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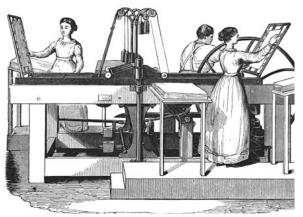
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Folks, we are back on the streets of the Waterline.

Every month copies of the Waterline News will be available from The Grantville News Agency, The Grantville Transaction Centre, The Grantville Petrol Station, The Waterline Library, Corinella General Store, Corinella and District Community Centre, La Provincia, Coronet Bay General Store, Bass Valley Community Group Centre, San Remo Library, Mitchell House (Wonthaggi), Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre (Wonthaggi), Kernot General Store and Dalyston General Store.

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The Waterline News is produced on the country of the Bunurong, Boon-wurrung, members of the Kulin Nation who have lived here for thousands of years. We offer our respect to Elders, past, present and emerging.

Brett TESSARI
 CANDIDATE FOR BASS



Wool, lamb, beef, dairy are all thriving industries here, contributing millions to the economy and employing thousands of people. Pressure from Victorian farmers, VFF & our Nationals Leader, Peter Walsh (Pictured left) has paid off with Federal Agriculture Minister Murray Watt agreeing to implement sanitation mats at Australia's international airports to combat the spread of Indonesia's outbreak of FMD.

An outbreak on just one of our farms would be catastrophic. This is both a security and animal welfare issue that must be a top priority for state and federal governments.

The Nationals have been pushing for stronger biosecurity measures to better protect the industry such as increased sanitation of return travellers from Indonesia. We must pull out all stops so FMD does not break out in Australia.

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I'd like to thank our advertisers and readers for supporting and enabling our return to print — Geoff Ellis





If you think the mornings are cold around the Waterline, spare a thought for the people who live in snow country. Ted Minty recently returned from Mount Wills where he took this pic and there is another photo on Page 23 that captures a different frozen moment. Are you on holidays or just got back? Send us some pics!

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Inspiring Discussion

Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation was established back in 2005 in memory of Zaidee Turner, who at the age of 7 years and 22 days died suddenly from an aneurism in her brain.

Zaidee then became an organ and tissue donor saving and improving the lives of 7 others.

If a little girl can be an organ and tissue donor, then anyone can. Have this important family discussion about what your wishes would be if you were in the same position as Zaidee was at the end of life, would you say yes or no to organ and tissue donation?

Our moto is "Inspire Discussion" - Allan Turner

The full event timetable for the festival will be published in the September edition of the Waterline News.

"The Phillip Island Motorcycle Festival is not just about motorbikes. It's all about people."

Organiser Allan Turner is calling on people from far and wide to bring a chair or a rug to be part of the music entertainment side of the event to be held at the Phillip Island Recreation Reserve (Cowes Football Netball Club) on the nights of Friday 7th October and Saturday 8th.

INXSIVE— the INXS tribute band will rock the place for sure. Support bands include Andrew Wallace Band and local band The Times.

Bands such as Chocolate Starfish who have been around for decades and is one of the best live bands going around will be playing. Allan believes that this could be a first for Phillip Island.

"Working closely with the Bass Coast Shire Council and their events team has been great. They are providing huge support to make this event happen along with the Cowes Football Netball Club."

"This event will bring many people to the region and for many motorcycle riders it will be the first time they have visited the Island."

"I have motorcycle riders coming from Queensland and all parts of Australia supporting this event.

" This event will allow the Island to have two weeks of motorcycle action." - Allan Turner



CAUGHT IN THE ACT are scheduled to play at the Phillip Island Bowling Club on Sunday September 18th from 2pm to 4.30pm. Jill Boyce Phillip Island Jazz Secretary and Treasurer P.O. Box 867 [COWES VIC 3922 Mobile: 0417 416 300 Email: jazz@phillipislandjazzfest.org.au | Website: www.phillipislandjazzfest.org.au



A tribute to lain Ritchie

(thanks to Belinda Henderson)



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- Scope Cooking Classes (for Scope clients) Tue 10:00am-1:00pm

• Square Dancing Thu 7:30pm-10:00pm Weekly Shopping Trips to Wonthaggi Tue 10:30am-1:30pm

PROGRESS in PIONEER BAY

By Helen Zervopoulos

Not so long ago, the tiny hamlet of Pioneer Bay had dirt roads, a rudimentary storm water system, lots of vacant blocks and a bad reputation for housing shady characters of ill repute.

Land was cheap, property stayed on the market for a few years and in 2006, you could buy a house for between sixty and seventy thousand dollars.

If there was a decent downpour, the houses backing onto Colbert Creek would flood and investors were put off by the fact that the beach was overrun by such a healthy mangrove forest, there was no way it could be cleared to create a beach.

As time went by the affordable blocks were gradually sold to savvy investors or families looking for a cheap place to live. Consequently real estate values started to slowly but steadily rise.

In 2018 Council voted to proceed with a Special Charge Scheme worth \$4.6 million. This involved major drainage upgrades, road surfacing, kerb and channelling, nature strip works, speed humps and pedestrian pathways on selected streets.

In addition, Melbourne water integrated with the road works to undertake upgrades to Colbert creek including remediation works where the creek runs into Western Port A new pipe was installed at the eastern end of the estate to re direct the overflow from Colbert Creek to the south of the estate. The excess water was used to create a complex system of wetlands with swales planted with native vegetation to filter the water which flows into a series of ponds and will eventually become a haven for wildlife.

The roads upgrades were supported by the majority of residents and ratepayers of Pioneer Bay but of course there were those who objected to the added burden of the Special Charges Scheme imposed by BCSC to cover the cost of the upgrades. The new roads and wetlands and the recent upsurge in realestate prices has increased the value of property prices in Pioneer Bay which should offset the pain of the added rates burden

The days of yesteryear when you could pick up a bargain in this once, down at heel, hamlet, are long gone. Anyone currently wanting to buy a humble three bedroom home in this boutique little suburb, will have to fork out at least half a million dollars and that won't give you any views of Western Port.

The new roads upgrades and the wonderful wetland conservation area have certainly improved the amenity of this waterline hamlet, making it a much more desirable and sought after place to live.



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YOUR LOCAL CHURCHES

St Paul's Anglican Church, 2-6 Hade Avenue, **Bass.** 12.30 Every Sunday Enjoy a share lunch after the service. Rev Jo White 5952 2608 or 0490 831 299 <u>revjobpi@gmail.com</u>

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The first Waterline News was published in September 2014. To celebrate that anniversary we are reprinting the quiz that appeared in the preview edition of August 2014.

1. Who is the patron saint of Scotland? 2. Who hit the charts with Tiptoe Through The Tulips in 1968? 3. Where is the Prado art museum? 4. How many clours are there in the spectrum? 5. How many golf balls are there on the moon? 6. Where is Euston Station? 7. Which musical is set in Catfish Row? 8. How invented dynamite? 9. What does a brandophile collect? 10. What Island is Kuta beach on? 11. Who was the subject of the 1976 film Goodbye Norma Jean? 12. Which worm prefers the Mulberry? 13. How many Olympic gold medals did Ron Clarke win? 14. In horse racing, what are 'irons'? 15. Which disease was The Black Death. 16. What colour is Chablis? 17. Where is Lake Como? 18. What grows in a paddy field? 19. Who asked "Why is it so?" on TV? 20. What are the four major blood types?

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Bible Study Group

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seem.

-Socrates





Quiz answers on page 15

THE CURRENT revisited

The Current newspaper grew out of a Creatively Connecting Communities project which aimed to foster pride and common purpose across Bass Coast. Publication ran from 2002 to 2007.

At its peak 10,500 copies were freely distributed across Bass Coast. It was edited by Gill Heal while Catherine Watson looked after the layout and subediting. Looking back across two decades Ms Watson believes the Current created a community network that continues to this day.

"The Current was a safe space for many people, a chance to discuss issues, to go beyond "Gotcha!" journalism and celebrate what was here."

"It also created a network of people who believed in community, many of them are still active across the region and stay in touch with each other. "

"At the same time Gill was doing her extraordinary local history productions - about 10 in total. They brought in so many people and again created lasting friendships."

A 2005 edition included a report card on the success of the Creatively Connecting Communities project and a summary of outcomes from a forum held to set future directions for the Waterline Communities, under the headline of:

'Our Community, Our Future — Living on the Waterline.'

Organised by THE WATERLINE PROJECT the forum was held on May 22nd 2005 at Bass Valley Primary School and was attended by 50 community leaders from Jam Jerrup to Phillip Island.

They responded to the challenges presented to them with a series of strategic actions that were provided by four focus groups.

The 2006 Forum's BLUE PRINT FOR ACTION included:

TRANSPORT:

Link towns with bicycle paths. More local planning for transport services. Lobby for a rail link between the City and Lang Lang. ENVIRONMENT: Direct population growth away from the coast. Legislate to protect town boundaries. Legislate for 'third pipe' water systems Encourage wind turbines and solar power. URBAN DEVELOPMENT: Reps from the forum to meet with the planning minister to get hard edges to town boundaries. Ban infill development between towns.

Ask the council to rewrite planning scheme to achieve tighter coastal planning controls. Community to lobby minister to override inappropriate planning amendments.

A decade and a half later the town boundaries are set. The Guy Road pathway is under construction.

The Distinctive Area Landscape Legislation is being put into place to preserve the landscapes that the people of Bass Coast have nominated, though the detail of this and the possibility of reviews are still to be finalized.

We're still waiting to hear a train whistle echoing down the line from Lang Lang.



Read all about it: Every edition of The Current, along with many other local newspapers, is available for viewing at the Wonthaggi Historical Society's Museum in the former Wonthaggi Train Station.

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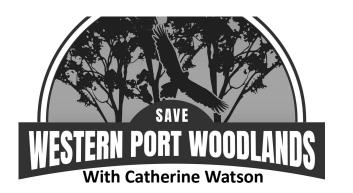
Coronet Bay Community Garden

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The Victorian Electoral Commission has received an application from the Angry Victorians Party for registration as a political party. The application is signed by the Secretary of the party, Nicole Elizabeth Freeman, 26 Park Street, Tatura VIC 3616. The logo they have attached to their application is included below. Among other things they need to prove that they have 500 members.

Wouldn't be hard to find 500 angry people these days, eh?







Minty Report confirms the signs were right.

Save Western Port Woodlands activists have placarded the Bass Highway several times to alert people to the locations and scale of sand and gravel mining behind the slender curtain of roadside vegetation.

The signs also pointed out the animals that are under threat through loss of habitat as well as highlighting that less than 5% of the original bushland remains.

The Minty Report has just been released and it confirms that there is lots of sand and not much forest.

Ted Minty is a well credential geologist and his latest report also confirms that the sand and gravel needed to feed Melbourne's building boom can be sourced from many places that are already environmentally degraded and closer to Melbourne.

His report, *Victorian Sand Supplies – Minty Report,* notes that much larger reserves of sand and gravel exist closer to Melbourne on low value farmland in Cardinia and Baw Baw LGAs with access to Melbourne via road and rail.

"The ongoing exploitation of sand and gravel beneath the Western Port Woodlands, the last significant remnant forest in the Gippsland Plains bioregion, represents very poor governance by the responsible authorities in both environmental and economic terms." SWPW has forwarded Ted's full report to the relevant ministers, election candidates and the local councillors.

Politics

SWPW has briefed all the candidates for the seat of Bass in the upcoming election. At the time of going to press Labor candidate and incumbent MP Jordan Crugnale and Liberal Party candidate Aaron Brown were yet to state a position.

A breakthrough for our campaign is National Party candidate for Bass Brett Tessari putting the Western Port Woodlands squarely on the political agenda.

After walking in the woodlands last week, Brett posted a video which has been shared on the SWPW facebook page.

Independent candidate for Bass Jeni Jobe also supports an end to woodlands sand mining .

In the Upper House seat of Eastern Victoria, lead Greens candidate Mat Morgan is a long-time and very vocal supporter of the Save Western Port Woodlands campaign.

As is Austin Cram, the Animal Justice Party candidate, who advocates for a reprioritising of Victoria's planning system to place a higher value on conservation and biodiversity.

Website: www.savewesternportwoodlands.org/ Facebook: www.facebook.com/Save-Western-Port-Woodlands-101246181838119 Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/swpwoodlands/

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(advertisement) What's happening in Grantville?

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More Delays for the Grantville Grocer

Town planning regulations, health and safety concerns, electrical upgrades and road works are all contributing factors causing delays to the opening of The Grantville Grocer at the old Mitre 10 site in Grantville.



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The project was slowed at its inception by extended COVID 19 lock-downs and shortages of materials and labour.

The most frustrating part of the process for business man, James McConvill, has been conflicting information given by council regarding compliance requirements.

To make matters worse, the town planning department has a quick turnover of planning officers which adds to the frustration as there is a lack of continuity in dealing with the same planner over an extended period of time.

Mr McConvill understands that the requisite compliance orders he must meet are not exclusive to his case. They are the same for all similar applications but that doesn't make the process of compliance any less frustrating.

The latest spanner in the works is having to chase up Vic Roads regarding the upgrade of Delany Street.

Extensive upgrades are needed for safe access to the car park and the proposed drive through bottle shop.

Even though Mr McConvill understands he has to shoulder the cost of the upgrade, getting Vic Roads to come to the party seems like an impossible task.

According to James, they are in no hurry to return his calls.



Grantville's Foreshore Upgraded

Extensive works have already been carried out at the Grantville Foreshore with further upgrades in the pipeline.

The recently installed sea wall, adjacent to the Pier and designed to stop further erosion, was a monumental task. A front-end loader positioned each massive boulder into place on top of a geotextile mesh underlay, to prevent further erosion.

Grantville resident and former owner of the French View Caravan Park, Christopher Nagle, is relieved that his waterfront home will be protected from potential inundation caused by rising sea levels.

'I watched the wall being built and I must say I'm impressed by the sheer scale of it, he said. In 2005 we had a massive king tide which inundated the lower end of the caravan park with about a meter of water. One of the residents came up to the office in a canoe to complain about the flooding fearing that his van would be swept away.'

The Capital Works upgrades, include a tap and outdoor shower and safe wheelchair access along the sea wall at the end of Pier Rd.

Grantville Business and Community Association members recently met at the site with Council Officer, Dereck Hibbert, to discuss the possibility of installing four history boards to commemorate Grantville's 150th year. The boards will be installed at intervals along a gravel path leading towards the pier and will provide historical information about Grantville's past.

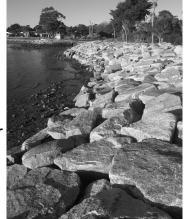
Future planned upgrades include replacing the existing toilet block with a new one and installing it further north and closer to Pier Rd. Proposed landscaping around the picnic area near the Luminous Lights, will create a nicer space for people to gather, picnic and enjoy the wonderful view.

GBCA member, Di Goeman, who also lives along the foreshore, noted that the Grantville Pier attracts a lot of people. Not only fisher folk but photographers, tourists and sightseers who stop to admire the panoramic vista and spectacular sunsets.

'It's always satisfying to see our rates at work,' Mr Nagle said. 'And I'm especially relieved that our property will be protected from potential

inundation in the near future.

'We can continue to enjoy the natural beauty of Western Port, knowing that we won't have water lapping up at our doorstep.'



BASS COAST SHIRE COUNCIL (BCSC)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR **BASS COAST RATEPAYERS**

"Bass Coast Shire Council is determined to work hard to Property values were assessed on 1 January 2022 by keep costs down. That's why Council has reduced the annual waste charge by \$10 per property this year," according to Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan who doesn't doubt that many residents are feeling the pinch. "We have special assistance measures to help people pay their rates."

"This assistance includes reduced interest for ratepayers struggling to pay rates on their principal place of residence in Bass Coast.

There are also flexible payment options for ratepayers who are struggling and find it easier to make weekly or fortnightly payments."

the State Government Valuer-General and are largely based on analysis of property sales and leasing transactions that took place in 2021.

If any ratepayer has an objection to their rates notice they can lodge an objection to the State Government within two months of receiving the Notice of Valuation. Ratepayers/landowners are encouraged to lodge objections electronically via the online Rating Valuation Objections Portal at ratingvaluationobjections.vic.gov.au.

Work has re-started on the Guy Road Shared Pathway. Construction was halted earlier in the year, after Indigenous artefacts were uncovered at the work site. Keep up to date with this project at https:// engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/guyroad



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Significant Tree Register.

The processes for the Significant Tree Register will also be developed over the next six months. "This will help us to determine how the register will be formed and the different stakeholders who will be involved in the project," Cr Whelan said. Cr Whelan said that these significant additions to the Local Law will not be enforced until 1 January 2023.

"This will provide us with sufficient time to ensure all these new Laws are implemented effectively, but also to make sure our residents and ratepayers understand the new requirements prior to them being enforced," Cr Whelan concluded.

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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

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\$10,000 in prize money. Entries close September 14, 2022

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.

Publication

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.

Cover Page Template and Tip Sheet available at:

https:// basscoastprizefornonfiction.weebly.com/about.html

Ruth Heffer: "A Privilege to Know You" by Helen Zervopolous

Ruth was small in stature but big in personality. I only knew Ruth for a short time but she made an immediate impression and I felt as if I'd known her for years. I think most people who met her felt the same way.

Ruth often told of how she and her husband George, were driving along looking for some land to retire on when they saw the 'For Sale' sign on an overgrown 5 acre paddock fronting Bass Highway. They cleared some of the block to build a house and set up a pottery outlet called 'Maru Craft' selling hand crafted ceramics.'

Some people think that Maru is an indigenous name Ruth used to say, but it isn't. It was made up from a combination of the first two letters of her daughter Marilyn's name and the first two letters of her own name.

When the building at Maru Animal & Koala Park was burning down in 2009, Ruth, who lived in the adjacent house, had to be evacuated by the CFA fire fighters. They banged on her door telling her to come out as a matter of urgency but Ruth refused to panic and insisted she would only come out once she was suitably dressed.

There came a point in her life when she could no longer live on her own so she went to live with her daughter Marilyn. We occasionally crossed paths when she came back to Grantville to visit her son Ian, daughter in law Neroli and grand daughters Becky & Tabatha.

It was always a delight to run into Ruth and now that she's gone the memory of her happy and friendly disposition lives on in those of us who had the privilege and good fortune to know her.

Long time resident of Tenby Point, Pauline O'Brien will celebrate her 103rd birthday on 7th Aug.

Pauline and Brian Coe were founders of the Tenby Point Residents Association (TPRA) and her daughter, Coral O'Brien Smith, has provided some insight into the early days of that important community group.

"Pauline and Brian started the TPRA in her kitchen. The road construction was one big item at that time as was clearing the T- tree along Bayview Ave.

In the early days there were lots of renters in the street, many homes were neglected so the place did not look good.

There was a big drug problem and domestic violence was a big issue. Pauline often had the odd woman and children staying overnight because they had been assaulted by their partner.

Pauline now resides in Banfields Aged Care in Cowes after a lifetime of dedication to family, friends and community.





This pic of Pauline was taken at Government House on her 100th birthday.



As I write on this wintry afternoon, I know that spring is just about to burst upon us so now is a good time to get a jump on summer crops.

If you haven't bought/ordered your seed packets you need to get in before the rush. Plants started now will be robust and ready to plant out at the end of September to November depending on type.

So where to start . . .

Straight into the garden :

Alliums: red, white brown can all be planted as seed now, as can peas and broad beans if you are quick!!.

Also Leafy greens like English spinach – to be eaten young and quick, Silver/Rainbow Beet/Swiss Chard – for cropping through to next spring, lettuce and rocket for spring salads, and Asian greens (bok-choy, pak choi, etc.) for stir fries as the weather warms.

Seed potatoes can be planted as the soil warms for late summer salads. Plant *Radish* in a short row every couple of weeks if you are fan. Tuck them in next to slower crops if you need the space.

Annual herbs such as borage (for flowers) coriander, dill and cumin (for leaves) can be planted now but leave basil until the weather warms if you don't' want a pile of blackened mush.

And don't forget the *beetroot* – useful all year round in the kitchen whether diced in a soup, chopped in a stew or grated raw on a salad, it adds color and antiinflammatory anthocyanins to any dish. I love adding grated beetroot to a pot of spag-bol sauce as it gives a richness of both color and taste that will have your guests asking what the secret ingredient is. Beetroots store well in the fridge. Young leaves can be used in a stirfry, salad or on pizza. Just don't pick too many if you want good beetroot. Easy to grow and harvest, reasonably quick to crop,

Easy to grow and harvest, reasonably quick to crop, a row of beetroot always looks good in the garden too. So what's not to like?

Wonthaggi Harvest Centre is located behind Mitchell House, 9 Murray St, Wonthaggi Phone 03 5672 3731

Into the seed tray

Solanaceae/Nightshade – tomatoes, capsicums, chili and eggplants – label carefully as the seedlings of chili and capsicums or tomato varieties are impossible to distinguish. *Cucurbits* – squash, zucchini and pumpkin can be left for a week or two.

Perennials

Herbs like oregano, parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme can be planted from seeds but are easier to buy as small plants and planted into a very large planter or special bed.

Except parsley, they all prefer sunny more acid soil, lower in fertilizer than the rest of the vegetable garden, so are best planted in their own place, close to where the cook can nip out to harvest as needed without having to turn off the stove. *Parsley* is included here (apart from being part of a song title) because, though a biennial/annual, if left to flower and set seed, it self-sows and you rarely have to replant it.

HINT: Umbellifers – parsley, carrots, parsnips, cumin, dill, coriander and celery all HATE root disturbance and will bolt to flower ASAP!!! When transplanting, don't fiddle with their roots. Most are best planted where they are to grow, weeding them carefully.

Rhubarb and *globe artichoke* crowns can be planted now, and if you like them *Jerusalem artichoke* tubers.

BUT BE WARNED

like comfrey, Jerusalem artichokes are near impossible to control, let alone remove, if you decide you don't want them. It took me over 30 years to get rid of comfrey in my last garden but alas, I left Jerusalem artichoke for the purchaser to deal with.

Many people get very bad colic/wind from these tubers, so try before you plant.

Wonthaggi Community Garden is located at the Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre 239 White Road Wonthaggi 03 5672 3115



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With Jan Cheshire

I MUST admit I'm not very good at cooking pancakes. In fact, I had sort of persuaded myself that I didn't actually LIKE pancakes! However, my grandchildren love them and as they are threatening to come to stay during the next school holidays, I thought I had better be prepared. These are very simple to make and, I must admit, I really liked them, with lots of maple syrup of course. You can buy 600ml packs of buttermilk in the milk fridge at the supermarket.

BUTTERMILK PANCAKES Ingredients

- 1¼ cup of plain flour
- 2 tablespoons of sugar
- 1 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoons of bicarbonate of soda
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 cup buttermilk
- Butter as required
- Maple syrup and/or lemon
- quarters to serve

Method

Stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda, then sieve all into a bowl.

Mix the egg and milk and add to the sieved mixture, stir until well mixed.

Heat a non-stick frying and add 1 teaspoon of butter.

Pour in the some of the batter to the size you wish for the pancake.

Cook until the pancake is very bubbly on the top and the edges start to crisp, then turn to cook the other side.

Serve with berries and maple syrup for something special.

Ted Minty, a member of the Bass Coast Artists Society (BCAS) Camera Group took this great pic on a recent expedition to Mount Wills. Ted is one a group of Photographers who will be exhibiting their work in the Inverloch Hub in 2023. Details about membership are available on the BCAS facebook.



A Strong Democracy Needs Community Independents in Parliament.

The two party system is not doing anything for Victorian communities.

'Pork barreling' will never put public money in the places that have the most need, like regional Victoria.

The Federal election has shown that everyday Australians want our political system to grow up. All sides of politics need to build a future we all want to live in.

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