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## FEBRUARY 2022

Last month we asked readers to answer a few questions so we can publish in formats that suit devices that people use to read the Waterline News.

We have had a very good response and we are asking people who haven't answered as yet to provide us with feedback.



**Could you please answer these questions?**

**On which device(s) do you read the WN ?**

**Do you think the current format meets your needs ?**

**How can we improve your experience ?**

**Please send your feedback via email to [wpwbcge@gmail.com](mailto:wpwbcge@gmail.com).**

**I look forward to hearing from you.**

**Salutations  
Geoff Ellis, Editor/Publisher**

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# Newhaven College



## Caring for our environment

Newhaven College has continued its journey working towards a carbon neutral future. Our student club The Green Team and Staff have introduced initiatives that have contributed to improvements at the College. These include:

740 solar panels were installed across 3 buildings making it the largest solar power installation on Phillip Island.

A large Protea garden was planted to attract birds and wildlife. 5000 plants were installed in the wetland area to act as water filters and to attract birds and wildlife.

Bins in classrooms and staff rooms were removed and new waste stations were installed around the school. Commercial worm farms were installed to compost food scraps.

Additional plants were installed in the wetlands. The College became a co-member of Totally Renewable Phillip Island. The new Performing Arts Wing will feature over 160 solar panels that are estimated to produce 50% more energy than they consume, making them beyond carbon neutral.



Virtual Tour

## Limited enrolment opportunities available for 2022

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# Australians at the Winter Olympics

At the start of the 2002 Olympics, Australian chef de mission Ian Chesterman said to his team "... our winter teams have been the child racked by self-doubt, shy in nature as we saw our big brother, our summer Games team, take on and conquer the world"

These harsh words were grounded in truth. Australians first competed in the Winter Olympic Games in 1936 in Austria and has participated in every games since, with the exception of the 1948 Games in St. Moritz.

In the early years, Australia's athletes did poorly; only two athletes placed in the top half of their events before 1976, while the vast majority placed in the bottom quarter, including many who finished last.

This lack of success was attributed to the Australian culture, climate and lack of snow, as well as the lack of support for the athletes—sports administrators regarded investment in winter sports as futile.

After the appointment of Geoff Henke—who had been unable to compete in 1956 after the administrators neglected to endorse his ice hockey team's application—as team manager in 1976, the results slowly began to improve, and by the 1990s, some Australians were regarded as medal prospects.

The upturn in performance was accompanied by increased government funding for winter sports, the creation of the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia and the purchase of an alpine training base in Austria.

Australia won its first medal, a bronze, in 1994 in the men's 5,000 metres short track relay speed skating event.

Zali Steggles gained Australia's first individual medal in 1998, when she won bronze in the slalom event.

In 2002, Steven Bradbury won the 1,000 metres short track speed skating and Alisa Camplin won the aerials event, making Australia the only southern hemisphere country to have won a gold medal at a Winter Olympics.

Australia sent 40 competitors to compete in 10 sports at the 2006 Games in Turin. Their goal of winning a medal was achieved when Dale Begg-Smith won the gold in men's freestyle moguls skiing.

Camplin claimed her second medal, a bronze in the aerials event.

At the 2010 Games in Vancouver Australia had its most successful Winter Olympics taking home two gold and one silver medal. Begg-Smith won a silver in the moguls, while Torah Bright and Lydia Lassila won the women's half-pipe snowboarding and aerial freestyle skiing respectively.

At the 2014 Games, Australia sent its largest ever Winter Olympic Team, 60 athletes, to Sochi, competing in 10 sports.

The Sochi Team included 31 female athletes making it the first Australian Olympic Team, Summer or Winter, with more female athletes than male.

Australia again won three medals with David Morris (aerial skiing) and Torah Bright (snowboard halfpipe) winning silver and Lydia Lassila (aerial skiing) finishing with bronze. Overall Australia has won 15 Winter Olympic medals - 5 gold, 5 silver and 5 bronze.





**Steven Bradbury**



**Zali Steggle**



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Difficulty paying Bills, Your  
rights. Hosted by Kirsty Mawer  
Executive Officer @ Bass Coast  
Community Foundation**



**Book on 03 5678 0777**



## Western Port Climate Alliance urges transition to clean energy

Environment Victoria has released its plan for a state-wide Climate Action Open Letter, which will be delivered to Federal MPs and prospective candidates prior to the upcoming Federal Election.

It has set up five community-based action groups across Victoria, each group seeking regional businesses and individual signatories for the Open Letter.

The Western Port Climate Alliance (WPCA) released its 'Open Letter for faster and fairer Australian Climate Action'.

Carmen Bush, spokesperson for WPCA, Invites everyone in the Western Port region to sign the Open Letter, which calls for:

- a legislated plan to reduce Australia's 2030 emissions to 75% below 2005 levels;
- a reduction of our reliance on the burning of coal, oil and gas, the biggest single cause of earth's current climate crisis;
- rejection of heavy industry development around Western Port;

- ensuring Western Port continues as a viable place of recreation, agriculture and ecotourism by enhancing local environmental services;
- the removal of barriers to community renewable energy projects; and support packages to enable households to switch to efficient electrical appliances.

Carmen says:

"Every Victorian community has a stake in moving our state and nation in a just manner beyond polluting fuels, to protect our natural world."

"We call on our Federal political representatives and candidates to back our vision on behalf of the people around Western Port, by committing to an effective plan to reduce and end our reliance on polluting energy sources."

Carmen and others will be contacting community groups, businesses and other organisations to invite them to sign the letter. If you would like more information or would like to sign the Open Letter, please email Carmen Bush: [ccbush@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ccbush@bigpond.net.au)



From one side of Western Port to the other, people have gathered to pull their politicians into line.

# BASS COAST POST REVISITED. Things that go bump

I'VE had a month of strangers in my house. They sleep all day and at night have what sounds like very loud group sex in a confined space accompanied by prolonged shrieks of agony or ecstasy.

It always starts just a few minutes after I turn off the light. I creep out to turn on the light and find ... nothing.

Strange things happen. One morning the cutlery drainer was up-ended and the pot scourer was gone. Feijoas disappeared from an island bench. Passion fruit. Pears. Twice the strangers knocked all the objects off a window-sill five feet above the ground.

I suspected ringtail possums, but why did I never see them? There were no droppings anywhere. Were they living in the wall? How did they get out of the wall and into the room? And how did they climb onto an island bench with an overhang?

I grew hollow-eyed, jumpy and irritable, especially with my ancient deaf cat, who slept through the racket.

Once night when my visitors had woken me with their thumping and crashing, I turned on the light and saw a very long tail poking out from behind the fridge, motionless.

Rats. Not living under my house, or even in the roof, but living *in* my house. One of our primal fears. George Orwell had rats bring Winston Smith undone in 1984.

The next morning, I gingerly pulled out the fridge, expecting a family of 12 to rush in all directions. There was nothing there! Well, no living thing, but a nest of chewed up sponges, the missing pot scourer and a heavy rubber brush. The walls, floor and bottom of the fridge were spattered with poop, pee and the remains of fruit and cat's biscuits.

When I went to the hardware store to buy a rat trap, the man said "They've been walking out the door". I thought he was saying it to make me feel less ashamed of having rats in my house until we got to the rat trap shelf and it was empty. At the second store, there were only two traps left, big heavy plastic things that cost \$9 each, and I grabbed them both.

That night I set the traps beside the fridge. Ten minutes after I turned off the light, the first went off, waking me with a start. The second one went off about 2am, followed by the sound of an animal thrashing around in pain. It stopped after about 20 seconds and I guessed it was dead. In the morning there were two sprung traps and one very big dead rat. I buried the rat and hoped the others would take heed and leave.

When I told my friend Vilya about my kill, she asked if it was a bush rat, which complicated the matter. Sewer rats spread the Black Plague but bush rats are native and cute. It would be like killing an Easter bilby. Last winter a family of bush rats lived in my compost bin and we cohabited quite happily.

I went home and looked up rats on the Museum Victoria site. It said *Rattus rattus*, the black rat (which is actually brown or grey), has pointed ears and long tails, while bush rats have rounded ears and tails shorter than their body length.

But behaviour was the telling point. "Bush rats are shy. They rarely enter buildings and are usually found well away from human habitation. They do not construct nests in buildings. Black Rats, on the other hand, love to nest in buildings."

I also learned that rats are among the most intelligent and altruistic of animals. Wish I hadn't read *that*. But when I emailed my friend Ann, she replied "*Rattus rattus* are nasty wee buggers. Fight on. Mike saw one standing on its back legs fighting the cat recently."

So I set the traps again that night. At least it's better than poisoning them. Ten minutes after I put out the light, there was a crash. Then thrashing. I counted to 20, then to 20 again and still it went on. After five minutes, I went out to confront my worst nightmare. The rat was caught around the neck. I used the kitchen tongs to pick up the bloodied trap, took it outside, opened the trap and the rat hobbled off into the blackness. "Don't come back," I called, then went inside and vomited.

The ancient cat appeared, making strange rumbling noises. Was she dying or had the smell of rat blood awakened an ancient bloodlust? God, I was over Nature.

But the rats were quieter now. I seemed to have caught the loudest, brashest ones first. Now I was dealing with the quiet, canny ones. I reset the trap the next night and lay awake tensely waiting for the crash. Nothing happened and eventually I drifted off. In the morning there were the remains of a feijoa on the floor. Clearly the survivors were quick learners and were avoiding the traps.

The next morning it was a lemon. The avocado the next day was the last straw. Right. This was war. I hid everything vaguely edible and reset the traps with apricot jam and cheese.

In the morning, a juggling ball was on the floor, split open with half the wheat gone.

Last night I put the juggling balls in a cupboard, along with a woven flax dish. I hid the onions. I was fast asleep when the trap went off and I heard an animal thrashing about. This time I was up quickly. It looked like Granddad Rat. I took him outside and opened the trap and he scuttled away. Then I went back to sleep, which shows how quickly we adjust to appalling things.

Is he the last one? I'll know tonight.





# Inside The Philosophers Zone

With Renee Descartes



I THINK,  
THEREFORE I AM

*Nexttimeonly*

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**Catherine Basterfield**

CEO at Phillip Island Nature Parks

I am very proud of our team tonight for taking out the Innovation and Resilience award at the Victorian Tourism Awards tonight. Penguins Live generated so much love in a difficult time and continues to help out business bounce back! Well done team. Thanks to [Victoria Tourism Industry Council \(VTIC\)](#) and [City of Melbourne](#) for a great award ceremony!



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## Family Violence

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Bass Coast Edible Gardens presents

# Open Food Gardens Weekend

**Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th February 2022**

**10am to 4pm**

*A wonderful weekend visiting food growing gardens in Bass Coast  
and learning how to create your own.*

*Visits may include chickens, bees and passionate growers - you've been warned!*





# EDIBLE GARDENS 2022 –Show and tell

A plant 'show and tell' is coming to gardens near you. Fifteen of Bass Coast's finest edible gardens will open to visitors between 10am and 4pm on Saturday February 19 and Sunday 20.

They include four small acreages, five community gardens and six backyard gardens. Two things they have in common are passionate gardeners and edible plants.

The people who created and maintain this eclectic mix will be available to show you through their garden and discuss different approaches and methods of achieving your ideal.

Whether you live in an urban or rural area, in a house with a small yard, in an apartment or on a larger block, this fabulous selection of gardens has something for you.

It's for everyone from beginners to experienced gardeners seeking insight into fields as diverse as water management, wicking beds, permaculture, composting and insect pollinators.



## CELEBRATORY DINNER

Tickets are \$5 per garden or \$20 for all gardens over the two days. The event also includes a celebratory three-course dinner featuring local produce at the Corinella Public Hall on Saturday night. The cost is \$55.

*Online bookings for all the gardens and dinner are now open at [www.trybooking.com/BTVWB](http://www.trybooking.com/BTVWB)*

Bass Coast Adult Learning are also seeking volunteers for three-hour shifts to help with check-ins at the gardens.

Contact Leslie on 0491 217 584 or [leslie.adams@bcal.vic.edu.au](mailto:leslie.adams@bcal.vic.edu.au) if you can help.



# COMMUNITY AT HEART

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## QUIZ!

1 What is the best type of grain used in brewing beer? 2. What species of fish are also known as kippers? 3. Name the French region famed for making claret 4. How many British monarchs have there been since 1900? 5. The Scottish Grand National is held at which racecourse? 6. Made from soya, TVP is an acronym for what? 7. Harlequin loved which pantomime character? 8. Name the pop group who reached Number One in the UK music charts in 1972 with "Son Of My Father" 9. What is scampi made from? 10. In place of milk, what is added to Russian tea? 11. What distinctive feature does a Manx cat have? 12. Name the poet whose love was like a red, red rose. 13. The national holiday of Waitangi Day is held in which country? 14. Who employed Jeeves in the PG Wodehouse novels? 15. What type of music is Kentucky, in America, known for? 16. Who wrote "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"? 17. Which animal has the most mentions in the Bible? 18. Who wrote "Mack the Knife"? 19. Name the city previously known as Byzantium and Constantinople. 20. The vernal equinox heralds the start of which season in the northern hemisphere? ANSWERS on page 20





This is the mouth of a river that enters Bass Strait. It often blocks up.  
What is the name of the river?  
Answer page 20.

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## WHEN THE CARS WERE THE STARS: Mr Ed



The Studebaker company was founded by a blacksmith so it's little wonder that, Studebaker cars eventually featured in a TV series set in a barn.

The real wonder is that the TV audience accepted the basic premise that the male lead, Wilbur, would prefer to spend most of his time conversing with a talking horse, rather than spend time in the house with his wife.

Much hijinks ensued as Wilbur hid their 'bromance' from his boss, his wife, and his neighbours.

The show rated well but Studebaker was not doing so well financially. Turned out, they could not afford to sponsor a television show, at least not with shareholder money.

So Studebaker came up with a cunning plan – they would pay for HALF of the sponsorship fee for the program. The OTHER half would be paid for by Studebaker dealers themselves!

So, basically, everyone who purchased a Studebaker directly funded the production of Mister Ed to the tune of roughly \$50 per car.

The show lasted for six seasons, commencing in 1961 and there were over 140 episodes. Studebaker went broke and Ford took over the sponsorship from 1965. The last episode went to air in February 1966.



## Feb 14: Valentine

The first recorded association of Valentine's Day with romantic love can be found in the Parliament of Fowls (1382) a dream vision of a parliament for birds in which to choose their mates.

In modern English it reads:

*"For this was on Saint Valentine's Day  
When every bird comes there to choose his  
match  
Of every kind that men may think of  
And that so huge a noise they began to make  
That earth and air and tree and every lake  
Was so full, that not easily was there space  
For me to stand—so full was all the place."*

These days Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14.

It originated as a Christian feast day honouring one or two early Christian martyrs named Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines connected to February 14, including an account of the imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century.

According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. Numerous later additions to the legend have better related it to the theme of love: an 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution; another addition suggests that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry. The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honour of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269.



The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18<sup>th</sup> century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").

Valentine's Day symbols used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. In Italy, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady).

Valentine's Day is not a public holiday in any country, although it is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Church.

Many parts of the Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrate Saint Valentine's Day on July 6 in honour of Roman presbyter Saint Valentine and, on July 30, in honour of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni in Italy).



**Decimal currency was introduced in 1966**



**The 1966 Australian Grand Prix was won by Graham Hill at Lakeside Raceway.**

**Billy Zane was born on February 24 1966**





# Rail Trail Partially Closed Temporarily

## Bass Coast Shire Press Release:

Bass Coast Shire is spending \$640,000 to preserve the wooden bridge located along the Bass Coast Rail Trail, east of Mouth of Powlett Road in Kilcunda.

Improvements in safety are likely as well, once the project is concluded. Construction will start in early February.

The project is expected to be completed by late April, subject to COVID19 restrictions, weather, contractor and supplier availability, supply chain issues and other unpredictable factors.

The Rail Trail will be closed between the Mouth of Powlett Road carpark and Station Street in Dalyston while the existing timbers are replaced. Notices outlining any closures will be placed at the Mouth of Powlett Road car park, Station Street in Dalyston and on the Rail Trail before Station Street..

For more information go to:

[www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/projects](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/projects)

or contact Council's Infrastructure Delivery Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278)

or (03) 5671 2211, or

email [basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au).



## Photo Quiz Part 2



In which Waterline town is this hall for hire?

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

Enjoy!



## **Quiz Answers**

1.Barley. 2.Herring. 3. Bordeaux. 4. Six. 5. Apr. 6 Textured vegetable protein.  
7. Columbine. 8.Chicory Tip. 9 .Prawns. 10. A slice of lemon. 11. It has no tail.  
12. Robert "Robbie" Burns. 13. New Zealand. 14. Bertie Wooster.  
15. Bluegrass. 16. Tennessee Williams. 17. Sheep. 18. Kurt Weill and Bertolt  
Brecht. 19. Istanbul. 20. Spring. Photo Quiz: 1/ The Powlett. 2/ Bass



# Local fossil wins poll

The Victorian public have voted for one of our local fossils to represent the State.

Our very own dinosaur, *Koolasuchus cleelandi* has been named as Victoria's official State Fossil Emblem, following a state-wide poll.

The four-metre *Koolasuchus cleelandi* had dozens of ridged fangs for piercing prey and two-inch tusks growing from the roof of its mouth.

*It was* first discovered in 1978 near San Remo and fossils of *Koolasuchus* have only been found at local beaches and coves.

The creature looked like a salamander pretending to be a crocodile.

It lived in the rushing rivers that separated Australia and Antarctica back during the Cretaceous period.

The species was named after Michael Cleeland who, in 1990, found the fossilised jaw that became the identifier of the species, and Melbourne Museum research associate Lesley Kool, who spent months preparing the specimens. *Koolasuchus* is also a bit of a pun as the species lived in a cool environment when Victoria was deep inside the southern polar circle.



Upper estimate of *Koolasuchus* compared with a 1.8 meter tall person.



# Inverloch Dune Rally by Catherine Watson

On January 12, more than 250 people braved strong easterly winds on Inverloch surf beach to call for urgent action to save the disappearing sand dunes.

They formed a line marking out where the dune face was in 2012 – now 70 metres out to sea – providing a graphic illustration of the rapid retreat of the dunes over the past 10 years.

Philip Heath from the South Gippsland Conservation Society (SGCS) said Rally Round the Dunes was a chance for locals and supporters to show much they valued their beach.

While a long-term coastal hazard adaptation plan is being developed, SGCS is calling for interim measures – sand renourishment

and an extension of the existing wet sand fence – to protect the beach before predicted heavy swells wreak more havoc in autumn.

Bass Coast Mayor Michael Whelan told the rally the Inverloch beach was the “canary in the mine” for coastal erosion caused by climate change.

Calling for urgent action from the state and federal governments, he said the issue had to be tackled in a bipartisan manner.

SGCS and Friends of the Earth will present a petition to the Victorian Parliament in February.



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**Location:**

Bass Coast Adult Learning

239 White Road Wonthaggi

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# HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT GETTING SOLAR?



## We have a new office!

After working from our home in Lang Lang for over ten years, we now have an office down the road in Grantville! Pop in to have a chat and check out our demo equipment!



## Rebates Available!

Both the federal and state government's offer generous rebates for people installing solar panels or batteries. We can advise you how much you can save and how to apply.



## Over 12 years experience.

We have been operating for over 12 years, and have a huge range of experience. We are fully qualified to install all kinds of systems, such as off-grid, ground mount, & large scale solar.



## Would you like batteries?

If you already have solar installed and are thinking of adding batteries, get in touch. We have a range of retrofit solutions to get you storing power, including Tesla, LG Chem, & BYD!

We are a local, family owned business who specialise in installing high quality solar power systems. We are fully qualified Master Electricians, and our workmanship is guaranteed for 10 years.

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