing he scampered up the hillside.

There he chopped at the base oblivious to the tree's lament. "Please stop little boy. I'm powerless against you. I'm older by far than you. Why can't we live in harmony?" Soon, the child tired of his task and dropping the axe to rust forever in the grass ran thoughtlessly back home.

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The young lad needed fuel. The bonfire was richly ablaze but still he wanted more.

Grimly he clambered up the ridge.

Large branches he hewed as the tree cried "I need my limbs." But the young man heeded it not.

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Grieving o'er its scars, the tree spread foliage to mask its deformity.

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The old man said, "That tree must go. It's blocking the view." So axe in hand, he trudged up the slope. The swinging blade caught fast in the trunk. And the tree moaned, "Please, old man, leave me to live out my life in peace."

Unable to free the axe, he crept disconsolately home.

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The wind was sighing mournfully. The tree joined in its plaint. Below, the funeral procession wound away from the river, over the valley, beyond the tall tree's scope. In the tranquillity of evening, the birds nestled cosily and as their lullabies faded, the tree sang for the child, the youth, the old man who never once listened to its voice. And in the song was a hint of triumph. Every leaf, every twig, every branch added to the strains of the eulogy.

"Goodbye to you, old man. Listen carefully now. You'll hear my valediction. May your god and all his angels watch over you." Deep within its core, the tree knew that the old man, the youth, the little boy had now passed into perfect understanding.

E.E.Caldwell



SOME MORE HAIKU

Regular contributor Meryl Brown Tobin writes haiku to capture moments special to her and for relaxation.

She says most of the inspiration for her haiku comes from birds, animals and flora she sees in her garden, in nearby bushland, on the coast near her home and on her trips around Australia.

Flora

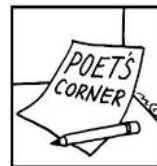
Wildflowers wakening
weave carpets of colour
changing grey landscape

Scent wafting in breeze
pink boronia blooming
heralds in new spring

Tempting summer sun
warming protea's tight bud
opens up its heart

Bright Daintree sign reads:
own botanical garden
carved up rainforest

Meryl Brown Tobin



JUST NOTICING

Thoughts on the seasons by well known local author and poet, Kelvin Wilson.

Well cooler damper weather seems to have settled in. The millpond of Western Port bay has turned into an angry grey monster, hurling itself against the sea wall at Grantville flinging foam and spray into the air. The swans that were diving on tidal edge for a feed near Corinella have abandoned the rough waters of Westernport for the quiet billabongs of Guys creek which began to fill at the start of this week.

Beside these billabongs Crows, Currawongs and Egrets have joined the Swans in searching out the insects and frogs that have emerged as the waters have filled the cracks and crevices of the once dry ground. In one of the paddocks there was a line of Egrets working their way across, picking up the hapless insects. As an insect is disturbed by one it is picked up by him or his teammate.

The grey thrush that comes around my kitchen window of a morning cleaning up moths and spiders that have dared to linger has not been seen for a while. The other morning about half a dozen Currawongs went off flapping from the window as I arrived to put my morning coffee on. Sometimes magpies strut around the verandah picking off the odd insect.

The black cockatoos have showed up though a little earlier than usual. Usually it's June but then it seems to be an earlier onset of winter than usual. I noticed some of them about a week ago. I was walking to the tank to check my rain gauge, as I passed my shed I heard this dink, dink, dink, on the shed roof. It took a while to see them high in the Lemon Scented Gum. I thought they were chewing the seeds, but closer investigation showed they were in fact chewing the stems through and so the roof was littered with the sprays of leaf and seed pods to dry on my shed roof. (Just as well it's not the fire season.)

Just thinking about the poor insects running the gauntlet of birds. There is a variety of Vegan who insist that humans should not eat animals or even animal products. If that is a reasonable position then should birds be allowed to dine on animals and insects? And for that matter should foxes be allowed to eat chicken and rabbit or why should Orcas be allowed to rapaciously and wantonly torment baby seals or penguins before they eat them and what about sharks? Should they be allowed to be meat eaters while we are not, and lions? But I think the point is clear. By what authority do these extreme vegans declare that I should not be permitted to enjoy some tasty BBQ chops? It seems that they are being a bit Species(ist).

Kelvin Wilson, Grantville

French Island News



The French Island News

FRENCH ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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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) and a State Emergency Service (SES) branch run by a group of hard-working volunteers. There is one fire engine stationed permanently on the island, next to the Community Hall on Tankerton Rd. CFA volunteers are able to respond to any kind of emergency. Calling 000 is always the best option in an emergency.

NURSE ON CALL

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

Nurse On Call 1300 60 60 24

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Ambulance Membership

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

FIRE PLANS

All bushland residents should have a personal fire plan. The French Island CFA hosts annual information sessions which give concrete advice on this topic. The CFA is also happy to visit individual properties to further aid in the development of fire plans. As for all of Victoria, fire bans and other instructions issued by the CFA should be followed.

POISON INFORMATION HOTLINE 131126



CFA Training

The first Sunday of each month
10am - 12 noon at the FI Fire Station

French Island General Store and Post Office
From bread and milk to plumbing supplies, the store provides so many goods and services, we can't name them all here (though we plan to try at a future date). In the

meantime, whether its distilled water for batteries or a fuel filter for the car, ring to find out what's in stock. Newspapers can also be ordered from the store with at least 24 hours notice. 03 5980 1209



French Island Community Association

Notices for the French Island section of The Waterline News should be sent to:

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FOFI Project Days
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French Island Landcare

Community Planting Day

Change the Date

Landcare, in conjunction with Friends of French Island, is having a Community Planting Day on Saturday, August 22 instead of July 11 as previously planned. The location is yet to be determined. All are welcome. For more information, email filandcare@gmail.com.



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French Island Feature

FRENCH ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

(Based on an article by Daniel Catrice for Parks Victoria, ca2000. Edited by Chris Chandler)



Situated just 75 kilometres south west of Melbourne, French Island National Park is close to the metropolitan area but a world away in other respects. Access to the island is by ferry or barge. Cars are not permitted on the ferry, so the only vehicles on the island belong to residents or park rangers. (Cars can get on the island by Barge) The island has a permanent population of about 110. There is no reticulated electricity or water supply, and the only supplies are available from a general store at Tankerton on the island's west coast. Despite its proximity to Melbourne, French Island is remote and relatively undisturbed. French Island National Park comprises two thirds of the island. It is the only national park in Victoria wholly contained on an island. It has 6000 visitors a year, making it one of Victoria's least visited national parks. Yet it is a protected wetland of international significance. It has Victoria's largest and healthiest populations of Koalas and Long-nosed Potoroos. It has over 220 species of birds and 500 species of native plants, including 105 orchids.

Its history is no less remarkable. Aboriginal people, attracted by the island's abundant wildlife, gained access by canoe. The coastal wetlands were especially bountiful, yielding large quantities of oysters, mussels and other shellfish, as well as waterfowl and eggs. There is little available archaeological information and no recorded evidence of permanent occupation, but it is known that the island was visited by the Bunurong and was considered to be an important food source.

The first European to lay eyes on French Island was George Bass, who sailed into Western Port in an open whale boat on January 5, 1798. He watered and repaired his boat and made a chart, but did not land on French Island (he actually thought it part of the mainland). Unaware of the larger (and yet to be named) Port Phillip Bay, he named the bay Western Port "from its relative situation to every other known harbour on the coast".

In 1801 the "Lady Nelson" under the command of Lieutenant James Grant entered Western Port to carry out a further investigation. During Grant's visit the bay was surveyed by Francis Barallier who guessed that French Island was not part of the mainland as Bass had assumed. Barallier did not circumnavigate the island. Limited for time by Grant's desire to clear the bay while good weather held, he was not able to examine the island's northern shoreline. Nevertheless, when the charts from this voyage were published in 1803 the island was named 'Western Island'.

In 1802, two boats from the French ship "Le Naturaliste" spent eight days in Western Port correcting Bass' charts. The French crew named Western Island 'Isle des Francais', or "Island of the French people". (They also named Phillip Island, 'Isle des Anglais', but this name did not survive). As the French had been the first Europeans to establish that 'Isle des Francais' was in fact an island (Barallier had only guessed that it was) the name has remained, albeit in anglicised form.

Despite frequent visits to French Island and Western Port Bay by

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scientists and explorers, no Europeans considered it a desirable place to stay. At the end of 1804 Lieutenant Robbins accompanied by the surveyor John Oxley sailed the cutter 'Integrity' into Western Port. Asked to investigate if permanent habitation of the area was possible, Robbins reported that the land possessed "no great advantages to render it an eligible place for a settlement".

Another person to record his impressions of French Island was G.H. Haydon, who spent about a year on the island between 1843-44 cutting mangroves and burning the wood to produce barilla ash (used in soap making). His venture was not a success and he described the island as "a useless mass of scrub, with scarcity of water and barren soil". He did note that the island had timber "good for the purpose of settlers who occasionally send men from the mainland to procure it".

The first legal settlers on the island were John and William Gairdner, who squatted on the island in 1847 before taking up a pastoral licence for 320 acres (130 ha.) on the south coast. When the Gairdners applied for a station licence they gave the area of the island as 30,720 acres (12,300 ha.) – it is actually 43,000 acres (17,400 ha.) – and estimated its grazing capacity as 8,000 sheep.

The first land subdivision was made in 1867. Surveyors pegged 14 allotments of just over 4,700 acres on the south coast, most of which were taken up under selection licences. The first land sales took place in 1873.

Settlers depended on ketches and coastal schooners for transport and supplies. Cattle were sometimes swum across from Stockyard Point on the south-east coast or taken by sailing vessel to Corinella on the mainland. A regular ferry service between Hastings and Phillip Island was introduced in 1868. This would occasionally stop at French Island. A regular ferry service to French Island was established after the completion of a railway to Stony Point in 1889. A jetty was built at Tankerton on French Island's west coast in 1890, and another further north at Fairhaven in 1909.



The chicory kiln at 'Blue Gums' now part of French Island National Park.

In the 1893 unemployed workers and their families were encouraged by the government to settle on the island. Six settlements were established: Energy Settlement, Star of Hope, Industrial, Perseverance, Callanan's and Kiernan's. Each family was allocated 20 acres and an allowance of 10 shillings a week. Many turned to growing chicory; Jack Ratford from the Star of Hope Settlement is credited with building the island's first chicory kiln. Nevertheless, the settlement scheme was a short-sighted reaction to the economic depression of the 1890s and reflected the government's misplaced confidence in its ability to create a class of yeoman farmer to subsist on the land. French Island's isolation, together with settlers' inexperience on the land and lack of equipment brought the ill-fated project to an end and on most of the settlements, only one or two families remained. At Perseverance Settlement, three families remained until WW1. Continued ...

French Island Feature

Another failed venture was salt harvesting. In 1869 Richard Cheetham established the French Island Salt Company to harvest salt by evaporating sea water impounded in large shallow pans. This and similar enterprises in the north-east of the island in 1880s and 1890s failed mainly because summer rains were too heavy to allow the salt to dry in open pans. Attempts were made to dry the salt in cast iron vats over wood fires, and as a consequence large quantities of timber were cut down as firewood.

In 1916 a prison farm was established on the site of failed pine plantations on the eastern end of the island. The original 'prison farm' covered an area of 12,000 acres (4,860 ha.), 28% of the whole island. In 1921 the Penal and Gaols Department occupied 480 acres of this land for 'indeterminate sentenced prisoners'. The aim was to rehabilitate the inmates by teaching them rudimentary farm skills. Prisoners were originally accommodated in tents. More permanent buildings were erected in 1946, including the concrete cell blocks which remain today.

The prison closed in 1975. In 1977 the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation took over about 147 acres (58 ha.) of the original camp and ran the place as a recreation



camp. It now operates as the McLeod Eco Farm and Historic Prison.

French Island also became an important place for the preservation of Koalas. After they were introduced from Corinella in the 1890s, they thrived in their new surroundings. They found several kinds of eucalypts suitable for them, including Blue Gum (*Eucalyptus bicostata*), Swamp Gum (*Eucalyptus ovata*) and Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus pryoriana*) which was then plentiful. By the 1920s, Koalas had almost been exterminated in Victoria, due to widespread bushfires and hunting for their fur. However on French Island, their numbers grew so rapidly that by 1923, they had eaten all their food trees and were starving. The Blue Gums were wiped out by Koalas, and are now extinct on the island. French Islanders wrote to the government in that year, requesting permission to cull Koalas. This was refused, but they began to be removed from the island to be translocated to other places. The first Koalas on Kangaroo Island were taken from French Island in 1923. Since then the Fisheries and Wildlife Department used French Island as a breeding area for Koalas from which surplus animals are taken to restock the mainland. Almost 9000 Koalas from the island were translocated by 2009.

By the mid-1960s French Island and Western Port were becoming the focus of a conservation campaign of a different kind. A succession of proposals to establish major industries prompted the Premier, Sir Henry Bolte to promote Western Port as the "Ruhr of Australia". The bay provided a deep water harbour, surrounded by flat land which could be purchased cheaply. In 1963 the Victorian government enacted the Westernport (Oil Refinery) Act to permit the establishment of the BP refinery at Crib Point on the bay's western shore. The Act also authorised the construction of State-owned port facilities and harbour facilities for use by the company. Also established as a result of this legislation was the Esso/BHP fractionation plant at Hastings.

In the late 1960s BHP purchased 2000 acres (800 ha.) of land on

the west coast of French Island on which they intended erecting a petrochemical plant and steel works. The State Electricity Commission (SEC) bought the south-east coast opposite Corinella in 1968 for a nuclear power station site. The land development company Hooker also bought 4000 acres (1600 ha.) of land on the island for the planned industrial park. These moves galvanised support for the protection of the island's remaining habitat. In 1971 the Fisheries and Wildlife Department produced recommendations for the creation of a Wildlife Reserve of 13,000 acres (5,265 ha). The proposal noted the French Island carried a unique fauna, and that the island could be described as an "ideal natural laboratory for future research".

In 1974, the Conservation Council of Victoria (CCV) backed these recommendations and called for the island to be given national park status. It claimed that the island had several characteristics that made it extremely valuable if maintained for nature conservation. It drew attention to the island's isolation which "can create genetic differences which are important in taxonomic and evolutionary studies"; its accessibility (or lack thereof) which enabled the mode and volume of traffic to be controlled and regulated; and its location, which was ideally situated as "an area of recreational escape and scientific study" because of its proximity to Melbourne.

The CCV claimed that the island contained the largest area of natural vegetation remaining in Western Port region. It conceded that the botany of the island had not been extensively investigated but that it was "most likely" that it has many associations which are now rare, absent or severely damaged. This is especially likely, it argued, as the island lay between the warm and cool temperate zones. [Interestingly, botanical surveys on French Island since the mid-1980s have proven these words to be prophetic! French Island has many rare trees, orchids and other plants, which are not found anywhere else in the Western Port, Mornington Peninsula or South Gippsland areas.]

The CCV called for a "massive campaign" to have French Island and its surrounds set aside as a national park. Interestingly, it argued that the national park should also include Phillip Island and all the eastern shoreline areas of Western Port. Rejecting the lesser status implied by the term 'wildlife reserve', the CCV expressed the concerns of a growing number of national parks campaigners:

Reserving an area as 'National Park' gives it more prestige than a 'Wildlife Reserve' and with the anticipated development of the National Parks concept it is likely that 'National Park' areas will be much better managed in the future than other forms of reserves.

French Island was classified by the National Trust in 1976. It cited industrial development and land subdivisions as the key threats to the island's landscape values.

The Land Conservation Council (LCC) considered these arguments before submitting its final recommendations for the Melbourne Study Area in 1977. It recommended that an area of 19,000 acres (7,700 ha.) be reserved as the French Island State Park. The park was permanently reserved under the Crown Land (Reserves) Act in June 1982. It was subsequently included under the schedules of the National Parks Act in 1988, and in 1994, following a review by the LCC, it was finally recommended as a national park. The enlarged French Island National Park was proclaimed on 4 June 1997. SEC-owned land at Red Bluff (261 ha.) was included in the park in 1997, and land at Heifer Swamp (175 ha.) was added to the park in 1999. Other properties which have been purchased for inclusion the park include Gartside's, Dore's and Skipper Aitken's.

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French Island

French Island Ferry

The French Island Ferry is a ferry service which runs between Stony Point in Mornington Peninsula and Cowes on Phillip Island, via French Island.

The ferry departs from:

Stony Point Jetty on the Mornington Peninsula

(Stony Point Station is a short walk from the jetty)

Tankerton Jetty on French Island

Cowes Jetty on Phillip Island

Fares

Tickets are available at the Stony Point kiosk, and also on board the ferry.

Please note: the French Island Ferry is not a myki ticketed service.

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Child*: one way - \$6.00, return \$12.00

Pensioner/concession: one way - \$8.00, return - \$16.00

Bicycle (additional cost): one way - \$4.00, return - \$8.00

*Children aged under 4 years travel free.

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For more information, see the French Island Ferries website

http://www.interislandferries.com.au/fi_costs.php

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A Rabbit walks into the bar, goes up to the bartender and says, "I want a cup of coffee." The bartender says, "We don't serve coffee here"

So the Rabbit leaves, but when he leaves he sees two friends entering the bar so he joins them. His friends ask for a beer and sandwich but the rabbit says "I wanna cup of coffee" The bartender says, "We don't serve coffee here"

So the rabbit leaves again, but he sees two more friends so he joins them in the bar. His friends order a beer and a sandwich but the Rabbit still says, "I want a cup of coffee"

"Look," says the bartender "we don't serve coffee here. Now leave or I will nail your ears to the bar!"

So the rabbit leaves, but he yet again sees two more friends and enters the bar.

But this time the rabbit says, "Do you have a hammer?"

"No" replies the bartender

Do you have any nails?"

"No"

"Then I want a cup of coffee"



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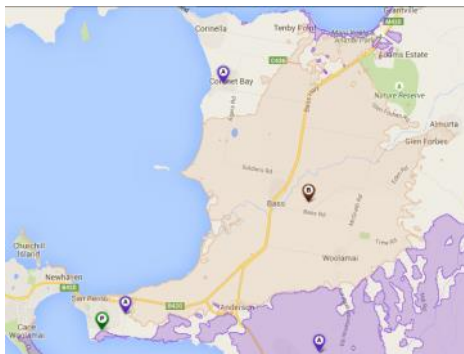
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Which ISP should you contact?

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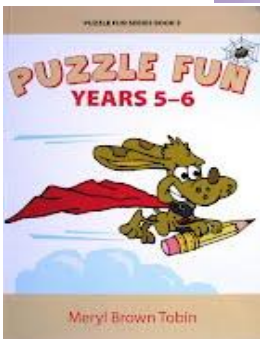
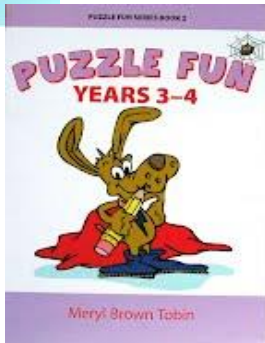
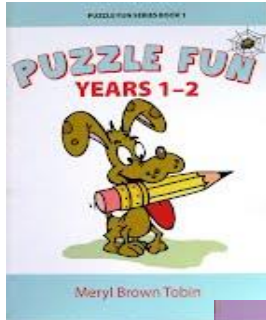
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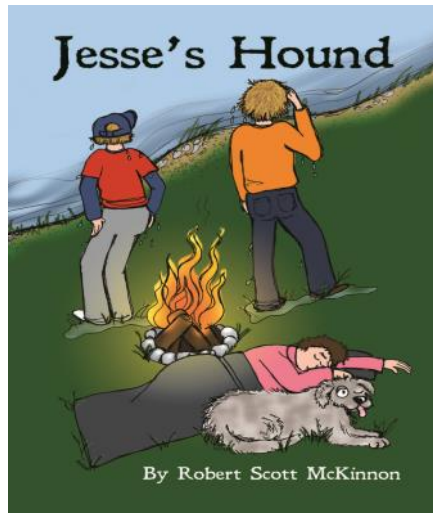
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Robert Scott McKinnon, or Maddog McDermutt as he is sometimes known, has either appeared in or actually written — the world's greatest dog trainer retired to the pen — in well over two hundred and fifty publications, and even a radio play, stories from visits to Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Canada, Wales, England, and Scotland, not to mention most of the tracks in the US.

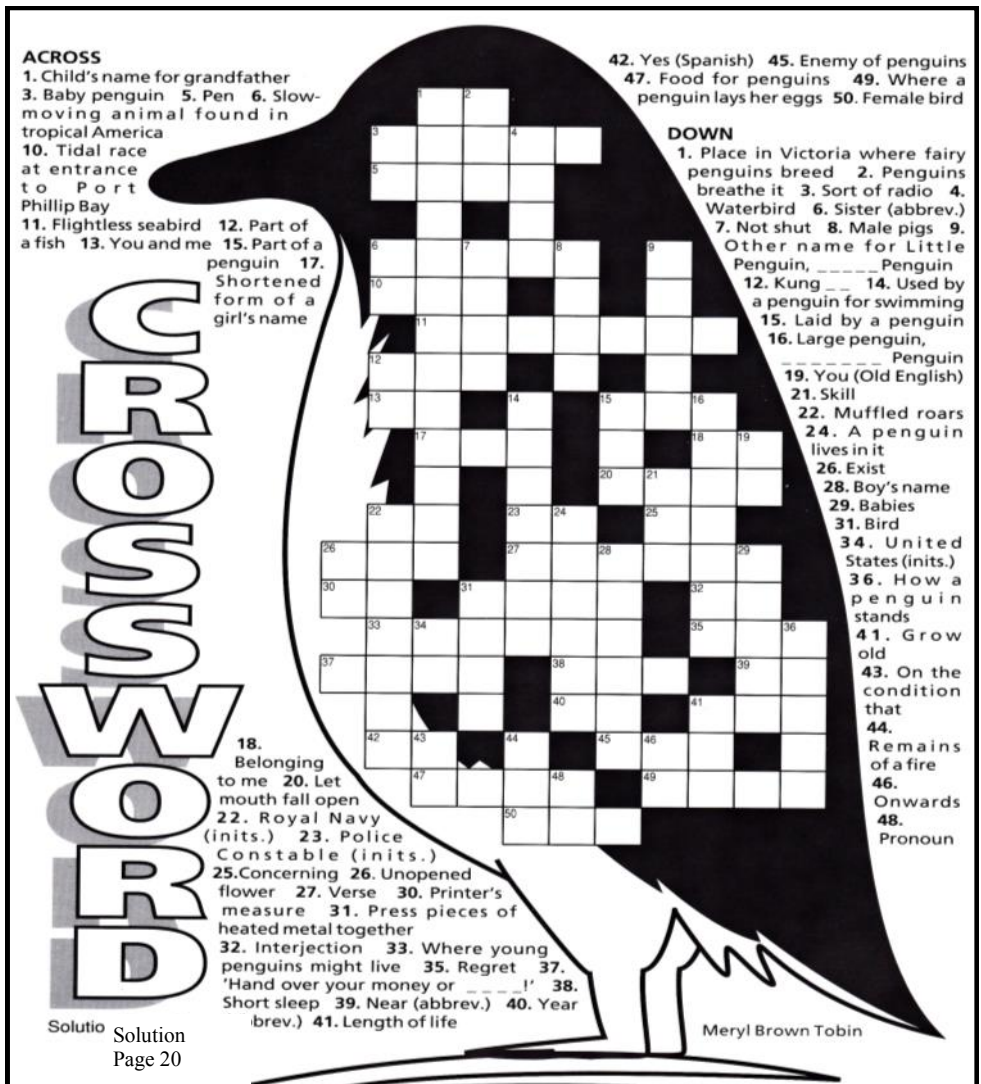
Jesse's Hound was originally published in the US National Greyhound Review, March 1995 to November 1995. The story takes place at the Great Falls Montana Glacier

Greyhound Park. The track, a gold mine of character, a place where some fifteen kennels of racing Greyhounds came to town broke and by the end of the season, left more broke. Jesse's Hound is a satire on aspects of Greyhound racing.

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Food

RECIPES

Pumpkin Soup

Alexandra O'Brien



As winter kicks in there's nothing more comforting than a warming bowl of yummy soup to feed the body and soul. And this recipe is quite scrumptious.

Prep: 14 minutes

Cooking time: 25 minutes

Serves: 4 to 6

Ingredients

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 brown onion, coarsely chopped
1 garlic clove, crushed
2 teaspoons of ground cumin
2 teaspoons of ground coriander
1 large-sized butternut pumpkin, skin and seeds removed and roughly chopped
1 tablespoon curry powder (mild or medium, depending on your preference)

1 cup of vegetable stock

½ cup of cream

Salt and cracked black pepper

Parsley, natural yoghurt, to serve

Method

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic. Cook for a few minutes, stirring, or until soft and golden. Add cumin and coriander. Cook,

stirring for 1 minute or until aromatic.

2. Add pumpkin and stir to coat. Add stock and curry powder. Bring to the boil, stirring occasionally. Simmer, partially covered, for 20 minutes or until the pumpkin is soft, stirring occasionally. Set aside to cool slightly.

3. Stir in cream and transfer to mixing bowl or blender. Blend until smooth or as desired. Season with salt and pepper.

4. Ladle soup among serving bowls. Top with a dollop of natural yoghurt. Sprinkle with coriander and serve.

OVER60SIXTY

Potato cakes

Alexandra O'Brien



No one ever says no to potatoes, so put a smile on the faces of your dinner guests with these easy-to-make (and oh so delicious) potato cakes.

Serves: 10 **Ingredients:**

1 cup self-raising flour

2 tablespoons butter, softened

Salt, to taste

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh dill

2 cups freshly mashed potatoes

Up to ¼ cup milk, as required

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 200°C and grease a baking tray.

2. Sift flour into a bowl and then add butter, salt and the dill. Mix in mashed potatoes and add milk as needed to blend ingredients into a soft dough.

3. Using your hand, make round cakes that are about seven centimetres in diameter and one-and-a-half centimetres thick. Place the cakes onto prepared baking tray and bake for 20 minutes or until golden, without turning. Serve warm.



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INFORMATION NEEDED ON HISTORIC CEMETERIES

Noelene Lyons



THE Bass-Corinella Cemetery (currently known as Corinella Cemetery) was established in 1873 with the first burial (known) on March 2, 1877 of Rosetta Chinn.

I have been working with the trustees of Corinella Cemetery and over the years, together with the trust, we have gathered enough resources and information to actually say that the Bass-Corinella Pioneer Cemetery has a compiled and completed Pioneer Burial Register together with its lawn burials, from 1873 to the present. But I do need readers' help. I am looking for families who have very early burials in this cemetery to make sure that we have not missed these families from our sources. Would any of you readers have a family member buried in this cemetery in those early time periods?

I have sat and viewed the San Remo & Phillip Island and Bass Valley Advertisers to 1898 then we have a gap until the 1909 Powlett Express and Wonthaggi Sentinel papers at the Historical Society. I have also tried Trove Newspapers online.



Corinella Cemetery's first burial, 1877

The Inverloch Cemetery was first established in 1888. With the first burial (known) being held 17th May 1891 of Mrs. Ellen Cuttriss.

Over the many years I have gathered much resource information to now actually say that Inverloch Pioneer Cemetery has a compiled /completed Pioneer Burial Register - 1888 - 1961.

But I do need readers help.

Inverloch Pioneer Cemetery....I have just completed the Burial Register of this Pioneer Cemetery. In the abstract of accounts that I hold on behalf of the Inverloch Cemetery Trust we have 2 burials but without names. These burials are confirmed via the Abstract of Accounts Register.

Year 1927 - - 1 burial - This burial has NO DEATH CERT. according to Register of BDM so it must be of an infant child.....buried by the family in the cemetery.

Year 1940 - - 1 burial - have checked all newspapers of the area....**help needed.**

Would any of your readers have a family member buried in this Cemetery in those time periods?

I have sat and viewed the Powlett Express & Sentinel Times papers at the Historical Society.

I have also tried Trove Newspapers online. I have compiled a list for 1927 & 1940, but the cost of purchase of Death Certificates is the last option.

Also:

does any reader know anything on R.A. Richmond Undertakers, Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

This business was recorded as the main undertakers for the period 1915 to the 1940's. They were before Knox's Undertakers. I would like to be able to view their funeral register for these burials and also to obtain information on Wonthaggi Cemetery Burials.

Hoping somebody might have information to help.

Phone Noelene 5672 4739

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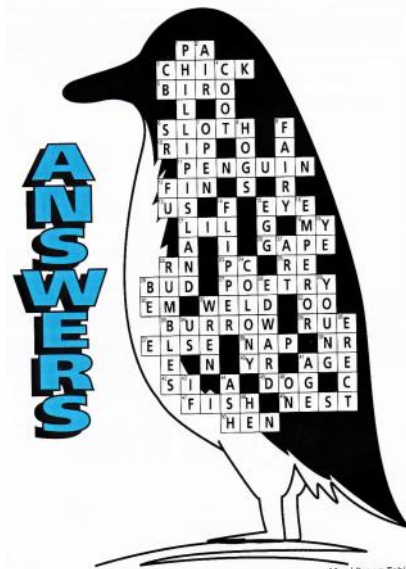
Raffle bringing out community spirit.

It has been enlightening to say the least to sit in the icy cold breeze outside Grantville Newsagency selling tickets for the June raffle.

On 27th June we drew the 'Wood-n-you-like-to-help-us-build' (June) raffle which was won by the O'Brien's from Corinella. Grantville Market committee also suggested we raffle off a load at their first June market in four years; we thank them for this opportunity (and it means one less month of our volunteers freezing!) We have been buoyed by the community spirit during the last month. People buying tickets for neighbours that could do with it. People giving us donations. The girls in the Bendigo Bank supplying hot cups of coffee for our volunteers, who, by mid-morning, have long lost feeling of their extremities.

So into the cold we sit selling the July 'Wood-n-you-like-to-be-warmer' tickets, to be drawn on 25th July. Every ticket sold a step closer to a public toilet at long last for the park.

Zena Benbow



Meryl Brown Tobin

On the road

SOME ROAD RULES YOU MAY NOT KNOW

Once we get our driver's licence most of us are never tested on the road rules for the rest of our lives. That will be FINE



Holding your phone away from your face on loud speaker, even while stationary in traffic is an offence, pressing a button to answer the phone or check a text is illegal if it's not in a fixed bracket and handling your phone while using it as a navigation device is also an offence, \$282 fine and three demerit points. If you're parked legally and safely off the road but the engine is still running – and you're in the driver's seat – that's still a ticket.

Driving through an orange light carries the same offence as running a red light: \$282 and three demerit if it was deemed you had time to stop!

A "stop" sign means "stop", not roll through. The car must come to a complete stop, the wheels must stop moving. Failing to do so is a \$282 ticket and three demerit points.

Stopping in a "no stopping" zone is also a \$141 fine.

Double parking in a school zone is \$85.

Parking on a footpath \$85.

No Toot Off

A toot of the horn and a wave goodbye out the window as you drive down the street could cost you \$282. \$141 for illegal use of a warning device and a further \$141 fine for having a "limb protrude" from the car. The same "limb protrude" ticket applies to resting your elbow on the window ledge.

Belt Up

We all know seatbelts are compulsory – but many are unaware that the driver also cops a \$282 ticket and three demerit points if a passenger is unbelted. If the unbelted passenger is under 16 the fine to the driver increases to \$317 per offence. Unbelted passengers over the age of 16 also receive a fine of \$282. Ladies, do you tuck the seatbelt shoulder strap under your arm or chest? That's also a \$282 ticket and three demerit points, because the seatbelt is not properly fitted. Reclining the passenger seat

on a long drive is also deemed to be not wearing a seatbelt.

Using an incorrectly fitted or non-approved child seat is \$317 and three demerit points. Driving at night with headlights off is a \$211 fine and 1 demerit point – and it's the same fine for having a tail-light or number-plate light out.

Do you drive with your fog lights on in clear conditions, or in daylight? It'll cost you \$141 to use a fog light "unless in fog or other hazardous weather reducing visibility".

Check the plates

Displaying "L" or "P" plates when not required (when the driver is fully licenced) is a \$141 ticket.

Forget the one for the road

Fully licenced drivers who supervise learner drivers must be under the 0.05 blood-alcohol limit (the learner driver must be 0.0) and if the learner exceeds the limit by 25km/h the fine is \$176. The supervising driver will be fined \$141 if the learner-driver's car is not displaying 'L' plates.

It is against the law for the driver to drink alcohol even if under the limit \$282

Reversing a vehicle "further than is reasonable" is a \$141 fine and reversing along a one-way street is also a ticket.

In Victoria, drivers caught with a radar detector are charged to appear in court and the device is seized as evidence, where the maximum fine is \$2816.80 (20 penalty units at \$140.84 each).

Who's driving your car? and is the registration paid

In Victoria, there is one fine for the driver of an unregistered vehicle (\$704). But the owner also gets a \$704 ticket for permitting the use of his or her unregistered vehicle.

Want to keep a number plate as a souvenir and hang on the garage wall? In Victoria failing to surrender a number plate is a \$141 fine.

Altering or obscuring a car's number plate or making your own is a \$282 ticket.

In Victoria: "leaving thing dropped from vehicle on road" (such as a piece of timber, or debris from a car crash) is a \$176 fine.

Forget Something?

Take your keys with you when go inside the service station to pay for fuel because it is illegal to leave your car unlocked, leave the key in the ignition or leave the windows open if you're more than three metres away from your vehicle, each fine is a \$141. Leaving the park brake off is also a \$141 fine.

Last but probably the least known

Tempted to leave a bicycle rack on the car even if you're not carrying a bicycle at the time, then that will be \$141 thank you very much.

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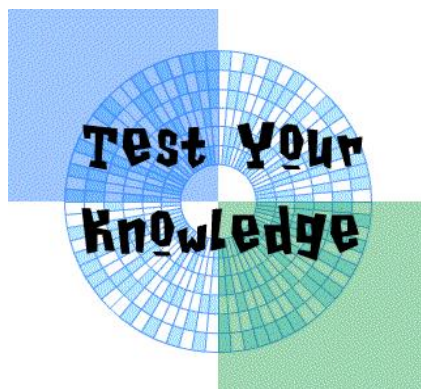
QUIZ?

- Who wrote 'The Red Badge of Courage'?
- What is the longest river in Australia?
- Who allegedly killed officer J.D Tippit?
- What does a Bibliophile enjoy?
- What are the Benelux countries?
- What character did Liza Minelli play in the movie 'Cabaret'?
- Who was executed by firing squad in Utah in 1977?
- What name did Pablo Picasso sign to his paintings?
- What is the largest organ in the human body?
- What two Japanese cities are spelled with the letters K,O,O,T and Y?
- Who did Frank Sinatra marry at the Sands hotel in Las Vegas in 1996?
- Where did 913 people die together in South America in 1978?
- What is the nickname of artist Kevin Charles Hart?
- What is the chemical formula for table salt?
- Where does Alfred Hitchcock appear in 'Lifeboat'?

- What Jewish holiday is the Day of Atonement?
- What invasion was code named Operation Overlord?
- What kind of animal is a Bunyip Bluegum?
- Where is the line of life?
- Who wrote and illustrated 'The Magic Pudding'.

ANSWERS

Norman Lindsay.
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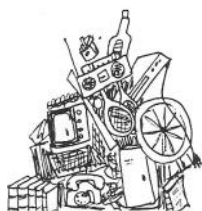
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3. Recycle plastic wrap at least once by wiping clean and reusing.

4. Save on garbage bags by only replacing garbage bin liners when absolutely necessary.

5. Old garbage bags and large pieces of plastic (such as an old plastic table-cloth) may be used as ground cover around garden plants. This not only discourages weed growth, but also reserves soil moisture.

6. Old plastic tablecloths may be recycled as aprons or protective sheeting when painting.



7. Plastic supermarket bags have a multitude of uses, they can be used as liners for small garbage bins, such as food scrap bins, can be hung on hooks in accessible places to hold knick-knacks, rags, shoes, socks, dirty underwear, etc. They also make handy refuse holders when working in the garden or shed.

8. Supermarket bags also serve well as cat litter tray liners.

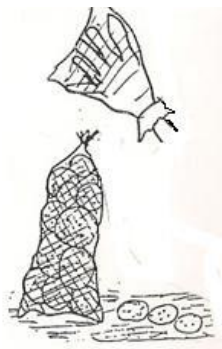
9. Use old plastic bags to hold mothballs or flakes to protect woollens.

10. Use recycled plastic bags as disposable gloves for oiling, greasing or other particularly messy jobs.

11. Plastic netting bags commonly used to pack onions, oranges, etc. make ideal hanging storage bags in the kitchen,

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REDUCE YOUR TIP FEE BY RECYCLING



Due to increases in EPA levies and the additional costs of landfilling, Bass Coast Shire Council transfer station increased as of 1 July 2015.

Council's General Manager Sustainable Development and Growth, Allison Jones, said residents can significantly reduce what they pay at the transfer station by sorting out their general waste from their recyclables."

"Mixed loads are treated and charged as general waste due to the difficulty of sorting the material, but if your general waste and recyclables are sorted into separate loads, transfer station attendants can charge a smaller amount for general waste and your recycling disposed of for free," Ms Jones said.

"This is a great way of reducing costs, while also helping your community and the environment."

Ms Jones said residents can also reduce their costs at the transfer station by finding alternatives to disposal.

"You may wish to find out if friends or second hand stores may take things like furniture and sporting goods, while volunteer and community groups may find use for things you no longer need and are planning to throw away – as long as they are in good condition," Ms Jones said.

"Paint, tools and building materials can often be used by groups doing small projects. As the saying goes, one man's trash is another man's treasure."

For more information on transfer station and landfill prices, as well as information on what you can recycle, please visit:

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THE BEST FLOWERS FOR HANGING BASKETS

If you're looking for a way to get early colour in your garden, hanging baskets are a great option. The baskets warm up faster than soil does and you can also place them over hot pavers or near a warm brick wall to help move things along. If you really want to cheat completely you could even plant flowers that are already in bloom.



Four great hanging baskets tips:

1. Keep your basket moist: if your basket dries out too often the potting mix ends up repelling the water instead of soaking it in.
2. Retain moisture with mulch: use pebbles or coconut fibre to keep as much moisture in as possible
3. Keep the plants in the basket well fed with a slow release fertilizer. As there isn't a huge amount of soil in a basket you should feed little and often.
4. Soak the basket in a bucket of water at least monthly.

Plants to avoid using in hanging baskets

There's no point choosing plants that are nearing the end of their season, such as primulas in spring, or petunias in autumn. It's a good idea to get advice from your garden centre when you are choosing your plants.

Plants that will work well in a hanging basket

Start with some basics such as the many varieties of petunias, geraniums or succulents. Really though, any hardy plant that might look dull on its own will look good once they've started growing over the side of the basket. Keep your plants flowering by preventing them from going to seed. Just trim off any sad looking flowers at least once a week.

Some other good options are lobelias, verbena, nasturtiums, brachycome daisies, violas and non-climbing sweet peas. These will give you flowers for a long time and should flower out over the side of the basket.

If you want to extend the life of the flowers even more, hang your basket in full sun from late winter to early spring, then move basket to a cooler position.

Lee Price

EARTH GARDEN TIP OF THE MONTH

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AUGUST GARDENING TIPS

From late July to August your plants and particular your roses will start to grow vigorously again, ready to absolutely take off once the weather starts to warm up so any late pruning must be done by early August.



There are two other key tasks to complete during August. One is to make sure that you apply a good fertiliser, preferably a slow release fertiliser, to all of your plants and to also make sure you apply a good lawn fertiliser over all your grassed areas. You want all of your garden to be able to take advantage of any late August rains and then the warmer weather which comes around mid-September.

Another task is to ensure that all your garden beds have a healthy layer of mulch. Though winter is usually quite dry in most parts of Australia, you still want to lock in as much of the moisture that has fallen as possible. Once again, the weather does generally warm up in September which means more moisture will evaporate. The evaporation can be limited by a good 10 cm thick layer of mulch.

At this time of year your winter vegetables will be coming to an end. August is a good month for you to start to decide what vegetables you are going to want to grow in Spring. Some good vegetables to consider for spring are carrots, lettuce, leeks, onions, spring onions, peas, Asian vegetables, and beans. You may also like to grow some of your own strawberries. If you are someone who likes to try their hand at growing your own vegetable seedlings, then you could buy some seedling trays, fill them with a good combination of potting mix and vegetable

soil mix, and sow some of the above mentioned vegetables, as seeds, into these trays. Preferably keep these inside because a warmer environment will help with germination. You might also like to sow some tomato seeds for mid to late spring.

August is also the time to start thinking about what annuals you want to have and to start planting them. Plants like petunias, marigolds, vincas, and the like are good choices. Most nursery's will be stocking themselves to the hilt with a wide range of annuals for this spring season, so why not head on down to your local nursery and check out what stock they have in store for you to consider this spring!



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PLANT OF THE MONTH

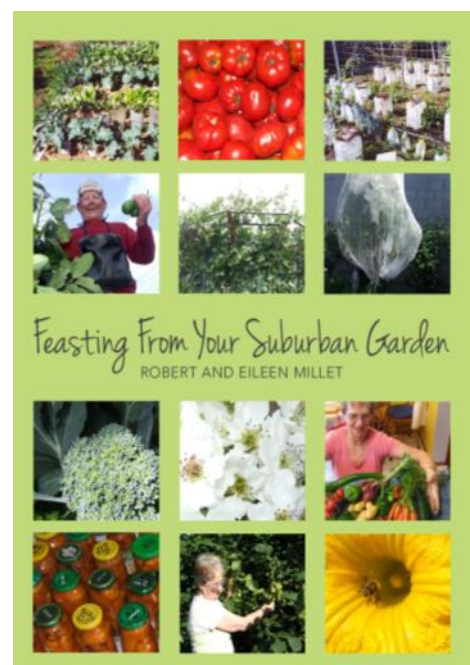


Genus: Kunzea
Species: capitata
Flower Colour: Pink Purple (White varieties also available)
Foliage Colour: Green
Growth Habit: Shrub to 1m
Flowering: Spring
 This species of Kunzea is not widely cultivated even though it has been around

for quite some time, first designated the name *Metrosideos capitata* in 1797 and moved into the *Kunzea* family in 1846. It is native to the east coast of Australia, particularly New South Wales. Generally it will grow to about 1 metre in height, with an erect growth pattern, but it is not that uncommon for it to push 2m. The best climate for this variety of *Kunzea* is a temperate zone with dry, sunny summers and wet winters. For best results make sure that your soil drains well. Grown in these conditions the *Kunzea capitata* will thrive and prove to be quite the hardy addition to your garden. This variety of *Kunzea* can also handle slight shade to full sun positions in your garden.

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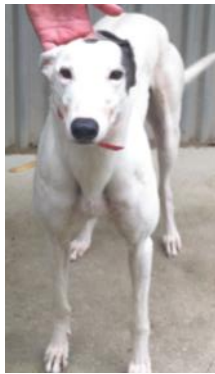
Recapping, Little Mac is white and blue, 26kg and was born in November 2011. She has been retired from the track for six months now and has settled down nicely. She is ready for a life of luxury and will make a wonderful pet.

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