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IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 000

Due to the changeable nature of COVID19 restrictions, the Waterline News suggests that readers should check these websites for the latest updates and advice about the pandemic:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/case-locations-and-outbreaks>

<https://www.covidbasscoasthealth.org.au/covid-19updates>

<https://m.facebook.com/BassCoastShire/>

For information about local events call 1300 366 422 Bass Coast Shire Information Centre.

Welcome to the first printed edition of the Waterline News for 2021.

Following on from the great news on the front cover we have local history on page 5, the Quiz, Gardening and philosophy on Page 7 with Books and writing on Page 6.

A Cook's Journal has two great recipes on Page 8 while Page 9 focuses on restoration of some very important local heritage.

Page 10 outlines the plans for the Waterline News, including our return to print supported by continuation of the digital edition which will stay at 24 pages with expanded articles. These will also be available at waterlinenews.com.au

The community directory on page 2 will be expanded in upcoming months and I ask group representatives to check that the details are current. Any amendments would be welcome via email to

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Salutations,
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Bass Coast Health, San Remo: 1 Back Beach Road San Remo
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POISON

INFORMATION

HOTLINE 13 11 26

Something unique is coming to Grantville.



The Grantville Grocer, merging farmers market quality with big supermarket convenience, with alfresco dining, with the traditional Aussie Beer Garden... (pending licence approval)...to provide a truly unique grocery shopping experience.

TGG...(for short)... will be opening in March this year just in time for Easter, on the old Mitre 10 site. If you would like to take part in the grand opening go to www.thegrantvillegrocer.com.au to put your name down to be eligible to claim your FREE Grand Opening Grocery Hamper. But you will have to hurry because they are limited.

Also, if you would like to become one of the valued members of our team then simply submit your CV to info@thegrantvillegrocer.com.au.

Get ready to experience grocery shopping like never before.



Community Groups. *Can reps please check that details are current?*

Artists' Society of Phillip Island

56-58 Church Street Cowes

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

Australian Red Cross

Woodleigh Vale Branch

Contact Sheila Campbell 5678 8210

Bass Coast Community Baptist Church

Minister - Barry MacDonald 5995 3904

Bass Coast L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program

Wonthaggi 03 5672 3731

Bass Coast Strollers

Contact Liz Hart 5678 0346

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Mobile 0409 851 599

Bass Valley Community Group

Monday - Friday 5678 2277

Bass Valley Landcare

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Boomerang Bags Phillip Island & San Remo

- Wednesdays 10am - 4pm.

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Cape Woolamai Coast Action

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second Saturday Monthly. 8.00am to

10.00am Marg Dumergue 0419007758

Corinella & District Probus Club

First Wednesday of each month Bass Hotel.

Heather Reid 0421 012 519

Corinella Boating & Angling Club

Website www.corinellafishing.com.au

Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

Balcombe Street Corinella.

Jacquie Carter 5678 0596

Corinella & District Community Centre

48 Smythe St Corinella. 5678 0777

Website www.corinellacomunitycentre.org.au

Corinella & District Men's Shed

& Woodies Group Corinella Road

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Corinella Foreshore Committee

Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

Coronet Bay, & Surrounds Playgroup

(0-4yrs) Coronet Bay Hall

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

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Coronet Bay Adult Social Club

Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall

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Grantville Tennis Club Inc.

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Lang Lang Playgroup

(0-Preschool) Thursdays 9.30am

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Amanda Gray 0458 195 258

Lions Club of Bass Valley

First Tuesday each month 6pm

Grantville Transaction Centre then third

Tuesday each month, Dinner at Bass Hotel.

Lyn Renner 0416 024 356

Nyora Youth Group

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Phillip Island Bowls Club

Dunsmore Avenue, Cowes.

New members welcome, Free coaching

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Phillip Island Camera Club

Meet at the Heritage, Cowes.

Contact Susan 0408 136 717

Phillip Island Community Art & Craft

Gallery Inc.

Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave

All Enquiries Call Aleta 0419 525 609

Phillip Island Indoor Carpet Bowlers

Come and join the fun. Phillip Island

Celebration Centre 6 Lions Court, Cowes

Contact Jack 0434 944 380

Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers Inc.

The Phillip Island & District Railway

Contact Peter 5956 9513

Phillip Island Bicycle User Group

Meets Wednesdays 10am Amaze'n'Things

Secretary Ruth Scott More information at

Phillipislandbicycleusergroup.com.au and Fb

Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL)

56-58 Church Street, Cowes 5952 1131

Email Linda Morrison manager@pical.org.au

Phillip Island Patchworkers

Meet on a Monday night from 7.30.

Contact - Lyn Duguid 0427 593 936

Email phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com

Phillip Island-San Remo - Bass Coast

Vegan Community

Find us on Facebook under our title as above

Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

Phone bookings 5952 2973

Email pisccl23@gmail.com

Phillip Island World Vision Club

Second Wednesday each month 1.30pm

St. Phillip's Church Cowes

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Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow Email: pbpa@bigpond.com

Probus Club of San Remo

Second Monday of the month (except

January) 10am at the Newhaven Public Hall.

Visitors Welcome.

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South Coast Speakers - Toastmasters

Meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday

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Marg 0417 154 057

Diane 5658 1443

South Gippsland Mental Illness Carer's Group

Maggie 5658 1781 Rosemary 5662 4352

South Gippsland Parkinson's Support Group

Third Friday each month 10am for 10.30

Leongatha RSL

Meeting/Guest Speaker/Lunch available.

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South Gippsland Support after Suicide

Phone 9421 7640

Email southgippslandsas@gmail.com

Survivors of Suicide

Raising awareness to aid prevention

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St Pauls Anglican Church Bass

HC at 12.30pm every Sunday

Contact Sandy Ridge 5997 6127

St Georges Anglican Church Corinella

Op Shop open Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

10am - 2pm Saturday 9am - 12.30pm

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Family History Centre, Library Complex.

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Woolamai Racing Club

Contact the Secretary (03) 5678 7585

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Saturday 17 Feb 1877**

CORINELLA.

By P.M.

A few months ago attention was called to the excellent quality of the land still unselected at Corinella, a district on the eastern shore of Western Port Bay.

Situated at a distance of over seventy miles from the Metropolis, intending selectors and other visitors from Melbourne had, at that time, but small facilities afforded them for compassing that distance.

Either they must proceed to Cranbourne by Cobb's coach, thence to Corinella — distance of more than forty miles — by horse or on foot; or they must take the coach to Hastings, and cross the Bay to their destination in an open sailing boat.

Both those alternatives were tedious and disagreeable. In winter the road beyond Cranbourne was nearly impassable to foot travellers, and, on the other hand, the trip across the Bay, though pleasant enough in fine, was in rough weather very damp.

The facilities for the carriage of goods were on a still more limited scale, and, except in small bulk, they could only be transmitted by craft, at great risk of delay and damage.

Now important additions have been made to communications and transit.

A tri-weekly coach now runs via Dandenong, Cranbourne, Tooradin and Tobin Yallock, from Melbourne to Grantville, performing the journey in just nine hours.

And a company has been formed to run a tri-weekly steamer from Hastings, whence it starts immediately on the arrival of Cobb's coach from Melbourne, to Phillip Island, and Griffith's Point, which, though not actually within the Corinella district is only three or four miles from it.

For my own part I had long wished to test by personal inspection the veracity or otherwise of the high-flown statements which my Western Port acquaintances, when they emerged from their primeval solitudes, and basked for a while in the blaze of "town," were always dinning into my ears with regard to the sport, scenery and material attractions of their district, and especially of the Corinella and Wollamai portions of it.

Their pardonable "blow" was, it is true, confirmed by sporting pedestrians who had made the overland journey to Screw Creek, Anderson's Inlet and the Tarwin, and who returned laden, not only with full bags, but with, glowing panegyrics of the country through which they had passed.



Nevertheless, being somewhat sceptical of the rural enthusiasm of town-bred people, I determined to see for myself.

So the other day I packed up my traps, paid my fare, and got up on to the box seat of the new vehicle.

The day was fine, and the roads in a favourable state of dryness, so that we bowled along past Dandenong to Cranbourne, not only pleasantly enough, but at a smart pace.

After leaving Cranbourne the condition of the road changed for the worse, and a disagreeable amount of jolting had to be endured.

At about five p.m. however, the Grantville terminus was reached, and I was at liberty to descend from my lofty perch.

To be continued.

ADVERTORIAL

When is a Supermarket not a Supermarket?

Answer: When it's The Grantville Grocer.

Let me explain. There is the new Grocery store coming to Grantville called The Grantville Grocer - TGG for short -and it is the brainchild of Mr James McConvill. Mr McConvill grew up around Grantville and now runs the successful Law firm in the area, James McConvill & Associates. James noticed that there was definitely something missing from the area, and that was a grocery store that offered farmers' market quality produce with supermarket prices and variety.

It's no surprise that most people love the quality of the produce you get at the local farmer's market but they also love the variety and price competitiveness of a large supermarket. So why not offer both? That is where the idea for TGG came from. Situated on the former site of the Mitre 10 store, there is lots of warehouse space which allows for the big savings you get when you are able to buy in bulk, just like the big supermarkets. However, when you add access to the quality produce from around the area, coupled with heaps of outdoor dining where you can sit down and enjoy the samples of that fine produce, then you have a grocery store like no other.

"We want to provide a unique grocery shopping experience. There will be a café and outdoor dining areas where shoppers can relax, catch up with friends all while sampling some of the exquisite produce that will be on offer at TGG. We've applied for a liquor licence, so not only will they be able to get their smokes and everyday groceries at prices you would expect from a big supermarket but their grog as well- the meeting place for locals AND a one stop shop " says James Through accessing local produce from around the area and providing a much-needed vehicle for employment in the area, post COVID -19 and bush fires, it is a win win for the whole community.

QUIZ?

All these questions relate to events that happened in February.

1. In what year was the first 45 rpm record vinyl record released?
2. Who was the Pioneer Rock'n'Roller who died alongside The Big Bopper and Richie Valens in a plane crash in 1959?
3. Who created the Barbie Doll?
4. Who was the first person to hit a golf ball on the moon?
5. When?
6. Who Released "The Times They Are A Changing" in 1964?
7. On what day did Singapore surrender to the Japanese Imperial Army?
8. Which American President visited the Great Wall of China in 1972?
9. Who bowled underarm on Feb 1st 1981?
10. Who was the last person to be hanged in Australia?
11. Who became Prime Minister of Australia on February 9th, 1923?
12. Which Electorate did he represent?
13. In which city did the first Australian casino open?
14. When did decimal currency usurp pounds, shillings and pence?
15. In which year did Don Bradman die?
16. In what year were the remains of Mungo Man discovered?
17. When was conscription introduced in World War Two?
18. What blew up in Wonthaggi in 1937?
19. Who won Australia's first Winter Olympic gold medal?
20. How many lives were lost in the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires in Victoria and South Australia

The Philosophers Zone

With PETER SINGER

What do you think 'to live a good life' actually means?

I certainly think that there are questions you should ask yourself, like "Did I try to live to make the world a better place? Did I think about how best to do that?"

At the same time, I don't think you should be terribly hard on yourself if there were temptations that you succumbed to or if there were people that you loved and cared for more than you cared for strangers.

But if you thought about this and spent a lot of time trying to help people, I think you could die reasonably content with what you've done and feel good about yourself.



Is giving about more than just the people you want to help?

I'm an advocate for publicity in terms of the fact that you're giving. I'm persuaded by research that shows that other people are more likely to give if they know that their peers are giving.

There's pretty good evidence of that. So I think you do need to let people know when you're doing something significant.

Quotes from Peter Singer:
"If it is in our power to prevent something bad from happening, without sacrificing anything of comparable moral importance, we ought to do it"

"What one generation finds ridiculous, the next accepts. Then the third shudders when it looks back on what the first did."

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Gardening

Helpful tips from the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria.

How do I resolve a tree dispute?

Consider what you're willing to compromise on and what you want done. Get an arborist or a tree lopper's report outlining the tree's condition, any safety issues and the maintenance it needs.

If the report deems your neighbour's tree is unsafe, get it in writing so you can show them.

Get a quote for the tree maintenance **you** want. so you're negotiating with practical, relevant figures.

Find out your neighbour's concerns over an informal chat. Ask yourself:

"Have I really listened to them and tried to come up with a solution?"

And don't forget that, generally, unless you go to court, your neighbour isn't obliged to cut back their own tree. More info?

<https://www.disputes.vic.gov.au/information-and-advice/trees-0>

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 1945. 2. Buddy Holly. 3. Ruth Handler. 4. Alan Shepard. 5. Feb 6th 1971. 6. Bob Dylan. 7. Feb 15th 1942. 8. Richard Nixon. 9. Trevor Chappell. 10. Ronald Ryan 11. Stanley Bruce. 12. Flinders. 13. Hobart. 14. February 14th, 1966. 15. 2001. 16. 1974. 17. 1943. 18. 22 Shaft 19. Steven Bradbury. 20. Seventy One.

Bass Coast Adult Learning

IN A significant first for the Bass Coast Shire, residents aged over 50 will soon be able to borrow digital devices for free such as computer laptops, iPads and tablets - together with an Internet connection - thanks to a new loan service introduced by the Bass Coast Adult Learning centre.

The loans program is an extension to the existing Be Connected Network that aims to ensure all older Australians have equal access to advances in technology, allowing them to stay in touch with others, particularly during these times of social isolation and distancing due to the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic.

Residents who join the Be Connected program can start learning how to use the devices at the BCAL campus in White Rd, Wonthaggi, and then borrow them to take home and tap into the many digital opportunities available.

BCAL community engagement coordinator Emily Sinnbeck, who embraced the program that is managed by social change charity Good Things Foundation Australia, said the Australian Government had identified people over 50 as being more likely to be experiencing social isolation due to a variety of factors.

"One way to improve this, and help them remain connected, particularly during lockdowns, is by improving digital literacy," Mrs Sinnbeck said.

The program envisages a world in which everyone has an equal opportunity to benefit from technology and fully participate in today's digital society.

BCAL is also seeking volunteer digital mentors who can inspire and support people over 50 in building their confidence and skills in using computer technology.



Digital mentors do not need to be computer experts, as such. They just need a basic understanding of the Internet and how to use digital devices and be enthusiastic, patient, flexible and good at listening and working with people. If they don't know how to do something online they will have the skills to search for an answer.

If you are interested in registering with the Be Connected program or would like to volunteer as a digital mentor, contact BCAL on 5672 3115.

Books and Writing

FEBRUARY BIRTH DATES

Charles [John Huffman] Dickens,
(7 Feb. 1812 - 9 June 1870)

Dickens was the second of eight children in a family always in debt, so he knew first hand the misery of child labor, factory work, hunger, and debtors' prison. His childhood poverty and adversity shaped his later passion for social reform and his compassion for the down trodden, especially children, which is obvious in his articles, novels and short stories.



James Augustine Aloysius Joyce (2 February 1882 – 13 January 1941) was an Irish novelist, short story writer, poet, teacher, and literary critic.

He contributed to the modernist avant-garde movement and is regarded as one of the most influential and important writers of the 20th century.

Joyce is best known for *Ulysses* (1922), a landmark work in which the episodes of Homer's *Odyssey* are paralleled in a variety of literary styles, most famously stream of consciousness.

Other well-known works are the short-story collection *Dubliners* (1914), and the novels *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* (1916) and *Finnegans Wake* (1939).

COOLART WETLANDS Spring 2013

randomly woven sticks
in untidy jumble
form the nesting raft
of a confusion of ibis

white wings flap
chaos ensues
stick legs scrabble
clutching at safety

The colony uplifts
shatters reforms
then tumbles
in comedic ballet

Cormorants plummet
beak-first into the lake
jostle onto driftwood
wings droop to dry

Calmness regained,
motionless water
reverses the image
into breathtaking artwork

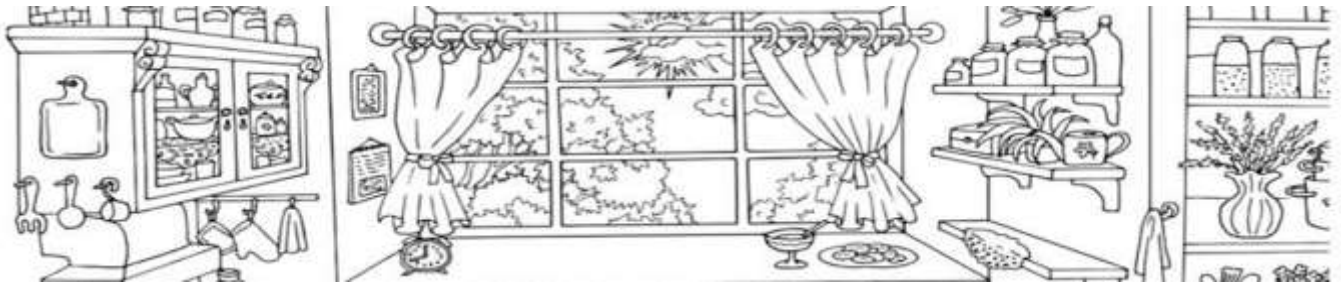
A breeze puffs
tangy ti-tree aroma,
and drifts of salt-tinged air
around walkers

Light seeping through the canopy
makes lacelike patterns
Water ferns float in a
shore-line marsh

Frogs boom and clatter
a message of assurance

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A Cook's Journal — with Jan Cheshire

I'M not usually a fan of zucchini, but this pie is very nice and so easy to make.

Zucchini is a funny plant to grow, you look one day, and the zucchinis are quite small, the next day they are ready to pick, so you have to keep an eye on them or they get very fat!

This recipe comes from a book called *Mix & Bake* by Belinda Jeffery.

ZUCCHINI, FETA AND DILL PIE

Serves 6

Ingredients

700 grams of zucchini coarsely grated
1 cup of chives
5 free range eggs
½ cup of olive oil
½ cup of chopped dill, mint or basil
220 grams of feta cheese
150 grams of parmesan cheese
Seasoning
1 cup of self raising flour
8-12 cherry tomatoes
Some fine polenta for dusting

Method

Set the oven at 180 degrees.
Butter a 22cm square cake tin and line with buttered baking paper.
Pile the grated zucchini into a colander, put a plate on top to help drain.
Whisk the eggs in a bowl, add oil, chives and herbs and mix well.
Press down the plate over zucchini to drain, stir the zucchini into the egg mix.
Crumble in most of the feta leaving some for the top, add parmesan and season.
Add the flour and mix well.
Spread the mixture into the tin, sprinkle the extra feta over the top, press the tomato halves cut side up on top.
Bake for 45-50 minutes until the top of the pie is springy when pressed. If needed cook a little longer.
Cool in the tin for 15 minutes, inverting the pie onto a rack, remove the paper then invert onto a serving plate. This pie is best eaten at room temperature

THIS is supposed to be the season for salads! Seriously!

I love salads but sometimes I get a bit bored with making them and am always looking for a new recipe. This recipe is not new and, like me, you have probably eaten it in a restaurant or cafe before now. However, I have never made my own Caesar salad and I was delighted with it. I hope you will enjoy it too.

CAESAR SALAD (serves two as a meal, four as a side dish)

Ingredients

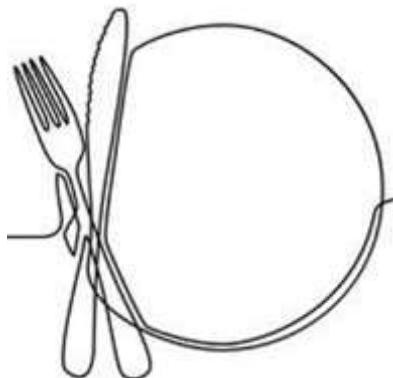
2 small crusty sourdough bread rolls or slices, torn into bite-sized pieces
Olive oil spray
4 bacon rashers, rind removed, coarsely chopped
1 cos lettuce, washed and leaves separated
Parmesan cheese, finely grated or shaved

Dressing

1 egg
2 garlic cloves, crushed
3 drained anchovy fillets
2 tablespoons of fresh lemon juice
60ml (¼ cup) of olive oil
60ml (¼ cup) of Rice Bran oil

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Spread bread, in a single layer, on a baking tray and spray with oil.
Bake for 10-15 minutes or until crisp and golden. Set aside to cool completely.
Cook the bacon, stirring, for 3-4 minutes or until crisp and browned.
Transfer to a plate lined with paper towel.



Method For the dressing

Bring a saucepan of water to the boil over high heat. Add the whole unpeeled egg and cook for only 2-3 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to remove egg from the water. Crack the egg into a bowl and use a teaspoon to remove any remaining egg from the shell.

Place the egg, garlic, anchovies and half the lemon juice in a food processor and process to combine. With the motor running, add the combined oil in a thin, steady stream until the dressing is thick, adding a little of the remaining lemon juice until the dressing is a pourable consistency.

If you don't have a food processor, put all the ingredients into a bowl and stir well.

Season with pepper.

Combine the lettuce, croutons, bacon and half the parmesan on a serving dish. Drizzle over the dressing and top with the remaining parmesan



Bass Coast Post *In* *Print.*

“MISS one payment and I will foreclose,” Mr Graham intoned as Edith Emily Hitchings signed the contract to buy his farm in 1928.

Ever since then, the Hitchings family has been working that farm, a section of the original Powlett subdivision a couple of kilometres north of Wonthaggi. Edith named the farm Avonhurst in memory of the river she had left behind in England.

When the Great Depression hit in 1929, the family had to do whatever it took to keep the farm. Rather than spend hard-earned money they were forced to make do with whatever was at hand, mostly the family's sweat and tears. Ian Hitchings is the third generation to farm the property. He started working on it in the '60s and took over management from his father in the late '80s.

He updated the management practices while upholding the tradition of making do. Instead of buying a silage wrapper, Ian built one. When he needed a front end loader, he fired up the welder.

The Hitchings now own several properties and the next generation is taking on the day-to-day running of the farms. The original farm is evolving into a heritage museum as Ian acquires redundant machinery from other farms and returns them to original working condition.

He knows the stories behind all the pieces and takes great delight in telling them. As a member of the local historical society, after a visit from other members, Ian was awarded a plaque of recognition for outstanding research and presentation of a unique collection of various historical artefacts.

Lately he's been preserving the story of people who carved a dairy farm out of the bush at Almurta. In 1896 the Jones family packed all their belongings onto a horse-drawn carriage.

They trekked from Echuca to the hills above Western Port with their Jersey cows walking with them. They sold milk along the way.

Once they reached their destination they moved into the hut built by Evans, the selector, and continued to develop the land.



That carriage was used for decades but gradually became redundant as trucks and tractors replaced horse-drawn carts. One day it was finally parked in a shed as a memento of the pioneer effort. When that shed fell into disrepair the carriage was moved to another and then to a third one as time and technology moved on.

The third shed started to collapse last autumn and Rodney Jones decided the carriage needed a permanent home. He offered it to Ian who insisted that it had to remain in the Jones family so they struck a handshake deal. Ian would restore it in return for a share of the ownership.

After years of building and repairing farm equipment, Ian is greatly respected for his ability and creativity but even he was stretched by this project. Although the carriage was intact, a century of hard work was evident.

He took it apart in sections. That was no drama but one hurdle was removing the rust. The iron springs were derusted through electrolysis. To do that Ian connived a rust removal bath with a heavy-duty battery charger and a wheelie bin full of water and sodium bicarb.



The wooden wheels were the next challenge. He crafted a pattern for the spokes to reproduce the basic components but the rims were a challenge.

Ian can cut iron and steel, fold it, weld it and drill it but bending wood was a new experience.

With the help of Professor Google, he built a steam box out of an old boiler and second-hand steel to prepare the wood for bending. Then, after much trial and error, he used a purpose-built steel form to bend it to the required shape.

Then he painted and re-assembled the metalwork before Collin McKenzie added the period pin striping.

The finished carriage now has pride of place in the museum next to a Daniel White jinker.

Would he build another one? “No. You only need to do things successfully once, then you can move on to the next challenge.”

Ian likes to have three projects in the pipeline: one on the go and two more to mull over. With the carriage on display Ian is focused on relocating the Jones family shearing shed.

Then there is a John Danks windmill to bring back to life.

But that's another story. As Ian explains “At the end of the day I'll have the satisfaction of leaving behind things from the past for future generations.”

Ian's carriage was on display in January as part of the Wonthaggi Historical Society's very popular series of historical talks.

LOCAL POLICE NETWORK

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The Waterline News.

In August 2014 the front cover of the four page preview edition of the Waterline News, detailed the plans for future issues and defined the area covered by The Waterline News.

The first full edition, proudly numbered Volume 1, Number 1, hit the streets in September 2014. It contained pages of contributions and advertising from the Waterline towns as well as Lang Lang, The Gurdies, Nyora, Kernot and Glen Forbes.

That issue was 12 pages. The next one was a little bit bigger. By issue six, as more advertisers got on board the number of pages grew to 20.

That increase meant more content from an eclectic range of local writers and contributors.

Over the years The Waterline News expanded and the distribution area grew to include an area bounded by Tooradin, Korumburra, Cowes and Wonthaggi. and most places in between such as Bass, San Remo and Dalyston for example..

Sitting at the editor's desk, as Volume 7, #2 takes shape, I have the privilege of being able to look back on printed copies from across those years as well as being able to access every copy at <https://www.waterlinenews.com.au>.

Its very inspiring and entertaining to read those previous editions.

As well as showcasing local businesses and people, many issues such as erosion, lack of local facilities, even the need for a supermarket are still current.

COVID-19 first came to our attention just over a year ago. Its effects are still fresh in readers' minds and we are only just emerging from the shadow of the pandemic.

During the first lockdown, almost all the local printed newspapers and magazines ceased printing and continued purely in an on-line format.

The South Gippsland Sentinel Times, The Star and the Waterline News strengthened their digital presence. The Phillip Island and San Remo advertiser was the only local newspaper that kept printing and I can't praise them enough for the huge effort that required.

As the pandemic continued, The Bass Coast Post maintained coverage of local issues. One of the delights of its on-line presence was the Covid Diaries which portrayed daily life in lockdown.

The Star closed down and some of its great reporters started an on-line paper, called The Paper, which did a great job in a very modern format but sadly was unable to continue due to commercial pressure.

For the Waterline News, the hiatus of the print edition allowed us to explore the potential of digital publishing.

The on-line version became full colour and the length has been tailored to suit feedback received from readers.

I want to thank all our contributors for their efforts during the COVID-19 era.

It hasn't been easy for any of us and our writers did their utmost to inform and engage over a very difficult year.

Feedback from readers has always been important to The Waterline News and the printed version has been greatly missed.

Many people in the Waterline are poorly served by telecommunication providers. The NBN roll out has been particularly fraught. Many people are still unable to access the internet and quite a few have no desire to connect to the often troubling virtual world.

Due to the economic down turn, which has severely impacted local businesses, which are the life blood of local media, it's been difficult to make the numbers add up to cover the cost of printing.

As new ventures such as the Grantville Grocer and existing businesses attain profitable levels of trade and support, the increase in advertising enables the presses to roll.

So, we're starting small and thinking big.

As this issue hits the streets we are already working on the March editions.

Contributions are flowing in and people are booking advertising space for events on the Labour Day Weekend and Easter which is in the first week of April. The copy deadline for the March edition is February 22. Advertising enquiries are very welcome via an email to

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