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## Bass Coast Agricultural Show Wonthaggi

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**THE SHOW SHED**

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- Amateur Photography Competition
- Backyard Chooks & Much More
- Horses, Donkeys
- Animals Nursery
- Street Theatre
- Stilts, Clowns, Balloons
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MERYL BROWN TOBIN

# BROOME ENIGMA



There was a full house in the Wonthaggi Library for the launch of local writer, Meryl Brown Tobin's first published novel;

## **BROOME ENIGMA**

Meryl has written over twenty books during her long career and her story will be featured in the February edition of ***Along The Waterline.***

## **BROOME ENIGMA**

by Meryl Brown Tobin

On a working holiday in Australia's cosmopolitan outback town of Broome in 1986, Jodie, a young book designer is open to romance and adventure. At the holiday village where she is staying, she meets Joe, a young man who works there. Despite the strong attraction between them, the many unknowns about his earlier life keep them apart. To try to uncover his mysterious past, they travel to Perth and back to Broome and are drawn into not only bizarre but also dangerous situations. Is Joe the person Jodie thinks he is, or is he some alter ego? Can she stop their relationship from developing until she knows whether he is free to love her?

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**The Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show, Wonthaggi, is a fabulous day out for all ages and interests. It include an exhibition of horses, donkeys, photography and farm and garden produce, Best Beaut Ute and 4X4 Show and lots of tractors with implements from the Harry Ferguson Club.**

Special Guests will be the **Sandy Creek Clydesdales** and a Blacksmithing display. As well as a **carnival and amusements, show bags, a hands-on animal nursery, street theatre, great food and coffee** from community stalls. Come along and enjoy the atmosphere of a traditional Show.

### **BASS COAST WONTHAGGI SUMMER SHOW Entertainment**

ALL SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS ARE LISTED THE SHOW'S FACEBOOK PAGES

**COMPETITIVE EXHIBITIONS IN THE SHOW SHED** include **PHOTOGRAPHY, GARDEN** and **FARM PRODUCE, SCARECROWS, DECORATED GUMBOOTS** and **THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE OF BEST CHOOK**

The Bass Coast-Wonthaggi Ute and 4x4 show will be held around the perimeter of the main Arena.

The EQUESTRIAN and HARNESS SHOW will take place in the ALEX SCOTT ARENA

STREET THEATRE WILL BE ALL OVER THE PLACE

BARN BABIES MOBILE FARM will be found next to the Show Shed as will the Sandy Creek Clydesdales and Blacksmithing. Commercial and community displays will be around the grounds.

Vehicles from the Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club will be displayed in the Main Arena

**SHOW BAGS GALORE**

**LIVE MUSIC with IMOGEN PRICE**

**SIDESHOWS. RIDES, FABULOUS FOOD VENDORS AND FAIRY FLOSS**

**EMERGENCY VEHICLE DISPLAY**

**Welcome** to the first edition of the new magazine,  
***Along the Waterline, Bass Coast.***

I hope you enjoy every page, front to back and if you don't, please let me know how you feel we can improve.

Five years ago I purchased the *Waterline News* from its founder, the late, great Roger Clarke. His tireless efforts created a much-loved, well-read and widely distributed celebration of all the Waterline towns and surrounds.

Try as we might, it's hard to forget the impact of COVID-19. Due to restrictions and a downturn in business, the Waterline News had to become an on-line pdf which is emailed to 1500 subscribers. Physical copies were irregularly printed and supplies quickly ran out.

Whether you're in a cafe, your loungeroom, or at the beach in the shade of the rotunda, there is nothing quite as relaxing as sitting in your favourite spot and reading. I am stoked to be able to give you back those moments of delight and information.

So, I'm excited to announce that we are back in print in a big way. We've had a lot of fun and a few challenges along the way and we aim to distribute a thousand copies of *Along the Waterline* each month.

To sustain those numbers I ask that people support the people who support us, our advertisers, writers and informants.

I'd like to introduce you to our new team member, Jen.

Her many roles include helping businesses and organisations reach people across the region.

The lights in her office always seem to be on.

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# LETTER *from the* EDITOR

**Our purpose is to connect people and community by sharing information about 'What's happening along the Waterline and Bass Coast' through public service notices, advertising for local businesses and community groups, flyers for events, stories, general information and our radio program.**

What else can I tell you?

Website is under construction. You can find us on [Facebook](#).

**Along the Waterline** depends on you, our readers to support our advertisers, send in articles and stories, give us feedback about what you have enjoyed and what you prefer, share experiences of local events and share let us know about what is coming up.

Especially the last part. Please let us know what is coming up across the Waterline that is important to you. Our contributors will make this the publication we are going for - a connected community celebrating all things Waterline Life.

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Our magazine is printed by *Print It Fast* in San Remo and you can read more about them on the back page.

*Geoff*



# THE Wordsmith

By Catherine Watson, courtesy of the Bass Coast Post

“The Waterline News began as a four page newsletter. It grew year by year to 48 pages as it became an invaluable social glue for the Waterline communities and surrounds”.

**Roger Clark** estimated that he'd written over eight million words in his lifetime. Not bad for a boy who started work in a shoe shop at the age of 13.

From the age of 12, Roger Clark mowed lawns on weekends until he had enough money to buy his first typewriter. In his teens, he bought a second hand ink duplicator and printed greyhound form guides which he sold to punters outside the local track, at least until the authorities banished him.

Throughout his 50-year career in sales, marketing, management and logistics, Roger was at his happiest when he was writing and publishing.

For 43 years Roger wrote a weekly greyhound column. He volunteered on community newsletters in the Yarra Valley and Tarwin Lower. Up to a few days before he died in 2019, he was still writing and proofing pages for his beloved Waterline News and contemplating writing his first book. The book was not meant to be.

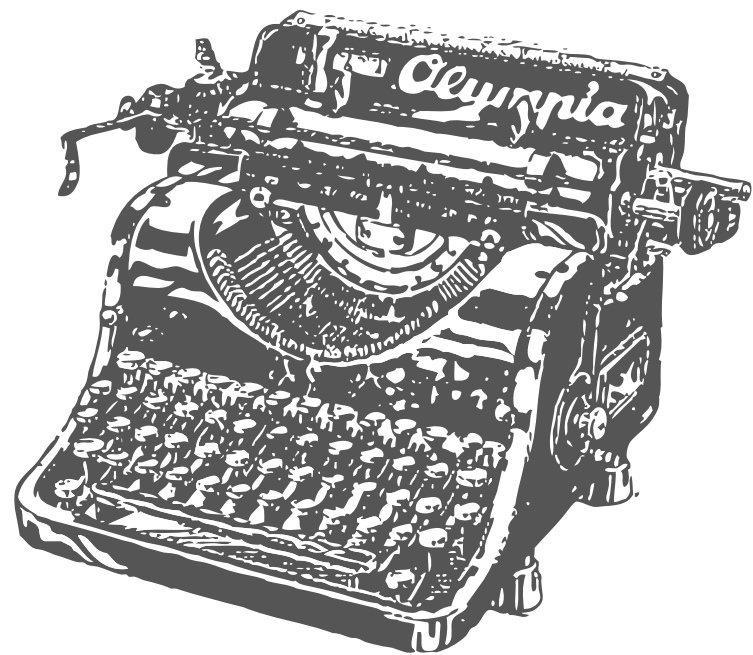
Roger and his wife Vicki came to live in Grantville in 2009 and immediately became involved in the local community. He began writing for the Bass Valley News the following year, eventually becoming editor before starting his own publication, the Waterline News.

The Waterline News began as a four page newsletter delivered into people's mailboxes across the Waterline towns. It grew year by year until by 2019 it was 48 pages, crammed with articles, public notices and ads, an invaluable social glue for the Waterline communities and surrounds. A team of helpers delivered 1800 copies to 150 outlets, from Tooradin through to Cowes and French Island.

Although nominally a commercial operation, any profits were given away to community organisations and it was heavily subsidised out of Roger's own pocket.

He was also generous with his time and praise. He was forever giving away advertising space, understandably to community groups and non-profit enterprises, less understandably to local businesses. Despite his business background, he remained a sucker for a hard luck story.

He is greatly missed.



**Every one has a story to tell. What's yours?**

We welcome contributions and want to encourage local storytellers, poets, photographers and historians.

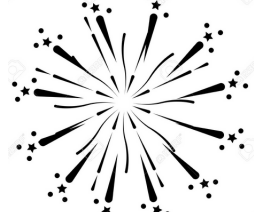
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**Closing date for contributions to the February 2024 edition is COB January 24th.**



# CORONET BAY UNITES



**Whoooooosh! A roman candle erupts into the star splattered sky. Clusters of people spread across the Coronet Bay foreshore. Whoosh, bang. Whoosh, bang. Sky rockets in flight, catherine wheels in sight and kids of all ages are loving it. The weather is unpredictable but the delight of NYE fireworks is certain.**

Community spirit is strong in Coronet Bay.

The ratepayer's association was formed in 1987 to amplify the local voice and liaise with council and authorities such as Melbourne Water. roads, rates, environment and people have been on the agenda for over thirty years.

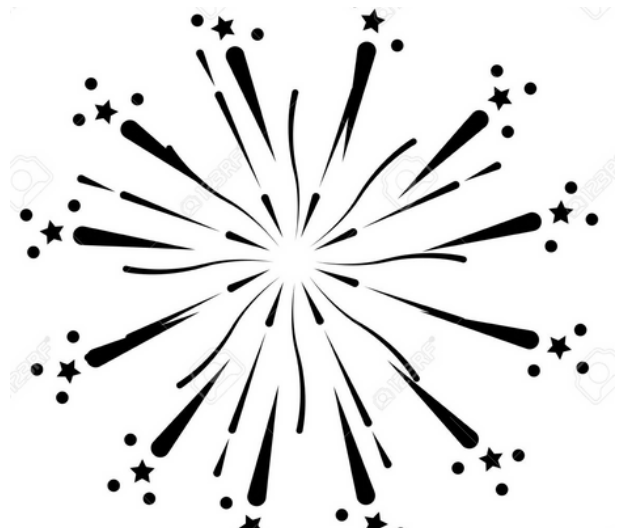
Early successes included The Fred Gration Hall and this year the creation of Wang Toolome Parnung was a huge success.

A separate group was formed in 2009 - The Coronet Bay Combined Community Group. The aim here was to coordinate events and support a number of smaller groups. The health, well-being and creative development of the community was at the core of their purpose.

In recent years the combined group expanded its support for an increasing number of local groups.

This included the Luminous Galleries exhibitions that have delighted people on the foreshore since 2017 and the Beach Bums fundraising calendar that "gave back" to the Corinella CFA after their heroic defence against the fires in 2019 that threatened our Waterline villages.

The Fun Run/Walk has been a regular adventure for many years and the group also supported the Christmas Carols event held on the foreshore in 2022.



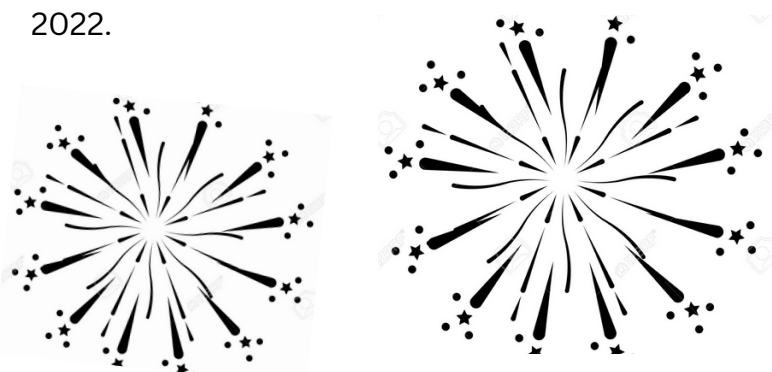
A few weeks ago, members of the Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association voted unanimously to merge with the Coronet Bay Combined Community Group. The result is the "Coronet Bay Community Association".

This merger has come about due to the post COVID-19 decline in volunteers that is impacting community groups across the State.

Membership eligibility has been broadened beyond ratepayers and residents to include local businesses and those who are not residents but have been involved in volunteering activities in Coronet Bay.

The much-anticipated New Year's Eve fireworks at the CB foreshore will be the first event organised by the newly merged entity. They welcome people to their events and meetings and are always looking for people want to join in or lend a hand.

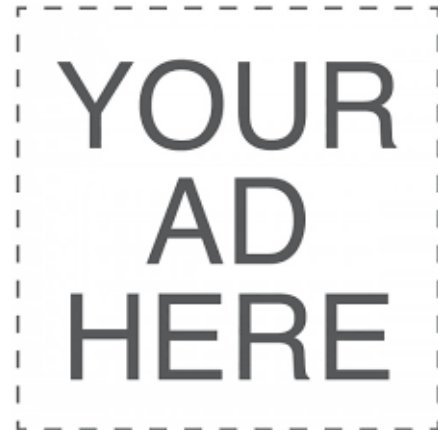
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## Corinella Residents and Ratepayers Association (CRRA) 'Our Corinella' December General Meeting - Sat 2 Dec, 2023

Word is getting out. There is a new and friendly breeze blowing through town and *Our Corinella* (CRRA) has been quietly working in the background, meeting with council, discussing people's hopes for the future and morphing into an inclusive and community-focussed organisation that seems on target to deliver community expectations.

"I have recently learned that the more members we have, the greater possibility we have to have a positive impact on the lives of people in our town through greater influence with stakeholders such as Council, Western Port Water and others who want to help". Jen Rutherford, CRRA Vice President.

The CRRA is embarking on a huge and ambitious town-wide survey, face to face conversations and collective development of a community plan that can mesh with council plans, policies and strategies over the coming years.

The CRRA general meeting was followed by an excellent Mangrove presentation by Neil Daly and Jason Noonan.

Neil and Jason provided an update to their talk from earlier in the year when they told the group about their citizen science project restoring mangroves in the Queensferry region of Western Port.

Their research and evidence-based decision making is paying off through an increased survival rate and results from the 12 month project will be known in coming months.

They were followed by a presentation from Glenn Brookes McMillan from the Western Port Biosphere Foundation. Glenn spoke about the work of the Biosphere which partners with many organisations to improve environmental outcomes in and around Western Port.

If you are wandering the foreshores around Bass Coast, please tread carefully as hours of work by volunteers have been taking place to rejuvenate our beautiful coastline.

"Well done and thank you to these environmental heroes!" Cr Rochelle Halstead, Deputy Mayor of BCSC.



## CAROLS IN THE PARK

*This year's Carols in the Park, Hughes Reserve, Corinella, will be the biggest and boldest post COVID-19 yuletide gathering. As well as the Carols, the community will be entertained by singers, musicians, Xmas Elf, face painting, a visit from Santa and more.*

*Maru will have a display of some interesting critters in a quiet area.  
Brought to you by Our Corinella (Corinella Residents & Ratepayers Association)*

*Do you want to lend a hand on the day with this wonderful event?  
Please contact [jan.thompson3984@gmail.com](mailto:jan.thompson3984@gmail.com)*



# A TENBY POINT CHRISTMAS



La Provincia was the setting for the end of year celebration for all things Tenby

For a place that has little public infrastructure and is often left off council maps, Tenby Point sure knows how to build a community, make friends and influence people.

Just like Pioneer Bay and Jam Jerrup, TP lacks a public hall so their annual end of year wrap is held at the epicentre of local fine dining: La Prov.

Held indoors due to the wintry weather, the venue was warm and welcoming. The food was plentiful, the service great. Speeches were short. The general meeting that preceded the feast was succinct and informative.

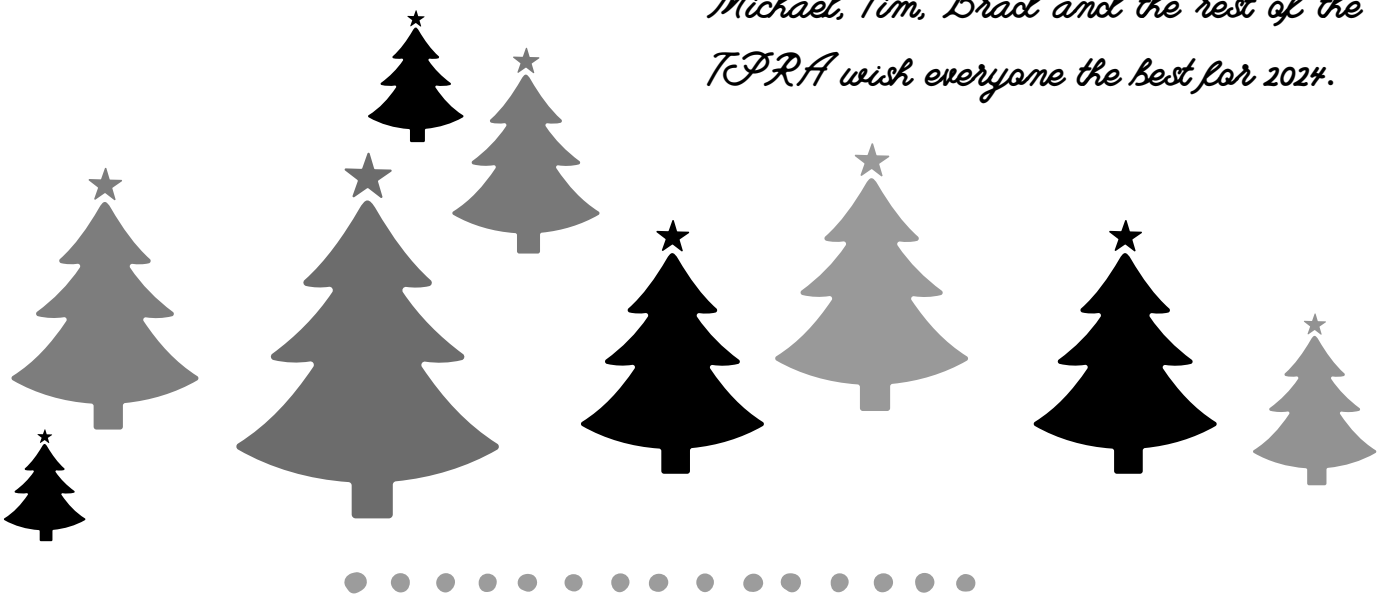
**So** what's happening in Tenby Point?

The work of Totally Renewable Tenby Point (TRTP) is the hot topic. Laura and the crew seem to be doing everything, everywhere and making huge progress toward a carbon neutral Tenby by 2030. If you live in Tenby Point or want to know more about TRTP contact:

[totallyrenewabletenby@gmail.com](mailto:totallyrenewabletenby@gmail.com)

Community strengthening through tree planting, weeding, Boomerang Bags and social gatherings is gaining momentum. Sick wombats are being treated.

*Michael, Tim, Brad and the rest of the TPRA wish everyone the best for 2024.*



## Need to get some one's attention?

We've heard that the best time to send an email is 11.27am.

By then breakfast has been digested, the coffee has kicked in, inboxes have been cleared, the morning puzzles are solved and it is just a tad too early to start thinking about lunch.





By David Ambry

# CRYONELLIANS

**No mucking around - all straight in.  
Cold? Hah, you have noooo idea!**

It was my neighbour Meg's idea. Sometime before the middle of winter: "Dave, do you want to go swimming with the Sunrise Soakers over at Coronet Bay?" "Huh, what Meg? Tell me more."

"They go for a morning dip at sunrise over at Coronet Bay. All welcome. How about it?" "What? Even in the middle of winter?" "Yep." "Why not." I replied, with uncharacteristic nonchalance. "I'll try anything once."

I'll paint a partial picture; driving over to the Coronet Bay beach in the dark around 7am. Wearing my summer swimming shorts and not a whole lot more. Crisp, crunchy frost on the grass. Air temp in single figures. Water a degree or two colder. The sky brightens slightly, marking mid-winter sunrise. A half dozen other local loonies make us welcome with introductions all around.

No mucking around - all straight in. Cold? Hah, you have noooo idea! We last around four minutes and come out glowing bright red. I want to marry my towel; I am deeply in love with it. The car is warm and a twenty minute thaw-out shower is only a five minute drive away.

Well... that's how it started. It didn't take long to get up to ten minutes immersion. We liked the idea of starting the day with a splash so shifted to swimming at Corinella beach when the Soakers elected to follow tide times instead of sticking to sunrise. We decided to dip Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:15am. Easy off-the-beach at high tide, bit of a walk out on low. Jill, Max and Eileen joined us over time so there's three or four of us on most mornings.

Why? Hmm... not so easy to answer. Sure, it's a cheaper and more efficient way of kick-starting the day than caffeine. It is 100% effective at excluding everything else from your mind. There are known health benefits. There is a definite sense of achievement. It gets you out of the house; it's a social event. There's something else though.

Lake-smooth, glass-clear, silent, still mornings. Three swans flying low above us, probably wondering what we weird creatures are. A sunbreak warming your back amidst the chill. A curious callow pacific gull hovering a couple of metres above in the breeze. Wild windy mornings with metre-high body-bashing chop.

Mystique without mysticism.

Awe without awful.

Fantastic without fantasy.

It's a free ticket to the numinous - but do bring a decent towel and wading footwear!

And there's always the Polar Bear joke to distract newcomers...

# STRETCHING YOUR ROUTINE

Summer. The days are longer, our parks and foreshores are more welcoming as the critters come out to explore the regrowth. Before you reach for the walking shoes or weeding gloves you should consider the most underrated, but really important aspect of any physical activity - stretching those muscles and warming up those joints that might not be ready for action.

Among its many health benefits, stretching promotes flexibility and helps your joints maintain a healthy range of motion—and in doing so, also lowers the chances of joint and muscle strain. Here's some food for thought from Harvard Medical:

How often should you stretch?

How long should you hold a stretch?

And how many times should you do each stretch?

A panel of experts has reviewed a wide range of studies to help answer these questions and based on the evidence, the panel agreed that:

- Healthy adults should do flexibility exercises (stretches, yoga, or tai chi) for all major muscle-tendon groups—neck, shoulders, chest, trunk, lower back, hips, legs, and ankles—**at least two to three times a week**.
- For optimal results, you should spend a total of **60 seconds on each stretching exercise**. So, if you can hold a particular stretch for **15 seconds**, repeating it three more times would be ideal. If you can hold the stretch for 20 seconds, two more repetitions would do the trick.

**Don't forget to slip, slop, slap and keep smiling under that hat.**



## BASS COAST EDIBLE GARDEN WEEKEND

The third Bass Coast Edible Gardens Weekend invites 'grow your own' garden lovers to save-the-date for an inspiring two days of showcasing the many benefits that come from nurturing your little green haven.

**The event - on the 10th and 11th of February 2024 - offers wisdom and inspiration.**

Each garden tells a unique tale, showcasing varied approaches to gardening. Whether it's no-dig, permaculture, espaliering fruit trees or wicking beds, our gardens are certain to provoke questions and inspire you to follow their example. Other practical benefits of growing your own food or joining a community garden include keeping costs down, building friendships as you share the produce, while knowing that your food is freshly grown without unnecessary chemicals or food miles.

The website gives glimpses of the 17 inspiring gardens that will be open from 10am to 4pm on both days. Choose your own adventure: wander through some or all 17 gardens for just \$25 across the two days or pay \$5 per garden. Gardens are spread across Bass Coast including Coronet Bay, Glen Forbes, Phillip Island, Kilcunda, Glen Alvie, Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson. The website provides an opportunity to grab tickets in advance to this inspiring garden event.

Organisers, Sharon, Maddy and Mary are looking for volunteers to support what is a major fundraiser for Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL), who will then be rewarded with a complimentary all-gardens ticket.

Simply fill in the volunteer form on our website <https://www.basscoastediblegardens.com> or email us at [bceg@bcal.vic.edu.au](mailto:bceg@bcal.vic.edu.au).





# A MESSAGE FROM BASS COAST SHIRE COUNCIL MAYOR

*Cr Clare Le Serve*

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I trust this message finds you well and that you are looking forward to the vibrant summer season that lies ahead. As we gear up for an exciting period of community engagement and events, I am pleased to share some noteworthy updates with you, encompassing everything from surfing titles to community-centric initiatives that enhance our beautiful region.

## **Surf's Up: Australian Surfing Titles**

One of the highlights of our upcoming events is the Australian Surfing Titles. A spectacle that promises to bring the best young surfers from across the nation to our shores. The Bass Coast has long been a haven for surf enthusiasts and hosting this prestigious event further solidifies our commitment to promoting water sports and coastal lifestyle. Whether you're a seasoned surfer or someone who enjoys watching the awe-inspiring maneuvers from the shoreline, these titles are sure to captivate and celebrate our community's deep connection to the sea.

However, with the excitement of the surfing titles, it is crucial to emphasise the importance of our community and visitors to be beach-ready and ensure swim safety. Our coastline is both beautiful and powerful, and we want everyone to enjoy it responsibly. Familiarise yourself with local conditions, swim between the flags, and never underestimate the strength of the ocean. Let's ensure that the joy of our surf is coupled with a commitment to safety.

## **Plan Remo**

We have a huge project underway with community engagement in San Remo. If you go to our Engage page you can 'pin' comments on the page ensuring true collaborative spirit for the way San Remo is planned out. This is a brilliant innovation and another excellent way for community involvement.

[Planning for the future in San Remo | Engage Bass Coast](#)

## **Summer Fun for Residents and Visitors**

As we approach the summer season, our region is gearing up for a multitude of activities and events that promise entertainment for residents and visitors alike. From outdoor concerts to arts and crafts markets, there will be something for everyone. Our pristine beaches, charming townships, and welcoming community make the Bass Coast an ideal destination for those seeking a perfect summer getaway. I encourage everyone to explore the various offerings and make the most of the upcoming summer tourist and event season.

I invite each of you to be an active participant in our shared journey. Whether you are cheering on the surfers at the Australian Surfing Titles, enhancing your business through the Shopfront Improvement Program, relishing the culinary delights of the Village Feast, becoming a mental health first aid responder through our Council run programs, or simply enjoying the summer festivities, your presence and engagement contribute to the vitality and spirit of our community.

**Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to seeing you at the many exciting events that lie ahead.**

# Waterline

## MYSTERY DINER

### Seafood Meals



From Koo Wee Rup to Cowes, Kernot to Kongwak, Wonthaggi to Inverloch and everywhere in between we sample the region's Seniors' Seafood Meals and report back to you with a score out of 10 on service, presentation, price, taste and value for money.

### Koo Wee Rup - Royal Hotel

10/10

I visited the Royal Hotel for lunch on a weekday and was impressed by the spaciousness and cleanliness of the dining room.

Very pleased to find they had a seniors menu (having recently turned the big 6-0) for both the dining and financial pleasure.

**Flatty Tails** was my choice and all elements of the experience ticked boxes:

Two long, thin pieces of flathead beautifully tender and batter crisp

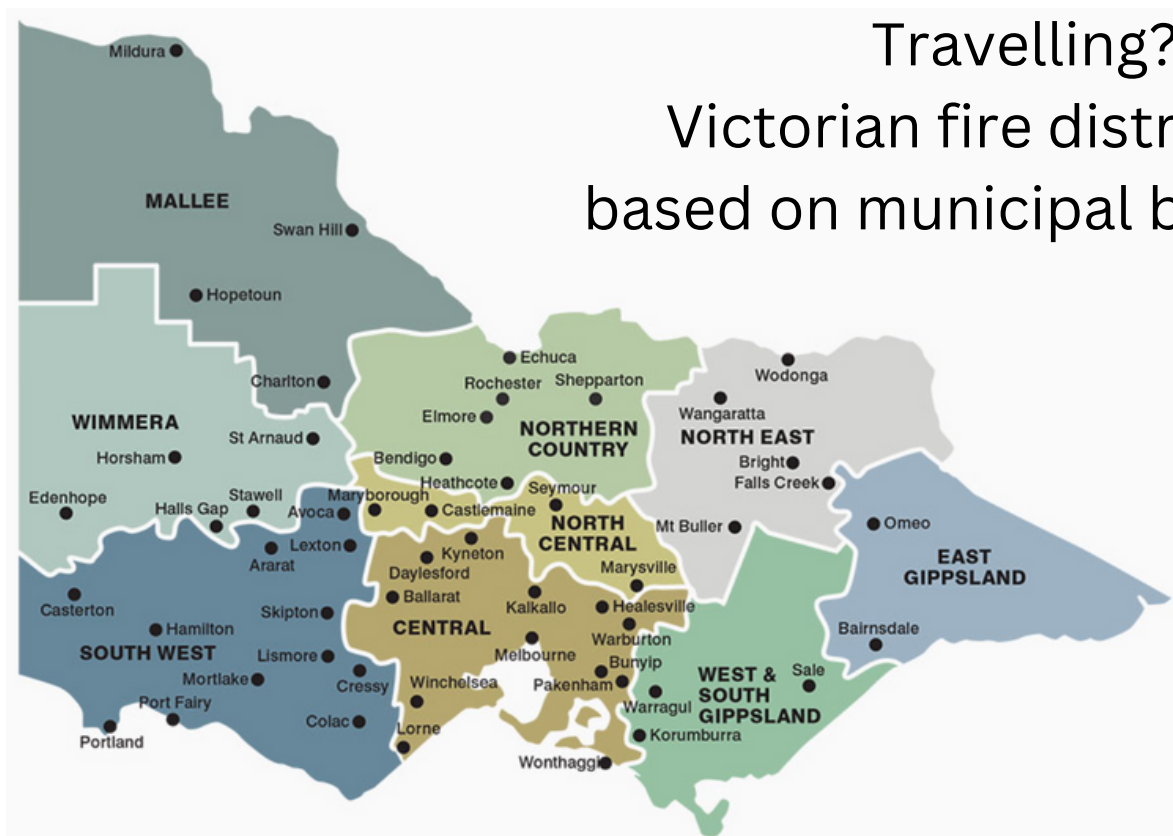
Chips were hot and nicely seasoned

Salad was a standout!

Waitress greeted us warmly on arrival and checked on us after we have commenced eating.

Tartare sauce looked and tasted homemade

Price: \$20



Travelling?

Victorian fire districts are  
based on municipal boundaries



# THE GREEN DEATH



**By Janice Orchard**

## Was Napoleon killed by his bedroom wallpaper?

The discovery of a deep, vivid green by Swedish chemist Carl Wilhelm Scheele in 1775 led to a fashion craze lasting for more than a century. From the start, Scheele knew that the pigment he had developed was highly poisonous but he also realized that it was unlike any other green pigment available on the market.

The lucrative lure of bringing this deadly hue to manufacturers, cloth dyers, artists, and more worldwide proved irresistible to Scheele. Scheele's Green became incredibly popular. It all but completely replaced older green pigments based on copper carbonate that had been used up until Scheele's discovery.

So popular was the hue that even after it became common knowledge that the paint was toxic, it was still used. Its vibrant colour could be found in clothing, wallpaper, toys, candles, dyes and more. Through the end of the 19th century gowns, hats, gloves and socks were dyed with it, sometimes making the wearer ill through touch alone.



## Or his broken heart ?

Children in green rooms were recorded as “wasting away.” Women in green dresses were struck ill, swooning in droves. The ingredient that made the colour in Scheele's Green so vibrant was also responsible for its deadliness.

That ingredient was arsenic.

Death...By Green? Scheele's Green (later reconfigured as Paris Green and Emerald Green) was not just used in dyes and paints.

It was also used in wallpapers, insecticidal sprays used on vegetables and postage stamps. What a mix! Historic rumour has it that the vivid green wallpaper in Napoleon's bedroom on St. Helena Island, where the deposed ruler died in exile, showed traces of Scheele's Green in the fleur-de-lis pattern printed on it.



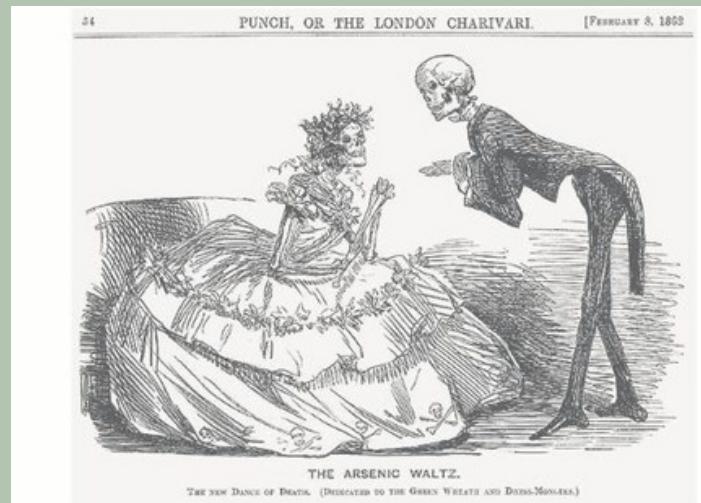
# THE GREEN DEATH.....

Humid environments, like that on St. Helena, may have caused the arsenic to off-gas or perhaps even flake off the wallpaper itself. Although there is no conclusive evidence, it is suspected that the arsenic in the wallpaper may have contributed to Napoleon's death.

Tragically misunderstood, as the opening quote by William Morris highlights, the action of arsenic in the human body was not understood by many of the users and practitioners that made the colour so famous.

Why? Because the arsenic did not affect everyone the same way. Some people exposed to the paint would fall ill, while others with a similar exposure did not.

However, a tragic pattern soon emerged—it was particularly lethal to the most vulnerable: children, the elderly and the sickly. Wiser today, It is unlikely that many of the Scheele's Green products are still around. However, Victoria Finley writes in *The Brilliant History of Colour in Art*, “Even as late as 1950 the United States ambassador to Italy, Clare Boothe Luce, fell sick from arsenic poisoning. The CIA suspected the Soviets and sent a team to Rome to investigate.



They eventually found that the ceiling in her bedroom was decorated with pigments full of arsenic. A new washing machine had been installed in the room above. Its juddering had released arsenic dust, which she breathed in as she slept.”

Colour conscious as artists, we must stay aware of the materials we are using and take precautions when handling pigments that may have toxic ingredients. But we are fortunate to be living in a time when it is easy to obtain detailed information about our materials as well as a time when manufacturers are working to create less and less toxic formulas.

Many online art materials retailers now provide detailed information about their pigments, including which ones are still toxic. But still, be careful out there!

Read the instructions.

Use pigments safely and sensibly!

Because colour is one of the things artists love most and colour is truly art's gift to the world



# BASS VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL GIRLS STATE CRICKET STARS



We are running out of words to describe the sporting achievements of Bass Valley Primary School.

**These girls are the best school cricket team in the state!**

Just think about that for a second....Most of these girls were crowned state Softball champs earlier in the week. What an INCREDIBLE achievement!

And... Mr Mac, Todd and Kylie, we see you as well - all the coaching, teaching and organising goes above and beyond. What a team. What a great bunch of girls!

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# ALONG THE WATERLINE - QUIZ

1. What is the Italian equivalent of pie?
2. What is the national flower of Wales?
3. Which Australian marsupial enjoys eating eucalyptus leaves?
4. Which reptile, according to the song, should you never smile at?
5. Alfred, an ancient King of Wessex, is famous for burning what?
6. In nautical terms, what is the opposite of port?
7. How many bones are there on a Skull & Crossbones flag?
8. What was Marilyn Monroe's natural hair colour?
9. Name Fred Astaire's famous redhaired dancing partner.
10. What is the world's tallest tree?
11. What name was given to the soldiers who protected Roman emperors?
12. Which two metals is pewter made from?
13. What was Louis Armstrong's chosen form of music?
14. Name the port of Rome.
15. Paul Newman ate fifty eggs in which film?
16. Don Alfonso is the lead role in which opera?
17. Which city does the River Lagan flow through?
18. Who sang about being an eggman and a walrus?
19. What takes place in Hong Kong's Happy Valley?
20. In which country did the sport of pelato originate?

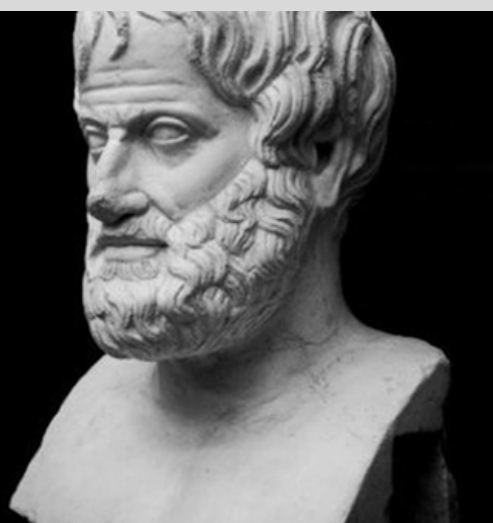
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## INSIDE THE PHILOSOPHERS ZONE

**Criticism is something  
we can avoid easily by  
saying nothing,  
doing nothing, and  
being nothing.**

**- Aristotle**



# Deputy Mayor REFLECTIONS

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## **Merry Christmas everyone!**

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to represent the Western Port Ward and the broader Bass Coast community. After a slow start, to finally come out of lockdowns and get back out and amongst it all has been a real joy. It is a wonderful role being exposed to the foundations of what makes Bass Coast so special - its people and places.

Getting results on the ground takes a lot of planning and commitment by the community. I can't claim to be the leader in the delivery of a lot of these projects but I am proud of the small role I played in advocating for the funds needed for so many, both big and small that mean a lot to those volunteers who put hours of work in on the ground.

From public seating at Corinella and Coronet Bay to the Kilcunda Skate Park, the Grantville Seawall, streetscape works in Grantville, drainage at Coronet Bay Community Garden, the concrete replacement and disabled toilet access at Corinella Bowls Club to the upgrade of Kilcunda/Bass Football Clubrooms just to name a few!

Planning plays a very important part in shaping the environment we live in everyday so it is important we have the right tools in the toolkit when considering developments. I am proud of my advocacy for the Bass Coast Neighbourhood Character Study, Housing Strategy, San Remo Township Plan and, although not part of planning, our Partnership Policy that ensures every ratepayer dollar invested sees a benefit for community.

It has been a joy to attend so many inspiring community events. International Womens Day, Go Girls Foundation Graduation, Opening of Berninneitt, Baby Rhyme Time in Grantville, Christmas in July at the Corinella Community Centre and Kernot fortnightly farmers lunch, again just to name a few.

My committee work has kept me busy with Audit and Risk, Chair of Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, Chair of BMX, PUMP and Mountain Bike Reference Group, Municipal Emergency Management Committee and Westernport Biosphere.

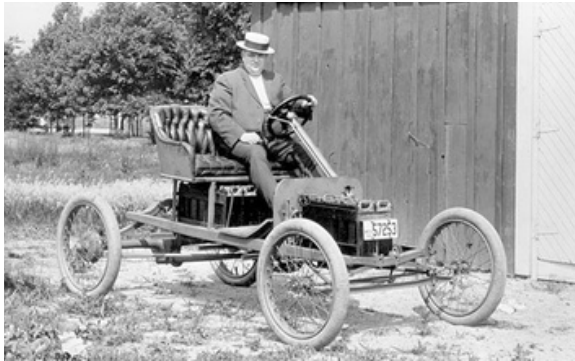
And finally I am honoured and grateful to have been elected by my colleagues to the position of Deputy Mayor in 2022 and again in 2023.

As we head into the last year of this council's term, there is so much to do and not enough time as things in government move at a snails pace. Understanding the system is key and using it to drive outcomes on the ground is my focus while I continue to be humbled and grateful for the amazing people I get to meet and chat with every day.

No matter where you find yourself for Christmas, may you be lucky enough to be surrounded by warm and wonderful people, inspired enough to give to those less fortunate and comfortable enough to enjoy that afternoon siesta that Christmas Day is famous for!



# Edison-Ford



## 100 years early, the Edison-Ford prototype from 1912

Thomas Edison built a battery powered car in 1895. It worked well till the batteries went flat. The technology to recharge them didn't exist back then so they were expensive throw away items.

Over the next decade, Edison developed a nickel-iron battery that could be quickly recharged. These batteries were sold up to the 1970s under the EXIDE brand name.

In 1912, Ford let it be known that he and Edison were working on an electric vehicle and the news went viral in a vintage context.

To add to the intrigue, pictures of the prototypes were not released.



Henry Ford was a farm boy who liked to tinker. Thomas Edison was the quintessential American inventor. The pair had so much mutual respect for each other that they built their dream mansions next to each other and spent their vacation time camping and travelling together. Today we'd call it a 'bromance'.

Development proceeded for two years until fire mysteriously ripped through the Edison laboratories.

Conspiracy theories persist that Big Oil got to Henry and Thomas but the truth is that cheap petrol cars had gained the technological ascendancy.

Almost 300,000 petrol powered Model T Fords were sold in 1915.

Images from the Ford archive show that the second (and final) prototype rode on a Model T chassis so mass production was certainly the original plan. It was just a hundred years too early.



## Any colour you like: Fast Facts about Henry Ford

One of the stranger objects on display at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan is a vial containing the last breath of Ford's idol and former employer, Thomas Edison. As the great inventor was dying, Ford convinced Edison's son to sit beside Edison's bed with a glass test-tube, then capture his last breath and seal the tube with a cork.

Among Ford's many inventions over the years is a summertime staple: the compressed charcoal briquette. With Ford plants turning out the Model T, which featured many parts made of oak, Ford found himself awash in wood scraps. Ford's brother-in-law, E.G. Kingsford, suggested they create a charcoal manufacturing plant, and Ford named the product Kingsford Charcoal in his honor, with Kingsford still being a top producer of briquettes to this day.

During World War I, Ford took to the skies when he founded the Ford Airplane Company. While the company didn't achieve the success Ford had hoped, it did create the sturdy and now-iconic Ford Tri-Motor airplane, which was produced between 1928 and 1933. A Ford Tri-Motor even appears in "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom."



# WOMBAT AWARENESS AND DOG SAFETY

As we move towards the warmer weather and there are more people and dogs on the walking the tracks, please make sure you keep your dogs on a lead for the sake of our resident wombats and also for the health and safety of your dog/s:

- Wombats are frequently undergoing treatment for an insidious disease called MANGE which is caused by a mite and if left untreated, a wombat will die within a few months of infestation.
- MANGE is also a risk for dogs and if they enter a wombat burrow where the mange mite is present they are at risk of infection.



If you encounter someone walking their dog off lead on the foreshore could you please KINDLY pass on this message remembering they are probably not aware of the risks to their beloved pet nor our wombats?

If you are interested in becoming an In-Field Volunteer where you will receive training on become part of a team, please contact Wombat Mange Management and join our small but growing, local crew to save our wombats.

More info at: [www.mangemanagement.org.au](http://www.mangemanagement.org.au)

## BEACHES AND DOG SAFETY

We are glad to report that Axel, the little pooch who got hooked at Killy is back to his normal playful self. As was reported in the November Waterline News, Axel's owner took him to Kilcunda beach for a run. Sadly, as he scampered through washed up seaweed he got caught on a fish hook with fishing line attached. The line entangled a seagull, as well as the dog and the owner was caught in the middle. Luckily, people were on hand to help, but the end result was a lot of trauma and some pretty sizeable bills.

A couple of weeks later we received a report of a dog receiving treatment after swallowing a fish hook at Tenby Point.

As summer draws crowds to the beach these incidents are a stark reminder of the need for vigilance by owners and fisherfolk.



## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

### EMERGENCY dial 000



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### **Cherie Smirl supports people in Africa towards self-sufficiency, building orphanages and creating educational opportunities for girls**

- Cherie will bring a selection of hand-made jewellery for purchase on the day to support women and children in Africa
  - Greg Noakes Photographic presentation
  - Geoff Ellis Around the Shire section
  - Bring a plate of afternoon tea to share
- \$4 donation towards Food Pantry



## Corinella and District Community Centre

Wishes our wonderful Waterline communities a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Thank you for all your support.  
It's been great to see you in our centre.  
We hope you come back next year!

Our opening and closing dates are:  
**Last day of operation for 2023 -  
Thursday December 21**

**First day of operation in 2024-  
Monday January 15th**

### Increase the amount of compassion in the world. **Compassion Exercise**

**Instructions:** This exercise can be done anywhere that people congregate (airports, malls, parks, beaches, etc.). It should be done on strangers, unobtrusively, from some distance. Try to do all five steps on the same person. Expected results are a personal sense of peace.

**STEP 1** With attention on the person, repeat to yourself:  
***Just like me, this person is seeking some happiness for his/her life.***

**STEP 2** With attention on the person, repeat to yourself:  
***Just like me, this person is trying to avoid suffering in his/her life.***

**STEP 3** With attention on the person, repeat to yourself:  
***Just like me, this person has known sadness, loneliness and despair.***

**STEP 4** With attention on the person, repeat to yourself:  
***Just like me, this person is seeking to fulfill his/her needs.***

**STEP 5** With attention on the person, repeat to yourself:  
***Just like me, this person is learning about life.***

#### **Variations:**

1. May be done by couples and family members to increase understanding of each other.
2. May be done on old enemies and antagonists still present in your memories.
3. May be done on other life forms.

This is one of thirty exercises that can be found in  
*ReSurfacing\*: Techniques for Exploring Consciousness* by Harry Palmer.  
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# ALONG THE WATERLINE TAKES TO THE AIRWAVES

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## Your Hosts:

**Geoff Ellis** is a Harmer's Haven resident, long term community advocate, writer, currently a Bass Coast Councillor, Owner- Editor-Publisher of Along the Waterline magazine (formerly Waterline News), a personal care attendant for NDIS recipients, dog owner, pallet recycler and lover of cars.

**Jen Rutherford** is a resident of one of the Waterline Towns that line the Bass Hwy from the Gurdies to Bass; Corinella. Jen is committed to community-building through Our Corinella (Corinella Residents & Ratepayers), facilitator of Waterline Living Library - 3rd Sunday of the month afternoon event held @ Corinella & District Community Centre, creator of Corinella Community Dance held every second month in Corinella Hall, Friends of Corinella Foreshore facebook page, Business Development for Along the Waterline magazine, facilitator Rough Trade 3984 FB page - a cashless economy saving things from landfill and connecting community, Licenced Avatar Master, Consultant to the Community Housing sector, volunteer for Wombat Mange Management.

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# WHAT IS THE WATERLINE?

There are a few answers to that question and Bass Coast Shire Council defines the Waterline as:

- The 2022 Estimated Resident Population for Waterline (Westernport Townships) is 5,343, with a population density of 28.97 persons per square km.
- Location and boundaries

Waterline is bounded by Jetty Road, the Bass Highway and the South Gippsland Highway in the north, Scout Drive, the locality of Woodleigh, Gurdies-St Helier Road, Stewart Road, the Bass River, the locality of Glen Forbes, the Bass Highway, McKenzie Road, the Bass River, McGrath Road, Eden Road, Dalyston-Glen Forbes Road, McDowell Road and Mill Road in the east, the localities of Kilcunda and San Remo and Phillip Island Road in the south, and Western Port in the west.

- Within that boundary there are the townships of Adams Estate, Anderson, Bass, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Grantville, Jam Jerrup, Pioneer Bay, Queensferry, Tenby Point and Woolamai, the Bass Coast Shire part of the locality of Lang Lang and most of the locality of The Gurdies, while the remaining part of the locality of Lang Lang is located in Cardinia Shire.



## Quiz Answers

1. Pizza.
2. Daffodil.
3. Koala.
4. Crocodile.
5. Cakes.
6. Starboard.
7. Three.
8. Ginger.
9. Ginger.
10. The Coast.
11. Praetorian Guards.
12. Tin and lead.
13. Jazz.
14. Ostia.
15. Cool Hand Luke.
16. Redwood (one of three sequoia species).
17. Belfast.
18. The Beatles.
19. Horse Racing.
20. Spain.

Così Fan Tutte, by Mozart.



*LIKE A LIVING WIND* was the title of the first story Laura Brearley ever wrote for the Bass Coast Post. It told of the night she first saw the shearwaters come home to the Cape Woolamai beach:

*"I knew I had seen something extraordinary that filled me with joy. I went back to my busy life as an academic, but something in me had changed. My husband and I began to talk about a gentler life with a slower pace ..."*

That was exactly the kind of writing I was looking for in the Post. Personal yet opening out.

Over the next decade I came to realise the title of Laura's piece could also describe the author. I saw the producer, creative consultant, academic, intercultural bridge builder but I also saw the person who picks up her uke, plants her feet and unself-consciously launches into song.

The culmination of her work came this year with the monumental For Our Future eco-arts project. Funded by the council, auspiced by the Phillip Island Conservation Society and managed by Laura, this was an entire arts and culture program, including exhibitions, concerts, workshops, conservation walks and talks and films

It was about the arts but also about nature and community and building bridges between indigenous and non-indigenous people.

For Our Future ran the length and breadth of the shire over a year and involved hundreds of people: musicians, composers, artists, dancers, filmmakers, but also many with no previous contact with the arts world.

In November, Laura was invited to stage a community concert as part of the celebrations for the opening of Berninneit, the new Cowes Cultural and Community Centre.

With Laura more is always more, so the Living Circle had almost 100 performers, including three school choirs and around 30 individual acts: songs, dances, paintings, films, poems, interviews.

Laura was director, producer, choreographer, songwriter, stage manager, catering manager and counsellor to the many. There was a moment in the concert which summed up the audaciousness of what she does.

The auditorium was full. On stage were the Newhaven Primary School choir and a house band of about 15 musicians, some of them playing together for the first time. They were playing "Everyone is Welcome", which Laura had composed for the occasion.



The band and the choir held the beat while the musical director, Mal Webb, distributed tambourines, shakers and clapsticks to the front rows of the audience, taught them a basic rhythm, then taught parts to the rest.

Meanwhile, out in the new cultural centre, three artists had set up their paintings: John Adam from Millowl in the great hall, Susan Hall from Inverloch in the library and Yudha Scholes from Corinella in the eastern courtyard.

The plan was for this unruly mob – band, choir, percussionists, singers, audience – to form a boogie that would weave its way through Berninneit, singing and playing to the artists. A secular benediction for our beautiful new gathering place. All this while keeping the beat and maintaining a conga line.

What could possibly go wrong? Laura had already warned the audience: "It's going to be chaos!"

And it was. But miraculously the line held, and so did the beat. Who knew mostly white folks had so much rhythm?! In the great hall, 300 or more people tapped, stomped, sang, a great surging, pulsating, joyous mob. In the midst of them all was Laura with her uke and a huge smile.

Laura later wrote: "Thank you to the woman in Woollies for her courage and whom the following day told me 'I was handed a tambourine and I was terrified'"

Thank you for being brave and saying 'Yes' to the invitation.

For stepping up and playing in that zone, where the line between performers and audience slips away. And where we find ourselves in a new and yet strangely familiar place. With children leading the way

Reminding us how to be playful, dancing into the future with its perils and possibilities and facing what is coming down the line together as a community".

Anyone who's been involved with any of Laura's projects will recall the moment when they found themselves doing something they didn't know they could do: singing in harmony, composing a poem, reading it on stage, painting a landscape – or dancing the boogie with 300 other people.

Like the singing dog, it doesn't matter if we do it well. The most remarkable thing is that we do it at all since most of us left our creativity behind the day we went out the primary school gate for the last time. Laura pulls us out of our comfort zone.

She invites us to open ourselves to new experiences, to be part of something bigger than ourselves. And that is life changing. Just like the sight of the shearwaters coming home.





## The Living Circle Concert and Parade, Bernneneit

Image courtesy of Kate Harmon Photography



## Bin collection changes



### *Corinella, Coronet Bay and Tenby Point*

- There are no kerbside bin collections on Christmas Day (Monday, 25 December)
- If you're in Corinella, Coronet Bay and Tenby Point please put your Landfill and Organics bins out on Christmas Night (Monday night) for collection on Boxing Day (Tuesday morning)
- Boxing Day collections will start earlier than usual – please make sure all bins are presented for collection **before 5.00am**

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