

# The Waterline News

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I would  
like to put  
up a tree in my  
heart, and instead  
of hanging presents,  
I would like to put the  
names of all my friends.  
Close friends and not so close  
friends. The old friends the new  
friends. Those that I see every day  
and the ones that I rarely see. The ones  
that I always remember and the ones that  
I sometimes forget. The ones that are always  
there and the ones that seldom are. The friends of  
difficult times and the ones of happy times. Friends  
who, without meaning to, I have hurt, or, without meaning  
to have hurt me. Those that I know well and those I only know  
by name. Those that owe me little and those that I owe so much.  
My humble friends and my important friends. The names of all those  
that have passed through my life no matter how fleetingly. A tree with  
very deep roots and very long  
and strong branches so that  
their names may never be  
plucked from my heart. So  
that new names from all  
over may join the existing ones. A tree with a very  
pleasant shade so that our friendship may take a  
moment of rest from the battles of life. "May the  
happy moments of Xmas brighten every day of  
the new year".

May you all have a Happy Christmas  
and go well in 2021.

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**December 2020 !**

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers from the Waterline News Team.***

***2020 was a year of challenge. As we emerge from the shadows it's great to be able to physically reconnect with our families and friends.***

***It's wonderful to see the smiles that we have been hiding behind those masks and I hope you can touch base with all the people you have been missing.***

***I like to think that our current easing of restriction is the result of the huge effort the people of our area, and the rest of the state, put into following the rules and restrictions and thinking of their friends and family.***

***I think everyone deserves a big pat on the back. Enjoy catching up with each other.***

***The Waterline News is taking a break for January and will return in print and on-line in February though we will be continually updating our easily googled facebook pages with news, information and stories.***

***So, now it's over to our fabulous contributors ...***

*Salutations*

*Geoff Ellis*

Editor, Waterline News

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***February Deadline is January 15***





**Bass Valley Community Group Inc.**

From the Manager,  
Roderick McGiver.

**Bass Valley Community  
Group Inc.**

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The Bass Valley Community Group had its Annual General meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020. It was unique in the history of AGMs at BVCVG in that it was held outside and lasted less than a half hour.

It was nonetheless par for the course for Neighbourhood House AGMs this year due to the Covid 19 limitations. Despite in excess of 40 invitations going out and the invitation being posted on the Facebook page, the alert that there would be no arvo tea did seem to have a moderating impact on attendance, keeping it within Covid 19 imposed limits.

There has been progress made in erecting the Seniors Outdoor Gym, the equipment we have purchased to afford older persons access to exercise designed for them. All the bases for the supports have been installed and most of the supports are up.

However there was a hiccup when it was discovered that the wrong pack of fixings had been included with the shipment.

After a couple of calls with the supplier, 35 kilos of fixing equipment was airfreighted from Finland, thankfully not at the BVCVG's expense. The project should now be finished very soon. The workers from the State Government's Covid 19 employment program, Working for Victoria, continue to deliver wonderful results. Along with much needed painting for the BVCVG buildings, a massive improvement has been the replacement of rotting weatherboards on the Hadden House Op Shop. The program is coordinated from Bass Coast Council. Much of the BVCVG infrastructure, though structurally sound, has been deteriorating for want of paint and repair. The program must have extended much of the buildings' life by a significant extent.

As Christmas rapidly approaches we are still not sure how we will finish the year. It is a big question as to whether we will be able to have any sort of party to end the year,.

We live in hope.



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meetings and events.**

## Going around the bend in Lang Lang, 1957





# Art with Karin Murphy Ellis

FROM an early age I displayed an aptitude for making things. My mother wondered how I managed without using a pattern as she was a dressmaker and relied on the formality. My favourite items to create were hats and so all my “fluffy friends” got one.

Many years on, I still have most of them, though the hats no longer remain. I was never fond of dolls, found them a bit spooky.

As a young adult I finished my dance training and began a career as a professional performer going on tour all over Australia and New Zealand. During this time my trusty sewing machine came along for the ride, and so the guys and girls got G-strings, very small bikinis and various garments one would wear to functions.

I have had a varied life with regards to occupations, but I never gave up sewing. When my girls were young I earned an income by making animals for a large toy company. One such creature was called a “Puggle”, a very adorable cute animal with a long snout and very long whiskers.

When we moved to the country I was given the opportunity to teach dance at the local high school, I had already opened my own ballet school in Meenyan some years earlier which indeed was how the then headmaster found me. It was there I encountered a group of incredibly talented people who subsequently helped stage many lavish productions. These productions, of course, required costumes. Back to the sewing machine. Even back then we would scour the op shops for interesting fabrics and colour themes to add authenticity and depth to the productions.

Now my work still predominantly uses recycled, often disassembled, items, repurposing fabrics, shoes, bags, machinery, jewellery, hats and other bits and bobs. I am mainly attracted to colour, form and content, and the challenge of thinking outside the norm.

The main body of my current work has been displayed at ArtSpace Wonthaggi where I have an eclectic range of creations.

When I joined the gallery some eight years ago I had amassed a rather large collection of fabulous fabrics sourced and donated by wonderful friends, so when Ken and I had to downsize, effectively halving my work area, I wondered what on earth to do with all these treasures.



Having seen a “Merbear” I had made long ago, a dear friend suggested perhaps I could make bears. Thus, the seed was sewn and fermenting when along came COVID-19 and the lockdown.

For me this was a blessing. It gave me the time and space to create all the “cuddly friends” contained in this book, *Bears and Art Objects*.

Each bear is sketched out with specific fabric pieces in mind, created by hand with stitched layering and brought to life by contrasts of textures and mixed media.

They each in turn were fun, made me laugh and wonder if I had really gone mad.

*Karin Ellis's 'Cuddle Bears and Art Objects' is at ArtSpace Wonthaggi from December 18 to January 18.*

***The opening is at 2pm on Saturday, December 19. Copies of Bears and Art Objects will be on sale for \$20 at ArtSpace, free to anyone who buys a bear.***



**MAYBELLINE**



**SASSY**

# ArtSpace GALLERY Wonthaggi

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It has been my pleasure, and honour, for the past two years to be a voice in State Parliament for the people of Bass.

My community is at the heart of everything I do.

As we start 2021, I dearly hope we take all the best stories and lessons of this year with us.

Stories of love, of determination, of courage and of resilience. Stories of rediscovering the things that mattered, or of projects that were pulled out of the cupboard and finally finished.

I also hope that we reflect on the sorrows that some of us have faced, sorrows of loss or of changes that were neither expected nor wanted.

If you are facing a new year without that beautiful someone at your side, please reach out and let others know.

Especially when, this year, we have found new ways of showing each other we care.

**Jordan Crugnale MP**  
STATE MEMBER FOR BASS



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To all the Waterline News readers, I wish you and those you cherish a joyous reuniting season and a year filled with kindness and good health. - **Jordan Crugnale**



# Grantville Wall Art



A temporary outdoor dining area is being created in the gap between two shops in Grantville. Ash Keating was given the task of beautifying the wall of the fish and chip shop and as the sun rose over the Waterline last Friday, a handful of people watched the creation of a landmark piece of wall art.

Keating is well known for his public artworks. He won the Incinerator Art Award in 2015 and has created numerous site-responsive art projects in places such as the National Gallery of Victoria, RMIT University and the Adelaide Festival Centre.

His grandmother once owned a place near the water in Grantville so he was thrilled to take this opportunity to add colour to a utilitarian space and used his experiences of the area to create a palette to reflect the coastal environment.

"Having selected the colours he filled his trademark fire extinguishers with paint and loaded them into his van along with a portable spray gun, more paint, a ladder and plenty of tarps.



"I set the rules and select the colours. Paint flies. It hits the surface and gravity does the rest. Pure improvisation." Ash Keating describes his process as he grabs another fire extinguisher filled with paint.

Ash drove out of Melbourne at 4am, having declined the offer of overnight accommodation. "I like to drive to the site from home.

It's almost a ritual. Sleep, shower, coffee then into the sunrise. A chance to savour the adventure."

Keating works quickly. Once he unpacked the van he used the spray gun to cover the wall in horizontal shades of blue then went to work with the fire extinguishers to create vertical shafts of lighter blues and white.

The results are spectacular and two hours after he unleashed the first paint sprays he stood back to ponder the results.

One of the coffee-clutching bystanders asked him if he was finished. He paused for a moment then replied "I think I am".

And that was when gravity took over. The thick paint randomly flowed downward as it dried and the final artwork appeared.

Some of the horizontal elements remained to provide a sense of the horizon while the rest of the wall gives a sense of looking out to sea as waves crash onto the shore. Some of the deeper blues puddled onto the walkway to add proximity to the work.

One of the bystanders asked Keating if he was going to finish it off with his signature.

"I don't sign my work. I have work across Victoria, and I like to think people who know my work will be able to spot it. Or at least say 'That looks like one of his!'"

As the shops came to life, several locals paused to comment on the new gateway to Bass Coast. "It's a good concept that adds a bit of character to the area," said one. The general consensus was approval, though one person expressed concern that it was ephemeral as a shop is going to be built there next year.

As plans were being made to complete the temporary outdoor dining area with gravel and some picnic tables, Keating packed away the tarps, the fire extinguishers and went in search of a bacon and egg roll for breakfast.





# Community



## Scoot, skate or ride

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December local skaters, BMXers and scooter-riders will have the opportunity to compete for a regional place as part of the Australian Skate Park League series held at Cowes Skate Park.

Held in partnership with YMCA Action Sports, Sports Australia, Skate Australia, Victorian Skateboarding League, BMX Victoria and Bass Coast Shire Council, locals and visitors are expected to take part in the event. The scooter, BMX and skateboard competitions are a part of a structured and interconnected Australian Skate Park League series held across the country.

YMCA Action Sports Specialist Lily Smith said the competition at Cowes was a chance for young locals to showcase their talent.

"There are some amazing up and coming skaters, scooter-riders and BMXers. These competitions give them the spotlight they deserve." She also said that this program, as well as skateboarding to the Tokyo Olympic Games was changing the face of traditional skateboarding. "The series presents a great opportunity for young skateboarders to harness their skill and progress through a structured national pathway," she said.

Bass Coast Shire CEO, Ali Wastie, said that it was fantastic to be able to host an Australian Skate Park League event at the recently upgraded Cowes Skate Park.

"Extreme sports such as Skateboarding, BMX and Scooter-riding are hugely popular on the Island. The skate park was designed by local kids and provides a top-quality venue for the community to showcase their skills," Ms Wastie said.

There are more than 100 Skate Park League events a year, making up the Australian Skate Park League, which is the biggest and most established grass roots skateboard, scoot and BMX series in Australia.

The VIC competitions make up one part of YMCA's national pathway program which are held in skate parks across QLD, SA, TAS, NT, WA and NSW. As well as showcasing talent the league also creates opportunities for young people to gain experiential practical training in skate park event management.

The Cowes round has been brought to life through a partnership between Bass Coast Shire Council, YMCA Victoria, Victorian Skateboarding Association (VSA), BMX Victoria (BMXV) and Skate Australia. Other major sponsors of the VIC League include Bad Boy Australia, Element, Goliath, Skater Maps, Scooter Hut, Root Industries and Rampfest.

### Details of Competition:

Date: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Location: 1-16 Chapel Street, Cowes

### For enquiries please contact:

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### The 2020 Committee is:

Chairperson : Geoff Guilfoyle

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Secretary : Steven Edge

Treasurer : Beverly Walsh

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An Annual Subscription of \$30 per person will cover as many U3A Bass Valley classes as you may wish to attend, subject to availability.

Current members of other U3A groups may join U3A Bass Valley for \$15 per annum as an associate member and attend as many classes as you wish, subject to availability. **In addition to our annual subscription some classes have a \$2 attendance fee per class.**

**Phillip Island  
Community  
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**Registration Number A0096592H**

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**BCRRA Inc**

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# Community

## CORONET BAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



### CORONET BAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOC INC (CBRRA)

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2417412888502820/>

### About CBRRA

We welcome new members from the Coronet Bay locality. Meetings that were quarterly in the Coronet Bay Hall are now on hold due to COVID. **Committee stays connected via Zoom online meetings and is currently exploring presenting public online meetings.** Annual subscription is \$10 per person. Members receive updates on local issues and minutes of meetings.

Meetings cover community concerns and interests, usually with a local ward councillor presenting council matters. We represent members on matters important to them for our town and environs.

**Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre**, incorporates Mitchell House and the Harvest Centre. We have enthusiastic and friendly folk to welcome you to our activities. We know that not much has gone on for most of this year due to Covid 19 but we are opening up again.

Places are limited within so it would be a good idea to call us on 5672 3731 if you are going to visit us.

If you are interested in being a member, this enables you to get discounts to learn share activities and a newsletter for the term, or want to be involved at our centre then call Ian Richie our co-ordinator on 5672 3731.

If we don't see you this year, festive greetings to you all and we'll see you in the new year.



**BASS VALLEY  
FRIENDS  
OF THE R.S.L.  
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### Wonthaggi Woodcrafters

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Website: [WWW.bereavementassistance.org.au](http://WWW.bereavementassistance.org.au)





# Community Group Directory

## Artists' Society of Phillip Island

56-58 Church Street Cowes  
For more information <http://aspi-inc.org.au/>

## Australian Red Cross

Woodleigh Vale Branch  
Contact Sheila Campbell 5678 8210

## Bass Coast Community Baptist Church

Minister - Barry MacDonald 5995 3904

## Bass Coast L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program

Wonthaggi  
Leanne Tilley 5672 3731 or 0467 590 679

## Bass Coast Strollers

Contact Liz Hart 5678 0346  
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## Bass Friends of the RSL

Secretary Trish Thick 5678 1071  
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## Bass Valley Community Group

Monday - Friday 5678 2277

## Bass Valley Landcare

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## Boomerang Bags Phillip Island & San Remo

- Wednesdays 10am - 4pm.  
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## Cape Woolamai Coast Action

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second Saturday Monthly. 8.00am to 10.00am Marg Dumergue 0419007758

## Corinella & District Probus Club

First Wednesday of each month Bass Hotel.  
Heather Reid 0421 012 519

## Corinella Boating & Angling Club

Website [www.corinellafishing.com.au](http://www.corinellafishing.com.au)

## Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

Balcombe Street Corinella.  
Jacquie Carter 5678 0596

## Corinella & District Community Centre

48 Smythe St Corinella. 5678 0777  
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## Corinella & District Men's Shed & Woodies Group

Corinella Road  
Contact Ken Thomas 0427 889 191

## Corinella Foreshore Committee

Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

## Coronet Bay, & Surrounds Playgroup (0-4yrs)

Coronet Bay Hall  
Wednesdays 10am - 12noon  
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## Coronet Bay Adult Social Club

Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall  
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Grantville	Annie	5678 8037
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## Cowes Table Tennis Group

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## Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary

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## Grantville Business & Community Association

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## Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

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## Grantville Tennis Club Inc.

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## Lang Lang Bowling Club

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## Lang Lang Cricket Club

Secretary: Sharon May 0459 368 431

## Lang Lang Playgroup

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Amanda Gray 0458 195 258

## Lions Club of Bass Valley

First Tuesday each month 6pm  
Grantville Transaction Centre then third Tuesday each month, Dinner at Bass Hotel.  
Lyn Renner 0416 024 356

## Nyora Youth Group

Contact Michael Felton  
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## Phillip Island Bowls Club

Dunsmore Avenue, Cowes.  
New members welcome, Free coaching  
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## Phillip Island Camera Club

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## Phillip Island Community Art & Craft Gallery Inc.

Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave  
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## Phillip Island Indoor Carpet Bowlers

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## Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers Inc.

The Phillip Island & District Railway  
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## Phillip Island Bicycle User Group

Meets Wednesdays 10am Amaze'n' Things  
Secretary Ruth Scott More information at [Phillipislandbicycleusergroup.com.au](http://Phillipislandbicycleusergroup.com.au) and Fb

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Meet on a Monday night from 7.30.  
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## Phillip Island-San Remo - Bass Coast Vegan Community

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## Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

Phone bookings 5952 2973  
Email [piscc123@gmail.com](mailto:piscc123@gmail.com)

## Phillip Island World Vision Club

Second Wednesday each month 1.30pm  
St. Phillip's Church Cowes  
Enquiries - Thelma 5678 5549

## Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow Email: [pbpa@bigpond.com](mailto:pbpa@bigpond.com)

## Probus Club of San Remo

Second Monday of the month (except January) 10am at the Newhaven Public Hall.  
Visitors Welcome.  
Enquiries Bob Andrews 0437 526 757

## Rhyll Community Association.

Secretary Cheryl Overton 0427 680 483

## South Coast Speakers - Toastmasters

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## South Gippsland Arthritis Support Group

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Marg 0417 154 057  
Diane 5658 1443

## South Gippsland Mental Illness Carer's Group

Maggie 5658 1781 Rosemary 5662 4352

## South Gippsland Parkinson's Support Group

Third Friday each month 10am for 10.30 Leongatha RSL  
Meeting/Guest Speaker/Lunch available.  
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## South Gippsland Support after Suicide

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## Survivors of Suicide

Raising awareness to aid prevention  
Jillian Drew 0413 056 165

## St Pauls Anglican Church Bass

HC at 12.30pm every Sunday  
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## St Georges Anglican Church Corinella

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## Woolamai Racing Club

Contact the Secretary (03) 5678 7585

# Gardening



## TREE FERNS (probably *Dicksonia antarctica*)

were popular as Christmas decorations, as seen in the illustration by Julian Ashton of a young lady selling fern fronds titled 'Christmas is Coming'. (from the *Illustrated Sydney News* 20 December 1879)



## CHRISTMAS BUSH

Variable shrub or small tree, from 2 m to 10 m high. Often has a compact habit when in shrub form. Leaves are lanceolate to ovate, to 10 cm. Flowers in terminal sprays, white, pink or mauve, occur in summer.

**Distribution:** Qld, NSW, ACT, Vic, Tas.

**Propagation:** From cuttings.

**Cultivation:** Probably the most adaptable species.

Tolerates heavy shade or full sun.

Fast growing.

Useful as a screen plant.



## CHRISTMAS BELLES

Christmas Belles is the caption of an illustration of young ladies collecting Christmas Bells (*Blandfordia* spp.) (from the *Illustrated Sydney News* - Christmas Issue 1886)



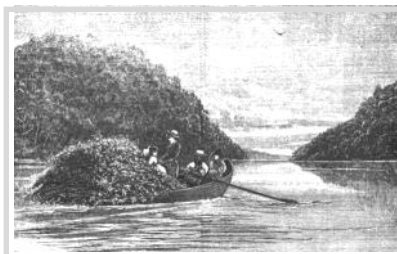
## CHRISTMAS BELLS

A tufted plant with grass-like leaves to 50 cm. Flower spikes to 50 cm with up to 10 large bell-like flowers, which vary from pure yellow to deep red with yellow tips. Flowers usually occur in summer but occasional flowers appear at any time of year.

**Distribution:** NSW, Qld.

**Propagation:** From seed.

**Cultivation:** Sandy soil.



A Boatload of Christmas Bush (*Ceratopetalum gummiferum*) being rowed towards Sydney for sale in the markets.

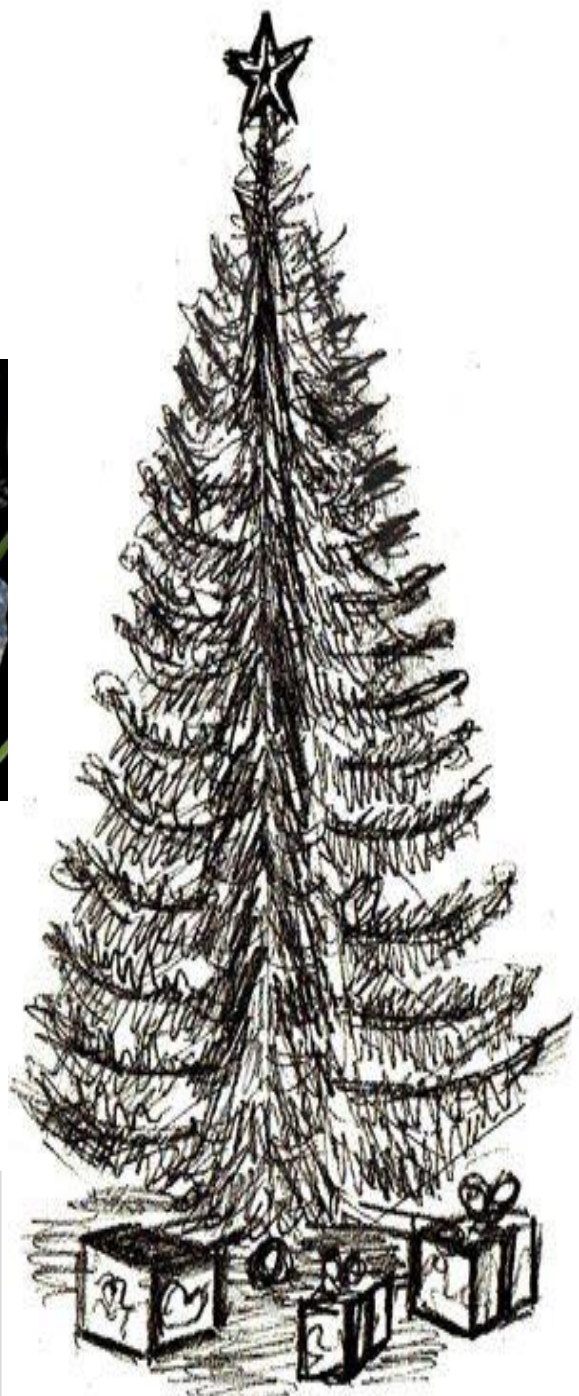
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Photograph: Moorings Place, Corinella by Lyndell Parker

### CORINELLA RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

If this year has taught us all anything, it is to expect the unexpected and be grateful for what we do have. When we look at the situation in Europe, and America the old saying "count your blessings" certainly comes to mind!

Speaking about appreciation of what we have.....on November 11th, we stop and reflect on those who fought and died to ensure the future that we are enjoying today. At the Grantville wall of remembrance, BASS FRIENDS of the RSL hold a very moving ceremony each year, the CRRA, represented by 2 Committee members, Wayne Maschette and myself laid a wreath of Rosemary to commemorate the supreme sacrifice that was made in WW1 and all other conflicts since that time. Wayne is a Vietnam veteran, and had been invited to speak and he spoke passionately to the significance of 11-11-1918 in the history of Australia's involvement in WW1.

We will remember them.... Lest we forget.

Due to the obvious difficulties, the CRRA Committee have held over the AGM, with approval from Consumer Affairs, hoping to be able to have "a face to face" traditional meeting the first Saturday in February 2021. New members are especially welcome, contact our secretary David Laing at davidw17@bigpond.com for details. Unfortunately, another casualty of Covid is our much loved Carols Night, plagued by rain for 2 years now and moved to the Hall, but fingers crossed for next year back at the Rotunda on the Foreshore. We are participating with the other Waterline towns in a travelling "Waterline Santa Truck". Our Christmas wish for us all.... a safe, happy and Covid free Christmas and New Year (which lasts til next year!!!!!!) with no bushfires or other disasters please! On behalf of the Committee, CRRA, **Lyndell Parker**



The leader, the manager, or the minister came in late today, she must be taking too much time off. (maybe they were up til 3am working and finally got to sleep in, or was seeing someone)

The worse one to hear is, 'people are saying.' It has no numbers, it is only based on the speaker. IT COULD be their own view, backed spuriously by imaginary others, and therefore a political move to sound like their view is more widely accepted or known. It undermines the confidence of the leader or person or system.

Gossip at its heart is about hate, insecurity, and malice. I can hear that old phrase, 'if you can't say nothin' nice about someone, don't say anything at all!'

We're called to bless our enemies, forgive them, even if they at the time don't appreciate it. Or do we want to continue to have anger and hatred in our hearts?

If we want change or want society to grow in love and care, we need to help it by not working against it. Another side of this, is that we are going to give an account for all our words and actions. Maybe we need to hear that drop of a weight onto the scales, on the wrong side, for us to stop gossiping.

To be fair, it's easy to be dancing on the border line of innocent chatting and gossip. What our ears should be attuned to is the intent of our words and of others. Our biblical warrant is that if there is a problem go see the person directly and fix it quickly.

So if another starts complaining about someone else, then TELL or SUGGEST they go see the other person, otherwise we're becoming complicit in the gossip. In other words, stop the gossip and have no part of it. Help them to move as well.

Our by-words for behaviour are grace, patience, mercy and love, are they not? Jesus' words and actions reflected the character of God. This is also our call.

Our willingness to bless others rather than 'gossip', will speak volumes about our faith and ourselves., IF WE ARE HONEST IN OUR LOOKING AT OURSELVES. In the long run, ALL gossip is weaponised, don't do it.

## TGBATG

I finish my sermons/ homilies with 'To God Be All The Glory', or TGBATG for short.

*Rev'd Colin Oakley*

## WEAPONISED GOSSIP

James 1:26 - 'If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

Exodus 23:1-You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with the wicked to act as a malicious witness.

Great words but I suppose the devil is in the details, if you'll excuse my pun. There's good reasons why we're called upon to not 'gossip'.

Have you ever been on the end of a trail of gossip? We've seen in recent times, that gossip is not an uncommon form of online harassment with youth. But it also occurs in adults in varying degrees. Gossip is one the most upsetting and disrupting things to a group of friends, a family, a company or a church.

In its mildest form, it's a relatively neutral sharing of information or 'opinion'. We share information because we want to talk about what's happening around the traps, and hey it's better or less self-revealing if it's a judgement or observation on another rather than ourself.

Gossip in its worse form, done on purpose, is better described as 'weaponised' gossip. It can rend friends, families, companies and churches, apart.

If you don't like the leader, a few words can do a lot of damage. For example. If I said "gee, Freddie is spending a lot of time in the other centre", to another worker, and they sympathise and say "oh that's terrible". I can then go to another and say Ms X thinks its terrible that Freddie is spending so much time at the other centre.

Then the ball is rolling and character assassination is on the way. Where two or more are gathered there is political thought.

In its use, is the spirit of manipulation and control over another. (that new position that Sarah is going for is really important to all of us. She must be nervous about it, the poor dear, I saw her going into the pub last night) Here the comment hits on peoples worries and puts an unsubstantiated claim of nervousness, an unknown intent of stress drinking, and leaves us with an image of someone not dealing or being able to deal with important things that affects all of us.





## **BURT'S TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PUDING**

GOODNESS, it's almost Christmas again. Where did this year go? And let's hope that 2021 will be a better year for us all!

This year's Christmas recipe is pinched from my husband Bert, who makes this pudding every Christmas.

### **Ingredients**

Enough for two pudding bowls, one 19cm and one 15cm or one larger bowl:

750 grams of mixed fruit  
60 grams of candied peel  
250 grams of butter  
250 grams of brown sugar  
60 grams of almonds, chopped  
1 cup of plain flour  
125 grams of breadcrumbs  
3 eggs  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
½ teaspoon nutmeg  
½ teaspoon cinnamon  
½ teaspoon mixed spice  
½ teaspoon ginger  
Zest of 1 lemon & 1 orange  
3 tablespoons of brandy

Put mixed fruit and peel in a bowl, sprinkle with brandy, cover with a clean cloth and leave overnight. Cream butter and sugar, slowly add zests and beaten eggs a little at a time. Stir in the mixed fruit and almonds followed by the dry ingredients, bicarb and spices. Place into a buttered bowl. cover with greaseproof paper and steam for 6 hours (5 hours for the small bowl). When cool, gently lift the paper, prick the pudding with a skewer and pour over a little extra brandy. Replace sterile greaseproof and cover with foil. Take care to keep sterile. Leave to mature until Christmas Day. Enjoy! And have a happy new year !

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# Environment

## How I met Tim

By Neil Daly

It wasn't in Antarctica, the Pilbara, or at Conservation Co-operative at Kangaroo Ground north-east of Melbourne, or in the mud at Lang Lang, or at a formal function in his honour; it was at a fruit and vegetable farm not far from (at the time) his home in Coronet Bay.

As we picked over the lettuces, potatoes and tomatoes, we struck up a conversation - it was so easy to do, for Tim was an engaging personality and it was as if we'd known each other for years.

We soon moved on from 'fruit and veg' and before I knew what was happening, he told me he'd been married three times and one day he was going to catch those troublemakers who kept pulling up his seagrass plants at Coronet Bay.

Back then, I didn't know who he was until one Saturday morning at a meeting of the Grantville & District Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management, I was formally introduced to Dr Tim Ealey, or as the locals knew him, Dr Mangrove.

It was this meeting that set me down the trail of erosion, seagrass, mangroves and mud; I'm still pursuing these issues. It is for this reason I'd like to touch on just one part of Tim's life: his association with the Western Port Seagrass Partnership Ltd (WPSP)

WPSP was established in 2001. Its aim was to "promote partnership based approaches to improving the understanding, protection and restoration of the ecosystems of Western Port and its iconic seagrass communities."

Soon after WPSP was formed, Tim was appointed a Project Officer by the Board to direct the Partnership's seagrass and mangrove field projects. In 2005 he was invited to become a WPSP Board Director, for not only did he bring his academic knowledge and experience to the Board, but his enthusiasm and practical approach in dealing with environmental problems complemented the Board's vision.

At the time, seagrass in Western Port was suffering from the years it had been harvested for home insulation and the constant pollution and sediment from the catchment areas draining into it. This problem was exacerbated by its turbid waters caused by the eroding coastline in the Lang Lang area.

Dr Eric Herbert Mitchell 'Tim' Ealey OAM, died aged 93.



In a report to WPSP about the problem, Tim was of the view that if you could reduce erosion, "propagules of seagrass, which float across the mud flats, will take hold and the seagrass will return increasing fish stocks etc. Therefore our ultimate object is to regenerate seagrass by stopping the erosion."

Thus Tim and an army of eager school children tackled the problem and pioneered a grassroots community-based campaign to re-establish seagrass and mangroves in Western Port.

This was spoken about in an ABC TV, 7.30 Report: "Mangrove regeneration teaches kids about the environment". Unfortunately the video is no longer available, but the transcript is worth reading. It's a record of an inspirational man and his work in helping young people participate in hands-on and fun-filled conservation experiments.

The transcript is at: <https://www.abc.net.au/7.30/mangrove-regeneration-teaches-kids-about/2679708>

Tim continued to pioneer ways to grow mangroves and seagrass, and along with a group of children from the Bass Valley Primary School, featured in the video called "Western Port-Cherished and Challenged". It was produced by WPSP and presented by the late John Clarke. I'm sure Tim wouldn't mind me promoting the video. For with the many climate change issues now facing us, I think he would say, 'its message is more important than ever, for Western Port's future is now in your hands!'

"Western Port-Cherished and Challenged" is at: <https://seagrass.com.au/resources/western-port-documentary/>

In all, I met Tim on four occasions and I'll never forget climbing the narrow spiral staircase in his Coronet Bay home to be introduced to 'his library'.

He knew he had the book somewhere: "Coastal guide to nature and history 2 - Mornington Peninsula's ocean shore, Western Port, Phillip Island & French Island" by Graham Patterson. I still have the spare copy he gave me.

I'm glad I took Tim's advice and bought the unwashed potatoes, for deep down, I too like mud and it's good to think his footprints are still out there somewhere in Western Port.

There is a tribute to Tim on YouTube. In song and pictures it illustrates "Tim Ealey lived a full and amazing life doing what he could to inform and preserve. From adventures in the Antarctic to trying to slow erosion in Western Port Bay and heaps of achievements in between.

He really loved being alive and was quite peeved that it had to end." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZbgOG3E8FA>





# Environment

## Letter to the Editor

### Dear Santa, what about us?

For two years now via *The Waterline News*, I've asked you for a Western Port Strategic Management Plan and when I switched on the 7.00 p.m. ABC TV News (1st October 2020), I thought my wish had come true!

For there was The Hon. Sussan Ley MP, Minister for the Environment, complete with an Akubra and riding in a motor boat on Botany Bay, announcing "\$61.7 million boost for environment, jobs and tourism."

As the graphic unfolded on the news report, I waited for Western Port to be displayed.

Of the 13 sites under consideration to be part of the "major program to support national and world heritage sites that will help preserve and enhance these area while making them more accessible to



Australians wanting to appreciate their unique qualities", Western Port was not listed.

Of course Port Phillip Bay 'got a guernsey', for it would seem not only does it have 'favoured bay' status with state and federal politicians, it also has its very own environmental management plan, underwritten by the State Government.

**So Santa when can we have ours?**

I know you're busy, but I hope you can find time to read *The Waterline News* (September 2020), for in my article "I don't want to move, but ...", I think you'll see why I'm making one last request.

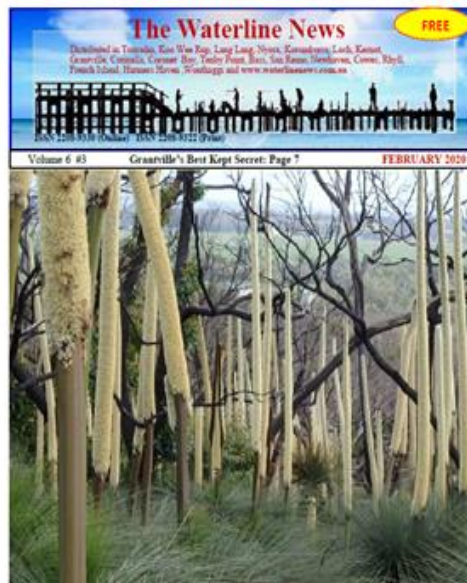
So on your travels this coming Christmas when you stop by the politicians' stockings, please leave them a note saying, "If you want a present next year, give the people a plan for Western Port".

Really Santa, I don't know much longer we can expect groups like Save Westernport and the Phillip Island Conservation Society to go on fighting to protect this world heritage site and repel the ever-circling industrialisation raiders who fail to understand, that the environment is the key to Western Port's economic future.

*Yours sincerely*  
**Neil Daly**

"Dead and dying grass trees that sat in untidy piles—drying out and dying—are a distillation of the dark underbelly of Melbourne's 'green' economic recovery. In short, construction stimulus = demand for concrete = demand for sand.

It's not that sand is scarce. There appears to be over 700 years worth of sand within existing work authorities. Anything looks cheap when you don't account for the true cost. The deposits under the grass tree forest, close to Melbourne, on Crown Land leases in the remnant coastal forest are the lowest cost access to land because we give away our environmental and cultural heritage so cheaply. According to the sand mining industry the markets are working perfectly!" -Lauren Burns.



Sales of electric cars are gaining momentum in Australia, with demand up by 14 per cent so far this year in a vehicle market that is down by 18 per cent.

However the raw numbers are still minuscule, with only 1400 electric cars reported as sold by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries in the first 10 months of 2020.

As a proportion of the entire new-car market over the same period (726,000) it equates to 0.2 per cent of Australian demand for new vehicles.

This figure does not include Tesla, which does not supply sales data, however even assuming (generously) 3000 Tesla cars have been sold nationally this year, the total proportion of pure electric cars delivered in Australia represents 0.6 per cent of demand.

The real eco hero? Hybrid cars. Petrol-electric vehicle sales have doubled so far this year to a new record – from 23,000 reported as sold in the first 10 months of 2019, to 46,600 reported as sold in the same period this year. Indeed, the Toyota RAV4 Hybrid led the entire new-car market in the month of August 2020 for the first time ever, as the company filled back orders with a surge in stock.



## Beyond Sand

By Lauren Burns

AFTER water, sand is the second most used natural resource on earth. We use even more sand than oil. Growing cities such as Melbourne create demand for the sand used in concrete. It takes about 200 tonnes of sand to build an average family house, and a kilometre of a highway requires about 25,000 tonnes.

Like many of Earth's resources, we're using more sand than is being naturally replenished by natural life systems. Globally, we're using 50 billion tonnes of sand every year, twice the amount of sand produced by every river in the world.

Locally, the magnificent Grantville Grassie Forest and adjacent forest corridor are threatened by sand mining under the Victorian Government's Strategic Resources Areas pilot project to secure sand for Melbourne's urban expansion. The proposed planning provisions under SERA would take away the right of communities, farmers and local government to object to sand mining.

The government claims that South Gippsland's proximity to Melbourne makes sand mining here "sustainable" because it reduces trucking distances. This claim disregards the fragile ecology of this important biolink of remnant coastal forest, which is home to endangered flora and fauna such as the southern brown bandicoot.

As Save the Holden Bushlands spokesman Tim O'Brien puts it, "Trading regional extinctions of vulnerable species for the car parks and bridges of Melbourne is a failure of Government, a failure of environmental policy, and fails the future."

What to do?

In 2015 the European Union created an action plan for a circular economy with measures covering the whole life cycle from production and consumption to waste management and the market for secondary raw materials.

Enter Net-Positive Waste. The idea is pretty simple. Instead of burying waste in landfill, we take the raw materials of the waste and upcycle them into new products. This reduces landfill and consumption of virgin resources in the manufacture of new products, uses less energy and creates fewer greenhouse gas emissions. The collection, reprocessing and remanufacturing of waste resources creates four times as many jobs as sending it to landfill.

But to make it work someone has to process the waste and someone else has to buy these recycled products. An Australian company called Closed Loop has been founded as a matchmaker to pair up waste streams with companies that need for those resources. One of their projects is using recycled glass as a substitute for the sand used in bitumen used to surface roads.

"As soon as you put a value on waste, it stops being waste and starts being a resource," says Closed Loop founder Rob Pascoe.

In late 2018, Sustainability Victoria, the University of Melbourne, construction company Hanson and VicRoads collaborated on a pilot program using waste glass recycled from kerbside collections not suitable for recycling back into glass packaging as an ingredient in concrete. Eighteen months later, Hanson recently completed their first pour using recycled glass in concrete at a trial site at the level crossing removal project at Reservoir Station.

The aim is to provide a viable alternative to the sand used in concrete. The results will inform VicRoads, enabling a review of current concrete standards.

Professor Tuan Ngo, Director of the Advanced Protective Technologies for Engineering Structures Group at the University of Melbourne says the research could lead to widespread use of glass in concrete applications in Victoria and across the country.

Another alternative to traditional concrete is hempcrete, made from lime, hemp and water. Lime is weak under tension, so the fibres from hemp cellulose are used to make a strong building material that is about one seventh the weight of concrete.

Structures built by the Romans and Japanese from hempcrete centuries ago are still standing.

Hempcrete Australia Pty Ltd is an Australian company that distributes and sells the hemp binder and provides building services for designers and builders. They state that hemp is a crop that has several farming and environmental benefits. It takes only 14 weeks to mature and doesn't need herbicides because it grows too quickly for any weed to compete. It's unpalatable to insects, so doesn't need pesticides, can grow in a wide variety of climatic and soil conditions and helps rejuvenate poor soils.

An added benefit: each tonne of lime-based hempcrete is estimated to absorb and sequester 249 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> over a 100 year lifecycle. Hempcrete is also fully recyclable. A demolished building can be easily broken down and used in a new build.

Back to Gippsland's forests.

If you've never been there do yourself a favour and visit Tarra Bulga National Park. At 1522 hectares, it's a relatively small national park but contains a magical fragment of intact temperate rainforest of mountain ash, tree fern gullies and Gondwanan myrtle beech that once covered the Strzelecki ranges.

Tarra Bulga was saved by a determined local community which protected it from being cleared for farmland.

Taking inspiration from Tarra Bulga, I like to imagine that rather than the sterile pit of a sand quarry, we could turn the Holden Bushlands and surrounding forest corridor into a magnificent national park that will be admired and help inspire generations in perpetuity.





# The French Island News



## FRENCH ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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### EMERGENCY SERVICES

There is no regular police or ambulance service on the island.

French Island has a Country Fire Authority (CFA).

There is one fire engine stationed permanently on the island.

**Calling 000 is always the best option in an emergency.**

For non urgent health issues islanders may utilise the Department of Health's Nurse on Call service: 1300 60 60 24

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# Writing

## CRYSTAL CLEAR

"Do you mind if I sit here? The bus is almost full already. I expect it will be crowded by the time we leave."  
"Mmm."  
"Isn't this place lovely?" I've had two weeks but would stay for a month if I had the chance. How long were you here?"  
"Six weeks."  
"How wonderful! What part did you like best?" The hills to the north? The pine plantation? Crystal brooks? The gorgeous sunsets? What was your favourite?"  
"None of it!"  
"Oh, really? Wasn't there something to take your fancy?"  
"Hated every minute of it. Nothin' to see, nothin' to do. Never been so bored in all me life."  
"Then why did you stay so long?"  
"Couldn't get away. Management said I needed to clear me lungs. They paid for everythin'. I just wanted to get back to work."  
"But it was a health resort – beautiful scenery, long walks – and short, clear running streams, special meals."  
"Can't hardly wait to see the smeltin' works, furnaces belchin' out their fumes, yellow sludge racin' down the sluices, hot pie and chips for lunch. That's what I want."  
"Well, I suppose the rest has done you some good, whether you realise it or not."  
"I doubt it. Not even a newspaper to check the race results."  
"That was the idea – to break away from everyday things – all the contamination – give you a complete change – improve your well-being. I'm sure you'll feel the benefit before long."  
"It's not much further now, a couple more bends after the road straightens out. If you open the window you'll hear the smelters. See them chimneys out to the left? Them's the furnaces roarin' full blast. The bus'll drop me off at the main gate and then, thank God, I'll have me first gulp of real air since I left the place."  
"Oh dear."  
"Here we go. I'll just grab me kit from offa the rack and say g'bye to you, Miss. Been good talkin' to you. Ah, now I can breathe again. This is what I've been missin'. No more of them damned trees, no more bloody organic food. Wonder if it's pie and chips or hamburgers today? Gee, it's great to be home. This is what life's all about."

**E E (Betty) Caldwell**

**With thanks to Maree Silva  
who types up all of Betty's  
contributions to the  
Waterline News.**

## AN UNKINDNESS or CONSPIRACY of RAVENS

*(Corvus coronoides)*

the tawny frogmouths  
are nesting again this  
Spring  
high up in a forked branch  
of their favoured ironbark

dropped into the hollow  
spindly twigs and leaves  
criss-cross randomly  
become their untidy nest

camouflaged bodies  
under speckled feathers  
blend like mottled bark  
on a broken bough

a flock of ravens with  
shining ebony plumage  
cawing and flapping wildly  
repeatedly swoops the tree

worried  
I return  
find the nest-bound parent  
safe  
feathers fluffed around  
eggs  
– a dapple of dead leaves

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## INTERVENTION

In my shower  
I encountered a slater  
watched it battle a tsunami or two  
the half-conscious motion of my foot  
swished it gone. I was left to wonder  
if it was the Edmund Hilary of slaters  
traversing a continent of carpet in  
search of high places and adventure  
the Fred Hollows Mother Teresa of  
isopods  
good-deeding in foreign terrain  
the Vincent Lingiari of woodlice  
staking its claim in a hard white world  
spoiled my few minutes of relaxation  
unsettled me for longer  
than anyone  
could possibly call  
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