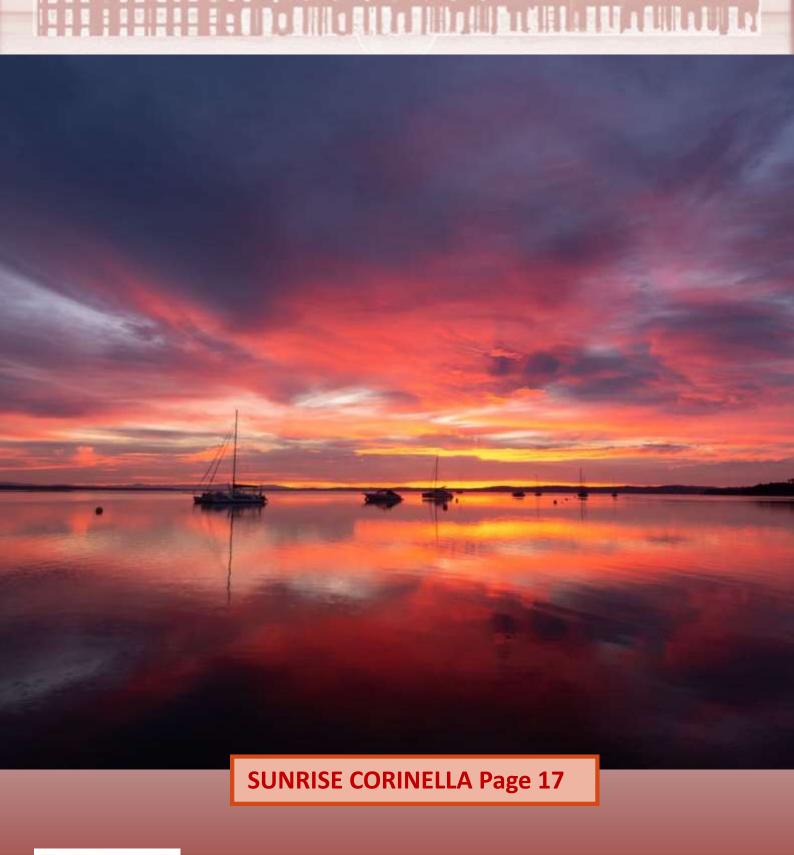
# **The Waterline News**

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# In the editorial glass house with Geoff Ellis



Our Reader survey results highlighted a need for articles with local interest written by locals.

In this issue Alison Normanton continues her series about the Corinella foreshore.



We also have:

Updates about The Grantville Grocer,





Details of Grantville's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in October and a break-down of local projects that have received council funding in several Waterline towns.

The first instalment of 'Jean Coffey of Tenby Point'.



We hope you enjoy this edition and we welcome your feedback via email to waterlinepublishing@gmail.com.

Salutations, Geoff Ellis



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We all have our Covid lockdown stories, things we had to do, not do, or do differently.

Here at the centre we made a few changes so we could provide assistance even when locked down, we know we had different people needing our services and there were a lot of people who couldn't connect with family or friends, those who just felt isolated.

We know that the social interaction opportunity we create is important and that bringing new people into our groups creates new stories for our regulars.

It wasn't until we met Trish that we really started to think how lucky we were to be in small communities where we knew our neighbours, could chat over the fence or see familiar faces in the shop. Collecting the milk or the mail was a chance to interact, not everyone had that.

In 2015 Trish had decided to take one year off, rent out her home, live off that income and travel. Trish has been travelling ever since, she travels in a self-contained motor home, moving from place to place, staying in free camps or parking in friends and acquaintances driveways. Trish's income is modest and 4 nights in a caravan park would use up her weekly income, this generally means she has to keep moving as most free camps are time limited. In the summer of 2019/20 Trish was travelling around in what was/became the fire affected areas. She decided that wasn't really the best option so parked the van and went to New Zealand for 2 months, then along came Covid, cancelled flights, lockdowns, trying to get home.

Two months became six before Trish finally made it home to Australia, she spent two weeks in hotel quarantine in NSW and during that time knitted a blanket from her home spun wool. While in NZ Trish taught herself spinning, using some alpaca fleece she got from a property she was staying at, she used that wool for her blanket. Trish had decided Covid was about learning so she learnt new skills, it was through those skills we first met Trish.

After quarantine Trish was able to get home to Victoria and to her motorhome.

By then we had been in lockdown several times and most of us knew the rules, for Trish it was a steep learning curve.

Victoria was not as she left it and she had to learn these new Covid rules she was living with and had to work out how she could live with them. When a lockdown happened she was permitted to stay in free camps for as long as the lockdown lasted, even those with 48 hour limits were available for the full time of a lockdown, but when it ended she had to find somewhere else. Trish quickly learnt that community facilities like yacht clubs and vintage car clubs would welcome her. Having someone living on the property during a lockdown was good security for them and safe for her.

Then Trish got Covid, she didn't have family or friends to support her, couldn't get to them because she was in isolation and she had to find somewhere close, safe and secure to stay until she was well. Trish was able to camp at a rec reserve, she sorted it all out with the local police, had support from the local pharmacist, but was completely alone through her illness.

When Trish recovered she became fatigued quite easily, she contacted a friend in the Coronet Bay area to see if she could park there for a few weeks. Trish no longer had covid but returning to her lifestyle wasn't quite working for her. She just needed some quiet time in one place to get her strength back.

Trish came into the community centre to join the craft group, she brings her spinning wheel and has a cuppa and a chat while she spins. We invited Trish to join our community lunch group. That group is about giving people who are often alone the chance to enjoy a meal in the company of others. Trish has great stories to share and brings a lot to that group, the group provide Trish with the chance to chat over a meal, something we often take for granted, but something that Trish went without for nearly two years.

Trish brings as much to the groups as she gets out of them. For much of the Covid years Trish was in places and situations where she simply couldn't meet and mix. We are pleased that as a community centre we can do what we are here for and provide a social opportunity to someone who just wants to relax and have a chat.

If you know of someone who just needs the chance to share some social time, suggest they contact us and join one of our groups, or come along to our community lunch.

Meeting new people and sharing stories is important for us all, having new people join our activities, whether for a week a month or long term is great for everyone involved.

Hatha Yoga is on every Wednesday at the community centre 6pm. Just drop in \$15 per session. All welcome.



This Quiz is based on events and birthdays from July.

1/What is the birthstone for July?2/ Which Apollo 11 astronaut didn't walk on the moon?

3/ In which year was the American Declaration of Independence made? 4/ What is the US National Anthem called?

5/ Born in July 1940, which actor played Captain Picard in Star Trek, The Next Generation?

6/ What was the first year in which women were allowed to compete in the 'modern' Olympics?

7/For what were the astronauts of Apollo 15 officially reprimanded?

8/ Victoria's first Governor was?9/ Who was Australia's first Governor General?

10/ Which Australian poet and novelist was born on July 1st, 1885?

11/ Which musical is based on the events of the French Revolution?12/ The jaw bones of which type of mammal are mounted on a footpath in

Wonthaggi?

13/Which German car manufacturer purchased Rolls Royce in 1998?

14/ What was the name of the first

14/ What was the name of the first cloned sheep?

15/ Who recorded "I Want You, I Need You, I Love You' in 1956?

How did you go?

Answers on Page 7











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# What's happening in Grantville?

Published with thanks to Helen Zervopoulos

#### **Grantville Foodworks is still on Track.**

The owner of TGG James McConvill spoke to the Grantville Business and Community Association members at their June meeting updating them on the supermarket's progress. James assured the gathering that his intention to open the supermarket has never wavered.

There have been many permit requirements that need to be met before the doors are officially opened as a Foodworks Supermarket. James and his team are working steadily towards meeting all the necessary conditions to get the supermarket up and running.

Councillors Clare Le Serve and Cr. Halstead, confirmed that there were still outstanding council requirements at the TGG site that need to be resolved.

'It was very reassuring to know that we will definitely be getting a fully operational Foodworks in Grantville,' GBCA president Helen Zervopoulos said. 'There has been talk of a supermarket here for a very long time and it's great that James has had the courage to take on this massive project.'

Mr McConvill is also the business owner of the Coronet Bay General Store and was most generous in provide the catering for the GBCA general meeting. It was a great spread of freshly made food which was much appreciated by GBCA members and Councillors present at the meeting.

The TGG team Laura and Tania did a great job in preparing the versatile menu and they can tailor all your catering needs to suit any function big or small.

The GBCA have three major community events planned for 2022. The first is Grantville's 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration which will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Grantville Memorial Park. The Great Witch Hunt will run in October with prizes being drawn in November at The Waterline Expo which will be held at the Corinella Hall on November the 6<sup>th</sup>. The Grantville Christmas Carols will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of December at the Memorial Park.

New members are always welcome and GBCA aims to have guest speakers at each general meeting addressing topics of community interest.

GBCA can be contacted by email at: thegbca1@gmail.com

# Quiz answers

1/ Ruby
2/ Collins
3/ 1776
4/The Star Spangled
Banner
5/ Patrick Stewart
6/ 1900
7/ Smuggling unauthorized postal covers
(ref page 29)
8/ Charles Hotham
9/ The Earl of Hopetoun
10/ Dorothea Mackellar
11/ Les Miserables
12/ A whale
13/ BMW
14/ Dolly

15/ Elvis

# **GARDENS with GLENDA MINTY**



"A penny plant in a pound hole gives you years of joy, a pound plant in a penny hole gives you only woe".

**Pruning.** Wielding the secateurs or garden shears? It is easier to get it right if yo remember the "Rule of the Four Ds"

Dead Damaged Diseased or Deranged (out of place, not necessarily certifiable)

This rule applies to all pruning with the 4<sup>th</sup> D having a wide and looser meaning than the other Ds.

Some plants should be pruned or trimmed as early as possible. Others can be left a while and some are better pruned in Spring or Summer.

Herbaceous perennials, like chrysanthemums, asparagus, Shasta and Easter daisies should have been cut down and composted by now, unless, like me, you leave your asparagus as a fading golden wind break.

**Hydrangea** need to be pruned to the bottom two or four fat buds.

**Grapes** need pruning ASAP before the sap starts to rise and causes weeping. Prune to one or two pairs of buds depending on the variety, or just prune to shape. Err on the "oops is that too much?" side as most grapes will grow more than you realize.

Roses can be pruned in July or August but should be done before the buds swell. Too early and new growth can be hit by bad weather; too late and big fat buds are more easily damaged and growth wasted.

Almonds, stone fruit (peaches, apricots, plums) and soft fruit (currants, berries) should be pruned by the end of July.

**Pomes** (apples, pears, nashi, quinces) need to be done before the end of August **Citrus** (lemons, oranges) should be pruned after the cold weather has passed.



# **GARDENS with GLENDA**



## **Planting**

**Seeds**: you can sow Asian Greens, rocket, lettuce, English spinach, parsley and peas but they will be slow to come up. You are better getting ready to start planting in late August and September.

**Seedlings:** You can plant seedlings of kale, cabbages, late broccoli, lettuce.

Plants etc.: Plant Asparagus are NOW in well prepared beds where they can be left for 10 to 15 years.

Bare rooted fruit trees and bushes should be planted as soon as possible. If they are in pots you have more time to prepare for their planting. The more preparation and care for a long term plant, the greater benefit you will get. It can be beneficial to plant some potted fruit trees in spring, after they have started to grow, especially if you have heavy clay soils. Persimmons for example often suffer fatal root rot when planted out in winter, but do much better when they have started to actively grow in spring. Mulberries and citrus likewise, while avocados need to be planted in well drained/ raised beds, protected from winds, after the last frost to give them maximum time to adjust to our climate. Avos deserve a whole article to themselves, for, while cheap enough now, bought ones are pale imitations of the flavoursome home grown.

## **Planning**

Now is the time to plan ahead for your summer vegetable and flower garden. Spring bulbs are long gone for purchase but summer flowering bulbs can still be bought. Think about what you might like to grow in the vegetable garden, do an inventory of your seed packets, order the seeds from online catalogues now or stock up from local stores before the "best "varieties are gone. This includes seed potatoes.

> See you in August Glenda Minty





## YOUR LOCAL CHURCHES

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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

## **EARLY WARNING**

A huge number of cats across the Shire are owned by caring, responsible owners and Bass Coast Shire Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-25 aims to foster safe and responsible pet ownership.

Council has alerted owners that a 24-hour cat containment order will start from 1 July, 2023. This is a Shire-wide order.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said that the Plan was developed after a thorough community engagement process.

"One of the main issues identified was the management of cats across the Shire," Cr Whelan said. "The 24-hour cat containment order means that cats must be kept on their owners' property at all times.

"It's important to note that the curfew does not mean cats need to be confined indoors 24/7, however, if you plan to let your cat roam in your yard, you will need to effectively cat proof it, to keep your cat safe and secure.

"This order is being put in place to protect cats, as well as our local wildlife, and to reduce the issues that straying pets can cause in the community.

"During the 2020-21 period, 155 cats were found roaming and ended up at Council's pound. These are the fortunate ones; many are killed and some become feral and do untold damage to our native fauna."

The Plan includes measures to support cat owners to adjust to the new requirement to contain cats to their property.

"The roll out of this order will include an education campaign over the next 12 months, before it comes into effect," Cr Whelan said. "We appreciate this is a new rule for cat owners, so the emphasis will be on assisting cat owners in adapting to the change."

If you are a cat owner, there are some things that you can start preparing now, to create a suitable environment to keep your cat on your property.

"There are a few ways to contain your cat. You can keep them entirely indoors or allow your cat to roam indoors and outdoors while keeping them securely on your property," Cr Whelan said. "There are several options available to keep your cat secure and safe in your yard, such as cat proof fencing, cat rollers installed on fencing, or cat enclosures. There are many affordable commercial options available from hardware stores and pet suppliers," Cr Whelan concluded.

For more information on the Plan, visit <a href="www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/damp">www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/damp</a> or contact Council's Community Safety Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or email <a href="mailto:basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au">basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au</a>









Lisa says she's thrilled to support the campaign. "I can think of nothing better for this collection of artwork."

All the paintings have been created along the coast of Gippsland on Bunurong and GunaiKurnai country.

They were painted where the woodlands meet the sea and the coast connects across to Tasmania."

Lisa's paintings are available for \$250 each. Half the proceeds will go to Save Western Port Woodlands.

You can also view and purchase works online at

https:// www.naidocart.com.au/ .



Acclaimed children's book illustrator Lisa Kennedy has donated 27 of her original watercolour paintings from her Wurramatyenna Collection to raise funds for the Save Western Port Woodlands campaign.

The works are part of the Naidoc Week Indigenous Art Exhibition at ArtSpace Wonthaggi until August 14.

Lisa is descended from Woretemoeteryenna, daughter of Mannakargenna of the Pairrebeene/ Trawlwoolway clan of Tasmania.

She works in collaboration with Elders, artists and musicians and has illustrated many award-winning books, including **Welcome to Country** and **Wilam**, published by Black Dogs and **Respect** and **Sea Country** published by Magabala books.

Lisa lives and works in Gippsland and has been an active contributor over many years to intercultural and ecological arts activities and events in local schools and in the community.

Her deep love and respect for Country, for trees, birds, rivers and oceans runs through all her work.

More information

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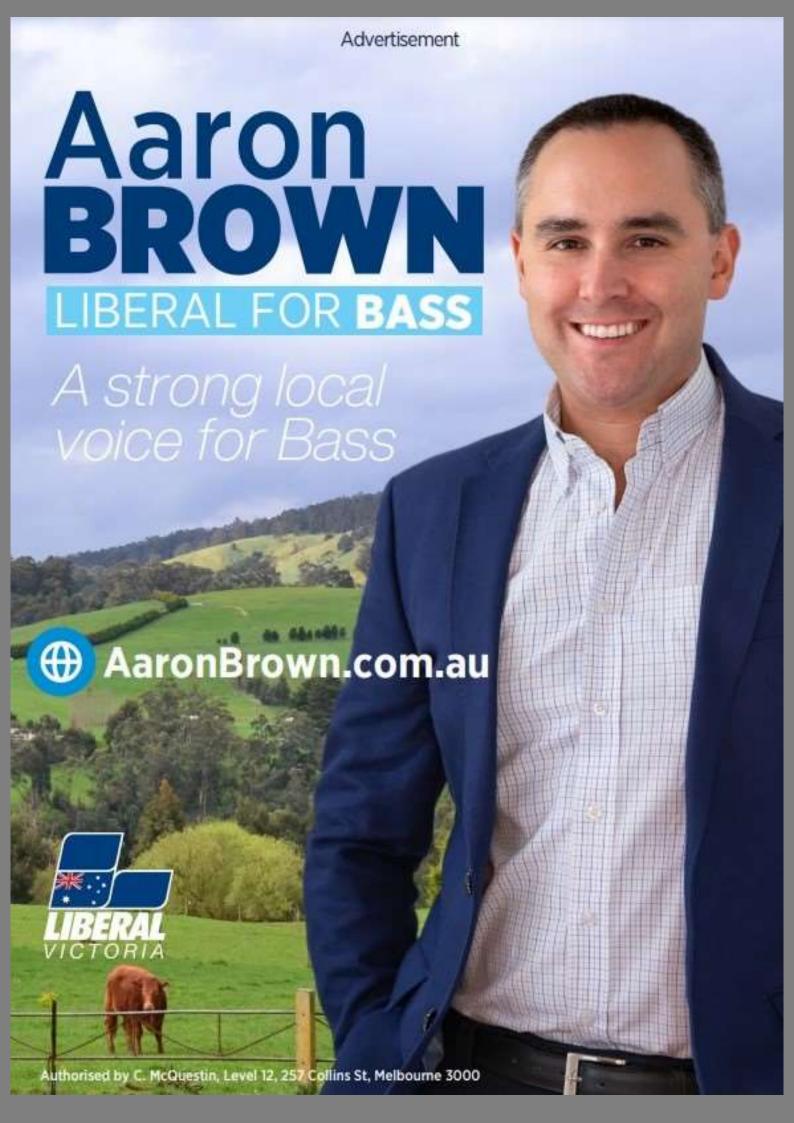
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These are two of the 27 paintings that Lisa Kennedy has so generously donated to support Save The Western Port Woodlands.



# **BASS COAST POST TURNS TEN**





Glasses were raised at the Gurdies Winery to toast ten years of the Bass Coast Post last month. It's Editor, Catherine Watson spoke about those early days of the Post.

"I had set up the *Post* to provide a fair election forum for candidates and voters. By the time the 2012 election was over, the Post had grown like over Writers on the Home Page and you will find Topsy. We had a gardening column, a bird column, a botany column. We had local history and arts sections. I decided to keep going for a few more months.

I wasn't paying much attention. Suddenly the Post is 10 years old and has just clocked up 329 editions.

At an average of eight stories an issue, that's over 2500 stories. A million words, say, enough to fill two Olympic-sized swimming pools. Laid end to end, they're reach to the moon and half way back.

Ten years after we started, the *Post* has around 1400 subscribers. It's not the Washington Post but I like to think it's read by the people who matter: residents who take an informed interest in their community. I say "we" but it's an editorial we.

Early on a councillor told me the Post had to have an editorial board. I said I could attend meetings or I could publish the Post but I couldn't do both.

A couple of other people demanded to know who I was, which made me laugh.

I run the Post as a benevolent dictatorship. I'm just one of many writers. I've counted 42 regulars and there would have been well over 100 occasional ones. I won't name anyone but hover your mouse some distinguished names. Amazingly some have been here for the entire 10 years. There is only one rule for writers: try not to be boring.

It can be hard work. Then I get an email from a new writer with something interesting to say or a new surprising way to say it. Or someone says "I love the Post." What, really?!



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# BASS COAST SHIRE COUNCIL (BCSC)



Bass Coast Shire Council is nationally recognised for its progressive and inclusive policies.

At the 2022 Australian HR Awards, BCSC received the 'Excellence Award' in the Employer of Choice (Public Sector/Not for Profit) category. Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie says that this is validation for all the work the Council is doing for people in the organisation.

"We have a strong focus on developing our own people. Our employee satisfaction results are well above industry average. "Ms Wastie said that a number of initiatives contributed to receiving this Award, including "Our ground-breaking policy to provide 16 weeks of paid parental leave for all new parents, flexible working arrangements and our work towards improving gender equality within our organisation."

"Other milestone policies, such as equal prize money for all competitors at sporting events and our ongoing climate emergency response are just some examples of the changes we've made that are being celebrated by this Award." Ms Wastie said. "The award is a celebration of our progressive organisation, the innovative ideas we bring to the table and the culture we have developed. We have much to offer to our employees."

"We are seeing a large number of applicants for each advertised role and as a result we are recruiting highly talented and motivated individuals from a range of diverse backgrounds and experiences."

"I am very proud of the whole organisation, this award is an excellent indication that we are heading in the right direction as a workplace."

Ms Wastie has repeated her readiness to listen to residents of the Waterline. "I would love to hear from Waterline residents. If there are other actions that Council could be taking please feel free to drop me a line at

ali.wastie@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Ali Wastie

# CORINELLA FORESHORE with ALISON NORMANTON



# Strength in the community: We have spoken

Many of those who live in the area, or who visit frequently, will have responded to the recent survey about the draft Corinella Foreshore Landscape Management Plan.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has recently released a summary of the feedback from the community and

responded to concerns or suggestions made about the draft plan.

DELWP was pleased with the level of community feedback, and the obvious passion of the local community to preserve this unique and special wildlife corridor. Two thirds live in the 3984 postcode, and 60% of respondents live within 1km of the foreshore reserve.

The top two values of the foreshore as expressed by respondents, were firstly, the natural vegetation, ecosystems and wildlife and secondly, the views of Western Port.

For a high number of respondents, there are areas of strong disagreement regarding whether the draft plan met shared needs.

I have been heartened by the passion of this community to overwhelmingly confirm what I already knew – that we care about this place.

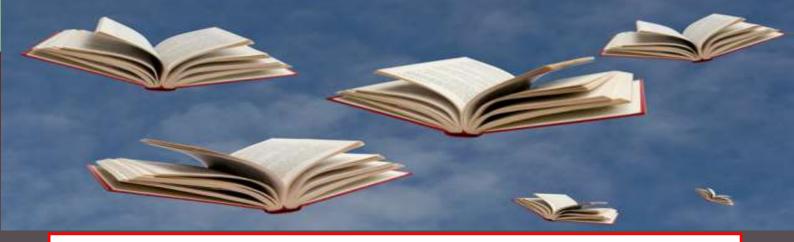
We recognise the benefits of protecting and regenerating the natural habitat so birds and animals can thrive and we are enriched by a unique abundance of beauty and nature.

In the final version of this plan, due to be released in late July, my hope is that it will indeed reflect the values and priorities expressed by this community. My hope is that as members of this community, we will play our part with integrity and cooperation to achieve these outcomes together.

Corinella has existing community structures in place which can continue to drive this vision forward in meaningful and practical ways. The foreshore Committee of Management, overseen today by DELWP, was established by like-minded individuals, more than 100 years ago. Much has been achieved by dedicated volunteers in this time, and over the years a spirit of community cohesion and belonging have resulted in many benefits to the community which are enjoyed by residents and visitors today. Its charter is "to ensure the protection and enhancement of its environmental, cultural and recreational values for present and future generations."

If this charter is to be sustained, it will require the collective effort and the continued goodwill of everyone.

Alison Normanton



## ETHICS IN THE LIBRARY (Wonthaggi 03 5672 1875)

Sat 16 July: "Tourist or Traveller? The Environmental and Ethical Dilemma". (Pierette & Tricia)

Sat 30 July: "Ethics of Climate Change" (Ken)
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)

Sat 24 Sep: TBA

## The Conversation Continues...

"Every few years, Australian politics gets around to not solving the housing affordability crisis." - Waleed Aly. On the first Saturday in July this quote launched a great discussion about 'Housing'.

Back in 2017, Richard Kentwell organised a series of six group discussions at the Wonthaggi Library. He was interested in Peter Singer's book 'How Are We To Live?' and wondered if locals would like to consider the application of ethical guidelines for living.

The six sessions covered six chapters of the book; all were well attended and bloody interesting. Belinda Henderson nearly tripped over herself to attend, having done one of Singer's own courses (Master of Bioethics at Monash University) and owning several signed copies of his books.

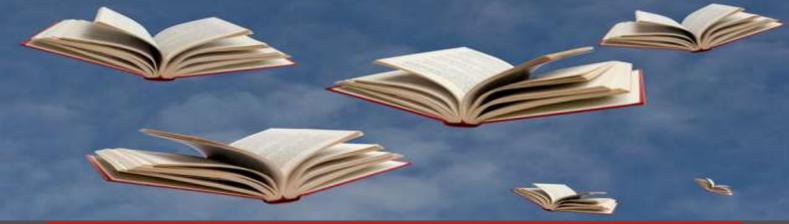
When the series finished, a group of people got together and decided that the sessions should continue, in some form or another. Belinda offered to do the admin and Wonthaggi Library at 2pm every second Saturday became the unmissable go-to. The group continues to this day.

Before the pandemic the group held over 40 discussions with topics that included Free Speech and the Right to be Offended, the Ethics of Supply Chains, Ethics of Food Production and the Ethics of the Digital Economy.

During the pandemic the group zoomed. Topics included The Pandemic of Loneliness and The Ethics of the Qatar Airport Disgrace in October 2020. The group continues to thrive with a casually well organised purposefulness.

They have returned to the Library. Everyone is welcome to participate and nominate topics for future sessions. A small amount of reading material is circulated prior to the meetings as the basis for discussion. And no-one gets shooshed in a Bass Coast Library!





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# **Corinella General Store, Smythe Street**

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

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# Jean Coffey of Tenby Point

"I would like people to think of me as an involved "I guess Tenby Point chose us." Jean comments member of the Tenby Point Community"- Jeannie Coffey.

There are so many aspects of her life in Tenby Point, let alone her contribution to the Waterline Area that it's hard to know where to start. We have to start somewhere...

During the 2019 fires Jean looked out of her second storey window in Tenby Point. She could see smoke and she knew some of the neighbours had shifted into a motel in Wonthaggi. They had kids to consider.

As the smoke became more apparent she got a text message that it was too late to leave. She asked herself if living alone was a good idea.

Right now Jean is staying in 'Myrtle's Cottage,' one of the older houses in Tenby Point. She's busy sorting out loose ends while her new residence is renovated. Jean has been very generous to the Waterline News and gave a large chunk of her time to talk about her life in Tenby Point.

Most of these conversations have taken place across the tables at La Provincia, (La Prov) the legendary Corinella restaurant that blends Lygon Street cuisine with Waterline hospitality.

The Waterline News will run three articles about Jean.

Coffey found Tenby Point (TP) and the early days of the TP Residents Group. In August we will try to capture Jean's input into Serenade at Sunset, The Edge of Us, Landcare and many other community projects.

In September we will give Jean a chance to reflect on her time in TP in her own voice.

La Provincia was originally 'The Strawberry Shack.' Jean has been going there for 25 years so it's a good place to put Jean's life into order.

as she recalls how she and Peter were looking to downsize from their large property in Wattle Grove. They wanted something smaller and more 'beachy'.

After looking around Cape Liptrap they realised that it would be better to be closer to medical and social facilities. During the drive home Peter diverted to show Jean a block of land he had spotted in Corinella but that wasn't ideal either.

On their way out of Corinella they spotted the sign pointing to Tenby Point.

Jean was born in Tenby in Wales so they turned left and drove into the hamlet. One house had a for-sale sign out front but after talking to an agent they decided it wasn't for them.

The agent then told them that an acre, with a cottage, was being sliced from the adjacent farm. It was going on the market but the farm owners, the Dodds, were overseas.

Jean and Peter met the Dodds on their return and purchased the property. That was June, twenty five years ago. Jean's been involved in pretty well everything 'Tenby Point' since they bought the property.

Jean pauses as our meals arrive. "Coffee?" We both nod.

"Peter and I were both still working, so we would This month's short one relates how Peter and Jean stay in TP, maybe one weekend in four and one weekend in the school holidays."

> The TP Resident's Association (TPRA) is a big part of her commitment. It was set up by Pauline O'brien and a neighbour called Brian Coe, in the early sixties. It's been an active group ever since. Early meetings rotated between people's houses.

> "Brian was Secretary and he used to bring delicious cakes from Acland Street." Jean recalls.

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# Jean Coffey of Tenby Point

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"There was a telephone tree so that information could be disseminated quickly if there was an emergency." Although Peter and Jean didn't move down permanently for some years, they got to know the Dodds and other locals through these meetings.

The history of the TPRA would fill a book. As well as roads and drainage the Residents group has had a broader environmental focus. The health of wombats is often on the agenda and the latest imperative is Totally Renewable Tenby Point.

"I think most people value their privacy and yet they are the sort of people who will always be there for their neighbours. If someone's unwell, or they're in trouble, like a fire, they come together to support each other." Jean said.

What happened next? Find out in the August Waterline News

{Peter Coffey was an accomplished race and rally driver and we will cover his career behind the wheel of some classic race cars in the October BATHURST weekend motoring PAGE.}



Jean Coffey stands down as President of the Tenby Point Residents Association at the December 2021 Christmas gathering Jean plans to leave Tenby Point at the end of July.

Waterline Motoring

# One small drive for mankind. Well, nine actually.

Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin took a giant leap in July 1969. Five more pairs of American astronauts plonked onto the moon before NASA bailed. Originally 20 Apollo missions were planned but escalating financial pressure, diminishing public enthusiasm and the prospect of deaths in space forced NASA to make #17 the last Apollo. Eugene Cernan therefore became the last person to drive on the moon. Drive?

Yep, there are cars parked on the moon. The final three Apollos each carried one vehicle to enable the astronauts to collect rock and dust samples from beyond the range of pedestrians.

Sadly, the vehicles were neither Fords nor Chevs. Not even Jeeps. They were Boeing LRVs (Lunar Roving Vehicles). American taxpayers paid \$38 million for four and the three that made it up there covered less than 100 km on the Moon.

As non-returnable cargo they were left behind.

Perhaps one day they'll be displayed in the Gift

Shop at some 22<sup>nd</sup> century Smithsonian monument to the winners of the original Space Race.

#### For the Revhead:

LRVs weighed 210 kg on Earth and could carry up to 490 kg on the moon. Wheelbase was 2.3 metres. The suspension consisted of a double horizontal wishbone with upper and lower torsion bars and a damper unit between the chassis and upper wishbone.

The wheels consisted of an aluminium hub and tyre made of zinc coated steel strips attached to the rim. Titanium chevrons covered 50% of the contact area to provide traction. Each wheel had its own electric drive via a 0.25 h.p. motor redlined at 10,000 rpm. This turned the wheel through an harmonic drive with a mechanical brake unit.

Power was provided by two 36-volt silver-zinc potassium hydroxide **non-rechargeable batteries** with a capacity of 121 amp-hr. These were used to power the drive and steering motors and also a utility outlet mounted on the front of the LRV to power the communications relays and the TV camera.



#### For the record: Lunar Roving Vehicles (LRVs)

Three LRVs were driven on the Moon, one on Apollo 15 by astronauts David Scott and Jim Irwin, one on Apollo 16 by John Young and Charles Duke, and one on Apollo 17 by Gene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt. Each rover was used on three excursions, one per day over the three day course of each mission. On Apollo 15 the LRV was driven a total of 27.8 km in 3 hours, 2 minutes. The longest single trip was 12.5 km and the maximum range from the LM was 5.0 km. On Apollo 16 the vehicle was driven 26.7 km in 3 hours 26 minutes. The longest trip was 11.6 km and the LRV reached a distance of 4.5 km from the LM. On Apollo 17 the rover went 35.9 km in 4 hours 26 minutes. The longest traverse was 20.1 km and the greatest range from the LM was 7.6 km.

In 2004 Grantville had 5 real estate agents all waiting for the property boom to arrive. They spruiked Grantville as being on a growth corridor. Nobody believed them.



## A Grantville Vision by Helen Zervopoulos

WE ARRIVED in Grantville in 2004 from the middle class suburb of Ivanhoe, both of us from a teaching background, to run French View Caravan Park.

Neither of us had ever set foot in a caravan, let alone a caravan park, but blind ignorance often spurs the naive into taking risks and a leap into the unknown, for better or for worse.

We bought in Grantville because we believed it would be a good long-term real estate investment. It was a rapidly expanding growth corridor, the agents all said. So we took a financial gamble and, instead of buying a small investment property, bought an-over priced caravan park.

With no prior business experience or knowledge, we cheerfully embarked upon a steep learning curve.

The general morale of the both the caravan park and the town was pretty forlorn and despondent. The residents in our park were suspicious of each other and unhappy. Both the plumbing and electrical infrastructure was old and always breaking down, making for emergency callouts at all hours.

When we turned up to our first Grantville Business Association meeting, we learned that it was about to fold due to lack of interest and dwindling membership numbers.



"What you need," I said with the foresight of a big city slicker, "is a big article in the Sentinel-Times."

"Yes," they all agreed, "but that's not going to happen because nobody's interested in Grantville."

They weren't entirely wrong. Grantville was just a set of traffic lights on the way to the Island and Inverloch. The only reason anyone stopped was to shop at the bakery. But as there were no centrally located public toilets, most people just kept going.

After being unanimously voted in as the president, I took on the challenge of writing an article for the Sentinel-Times.

"Thousands of tourists bypassing Grantville," I admonished in my authoritative presidential voice. It was a good-sized article and the Sentinel-Times took up the matter, with the council adding to the debate.

Having proved my point, I went about bolstering the meagre membership numbers of the business association by making a couple of residents from the caravan park associate members.

The Grantville Transaction Centreer had just been completed and we attended the opening ceremony, which was presided over by then councillor John Hulley.

The new building was a great asset to the town but there was no provision for further expansion, hence Grantville still has no community centre and lacks a community hub. There was no memorial park either and the Transaction Centre stood in a paddock. The new strip shops weren't built. There was no bank, no doctor, no ambulance and no chemist. The tourism sign on Bass Highway advertised all the attractions on Phillip Island as if Grantville had nothing to offer.

One of the Grantville District Business and Tourism Association's first projects was to get banners for the highway. The Phillip Island tourist map was pulled down and we convinced the council that we needed our own tourist map.

Our mission was to give people a reason to stop in Grantville. But in order for that to happen we needed public toilets in a central location.

As the business and tourism association became more cohesive and pro-active the residents and ratepayers realised that they needed their own representative body and hence the Grantville and District Ratepayers and Residents Association was formed.

In 2005 Veronica Dowman became councillor and together we worked towards getting things done in Grantville. In that year

I wrote a funding submission on behalf of the Residents and Ratepayers Association for community building initiatives.

We secured \$30,000 towards employing a facilitator to connect the Waterline communities. Community opportunity workshops were subsequently held in Grantville and Corinella and the Waterline townships evaluated their strengths and identified what they needed in their townships, leading to the creation of a community plan for each township.

What did the residents ask to have included plans for their towns and villages?

Part 2 of Helen's article will be included in the August edition of the Waterline News.

# COUNCIL GRANT MONEY FLOWS TO WATERLINE.

Bass Coast Shire Council awarded the first round of the 2022 Smarty Grants at the Cowes Yacht Club last month.

Grantville Business and Community Association President Helen Zervopoulos was thrilled to accept \$3,420 for the installation of four History boards to commemorate Grantville's 150th year.

The boards will be installed along the foreshore adjacent to the Grantville Pier and include information about the importance of the town's shipping history.

Grantville's logging industry is well documented but its importance as a shipping port, not only for transporting logs but as a place for the distribution of supplies, is largely unknown. The history boards will be part of the broader celebrations that the GBCA plans to host in August this year at the Grantville Memorial Park.

The Bass Valley's U3A History group, secured funding to produce a booklet on Grantville's history to be launched at the Grantville Library on the day of the 150th year celebrations.

'It's a huge milestone. The commemorative boards and the history booklet will be lasting reminders of what a bustling township Grantville used to be.' Ms Zervopoulos said.

The Corinella Community Centre also received funding for promotional signage to entice more people to participate in the many and varied classes it offers.

These include meditation, strength training, a community lunch and art & craft workshops. The funding will go towards bold and vibrant signage.

Bass Valley Community Centre and Neighbourhood house, got funded for a much needed ride on mower.

Centre manager, Roderick McIvor, told the gathering that the Bass Valley Community Group is the only community group that is on private land so they rely on volunteers for maintaining the extensive grounds.



Roderick pointed out that, the ride on mower would make it so much easier than having to mow the extensive grass area with a conventional hand mower.

Further funding for Western Port Ward included funding for the Glen Alvie Cricket Club, Bass Landcare, the

Corinella Bowling club, Bass Valley Primary School and the Corinella Men's Shed.

'Given the amount of funding that goes to projects in Wonthaggi and the Island, it was great to see that the smaller communities of Western Port received an equitable amount and were not overlooked, Ms Zervopoulos said.

'Filling out the Smarty Grants Funding
Application can be a bit daunting but don't
be put off from applying to fund your
community projects. Council officer Shirley
Egan is a valuable resource who will happily
assist with the application process,' she added.

Smarty Grants funding allows community groups to access money for small projects worth up to \$5,000.

From little things, big things grow.







# 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.

#### **Prizes**

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

third.

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

#### **Publicatio**n

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.

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# **NAIDOC WEEK INDIGENOUS ART EXHIBITION 2022**

'Get up, stand up, show up' was the theme of this year's NAIDOC week and over 70

people did exactly that on July 3 at ArtSpace Wonthaggi.

Sonia Weston Hume, Cultural Heritage officer from Bunurong Land Council fired up NAIDOC week with a Welcome to Country which was followed by a Smoking Ceremony.

Later, in the Gallery, Mary Mutsaers, exhibition organiser, MC'd the opening with speakers including Kate Adams from Phillip Island Nature Parks, Safina Stewart, Artist and mother, Patrice Mahoney, Artist, Board Member at Phillip Island Nature Parks and research candidate Master of Fine Art at Monash University and Dr Margaret Lynne, Secretary of the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group.

Mad as a Platter provided a feast of sandwiches and cup cakes. As the afternoon progressed people mingled and many works of art were sold.

The exhibition continues until August 14 and is on-line at www.naidoc-art.com.au.

ArtSpace, located in Bent St, is open from 11am to 3pm seven days of the week.



















Everyone welcome!





#### EVENT IMPO

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# Reconciliation Bridge Walk 2022

Friday 15 July 11am-2pm

Walk Together for Reconciliation

- Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
- Walk across the bridge from San Remo to Newhaven
- Speeches, music, kids activities and 88Q

Meet at Son Remo Forethore - Marine Parade Son Remo Wear flag colours (red, yellow, black, green and blue)

Bass Coast supports reconciliation and acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land and waters on which we live, work and learn, the Bunurong. We pay our respects to their fiders past, present and emerging and to all Aboriginal and Tarres Strait Islander Community members.















Apollo 15 (July 26 – August 7, 1971) was the ninth crewed mission in the United States' Apollo program and the fourth to land on the Moon. It was the first 'J' mission, with a longer stay on the Moon and a greater focus on science than earlier landings. Apollo 15 saw the first use of the Lunar Roving Vehicle.

The mission began on July 26 and ended on August 7, with the lunar surface exploration taking place between July 30 and August 2. Commander David Scott and Lunar Module Pilot James Irwin landed near Hadley Rille and explored the local area using the rover, allowing them to travel further from the lunar module than had been possible on previous missions.

They spent 18½ hours on the Moon's surface on extravehicular activity (EVA), and collected 170 pounds (77 kg) of surface material. At the same time, Command Module Pilot Alfred Worden orbited the Moon, operating the sensors in the scientific instrument module (SIM) bay of the service module. This suite of instruments collected data on the Moon and its environment using a panoramic camera, a gamma-ray spectrometer, a mapping camera, a laser altimeter, a mass spectrometer, and a lunar sub satellite deployed at the end of the moonwalks. The lunar module returned safely to the command module and, at the end of Apollo 15's 74th lunar orbit, the engine was fired for the journey home. During the return trip, Worden performed the first spacewalk in deep space. The Apollo 15 mission splashed down safely on August 7 despite the loss of one of its three parachutes.

The mission accomplished its goals but was marred by negative publicity the following year when it emerged that the crew had carried unauthorized postal covers to the lunar surface, some of which were sold by a West German stamp dealer.

The members of the crew were reprimanded for poor judgment and did not fly in space again. The mission also saw Scott's use of a hammer and a feather to validate Galileo's theory that when there is no air resistance, objects fall at the same rate due to gravity regardless of their mass.





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