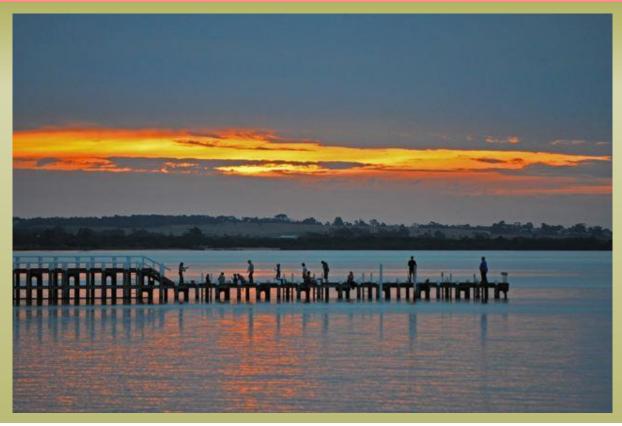


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Pick of the pics #1. Peter Goeman of Grantville took this picture of the Grantville Jetty many years ago and Roger Clark used it as the basis for the Waterline News masthead.

The Waterline area has so many great photographers. Please send your best pics to us at waterlinepublishing@gmail.com and we'll run our pick of your pics.

The Waterline News is produced on the lands of the Bunurong, Boon-wurrung members of the Kulin Nation who have lived here for thousands of years. We offer our respect to Elders and all First Nations People.

**Life Drawing** Wonthaggi The Goods Shed 10-12 Tuesdays

Bass Coast **Artists Society** 

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## GRANTVILLE OP SHOP

is not taking donations in February, March and April







As environmental systems collapse all around us the cost of living is escalating. Now is the time to live lighter on Planet A.

Landcare is seeking expressions of interest for participation in a one-day Festival style event on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of May from 10am to 3pm, at the River Garden, Bass. If you have a business, group or offering that can help our community respond to changes in our climate in positive ways, then Lisa Wangman, Education, Training and Communications Manager for Bass Coast Landcare network, would love to hear from you via email to lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au

The festival is also looking for innovative and interactive demonstrations as well as engaging speakers for our festival stage, which will feature live presentations throughout the day.





The Corinella and District Community Centre Art Show will be held over the Kings Birthday holiday weekend in June so it is time to get creating!

Corinella and District Community Centre Art Show

# 15 Arthaggi ArtSpace Gallery

Seeds 'Time Capsules of Life'

by Meg Viney

Good Friday 7 April — Easter Monday 10 April

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## BASS VALLEY FRIENDS OF THE R.S.L.

Are holding a
DAWN SERVICE

On Tuesday 25th April 2023
Commencing at 6.00am.
At the Cenotaph
Hade Avenue, Bass
Followed by a Gun Fire Breakfast
At

Bass Community Centre School Road Bass

You are invited to lay a wreath or flowers

- Genealogy Friday 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Home & Community Care (HACC Friendship Group) Mon & Wed 10am-2pm
- Men's Social Group Tuesday 10:30am-2:30m (in recess)
- **Op Shop** Mon to Friday 9am-3pm
- Scope Cooking Classes (for Scope clients) Tuesday 10:00am-1:00pm

Weekly Shopping Trips to Wonthaggi Tue 10:30am-1:30pm

03 5678 2277

## **NDIS** in the Bass Valley

As an accredited NDIS service provider, the Bass Valley Community Centre offers group-based activities to people who are supported by the National Disability Insurance scheme. This also includes persons eligible for service under the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP) scheme.

If you are an adult NDIS client and are socially isolated (i.e. you have difficulty getting out and about) and reside in the Waterline area (Bass, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Grantville, Pioneer Bay, Tenby Point, Woolamai, or close to any of these locations) then come and join our Monday and/or Wednesday group which also includes round trip transport from your home in our comfy community bus, if required.

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# The Bigger Picture

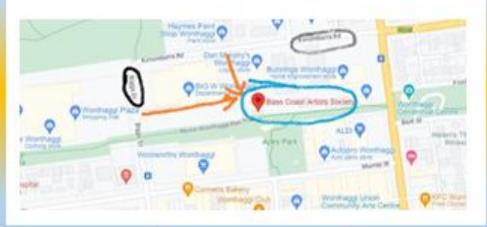
Your monthly update from The Bass Coast Artists Society

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# Bass Coast Artists Society

## Friday Open Art

## Friday! 10.30 to 2pm at the Goods Shed.

Our Open to All Art session has room for new members.
Oils, watercolours, pastels and other forms.

Even if you're not currently painting or drawing you're welcome to come along and sculpt, sketch, knit, weave or just be with other artists.

More details? give Carol a ring on 0417 352 921





We have room in Tuesday's Life Drawing session.

Starts at ten, goes to noon. Currently \$12 per session per participant.

Of course you're interested and more details available from **Sue on 0420 859 626.** 



The Bigger Picture April Page 3



#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

The well attended March gathering of the Waterline Living Library marked the retirement of long time Coronet Bay (CB) resident and tireless community defender Joy Button as coordinator of the WLL.

Joy leaves the program in great shape. Participation is increasing as word gets around. Sunday afternoon at the CDCC could soon become a 'must go' gathering that provides opportunities for local to get to know each by sharing their stories.

This WLL certainly lived up to people's expectations of an entertaining community strengthening forum.

Local author and CB resident Helena Kidd had the audience enthralled with the story behind her latest book Where Dreams Come True.

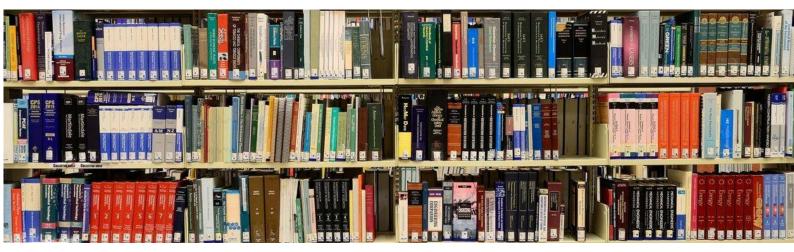
Geoff Ellis presented a slide show of epic pictures taken over the last decade and explained the campaigns that the photos captured. Many people present were involved in these campaigns.

Plentiful afternoon tea was on offer, many new acquaintances were made and everyone present is looking forward to next month's Waterline Living Library which will have the headline of Sustainability.

Next WLL: 1.45 pm on 16/4.

Just turn up, there is no need to book. \$4 donation to CDCC Food Pantry





#### WONTHAGGI LIBRARY ETHICS DISCUSSION GROUP UPCOMING TOPICS

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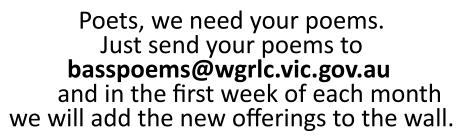
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# The Bass Coast Poetry Wall With Tim Gesell, Library Customer Service and Programs Officer





## Everyone is welcome to contribute.

Occasionally we will have a theme or a special challenge but for most of the year it's very open ended. It would be great to get more community members from across Bass Coast and The Waterline writing for the wall.

is for connected, inclusive and resillient communities that are supported to grow and thrive.

#### SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES IS OUR MISSION. WE HELP PEOPLE:



#### Connect

we are responsive and bring people together



## Belong

we are inclusive and work with you

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We build relationships with our stakeholders, communities and each other.

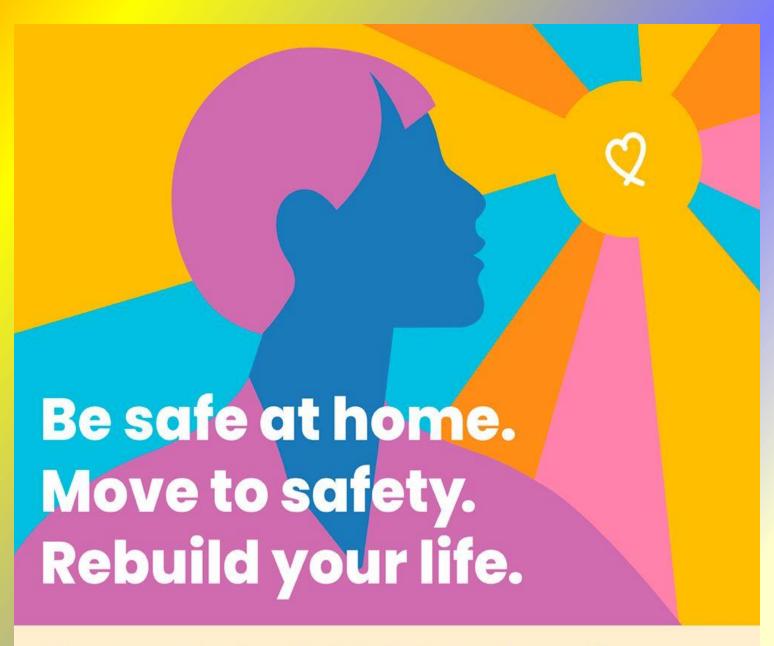
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## **Corinella & District Community** Centre

03 5978 0777

In the last edition Corinella and District Community Centre wrote about all the activities that we do that combat social isolation. promote lifelong learning and community engagement.

Thank you to the Corinella community and the surrounding townships for your continued support, we couldn't do it without you.

This time we would like to share the guiet achiever of the Centre. Its our Food Pantry. Many may not know that we have a room dedicated to food relief.

The Food Pantry is open between 10am to 3.30pm, Monday to Thursday. If you venture in you will see a set up that has great staples that can be used with other ingredients to create nourishing meals for individuals and families in need. We also have a small supply of toiletries and bread and milk for the everyday needs.

We purchase the goods from Food Bank, an organisation that allows us If you need assistance please to buy in bulk to provide for many.

We also have some wonderful angels in the community who donate goods for the food pantry.

The other part of our food relief program is the Community lunch where we regularly have numbers between 15 to 20 people per week. This program is only \$5 for a two course meal on a Thursday.

Bookings are essential for catering purposes. This program is run by volunteers who cook and give back to their community.

We are also working on setting up a small community garden that we hope with a little help from the community grow great crops of fresh food that can be shared in the kitchen, the food pantry and on our Crop Swap table.

So if you grow fresh produce at home and have too many you are always welcome to bring it into the centre to donate or exchange for other fresh goodies.

contact us on 5978 0777.



## FROM THE PANTRY.

## Hold the salt, please!

After analysing 35 plant-based burger products a Cancer Council Victoria study found the product with the highest sodium content was Wildly Good's Kale Sweet Potato Burger with over 1,000mg of sodium per patty.

Wildly Good's Original Veggie Burger and Yumi's Classic Veggie Burger rounded out the top three saltiest products by containing 846mg and 788mg respectively per patty. **The recommended** *daily* **sodium intake for Australian adults is 460-920mg**.

Many people choose plant-based products because they are presented as a healthy non-meat alternative, without realising that some of these products are highly processed and packed with salt. Our bodies need some sodium to function, but we need to be careful about how much we are consuming. Having too much sodium in your diet can increase the risk of serious illnesses, including high blood pressure.

Here's a meat free option that's much lower in salt or sodium, the

#### **TASTY TOFU BURGER**

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 300 g firm tofu
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 tbs chilli sauce
- 1 tbs reduced-salt soy sauce
- 2 tbs peanut butter (no added sugar or salt)
- 6 spring onions (including green tops), chopped
- 1/2 cup instant oats
- 1 tbs fresh parsley or coriander, finely chopped
- pepper, to taste
- olive or canola oil spray
- 8 wholemeal or wholegrain rolls
- 4 leaves lettuce, shredded
- 2 tomatoes, sliced
- 1/2 cucumber, sliced

#### METHOD:

- Mash tofu with garlic and sauces, then mix in remaining ingredients. Season well with pepper and shape into 8 patties.
- 2. Lightly spray a hot pan or grill with oil and cook for 2 minutes on each side.
- 3. Serve on a roll with lettuce, tomato and cucumber.

	per serving	per 100g
Energy	1397 kJ	662 kJ
Protein	16 g	7.6 g
Fat, total	8.6 g	4.1 g
— saturated	1.4 g	0.6 g
Carbohydrate	42.9 g	20.3 g
— sugars	5.7 g	2.7 g
Sodium	603.5 mg	286.1 mg
Fibre	10.1 g	4.8 g

## **Welcome to Wang toolome parnung**



A special moment in time as Josh West and John Thwaites enshrine "Wang toolome parnung" for all to share and nurture. Photo: Geoff Ellis Committee of Management.

Over the last two years or so, the fresh water spring at the end of Norsemens Road has become an important ecological sanctuary for native flora and fauna struggling to survive along the foreshore corridor between Corinella and Coronet Bay.

This has happened thanks to the work and dedication of the Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association (CBRRA) in association with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Melbourne Water, Bass Coast Shire Council and the ongoing support from the Corinella Foreshore Reserve

Restoration work has included widening the water area to become a small lake and planting native vegetation along its banks and its surrounding conservation area.

Sunday March 11, 2023. Greeted by a lovely autumn morning, 200 or so people gathered at



the end of Norsemens Road to take part in the ceremony to name the lake, "Wang toolome parnung" - Wang toolome meaning "duck" and parnung, a "water hole".

A tap, tap on the microphone hushed the crowd; two men stepped forward.

Bunurong and Palawa man Josh West and his son Danny acknowledged the presence of the people gathered on Bunurong traditional lands. Josh invited all to take part in the Welcome to Country that on this occasion would include the smoking ceremony, a custom possibly dating back 60,000 years or more.

With the smoke now drifting on a gentle southerly breeze across the area, Josh spoke of the Bunurong land and its cultural significance to his Aboriginal ancestors and their descendants. He went on to explain that the purpose of the smoke from the fire was to cleanse the area and ward off bad spirits from the people and the land.

The kindling of an ancient tradition begins. Photo: Geoff Ellis

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To help those gathered take on a sense of the concepts he'd spoken of, Josh invited all to remove their shoes and walk barefoot so as to heighten their spiritual involvement in the ceremony and connection with Mother Earth.

After all had embraced the cleansing smoke and were now welcomed to Bunurong Country, Linda Nicholls representing the CBRRA invited Professor John Thwaites AM, Chair of Melbourne Water to the podium.

John spoke of the significance of the Welcome to Country ceremony and thanked all who had worked so hard to bring the environmental sanctuary to fruition.

In turn, the Bass Coast Shire Deputy Mayor, Councillor Rochelle Halstead and Angela Christa of the CBRRA elaborated on the events leading up to the naming ceremony and spoke of the community's commitment to make sure Wang toolome parnung became a significant biological component of the foreshore reserve.

Following the official naming plaque being unveiled, all were invited to plant a commemorative native plant along the banks of the Wang toolome parnung so as to underpin the community's ownership and a commitment to preserving its wellbeing.

As the people made their way home, shepherded by a hint of the smoke still lingering over the scene and the sound of the hauntingly beautiful song written and performed by local artist Scooter, I thought about the moment in time when I had been as one with Mother Earth.

I imagine I wasn't the only one with this feeling, for it had been an enriching experience for all.

#### Neil Daly

Just some of the happy throng who helped create history at Coronet Bay. Photo: Geoff Ellis









#### Pop in to our office...

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#### Talk to the experts...

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# The Wonthaggi Fixit Café is open at the Wonthaggi Harvest Centre on April 16.

The Wonthaggi Fixit Café is a joint initiative of Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and The Mens' Shed program.

You'll need to book and it's a great place to have a cuppa while volunteer experts use their skills to give a new lease of life to broken household items.

For details ring **(03) 5672 3731** 

## **BASS COAST COUNCIL** Western Port Ward



Cr Bruce Kent

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Cr Rochelle Halstead

Position: Deputy Mayor Phone: (03) 5671 2157 Mobile: 0439 623 511

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Cr Clare Le Serve

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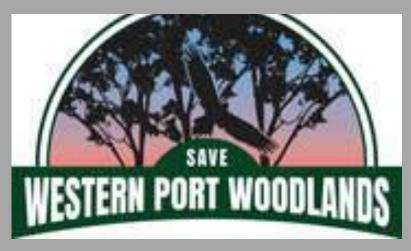
family violence and families who need extra support with the care of children.

#### safe steps

For women and children who are victims of family violence.

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## **SWPW UPDATE**

CATHERINE WATSON

How to make a donation to SWPW: Direct bank transfer to: Account name:

South Gippsland Conservation Society Inc.

BSB: 633 000 Act: 159 668 722.

Reference: SWPW and your name.

It's been an eventful couple of weeks. Even before our own presentations to the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) hearings, the Western Port Woodlands has now been recognised as "a place of national significance".

That assessment has been accepted by officers of the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP). It is "taken as read" by the panel hearing the case. DTP concurred with the assessment of a conclave of ecology experts that met before the start of the hearings:

The Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) should explicitly recognise the unique, significant and intrinsic biodiversity value of the WPW corridor as a whole, irrespective of land tenure, and the potential for cumulative, permanent impacts associated with extractive industries in the region.

The SPP should acknowledge the direct conflict between current and future mining operations and the conservation of biodiversity in the region.

The SPP should prioritise the conservation and enhancement of existing habitats across all land types, and connection of these habitats based on species needs, not land tenure or management.

The SPP text and strategies ought to be amended, as required, to reflect the above recommendations.

That is a giant step from the draft SPP which acknowledged the woodlands (initially referred to as "the Gurdies Hills") only as a series of isolated nature reserves and landscapes of no great significance.

The woodlands have featured strongly in the first two weeks of hearings, particularly in the Bass Coast Shire Council's presentation. Thanks to the 500-plus individuals and organisations who made submissions stressing the values of the woodlands and the community's desire to protect them. The panel has heard you loud and clear!

And special thanks to Gerard Drew, Neil Rankine and our advocate Barnaby McIlraith for their meticulous work since the hearing began on March 6, listening, researching and probing expert witness evidence. It's been a massive effort.











#### The next step

Recognition of the woodlands was the first part of the job. Now comes the second part: working out *how* to protect the woodlands.

Despite recognising the conservation value of the woodlands, DTP argues that the SPP should not elevate environmental protection above protection of the sand resource, rather balancing the competing values. They also argue that the SPP may not be the vehicle to protect the woodlands.

We are concerned that if the panel accepts this recommendation, there would essentially be no change to the current decision making process on sand mining applications in the woodlands.

Whether it's achieved through an overlay or native vegetation precinct plan, it's vital that we achieve a blanket protection or we will be fighting the same battles over and over again until the woodlands are whittled away.

Our team now has a welcome respite for a couple of weeks while the developers stake their claim for expanding the town boundaries.

The Woodlands Coalition (representing Save Western Port Woodlands, the South Gippsland Conservation Society and the Victorian National Parks Association) presents our case on April 12, 14 and 17. We will try to convince the panel that the environmental values of the woodlands must trump the resource values, since sand can be sourced from many other locations.

Week 6 of the hearing (April 12-14), featuring the Woodlands Coalition and the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association, will be held will be held in the Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club. It would be great to see a good turnout of supporters for our team. Be warned: the panel chair has warned that there is to be no

cheering or heckling in her committee room!

#### Other presentations

The bulk of individual woodland members and supporters will appear in Week 7 (to be held at the Silverwater Resort in San Remo) but a few will present at odd times over the next couple of weeks:

Neil Rankine is on at 3.45pm on Wednesday, April 5.

Times are approximate and subject to change. The hearing will be held in Melbourne in Weeks 4 and 5 but you can tune in via Zoom.

Regards
Catherine Watson
Save Western Port Woodlands

As per the covering email for this edition, this is the zoom link for the DAL hearings



#### **APRIL FOOL PHOTO QUIZ:**

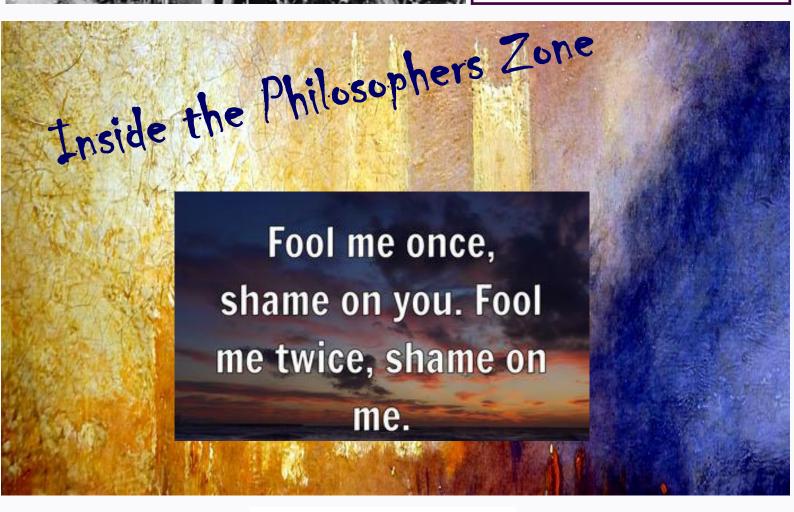
Who was the Australian "adventurer" who planned to sell Antarctic ice cubes in 1978?



The BBC once famously faked a documentary that featured a very successful spaghetti harvest in which country?

**ANSWERS ON PAGE** 

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Across Bass Coast people are asking how long this abandoned school in Wonthaggi will be left to rot as homelessness grows and agencies cry out for more building. The open space would make a great space for quiet conversations on the edge of the busy CBD.



Unanimous vote at the well attended meeting to stop the State Coal Mine from being abandoned by the State Government.



- 1. Who was the first Australian casualty in World War One? (In an Australian Unit)
- 2.Where was he killed?
- 3. Where is the Dawn Service held in Bass on Anzac Day?
- 4. What year did Grantville turn 150?
- 5. Is Krowera in South Gippsland Shire or Bass Coast Shire?
- 6. Nissen Huts were built in vast number during both world wars. Was "Nissen" a misspelt Japanese car name, an English architect or a Canadian engineer?
- 7. When was the Federal seat of Flinders created?
- 8. Who is the longest serving Councillor on the current Bass Coast Shire Council?
- 9. Which ward did they represent from 2012 to 2016?
- 10. When are the next Council elections due?
- 11. Which company brand is on the sign outside The Proving Ground on the Bass Highway in Lang Lang?
- 12. Which Australian Prime Minister allegedly swam to a Russian submarine?
- 13. Is John Gorton still alive?
- 13. Where does the tap water in Cowes originate?
- 14. Who is the Member for the Victorian Seat of Bass?
- 15. In which town is the Howler micro-brewery situated?
- 16. Who was the first Member for the Federal seat of Monash?
- 17. Lukey Heights at the Phillip Island racetrack is named after Len Lukey. What product did his business make?
- 18. In World War One what was the original Furphy?
- 19. How many Australian soldiers died during the Battle of the Neck in 1915?
- 20. How long did the Battle of the Neck last?
- 21. In which year did the Battle of Long Tan take place?
- 22. What was the battle field?
- 23. Which car company was the last to manufacture cars in Australia?
- 24. In which year was decimal currency introduced in Australia?
- 25. In which year was decimal currency introduced in Britain?

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Sat 5<sup>th</sup> August - Ethics of Community Based Decision Making (Geoff Eillis)

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - Surprise topic of the month

# ST GEORGE'S OP SHOP 22 SMYTHE ST CORINELLA

Saturday 10-1pm





0478 225 047
Our local contact for RURAL AUSTRALIANS for REFUGEES





## WE NEED A HAND

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO**

- · Sort through donated goods
- Serve in the op shop
- Fridays 10am 3.30pm
- · Saturdays 9am 12.30pm

Bass Valley Lions Op Shop 1572 Bass Highway, Grantville



# Acoustic Music Open Mic at



## The Goods Shed, Wonthaggi

Next to Dan Murphy's, easy access through Big W carpark



## Sunday 9th APRIL 1 to 4pm



For musicians and listeners alike to enjoy an afternoon of solos, duos, small bands, singing and/or instrumental live music.

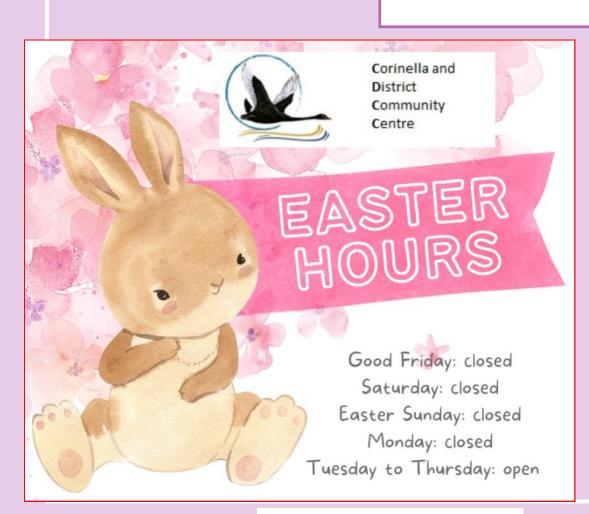
## **All Welcome**

BYO drinks and nibbles

This event is FREE but a gold coin is appreciated.

Second Sunday Every Month (market day)

BassCoast Artists'Society: Supporting the Arts and Community





#### **CONCERNED CITIZENS OF CORINELLA SPEAK OUT (Letter to the editor)**

We write to express our concern regarding threats to our beautiful Corinella foreshore.

First, some context. Many of us are recent arrivals attracted by the beauty of the place. Some of us volunteered to help control foreshore weeds. We were surprised to discover that there is a moratorium on planting in areas that had been sprayed. This freeze was decreed by DEECA.

Outwardly there is a clear divide between those trying to preserve the bushy environment and those who believe foreshore vegetation blocks "views".

We believe that the moratorium results from the work of an ad hoc pressure group calling for the removal of understory and many trees to create a manicured look.

the edge of the foreshore to have "views" without any thought of the devastating impact on native fauna and birds that already struggle.

DEECA agreed to a provisional landscape plan being undertaken to which the public was invited to submit their comments. The majority of respondents want to protect our fauna and flora rich environment.

Meanwhile, the Corinella Foreshore Committee was due for reappointment. To our great consternation, only two women were selected to join the new committee and one has since resigned.

So now there are seven men and a lone woman making decisions about the future of our foreshore. Gender inequity is totally unacceptable in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Additionally, it transpires that some members of the new committee are neither local residents nor owners of local property. Minutes of meetings are not made publicthough posts are made on social media.

There has been no response to our attempts to talk to DEECA about this situation. We have approached the new committee to introduce itself to the community but have been told they are waiting for the Landscape This would allow properties crowding Plan to be published before they will have a public meeting.

> We have asked to meet our local state member, Jordan Crugnale so she can explain this situation. We have asked her to take our concerns to Minister D'Ambrosio. We await a response.

> > As long as space permits the Waterline News (WN) will publish letters it receives in the interest of awareness and debate. The views expressed may not reflect WN policy or views and are published at the accountability of the writer. To be fair we will print responses we receive.



# FARM ANIMALS?



**Q Fever** is caused by a micro-organism that is mainly carried by cattle, sheep and goats. It can also be carried by kangaroos, camels, rodents, cats, dogs, birds and wallabies.

#### **Q FEVER SYMPTOMS**

- Can be mild or acute, and appear suddenly
- Flu-like (fever, chills, cough, headache, muscle pains)
- Fatigue (up to 6 months is common)

# HOW DOES Q FEVER SPREAD?

- · Among at-risk animals
- Spread to humans through close contact with infected animals (e.g., during birthing) or through inhalation of contaminated dust/droplets

#### WHO IS AT RISK?

- Farmers, hobby farmers and licensed animal shooters
- Abattoir workers, including visitors and tradesmen
- · Meat inspectors
- · Shearers and wool sorters
- · Veterinarians and animal handlers
- Animal transporters
- People who handle linen soiled by animal products

#### VACCINE

Q-Vax can result in high level protection against Q fever. Workers at risk of contracting Q fever can be immunised. You must be tested (blood test/skin test) before you can receive the vaccine, as people who have previously had Q fever or the vaccine are at risk of a severe reaction.







PICAL is located at 16 Warley Ave,

Hours:

Reception: open each weekday
9am-3pm

Services Australia Agency open each weekday 9am – 2pm (MyGov, Centrelink, Medicare, MyAgedCare, DVA)

Food Pantry open each weekday 10am – 2pm T. 59521131

E. reception@pical.org.au

Drop in and say "Hi" over a cuppa . . .

Women often lose themselves into everyone around them them so a bit of time at the Women's Friendship Café at PICAL could be valuable.

"We just love it when newcomers join us." Says Donna Boucher.

"We start by sitting around over a cuppa and just having a chat. We share our stories and discuss a lot of subjects. It's a safe place to meet..."

Donna is the Women's Friendship Café Co-ordinator.

Daughters, mothers, aunts, friends, grandmothers and wives come relax and discuss movies, children, grandchildren, pets, and other things they have loved or not liked so much; we laugh, we cry, we ponder." she said. Menopause is a subject that frequently has participants in fits of laughter.

Sharing that part of a woman's journey helps them to be kinder on themselves. It's great to know others have had similar experiences that people can learn from, and reflect upon, together.

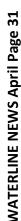
Donna also advises that The Friendship Cafe could also be a place where you can escape from the difficult things in your life for an hour or two, to just stop have a break and say "Hi!" to some friendly faces or seek guidance for help in areas of your life.

PICAL can refer you to appropriate resources and agencies.

There is no judgement at the Friendship Café, it's a wonderful place in which to enjoy a few minutes or an hour or two with some beautiful ladies who are on the same path as you.

"Children are welcome too!"

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April 1, 1978: A barge towing a giant iceberg appeared in Sydney Harbour. Sydneysiders were expecting it. Dick Smith, a local adventurer and millionaire businessman, had been loudly promoting his scheme to tow an iceberg from Antarctica for quite some time. Now he had apparently succeeded. He said that he was going to carve the berg into small ice cubes, which he would sell to the public for ten cents each. These well-traveled cubes, fresh from the pure waters of Antarctica, were promised to improve the flavor of any drink they cooled.

Slowly the iceberg made its way into the harbour. Local radio stations provided blow-by-blow coverage of the scene. Only when the berg was well into the harbour was its secret revealed. It started to rain, and the firefighting foam and shaving cream that the berg was really made of washed away, uncovering the white plastic sheets beneath.



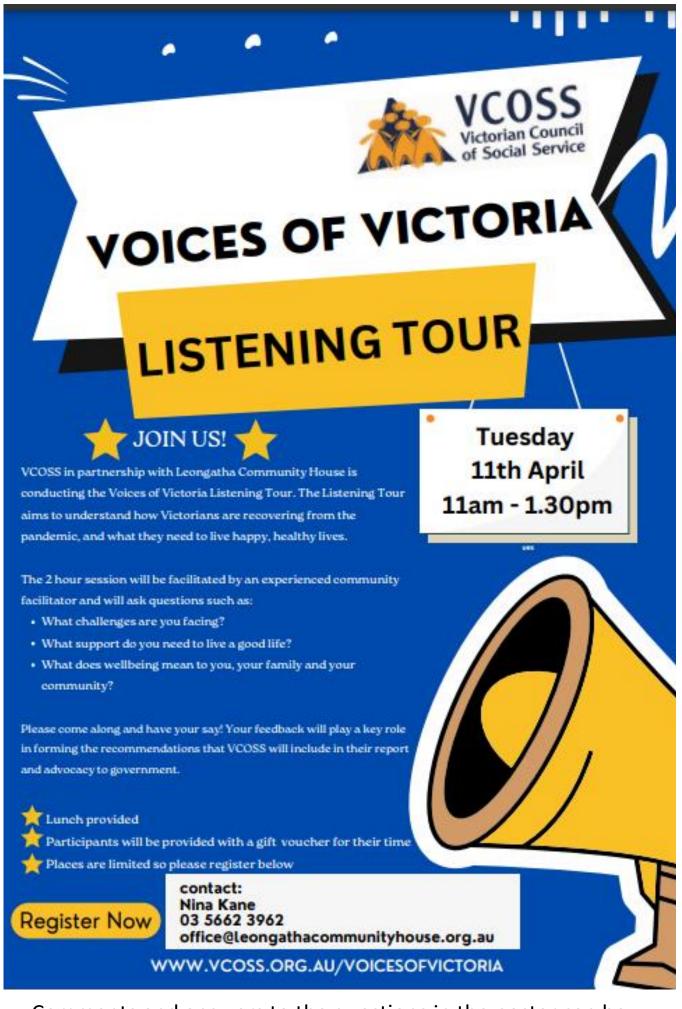
**April 1, 1957:** The respected BBC news show *Panorama* announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop.

It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in. Many called the BBC wanting to know

how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this the BBC diplomatically replied, "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best."

ANSWERS: 1. Able Seaman William "Billy" Williams. 2. The Battle of Bita Paka, near Rabaul. 3. The Cenotaph in Hade Av, 4. 2022 5.Bass Coast. 6. Canadian engineer. 7. 1901 8. Cr Le Serve 9.Leadbeater 10, 2024.

- 11. VinFast 12. No, 13. Candowie Reservoir, Almurta. 14. Jordan Crugnale
- 15. Lang Lang. 16. Russell Broadbent. 17. Car mufflers and exhausts.
- 18. A mobile water tank. 19.234. 20. 45 minutes. 21. 1966. 22. A Rubber Plantation. 23. Toyota 24. 1966. 25.1970.



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