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Welcome to Tent Town on the edge of a rising tide of homelessness. Housing Matters, Page 15



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Cover:

Last night 24,000 Victorians had no home. Only 7 per cent of them were sleeping rough.

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Last month the people of Corinella remembered the tragic death of Roberta Jane Ives. She had become homeless after being evicted from her home. There were people who could have helped her but she didn't know how to ask them. After an extensive search, she was found in the trees that she loved so much. She was fifty eight.

The Waterline News supports her community's belief that nothing has changed for homeless people in he five years since her death. Life sometimes seems to just get harder and more hopeless.

Homelessness comes in many forms:

Primary: This is most people's picture of 'homeless'. It includes people sleeping rough (on the streets or out in the open) and people in improvised dwellings such as tents, cars, swags or other temporary shelters. Less than 7% of our homeless sleep rough.

Secondary: People who are constantly on the move fall into this category which includes living in emergency accommodation such as refuges and hotels as well as couch surfing (staying with family or at friends' homes for a few days, usually without their own space).

Tertiary: Insecure stays in motels, caravan parks, boarding or rooming houses is a form of homelessness as they often fall below accepted standards of living and can be very inappropriate for children.

Women over 55 form the fastest growing cohort of homeless people.

The Waterline News is produced on the lands of the Bunurong, Boon-wurrung, members of the Kulin Nation who have lived here for thousands of years. We offer our respect to Elders and all First Nations People.



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If you would like to discuss any aspect of the groups please ring the Secretary on 0404252470 The Coronet Bay Ratepayer's & Resident's Association

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along with a

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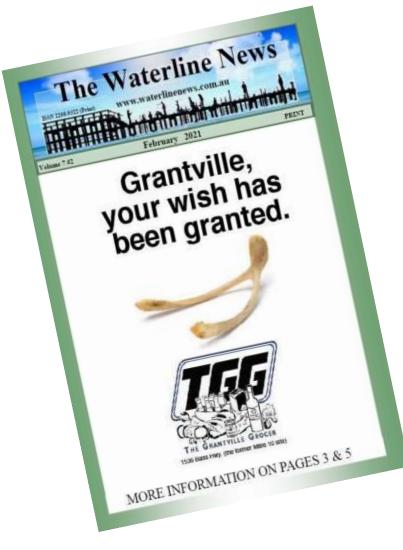
Ham - Sunday March 12th Norsemens Road Coronet Bay Plant a commemorative native plant on the day. Refreshments available Supported by Bass Coast Shire Council

TO BE, OR NOT TO BE

There is a blatant lack of services and amenity across the Waterline and Hinterland area. Several towns don't even have public toilets. A local supermarket is probably the most glaring omission as people have to drive to Koo Wee Rup or Wonthaggi to shop for essentials.

The Grantville Needs a Supermarket group has been campaigning to get one built for many years. There have been several false starts and the phrase 'the numbers don't stack up' has often been heard as yet another set of plans are archived.

In early 2021, plans to convert the derelict Mitre 10 store on the Bass highway were announced under the headline of SOMETHING UNIQUE IS COMING TO GRANTVILLE.



Something unique is coming to Grantville.





Over subsequent years locals travelling along the highway to far flung shops played 'spot the progress' as the transformation took place; or not.

As works ground to a halt the proposed Supermarket and drive through bottle shop were put on the market for \$1,950.000. This price included two fully fitted buildings, over forty parking spaces and all the necessary permits required for the two businesses to begin trading. On top of the purchase price there was the added costs of Stamp Duty, Stock and staff.

Winborne Retail rose to the challenge and are pushing hard to get the market up and running. According to spokesperson Nathan Carson, the power will be connected on the third of March. Commissioning will then commence but Nathan cannot put a date on the opening as "it is out of my control". The plan is that the front main shed will be a supermarket, the shed behind that will be a bottle shop and Winborne is considering options for the third shed.

Rumours abound that a second development of a supermarket and speciality shops on the other side of Bass Highway has already been approved by Bass Coast Council. If both projects go ahead, Grantville could end up with two supermarkets and three bottle shops. People in the Waterline area continue to maintain a healthy scepticism.

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BUT THEN THERE WERE TWO



According to a recent press release, Ritchies Supermarkets and Mobil (Pearl Energy) will be the headline tenants of the Bass Coast Village Shopping Centre at 1531 to 1545 Bass Highway and they have plans to open in mid-2024.

Managing Director of the developer, Leading Edge Property Group, Travis Snow said that, subject to approval construction will start in mid-2023. The village will include a supermarket and seven specialty shops. A service road will link the car park and drive through bottle shop with the highway.

	een a while since you last used your gas barbecue? ollow these <mark>three steps</mark> to be sure it's safe.	
۱.	Check to see if the cylinder is damaged Don't try to refill a damaged cylinder – exchange it a reputable supplier.	More safety tips Keep plenty of clear space between your barbecue and anything
2.	Check the hose to make sure it hasn't deteriorated	flammable.
	Spray the hose and regulator connections with soapy water – if soap bubbles appear, you'll know that gas is escaping. This means you'll need to either correct the connections or replace your hose.	Be aware that if wind blows the flame out, unburnt gas can build up to dangerous levels. If this happens, turn off the gas at the
3.	Check that your barbecue is clean	cylinder, and wait a few minutes
	Excess fat or residue can cause a fire.	before you light the barbecue again.

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FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

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Get creative in the kitchen with all cook books free.

Bass Valley Lions Club Op Shop , 1572 Bass Hwy, Grantville



If you can't find your pet, it might be in our Animal Shelter. You can contact our Community Safety Team on . . .

1300 226 278 or (03) 5671 2211.

If you find a stray, injured or wandering animal, a ranger from our Community Safety Team can collect it. Many pets are microchipped, meaning we could have the owners' details and can reunite them.



LGBTQIA+ diversity!



Our Arts & Culture team brought the tunes, pumping out Meghan Trainor's All About That Bass (see what we did there?!), while People & Culture brought the outfits and craftiness. If we can make people feel safe, supported and more included in our Bass Coast community, we will do it.

How excited we were when we heard cheers from

the crowd, 'Yay Wonthaggi' and 'We love penguins!'

Team Bass Coast went full technicolour at the annual

Midsumma Pride March in St Kilda to celebrate



It is an experience like no other - the allyship, the inclusion, the joy and you have to see the colour to believe it!



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- Genealogy Friday 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Home & Community Care (HACC Friendship Group) Mon & Wed 10am-2pm
- Men's Social Group Tuesday 10:30am-2:30m (in recess)
- **Op Shop** Mon to Friday 9am-3pm
- Scope Cooking Classes (for Scope clients) Tuesday 10:00am-1:00pm

Weekly Shopping Trips to Wonthaggi Tue 10:30am-1:30pm 03 5678 2277

NDIS in the Bass Valley

As an accredited NDIS service provider, the Bass Valley Community Centre offers group-based activities to people who are supported by the National Disability Insurance scheme. This also includes persons eligible for service under the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP) scheme.

If you are an adult NDIS client and are socially isolated (i.e. you have difficulty getting out and about) and reside in the Waterline area (Bass, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Grantville, Pioneer Bay, Tenby Point, Woolamai, or close to any of these locations) then come and join our Monday and/or Wednesday group which also includes round trip transport from your home in our comfy community bus, if required.

03 5678 2277



Acoustic Music Open Mic



The Goods Shed, Wonthaggi

at

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

Sunday 12th MARCH 1 to 4pm

For musicians and listeners alike to enjoy an afternoon of solos, duos, small bands, singing and/or instrumental live music.

All Welcome

BYO drinks and nibbles

This event is FREE but a gold coin is appreciated.

Second Sunday Every Month (market day)

BassCoast Artists'Society: Supporting the Arts and Community 'S COCOA.

The Monthly Letter of the Women's Political Association. (Brejstered at the General Post Office, Melbourne for Transmission by Post as a Newspaper.)

No. 17.

Melbourne, March 6, 1911.

LADIES'

DRINK.-



MRS. PANKHURST.

Some thirty years ago the name of Dr. Pankhurst was one to swear by amongst the stalwart reformers of that time in the Midlands of England. Nobody supposed that, after he had been dead many years, his wife would turn out to be the ablest advocate and most telling speaker that the women's cause in Great Britain has yet produced. As will be seen by the remarks of an Australian woman now in England, Mrs. Pankhurst's persuasiveness comes from earnest desire to make for justice in the heavy struggle. She has two daughters, both in the forefront of the battle, and the women of England will owe a very great deal to these three when they gain, at last, their emancipation. We believe that for many years after her husband's death, Mrs. Pankhurst undertook some work and remained silent. Suddenly the opportunity arose, and she found her way to the heading of an enormous movement.

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TO READERS.

Miss Goldstein has gone to help the woman's cause at the heart of action, and new fingers are in this little literary pie. We and you will quickly realise that writing and editing a paper isn't the easiest thing in the world. If the mysterious "we" (this time really plural: for the boldest amongst us all would not consent to do it " all by herself ") do not give you your penny-worth month by month-well, then, blame vourselves, for we will do our best. If the matter that fills these pages is not as interesting as you think it might be, it is because you, the readers and members of the W.P.A., have not been doing enough active work, and making such notable speeches at the Association's meetings as make entertaining chronicle.

MISS VIDA GOLDSTEIN'S DEPARTURE.

Following on the several business meetings made necessary by the departure of our President, the last evening of her presence in Victoria was devoted to wishing her farewell at a social.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, members and friends were so anxious to wish Miss Goldstein good speed and a successful campaign that

One Penny

'In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; in all things charity' Vida Goldstein.

It's impossible to discuss the Australian and global suffrage movement without talking about Melbourne woman Vida Goldstein, one of the women who tirelessly travelled across Victoria gathering 30,000 signatures for the 1891 Women's Suffrage Petition. Aimed at securing Victorian women the right to vote, the petition was the largest known petition of the 19th Century, at 260 metres long. The campaign kick started Vida's career as an activist, lobbyist and inspiring politician. It was also the catalyst for similar petitions in New Zealand and England.



Vida was well educated and passionate about reformist legislation, often attending parliamentary sessions in Melbourne to learn about political procedures. By 1899 Goldstein was the undisputed leader of the radical women's movement in Victoria and was focused on securing Victorian women the right to vote.

She was known as a witty and impressive speaker who could handle the most abusive hecklers. She helped to educate women about political process through her publication the *Woman's Sphere* and her touring lecture series. She was vocal about women's equality, including equal property rights, raising the age of marriage and consent to 16, women's worker rights, pacifism and in her older years improved access to birth control.

She directly influenced many Acts of parliament, most memorably with her cost-of-livingtable which influenced the Sunshine Harvester Judgment which established the concept of a basic wage. Of all the Australian suffragettes Goldstein was the only one to develop an international reputation.

From the West Gippsland Gazette (Warragul) August 1912

MISS VIDA GOLDSTEIN, who has done heroic work in advocating the interests of her sex in Australia, recently undertook to sell copies of the official paper "Votes for Women" in Melbourne.

"When I first took my stand on the street corner, with my bundle of papers under my arm," said Miss Goldstein, "People streamed by, some amazed, some amused, others contemptuous. For a long time nobody deigned to even approach me. Then a gruff big-hearted man, muffled in a big overcoat, stopped in front of me. He read my poster apron carefully and said, "Well, here you are missus, I don't much hold with these suffragettes, but I like your pluck, and I'll buy one."

"I am sorry to say most of my customers were men. Perhaps this is because men are more used to buying papers in the streets. After a long wait, when I was beginning to lose heart again, a kindly woman stepped forward. "I do not know what this is all about, but I do love enthusiasm," she remarked as she tucked a paper into her market basket."

"I could not help comparing the attitude of the British and Australian man towards womankind. 'The average Britisher takes no trouble to hide his supreme contempt for women, but our men are kind, courteous and broad in their sympathies. Now I feel that I shall never be able to pass a street vendor of wares, for you cannot imagine how grateful one feels for a kindly word and recognition when standing in the marketplace. **What impressed me most of all was the apathy of the majority.** They moved along, self-centred in their own little, petty, affairs to glance either right or left. An experience like this broadens one's sympathies in every way.

Only now do I realise how some of these poor people, who stand for hours selling wares, suffer."





WE NEED YOU!



The Bass Coast Poetry Wall

With Tim Gesell, Library Customer Service and Programs Officer

basspoems@wgrlc.vic.gov.au

Poets, we need your poems. Just send your poems to **basspoems@wgrlc.vic.gov.au** and in the first week of each month we will add the new offerings to the wall.

Everyone is welcome to contribute.

Occasionally we will have a theme or a special challenge but for most of the year it's very open ended. It would be great to get more community members from across Bass Coast and The Waterline writing for the wall.



is for connected, inclusive and resillient communities that are supported to grow and thrive. —



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Connect we are responsive and bring people together

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Belong we are inclusive and work with you



our free resources allow minds to explore and create



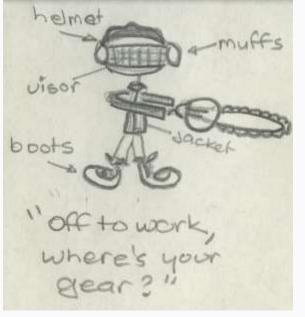
Relationships We build relationships with our stakeholders,

communities and each other. Excellence

We will deliver excellence in everything we do.



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Safer Gardening with Glenda

Chainsaws



Getting proper training before you use a chainsaw is probably the number one safety tip, and here are some safety refreshers to help you avoid making a mess when you use a chainsaw 1. Dress properly

a) a chainsaw safety helmet is a must – the helmet protects your skull, the earmuff protect your hearing and the mesh face visor protects your face from KICKBACK. Which can be very messy.
b) small engine or chainsaw safety gloves help absorb vibration. When using any power tool for prolonged periods, vibration can cause nerve pain leading to long term damage.

c) heavy duty work pants and shirt can reduce the risk of chainsaw cuts from OVERRUNNING or KICKBACK by fouling the chain and causing a stall before YOU get cut badly, saving a big mess.d) solid well fitting boots reduce the risk of tripping or slipping and help protect from crush and tear injuries to the feet. More mess avoided.

Shorts + thongs + chainsaws= tears + tears (you have to love the English language, eh?) 2. Maintain your saw and keep the chain sharp as a sharp chain cuts quicker, with less effort and is safer too. OVERRUNNING is more likely with a poorly maintained saw. Incorrect chain tension can lead to chain breakage or offrailing with messy results. Use a file to keep the chain teeth sharp. Try googling "Sharpening a chainsaw by hand" and watch a few.

Take time to assess what you are going to cut before you start up. Make sure you know where overhead power lines are and check where the branches might fall. Small limbs can be quite heavy. If you are not the Head Gardener, check before cutting to avoid different kind of mess.
 Keep the working area clear of cuttings and bystanders .Falling over cut limbs with a running chainsaw can be very messy .



OVERRUNNING is when the chain keeps running/moving after the trigger is released. All petrol chainsaws do this to some degree as they continue to idle even not cutting. If the idle speed is too fast the risk of overrunning increases. I had to repair work trousers and my husband when this happened due to a problem with the idle speed of a saw he was using.

The heavy material jammed the chain before it did more than cut the skin though it did need a large adhesive patch. I put a patch on the pants too, though they no longer had a hip pocket.

More safety tips from Glenda in April

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The Right to Shelter – Accommodation, Affordability and Homelessness

Everyone in our society has the right to comfortable, secure and affordable accommodation. This is not the case in the Bass Coast.

Locally, homelessness is going to increase over the next couple of years. It is an issue that needs urgent and ongoing attention by the community at large as well as the local Council, State Government and supporting welfare agencies and organisations such as Housing Matters.

There are a number of contributing factors that have been identified by a growing number of commentators. It is worth looking at some of these in terms of the broader social context and specific impact within our communities.

How housing is viewed has changed over the last 4-5 decades. After the second World War accommodation and housing were seen ias a right. Since the 1970s this has changed so much that both the major political parties treat housing primarily as an investment.

The ALP introduced negative gearing in the 1980's and this has enabled a section of our population to acquire housing as a means of increased wealth. This focus has resulted in significant investment in land and housing as income earning capital.

During the last decade, with low interest rates, buyers saw investment in this area as more profitable than other options. To get an idea of the magnitude of the impact of such policies on government revenue, negative gearing by property investors reduced personal income tax revenue in Australia by \$600 million in the 2001/2002 tax year, \$3.9 billion in the 2004/2005 tax year and \$13.2 billion in the 2010/2011 tax year."

This focus on housing as an investment, with encouragement by the banks has seen the cost of housing and rent escalate. The scale of the problem is significantly increased when we look at the supply side. There is no doubt that the provision of available accommodation is not only affected by increased demand but also the slow rate of new development of affordable accommodation, including all forms of social housing.

A paper by Karl Fitzgerald included ".. the University of Sydney's Dr Cameron Murray looked at 26,000 property purchases in nine master planned communities". That study revealed that whenever over supply resulted in stalling house prices the developers reduced the rate of supply to maintain price and thus limiting affordability.

On top of this, the requirement that a defined percentage of a new development is allocated to social and affordable housing and accommodation has been ignored or only partially addressed.

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IN MEMORIAM

ROBERTA JANE IVES 1960 - 2018 Rendered homeless

through eviction, walked away from her home.

Three weeks later, was found, dead, amongst the trees.

Not Forgotten.

Five years later, nothing has changed for our homeless.



FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

There are more reasons for the lack of accommodation in Bass Coast.



Firstly, there has been sea change with many retirees moving to the coast to enjoy our community based lifestyle.

A second issue has been the changing nature of employment. The ability to work from home reduces commuting and the need to live near work.

A third factor is the rapid increase in 'city' prices putting affordability out of the reach of many people.

The times of low income people being able to afford to buy a fibro shack in Corinella or Coronet Bay are long gone.

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Basic Jobseeker payments have NOT kept pace with HOUSING reality. If you are receiving Centrelink support you can forget being able to afford to rent in Bass Coast.

With rent assistance capped at \$72.90 per week, you would be lucky to rent a shed.

Which some people are doing; or camping out, couch surfing, living in caravans, cars, buses in paddocks and 'staying' with friends and relations.

The flipping of economic conditions is only adding the problem of accommodation. Many people who were encouraged to invest in times of low interest now find themselves in a position asset rich but increasingly income poor.

Housing Matters formed in 2019 after the closure of the Miners' Rest Caravan Park in Wonthaggi, which was an option of last resort for many people in need. However, some of the residents enjoyed the community that living in the Park fostered.

Emergency accommodation is another problem in our shire. Short-term beds are so over-subscribed that people have been send into city hostels when there is nothing available here.

Only 2.5% of housing in Bass Coast is "social housing". Housing Matters members were excited when the State Government's "Social Housing Growth Fund" allocated "at least" \$25 mil-lion for the development of social housing in Bass Coast.

One of our expert advisors recommends that the building of public and community housing has to be tripled to catch up. The progress of this the \$25 million being turned actual dwellings has been slow. Two small developments of around 16 dwellings are to be funded in Cowes and Wonthaggi. These will be accessible two bedroom units.

There is a real possibility that tent cities will grow outside our towns unless urgent action is taken by governments at all levels. Meanwhile, local businesses are finding it hard to find staff, due to the high rents. Many ideas are put forward to ease the housing crisis - retirees renting out spare rooms, tiny homes on farmland, holiday houses being rented to locals in the off season and more caravan parks for short term accommodation.

It is difficult to see the way forward towards our aim of housing as a human right in a just and humane society.

Housing Matters offers speakers for local organisations and service clubs. We spread information on free food distribution and talk about where the gaps are and how people can help.

We host monthly "Renters' Rights info sessions at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House and have a flyer available for distribution. We meet the council, churches and welfare agencies to keep up with the latest news and inform ourselves.

Find us on Facebook: "Housing Matters Bass Coast" - Peter Allit and Jessica Harrison



Bass Coast Shire Council has erected large signs at the sites of tree vandalism in the shire. One is at the Ventnor Foreshore Reserve and the other is at Inverloch Foreshore. These signs are there to remind residents that interfering with vegetation on public reserves is illegal and will not be tolerated. Council's Sustainable Environment Manager, Simon Woodland, said the latest vandalism at these locations is part of a pattern that's been going on for several years. "If people think they will get away with destroying vegetation on public land by cutting a bit here and a bit there, they need to think again," said Mr Woodland.

"Our officers regularly monitor all the foreshore reserves we manage. We investigate all suspicious activity, with methods including lab-testing leaf samples for evidence of herbicide use. While we are building a case for prosecution, offender's attempts to clear a view or path will be thwarted by large, unattractive signs."

"The latest signs installed at Ventnor and Inverloch are big – three metres high by three metres wide. We put them up as a further deterrent to tree vandals."

"Any views that might have been gained by destroying those trees are now ruined by the large signs."

The sites will be replanted with indigenous coastal dune plant species. The signs will remain in place until the replanted vegetation is well established.



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The Wonthaggi Fixit Café is open at the Wonthaggi Harvest Centre on March 19.

The Wonthaggi Fixit Café is a joint initiative of Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and The Mens' Shed program.

You'll need to book and it's a great place to have a cuppa while volunteer experts use their skills to give a new lease of life to broken household items.

For details ring (03) 5672 3731

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Family Violence

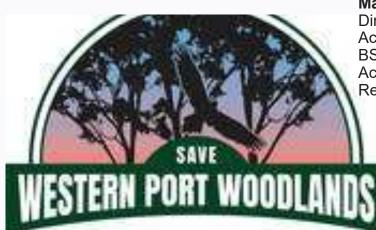
If you are concerned for the immediate \$\$000 safety of yourself or someone else, please call 000 for emergency assistance.

The Orange Door in Inner Gippsland \$ 1800 319 354 For adults, children and young people \$\$ www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and families who need extra support with the care of children.

safe steps

For women and children who are victims of family violence.

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Make a donation. Direct bank transfer to: Account name: South Gippsland Conservation Society Inc. BSB: 633 000 Act: 159 668 722. Reference: SWPW and your name.

February was a busy month with many deadlines in preparation for the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscape hearing that starts on 6th March.

On Wednesday 15th February, we had the opportunity to introduce the DAL Standing Advisory Committee to the Western Port Woodlands during a site visit to The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve. It was only a brief stopover for the panel during their very busy two days in Bass Coast.

Let's hope the Woodlands worked their magic.

Our team:

Save Western Port Woodlands is joining forces with the South Gippsland Conservation Society and Victorian National Parks Association to present our case. We are delighted to have secured Barnaby McIlraith, a very experienced environmental and planning lawyer, as our advocate and we have lined up a formidable list of distinguished expert witnesses, most of whom are appearing pro bono and the rest at a substantial discount.

Times and dates

The hearing starts on March 6th at the Wonthaggi Town Hall and will last eight weeks. It will be conducted both in person and online. The in person venues are:

- Weeks 1: 6 and 7: Wonthaggi Town Hall, Baillieu St East, Wonthaggi
- Weeks 2: 4, 5 and 8: 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, Hearing Room 1
- Week 3: 80 Collins Street, Melbourne, Level 6, North Tower.

The Western Port Woodlands Alliance is scheduled to present on April 12, 14 and 17.

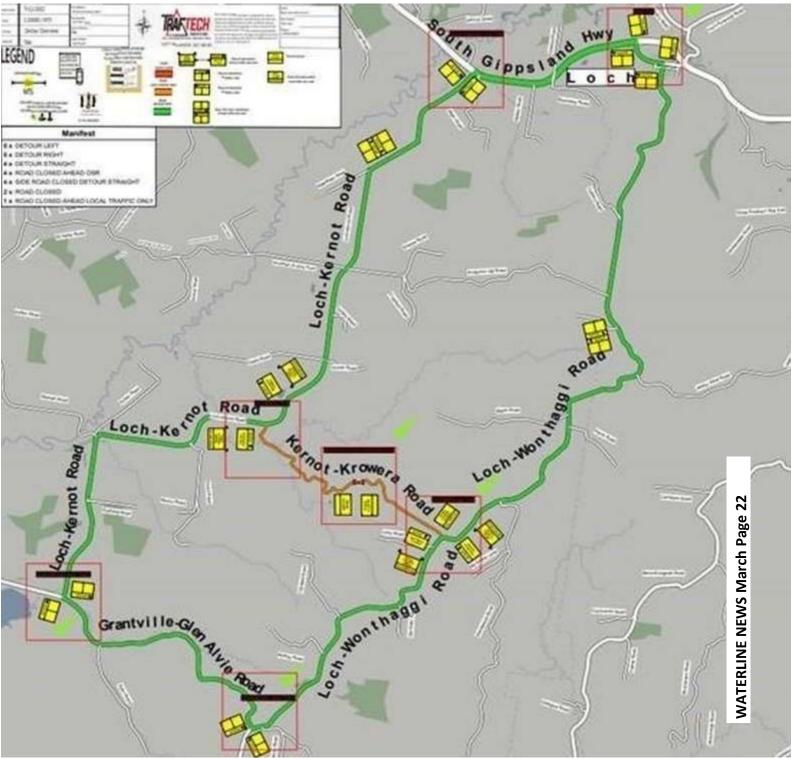
Information on the Committee can be found on its website along with a video link to the hearings:

Distinctive Areas and Landscapes referral: Bass Coast (planning panels.vic.gov.au)

Kernot-Krowera Road Closed



Kernot-Krowera Road has been damaged after heavy rainfall. There is a significant landslip that is very unstable. There are no viable options to keep the road open, therefore the road is **currently** closed for in the interest of public safety. For more information contact Bass Coast Shire's Infrastructure Asset Management Team on 1300 226 278 or (03) 5671 2211. Locals are concerned that these repairs might be a low priority due to the cost of repairs and the low usage of this vital link.



PICAL is located at 16 Warley Ave, Cowes Drop in to view our amazing new premises!

- Reception: open each weekday 9am-3pm
- Services Australia Agency open each weekday 9am – 2pm (MyGov, Centrelink, Medicare, MyAgedCare, DVA)

Food Pantry open each weekday 10am – 2pm T 5952 1131 email: **reception@pical.org.au** PICAL recently held its Open Day at its amazing new home. Lots of information about courses, activities and services...and great food from the Rotary sausage sizzle and CWA cake stall!

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1. How many people (at early 2000s) have walked on the moon: 3; 12; 21; or 37?

2. The word succumb means to be: Overjoyed; Overcome; Overlooked; or Oversized?

3. Central, Mountain, Pacific, Alaskan and Samoa are five of a total nine US: Major highways; Basketball leagues; Timezones; or Lions?

4. Tallow, Beeswax, Spermaceti, and Paraffin are traditionally used in making: Paint; Contraceptives; Candles; or Pasta?

5. The famous self-styled anarchist web hacking group founded in 2003 is called: Mysterious; Incredulous; Anonymous; or Delirious?

6. Name the controversial detention camp established in 2002 by the USA in Cuba?

7. Often suggested as an English national anthem, William Blake's 1804 poem set to Hubert Parry's music is: Copenhagen; Jerusalem; Casablanca; or St Petersburg?

8. Oxygen is a: Conductor; Insulator; Solvent; or Surfactant?

9. A tenth divided by a fifth is a: Tenth; Fifth; Fiftieth; or Half?

10. Which one of these is not a Toy Story movie character: Woody; Slinky; Stinky Pete; or Pingu?

11. Fleckerl, Natural Turn, Chasse, and New York are: Muffins; Cocktails; Dance steps; or Homeopathic brands?

12 Chesterfield, Ottoman, Tallboy, and Cheval are: Furniture; Sailing ships; Australian cities; or Pig breeds?

- 13. Martini, Rossini, Mojito, and Sazerac are: Composers; New York City districts; Cocktails; or Pig breeds?
- 14. Clipper, Brigantine, Corvette, and Schooner are: Sports cars; Drinking glasses; Card games; or Sailing ships?

15. Gascon, Pot Belly, Saddleback, and Landrace are: Rope knots; Pig breeds; Ultra/endurance marathons; or Abdominal ruptures?

16. Pegassi Zentorno is an: Italian soup; Estonian for 'Hello'; Racing snail; or Sports Car in 'Grand Theft Auto'? 17. Bachata is a type of (What?) from the Dominican Republic: Music/dance; Hairstyle; unleavened bread; or Banana sculpture?

18 Popocatepetl, Pico de Orizaba, and Iztaccihuatl are: Barcelona cathedrals; Mexican volcanoes; Cuban dictators; or The National Flowers of India?

19 Mixing yellow and blue paint produces: Orange; Green; Red; or White?

20. Based on Greek legend, a constant uncontrollable threat, especially to a safe/desirable situation, is called The Sword of: Hades; Damocles; Hermes;



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Led by Terry Cole BYO instrument or sing \$25

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Welcome to the Bass Valley Lions Club

We provide a unique service club membership and we have a few, interesting projects on the go right now. In keeping with the club ethics they are humanitarian, community spirited, fun and manageable.

Our members are dedicated to making our community a better place to live, work and grow. We would love for you to join us. If you have a little spare time, have an interest in helping your community, and philanthropy, we'd love to hear from you.

Lions of Bass Valley Meetings are held on First Tuesday of each month at Bass Coast Shire Transaction Centre, Grantville



Contact us if you would like to come along. Ray: 0438 788 357 Lyn: 0416 024 356

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

March 1919: Death toll rises as Spanish Flu ravages Wonthaggi.

Celebrations for returning soldiers were put on hold when several cases of the flu in Wonthaggi were reported by The Sentinel paper on 7 February 1919.

"Last Friday afternoon [February 1, 1919] the first suspicious case [a nurse at the hospital] came under the notice of Dr Sleeman, health officer, and he promptly quarantined the in-



stitution ... Since then other cases have occurred and the health officer has closed public halls and churches. The State and Catholic Schools are closed indefinitely."

A huge clean-up of the town was undertaken, starting with the flushing of all drains. The Wonthaggi Town Hall was set up as a hospital and several large tents were put up next to the hospital to accommodate the emergency that Sleeman knew was about to happen. Citizens began hunting up beds and supplies as best they could. Money had to be found for stretchers, isolation tents and blankets.

On February 28, the paper reported, "There are now twenty cases at the hospital and the tent accommodation is full up ... The Town Hall has been fitted up for the reception of other cases that may occur and Nurse Jeremiah has been placed in charge. Valuable assistance has been rendered in many ways by a number of ladies."

On March 7, a large headline on page three announced: STATE SCHOOL TO BE USED AS HOSPITAL: "Cr Dowling, Mayor, wired the Town Clerk, 'Prepare school; thirty beds being sent immediately.' (By the Government from Melbourne.)

Ads began appearing in the paper such as: DALYSTON RACE PICNIC CLUB This meeting announced to be held on Friday 21 March has been ABANDONED – G.Gary, honourable secretary.

OWING TO THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC THE DALYSTON SHOW is ABANDONED – J.D.Daly, sec'y.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY (continued)

March 1919: Death toll rises as Spanish Flu ravages Wonthaggi.

The Mayor, Cr Dowling, asked for donations "including eggs and milk and linen and the like". He asked that all articles be forwarded to the Wonthaggi Railway Station.

Messages of thanks began to appear from those who had survived. John Bromely wrote, "I desire to thank Dr Jeilbart, also the Matron, Sisters and nurses for their kind and skilful attention during my recent illness at the Wonthaggi Town Hall."

At the Wonthaggi hospitals – tents, school and town hall – the first deaths occurred on **March 14** with 100 people in care. One week later the deaths had risen to 16 with 130 patients in the hospitals. There was also one birth recorded at the State School. The following week there were six more deaths, but statistics were beginning to turn around.

On **March 28.** it was reported that "80 people were in hospital, 3 being classed dangerously ill, 8 seriously ill as against 43 last week."

Only one week later, it was reported that there had been two deaths the previous week and only 36 people were in the hospital, "and the indications are that the epidemic is almost over. With two or three exceptions all patients are reported to be doing well."

That same week the Union Theatre announced that after being closed for several weeks, it would be open the following Saturday when selected pictures would be shown.

Finally, here is a letter from Nurse M. McIntyre, who was presented with £12 raised by private subscription when the hospitals were closed: "I would be very grateful to express my sincerest thanks to the people of Wonthaggi for their kindness to me at State School Influenza Hospital.

Although my period of service was unfortunately not lengthy, I feel that my efforts, though humble, were most nobly appreciated by the admirable spirit of good feeling and generosity of the townspeople. I cannot fully express my fondest remembrance of the residents of Wonthaggi."

This article was originally written by Caroline Langdon from extracts from The Sentinel, February 7, 1919 to April 25, 1919, and first published in full in **The Plod,** the newsletter of the Wonthaggi & District Historical Society and later reproduced in the Bass Coast Post.



Fords that flew

Henry Ford's "Tin Goose" was the world's first all-metal airliner. It operated in many countries including Australia, carrying up to seventeen passengers with a crew of two.

The "Goose" played a dominant role in establishing domestic routes in countries around the world until it was eclipsed by the next generation of all-metal airliners, the Boeing 247 and Douglas DC-2. In total, 199 were built before Henry decided that selling cars was enough of a

challenge in 1933.

Forty years later, aeronautical engineer Henry Smolinski decided that it was time for Fords to return to the skies. Starting with a small Ford commuter car, the Pinto, he added the wings, motor and tail section of a Cessna Skymaster.



The plane section was easily attached so the owner could drive to an airport, convert the car into a plane, fly to a destination, separate the airplane section, store it at the airport then drive away without hold ups at the rental car counter.

A great idea which got off the ground, literally, figuratively and tragically.



Questions remain around Smolinski's choice of car. By 1973 Pintos had become notorious for exploding after rear end collisions. This was due to unsafe location of the fuel tank right behind the flimsy rear bumper.

Perhaps they were cheap, but Smolinski partnered with a Ford Dealer with the intention of marketing the car

once the Civil Aviation Authority had approved the design.

You can easily google videos of successful test flights. There is even a promotional video that extolls the virtues of a fly-able car when you are running late to get to an interstate meeting.

Sadly, YouTube also has footage of the tragic mid-air decoupling of the car from the tail section that killed the designer and the future of flying Fords.

BY Geoff Ellis



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6. Guantanamo Bay. 7. Jerusalem. 8. Insulator. 9. Half. 10. Pingu.

11. Dance Steps. 12. Furniture. 13. Cocktails. 14. Sailing Ships.

15. Pig Breeds. 16. Sports Car in 'Grand Auto Theft'.

17. Music/dance. 18. Mexican Volcanoes. 19. Green. 20. Damocles.

Uluru Statement from the Heart Info Session with Dr Heather Wearne



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