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The cover and the photos on this page were taken at the NAIDOC celebration at ArtSpace Wonthaggi on July 3rd.

The day included a smoking ceremony, a flag raising and the official opening of the NAIDOC ArtShow that was organised by the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group.



Leaders of the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group
Florence Hydon, Marg Lynn and Anne Davie

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Bass Coast Shire Council is making kindergarten registration easier for local families this year, by introducing central registration.

This provides a single point of contact for families to register for their preferred kindergarten services within Bass Coast and to help them secure a place that meets their needs.

Registrations for three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten can be completed online via Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/kinder.

Hard copy registration forms are also available from Council offices, Bass Coast kindergartens and Maternal and local Child Health services. **The first round of registrations closes on Sunday, 1 August and offers will be made to families in September. You can still register for kindergarten after 1 August, but these registrations will be allocated after first round offers have been made. Information or to register your child go to go www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/kinder or contact the Kindergarten Registration Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or 03 5671 2211, or email to kinder@basscoast.vic.gov.au.**

Bass Coast Shire Council has adopted the 2021/22 Annual Budget.

Highlights of the Budget include funding for the planning and/or design of a number of significant, intergenerational projects including:

- Commencement of the construction of the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre
- Works to renew and upgrade a number of marine assets. This includes the Grantville boat ramp, jetty and seawall and the Rhyll boat ramp and jetty
- Cowes East Foreshore rock revetment wall and beach access
- A number of recreational projects that will deliver significant lighting improvements in Inverloch, Dalyston and Cowes. The budget also provides for:
- Funding for the major Guy Road to Tenby Point shared path
- \$3 million funding for urban and rural pavement renewal across the shire
- Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan
- Inverloch community hub renewal

In response to the submissions received from the community, there were a number of changes recommended to the final 2021/22 Budget. These included the allocation of funding towards footpaths and seating in Corinella, solar panels for the Phillip Island Football and Netball Club, an upgrade of the San Remo Bowls Club and seating for the State Coal Mine. **The 2021/22 Budget is at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/budget.**

Bass Coast Shire Council recently held an Access and Inclusion Forum to help shape its Disability Action Plan.

The day long forum had 65 attendees including people with lived experience of disability, their carers and people with expertise in working with people with a disability.

Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) was well represented by Melissa Harrison and Geoff Ellis, BCAL Capacity Building Coordinators, who contributed to the workshops that will form the basis of the new plan.

The Forum was structured around three key themes:

Physical Environment – improving access and safety for people with disability, their families and carers;

Services and Support – identifying service gaps and priorities for people with disability, their families and carers;

Community Environment – identifying issues, opportunities and priorities to improve community connection for people with disability, their families and carers. Areas covered included; social connection and engagement (reducing isolation), recreational opportunities, carer support and emergency management.

For more information on accessibility in Bass Coast, contact BCSC's Healthy Ageing Officer on 1300 2267 278 or (03) 5671 2211 or email basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au



A Cook's Journal: *Jan Cheshire*



Just Dessert

This pumpkin and coconut cake is very quick and easy to make, and it uses the last of our uninvited pumpkins. It might be sunny now but a Gippsland downpour is never far away, as is the memory of those power and internet outages. I feel we need something warming and sweet!

Ingredients

125 grams of soft butter
1 cup of raw sugar
3 eggs
1½ cups of mashed pumpkin
1 cup of desiccated coconut
1½ cups of self-raising flour
½ cup of sultanas
1 tablespoon of orange juice
1 teaspoon of orange zest

Method

1. Cream the butter and sugar.
2. Add the eggs one at a time.
3. Add the mashed pumpkin and the coconut and mix well.
4. Gently fold in the flour.
5. Stir in the sultanas (I always put another handful in).
6. Add the orange juice and zest.
7. Grease a 14 x 24 cm. loaf tin. Bake at 180 for 1¼ hours.

Enjoy!

Corinella and District Community Centre



Being able to put food on the table for yourself and your family is a basic human right. It should not be a privilege or a challenge.

We know that from time-to-time people have financial hardship and difficulty meeting the most basic of needs.

Corinella and District Community Centre (CDCC) has operated a food pantry/emergency food relief/foodbank service for over 10 years. This has helped 100's of people over the years to meet this basic right and to relieve just a bit of the pressure in stressful times.

In 2019 our pantry assisted more than 355 people. During the lockdown year of 2020, when we only operated one day per week for most of the year, we still assisted over 225 local people.

We don't receive government funding for this service it is all funded through the activities we run at the centre and through donations.

COVID gave us some new challenges. For many years our food bank was housed in a converted cleaners cupboard.

It was big enough to store a good supply of food staples but not big enough, really, for two people.

Density requirements for Covid meant it was not actually usable within the restrictions.

We moved our food pantry into our small meeting room, which was no longer big enough for small meetings, and we sought funding to furnish this new space. Bass Coast Shire Council came through with a community grant for shelving and cupboards. The expanded pantry is now set up and, we believe, provides those needing this service with a better, more respectful, experience. We have already helped over 100 people from this new expanded space.

Who uses our food pantry? Well that changes from time to time.

Recently we have seen more people who are underemployed and working in the tourism and hospitality sector. This last lockdown was really hard on that group.

We have also seen families whose work hours have decreased and whose rent has increased excessively.

Winter brings us those who can afford either food or heat and use our service only in the coldest months when they must pay for heating.

As it gets colder we have fewer people who are living rough or living in their cars. Sometimes we see people only once, sometimes for a few months.

Our food pantry provides basic pantry staples such as UHT milk, cereal, pasta, sauce and tinned goods as well as a few extras.

Most of our supplies come from FoodBank at a very generous rate. We can only get shelf goods from FoodBank no dairy or fresh items, so we do rely on local donations for these additional goods.

We are contacting local suppliers to increase our availability of fresh produce, something we could not provide during 2020.

La Provincia, a long term supporter, has come back on board with a regular donation of fruit and vegetables.

We would love to hear from other local suppliers of fruit, vegetables, bread or any other fresh items who may be able to offer support. We also have great support from a number of local groups such as Lions and CWA.

Watersure staff and a number of other individuals are also strong supporters. We would love to hear from you.

If you or someone you know needs the support of this service, simply call into the centre during opening hours with a grocery bag to pack your goods in.

Corinella and District Community Centre is your local not for profit Neighbourhood House, ph 5678 0777 or email reception@cdcc.asn.au



CDCC timetable (July August)

WEEK	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First day in the month		8.45am Strength Training		6.15pm Yoga	8.45am Strength Training 10.30am Meditation* 12.00pm Community Lunch		1.00pm Art Group
Second day in the month		8.45am Strength Training	10.30 Tech/Be Connected #	10.00am Crafties 6.15 Yoga	8.45am Strength Training 12.00pm Community Lunch 7.00pm Book club		1.00pm Art Group
Third day in the month		8.45am Strength Training		6.15pm Yoga	8.45am Strength Training 10.30am Meditation* 12.00pm Community Lunch		1.00pm Art Group
Fourth day in the month		8.45am Strength Training 2.00pm Community Cafe		10.00am Crafties 6.15 Yoga	8.45am Strength Training 12.00pm Community Lunch		1.00pm Art Group
Fifth day in the month		8.45am Strength Training		6.15 Yoga	8.45am Strength Training 10.30am Meditation* 12.00pm Community Lunch		1.00pm Art Group

* every second week

#New tech support group drop in with your mobile device for tips and support, monthly depending on demand.

New Initiatives

7 August First Aid & CPR Training. Online with face to face practical assessment – please contact www.skillsforlifetraining.com.au for details.
20 July (then fortnightly) representative from Gippsland Community Legal Service on site 10am-4pm

Hours Monday – Thursday 10am -4pm Friday 10am -3pm. Emergency food relief, office services, computer access available.

75th ANNIVERSARY by E.E. Caldwell

On that fateful September night in 1939 my sister came home from church with the news. Mostly, I remember the horror on Mother's face. Having lost friends and family in the previous war, she alone of us, knew the terror awaiting the world.

Next morning I set off for school as usual and being 10 years old, fully expected to see armed forces engaged in hand-to-hand combat in the streets. Gradually, uniformed men began appearing in the town and shortages of various goods and chattels crept in.

Six years later I had been at work for 12 months in City Road and like everyone else was overjoyed on this day, 75 years ago, to hear of the cessation of hostilities. Running out on to Princes Bridge, it was obvious that the whole of Melbourne had cast aside daily labour and all were in a state of euphoria. It was mass hysteria at its highest level. There was probably not a single person who did not have a family member, friend or neighbour either engaged or lost in one of the theatres of war.

As things settled down, we resumed our duties and quietly awaited the return of loved ones.

In my small, mainly female work-place, there were wives with husbands abroad, a young lass her father languishing in a Japanese POW camp, a girl whose sailor boy-friend had not yet set out to sea, and I with a brother still in Borneo, all having to exercise a new brand of patience.

The prisoners were the highest priority for repatriation. Their state of health was precarious and many died on the naval vessels hurriedly despatched to reach them. Those who did make it back were facing long periods of convalescence; unfortunately not all survived. For some servicemen, returning to their homes, life was difficult. With shrunken stomachs, sunken eyes, skin of discoloured leather, these battle-hardened men bore little resemblance to the youths who had marched off so eagerly to war. Wives used to being the sole decision maker and children who had grown up without a father's supervision found it extremely troublesome to conform to the new circumstances. With building having been at a complete standstill for six years and seasoned timber unavailable for ages to come, the women's dreams of moving out

from the family home were dashed, so cramped conditions continued and in some cases worsened.

Paradoxically, many girls found life with their mothers-in-laws proved easier than with their own mothers. On enlistment, the men had been promised that their jobs would be waiting for them on their return. Old men and women of all ages stepped into the breach and worked sometimes outrageous hours to keep the wheels of industry turning. But many resented having to step down into lower paid, inferior positions without any recognition of their sterling service. Many years passed before equal pay for equal work was addressed as a truly important issue.

Despite the twelve months after the declaration of peace having been spent in mopping-up operations, the Asian war trials and subsequent executions, the servicemen's nerves were still stretched as taut as violin strings. Months, maybe years, passed before the slamming of a door or snapping of a twig underfoot could be tolerated without giving way to instinctive reactions. But that was still in the future on 15 August 1945.

It was by far the happiest communal day of our lives.

ANCIENT SURVIVOR

After decades of rock-girdling
and severe pruning

your gnarled trunk and branches
are twisted into an exotic form

Swirls and whorls fuse
become one intricate body

From all imperfections
comes a rugged beauty

Patterns oppose, yet dovetail
shouting survival.

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Motoring



By Hugh Videon

I'D BEEN an engineer at Holden for 24 years when I was appointed manager of the Proving Ground at Lang Lang. It proved to be one of the best jobs I ever had in my 43-year career with Holden!

Every new Holden since the 48/215 model was subjected to a rigorous and extensive testing program before its release to the public. In the early 1950s, General Motors - Holden recognised that using public roads to test vehicles under controlled conditions was unsustainable in the long term, and that a purpose built test facility was essential for the development of its future models.

The Holden Proving Ground at Lang Lang was the brainchild of the experimental test engineer Charles A. Paterson, known as 'CAP' or 'Charlie' to those who knew him well. In 1946, as one of a small group of Holden engineers who were assigned to the original Holden 48/215 project within General Motors Corporation in the USA, his role was to supervise the durability test program on the first two prototypes at the GM Proving Ground in Milford, Michigan.

His experience there produced a long-term vision to create a dedicated Holden proving ground, based on the features of the Milford PG but one that replicated Australian driving road conditions which were much more severe than those in the USA or Europe. He convinced Holden management that this was less expensive and much safer than using public roads in Australia or transporting future model prototypes to the USA for durability testing. He was far-thinking and more to the point - he was right.

CAP was my first boss at Holden. He'd hired me in 1954 when I applied for a job

at Holden. I learned much from him in my early career and over time he became a great mentor and a very good friend.

Holden's 877 hectare Proving Ground facility commenced operation in 1957 with the first Holden under test being prototypes of the new 1958 FC model. It was widely accepted that Australia had some of the toughest driving conditions in the world and the roads constructed on the Holden Proving Ground were designed to replicate the worst of them - but under controlled and repeatable conditions.

By 1978, test vehicles on the Proving Ground had accumulated nearly 45 million kilometres in 8-hour shifts, 3 shifts/day over 6-days/week of continual accelerated testing. This was equivalent to about 180 million kilometres of normal driving on Australian roads. On average, a typical durability test car covered 40,000 kilometres in 13 weeks, the equivalent of about 160,000 kilometres on normal roads.

My first experience with the Proving Ground occurred not long after Holden purchased the property in 1956. As a young engineer-in-training in the experimental engineering section, I spent a very pleasant although strenuous week-end with a small group of other young engineers surveying the south boundary to determine the fence-line for what eventually became a section of a 3-metre high cyclone wire security fence 18 kilometres in length around the entire perimeter of the property.

We also surveyed the line of a hill close to the south boundary line. It featured a measured slope of 1:17 which later became one of the sections of the durability test route - the 5.8% hill approximately 800 metres in length over which the test

cars accelerated at full throttle as part of their durability schedule. Much of this area was dense bush. It was hard going on steep gradients in which we saw numerous grey kangaroos, wallabies and prolific bird-life - mostly parrots, honey eaters and kookaburras and others that I was unable to identify at the time. Soon after, I bought a book on Australian birds so I could.

In the summer of 1957, while some of the first roads at the Proving Ground were being laid out and graded, I was one of about 100 Holden employees from Fishermans Bend who volunteered for a 'kangaroo drive' in an attempt to drive as many of the resident kangaroos and wallabies from the property as we could before construction of the security fence was completed. We saw dozens of them that day including a large number hopping back the other way because there were too few 'beaters' and too many 'roos'!

Years later, as Manager, I would at times accompany one of the security guards in a four-wheel drive vehicle during one of their surveillance patrols as they drove around the entire perimeter inside the fence. Their job was to check the fence daily once per shift for any sign of intruders or injured wildlife caught up in the fence.

Because of its remoteness, the Proving Ground was often the target of 'spy' photographers - mostly employed by the car magazines, who attempted to photograph Holden prototypes under testing to obtain 'scoops' before the car was released to the public.

This became somewhat of a game - sometimes the photographer got his 'scoop', at other times they were apprehended and the film in the camera 'accidentally' ruined by exposure to light.

The first Holden Commodore - the VB model, was released to the public in October 1978.

The Commodore represented a major change in design direction by Holden brought on by the international fuel crisis in 1973-74 when the world price of oil almost doubled.

GMH's response was to design and develop a smaller, lighter and more fuel-efficient car compared with the Holdens that had gone before.

Continued next edition

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Open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week 50 - 54 Church Street
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Corinella Probus Club celebrates 200th meeting



From left President Graeme Combridge with members: Margaret Hoy, Thelma Churchill, Heather Reid and Rosalie Oldham.

Members of the Probus club of Corinella and district celebrated their 200th meeting on 5 May.

Always on the lookout for an excuse to celebrate with cake and the odd libation, the Committee of Management purchased the splendid commemorative sponge cake pictured. For some time now, that same committee has been working towards obtaining a fully portable automatic defibrillator.

With the most suitable device identified and available, it seemed most appropriate to present the potential life-saver at this celebration – who knows what medical repercussions might have resulted from such excitement?

So, to put the proverbial icing on yet another cake, Michelle from Australian Defibrillators, supplier of the *HeartSine Samaritan* 500P defibrillator, gave a very instructive and literally hands-on talk on the use and care of the device.

The club would like to thank the following local businesses for their most generous donations of fund-raising raffle prizes: **From Wonthaggi**, Harvey Norman, Townsend Nursery, Dan Murphy, Autopro, Bunnings Warehouse, Kaiser Craft, Revive Beauty Spa, K Mart

From Cowes, Coles, Woolworths, Autopro

and **The George Bass Hotel**

Thanks are also due to the following committee members who were instrumental in making our club meetings safer – Rob Parsons, who first identified the need for such a device and carried out the initial feasibility study.

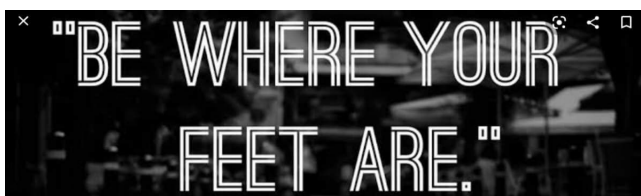
and to the team of Margaret Stewart and Judy Pitcon, who went to tender and identified the best unit for our club.

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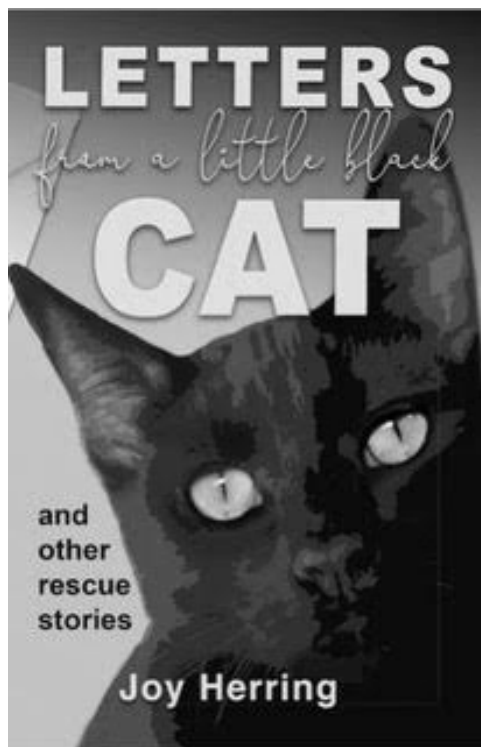
Australian Defibrillators Representative Michelle watches committee member, Margaret Stewart demonstrate CPR technique, watched by fellow committee member Judy Pitcon holding the defibrillator.



One. 18. Twenty Four. 19. Tripe. 20. Fishing
13. English. 14. World War II. 15. Melbourne. 16. The Sun. 17.
Two. 10. Eat meat on Fridays. 11. Mars. 12. The fountain pen.
Tasman. 6. August. 7. China. 8. The clavicle, or collar bone. 9.
1. Colombia. 2. Miss Piggy. 3. A wild horse. 4. Three. 5. Abel



1. What is the northern most country in Continental South America?
2. What superstar porcine character is in love with a frog?
3. What kind of animal is a brumby?
4. How many balls are used in a game of billiards?
5. Who discovered New Zealand in 1642?
6. What month were you born if your birth stone is sardonyx?
7. What country are you in if you woo in the Wu dialect?
8. What's the most frequently-broken bone in the human body?
9. How many tusks does an Indian rhinoceros have?
10. What could Roman Catholics do in good conscience for the first time on December 5, 1966?
11. Where does Ray Bradbury's *Chronicles* take place?
12. What did Lewis E. Waterman invent?
13. What is the official language of Nigeria?
14. What war was waged in 57 countries?
15. What did Dame Nellie honour with her choice of the stage name Melba?
16. What is the nearest star to Earth?
17. How many days does a typical Mayfly live?
18. How many points are there on a Backgammon board?
19. What name is given to a cow's stomach lining, when it is prepared as a food?
20. What sport do more Australians participate in than any other?



Local writer, Joy Herring, launched her book, *Letters from a little black cat*, at La Provincia in Corinella last week.

Joy has spent many years working in cat rescue and welfare and is passionate about these issues. Her book builds on her experiences and memories by sharing stories based on individual kittens and cats. We get to know them by name and from their portraits, which add so much to the text. Through these stories, Joy provides many insights into the realities of cat welfare and cat rescue, especially here in Australia. There is heartbreak at times, but also many positive and even humorous elements in the stories, to engage readers of all ages. Joy hopes that, through these stories, readers will gain a wider understanding of the plight of cats, the changes needed to improve the current situation and a greater appreciation of the dedicated work undertaken by volunteers in this field.

You can purchase your copy of *Letters from a Little Black Cat* through <http://www.bookstore.bookpod.com.au>

amazon.com.au/lettersfromalittleblackcat;

ArtSpace Wonthaggi or Google Joy Herring Author



With John Coldebella

IN geographic terms, Bass Coast Shire lies in what is called a temperate climate. The good news for gardeners is that this means a long growing season – virtually all year round.

Even through our cold winters, cabbage, cauliflower, swedes and many others continue to grow. Fruit, berries and nuts can also be produced as the pages of the calendar are turned. There is not a month when something can't be picked, even if it is only a lemon at the most meagre time of the year, which is around October.

Based on the last sentence, I consider my own harvesting to begin in November with the arrival of red currants and raspberries. Both crops last well into December with almost daily pickings.

December also brings blueberries which last through January. In the same month there are peaches, cherries and apricots, along with the first beans. January is full of the vegetables normally associated with summer such as tomatoes, carrots and lettuce.

The shallots and garlic planted in winter can be harvested and stored. Plums ripen along with the first apples, and hazelnuts begin to fall at the end of the month as do almonds and nectarines. Grapes are almost ready.

Hazelnuts fall through February until early March when the first walnuts begin to fall. During this time, beans, beetroot, lettuce and the other summer vegetables continue to be available. Pears are ready to pick. Cling peaches and more apples also ripen in March. One of my favourites, Chilean guavas, ripen in March-April.

By the time the walnuts have all fallen in mid-April, the chestnuts start to appear on the ground and more apples are ready.

Cherry guavas, yellow guavas and feijoas are now on the grazing menu and all three produced until mid-June this year. These fruit also make a delicious jam if your tastes are so inclined.

May is for macadamia nuts and persimmons. Both of these extend into June.

Just when you think it's all over, mandarins and oranges advertise their presence with their colour. These can last until September. The last of the Granny Smith apples will remain on the tree well into June. In July, the almond blossom and daffodils give some hope of better times ahead.

Potatoes can be planted in August and most summer vegetables in September during which time the stone fruit blossom brings the bees. As mentioned earlier, by October, we're down to lemons. It may still be cold and wet but, with the days being noticeably longer, there's light at the end of the tunnel. What's more, red currants and raspberries are only a month away. So ends and begins the cycle.

What I've outlined above represents a significant amount of self-sufficiency in the way of food and nutrition as well as gratified taste buds. I forgot to mention leeks, gooseberries and black currants, and celery that can be added to winter soups. These soups can be made almost entirely from what's in the back yard. Then there are all the fruit and vegetables that I have yet to hear about which would be happy residents of our Bass Coast climate.



NDIS Capacity Building

12th July- 17th September

Monday

9.30 - noon The Good Bowl

1.00pm - 3.30pm Desk to Destination

Tuesday

9.30 - noon School Lunches

9.30 - noon Moneywise - Budget Skills

9.30 - noon Digital Discovery

1.00pm - 3.30pm Employment / Job Skills

Wednesday

9.30 - noon Photography and friendship

9.30 - noon Exploring Art

1.00pm - 3.30pm Exploring Art

Thursday

9.30 - noon Glow up

9.30 - noon From The Pantry

1.00pm - 3.30pm Baking & Barista

Also.....

Book Club

Creative Music

Edible Gardening

Day/Time TBD



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WHAT HAPPENED NEXT

By JESSICA MORRIS

WHEN The Salvation Army heard that the Miners Rest Caravan Park and adjacent Capital Motel in Wonthaggi would be redeveloped and residents moved on, they swung into action.

The role of the Army's Homelessness Services and Family Violence Services in Gippsland was to make sure more than 90 residents across 67 tenancies found a safe and stable place to call home – within 10 months.

Joining them were Salvation Army Housing Victoria, Bunnings Warehouse, the Department of Health and Human Services, Bass Coast Shire Council, Victoria Police, Quantum Support Services and the Gippsland Homelessness Network Coordinator.

The relocation project started in August 2019 when Bunnings purchased the site of the caravan park and motel with the intention of bulldozing it to make way for a new warehouse complex. The team started by doorknocking at the caravan park, and a seemingly mundane task used to collate information on how to best support residents became the pivot point for building community.

Luke Ollington had been a case manager with the Salvos for five months and was on his first day of university placement when he joined the project. The savvy social worker was thrown well and truly in the deep end as he compiled and sorted through the data, making sure that every number represented the needs, hopes and skills of residents.



The Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction anthology is on sale for \$25 at ArtSpace Wonthaggi or email to:

editor@basscoastpost.com

“We found that this project shone a light on lack of affordable rentals in the area, especially along the Bass Coast; and the lack of crisis accommodation,” he said.

The Salvos team offered case management to every tenancy, with 60 taking up the offer.

The Open Door and Youth Homelessness teams explored the circumstances that brought residents to the park, whether they wanted to remain local, and what skills and work opportunities were open to them. The result was that residents found new homes, ranging from private rental, public housing and transitional housing to reconnection with family or another caravan park.

Given the lack of affordable housing in Gippsland, this was no small task. But, after meeting with residents, Josh and the team sought relationships with local real estate agents to break down stigma about potential tenants. In some cases, the Salvos were even able to supplement the original bond or rent. And, in other cases, residents were able to move or purchase their own movable dwellings using funding from the Salvos, the Department of Health and Human Services and Bunnings.

The Salvation Army team from Homelessness and Support Services Gippsland worked from Leongatha Corps to support and resettle residents into permanent accommodation.

“We had a breakfast and spoke to these agents to break down barriers and stigma,” said Josh. “We explained that there are some good people who are in a bad situation and need a leg up.”

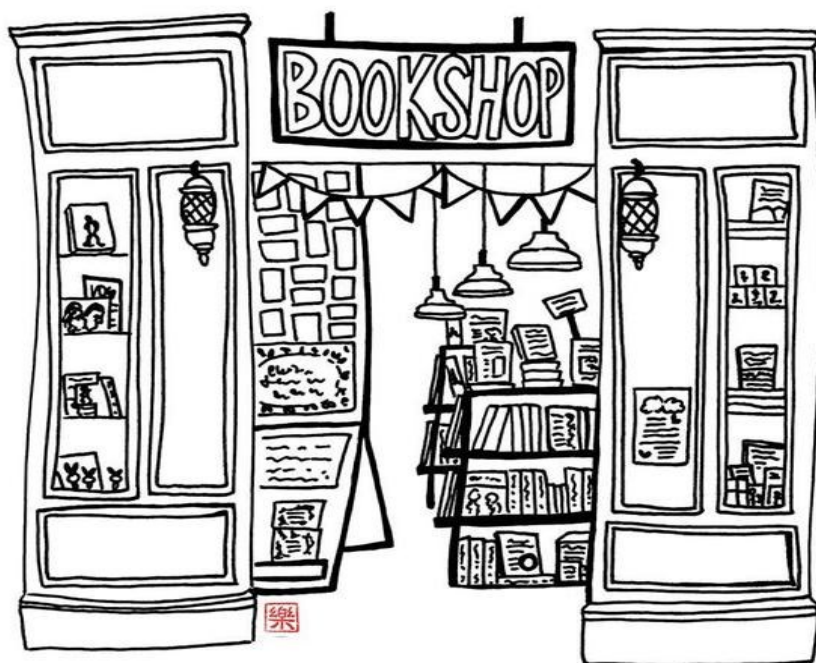
Thankfully, most of the team’s face-to-face interactions happened before COVID-19 impeded their work and, by August 2020, every resident who had asked for case management was assisted. This meant that the project wrapped up with 46 tenancies for long-term accommodation. Some were even offered jobs by Bunnings! And residents were followed up in later months to ensure they had adequate support.

The remaining tenancies included those who did not engage with services, found alternate accommodation without support from a partnering agency, or are couch surfing.

“At the start of this project, we really wanted to focus on each individual resident,” said Josh. “We wanted to ask, ‘What are your ambitions and goals? Do you want to learn new skills to get a job?’ There was a genuine sense that Bunnings wanted it to work for the community and that made our jobs easier.”

So, could the project be replicated elsewhere? Absolutely – and the Salvos Open Door team is hopeful that its work could be the baseline for another community. But for the moment, the chapter is closed on this one. A job well done.

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

Artists' Society of Phillip Island

56-58 Church Street Cowes
<http://aspi-inc.org.au/>

Australian Red Cross Woodleigh Vale

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

Website <http://basscoaststrollers.org/>

Bass Friends of the RSL

Secretary Trish Thick 5678 1071

Mobile 0409 851 599

Bass Valley Community Group

Monday - Friday 5678 2277

Bass Valley Landcare

2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass 5678 2335

Cape Woolamai Coast Action

Email capewoolamaicoastaction@gmail.com

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.corinellacommunitycentre.org.au

Corinella & District Men's Shed

& Woodies Group Corinella Road

Contact Ken Thomas 0427 889 191

Corinella Foreshore Committee

Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

Corinella Resident ad Ratepayer Assoc.

crara3984secretary@gmail.com

Coronet Bay, & Surrounds Playgroup

(0-4yrs) Coronet Bay Hall

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

Contacts Catherine 0416 112 629

Coronet Bay Adult Social Club

Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall

Ann 5678 0341

Coronet Bay Community

Garden *NEW LISTING*

Open to all and new members welcome

Di - 0428599621 or Len 0402921577

Country Women's Association of Vic inc. Bass Group.

Cowes: Brenda cwaofviccowes@gmail.com

Glen Alvie Pam 0417 372 979

Grantville Libby 5678 0339

Loch Helen 0417 372 979

Woodleigh Vale Carol 5678 8041

Cowes Table Tennis Group

Barbara Parrott 0425 885 834

Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary

Contact - Shelly 0417 593 497

Grantville Business & Community

Association

Secretary Sandy Ridge

Email thegbca1@gmail.com

Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

Contact: Barbara Coles

Email bacoles@bigpond.net.au

Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee

Pat Van 5997 6221

Grantville Tennis Club Inc.

Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

Lang Lang Bowling Club

Ian Painter 5997 6554 M: 0419 646 040

Email langlangbowling@bigpond.com

Lang Lang Cricket Club

Secretary: Sharon July 0459 368 431

Lang Lang Playgroup

(0-Preschool) Thursdays 9.30am

Contact: Leah Dyall 0418 463 963

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

Phillip Island Bowls Club

Dunsmore Avenue, Cowes.

New members welcome, Free coaching

Contact George Mol 0407 851 065

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 piscc123@gmail.com

Phillip Island World Vision Club

Second Wednesday each month 1.30pm

St. Phillip's Church Cowes

Enquiries - Thelma 5678 5549

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.

Enquiries Diane Glanz 0417 610 611

Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo ** NEW LISTING **

Op Shop 136 Thompson Ave, Cowes

Contact Judy Lawrence

email: treasurer@rotaryPISR.org.au

Rhyll Community Association.

Secretary Cheryl Overton 0427 680 483

South Coast Speakers - Toastmasters

Contact Patricia 0412 339 795

Email info@southcoastspeakers.org.au

South Gippsland Arthritis Support Group

Contact: Adam 0408 353 785

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.

Email Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com

South Gippsland Support after Suicide

Phone 9421 7640

Email southgippslandsas@gmail.com

Survivors of Suicide

Raising awareness to aid prevention

Jillian Drew 0413 056 165

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

Tenby Point Residents Association

President Jean Coffey 0419 500 593

Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc.

Family History Centre, Library Complex.

Murray Street, Wonthaggi 5672 3803

secretary@wonthaggigenealogy.org.au

Woolamai Racing Club

Secretary (03) 5678 7585



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Emergency Planning Advice Service (Pilot Program)

Do you have a plan for fire and other emergencies?

For a short time in 2021 CFA and Red Cross will deliver a free service in the Bass Coast Council area.

What is the service?

The Emergency Planning Advice Service (EPAS) is a conversation-based program. It is designed to support people who live with a disability, are older, or have a chronic or acute medical condition to create a fire plan. EPAS is an in-home based service where Red Cross and CFA facilitators visit you at your home. These facilitators can give you basic fire safety advice, answer your questions, and offer suggestions to help with your plan.

Who is it for?

EPAS is designed for people who need coordinated everyday support to remain in their homes and live in identified high bushfire risk areas.

How do I get involved?

If you're interested in taking part contact us at 1300 226 278 or community.support@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Note: CFA and Red Cross are trialling the EPAS program as a way of supporting people who may be more vulnerable to a fire. As this is a pilot program for testing, it will be evaluated to determine what works well and what needs to be improved.

