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HOWZAT ?



MARCH



Well, here we are, in March already! Welcome to autumn. Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey on whether the current format meets your needs and how we might improve your reading experience. Most people were happy so, if you are not one of them and would like us to make some changes, please let us know.

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Geoff Ellis. Editor

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International Women's Day

The seed for International Women's Day (IWD) was planted in 1908, when 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter working hours, better pay and the right to vote.

Klara Zetkin, a German woman, suggested at an International Conference of Working Women in Copenhagen in 1910 that the event become internationally recognised.

The hundred women, from 17 countries, agreed unanimously and IWD was first celebrated the following year.

Since then, International Women's Day has become a date to acknowledge and celebrate how far women have come in society, politics and economics. The theme changes annually, and this year it's "Break the Bias" or "Changing Climates: Equality today for a Sustainable Tomorrow".

The political roots of the day ensure that the focus remains on the continued inequality that exists for women. (The term "women" includes all people who identify as women, including trans and non-binary folk who experience similar – or greater – inequity related to their gender identity).



The Future is Equal

For me, IWD provides the opportunity for reflection, on how far we – women and our allies – have come, as well as on how far we still must go. This year, there's been a lot to reflect on.

The incomparable and fierce Grace Tame, the brave and resolute Brittany Higgins, and the March4Justice rallies they inspired around the country, and the response from our Federal political leaders. Last year in San Remo, I walked next to a woman who'd been marching since before I was born. I'm 47. That woman has walked many steps, yet she showed up and she marched. This woman, and women like her, are the reason I can write like this, do the work that I do, and live the life that I live. They're the reason you can too.

On this IWD, if you're a woman older than me, I thank you for the work that you've done and the sacrifices you've made, often with no choice about making them. For fighting for the opportunity to vote, work, own property and for sexual and reproductive health rights. For resigning from your job once you were married, or pregnant, because the law required it. For marching, since before I was born. I know you're tired, because you told me. You deserve to see the change that you, and many others like you, have agitated for, for so long.

If you're a younger woman, I hope that you're inspired – as I am – by women like Grace Tame and Brittany Higgins who have placed the conversation around sexual violence against women and children – as well as the broader conversation around equality – on the national agenda in a way that's never happened before. It's an opportunity that we may not see again for a long time. I ask you to not to let this opportunity be displaced. Keep talking, stay noisy, don't play nice. The expectation that we play nice is part of why we're here in the first place, and it maintains the discriminatory status quo.

If you're somewhere in the middle, like me, I encourage you to look both ways. To acknowledge those who've created space for you and intentionally create space for those whose time is to come. Sometimes it is disheartening, but the times they are a'changing.

And please take a moment to acknowledge how far you, personally have come. It's taken some doing. I commend you.

If you're a man and you've kept reading this far, I sincerely thank you.

Gender inequality is not a woman's issue.

Gender inequality is damaging and destructive to men and boys too (please take some time to read the Man Box research).

We need everyone to be part of the solution. You can be an important ally. You can play your part by noticing – once you start to look for inequality, you'll see it everywhere. Challenge it. Create opportunities to diminish the rigidity of the gender roles in your home, your workplace, your community. If you want to know more, here's a great place to start: <https://www.gwhealth.asn.au/work/prevent-violence-against-women/>

Most importantly, to those women who experience greater disadvantage and inequality because of the circumstances of their lives and identities, I see you.

If you're a woman with disability, particularly an intellectual disability, or a woman from a culturally and linguistically diverse background, or an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander woman, or a person who identifies as being LGBTIQ+*, you will – statistically – experience higher levels of violence, including sexual violence.

The "statistics" are not numbers, but are people and from hearing stories over many years of working in the violence prevention space, they ring true.

Services and supports – and the world – need to be inclusive of and accessible to you, most of all.

I believe that IWD, and the action that it inspires, must leave no one behind. It must be inclusive of all women, especially those who experience greater disadvantage.

We must act to truly "Break the Bias".
Equality is not equality unless it belongs to everyone.



The Phillip Island Pro was held over the weekend (10 to 13 February) at Cape Woolamai, home to some of the best beach break waves in Australia.

This year's event saw 88 Qualifying Series surfers, 33 Open competitors and eight Indigenous Invitational competitors take part, including local competitors Carl Wright, Harry de Roth, Sage Goldsbury, Sophie Fletcher and Poppy Corbett.

Congratulations to Jacob Willcox, from Margaret River and Sunshine Coast surfer Sophie McCulloch, who were crowned champions at the event.

Congratulations also goes to Phillip Island surfer Sophie Fletcher, who was crowned Victorian Open State Champion after the final round of the three event series was held as part of the Phillip Island Pro.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, said that Council is proud of its longstanding partnership with events like the Phillip Island Pro.

"We are delighted to be the major sponsor and presenting partner of an iconic event for our region," Cr Whelan said.

"The estimated economic benefit of the 2019 Phillip Island Pro was \$217,300 over the four days of the event, providing significant economic benefit to the region. This year, around 2,000 spectators attended over the four-day event.

The Phillip Island Pro will return to Cape Woolamai in November.



Last year Bass Coast Shire Council mandated equal prize money to men and women competing in competitions organised by professional sporting bodies.

The first event was the AMX Motocross Open. The \$20,000 prizemoney, one of the largest purses in Motocross, was split equitably between the top classes.

Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie said the decision to negotiate equal prizemoney sent a powerful message about gender equality and was "simply the right thing to do".

"It is only fair that male and female athletes are treated with equality and we will actively support sporting bodies that embody those values," Ms Wastie said.

The Phillip Island Pro surfing event was one of several Bass Coast events that have included equity of prize money.



Covid changed the way we operate.

By definition we exist to support all in our community. Covid however has meant we have to require check in, masks and of course double vaccinations. While we agree safety of our community is paramount and we think vaccination is the best way to go we also understand not everyone who comes to us will be double vaccinated. We have a doorbell outside if anyone isn't vaccinated and needs us they just ring the bell and we go out.

Our day started at the supermarket.

After the Christmas break our freezer and fridge were empty. At least we now have burgers, sausages, mince, chicken schnitzels, eggs and enough salad for the next two weeks.

Many of the people who attend our community lunch are older residents. With families interstate or not around they can become quite isolated. Being able to offer them a sit down meal in the company of others is important.

Arrive at the centre, our volunteer had to stay home today as he was unwell. Pre- Covid he would have soldiered on but we don't do that anymore. Made it a bit tricky as we had a delivery from food bank to restock our food relief pantry. Luckily it was just a top up delivery, we didn't want to be caught short so we did a small order to make sure we had the basics of UHT milk, pasta, rice, cereal etc. It didn't take too long to unpack the pallet, which of course doesn't fit through the door so has to be broken down and moved box by box.

In 2021 Food Bank received a grant that meant they provided goods at no cost, that grant has now run out so while subsidised there is now a cost for us to order from Food Bank, we spend about \$100 every month or so.

Several local businesses, community groups and individuals donate to us. From time to time we even get excess produce from people's gardens. It is an important service and one we will continue to fund as a priority for those in need.

One of our community members who doesn't have Wi-Fi came in to use the computers. Hadn't seen him since pre Christmas so reminded him that mask rules had changed again and he now had to wear one in the centre. If you live a bit off the grid it can be difficult to keep up.

We keep masks on hand so anyone who visits can grab one or those who need to replace them can pick up one or two.

For many, masks are an expensive commodity and if they don't have them they can't even go shopping.

A young man dropped in, he wasn't vaccinated so we went outside for a chat.

He is homeless, living in his car with his partner and in need of food. We chatted about what he needed and what he could cook. Often our homeless visitors have limited cooking facilities so we are careful about what we give them. Gave him some of the Frozen Quiche, supplied by Frankies Kitchen in Warragul, a group that turns excess food into easy meals, they have been supporting us for a couple of months now.

The quiche is great and ready to eat when defrosted or can be heated. This couple don't have any other access to food at present, we don't have meat, veg or fresh dairy so they will have a limited diet for a time but they do have cereal, UHT milk, rice, ready meals and some tinned food. I do know they have met up with another of our homeless visitors so will at least have some fish. Those in tough times pretty much look out for each other.

Printed a couple of documents for one of our older visitors who wasn't sure how to get directions for medical appointments off the phone, the phone made them too small to read. We just forwarded the email to the centre, printed, problem solved. Sometimes lack of IT skills can make the day to day seem challenging.

Another person in for food pantry. This family is fleeing domestic violence and staying with a friend but they need food to tide them over until they sort out access to funds. We provided a "share the dignity" bag, it comes with a lot of women's products and toiletries, including hair and tooth brushes, the sort of stuff you forget when leaving in a hurry. We provided food including a few treats for the kids along with some books and Lego to keep them entertained. The treats, in the form of muesli bars, chocolate bars etc. are donated by kind community members. The Lego and toys come from an organisation that coordinates goods from big business and makes it available to small groups such as us.

In between I dealt with the emails and admin and planning for the year, not an overly busy day with visitors. But certainly a worthwhile one. We are just getting our programs and activities running again, in a Covid safe way of course. Hopefully this year we will start to build our programs. Whatever happens our volunteers, committee and staff are here to support our community.

Kerri Ritchie, Manager

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Hours.

Monday - Thursday 10am-4pm

Call for Volunteers or tutors
would you like to run an
activity or share a skill?



Meditation returns
Thursday
10 February 2022
10.30am



Strength training
Monday and Thursday
8.45am



Crafties - all crafts
welcome
Wednesday 10.00am



Corinella and district
Community Centre.

We support our community with a
range of services.

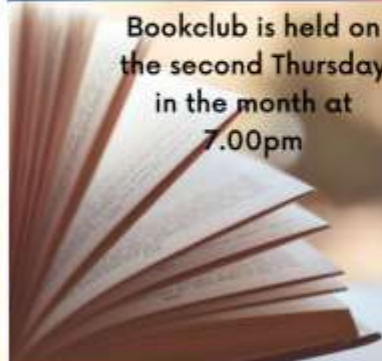
- Emergency food relief for those in our community going through hard times.
- Office services including printing scanning and use of computers.
- Rooms for Hire - great rates for community groups
- Justice of the Peace available Thursdays
- Computer support available
- Community Lawyer fortnightly, Tuesdays.

Support your local community
centre by becoming a member.



Art Group.
Saturday 1.00pm

Bookclub is held on
the second Thursday
in the month at
7.00pm



Community Lunch
Thursday 12.00pm



Walking Group
Tuesday 10.00am



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GIVE
BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

we need you!

volunteers needed to assist in the office
for a morning, an afternoon or a day?



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COSY HOMES

Cosy Homes

Preparing in Autumn for winter chills.

Cosy Homes is joining the Corinella Community Centre "Money Go Round" sessions to look at energy efficiency in the home, on Tuesday 8th March.

With a concession card, you can be one of 30 Bass Coast households receiving free energy assessments and follow-up draught-proofing. You can also apply for a \$250 one-off energy grant at the Centre.

Vaccinated renters and home owners are eligible for Cosy Homes visits. For home owners, the State Government has a number of offers which give rebates for new heating and cooling systems, as well as solar heat pumps to replace energy-hungry old storage heaters. We will have information on all the current offers at our event. We also have tips about low-cost ways to save energy in your home.

The Cosy Homes project is the brainwave of two local climate activists who are keen to reach local people with concerns about their energy bills and the planet.

On the day, you can pick up some free light globes, door snakes and warm rugs for the winter. Please bring a recent electricity bill so we can check it against offers by rival energy companies.

Sessions run from 10am-12.00 and 12.30-2.30pm with a free lunch at 12.00. For more info and lunch bookings, call Corinella and District Community Centre 03 5678 0777 or Cosy Homes Coordinator Jessica Harrison 0438 174029
Email : cosyhomes2122@gmail.com



COSY HOMES

ARE YOU PAYING HIGH ELECTRICITY BILLS?

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YOU COULD BE ONE OF 30 BASS COAST HOUSEHOLDS OFFERED:

- a free energy assessment,
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Renters and home owners are eligible.

When we visit, we can check your power bills to make sure you are on the best offer.

Book now so you don't miss out!

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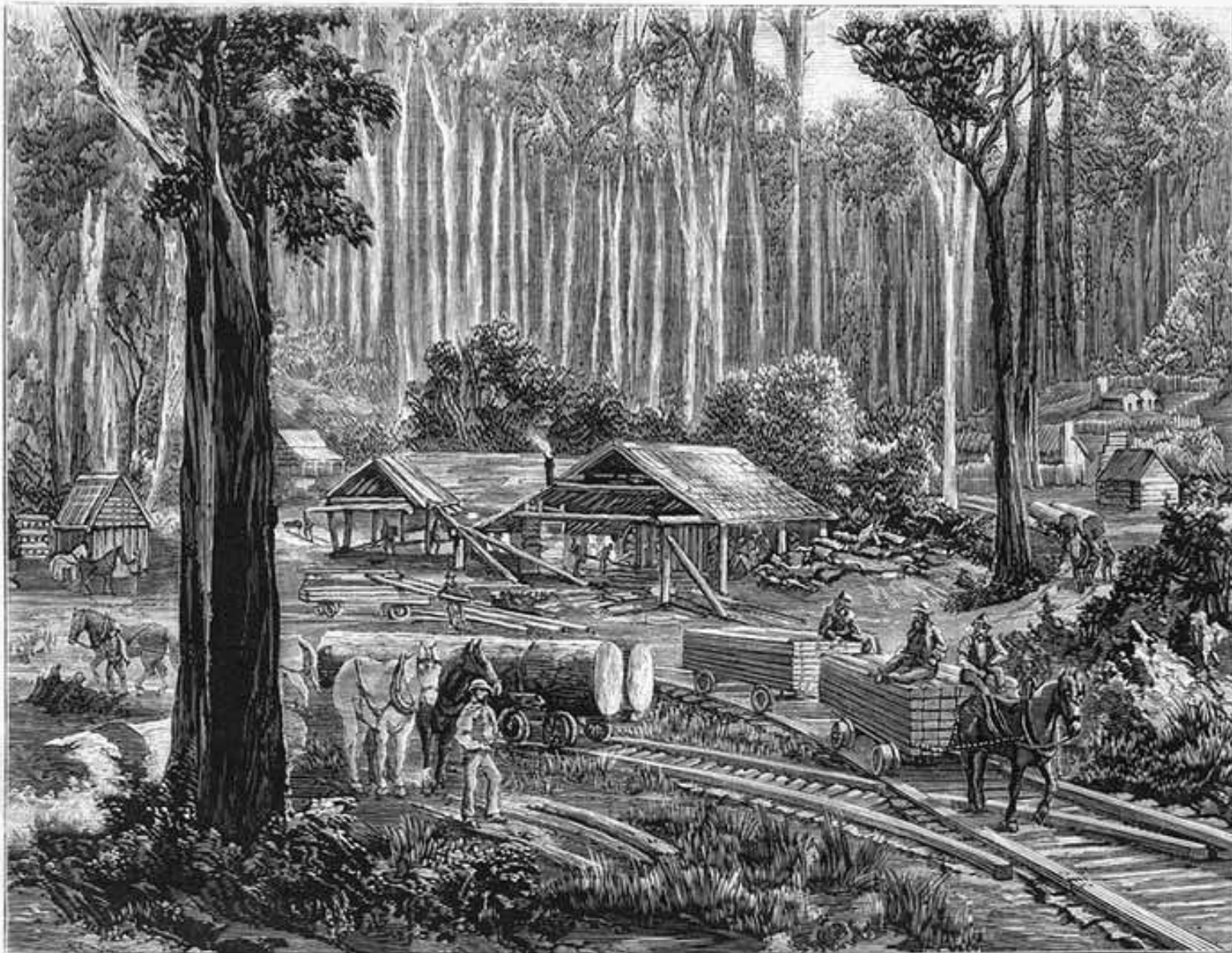
COVID-safe - we can only visit vaccinated households and all our volunteers are vaccinated.

*Centrelink Pension Concession Cards, Job Seeker, Youth Allowance, Abstudy or Austudy, Department of Veterans Affairs Concession Cards and Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Cards

Organised by the
Energy Innovation Co-op

The "Cosy Homes" project is supported by the Victorian Government through the Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2021-2022



THE BASS RIVER SAW MILLS, QUEENSFERRY, WESTERN PORT.

Queensferry is one of the pioneer towns of Victoria that grew, flourished and then disappeared.

It developed around a jetty that linked Melbourne with Western Gippsland when the road to Melbourne was very difficult and often impassable, particularly in the region of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp. It was cheaper and easier to go by sea. Small ships carried passengers from Queensferry to the western side of Western Port or directly to Melbourne.

On a visit to Queensferry a century ago, you would have found a seaside settlement with hotels, a licensed colonial wine saloon, three public halls, a store and a series of large and small houses. You can still see the remains of hearth stones in the paddocks.

George McGowan lived in a large two-storey residence on the esplanade and held extravagant parties attended by well-known guests from Melbourne. During one party the house caught fire and was destroyed. McGowan lived out his days in a small cottage built on the same site.

The principal cargo leaving Queensferry was timber from the Bass Hills. Much of this was sawn in the mills of Alexander Stewart, who came from Morayshire in Scotland. Stewart reached Queensferry in 1860 with no money, no job, a wife and five children.

Ten years later he had become a mill owner. The bullock teams that used to drag the timber from the hills to the shore found the terrain difficult so Stewart built a wooden tram track which ran from the mill down along Queensferry Jetty Road to the shore. Stewart also built a small steamer the Tyro to transport timber. For its first voyage he loaded it at the Queensferry jetty but the boat sat firmly and solidly on the bottom and would not move until the timber was removed and taken to Bass Landing where the Tyro was reloaded.

The mills employed 25 men and 620,000 super feet of timber went out of the area each year. Much of the timber panelling in the early Melbourne buildings came from the Bass Hills. As the railway line was built in the nearby hills, the little port settlements along the coast ceased to be the centre of commerce and the people moved away.

Queensferry had been built on low-lying ground and the last six residents were driven out in the late 1920s when the tide rose to an abnormal height, flooded the houses and inundated most of Queensferry.

One woman was rescued by horse and wagon from her perch on the kitchen table. The flood was not serious but it saturated the land with salt water rendering it useless for several years.

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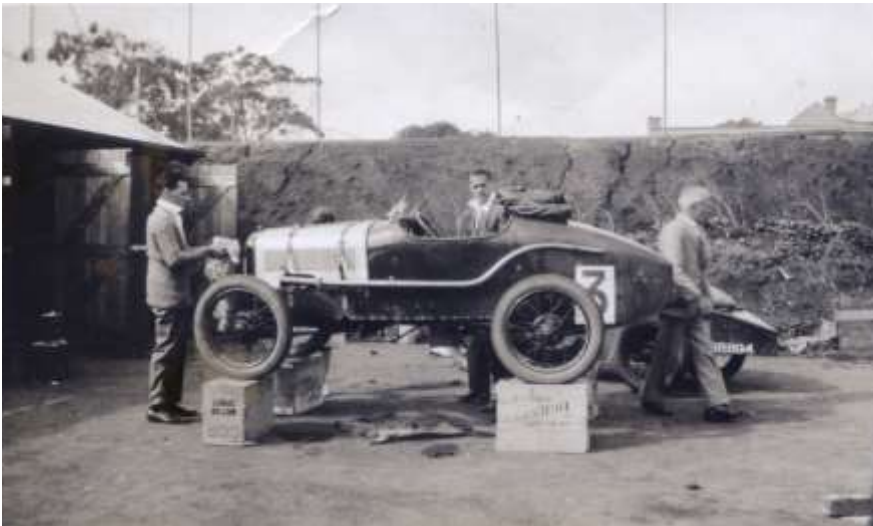


Motoring

As Melbourne gears up for the return of Grand Prix racing it's interesting to reflect on the days when grand prix cars roared around the public roads on Phillip Island. The **100 Miles Road Race** was held 31 March 1928. Although now known as the first Australian Grand Prix, the race did not assume that title until some years later. It was organised by the Victorian Light Car Club. There was no bridge back in those days so all those precious cars had to be shipped across to The Island and unloaded by crane.



Garages behind the Isle of Wight



Smarter Parking ?

Easter shopping in Cowes and Wonthaggi could be a whole lot easier this year. Bass Coast Shire Council hopes to have 730 sensors installed in existing parking spaces so drivers will be able to locate available spots via new street signage and a mobile Smart Parking App.

This should reduce the amount of circling and queueing during peak shopping times. A contractor will begin installing small sensors in parking bays in March.



International Women's Day is a day to celebrate women's achievements but it's also a day for women to raise their voices and call for action for gender equality.

Globally, we are 99 years away from reaching gender equality.

Australia sits at number 50 in the world according to the Global Gender Gap Index Report 2021, a fall from 44th in 2020. (Iceland is the most gender equal country in the world)

The gender pay gap in Australia is 14.2%, this means there is a full time average weekly earnings difference between men and women of \$261.50.

Yes, these statistics are horrendous, but the statistics of violence against women are even more horrendous.

- On average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner.
- 1 in 3 women (30.5%) has experienced physical violence since the age of 15.
- 1 in 5 women (18%) has experienced sexual violence since the age of 15.
- 1 in 3 women (31.1%) has experienced physical and/or sexual violence perpetrated by a man they know.
- 1 in 4 women (23%) has experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner since age 15.
- 1 in 4 Australian women (23%) has experienced emotional abuse by a current or former partner since the age of 15.
- 1 in 2 women (53%) has experienced sexual harassment in their lifetime.
- Women are nearly three times more likely than men to experience violence from an intimate partner.

Almost 10 women a day are hospitalised for assault injuries perpetrated by a spouse or domestic partner.

The good news is that violence against women is preventable.

But it will take a whole of society approach where we live, work, learn and socialise and embed change within systems and structures.

Positive actions you could take may look like running bystander training at your local sporting club.

Having quotas for women in leadership at your workplace.

Having flexible work arrangements, supporting Respectful Relationships curriculum at your local school.

Offering gender equality training at your local community group and participating in the 16 days of activism. This year the theme for International Women's Day is #Break The Bias. Key Messages include:

*We will call out gender actions or assumptions
I will maintain a gender equal mindset
I will help forge a gender equal world
I will celebrate women's achievements
I will challenge gender stereotypes,
discrimination and bias*

These messages are particularly relevant for me as a new Grandmother to a baby girl. My hopes are that she will grow up in a more gender equal world than I have. That the pink clothing that is gifted from well-meaning relatives won't determine her place in the world on the way she looks, on what job she will have, the sports she plays and that being born a girl won't be the greatest danger to her mental and physical health over her lifetime.

To understand violence against women, we need to look at the culture in society that enables this violence. This culture can look like women being blamed for being sexually assaulted because of what they were wearing. It can be the normalisation of objectification and sexualisation of women, particularly in the consuming of pornography. It can be letting sexist jokes go unchallenged and conforming to harmful gender stereotypes.

The evidence from the National framework in the prevention of violence – Our Watch, tells us that gender inequality is the driver of violence against women.

The four gendered drivers of violence against women are:

Condoning (excusing or allowing) of Violence Against Women

Men's control of decision making and limits to women's independence in public and private life.

Rigid gender stereotyping and dominant forms of masculinity

Male peer relations and cultures of masculinities that emphasise aggression, dominance and control.

Factors that reinforce violence against women:

Condoning of violence in general

Experience of, and exposure to, violence

Factors that weaken prosocial behavior

Resistance and backlash to prevention and gender equality efforts.

Preventing violence against women starts with communities being aware of the prevalence of violence against women and then working together as a society to implement prevention strategies within community.

Labor Day/Eight Hour Day

In 1822 the convict shepherd James Straighter was sentenced to 500 lashes, one month's solitary confinement and five years penal servitude for 'inciting his Master's servants to combine for the purposes of obliging him to raise the wages and increase the rations'.

Typically convict labourers worked from sunrise to sunset with a part day on Saturday. Sunday was a day of rest but they had to attend church.

Labouring in the colony was part of a convict's punishment and free settlers came to see convicts as a 'free' labour force.

In the early years of the colony, the relationship between employers and employees was governed by the British Masters and Servants Acts (and after 1828 the equivalent New South Wales legislation).

Employees could be prosecuted for a range of contraventions including drunkenness, absence without leave and inattention to duty.

Penalties could include deduction of wages or imprisonment. These were only enforceable through the courts, but since magistrates were of the same class as the employers most cases were found in the employers' favour.

On 4 February 1853 the Operative Masons' Society was re-formed at a meeting in Clark's Hotel, Collingwood, Melbourne. The union had suspended operations because so many members had moved to the goldfields. One of the organisers was James Stephens, a mason recently arrived from Britain where he had been a member of the Chartist movement, which advocated for a more representative parliamentary system. He had participated in the 1839 Newport Rising riot where police killed 20 Chartist protesters.

The resurrection of the Operative Masons' Society is viewed as the start of the eight-hour movement in Australia, because a committee was formed to confer with building contractors on the introduction of the eight-hour day. The eight-hour day had first been proposed by Robert Owen in 1817 at his socialist community in New Lanark, Scotland. The sentiments of the movement were captured by the slogan, 'Eight hours labour, eight hours recreation, eight hours rest'.

The union put forward three main arguments for a shorter working day. The first was that Australia's harsh climate demanded reduced hours. The second was that labourers needed time to develop their 'social and moral condition' through education. The third was that workers would be better fathers, husbands and citizens if they were allowed adequate leisure time.

On 26 March 1856 workers called a public meeting at the Queen's Theatre to make a stand on improving working conditions. At the meeting it was announced that 'the time has arrived when the system of 8 hours should be introduced into the building trades and that after the 21st of this month we promise to work 8 hours and no longer'.

Negotiations between the union and the building companies broke down and on 21 April stonemasons, led by Stephens, downed tools at the construction site of the law faculty buildings at Melbourne University and walked off the job.

As Stephens said, 'It was a burning hot day and I thought the occasion a good one, so I called upon the men to follow me, to which they immediately consented, when I marched them ... to Parliament House.'

Stonemasons from other construction sites along the way joined the march until they eventually reached the Belvedere Hotel where a banquet was organised to mark the event.

Negotiations with employers and the government continued until an agreement was reached whereby stonemasons would work an eight-hour day but collect the same wage they had previously been paid for 10 hours.

Initially only a minority of workers, mainly in the building trades, won the eight-hour day. Most workers, including women and children, generally worked longer hours for less pay.

The fight for working conditions continued throughout the 19th century. It was not until 1916 that the Eight Hours Act was passed in Victoria and New South Wales. In January 1948 the Commonwealth Arbitration Court finally approved a 40-hour, five-day working week for all Australians.

The struggle for a short working week continued and in 1980s many industries introduced rostered days off and other arrangements such as 'nine day fortnights'.

As we emerge from the pandemic it's interesting to consider how many hours we are actually working these days.

Working from home certainly has massive advantages, such as the time saved by not having to commute but there is a strong risk that many workers feel obliged to respond to emails into the night or get a head start to the working week by logging in on Sunday night.



Jeannie Coffey of Tenby Point



“Unfinished business? The Guy Road Shared Pathway!”

Jeannie Coffey is sorting through a lifetime of memories.

“It’s really important that when new residents are ready to share their experience, they put their hands up”

Part One of Jeannie’s story will feature in next month’s Waterline News.

DIVERSE-ABILITY



Last week community leaders, business leaders, people with different abilities, Jordan Crugnale, Member for Bass and Cr Leticia Laing, Deputy Mayor gathered to commit to employing people with diverse-ability. A great opportunity to ask questions and get advice about how we can remove barriers to meaningful and productive employment. Business owners were given the opportunity to talk to people who face barriers to employment. Some great door prizes concluded the event and the winner was.....everyone.



Photo Quiz



1/ Which community hall is this ?

2/ Who is the Deputy Mayor of Bass Coast?

3/ Which road is this?

4/ In which town do you have to give way to this sculpture?

5/ In which town is this child care centre.

6+7/ Lang Lang Caravan Park is in which shire?

Answers Page 21



COMMUNITY AT HEART

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How fantastic to see this San Remo campus of Bass Coast Secondary come to life. Students excited, even before term started, to have these amazing facilities on their doorstep.

We all know that getting kids up and ready for school in the mornings adds stress to families and cutting travel time is a real bonus. Our community consultations confirmed that being close to home was the top priority in choosing a school and now we have this magnificent local facility for 500 year 7-9 students. In the heart of our community.

It is less than three years since our Andrews Labor Government made the announcement, the sod was turned just over a year ago and now our new school campus is open and humming. We said we would build a new school, here it is, fully funded to the tune of \$50 million offering state-of-the-art facilities.

The designated Specialist Building for science, technology and arts buzzing with energy. Media and project areas in the Innovation Building, along with the new classrooms. A library for modern learning techniques - showcasing our students and learning in the Waterline. All part of our Government's commitment to make learning world class and to bring out the best in every student. Providing every opportunity so they can have a positive experience in every program and meaningful pathways to their adult lives.

Room to move and run, with the glorious Bass Coast just down the road. Sports courts, a competition-grade gym, and the oval literally kicking off the season.

A big thank you to the project team, the builders and all the contractors. A shout out to our new Principal Emma Harris and all her staff, part of the passionate leadership team of Bass Coast Secondary College.

The combined campuses catering for about 1500 students from the Waterline, Bass Hills through to Phillip Island and right across to Inverloch.

In the past seven years, our Labor Government has invested more than \$10.9 billion in building new schools and upgrades, creating more than 13,500 jobs. We pledged to open 100 new schools by 2026 and we are well ahead of schedule.

14 new schools and campuses are opening their doors this year in the Bass Electorate alone, as well as numerous upgrades and extensions.

We are committed to ensuring that every Victorian child has access to a great local school: our new San Remo campus is proof of that.

The bells have rung, the doors are open, and the school year has started. I wish everyone at our newest campus a joyous year of learn-



On this day in March

Aunty Jack introduces colour to Australian TV—March 1 1975



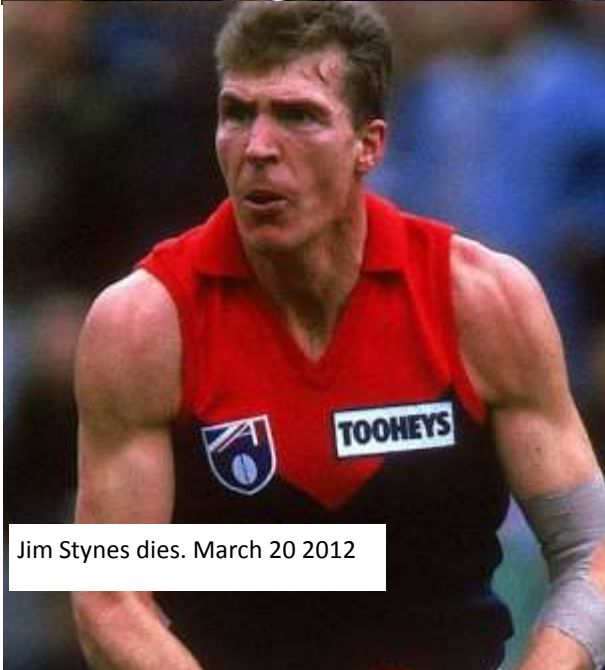
John Howard leads the coalition to victory on March 2 1996 and becomes Prime Minister.



Neighbours begins March 18 1975.



First Test —March 15 1877 in Melbourne



Jim Stynes dies. March 20 2012



Russell Street Bombing. March 27 1986



The Swans play their first game as a Sydney team. March 22 1989

QUIZ!

1. What year was the first Melbourne Grand Prix held?
2. Who was Premier after John Cain?
3. Who was the State Member for Bass before Jordan Crugnale?
4. Who was the previous Mayor of Bass Coast?
5. When was the first bridge to Phillip Island opened?
6. The second one?
7. Churchill Island. Who was THAT Churchill?
8. True or False. Inverloch once had a railway station.
9. What year did the State Coalmine Close?
10. Which car company owns the Lang Lang Proving Ground?
11. Which town is higher: Krowera or Loch?
12. In which country is Saputo based?
13. Name the business that has moved into the former Coles building in Wonthaggi.
14. Who gifted the Robert Smith Collection to Bass Coast?
15. What day of the week is the Sentinel Times usually published?
16. And the San Remo and Phillip Island Advertiser?
17. Who won the Women's Ashes this year?
18. What's the name of the Gallery at the roundabout in Anderson?
19. Which town is closer to Krowera, Cowes or Warragul?
20. What was on the cover of the February Waterline News?

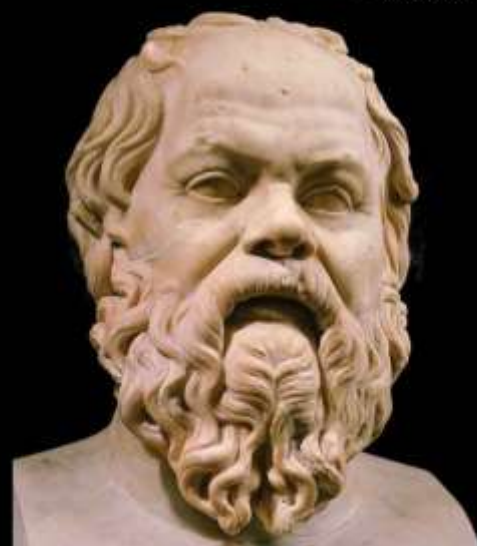
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Inside The Philosophers Zone

To find Yourself,
think for Yourself.

~ Socrates



KOOLASUCHUS CLEELANDI – our new State Fossil emblem for Victoria

In 2017 I organised an exhibition about MESOZOIC JEWELLERY & ART at my gallery in San Remo, which turned out to be a huge event featuring the many fossils borrowed from the Victorian Museum and a plaster cast of the actual jawbone of the *Koolasuchus*, as well as some amazing jewellery created from fossilised stones.

the Bass Coast is on the Map for many reasons, not just for its beauty, but also for the dinosaurs and fossils that used to live here millions of years ago!

I first discovered this amazing fact when I was on an outback holiday and visited Winton in QLD and read a magazine about the discovery of the first dinosaur bone in Australia which just happened to be in San Remo, where I lived, in 1903! In fact, the Palaeontological significance of the whole of the Bass Coastline is huge!

Since then, thousands of fossils have been discovered along our coastline and one of those is also of great significance.

“Along the coast of Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park, stretching from San Remo to Inverloch, the waves are unearthing precious relics that have lain buried in the rock for millions of years.

This stretch of coastline is home to some of the richest fossil sites in Australia, and here, new clues from the distant past are constantly surfacing.

While the first dinosaur bone to be discovered in Australia was found at Eagles Nest in 1903, the sites of the most recent fossil discoveries are The Caves and Flat Rocks, both just outside of Inverloch.”

In April 1990, Mike Cleeland stumbled across a jawbone of a dinosaur- “I was looking in a rock platform off Rowell’s Beach in San Remo – an area I’d not looked at before – when I found it,” Mike says.

“It” turned out to be the greatest discovery of Mike’s life, and not a bad find for San Remo and the world of palaeontology either.

The Fossil became known as *Koolasuchus Cleelandi* - It was named after Mike and the local Palaeontologist Lesley Kool. The car-sized amphibian *Koolasuchus* lived alongside dinosaurs in Victoria during the Cretaceous Period. In a head the size of a dustbin lid were dozens of ridged fangs for piercing prey, and two-inch tusks growing from the roof of its mouth.

Resembling something between a huge newt and a crocodile, *Koolasuchus* was adapted to life in the rushing rivers that once separated Australia and Antarctica. Its fossils are only found at a few beaches and coves in south Gippsland.

Koolasuchus was an unexpected discovery, as it is the long-last member of its lineage, known as the temnospondyls. It lived in Victoria as much as 50 million years after all other temnospondyls went extinct worldwide.

To honour the discovery of the *Koolasuchus* I created a small silver pendant.

If you would like to own your very own *Koolasuchus*.... Then drop into The Goldsmith’s Studio in San Remo.....available in 925 silver, 375 Yellow, Rose, White Gold as well

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/news/2021/07/15/01/12/when-dinosaurs-roamed>



ENVIRONMENT

The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve was sparkling and fragrant on Saturday after the tropical storm.

Gil Smith and a crew of birdwatchers hadn't even left the picnic area when they sighted a wedge-tailed eagle and scarlet robin. Altogether they ticked off 21 species.

Marg Lee led another group on a longer walk into the reserve to explore the old mine site and look for wildflowers. Two crimson rosellas, a parent and a green-backed juvenile, appeared to escort the walkers along the track.

Most of the orchids are finished but we saw lots of hyacinth orchids and yellow geebungs and the pink heaths – Victoria's floral emblem – are beginning to flower.

Another highlight was sighting a mother and baby eastern grey kangaroo.

Thanks to Genevieve Bond for photos.



BOOKS and WRITING and ANSWERS

Book Launch

with Margaret Pearce

10.30am-11.30am
Saturday 26th March

Come along to Fernside Gully Library for morning tea and meet local author Margaret Pearce, as we launch her recent book 'Not mentioning any names'.

'Life with children is composed of confrontations, tricks, compromises and intermittent battles'. In this book Margaret soon finds out that after many 'bewildering and incomprehensible incidents' with her children that maybe she has not read the right child raising books.

Margaret will also talk about her writing and publishing journey.

Morning tea and refreshments provided.
Books on sale for \$25 (cash only)

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Quiz

1/ 1953 2/ Joan Kirner. 3/ Brian Paynter 4/ Cr Brett Tessari 5/ 1940 6/1969 7/ Lt. James Grant named the island after the man who had given him seeds that he planted. 8/ False.9/ 1968 10/ Vinfast 11/ Loch 12/ Canada 13/ Cheap as Chips 14/ Robert Smith 15/ Tuesday 16/ Wednesday 17/ Australia 18 / ArtFusion 19/ Warragul 20/ A photo of a bee in a flower.

Photo Quiz

1/ Kilcunda 2/ Cr Leticia Laing 3/ Guy Rd 4/ Cape Paterson 5/ Corinella 6/ Bass Coast



PROVING GROUND FOR SALE. Again! Lots of sand, lots of trees.





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Our new home will be the Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Rd, COWES and the first gig will be on **Sunday 20th March**. There is plenty of parking places, a licenced bar at members prices and more than adequate accommodation.

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.

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Saturday 9th APRIL and Sunday 10th APRIL 2022

Public Hall Smith Street Loch.

Member's exhibits & demonstrations.

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Admission: \$5 adults, children with adults free.

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Opportunity

Equinox

Harmonies and Reflections

A Celebration of Photography and Music

All Welcome



Photo Exhibition:

Sat 12th to Mon 14th, March 2022 – 10am to 4pm

Music Performances: Sun 13th March

1pm to 4pm

At Bass Coast Artists' Society,
The Goods Shed, Wonthaggi

Next to Dan Murphy's, easy access through Big W carpark

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March AGM Meeting and Talk

MARCH Sun 6th 2:00 - 4:00

*WHERE: Corinella Public Hall,
Smythe Street, Corinella.*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

*Membership Renewal
\$10 for the year*

AFTERNOON TEA, LADIES Please bring a plate.

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SPEAKER: JASON NOONAN
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