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At the Desk, the Gippsland winter wind howls as I arrange the great articles that have been sent to us.

Sadly we mark the passing of two community leaders, Iain Ritchie and Ruth Heffer, both well known to people across the Waterline. They each leave huge legacies and will be greatly missed by the many, many people whose lives they touched.

Due to unforeseen circumstances part two of our article on Jean Coffey of Tenby Point has been held over for September.

Salutations, Geoff Ellis

Photo courtesy of Kate Harmon Photography

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For more information head to newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships 03 5956 7505 1770 Phillip Island Road, Phillip Island Corinella and District Community Centre



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What's Happening at Corinella and District Community Centre in August ?

Monday

Strength Training for Seniors

At 8.45 am \$10 for members, no booking required

Meditation Join Rohini Ratnaker for a relaxed, chair-based meditation session. Monday 8th and 22nd August. Held fortnightly at 10am – 11am No booking required, just turn up and chill out. Cost \$5

<u>Tuesday</u>

Gippsland Community Legal Service

will be offering FREE legal consultations between 10am and 4pm Tuesday 9th and 23rd August.

Please call 1800 004 402 to book a time, or just call in to the Corinella and District community Centre. Please note the community centre does not handle the bookings for this service.

Pilates

New weekly Pilates classes beginning Tuesday 9th August

9.30am and 6.00pm Cost \$15 each session

These sessions incorporate breath, mo- A social lunch bility and stability for all levels of movers. cooked meal. Corinella and District Community Centre \$5pp booking 5678 0777 0777



At RNR we encourage people of all ages and abilities to join in and move your body. We incorporate breath, mobility and stability work with variations to accomadate all levels of movers

COST: \$15.00

WHEN: Every Tuesday 9:30am and 6:00pm Starting on the 9th August 2022



Wednesday

Crafties

10am – 2pm \$4 for members. Bring along your own craft project to work on while you chat

Hatha Yoga

6pm every Wednesday \$15 per session. Just drop in.

<u>Thursday</u>

Strength Training for Seniors

At 8.45 am \$10 for members, no booking required

Community Lunch 12 – 1pm

A social lunch with conversation and a cooked meal. \$5pp bookings required phone 5678 0777

Book Club 7pm in

the Foyer Second Thursday of the month. \$4 for members

Saturday Art Group

1pm – 4pm Join artists who love to create their own works of art.

Corinella and District Community Centre



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Solar for Corinella and District **Community Centre**

Corinella and District Community Centre now has a new 13.32 kW Solar Power System with 13.5kW of battery storage! The system was officially launched at the centre's weekly community lunch.

The benefits of going solar include

- **Reduces** emissions
- Saves on power bills
- Provides grid independence
- Resilience during power outages.

Funded from the \$3.1M Community Climate Change and Energy Action Program (CCCEA) round which enables our communities to transition to a zero net carbon economy.

Jordan Crugnale said at the launch "This is a Partnership Project so thanks to Bass Coast Shire Council and the Centre for meeting us half way!"



Photo - CDCC President Janice Orchard, Manager Kerrie Ritchie, Jordan Crugnale, MP for Bass, CDCC Board Member Di Goeman, BCSC Mayor Cr Michael Whelan and Cr Bruce Kent of Western Port Ward.

In 2021, over 32% of Victoria's energy came from renewables and today at Corinella 32% of their power usage came from renewables!

Meditation Sessions

10 - 11am Monday 8th August and 22nd August - then fortnightly.



Free Legal Advice for those in need

We have partnered with Gippsland Community Legal Service (GCLS) who are Call1800 004 402 or email GCLS@anglicarevic.org.au offering free face to face consultations with a community lawyer.

Walk in appointments available or call GCLS on 1800 004 402 to arrange a suitable time to see a legal advisor.

Corinella & District Community Centre 48 Smythe St Corinella

A relaxing, chair based, meditation session The one hour session incorporates a short talk on experiencing the present moment, followed by guided relaxation and silent meditations. Simple breathing and energy focusing techniques are used to help release the stresses of our daily lives.

Cost \$5.00



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SICK PAY FOR CASUALS

"When people don't have savings to fall back on, they're forced to make the choice between the safety of their co-workers and paying their bills. No worker should be forced to make that decision"

- Jordan Crugnale, MP for Bass District.

That's why the Andrews Labor Government has introduced the Sick Pay Guarantee, giving casual and contract workers up to five days of sick and carer's pay at the national minimum wage.

So thousands of workers in industries such as hospitality, aged care, security and retail, can get the cover they need to recover. Workers are now able to register for the two-year pilot program, and it is anticipated that more than 150,000 workers will be eligible in this first phase which covers hospitality workers, food trades workers and preparation assistants such as chefs and kitchen hands, supermarket and supply chain workers, retail and sales assistants, aged and disability care workers, cleaners and laundry workers and security guards.

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What's happening in Grantville? Published with thanks to the Grantville Business and Community Association

More Delays for the Grantville Grocer

Town planning regulations, health and safety concerns, electrical upgrades and road works are all contributing factors causing delays to the opening of The Grantville Grocer at the old Mitre 10 site in Grantville.

The project was slowed at its inception by extended COVID 19 lock-downs and shortages of materials and labour. The most frustrating part of the process for business man, James McConvill, has been conflicting information given by council regarding compliance requirements.

To make matters worse, the town planning department has a quick turnover of planning officers which adds to the frustration as there is a lack of continuity in dealing with the same planner over an extended period of time. Mr McConvill understands that the requisite compliance orders he must meet are not exclusive to his case. They are the same for all similar applications but that doesn't make the process of compliance any less frustrating.

The latest spanner in the works is having to chase up Vic Roads regarding the upgrade of Delany Street. Extensive upgrades are needed for safe access to the car park and the proposed drive through bottle shop. Even though Mr McConvill understands he has to shoulder the cost of the upgrade, getting Vic Roads to come to the party seems like an impossible task.

According to James, they are in no hurry to return his calls.

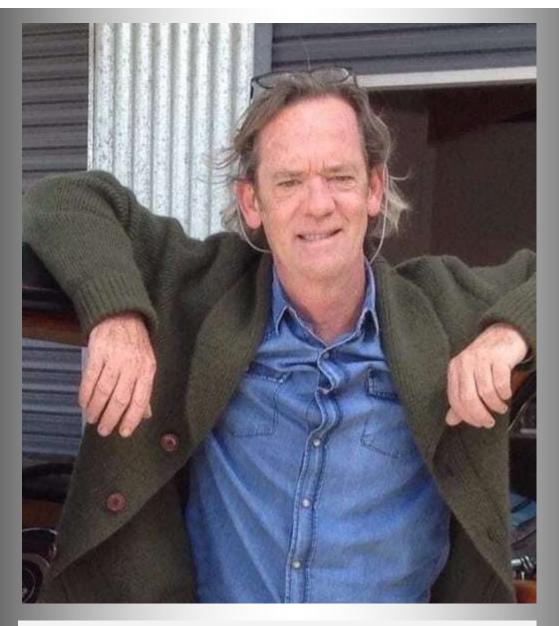
Pictured: Upper- James McConvill samples catering supplied by Coronet Bay General Store Lower-Coronet Bay General Store manager Laura (left)

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A tribute to lain Ritchie

VALE IAIN RITCHIE (thanks Belinda Henderson)

You were the person I could talk to, when nobody else would You were the person who helped keep me fed; and thought of my children And less of the rats in the Food Pantry You were the person who taught me how to use my phone, and be vaccinated While discussing the mysteries of life You kept people safe, and made them feel valued We will never forget you



Born 13/8/1961 in Aberdeen, Scotland. Died 12/7/2022 in Melbourne, Australia. Loving son of Irene and John Ritchie (both deceased.). Loved brother of David Ritchie (deceased). Loved and adored partner, father, grandfather and best mate of Andrew, Peter & Kiah, Ryan, Lucy and Pippa. **The hole in our heart will never be filled.**



YOUR LOCAL CHURCHES

St Paul's Anglican Church, 2-6 Hade Avenue, **Bass**.

12.30 Every Sunday Enjoy a share lunch after the service. Rev Jo White 5952 2608 or 0490 831 299 revjobpi@gmail.com

St Joseph's Catholic Church, 20 Bass Road, **Bass.** Sunday Mass 11.00am 5952 5418

St George's Anglican Church, 24 Smythe Street, **Corinella.** 1st Sunday each month 11.00 am Other Sundays 9.00am 5997 5440

Kernot Uniting Church, 1040 Loch Kernot Road, Kernot. Church currently closed. Secretary Judy Hogan 0422 094 903

St Augustine's Anglican Church,

111 Marine Parade, San Remo.
11am Services
1st & 3rd Sundays Family Service
2nd & 4th Sundays Holy Communion.
5th Sunday Holy Communion.
Rev Jo White
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Our Lady Star of The Sea, Catholic Church, 43 Phillip Island Road, San Remo. 6pm Every Saturday Mass Contact 5952 5418

Bible Study Group Tuesdays at 5.30pm. Members Homes Contact Sandy Ridge 5997 6127



YAWNING NOT ROARING

Members of SWPW, Dave and Jackie Newman had their perseverance rewarded with a sighting of a koala in Adams Creek Nature Conservation Reserve. Dave and Jackie had heard kolas on night walks but had never sighted one.

They hit the jackpot last week and got some great photos. (That's a yawn, by the way, not a roar!) Dave described it as an exciting moment. Let's hope there are at least two of them.

WESTERN PORT WOODLANDS



On the political front

With the state election in November, Save Western Port Woodlands has been briefing candidates for the seat of Bass on the issues surrounding sand mining in the woodlands. Next month we will be asking all election candidates to state a position on permanent protection of the woodlands.

Recently we have met Jordan Crugnale (ALP, current MP), Aaron Brown (Liberal Party), Brett Tessari (National Party) and Jeni Jobe (Independent) to explain the threats to the woodlands and how these might be addressed.

On July 5, we had our long-awaited meeting with Environment Minister Lily D'Ambrosio, Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, and senior ministerial and DELWP staff. The Minister made no commitments but she did listen attentively and promised a 'deep dive' into the issue with the relevant departments related to environment, mining and planning. We asked for a timely response as the next stage of our election campaign depends on the current Labor Government's response.

We also met with the Victorian National Party leader Peter Walsh and the local Nationals candidate Brett Tessari. As a former Bass Coast mayor and current councillor, Brett is well aware of community sentiment. Mr Walsh had little prior knowledge of the issue but made some useful strategic suggestions. We are hopeful of an election commitment.

Website: www.savewesternportwoodlands.org/ Facebook: www.facebook.com/Save-Western-Port-Woodlands-101246181838119 Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/swpwoodlands/



Grantville's Foreshore Upgraded

Extensive works have already been carried out at the Grantville Foreshore with further upgrades in the pipeline.

The recently installed sea wall, adjacent to the Pier and designed to stop further erosion, was a monumental task. A front-end loader positioned each massive boulder into place on top of a geotextile mesh underlay, to prevent further erosion.

Grantville resident and former owner of the French View Caravan Park, Christopher Nagle, is relieved that his waterfront home will be protected from potential inundation caused by rising sea levels.

'I watched the wall being built and I must say I'm impressed by the sheer scale of it, he said. In 2005 we had a massive king tide which inundated the lower end of the caravan park with about a meter of water. One of the residents came up to the office in a canoe to complain about the flooding fearing that his van would be swept away.'

The Capital Works upgrades, include a tap and outdoor shower and safe wheelchair access along the sea wall at the end of Pier Rd.

Grantville Business and Community Association members recently met at the site with Council Officer, Dereck Hibbert, to discuss the possibility of installing four history boards to commemorate Grantville's 150th year. The boards will be installed at intervals along a gravel path leading towards the pier and will provide historical information about Grantville's past.

Future planned upgrades include replacing the existing toilet block with a new one and installing it further north and closer to Pier Rd. Proposed landscaping around the picnic area near the Luminous Lights, will create a nicer space for people to gather, picnic and enjoy the wonderful view.

GBCA member, Di Goeman, who also lives along the foreshore, noted that the Grantville Pier attracts a lot of people. Not only fisher folk but photographers, tourists and sightseers who stop to admire the panoramic vista and spectacular sunsets.

'It's always satisfying to see our rates at work,' Mr Nagle said. 'And I'm especially relieved that our property will be protected from potential

inundation in the near future.

'We can continue to enjoy the natural beauty of Western Port, knowing that we won't have water lapping up at our doorstep.'



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BASS COAST SHIRE COUNCIL (BCSC)

Unsightly land, footpath trading, planting on nature strips and management of building sites are just some of the things regulated by Local Law No. 1 Neighbourhood Amenity 2022.

This law has just been enacted. It was honed with feedback from residents and ratepayers, Councillors and Council Officers.

The Local Law enables BCSC to respond to local issues. It will be used to protect public and private spaces as well as health and safety.

One of the key changes is the Short Stay Accommodation Registration.

With 2,805 properties currently available to book, short stay rental accommodation is popular in Bass Coast. This new Local Law provides clear guidelines for the required standards for the operation of this type of accommodation.

This will mandate providing the neighbours with owners or agents contact details if they not living on the property.



BCSC Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan explained, "This will minimise the risks of affecting the peace of neighbours. Waste was also identified as a big issue."

"Council Officers will now develop the process owners will use to register their accommodation, outline the responsibilities of owners and set the fees to register a Short Stay Accommodation property."

Another long awaited inclusion is the Significant Tree Register.

Cr Whelan said the processes for the Significant Tree Register will also be developed over the next six months.

"This will help us to determine how the register will be formed and the different stakeholders who will be involved in the project," Cr Whelan said. Cr Whelan said that these significant additions to the Local Law will not be enforced until 1 January 2023.

"This will provide us with sufficient time to ensure all these new Laws are implemented effectively, but also to make sure our residents and ratepayers understand the new requirements prior to them being enforced," Cr Whelan concluded.

BASS COAST COUNCIL Western Port Ward



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DG Nurse Practitioner Grantville Transaction Centre (Cnr Bass Hwy & Pier Rd)

(03) 5616 2222

Family Violence

If you are concerned for the immediate \$\$\concerned 000\$ safety of yourself or someone else, please call 000 for emergency assistance.

The Orange Door in Inner Gippsland For adults, children and young people www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au who are experiencing or have experienced 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.

1800 015 188 www.safesteps.org.au

BASS COAST SHIRE COUNCIL (BCSC)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR BASS COAST RATEPAYERS

"Bass Coast Shire Council is determined to work hard to keep costs down. That's why Council has reduced the annual waste charge by \$10 per property this year," according to Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan who doesn't doubt that many residents are feeling the pinch. "We have special assistance measures to help people pay their rates."

"This assistance includes reduced interest for ratepayers struggling to pay rates on their principal place of residence in Bass Coast. There are also flexible payment options for ratepayers who are struggling and find it easier to make weekly or fortnightly payments."



Property values were assessed on 1 January 2022 by the State Government Valuer-General and are largely based on analysis of property sales and leasing transactions that took place in 2021.

If any ratepayer has an objection to their rates notice they can lodge an objection to the State Government within two months of receiving the Notice of Valuation. Ratepayers/landowners are encouraged to lodge objections electronically via the online Rating Valuation Objections Portal at ratingvaluationobjections.vic.gov.au.

Guy Road Shared Pathway works to re-start



Work is set to re-start on the Guy Road Shared Pathway this week. Construction was halted earlier in the year, after Indigenous artefacts were uncovered at the work site. Keep up to date with this project at <u>https://</u> <u>engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/guyroad</u>





1/ In which century did the first colonial settlement of Corinella occur?

2/ The Lang Lang Golf club is in which Shire?

3/ Which company owns the ex-Holden Proving Ground?

4/ What was the original name of Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre?

5/ Who was the local Councillor when the Grantville Transaction Centre (GTC) was built?

6/ Who was the Councillor who replaced him?

7/ What is the name of the gallery/studio near the roundabout at Anderson ?

8/ In which year did the Current cease publication?

9/ What is the original name of Phillip Island?

10/ What was that Phillip's occupation?

11/ In which ocean is the other (Penguin Free) Phillip Island that is administered by Australia?

12/ Who is the current Deputy Mayor of Bass Coast Shire?

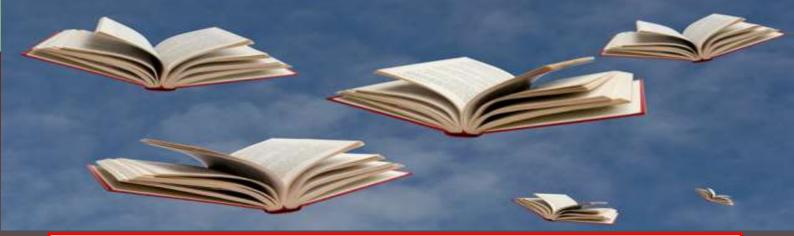
13/ Who is the CEO of Bass Coast Health?

14/ How much is a mushroom pizza at the Kernot General Store?

Wonthaggi Fixit Café

The Fixit Café aims to keep all sorts of goods out of landfill by fixing them and giving them a second life. It's a friendly place to chill out while your items are being fixed by skilled volunteers and members of the Wonthaggi Men's Shed. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits are available while you wait.

When: Third Sunday of each month, 11am – 1pm. Where: Harvest Centre (access from Big W car park). No charge but donations are appreciated. Bookings (essential): in person at Mitchell House or phone 5672 3731.



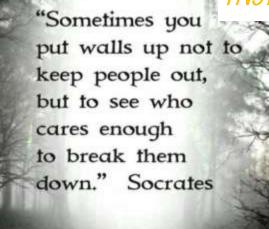
ETHICS DISCUSSION GROUP AT WONTHAGGI LIBRARY - Commencing at 2pm. Next sessions:

Sat 13 Aug: "Ethics of Revenge" (Belinda)

Sat 27 Aug: "Ethics of Forgiveness" (Sabah)

Sat 10 Sep: "Did Agriculture Work Alongside Hunter-Gatherer Societies? Issues raised in "The Dawn of Everything" by David Graeber & David Wengrow". (Jessica)





"Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, weak minds discuss people."

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LIBRARY UPDATE

WATERLINE COMMUNITY LIBRARY 1504-1510 Bass Hwy, Grantville 3984 Phone 03 5672 1875

Opening Hours

Monday 8:30am - 4:30pm Tuesday 8:30am - 6:00pm Staff present from 3pm to 6pm Wednesday 8:30am - 4:30pm Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm Staff present from 10am to 1pm Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm with Staff present





Corinella General Store, Smythe Street

The Corinella Click & Collect point is located at the Corinella General Store. Holds can be collected and items returned during the General Store opening hours. Please select 'Corinella Collection Point' as the pick-up library when placing holds. If you require any assistance, please phone the Support Centre during business hours – 1800 446 954





Coronet Bay General Store, Cutty Sark Road Coronet Bay VIC 3984

The Coronet Bay Click & Collect point is located at the Coronet Bay General Store. Holds can be collected and items returned during opening hours. . Please select 'Coronet Bay Collection Point' as the pick-up library when placing holds. If you require any assistance ring – 1800 446 954

Brett TESSARI CANDIDATE FOR BASS



Wool, lamb, beef, dairy are all thriving industries here, contributing millions to the economy and employing thousands of people. Pressure from Victorian farmers, VFF & our Nationals Leader, Peter Walsh (Pictured left) has paid off with Federal Agriculture Minister Murray Watt agreeing to implement sanitation mats at Australia's international airports to combat the spread of Indonesia's outbreak of FMD.

An outbreak on just one of our farms would be catastrophic. This is both a security and animal welfare issue that must be a top priority for state and federal governments.

The Nationals have been pushing for stronger biosecurity measures to better protect the industry such as increased sanitation of return travellers from Indonesia. We must pull out all stops so FMD does not break out in Australia.



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Ruth Heffer: "A Privilege to Know You" by Helen Zervopolous

Ruth was small in stature but big in personality. I only knew Ruth for a short time but she made an immediate impression and I felt as if I'd known her for years. I think most people who met her felt the same way.

Ruth often told of how she and her husband George, were driving along looking for some land to retire on when they saw the 'For Sale' sign on an overgrown 5 acre paddock fronting Bass Highway. They cleared some of the block to build a house and set up a pottery outlet called 'Maru Craft' selling hand crafted ceramics.'

Some people think that Maru is an indigenous name Ruth used to say, but it isn't. It was made up from a combination of the first two letters of her daughter Marilyn's name and the first two letters of her own name.

When the building at Maru Animal & Koala Park was burning down in 2009, Ruth, who lived in the adjacent house, had to be evacuated by the CFA fire fighters. They banged on her door telling her to come out as a matter of urgency but Ruth refused to panic and insisted she would only come out once she was suitably dressed.

There came a point in her life when she could no longer live on her own so she went to live with her daughter Marilyn. We occasionally crossed paths when she came back to Grantville to visit her son Ian, daughter in law Neroli and grand daughters Becky & Tabatha.

It was always a delight to run into Ruth and now that she's gone the memory of her happy and friendly disposition lives on in those of us who had the privilege and good fortune to know her.

Long time resident of Tenby Point, Pauline O'Brien will celebrate her 103rd birthday on 7th Aug.

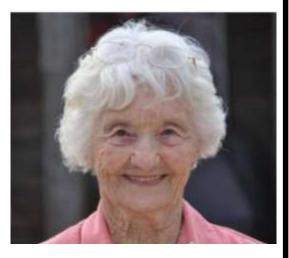
Pauline and Brian Coe were founders of the Tenby Point Residents Association (TPRA) and her daughter, Coral O'Brien Smith, has provided some insight into the early days of that important community group.

"Pauline and Brian started the TPRA in her kitchen. The road construction was one big item at that time as was clearing the T- tree along Bayview Ave.

In the early days there were lots of renters in the street, many homes were neglected so the place did not look good.

There was a big drug problem and domestic violence was a big issue. Pauline often had the odd woman and children staying overnight because they had been assaulted by their partner.

Pauline now resides in Banfields Aged Care in Cowes after a lifetime of dedication to family, friends and community.





This pic of Pauline was taken at Government House on her 100th birthday.

Motoring

Given up waiting for a car ferry? Just drive off your nearest boat ramp.

From the mid-1930s, Ferdinand Porsche worked under the direction of Adolf Hitler to design a car for the masses. Early designs were known as the KDF (Strength through Joy) wagon and the factory in which to build them was financed by advance payment for the promise of a car.

As Europe entered World War Two development of the embryonic KDFwagon expanded to include military vehicles such as the Kubelwagon. This was developed into the Schwimwagen where the chassis was replaced by a hull with a propeller added to the drivetrain to propel the little vessel once it was afloat.

Schwimwagen and Kubelwagon were built until the British took possession of the factories. Amidst the rubble Allied engineers were left to contemplate the future of the German car industry as civilian Volkswagons, affectionately known as Beetles, began to trickle off the production line in the Wolfsburg factory.

As family sized Fords, Opels, Mercedes and BMWs repopulated the autobahns, all manner of weird little small cars hit the minor roads to enable impoverished drivers to enjoy life behind the wheel.

In the late 50s an engineer decided to market a revamped Schwimwagen. He formed a company and in 1960 Amphicars started hitting the roads and boat ramps of Europe.

The majority of Amphicars were sold in America where they eventually achieved cult status with people like then-Senator Lyndon Johnson making good use their amphibian utility.

Sadly, the market for these cars was very limited. Design compromises rendered the Amphicar neither a good car nor a good boat. It was inherently too slow on the highway and was cumbersome to manoeuvre in water as the front wheels were a poor substitute for a rudder.

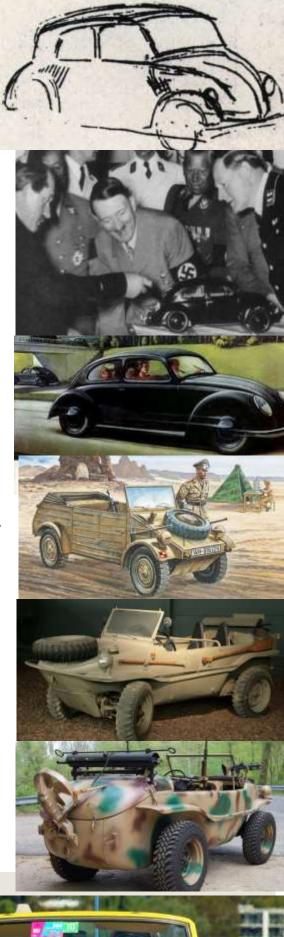
Amphies were built from 1960 to 1964 and the stockpile of unwanted cars finally sold out in 1968.

Next Month: If only cars could fly?





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A Strong Democracy Needs Community Independents in Parliament.

The two party system is not doing anything for Victorian communities.

'Pork barreling' will never put public money in the places that have the most need, like regional Victoria.

The Federal election has shown that everyday Australians want our political system to grow up. All sides of politics need to build a future we all want to live in.

It's time for Community Independents to roll up their sleeves, come forward and truly represent the rest of us in parliament.

Together lets build a stronger democracy that looks after all Victorians! The LIST... Clinical Change Protestions for Nestern Port Bay § the Watellands Health Sendes Health Sendes Health Sendes Housing Housing Reads Arts

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Members only presentation night for Corinella Boating & Angling Club 7:30pm on 6th August 2022 at The Corinella Bowls Club. Finger food provided and drinks at bar prices.

Please rsvp asap for catering purposes.

Thank you.





Committee members Murray, Sally and Wayne met with the Deputy Leader of the Nationals, Emma Kealy along with Brett Tessari, Nationals Candidate for Bass in the November State Election.

The club thanked them for their support for a community clubhouse and looks forward to a commitment for funding from the winners from that election. They say that that Brett is using all his persuasive powers when he advocates on their behalf.



For those interested in attending, we are holding our AGM on Saturday 6th August 2022 6:00-7:00pm, followed by our presentation night at 7:30pm at The Corinella Bowls Club. Please respond ASAP if you would like to attend.

Quiz Answers 1/19th 2/Bass Coast 3/ VinFast 4/ The Union Theatre 5/John Hulley 6/ Veronica Dowman 7/ Artfusion 8/2007 9/ Millowl 10/ Governor of NSW 11/ South Pacific Ocean 12/ Cr Leticia Laing 13/ Jan Child 14/ \$23 **Photo Quiz Answers** San Remo. Kilcunda. Noon. Bass Coast Adult Learning.

Calling Gippsland writers. 2022 BASS COAST PRIZE for NON-FICTION

\$10,000 in prize money. Entries close September 14, 2022

2022 Prize - Conditions of entry

Eligibility

The competition is open to anyone living, working or studying in the Gippsland region or who has a strong connection with the Gippsland region, past or present.

Theme

The theme is open but entries must relate to Gippsland people, places or issues. For instance, you could write about climate change but the primary focus should be local rather than national or global. A memoir is acceptable but should be set substantially in Gippsland.

New works

Entries must not have been published previously, including on the Internet.

Categories

Main Prize Entries between 4000 and 10,000 words. Shorter Prize Entries between 2000 and 4000 words.

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Main prize: \$5000 first, \$2500 second, \$1000 third.

Shorter prize: First prize \$1000, second prize \$500.

Publication

The prize winning entries will be published. Please do not enter the competition if you do not want your work to be published.

Judging criteria

Entries will be judged on the quality of the writing and research and the ability to hold the reader's attention.

Images

Images can be included with entries but the work will be judged solely on the writing.

File formats

Word, PDF or Plain Text.

Multiple entries

More than one entry from the same author will be accepted as long as they are submitted in separate emails.

Indigenous content

Non-indigenous authors should take care not to appropriate indigenous content. They should ensure that they have permission to use such content and that they acknowledge their sources.

No identifying content

Entries are anonymous. Please do not put any personal or identifying details on the entry itself but include them on the cover page.

Cover page

Entrants must submit a separate cover page with the title of the work, their name, contact details, brief biographical information and details of their Gippsland connection. Entries submitted anonymously or using a pseudonym will not be accepted.

Tip sheet

If you have not entered your work in a competition before, we hope you find these hints helpful.

Closing date Email entries to Catherine Watson at editor@basscoastpost.com by September 14, 2022.

Cover Page Template and Tip Sheet available at:

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Photo Quiz - Kate Harmon Photography

Where are these bridges?



What time are these fed ?

Answers on Page 24. Yes, 24. Go Back



What does BCAL stand for ?





BASS COAST POST (BCP) revisited



When I was looking through the BCP archive I found an article about Vic Bennetti which told the story of Vic's blacksmith days, his use of the scythe and the story behind the house he built.

I recognised the picture of Vic from an article in the 2005 Winter edition of The Current in the Waterline News office.

The BCP article can be can be found at https://www.basscoastpost.com/local-history/the-house-that-vic-built

Who needs a whipper snipper?

Forget the motor mower, the leaf blower and the whipper snipper. When you've got an all-in-one scythe.

Wonthaggi's Vic Benetti uses this well-worn Austrian scythe to trim around his garden beds and to slash the lush spring grass before he follows up with the mower.

He uses a file to ensure the wafer-thin blade is sharp enough to slice through the grass. Vic's a man who knows his metals.

He worked as a blacksmith/farrier for more than 50 years, including some 30 years for the State Coal Mine.

Victor Benetti had a reputation as one of the best farriers in the business. Locals said he only needed to look at a horse's hoof to forge a perfectly fitting shoe for the mine ponies. Left: Victor Bennetti holds up a scythe and asks "Who needs a mower?' out front of the house that made him the most eligible bachelor in Wonny.

Right: Editor Watson holds up a front page that inspired her to provide a voice for the people of Bass Coast in 2012



In 1988, in his early 60s and 20 years after the mines closed, he entered an international farriers' challenge at Werribee Park.

The 31 competitors in the Eagle Eye event had 10 seconds to study a horse's hoof and 20 minutes to hand work the shoe.

Vic won in a canter, not because he was the fastest but because he was the most accurate.

It came from years of training. Vic was apprenticed to Norman Smith, one of Wonthaggi's last general blacksmiths and farriers, when he was 15.

"We did all sorts of iron work. I can remember us making a new dray wheel. It was five foot six diameter (almost two metres). We rolled it up and had to bevel the two ends."

"We worked flat out while the welding heat lasted."

After three years with Norman Smith, Vic finished his apprenticeship at the mines.

He reckons he shoed horses from the age of 15 until the age of 73 or 74.

"I dropped off towards the end," he says.

"I wouldn't like to do it today. You're up and down, and picking up the horse's hoof. And they don't always want to lift it up."

But what about the house?

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BASS COAST POST revisited (cont'd)

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These days Vic uses his energies around his garden and house.

Vic and his father built the distinctive Italian styled house in the 1950s, using handmade bricks. Vic isn't sure where the design came from, or even what it's called. His father, who was Italian-born, got it out of an Italian construction book. "I do know it took a lot of doing to get it built. It took us four or five years to finish it in our spare time and during the holidays."

It's been a local landmark ever since. "So many people used to pull up and look at it. Even now, people slow down when they go past."

The Current newspaper was an initiative that grew out of the Creatively Connecting Communities project which aimed to foster pride and common purpose across Bass Coast. Publication ceased in June 2007.

At its peak 10,500 copies were freely distributed across Bass Coast. It was edited by Gill Heal while Catherine Watson looked after the layout and subediting.

Looking back across 16 years Ms Watson believes the Current created a community network that continues to this day.

"The Current was a safe space for many people, a chance to discuss issues, to go beyond "Gotcha!" journalism and celebrate what was here."

"It also created a network of people who believed in community, many of them are still active in groups across the region and keep in touch with each other. "

"At the same time Gill was doing her extraordinary local history productions - about 10 in total. They brought in so many people and again created lasting friendships."

As well as Vic's story that 2005 edition had a report card on the success of the overall Creatively Connecting Communities project and a summary of outcomes from a forum that had been held to set future directions for the Waterline Communities, under the headline of 'Our Community, Our Future — Living on the Waterline.

Organised by THE WATERLINE PROJECT the forum was held on May 22nd at Bass Valley Primary School. It was attended by 50 community leaders from Jam Jerrup to Phillip Island.

They responded to the challenges presented to them with a series of strategic actions that were provided by four focus groups.

Their **BLUE PRINT FOR ACTION** was **TRANSPORT:**

Link towns with bicycle paths.

More local planning for transport service.

Lobby for a rail service from Lang Lang.

ENVIRONMENT:

Direct population growth away from the coast.

Legislate to protect town boundaries.

Legislate for 'third pipe' water systems

Encourage wind turbines and solar power.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT:

Reps from the forum to meet with the planning minister to get hard edges to town boundaries.

Ban in fill development between towns.

Ask the council to rewrite planning scheme to achieve tighter coastal planning controls.

Community to lobby minister to over ride inappropriate planning amendments.



August 15 Birthday - French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821) was born on the island of Corsica. Originally an officer in King Louis' Army, he rose to become Emperor amid the chaos that followed the French Revolution. He built a half-million strong Grand Army which used newly invented tactics to sweep across Europe and acquire an empire for France. After defeats in Russia and later by the British, he went into exile on the island of St. Helena off the coast of Africa. On May 5, 1821, he died alone on the tiny island abandoned by everyone.

August 2, 1939 - Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Roosevelt outlining the possibility of atomic weapons. "A single bomb of this type carried by boat and exploded in a port, might very well destroy the whole port ..." Six years later, on August 6, 1945, the first Atomic Bomb was dropped on the Japanese port of Hiroshima





August 14, 1945 - Following two Atomic Bomb drops delegates of Emperor Hirohito accepted Allied surrender terms originally issued at Potsdam on July 26, 1945, except that the Japanese Emperor's sovereignty would be maintained. Emperor Hirohito, who had never spoken on radio, then recorded an announcement admitting Japan's surrender, without actually using the word. The announcement was broadcast via radio to the Japanese people at noon the next day. The formal surrender ceremony occurred on September 2, 1945, on board the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay



August 15, 1969 - Woodstock began in a field near Yasgur's Farm at Bethel, New York. The three-day concert featured 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of more than 300,000 young people. The event came to symbolize the counter-culture movement of the 1960's.

August 16, 1977 - Elvis Presley was pronounced dead at the Memphis Baptist Hospital at 3:30 p.m. age 42.





Bass Coast Adult Learning is holding an adult learning and pathways to employment expo as a celebration of Adult Learners Week 2022.

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The Indigenous Art Exhibition continues at ArtSpace Wonthaggi until August 14.

From the Heart – Yarning with Uncle Anthony by Daryl Pellizzer and Bass Coast Adult Learning Migrant English and English as an Additional Language groups

Recently, as part of our living in Australia and language studies, we went on a class excursion to the Artspace gallery to see the NAIDOC exhibition. There were thirteen of us who viewed the art and stood in a yarning circle with Uncle Anthony, a local elder who came to share with us his understanding of the show and of Australian aboriginal art more generally.

He also asked us to share some of our own stories.

Together we learnt that aboriginal art is often bound up with the place and the family the artists come from; about how stories and knowledge passed down from the ancestors of each place and held by the families are used to make the art. Traditional practices keep these stories and knowledge, and the spirit behind them, alive. Very important information is contained in the paintings, sometimes about survival, food, water, and land and how to care for these through respectful ongoing attention and maintenance. Layers of meaning are embedded in the paintings and there are rules kept by Elders about who and what can be shared.

Our classroom learning combined with our talking together with Uncle Anthony in the yarning circle allowed the exhibition to resonate well with us. Some students shared their stories from Thailand, Myanmar and Burma about traditional weaving learnt from their grandparents, the patterns, dyes and making process.

One student talked about the meaning of the Karen culture's shirts and why they are the same pattern on the front as on the back; this is about being true and that the truth is the same when you are face on or turned away, no false business. We heard about praying for ancestors and respecting elders and about how some festivals and art making are specific to different regions and temples. Another student, who is a practicing artist, was inspired to find out about how he might show some of his own work at Artspace in the future.





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