

The Waterline News



IMAGE: Grantville Pier by Faith Stanes of Shoreline Photography, Dalyston.

We've got you covered across the region with updates from Jam Jerrup, Pioneer Bay, The Gurdies, Kernot, Almurta, Grantville, Tenby Point, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Bass and surrounding areas. Our expanding directory pages will connect you with services, goods, venues and people across the region.

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Welcome to your September Waterline News

Geoff Ellis
Editor



The Waterline News is produced on the lands of the Bunurong, Boon-wurrung 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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WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

Over nine years The Waterline News has evolved from a four page letter-boxed newsletter into this forty page full colour, magazine.

Along the way we stretched to 48 pages, shrank back to 16, went out of print, managed to print a few editions when the revenue permitted and always tried to keep the Waterline Area connected, entertained and informed. It's nearly a year since we last put ink to paper.

We are working on a sustainable return to print and, to achieve broader appeal to advertisers, the Waterline News is being reinvented as a 40 page magazine that continues to celebrate community, events, special interest stories, current affairs and services available to the people of the Waterline towns.

First print edition is scheduled to hit the streets before December, with monthly editions to follow. We reach up to 1500 readers on-line each month so we already provide great value for advertisers that includes our Facebook and website presence.

Geoff Ellis



A crew from the Royal Botanical Gardens, with support from a few Save Western Port Woodlanders, found three tea-tree fingers fungi in the Grantville Nature Conservation Reserve. This is Australia's rarest fungus, so it was an exciting discovery. (The fungi in the photos above are about the size of a 20c piece so not that easy to spot!)



Coming to Cowes, Phillip Island



Concordia

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FOREST LIFE - Western Port Woodlands

Dick Wettenhall, former
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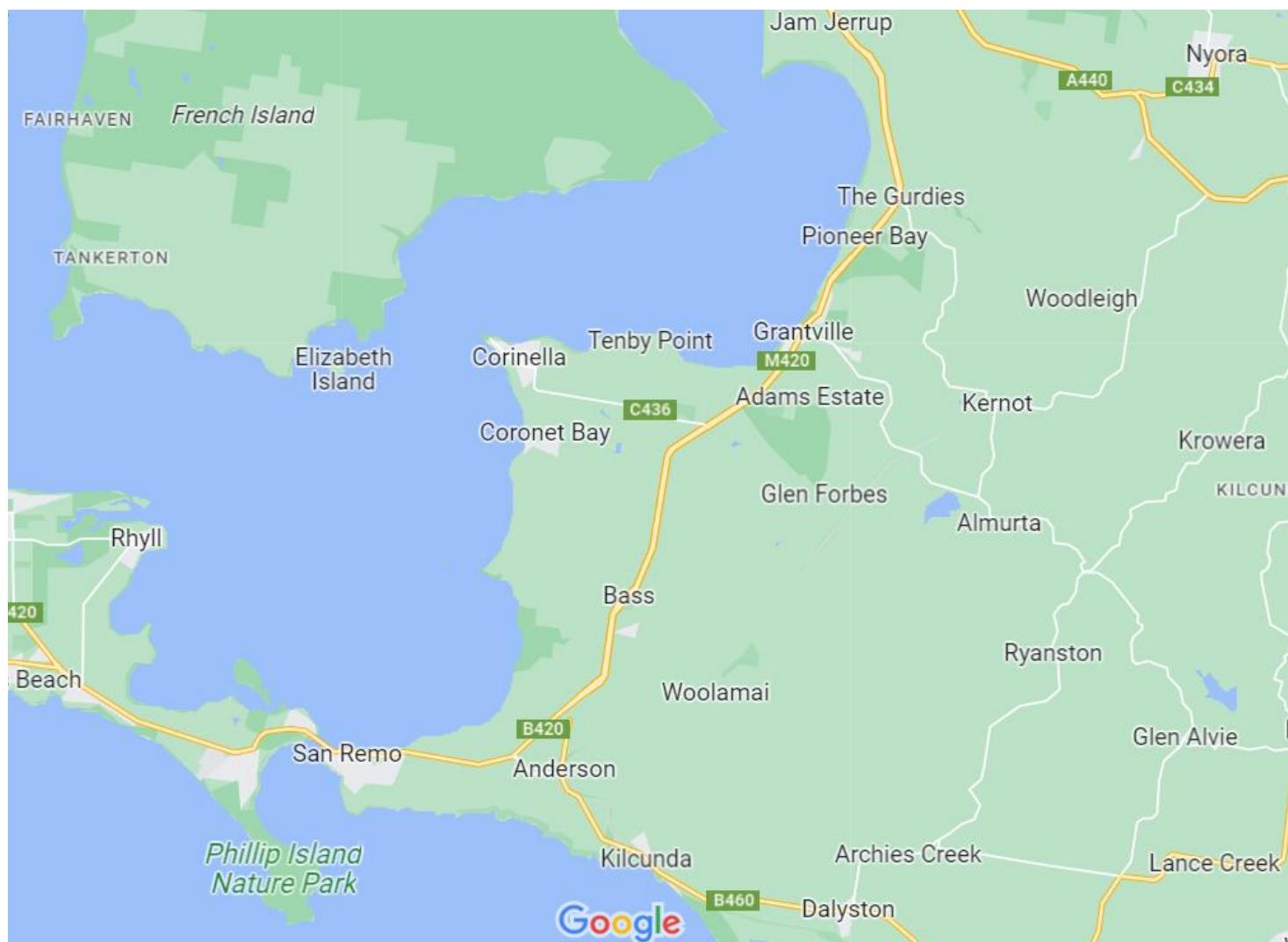
Greg Noakes, Photographer

Update from around the Shire with
Geoff Ellis

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Afternoon tea, please bring a plate to share
\$4 donation supports CDCC Community Pantry

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Wellbeing: Mental Health First Aid



Sadly, nearly half of the farmers in Australia have contemplated self-harm.

The recently released National Farmer Wellbeing Report shows that close to half of our farmers have felt depressed, with almost two thirds experiencing anxiety.

In response, Bass Coast Shire Council is running mental health first aid training for members of our rural community and people who have regular contact with farmers.

This includes accountants, bankers, insurance agents, vets, stock agents, agriculture supply businesses, health care providers as well as members of community organisations.

"We acknowledge the challenges faced by rural landowners when it comes to farming and agri-business" said Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan.

This accredited [Mental Health First Aid](#) (MHFA) training session will be run over two days and costs only \$20.

MHFA training offers practical skills and gives confidence to help anyone experiencing mental health issues.

Mental Health First Aid Course

Monday and Tuesday,
25 and 26 September
9am – 4pm.

- Cost - \$20
 - Wonthaggi Civic Centre
- Facilitator - [Veronique Hamilton](#),
Mental Health Nurse from Exploring
Minds, Mental Health Education

Included in registration will be a MHFA hard copy manual, lunch and refreshments.

For more information and to book your spot - <https://mental-health-first-aid-BCSC.eventbrite.com.au>.

More information:

Teresa.Mahood@basscoast.vic.gov.au.



BVCG
Bass Valley Community Group Inc.

- **Home & Community Care** (HACC Friendship Group) Mon & Wed 10am-2pm
- **Men's Social Group** Tuesday 10:30am-2:30pm (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

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Basket Weaving Workshop:

Saturday 23rd September, 2023
10:00am to 1:00pm

COST: \$20 pp BCAS members
(\$30 for non-BCAS members)

All materials included though participants are encouraged to bring suitable materials from their gardens

VENUE: The Goods Shed, Wonthaggi

TO BOOK: Contact the Secretary ASAP

if you wish for your name to be added to the list.

This is proving to be a popular workshop with at least 11 participants already. bcartistssociety@gmail.com

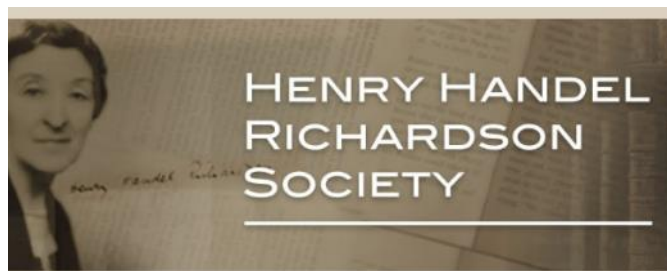
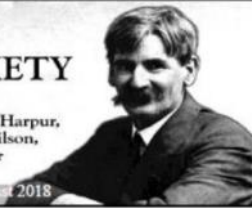
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Though he died in 1922 at Abbotsford NSW and was buried at Waverley NSW Henry Lawson still 'lives' in our hearts, minds and souls - Editor

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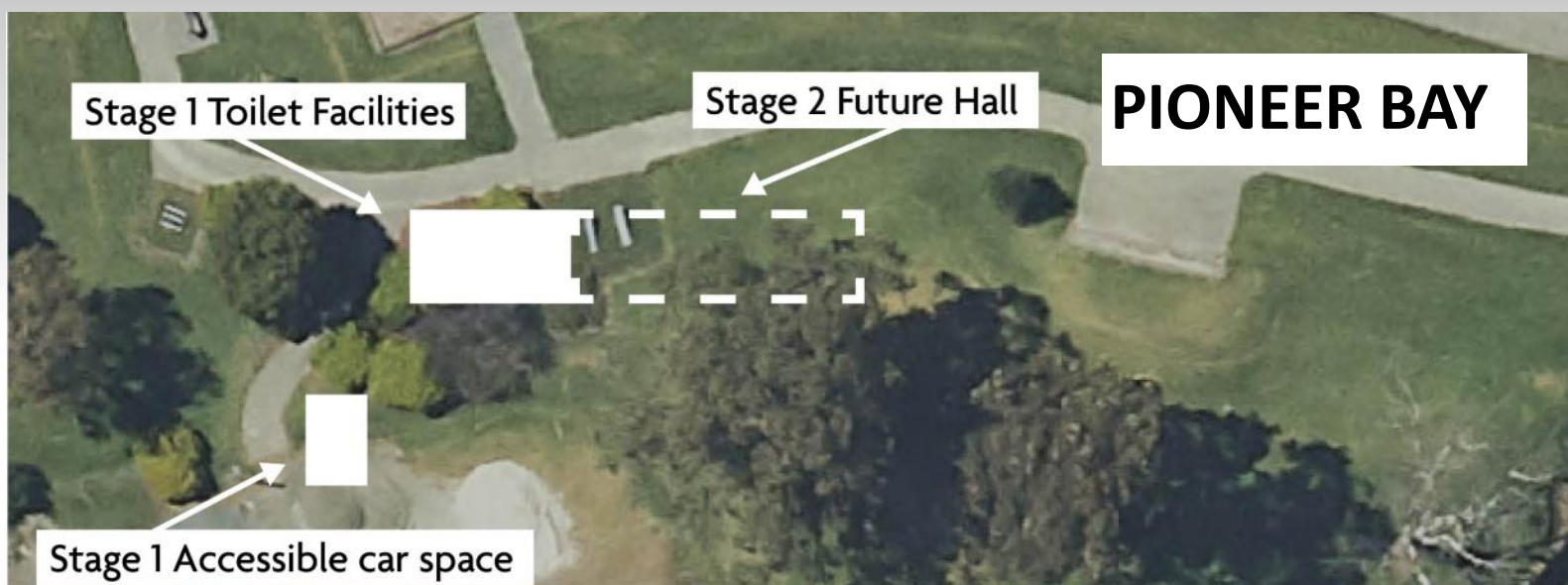
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7 The very model of . . .



Ahoy there! A large audience was held captive in Corinella when the Pirates of Penzance performed to a full house at the hall.



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TO GET THE FACTS AND HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT
THE PROPOSED PIONEER BAY COMMUNITY FACILITY

8 Escabags

There are many places where a victim of violence or domestic abuse can seek confidential help and support.

These include
Lifeline 13 11 14,
1800respect,
Qlife 1800 184 527
and Kids Help Line
1800 551 800.

Domestic violence and family abuse are leading causes of homelessness and a growing problem in this country.

Unfortunately, it is also a critical problem in the Bass Coast shire.

In 2022, Bass Coast had the 16th highest frequency of incidents of domestic violence in Victoria.

The Bendigo Bank has teamed with 'Escabags,' an NFP set up by Stacey Jane, a domestic abuse survivor.

Escabags offer single escape bags and parent and child escape bags.



The bags contain necessities like a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, hand sanitiser, pen and notepad and all the basic items that a victim of violence would require when they leave the abusive situation.

They also contain a list of affirmations and tips on where to store the bags outside of the home while the victim waits for the right opportunity to make their escape.

Escabags are free and can be picked up at Bendigo Bank branches in Cowes, San Remo and Grantville.



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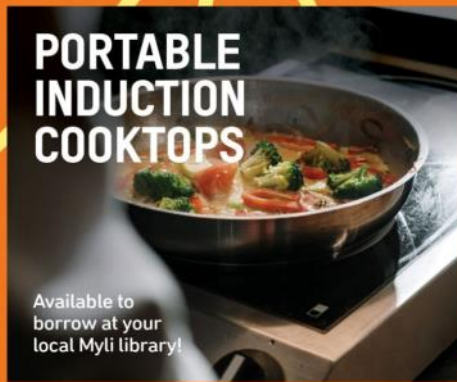


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**Armchair Travel
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**Saturday 23rd September
10.30am**



Kleptoparasites abound in Gippsland

The parrots of the Prom sure know how to get a free feed.

These parrots sneakily land on the shoulders of chip eating travellers to nip their ears. The victim's reflex is to swat the bird away.

Gotcha!

The bird snatches a chip and down the hatch it goes. In this situation there is a wide range of expletives with which to verbally defend and the most erudite is "(damn you) kleptoparasites!"

We have all encountered kleptoparasitism without knowing that there was actually a scientific term for the moment when that emu swallows your whole ice cream before you got even one lick. Oh, the anguish of my nine-year old self that dark day at Healesville Sanctuary. I can still recall it vividly nearly 60 years later.

Thirty years later my five year old had her whole hand engulfed in a pelican bill that hoovered up a really special doughnut. Thirty years on *she* still has an abhorrence for pelicans. Mind you, I am still not that fond of emus either. With my family, maybe it's all about the birds?

My great niece Chloe had a brush with kleptoparasitism at the Tidal River store.

A kookaburra fouled his carefully planned swoop, missed my husband's fish, the B target of Chloe's chicken nugget and other table titbits.

The bird had better luck with a bloke's hamburger, spectacularly removing the burger from the bun.

Scientists studied gulls at a Brighton (UK) beach in 2022. They left two brands of crisps on the ground near where humans were eating one of the brands. Most of the gulls preferred the same as the humans, obviously thinking that if it is good enough for humans then it must be good enough for them.

Come to think of it, all of my dogs over the years have all thought the same way, much preferring what was on my plate to what was in their bowl. And my daughter's Shetland pony. Oh, and the pet chooks and...

Help!

We are surrounded by kleptoparasitic food snatchers! - *Glenda Minty*



“All I want is a long term house so we don’t have to move. But they are hard to find” Samantha and her husband.

*“They are not them.
They are us.”
Beth Banks.*

Last night
120,000
Australians
had no place
to call home.

With her small sedan tucked into her friend’s driveway, Mary Beth fills her hot water bottle. She squashes a cot mattress into the rear of her car’s boot, folds the back seat down then, clutching her hot water bottle, swings feet first in through a side passenger door and slide shimmies into the narrow boot.

She pulls the door shut and worms her way down until there is enough clearance for her to roll over during the night. She knows that her dogs will bark if strangers approach.

Mary Beth dreams of being tucked up in a warm bed in a cosy house.

Before she was offered this driveway, Mary Beth spent four nights parked in a cemetery.

Mary Beth had to move out of her last home so the owner can build a new two story house. She was up to date with her rent and the agent tried to find her a new home. She has two jobs and can afford \$500 a week rent.

“I can pay my way but the agent wanted me to give up my dogs.”

Mary Beth is 59 years old.

The agent does not accept any responsibility for Mary Beth’s lack of a place to call home.



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Women over 50 are the fastest rising proportion of our homeless people.

People sleeping rough have asked for:
Microwaves that are accessible 24/7.
Washing facilities, clotheslines. Lockers.
Designated, patrolled and well lit rough sleeping areas.

Beth Banks can see a way to alleviate the housing crisis in the short term.

During the Desal Plant construction phase, local residents with spare rooms were matched with workers who were living away from home.

Beth knows this was a huge success and suggests that the best vetting and matching agency would be the Bass Coast Shire Council.

“Something needs to be done. There are dozens of houses that are empty or have unused rooms.” Beth reports that many owners could use a hand around their home and people looking for accommodation would willingly share tasks such as cleaning, shopping or maintenance. She says that agreements could be negotiated by council or other agencies.

Emergency Relief. *Wonthaggi*. 03 5671 0000.

Donate



Community centres can be known by many names such as Neighbourhood Houses, Community Houses, Community Centres and Learning Centres.

We are all independent, not-for-profit organisations serving our communities with programs, presentations, events and entertainment which answer the needs and wants of our particular communities, to the best of our abilities.

Some people have a misconception of what a Community Centre is. It isn't just a bunch of older ladies doing their knitting. Although we offer various craft activities, we also have great activities for every age group, with fun being the key ingredient.

Some buildings may only look like official business goes on in there and it can certainly be a bit intimidating walking through a door for the first time but know that you will always be welcome and a kind face will always be at Reception to answer your questions, help you with your needs or share a program with you so you can join an activity and begin to make friends.

Neighbourhood Houses began popping up in the 1970s in response to women needing a place to meet and engage with each other and those Houses provided childcare so that families didn't feel isolated.

They grew from there until today we have a variety of places in many neighbourhoods which cater to everyone. You will find us in the city and the country and, although small towns may only have one place, we all have the same goals.

All Houses and Centres are supported by Neighbourhood Houses Victoria (NHV), which advocates for us and provides us with ongoing professional development so that we stay relevant and keep up to date with important information. We are well supported so that you feel well supported when you come through our doors.

Of course, our Centres would not exist without valuable volunteers. They are the lifeblood of Neighbourhood Houses and give of their time and energy willingly to give back to their communities. They have a sense of pride in their work and gain useful knowledge and experience along the way.

So, our Volunteers are very precious and mean everything to us.

Neighbourhood Houses are incorporated associations which have a set of rules and guidelines they must meet. They are run by volunteer Committees which have an important governance role.

They look at strategic planning for future sustainability while the Manager is running day-to-day operations, usually part-time. So, come along and check out the Corinella and District Community Centre and connect with your community.

Feel free to bring along your ideas, stories or skills to share.

Phone: 5678 0777 (Monday – Thursday)
Thanks, Kerry





Corinella & District Community Centre



What a fabulous Trivia night we had with every seat in the Corinella Bowling Club full and happy members of our community enjoying the challenge. A special thank you to the lovely Yvonne and Tina who put together the Scavenger Hunt bags. There may have been some questionable things collected but it was all in the spirit of fun.

And thanks also to John Oats for pulling up some tricky questions that made us think and generated some great conversations around the tables.



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District
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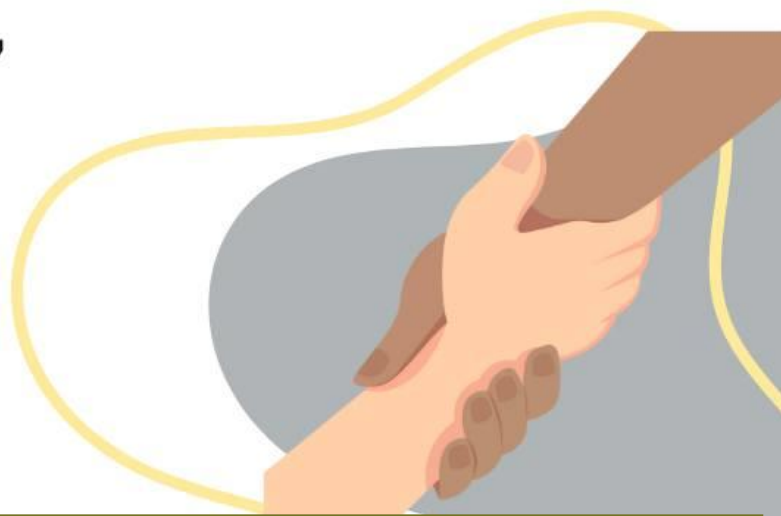
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Corinella Community Centre can help!

Do you need assistance with:

- booking in for a vaccine?
- linking myGov with your Medicare?
- navigating MyHealthRecord?
- application for \$250 Power Saving Bonus?

Call us to book in a time for us to help: 03 5678 0777



The CDCC food pantry is supporting an increasing number of local people. Donations of food are always welcome and monetary donations go to purchase much needed staples from charities and support agencies. Donations can be made at any time during opening hours.

**Don't hesitate to get assistance from the CDCC food pantry.
No questions asked.**

USE LESS ENERGY

Myli libraries, in partnership with Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Cardinia and South Gippsland councils, have launched an exciting new initiative aimed at helping people to embrace energy efficiency and sustainability.

Local libraries are offering Home Energy & Water Efficiency Kits and Portable Induction Cooktops, free for Myli members to borrow. These kits provide practical ways for people to improve energy efficiency, reduce their carbon footprint and make sustainable choices within their homes.

The Home Energy & Water Efficiency Kits are packed with a wide range of resources and devices that enable homeowners to assess, track and improve the energy efficiency of their homes. They include energy meters to monitor electricity consumption, thermal imaging cameras to identify areas of heat loss and water-monitoring devices to reduce water usage. The kits also include information and tips on energy-saving practices people can implement in their daily lives.

The Portable Induction Cooktops aim to promote sustainable cooking and allow people to 'try before you buy'. The kits feature portable induction stoves, which are energy-efficient alternatives to traditional stovetops. Induction cooking technology uses a magnetic field to heat cookware directly, resulting in faster and more efficient cooking while using significantly less energy.

These kits are now available to borrow at local Myli libraries, completely free of charge. The loan period will ensure community members have ample time to experiment with the tools, gather valuable insights, and implement energy-efficient practices within their homes.



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AND WATER
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The next meeting of Council

will be held on September 20th in the Wonthaggi Civic Centre.

Due to limited seating please RSVP governance@basscoast.vic.gov.au. If you plan to attend.



Question Time

Council Meeting Public Question Time is an opportunity for the community to ask questions at the beginning of each Ordinary Council Meeting.

There is a limit of two questions per person per meeting. Each question is limited to 50 words.

Questions have to be lodged 48 hours prior to the Council meeting and must include the name and address of the submitter.

Questions relating to an agenda item will receive the response: "Councillors will consider and debate all aspects and implications of this issue as part of Council's agenda."

Petitions and joint letters are a formal request to Council for action that may be made by people or organisations.

A petition or joint letter must be received by 5pm 15 days before the Council Meeting. Council may decide to deal with the matter there and then or table it as a motion to be dealt with at a future ordinary meeting.

Every petition or joint letter presented to Council must be in writing (other than pencil), typing or printing, cite the request of the petitioners or signatories, be signed by at least three people and submitted by the lead petitioner with a cover letter with their contact details.

For more information contact Chelsea Wilson on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211





Cr Rochelle Halstead

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Deputy Mayor

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Western Port Biosphere Reserve,
Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Committee.

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Cr Clare Le Serve

0448 083 286

Committees:

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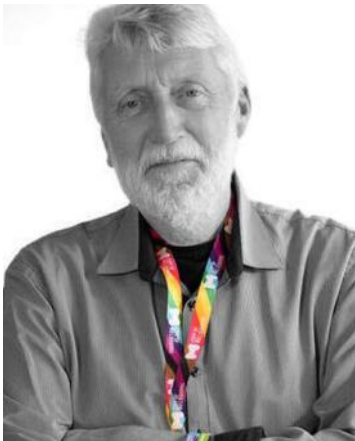
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Philosophers' Zone & Quiz

(answers P37)

In Greek mythology, Sisyphus was punished by Hades who forced him to roll an immense boulder up a hill, only for it to roll back down every time it neared the top. Sisyphus was doomed to repeat this action for eternity.



- 1/ When was the trainline to Wonthaggi closed down?
- 2/ When was Grantville founded?
- 3/ At the time of publication, which car company is the owner of the ex Holden proving ground?
- 4/ Sheepways Road is named after...?
- 5/ In which shire is the Lang Lang Golf Club located?
- 6/ How far is it from the Bass Highway to Loch according to the road sign?
- 7/ Who is the current Mayor of Bass Coast?
- 8/ Where did the seats in the Krowera Hall come from?
- 9/ What was 25c worth before February 1966?



In which Waterline town will you find the 'Bronze Yarns'?



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Coronet Bay Community Garden

IMPORTANT DATES:

**SEPT 23 CORONET BAY COMMUNITY
GARDEN PLANT STALL 9am to 1pm**

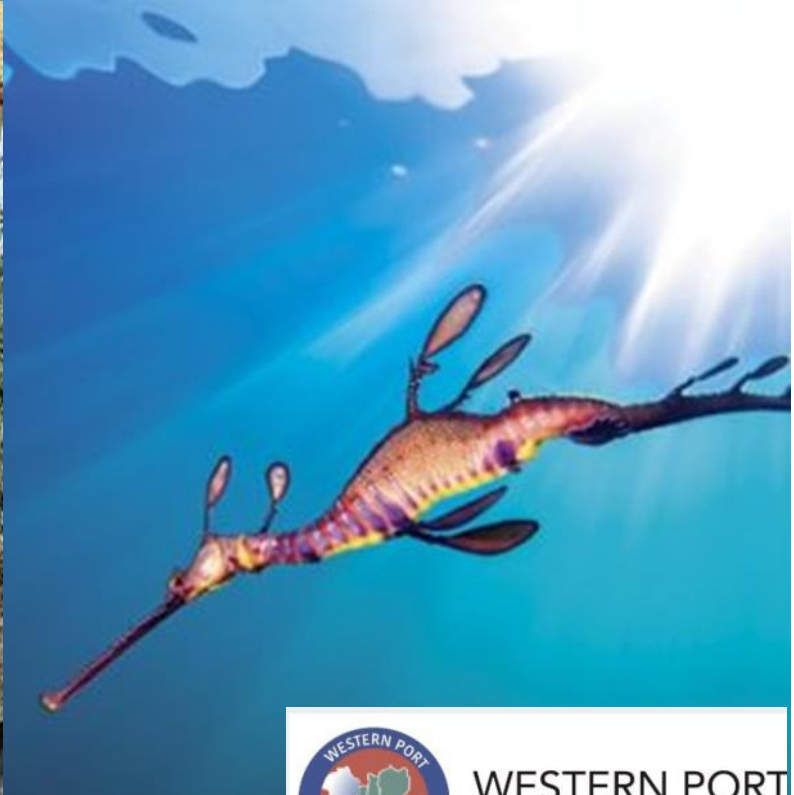
**THURSDAYS 10am REGULAR
GARDEN GATHERINGS**

GARDEN HAPPENINGS: This month began with our newly elected Committee members, following our AGM on 29 July. We welcome back previous members and our new Ordinary member Linda Naylor. We would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution retiring committee member Len van den Nuijt has given the Coronet Bay Community Garden since its beginning. His great efforts and support have been significant financially through the Nude Calendar and Beach bum events, as well as through his wide social networking to provide a range of supplies to assist the running of the garden. Many thanks Lennie. Thursday Garden Gatherings now commence with tea/coffee and discussion of the days tasks and the opportunity for further suggestions. Many plants are being potted up at the garden, and many seedlings started for our upcoming PLANT SALE on 23 SEPTEMBER to raise funds for the Community Garden and provide more exposure to both locals and visitors. Members are invited to pot up herbs and vegetable seedlings in preparation for the stall, and offer assistance setting up and manning the stall on the day. Seedlings are also being prepared in the igloo for planting out spring and summer edibles. We are grateful to Mark for attaching a door to the igloo after a bird was spotted visiting and suspected of pulling out freshly sprouted seedlings. They are now covered with fine netting. Regular WATERING is required and more helpers needed, especially with the anticipated drier future. Please contact us if you can help.

WHAT TO PLANT NOW SEPTEMBER is a good time to plant VEGETABLES such as peas, lettuces, endive, shallots, cabbages, cauliflower, silverbeet, radish, spinach, celery. Under Glass try tomatoes, capsicum, zucchini, cucumber, pumpkin, artichokes.

INDIGENOUS PLANTS The Coronet Bay Community Garden now has several indigenous plants with edible and often medicinal qualities. On the entry to the garden there is the ground-covering creeper, Running Postman Kennedia prostrata, named from the bright pillar-box red flowers. It has rounded leaves growing in threes. The leaves have dark curly edges and are said to have been used as a tea substitute by early settlers. Aboriginal people sucked the nectar from the yellow centres of the pea-flowers. The long stems have been used as ties.





WESTERN PORT
BIOSPHERE RESERVE

**By Colette Day, Board Member
and Chair of Science & Education Committee**

www.biosphere.org.au/

Update

We have three new advocacy statements on our website addressing issues of significance.

We believe that there is a need to develop a **Strategic Framework for Western Port** by the State Government (DEECA). This is a top priority if we are to assure the future of biodiversity and the Reserve ecosystems that support it. With a clear strategy in place, stakeholders will be able to more confidently develop and implement policies and strategies consistent with community expectations for action on climate and environmental protection, while allowing on-going and sustainable development of community infrastructure and amenities. The Biosphere Foundation is keen to be an active participant in the development of any future framework.

There is a proposal for a **Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal** at Hastings. The development of renewable energy is generally supported by the Biosphere Foundation, so too the development of Port of Hastings to facilitate this. We are concerned, however, at the potential impacts on Western Port's ecosystems by commercial activities such as increased shipping traffic. We expect that a robust environmental regulatory process will address these matters as a priority to ensure protection of the environment.

We strongly support the conservation of the remnant woodlands and creation of a bio-link through the area known as the **Western Port Woodlands**. This area includes flora and fauna of national significance in proximity to internationally significant Western Port. We advocate for robust enforcing of regulations, environmental responsibilities and transparent community engagement by sand quarry lease holders in the area.

As issues arise which affect our Biosphere Reserve, we take Advocacy positions that are evidence-based and guided by scientific research and expertise from internal and external parties. We seek to protect the conservation areas that are legally recognised and protected by international and government agreement and law. We also seek to educate about the practices and benefits of sustainable interaction with the natural environment and commerce within the Biosphere Reserve. We are currently collecting information on the proposal for the **Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain** development at Hastings and recommend that you check our website for updates.



BCAS First Annual Photography Exhibition September 2023

Report by Glenda Minty, Secretary BCAS

Aunty Sonia Weston opened the well attended Exhibition on Saturday 2nd of September with a welcome to country in both English and Language. Seven photographers, all members of BCAS and all part of the Photographers Group coordinated by Faith Stanes are exhibiting over 30 works in the Community Hub Gallery in Inverloch.

The works range in size from framed 10x8 inch to 900mm x 600mm prints and the mediums range from traditional film photographs printed in black and white on photographic paper, through to prints on 9mm MDF, specialized textured prints on board and aluminium sheet.

The methods range from open aperture shots, drone photographs and some were electronically enhanced. Devices used range from film camera, phones, digital camera, with or without changeable lenses and drones.

The times of the day that the photographs were taken ranged from first to last light. Some photographs depend on colour for their impact while with others is the subject or the black and white texture that makes them stand out.

Judging by the "WOWS", "Oh how lovely!!" and "Oohs" from the public the Exhibition is well on the way to being a success and will run for the rest of September. The gallery space has already been booked for 2024!

Red dots, indicative of purchase abound. Many great images are still for sale by directly contacting the creators of the images as listed on the Gallery wall.



The Wonthaggi Goods Shed, home of the Bass Coast Artists Society will reopen on Monday September 18. It has been closed while the owners of the building, Bass Coast Shire Council, restretched the carpet to remove trip hazards.

As the contents of the shed had to be removed volunteer members of the society took the opportunity to rejig the layout and better display the memories of over forty years of dedication to art across Bass Coast.

I am voting NO to this divisive Voice.

It is not racist to vote 'No' as claimed by some. Even our Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said, in May 2023 "Australians are not racist if they don't vote for the Voice".

From The Canberra Times: Australians planning to vote 'no' to an Indigenous voice to parliament in an upcoming referendum have been assured their views aren't racist. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said people who oppose the voice are entitled to their views after Opposition Leader Peter Dutton accused him of name-calling over the issue.

Articles in the Sydney Morning Herald confirmed that voting 'No' is not 'ignorant or racist'. And from the NewDaily: "Australians who oppose the Indigenous Voice to Parliament are not racist", Anthony Albanese says.

It follows Opposition Leader Peter Dutton accusing the prime minister of name calling over the Voice debate. Asked if people who didn't back the advisory body were racist, Mr Albanese responded "no" and said voters will have a range of views to which they are entitled.

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the pressure which is being placed on people to vote "yes" and the attempts to block out anything which supports "no" or any sort of balanced discussion. People have strong opinions about the issue but it seems that only one answer is considered "acceptable". Anyone who dares to disagree with the "yes" camp is being told they are "racist" - and that is perhaps the least derogatory and insulting word being used.

I am also becoming increasingly concerned about the millions of dollars being spent on the "yes" campaign and the very real efforts to prevent the "no" campaign from obtaining funding. "Big business" is pouring millions of dollars into the "yes" campaign. "It's the right thing to do". There are all sorts of sports people, people in entertainment and others being hauled in to support the "yes" campaign. They are all telling us that "voting yes is the right thing to do".

When a very definitely indigenous friend told a group of people he would NOT be voting "yes" because he believes "it is a racist and divisive move no better than South African apartheid" he was asked to leave - and not come back. It is a group he has been a member of for many years. He has been President and Secretary of the group but feelings are so strong about this "need to vote yes" that he has now been ostracised.

So what in the heck is going on here? I have read arguments for both sides. I will continue to do so. If I am asked I try to engage in a balanced way but I am more and more concerned. The present government is telling us that there is only one answer but look more closely at some of those who are pushing for this answer and I am alarmed by some of the things they are saying. Is "yes" the answer or just a first step? Will "yes" lead to unintended consequences? What will "yes" actually change? And very importantly, what will "yes" change that could not be done now?

There are so many people I know who want the referendum question to be divided into two - recognition and then "the Voice". The first would pass without the need for all this divisive talk. The second might but that is much less certain because so much of it can be done without adding it to our Constitution. It would not suit those who have a much "bigger agenda" but it would have been a very positive step. It is this "bigger agenda" which worries me. It will only benefit the likes of Mayo, Langton and Pearson who are pushing this.

I doubt it is going to benefit many of those it is claimed will benefit.

What happened in New Zealand?

In April 2023 Casey Costello wrote in The Spectator with respect to what has happened to our sister nation New Zealand after the Waitangi Tribunal was established: "Watching Australia wander down the path of a partnership model that establishes a 'Voice', it is perhaps appropriate to offer a caution. Layers of bureaucracy do not put food on the table for the hungry and more importantly, offer no accountability for those bureaucrats that fail to deliver.

Assurances that there will be better decision-making and better outcomes achieved through this constitutional change in Australia are either founded on naivety or deceit. What can be assured is lawyers rushing off to the courtroom when failures continue, as well as politicians desperate to remain relevant creating legislation to 'clarify' the misunderstandings".

In New Zealand the Maori people are already attempting to take private land off the current owners. Julian Batchelor has been bashed and threatened to have his house burnt down if he does not hand over his land. Don't believe me? This happened in 2023 in Opuia and Coopers Beach in NZ. The confrontation was recorded and I can send you the video...

My Message to you.

My message is simple. You CAN believe passionately in Human Rights, Equality and the importance of real Reconciliation. Then decide - based on your belief in the importance of these principles, and the fact that there is a better way - to then vote NO.

Ask yourself a question: The billions of dollars that this Government is spending on the Voice Referendum and getting people divided, angry and stressed, is this better than spending the same amount of money on reducing the cost of living that is hurting so many people in our community, including aboriginal people themselves and their families and children?

Personally I would focus efforts where those most disadvantaged people exist ... as opposed to treating every aboriginal person as if they are all disadvantaged because of their heritage.

One thing that "yes" voters can't answer is this: what will the Voice do for the Aboriginal community in terms of health, housing, education and schooling, crime and the safety of women and children that cannot be done now and immediately by the current government? Absolutely nothing. Everything can be achieved now without stuffing up our Constitution and dividing and ruining this great country.

Which way is actually better and benefits the most people?

So Mr Albanese ... What about the rest of us? It's our Country too! Where is my Voice? Have you and everyone else read all 26 pages of the Uluru Statement. I have...

You can hear the other side already saying:

"Misinformation", "Disinformation", "Lies", "Racism", "Nasties", "Chicken Littles", "Racists", "Deniers", "Trumpists", "Bully boys", "Bedwetters", "Rednecks".

Because that's what they do.

And they have no other argument that they can put forward ... "Palya".

**IF YOU ARE WORIED ABOUT THE VOICE
HAVE A LOOK AND SEE WHAT THEY
WANT NEXT IN MAKARRATA
AND THE TREATY.**

27 YES, with Ed/Opinion

Ed Thexton is President of the South Gippsland Conservation Society. As a conservationist he is intrinsically optimistic.

Yes. This one word, written twice on a ballot paper, is not political. It's an expression of compassion, it's about building trust. Yes, to a measured, incremental change for social benefit.

Can we talk about the past? Should we consider the fundamental losers at the birth of Victoria and the lack of equity that carries down from the 1840s and 1850s.

In 1856 Edward Wilson, the proprietor of the Melbourne *Argus*, wrote that, over the previous five years, Victoria, had sold off aboriginal land to the value of £4,500,000, had overseen the extraction of gold from it to the further value of £35,000,000, and had earned millions more from the levy placed upon the cattle and sheep grazing on Aboriginal land.

"Immense wealth had, indeed, been won. Over that same period the state contributed a mere £1,750 towards the upkeep of those who'd previously owned that same land in its entirety."

Our Australian Constitution took effect on January 1, 1901. In 2023 it might be amended, or not, through the agency of each citizen of voting age asserting their individual right.

Like the 1901 Constitution, it will be a product of its times, our legacy. This could be a measured, incremental, legally enshrined change for societal benefit.

Our world has more wealth, more resources and more inventiveness than ever. Now we are gifted with the opportunity to move our society in a positive direction that may pave the way to benefit "those who'd previously owned that same land in its entirety".

Let's walk together into that future.

For those who have never seen monumental change in their lives I share an experience. In 2002 I did a month's solo drive through South Africa. The purpose was to see how a country with bioclimatic similarities was managing its rivers.

It was just eight years after the end of apartheid. The havoc of the civil war was everywhere, especially in the people. Then the country had adopted the world standard of using common wealth and not skin colour to structure society.

In 1997 they adopted a completely new constitution. A uniquely considerate document. Using water as an example, the Constitution recognises a water Reserve. The Reserve has two components.

According to South African law, the Reserve is defined as the quantity and quality of water required to protect basic human needs (25 litres per person per day) and to protect aquatic ecosystems so as to secure ecologically sustainable development.

In 1999 by contrast, Australia voted down a republic referendum.

The point here is that monumental constitutional change has occurred in other times and places, for the better, and the proposed amendment to our constitution to include an Aboriginal voice is negligible by comparison.

It took prolonged, horror, disorder and suffering in South Africa to lay down a positive foundation for change for most citizens, in Australia for a minority of citizens it will take the generosity of a yes vote by most citizens.



Letters and opinion pieces do not necessarily reflect or express the views of the WN.

28 Man on electric bike

One day in late February a big wild cat challenged a man riding an electric bike.

The man, who is retired, was cycling along a track a kilometre or so inland from a small village along the South Gippsland coast between 4 and 4.30 pm.

About two weeks earlier he had seen a dead wombat across the trail. Dead for some time, it was belly up and bloated.

On the morning of the day of his interaction with the big cat, the man had ridden past the dead wombat again. He said there were fresh drag marks to where it had been dragged over to the opposite side of the track. It was flipped over on its belly and appeared to be eaten out to about 30 percent of its total body mass.

In the afternoon, for the third time, he was approaching the site, which was along a straight, level and clear section of the track. He said, "About 600-700 metres ahead I could see this black figure silhouetted in the centre of the track. At first I thought it was a person and I kept riding at 22 kilometres an hour. At about 120 metres from it, I thought it was a fox.

"When I was within 40 metres of it, it leapt to the side and went into crouch position. I could see it was a big wild cat and I thought it was going to have a crack at me.

"If I stopped I thought there was a 50 per cent chance of it attacking me. I had a split second to decide what to do. "Ringing my bell and screaming at it, I kept riding and charged at it at 25 km/h. At about 20 metres, it totally lost it and jumped back, whipping around in a 360 degree turn on its front legs and disappearing into bush. I've never seen a creature move so fast. It was breathtaking.

"I'd called its bluff and it had panicked. When it panicked and exited the trail, with its tail outstretched, it looked about 1.8 metres long.

"It shook me up though. I thought, ****, it could have attacked me. In hindsight what I did was a very risky manoeuvre.

"When the cat was crouched, I will always remember its big emerald green eyes, muscely thick front and outstretched front legs.

It was a big glossy black cat the size of a labrador and very muscular and it had thick rounded ears. I've seen feral cats before, but they have pointy ears and tapered legs."

The man rode back to where the big cat had been crouching to see why it had been so keen to stay in that area. There was the wombat. "Its guts were eaten out," he said. "I concluded that the cat was protecting its food source."

Given that the big cat was aggressive, returning to the site when it could still have been around was taking a big risk.

If the big cat hadn't retreated, if it had jumped up and pulled the man off his bike or if he had fallen off his bike, this story could have had a different ending.

At first because of fear of ridicule, the witness did not share his story widely. However, because he believes it is in the public interest and general safety, he has now done so. "I believe they [big cats] are still reasonably rare to detect," he said. "Being ambush predators, they don't see humans as natural prey. My experience is the result of one protecting its food source. In the name of safety people should be aware of the cat problem in the bush and keep children close to adults.

Meryl Brown Tobin, the writer of this article and a long time member of the Australian Rare Fauna Research Association (ARFRA), invites anyone wishing to report a sighting to email h-mtobin@bigpond.com or ring (03) 5997 6328.

Meryl Brown Tobin

29 FUNDING for TINY TOWNS

The State government has announced that Victoria's tiny towns, with populations of less than 5,000 people, are eligible for grants up to \$50,000. "People living in tiny towns know exactly what they need and this is a fabulous fund to make something special happen." Jordan Crugnale MP said. "All our small towns are full of individual character, stories, history and points of interest. They have an incredible pride of place, are wonderfully connected and know what they need."

Jordan said she 'wants the many community groups and organisations across Bass District to start thinking about projects that will beautify, activate and accentuate their local area even more.'

Public art, sculptural bike racks, themed street furniture, equipment in parks, plantings to colour and green up streetscapes, murals, basketball hoops, pickle ball court lines, trails – all manner of ideas and opportunities which bring people together and tell a story. Funding will be provided for local projects and organisations to deliver better public places and spaces, providing the facilities families need and want in their communities. It will also help support tourism and back local jobs and businesses. Applications are expected to open soon. Details will be published on Regional Development Victoria and Suburban Development websites.

Western Port Bryzoan Reef

Chances are you might never have heard of bryozoan reefs, let alone their existence in Western Port. These reefs were thought to be coral until 2016 when it was discovered that they were an entirely different species.

Unlike corals, they do not thrive in clear water and do not use sunlight as a source of energy. They grow in muddy water, mostly at depths between five and eight metres. Reefs are up to 1.5 metres high and extend for 1.74 km. Fish, crabs, worms, octopuses and molluscs live within the colonies making them biodiversity hotspots. In spring, large snapper weighing up to 8 kilos can be found in these reef areas of Western Port but not in other areas.

The Western Port colonies, which lie between French Island, Corinella and Rhyll in water depths ranging between five and 12 metres, are the largest known and are thought to be unique in the world. Other colonies, in Port Phillip, for example, are just small cabbage sized clusters.



Corinella Currents

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PROMOTING FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDSHIP

7 June 2023

The Probus Club of Corinella and District meets at 10am on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at the Kilcunda-Bass Football Netball Club in Bass.

**Each month there is a guest speaker.
Next Meeting Wed 4th October**

Outings and Meals.

We have regular outings each month. Our September outing is at The Fig and the Bay in Corinella. In October we will be at Mario's in San Remo.

Ten Pin Bowling.

We meet on the 3rd Wed of the month at 10.45 am at the Cowes Ten Pin Bowling centre, Settlement Rd, Cowes. Next meeting 18th October. Lunch and two games \$24.

Movie & Lunch.

Lunch at the Leongatha RSL followed by a movie is a regular feature each month. Our next outing is on 27th September.

Membership.

We welcome new members at any time. You are welcome to come to one of our meetings and see what it's all about before you join.

Membership is \$40 a year and includes all Probus insurance.

For more information about our Probus Club contact:

Corinellaprobusclub523@gmail.com



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32 Opening of The Woodleigh Hall Dec 9th 1921.

Written by J. Price-Jones.

**Today is a day we will remember
The date we all know is the ninth of December
So let it be known to one and all
Its the official opening of our Woodleigh Hall**

**That our hall was needed there is not a doubt
The question to answer is how it all came about
To me its as funny as winning the "Cup"
When the milk came down our Hall went up**

**Well out came debentures - flying all ways
And these are the vendors Billy Edgar & Pat Hayes
We gave them our fivers to keep till they're seven
If we all pull together, they'll be tenners by then**

**Some carted the timber & others the bricks
Some worked with shovels & others with picks
We cleared a line & then dug a drain
We've got talents in Woodleigh I'll tell you again**

**Now next on our list comes our carpenter "Bob"
We had to get him, & he's made a good job
He fixed every window & hung every door
What troubled him most was the "blinded" floor**

**We read in the Bible of a house built on sand
And when it was up they wouldn't get it to stand
When the wind blew it started to "tick"
Better be sure than sorry, our Hall is on the brick**

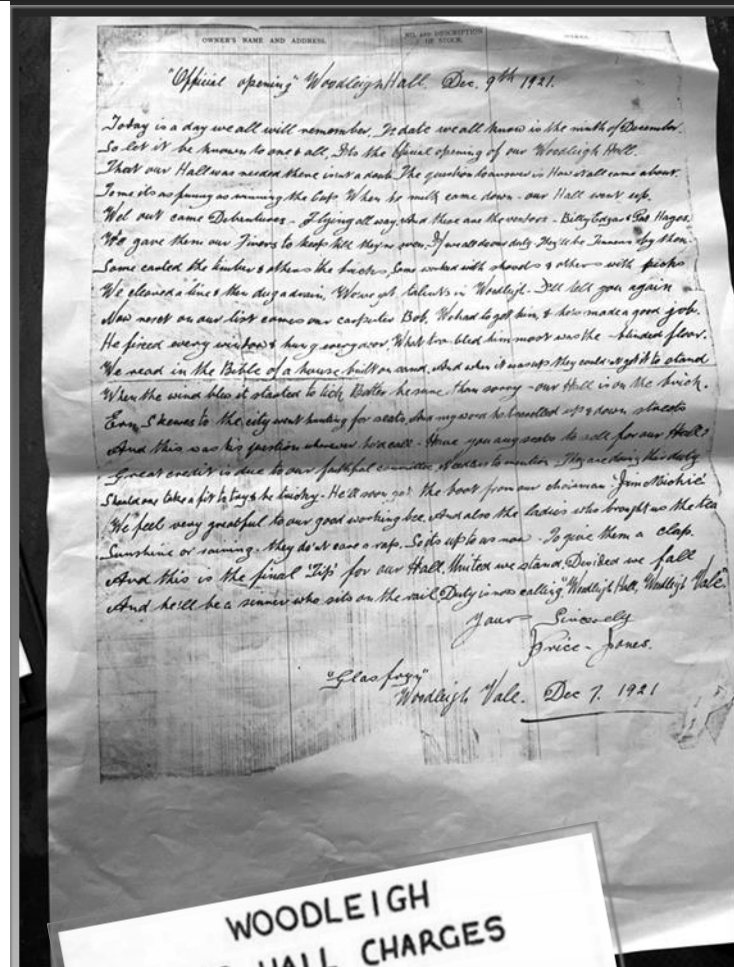
**Ern Skews to the city went hunting for seats
And my word he travelled up & down streets
And this was his question whenever he'd call
Have you any seats for our Hall**

**Great credit is due to our faithful committee
Needless to mention they're doing their duty
Should one take a fit to try & be tricky
He'll soon get the boot from our chairman Jim Michie**

**We feel very grateful to our good working bee
And also the ladies for the "pastry and tea"
Sunshine or raining they don't care a rap
So it's up to us now to give them a clap**

**Now this is the final "Tip for our Hall"
United we stand, - divided we fall
And he'll be a sinner who sits on the rail
Duty is now calling Woodleigh Hall, Woodleigh Vale.**

Woodleigh Hall Contact: Woodleighhallinc@gmail.com



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Bass Coast Shire Council has appointed Infrastructure Management Group to undertake an assessment of unsealed roads for approximately two weeks from Monday 11 September.

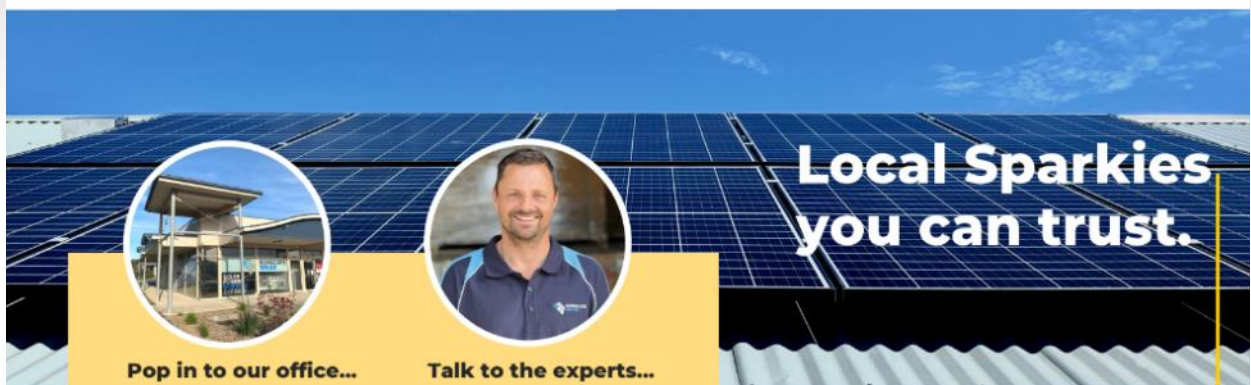
There will be vehicles driving around the shire recording/photographing the streets as a way to collate data and assess the assets we have.

All cameras are focused on the road surface structure with some limited viewing of areas directly adjacent. No image recordings of commercial, residential, private property or structures will be taken.

Fliers with further information can be found at Council customer service or please visit our website. Further information can be found on Road Surface Assessment | Engage Bass Coast 03 5671 2211.



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This update is from Lida Hazara, the organizer of Women for Change, Afghanistan. It has been passed on by on Felicia De Stefano, Convenor of the South Gippsland branch of Rural Australians for Refugees.

The donation (a thousand dollars) that Felicia was able to pass on is supporting the following activities:

- 1. We are teaching school subjects in tutoring classes for approximately 650 girls above grade six in the districts of Kabul and Waras.*
- 2. We provide education, stationery, uniforms, and bread to approximately 250 students who are part-time labourers in different fields including shoe polishing, being 'Espandis', and bakers in the Kabul Streets. Some others are working as shepherds and carpet weavers in the district of Waras.*
- 3. Since the 2nd of January this year, we have been providing bread for 50 to 60 families daily. Most of these families are made of widows and orphans.*
- 4. As requested by members, this month we distributed meat amongst the 120 disadvantaged families through the purchase of 6 sheep.*
- 5. We have 25 teachers and two managers to facilitate the above activities. Each teacher's salary is \$105 Australian dollars per month, and managers are paid a monthly salary of \$180 Australian dollars.*



I would like to acknowledge and appreciate each and every dollar donated. These cents and dollars are the light of hope for our 1000 students, 5 teachers, two managers, 60 orphaned and widowed families.

**Donations to Bendigo Bank Acc name: SGRAR
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Concordia Mandolin and Guitar Ensemble

This plucked string orchestra comprises about twenty musicians playing mandolin, mandola, mandocello, double bass and guitar.

Formed in 1978, it is based in Melbourne's eastern suburbs but a number of members live in our local area.

Their next concert will be on 17 September in St John's Uniting Church in Cowes.

The program will include a wide variety of music, including Greek and Hungarian folk, classical and contemporary pieces. It will also feature many original works, including *Mid-summer Bagatelle* by composer in residence, Michelle Nelson, which depicts moving scenes of the English countryside. Come along and enjoy plenty of uplifting music.

Coming to Cowes, Phillip Island



Concordia

Mandolin and Guitar Ensemble

From classical music to original work by local guitarist, Michelle Nelson.

Sunday 17th September at 2pm
St Johns Uniting Church
86 Chapel Street

Adult \$25
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Tickets at the door

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Chairperson Margaret Boyer addresses the Bass Valley U3A monthly lunch. BV U3A offer a wide range of courses and opportunities to make new friends.



A day out in Bass Coast with Kate



On a cold, windy but sunny day, I had the enjoyment of heading out with a mate to explore the remnant bushland behind the Grantville Cemetery. The bush was full of surprises. We found over a dozen grass trees which were in several stages of growth. Some were ancient. The black sheep of the day was the ugly and very destructive sand mine consuming our beautiful landscape. Then it was down to the Grantville Pier for lunch but boy was the wind blowing and the seagulls made it feel like the Alfred Hitchcock movie, *The Birds*. A great day.

-Kate Harmon, Bass Coast Waterline Life Photographer



36 Reach for the sky

ISLAND ASTRONOMY ASSOCIATION Inc.

Island Astronomy Association Inc. (IAA) was started in 2020 by locals interested in astronomy. Our members vary from people with no equipment who just want to learn about the night sky, to those who have their own telescopes and are involved in viewing the night sky (mother nature co-operating!) or photographing objects in the sky.

Thus far, we have recruited new members by word of mouth but would like to see some new faces, hence this article. Like most small businesses and clubs, the dreaded COVID curtailed our activities, meetings and growth. In the early days of our club, we did not have a permanent base for meeting and held a lot of our meetings at the home of a club member. Thankfully, we now have secured a permanent base for our club meetings and the site also offers good viewing of the night sky.

Club Goals

Our main aim as a club is to provide a venue for those interested in astronomy to gather and learn from one another's experiences. This can be in the form of a presentation on a topic of interest, opening the meeting up to general discussion or getting together on nights when mother nature is kind to us by providing a clear sky to view the wonderful dark skies of Bass Coast.

Another goal of ours is to provide an option for other clubs and groups in the local area to learn about astronomy. This could be scouts, guides, church groups, etc. who have requested that we present to them. Bass Coast is fortunate as its dark skies are far away from Melbourne's light pollution. Apart from the occasional cloud passing by, clear nights present great viewing of stars, planets, our galaxy the Milky Way, star clusters, etc.

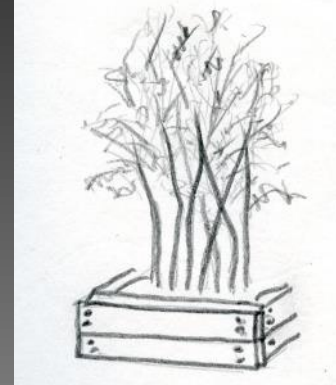
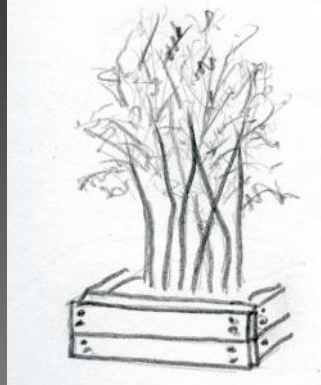
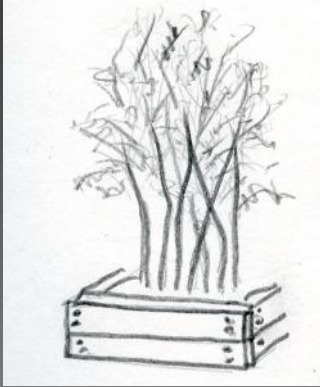
Club Meetings

Anyone is welcome to join IAA, the young and the not-so-young, the experienced and the novice. All you need to bring along is a desire to learn a bit about what you see when you Look Up! If you have a telescope that resides in your closet because you don't know how to use it, we can help out. Just bring it along to any meeting and we'll get you going in no time.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Phillip Island Croquet Club rooms located at Blue Gum Reserve, Dunsmore Road, Cowes to discuss recent astronomical events, conduct telescope training for young and old and generally have a great time together. Anyone after more information can contact Allan on 041 111 4418 or email: agrove1@iprimus.com.au



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6/ 32km 7/ Cr Michael Whelan 8/ The Korrumburra Cinema
9/ Two shillings and sixpence



Bronze Yarns ANSWER: **Coronet Bay**. During the 70s and 80s, local resident and the unofficial 'Mayor of Coronet Bay', Fred Gration, raised money to fund a community hall in Coronet Bay. Of a Sunday night, he would load his ute up with his grandchildren and drive around town picking up the bottles and papers. He would stockpile them at his farm at Bass, and then sell them to the 'bottle-o', with the funds going into the hall coffers. In the summer holidays, he and a gang of helpers would set up a 'trash and treasure', in front of the old general store. They managed to raise \$20,000 towards the cause this way, which Council matched and the hall was built. Fred almost lived to see his 100th birthday, and was also well known for single-handedly winning a battle against the developer and his lawyers to stop the clearing of the Banksia Forest to the north of the town.



Carz: *'It's a doozy'* refers to something extraordinary or one of a kind. It originally derived from the word daisy but was given a boost when Duesenberg Cars (Duesies) became the choice of Hollywood stars like Clarke Gable in the 1930s.

Letter to the editor/Opinion. Contact details supplied

Our Foreshore – Our Plan

In April 2022, the Department of Water, Environment, Land and Planning (DWELP), as it was then known, in consultation with the previous Corinella Foreshore Committee of Management (CFCM), released a draft Landscape Management Plan for public comment through a survey, to residents and ratepayers of the local Corinella community.

The uptake of this response to the survey was encouraging, indicating a keen interest from a large proportion of the community, about the future of their foreshore. A response from the community members portrayed a sense of goodwill and trust in the Departments' efforts to consult about a very precious part of their community, which would directly affect them in the long term. An array of different responses was garnered, so that all opinions could be considered and heard, to create a final plan that, regardless of varying opinions, would give credence to those issues and result in a plan that was transparent, clear and hopefully embraced by the majority of the community.

Where is the transparency and goodwill of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action? (DEECA, since re-named) Have they been so busy putting their "energy" into re-naming the Department, that they have forgotten their commitment to the Corinella community? A timeline given by DEECA for response to the Landscape Plan survey, was honoured by those residents who participated with seriousness and integrity. DEECA stated the intention of the plans' release within months of the completed survey, which has never eventuated. This timeline was moved several times. It now appears that DEECA does not honour their original commitment to a timeline. It is now August 2023, and more than 12 months on, we are still waiting for a final plan. Upon a residents' query regarding the whereabouts of the plan, the Department's manager for the foreshore committee, replied that *"DEECA does not currently have a date set, however when the plan is released, the community will be notified accordingly."*

Positive working relationships which engender trust and respect, are based on mutual obligation and accountability, reciprocity, transparency, clear communication and listening, very little of which is demonstrated by DEECA, or its apparent 'puppet', the new CFCM, appointed in late 2022. Residents receive similar responses from the CFCM to those of DEECA, when they enquire about this and other matters. One would logically assume that the CFCM works on behalf of, and is an advocate for its community. However, its responses reflect defensiveness, a 'closed shop', refusal to engage and inform the community, and an attitude of 'power over'. Who are these faceless people and what do they stand for?

I am disheartened by this void that signals a lack of respect for our community. Don't the residents and ratepayers of the Corinella community deserve better?

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LOOKING FOR LACEYS



Have you seen a Lace Monitor
(Tree Goana or *Varanus varius*) on the Bass Coast?

Lace Monitors are listed as a threatened species in Victoria and are particularly rare in the Bass Coast.

Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group (GTSAG) and Bass Coast Landcare Network are working on a project to protect threatened species in the local area and the first step is to identify their whereabouts! They can usually be found in Messmate Stringybark trees in woodlands or bathing in the sun! If you have seen, heard of or taken a photo of a Lace Monitor locally, help us by sharing the following information:

LACE MONITOR OBSERVATIONS

Year:
Address:
Description of location on property:
Other observations (in tree, crossing road, dead or alive etc.):

Please screenshot a map on your phone and mark the location to attach and send to:

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If you have any photos please send in also!

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