

Check out our back issues at: waterlinenews.com.au

THE WATERLINE NEWS

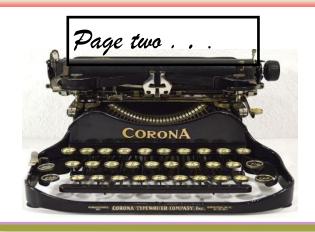
Publisher - Waterline Publishing PO Box 324, Wonthaggi, 3995 Geoff Ellis, Editor.

Anne Heath Mennell, Copy Editor.

Website: www.waterlinenews.com.au

ABN 97 336 380 867

ISSN 2208-9330 (Online)



Grantville needs a supermarket.

With the increasing population the need for local shopping and gathering places has never been more obvious nor more pressing. The rising cost of fuel, the lack of timely public transport and busier lifestyles will be significantly mitigated when this supermarket opens its doors.

Sure, it's been a long time coming with decades of campaigning, number crunching, discussions, plans, false starts, rumours and disappointment but the determination of Waterline locals is legendary and has prevailed.

When the Waterline News was able to step inside, talk to the manager and watch the shelves filling with stock it suddenly seemed real. At the time of publication the opening date is still nebulous but ASAP is a pretty accurate assessment given the pace of activity of the Foodworks crew.

Many people have played a part in this so it's impossible to single out individuals but the Grantville Needs a Supermarket Facebook and the leadership of that core group have been truly inspirational. For more details keep an eye on the Grantville Foodworks Facebook page.

Geoff Ellis - Waterline News Editor



been granted.

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.



Thanks to a partnership between the State Government and Bass Coast Shire Council the Guy Road shared pathway became a reality June 2nd 2023. First mooted in 2008, the pathway links Corinella, Tenby Point and Bass Valley Primary, providing much needed connection across the Waterline.

There are too many visionary people involved to mention even a few, though the general consensus of locals at the opening was that Jean Coffey and (Cr) Clare Le Serve are recognised as the champions of this project who were there from the start.

Bass District's local member, Jordan Crugnale is pictured holding the ribbon with the delighted Cr Michael Whelan as students from Bass Valley Primary declare the pathway open, cheered on by Cr Rochelle Halstead and the school principal.





Fixed.

Bass Coast Shire Council (BCSC) staff promptly responded to reports that the Grantville Sea Wall had been breeched. Water was overwhelming the aging concrete structure as a sink hole threatened to swallow a large section of the foreshore. A contractor swiftly patched the broken concrete and filled the eroded cavity behind the seawall with a combination of materials at various levels, including rock, sand and soil. Rock was also placed on the beach in front of the seawall to further bolster the vital structure. Indigenous plants will be added to enhance rehabilitation of the site. Diligent Council staff monitor the sea wall on a regular basis.



While the Waterline News was taking snaps of the repairs and the great views of Western Port and French Island, locals expressed concerns about the control of weeds on the edge of the well mown foreshore reserve.

Transaction Centre the centre of action.

A few years back Bass Coast Health offered to purchase the Grantville Transaction Centre. Luckily the Western Port Ward Councillors of the time realized that the place was too important to the Waterline communities and halted the process.



As well as being home to a beloved Nurse Practitioner, a library and the only Centrelink connection this side of Wonthaggi, two council staff work hard to meet the needs of residents, ratepayers and visitors.

One example is this map of the foreshore management areas along the Waterline edge of Western Port, which has proven invaluable as our reporters investigate the differing approaches in nine distinct precincts between Jam Jerrup and San Remo.

And yes, Tenby Point is on this map, unlike some earlier Council issued maps.

POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE:

another instalment of our tour of Waterline foreshore areas on the edge of Western Port.

Pioneer Bay where, as the signs on the Highway decree, there is no vehicular access to the foreshore.

















Bass Coast Landcare Network is a grass-roots network of staff and volunteers who actively provide solutions to our most pressing environmental challenges.

We do this locally, with a small but dedicated team.

This year and through this dinner, we are hoping to raise funds to go towards our Hooded Plover conservation program. This program has seen the numbers of 'vulnerable' local Hooded Plovers increase steadily and then double in the past year.

The program itself is now at risk as critical funds have not been renewed.



- 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



Gippsland artist Phil Henshall has exhibited widely in Melbourne and Gippsland galleries. Some years ago, on the way to ArtSpace Wonthaggi, Phil stopped his car as an echidna slowly crossed the Bass Highway to reach bushland on the other side.

That brush with nature was the inspiration for his new painting Help! He wanted to depict the vulnerability of nature, exemplified by the grass trees and echidna, when competing with human-caused impacts such as lumbering sand trucks.

Phil generously donated Help! to Save Western Port Woodlands to raise much needed funding. Help! was the prize in a raffle drawn at The Gurdies Winery where we gathered to celebrate our progress so far and map the road ahead.

We sold an incredible 1246 tickets online and at the gathering, raising a total of \$6230 for our campaign.

The funds are most welcome because the recent Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes hearing just about cleaned us out and we have a lot more work to do!

Thanks to all of you who bought tickets and to Phil for his generosity. Not only did he donate *HELP!* but he also delivered it to the winner.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

At CDCC

Check out the Waterline Living Library Facebook page for details













At Corinella and District Community Centre (CDCC) we have one paid staff member. All the rest are volunteers, people who want to give back.

Their lifestyles may have changed with more time on their hands and enjoy connecting with people at the Centre. Our wonderful volunteers are here so they can be of help in any way possible

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of our volunteers. They are the lifeblood of CDCC. Each day they bring enthusiasm, a variety of skills, vitality and purpose. We have 19 volunteers in the Centre working in Reception, Maintenance and in the Kitchen preparing meals for the Community Lunch in our busy little hub. Everyone knows that Corinella and District Community Centre provides vital services to small townships across the Waterline district.

More people than ever need emergency food relief and our Food Pantry is increasingly busy. Donations are always needed.

Volunteer week provided the opportunity to reflect on all that work and to say thank you, where would we be without you?

THANK YOU! The theme for Volunteer week is Changemakers. We know first hand how volunteers can be the catalyst for change, particularly within the Community Sector. If you would like to meet some of our volunteers, get to

know them better, or find out how you can join the team, drop in and say hello.

Everyone one is welcome.

- Kerryn and the CDCC Committee



BASS COAST COUNCIL Western Port Ward



Cr Bruce Kent

Position: Councillor Phone: (03) 5671 2156 Mobile: 0428 741 843

Send email



Cr Rochelle Halstead

Position: Deputy Mayor Phone: (03) 5671 2157 Mobile: 0439 623 511

Send email



Cr Clare Le Serve

Position: Councillor Phone: (03) 5671 2155 Mobile: 0448 083 286

Send email



DG Nurse Practitioner Grantville Transaction Centre (Cnr Bass Hwy & Pier Rd) (03) 5616 2222

Family Violence

If you are concerned for the immediate \$\infty\$ 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.

1800 015 188

www.safesteps.org.au

Voices for Monash



INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING



Come along to a free Information evening held by Voices for Monash

THURSDAY 15TH JUNE
7PM TO 8.30PM
WONTHAGGI WORKMEN'S CLUB



- Amy Rust, Kokatha woman, working on Treaty for First Peoples Assembly
- Sarah Maddison, Professor of Political Science
- Rueben Berg Gunditjmara man & Member of the First Peoples Assembly of Victoria.

Our guests will provide an overview of the Voice Referendum proposal and answer questions from the audience. Book your FREE ticket at voicesformonash.org/news-events

or scan:



MAKE SURE YOU ARE INFORMED BEFORE YOU VOTE!



Queries may be directed to: voices4monash@gmail.com

Voices for Monash acknowledges the traditional Owners of the land and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging,

Exploring Art

With Special Guest Artists
Aunty Sam Walker-Wilson
(Yorta Yorta) and
Ronald Edwards Pepper
(Gunaikurnai)





Photostory Laura Brearley

Images

Laura Brearley Geoff Ellis Ronald Edwards Pepper







Supported by Bass Coast Shire Council

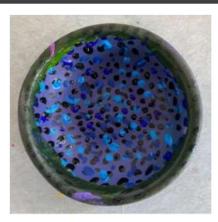




















Supported by Bass Coast Shire Council















INVITATION

For Our Future Community Art Exhibition Saturday 10th June 2023 Wonthaggi Library

Exhibition Opening 1pm Come for the launch of the Community Art Exhibition

Light refreshments provided

Deep Listening Circle 1.30pm - 2.30pm Celebrate Eco Arts in our community and respond through Deep Listening

Please book at myli.au/events







WONTHAGGI LIBRARY ETHICS DISCUSSION GROUP

Sat 1st July - The RBA vs. The Greater Good (Genevieve Murphy) Sat 5th August - Ethics of Foreshore Management (Geoff Ellis)



The Bass Coast Poetry Wall With Tim Gesell, Library Customer Service and Programs Officer

basspoems@wgrlc.vic.gov.au

yes23.com.au/

Bass Coast/South Gippsland Reconciliation Group

What's with the Voice?

The Waterline News wants to publish contributions that represent all views from across Bass Coast and Waterline Communities. Letters to the editor are most welcome. This article was written by the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group.

The Australian people will vote in a referendum for the Voice to Parliament some time between October and December this year.

A referendum is a vote to change the Australian Constitution which is the founding document of our nation, and the primary source of our law.

A referendum must be passed by a majority of voters, and a majority of states.

The simple yes/no question that we will vote on is: Do you support an alteration to the Constitution that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice?"

The new words inserted in the Constitution shall read:

- 1. There shall be a body, to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.
- 2. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to parliament and the executive government on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- 3. The parliament shall, subject to this constitution, have power to make laws with respect to the composition, functions, powers and procedures of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

Part 3 indicates that it is the Parliament, not the referendum, that will deal with the details of how the Voice will work.

A referendum gives the people's agreement to a change in the Constitution and then the legislation defining how it work s is negotiated in Parliament.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart requested that the Voice be enshrined in the Constitution.

A constitutional amendment is preferred to a legislated arrangement so that future governments cannot abolish or ignore it.

We need structural reform to give First Nations people greater say in decisions affecting their lives. The right to self-determination under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People has so far been ignored in Australia.

The Voice will give advice to parliament and to the public servants drafting legislation, based on the best advice possible from the ground up.

Parliament is not required to take the advice, but they should in good faith listen. The Voice will be held accountable and under great scrutiny from parliament, from First Nations communities and the people. It will not be a third chamber of Parliament.

The Voice won't make laws, only advise on their content. It will concentrate its advice on areas of importance like health, education, justice and jobs.

Advice will be drawn from consultations in communities, and it is no more likely to be controversial than any other important legislation.

A structure for the Voice has been proposed in the Co-design Process 2019-21 and its Report, authored by Professor Marcia Langton and Tom Calma AO.

Whilst this is detail that will be worked out by Parliament, the Co-design Report recommends establishing local and regional Voices reporting to a national Voice, with 2 members per state, plus 5 members for remote representation, and 1 member for Torres Strait Islanders living on mainland Australia.

It will definitely not be an elite 'Canberra Voice'. Its membership will be drawn from everyday First Nations people from every corner of Australia. The Voice is a common-sense response to years of failed policies and programs that do not take account of what First Nations people know about their communities.

We need at last to listen to their Voices.

Bass Coast/South Gippsland Reconciliation Group

For and Against the Voice

The referendum on the Voice to Parliament is part of 'our journey'. It will bring people together and signal to the nation and the world that we are at last constitutionally recognising and respecting the unique status and position of our First Nations people as the original occupiers of the continent.

The Voice is a very modest request, when so much has been taken from them. It asks only that we listen to their advice, their knowledge of what their people need. This request is grounded in the Uluru Statement that invites the Australian people to walk together with them to a better future, both sides benefitting from mutual respect and shared knowledge.

The Voice has the support of the major churches who understand it as social justice, and recognise their part in Stolen Generation disasters of the past. The AFL and the NRL, and big business, including mining companies who have long contested traditional land rights, now also support the Voice.

Constitutional lawyers have rejected claims that the Voice will lead to challenges in the High Court if their advice is not taken. To arguments that it will create layers of new bureaucracy, we can say that there is already a huge number of public officials engaged in Aboriginal Affairs, but without a direct and authoritative Voice from communities, they are often ineffective. It has been said that if there had been a Voice, there would have been no Stolen Generation.

Surveys indicate that 80% of First Nations people support the Voice. Nevertheless, some high-profile First Nations opponents believe the proposal doesn't go far enough. Only permitting advice to be given doesn't change the power balance. Others believe that it is not really representative in not giving a Voice to each of the hundreds of nations within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Others see it, now that it is promoted by Government, as the work of Government. Given their treatment by governments since colonisation, this suspicion is understandable. But it should be remembered that the Voice comes from the widely consultative, First Nations-led Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Other First Nations people doubt that sovereignty is protected by the Voice, though the Uluru Statement makes clear that sovereignty refers to the spiritual connection between people and their land, not power and land ownership in the Western sense. Constitutional lawyers have also given assurances that First Nations sovereignty is not at risk. Further claims opposing the Voice suggest that the eleven First Nations Federal politicians should be enough to represent their First Nations people. But each of these MPs represents a party and a whole electorate, not just their own people.

In response to arguments that the Voice will be divisive, we believe that it will unite the nation as a big step towards reconciliation. A successful referendum will mean that the Australian people accept the invitation in the Uluru Statement to walk together towards a reconciled future, beginning with Voice, followed by treaty and truth-telling.

The notion of special rights for First Nations people has also been raised. All Australians have the right to make representations to Parliament, which is guaranteed by the constitution.

The First Nations Voice is simply a permanent one. Hundreds of lobbyists make representations to politicians in a highly unaccountable way. The Voice will be regulated and accountable.

Every voter must take responsibility for being informed about the reasons for the referendum, and for the way you vote. The Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group believes that to vote YES puts you on the right side of history!

IF YOU DON'T KNOW, GO TO yes23.com.au/

INSIDE THE PHILOSOPHERS ZONE





6 FINANCIAL PHILOSOPHIES TO LIVE BY

- Avoid Debt
- Save, Save, Save





- **Understand the power of compound interest**
- Get as many side hustles as possible



Don't stress over timing the market



Invest in yourself







Woodleigh Hall.

The Woodleigh Hall is now available to take bookings.

Suitable for Weddings, Club Meetings, Social Groups, Gatherings, Suppers, Teas and Other Events.

The Hall has been renovated with new internal toilets, upgraded kitchen, heating and cooling and polished floors and seats up to 50 people.

There is plenty of car parking available.

Rental of Hall starts from \$20 depending on the hours required and conditional upon the event. (See seperate Conditions of Hall Hire.) Kitchen includes, fridge, stove, tea making facilities, cups, glasses and cutlery. An external BBQ is also available if required at cost.

Loan of Tables and Chairs \$20 to \$50 depending on number and time loaned out. There are 10 trestle tables and 50 chairs in the hall.

Contact details:

John Lancaster Rosemary Knox Lew Potter Rob Parsons 0418 577 323 0409 594 312 President 0419 854 933 Secretary 0402 852 300 woodleighhallinc@gmail.com

Address: 86 Woodleigh-St Helier Road, Woodleigh Vic 3945





Letter to the Editor re Acknowledgement article from May

Thank you Janice Orchard for broaching the subject of the inherent inequality of the 'welcome to country' acknowledgement in the May issue of The Waterline News.

In our fervent pursuit of inclusivity and political correctness, most of us are too afraid to speak up in fear of being labelled as bigots or racists. The national obsession of acknowledgement to the custodial owners who make up just 3.2% of the population is an over zealous attempt to redress the actions of our forebears.

I too am an immigrant and feel that acknowledging the original custodians of the land excludes the rest of the population who have actively contributed and worked hard to make this country what it is today.

My family came to Australia on a one-way Government Assisted Passage to work in factories and drive the economy forward. The Government catch cry of the day was 'Populate or Perish' and it opened the floodgates of continental immigration.

We were the New Australians, the wogs, dagos and wops but I do not expect any apologies for the racist attitudes of the time because I am grateful for the opportunities that this country has offered me.

I also congratulate Cr Rochelle Halstead for taking this matter on board and including a thank you to all Australians who call this land their home.

Helen Zervopoulos, Pier Rd Grantville







Pop in to our office...

We are always happy to talk about whether solar or batteries could help you save on your electricity bill!



Talk to the experts...

We have been working in the solar industry for over 13 years, and there's not much we don't know!



PHONE

(03) 5678 8082

EMAIL

office@sunscapesolar.com.au

ADDRESS

1/1501 Bass Hwy, Grantville







FIXED FIXER ARE WONTHAGGS





The Wonthaggi Fixit Café is open at the Wonthaggi Harvest Centre on JUNE 18.

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**



Closing Time in Bass

There's a sign on the door that pretty well sums up the very sad news that the Bass Hotel doors have been slammed shut. The pub has been a Waterline institution for many years. Cr Clare Le Serve said "Thanks should go to Daniel, Jeff and family along with their team for their support of the local community and local clubs. They made it a great pub, great meals and great people."



I'd just arrived in Melbourne and needed a car for work. I found a Humber Super Snipe in a used car lot. Leather seats and a walnut dash. The salesman was nice. He said I

could have it for \$500. I paid cash. "Wait here," he said and drove it away, returning 20 minutes later with a yellow form stuck on the window that informed me that I couldn't drive it because it was unroadworthy. Eventually I just scraped the sticker off. That car broke down whenever the temperature hit 25 degrees. It broke down once on Punt Road in peak hour and all the other drivers blew their horns. I could only sit there in silent misery. The mechanics all told me that the petrol was vapourising but no one could fix the thing. It was a long time before I was able to trust Australians again.



A few pics from a very well attended day at the Bass River Garden.













21 MAY 2023



Waterline Community Grows.

The Waterline Library at the Grantville Transaction centre has become the 'go-to' place for people to indulge their passions and make new friends in a welcoming and inclusive space.

Here are a few of the sessions and outreach programs bringing people together from all the Waterline and Hinterland communities.



Nourished at Macca's Farm.

MYLI LIbraries hosted a two day "Mothers in May" program that culminated in a great lunch and workshop at Macca's Farm.

Mums and bubs were able to enjoy the sunshine while sharing information about wellbeing and nutrition. This event added to the community spirit and fellowship that is growing from the parent friendly sessions and programs running at the Waterline Library in Grantville.

Madison Ellis, founder of "Nourished by Madison" catered and led the discussion of the importance of enjoying healthy meals and enjoying good conversations around the dining table. Madison strongly advises that "How you eat is just as important as what you eat" as part of her Mindful Nutrition discussions and recommends that people take every opportunity to savour good food and great conversations with friends and family.

'Mothers in May" was sponsored by a grant sourced by Jordan Crugnale, Member for Bass. Macca's Farm provided the venue without charging so this was another great example of the Waterline community spirit.

> You can contact Madison on 0421664675 and info@nourishedwithmadison.com @nourishedwithmadison



EVERY WEDNESDAY, 2pm Mums and Bubs

Gather round the circle to sing, recite, get to know each other and just have a lot of fun. The kids have a ball while the parents and

grand parents share the smiles and the songs. Rowanne leads the kids through books and the parents get a chance to share their



lives and enjoy some much needed 'me' time.

Waterline MyLi Librarian, Rowanne Grinsted, was guest reader at the Corinella Childrens' Centre on National Simultaneous Reading Day. This important event encourages children to read through exposure to



children to read through exposure to the literary enthusiasm of local VIPs. Row had the kids spellbound

with her reading of 'The Speedy Sloth' that was read in thousands of libraries across Australia.



4TH SATURDAY of the MONTH ARMCHAIR TRAVEL.

If you have a passion for travel and have some pics and tales to share **or** if you want to relax over cake and a cuppa while you share the adventure with other travellers our library is a great place to gather. For the first event we were treated to Anneli adventures in Japan and it wasn't all cherry blossoms and views of Mount Fuji. On July 29th, we'll be visiting Russia. The fun starts at **10.30**.



And you can even borrow books ...

WATERLINE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

1504-1510 Bass Hwy, Grantville 3984

Telephone: 03 5672 1875

Library staff are available on

Tuesday 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Thursday 10:00am – 1:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Self-check out and library

available for use during transaction centre opening hours.

IN PASSING: The view from the highway.



2/ Reach for the sky.

All the sand mines undertake NOT to be visible from the highway. This one, near Bassine Cheese, threatens to eclipse the high country.









Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Bass Coast Artists' Society (BCAS) will be held on Monday June 5th, 2023, commencing at 2.30pm. Anyone interested is invited.

Members, Artists, supporters and community minded people, this is your opportunity to have your say. Check out where we are headed and our five year roadmap to get there. See where we fit into the bigger picture. Only financial members are able to vote.

If you can't attend yourself and you are a financial member, another member can vote on your behalf, once you have filled out a proxy form which will soon be available for you to complete and return before 4pm on Friday July 2nd 2023.

At our AGM the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members are all up for election. We would be delighted to receive your nomination. You can nominate yourself or have someone else nominate you as long as you agree to it.

If you are nominating someone else please check with them that they are happy to be nominated. Eligible members seeking nomination will find forms in the goods shed and members will soon receiver a copy via email.

All nominations and proxy forms must be received by no later than 4pm Friday July 2nd 2023. These should be sent by return email or by post to Post Office Box 571, Wonthaggi VIC 3995. Although we will do everything necessary to ensure appropriate social distancing etc we understand that some of you may not wish to attend in person. As such, please let us know by July 2nd so we can organise your simple Zoom meeting connection. Easy to follow instructions will be sent to people who register.

Questions for the Committee, to be included on the Agenda, will be accepted by the Society prior to close of business on Friday 2nd of July. Please let me know if you are planning to attend in person so we can arrange the seating in a way that ensures we are complying with requirements.

Salutations,
Geoff Ellis, 0403917746 (text only)
President Bass Coast Artists' Society (bcartistssociety@gmail.com)