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Suddenly it's February, 2020.

I was thinking of how to mark our current situation when I read the contribution from Lyndell Parker, tireless secretary of the Corinella Resident and Ratepayer Association. I realised that I couldn't say it any better so welcome to The Waterline News for 2020 as per Lyndell:

A new year has begun. Sad in so many ways, with the news of catastrophic bushfires across so many parts of Australia.

That immediately takes us back to the fire in and around Grantville last year and reminds us that we should never be complacent. These serious events show that no place is 'safe'!

Our heartfelt thanks to all the people who are standing on the frontline fighting the fires, giving their all, with such dedication and bravery, and to people who are caring for injured animals, the innocent victims of the fires. How can our hearts not wrench at the pictures of koalas and kangaroos with burns, bandaged and cradled in loving arms trying to help them heal or save their lives.

Thank you to all the people who are assisting in ways we don't know about or hear about at these troubled times. You are all heroes!

The rest of Lyndell's report on behalf of CRRA is in the community section.

So, now a bit of housekeeping for the new year. Can all community group contributors please check the information that we are publishing? Some of our notices have not been updated and we need to ensure that everything is up to date. Can you please email any changes to me ASAP? In closing, thanks for your support in 2019. I look forward to keeping you informed, included and entertained in 2020.

Geoff Ellis

March Edition: Deadline is February 17

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Great results, bright futures

We are very proud of Newhaven College's Class of 2019 and wish our graduates every success as they commence life beyond secondary



The end of Year 12 is typically the end of 13 years of schooling, but it doesn't necessarily mean a move into tertiary education. The VCE is only one step in a student's life journey and each individual has their own path to follow beyond secondary school.

As an open entry school, Newhaven College actively supports individuals to set their own goals and strive to achieve their personal best, in whatever direction their aspirations take them.

With so many opportunities available to Year 12 graduates, including university, TAFE, traineeships and work, Newhaven College students are encouraged to remember that their ATAR score does not represent the culmination of their education. Instead, it presents an opportunity for young adults to assess and consider their priorities as they plan their next steps in life.

We are pleased to announce our VCE results that reflect the excellent work and commitment shown by Newhaven staff and students. We celebrate each student's results knowing that all had their own journey to travel, as behind every single result is a story.

We are equally proud of our high achievers. Our dux is Ella White (above centre) with a study score of 98.75. Others scoring in the 90s are Verena Bastwros – 97.75 (above left), Martin Peters – 96.95 (above right), Macy Lugt Cole, Alexander McMahon, James Mercer and Scout Greenhalgh. Of note was our mean study score of 30.8 with 38 study scores of 40 plus, a significant increase from previous years. We also had a number of Year 11 students who undertook Year 12 studies, and we celebrate their great results with them. They are well on the way to gaining their VCE in 2020.

It is significant that all Year 12 Newhaven students gained their VCE, and we congratulate each individual. While the academic statistical summary of the Class of 2019 is impressive, success is rightly measured through a much wider lens. Our students achieved these excellent results whilst being fully involved in the life of the school, their community and in charity events throughout the year. We are certainly very proud of our Class of 2019.

Limited places are available in Years 10 to 12 in 2020. Contact Belinda Manning on 5956 7505 or email belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au



Left: Toby Marshall studied VET Certificate II in Building and Construction and has secured a plumbing apprenticeship.
Centre: Aiden Box and Jonah van Stekelenburg will take on AFL Internships at Newhaven College in Sport and Student Support.
Right: During her gap year Meg Hynes will work as an Outdoor Education Leader at Geelong Grammar's Timbertop campus.

Community



CORINELLA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

January 26th

A great day celebrating being an Aussie was had by young and old having their faces painted and enjoying a sausage off the barbie, a "go" on the jumping castle and a climb on the CFA fire truck, some good Aussie music and a bag of lollies compliments of the Corinella General Store, what more could you ask for, thanks to the CRRA Committee for all their hard work. Many thanks to Bass Coast Shire for their support of the event!



CORINELLA FORESHORE COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT

A new Corinella foreshore committee has been appointed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). The new committee consists of 9 members, 5 of whom have returned and 4 new members. They will be working together to determine priorities throughout the term. Planning will include opportunities for community engagement and events.

The committee members are: Gloris Willoughby (Chair), Michael Johnson (Vice Chair), Jean-Jacques (JJ) Pantebre (Treasurer), John Lippman (Secretary), Barbara Oates, Lyndell Parker, Mario Zacutti, Felicity Rahaus and Jim Woods.

Over the next 3 years, the committee will have a range of key projects to



The Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, incorporates Mitchell House on Murray Street and the Harvest Centre which is accessed from the back of the Big W carpark. The Men's Shed operate from there too.

Our Neighbourhood Centre is a vibrant place that offers a variety of activities and programs, wonderful events and provides facilities to hire for specialist groups. You may be interested in joining as a volunteer. Iain Ritchie is our co-ordinator who can give you lots of information about this welcoming positive place. (03) 5672 3731

Beautiful Warriors meet every second and last Friday of the month, 10 to 11am.

This is a casual gathering where people dealing with mental health issues can share as much or as little as they are comfortable with, or may simply enjoy having a cuppa with one another. There is no pressure or judgement. This is an opportunity to get together with others and to know that you are *not* alone on your journey. A donation is welcome.

deliver, including a new vegetation management plan, replacement of the current Corinella Foreshore Reserve Management Plan and building a staircase at Settlement Point down to the rock platform below. Community members may be aware that the foreshore committee also manages the Corinella caravan park, 30-hectare crown land reserve and its related infrastructure and is continuing to manage the boat ramp under the oversight of Better Boating Victoria (who now oversee all Victorian boat ramps since 2019). Community members can access our website for details about the reserve, facilities, events and community news at www.corinellaforeshore.com.au and keep up to date on what's happening by subscribing to the Foreshore Highlights newsletter via the website.

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7 Westernport Rd, Lang Lang 3984
Contact (03) 5997 5704
llcc@langlang.net



Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre



56-58 Church St, Cowes
Centre Manager -
Greg Thompson

5952 1131

Email :

admin@pical.org.au

Website:

www.pical.org.au



YOUR LOCAL CHURCHES

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

St Joseph's Catholic Church,
20 Bass Road, **Bass.**
Sunday Mass 11.00am
5952 5418

St George's Anglican Church,
24 Smythe Street, **Corinella.**
1st Sunday each month 11.00 am
Other Sundays 9.00am
5997 5440

Grantville Baptist Church,
Grantville Community Hall
1470 Bass Highway, **Grantville.**
Service at 4pm each Sunday.
Brendan Smith
0412 187 893
hello@grantvillebaptist.org.au

Kernot Uniting Church,
1040 Loch Kernot Road, **Kernot.**
Service various Sundays at 9.30am.
Secretary Judy Hogan
0422 094 903

St Augustine's Anglican Church,
111 Marine Parade, **San Remo.**
10.30 Every Sunday
1st & 3rd Sundays Family Service.
Other Sundays Holy Communion.
10am every Tuesday Holy Communion.
Rev Jo White
5952 2608 or 0490 831 299
revjobpi@gmail.com

Our Lady Star of The Sea, Catholic Church,
43 Phillip Island Road, **San Remo.**
6pm Every Saturday Mass
Contact 5952 5418

Bible Study Group
Mondays at 5pm.
St Pauls Church Bass
2-6 Hade Avenue, Bass
Contact 5997 6127



2020 is shaping up as an interesting and potentially challenging year for many organisations.

The bushfires and the impact they have had on communities, near and far, is in all our minds. For a Not For Profit such as Corinella and District Community Centre we of course want to help and we also have to balance that with the impact those fires will have on our own ability to operate. It is quite probable there will be less funds around both in terms of grants and in terms of our own community's ability to support us. Quite rightly many have supported the various appeals to assist individuals, organisations and wildlife impacted by the fires.

Our Bushfire fundraiser, a High Tea, in support of Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund, the organisation nominated by our members, was booked out within days.

The other ways we will support those in the impacted areas is to channel our monthly social bus trips to those areas. We are just in the process of finalising details for trips, so keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for the destinations. We are also looking at offering a discount on multi day bus hire when it is used to visit the impacted areas.

We are also going to provide some activities for children and parents. We are introducing a 10am Story time on Mondays. A drop in session where parents can watch and have a cuppa while one of our volunteers reads a story or two.



Our Sixteenth Modern Art and Photography Show and Sale is on 6 – 9 March, entries are now open. Entry forms are available from the centre. You can book for the opening night on 6

March which includes supper, award of prizes and the chance to purchase the art.

So much happening and many changes to the centre, if it has been a while since you have visited us drop by.

Follow us on Facebook: Corinella & District Community Centre



www.u3abassvalley.com
bassvalleyu3aoffice@gmail.com
(PO Box 142 Grantville 3984)

The 2020 Committee is:

Chairperson : Geoff Guilfoyle
Deputy Chair : Vacant
Secretary : Steven Edge
Treasurer : Beverly Walsh
General Committee Members: Vicki Clark and Christine Kent.
Enquiries:
Stephen Edge 0404 252 470

**Art for Pleasure
Book Club
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Digital Photography
Local History**

**Movie & Theatre Appreciation
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Tai Chi for Arthritis
Travel & History**

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.**

TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

Hosted by Vicki Clark

Held at Coronet Bay Community Hall
Gellibrand Street
Every Tuesday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Grantville Hall,
Wednesdays 10.30-11.30

Phone Vicki 0403 025 634

Other U3A Groups are at:

Cowes (PICAL)
www.pical.org.au
Phone 5952 1131
and
Wonthaggi
www.u3awonthaggi.org.au
Ph: 03 5672 3951



Community



CORINELLA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

President: Peter Tait
Vice President: Wayne Maschette.
Secretary: John Stewart.
Treasurer: Michael Kelze
Committee: Lyndell Parker,
Heather Reid, Margaret Stewart and Jackie Tait.

CORONET BAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



President: Chris Petrie
Vice President: Kevin Brown
Secretary: Susan Linley
Treasurer: Evan Bekiaris
Committee Members:
Andrew Fernbach, Angela Christa and Len Van der Neut



President: Jean Coffey 0419 500 593
Secretary: Tim Herring
If you are a Tenby Point resident and would like to stay abreast of what is happening, you are welcome to join our association.

We meet four times each year, on a Saturday morning, and membership is just \$10 per household per year.

PIONEER BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Contact

Zena Benbow
pbpa@bigpond.com



BASS COAST RESIDENT and Ratepayer Association.

PO Box 65, Wonthaggi VIC 3995
0409 357 916
BCRRA@dcsi.net.au
<http://www.basscra.org>

CORONET BAY:

The Combined Community Group organises our markets, fair, Fun Run/Walk and other events. We are always in need of volunteers to support these events. Please contact the Secretary Sue Quartermain on 0408 290923 or email susiequa@tpg.com.au



The Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association (CBRRA) meets four times a year. For just \$10 per individual member annually, you will receive minutes of our meetings, the latest news and regular updates on local issues. Together we can make Coronet Bay even more beautiful and a wonderful, safe place to live and play.

We regularly discuss current issues of interest to our community, such as planning and development proposals, shared use of our beach, community events and council matters, the latter presented by a local ward councillor. If you want a say in these matters, come along and join our group. Its purpose is to represent you, our community.

CBRRA AGM and Meeting

The Annual General Meeting on 11th January presented annual reports for 2019, appointed a new committee and established subscriptions for 2020. After a full review of our incorporated association Rules, they were updated in line with the governing law. At the following ordinary meeting members heard reports from the Reserves and Combined Community Committees as well as from the Community Garden and Small Coastal Township Alliance. Cr Ellis discussed council matters. Members requested a special meeting to assess their views on the Norsemen's Rd residential hotel proposal. **2020 meetings:** 28th March, 18th July & 10th October.

New Year's Eve & Market

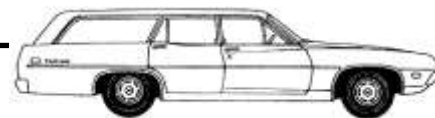
The New Year's Eve Fireworks were held on the foreshore again this year, with live music, food stalls and the 9:15pm fireworks for great family enjoyment. This was followed by the Annual Coronet Bay Market at the Community Hall on Saturday 4th January. Both events were successful, although down a little on attendance.

Wetlands – Norsemen's Road

The perimeter grass area of the Coronet Bay Wetlands, at the beach end of Norsemen's Road has been mowed in preparation for survey work.

You are all welcome to take a walk and have a look at the abundant bird life, but remember to keep dogs on leash at all times.

The CBRRA are pleased to welcome any new members to the association. Please contact our Secretary Susan Linley on 0427 060 756



There are not enough resources to help them all.

In Bass Coast, requests for Crisis Accommodation by SalvoCare Eastern has increased by 47% since 2016.

In Bass Coast in 2018/2019, SalvoCare Eastern assisted 804 people in crisis with housing.

In Bass Coast and South Gippsland in 2018/2019, SalvoCare Eastern turned away 769 people. This is more than 60% of the total number of people who requested help in this period.

SalvoCare Eastern has assisted approximately 2,600 people within the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires with housing from 2016 -2019.

In Bass Coast in 2018/2019, SalvoCare Eastern has assisted 778 people with housing due to experiencing significant financial difficulties.

From 2016 to 2019 there has been an increase of 6% in SalvoCare Eastern clients with children under the age of 10 needing housing support.

In Bass Coast, since 2016, SalvoCare Eastern has assisted 369 people with housing, who were sleeping rough.

* All statistics are derived from The Salvation Army Client Database.

Wonthaggi Woodcrafters

Wood crafting sessions conducted weekdays

Jean Melzer Centre.
239 White Road
Wonthaggi

Contact Secretary Lex
on 0417010941

email

woodiessec@gmail.com

wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au

Community

THIS MONTH'S COVER PHOTO

was taken by Hartley Tobin.



Editor's note: I have been told that access to the grass tree forest at the Grantville Nature Conservation Reserve is now very difficult. New signage, put up along the fence, apparently suggests that it fences off a buffer zone for the sand mine.

Corinella and District Community Centre



48 Bayview St
Corinella
5678 0777

CORINELLA and DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOUSE (CONTINUED)

Monthly activities include:

1st Tuesday, Craft for a Cause: making items for a charity or a particular need, whether it is wildlife, premature babies or distressed children bring your project along and enjoy a social hour or so with others supporting worthwhile causes.

2nd Tuesday, Crossword Café: bring your crossword or work on one we have here, enjoy a cuppa while you chat and problem solve with and for others.

3rd Tuesday, Kids and Carers: if you just need to get out of the house with the children you care for drop in for a cuppa, there will be toys and books for the children, coffee and tea for the carers.

4th Tuesday, Garden Café: a chance to have a cuppa and chat with other gardeners who drop in.

5th Tuesday (when there is one) – Devonshire Tea Café, a fundraiser for us, enjoy fresh scones with jam and cream along with your cuppa. (coffee is limited to activity times to avoid competing with local cafes)

All of our regular well loved activities are up and running.
Call us: 5678 0777



GRANTVILLE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

FRIENDSHIP SHARING and CARING.

The Grantville branch of the Country Women's Association Meets on the second Monday of each month at Grantville Public Hall at 12:30pm.

The meeting is followed by afternoon tea.

The Craft and Chat group meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 10 am Theatre, Lunches, Shopping.....

Call Betty on 0418 396 863



French Island. This photo was supplied by Tanya Le Serve. It was at 3.30pm on the day the fire started on French island. Lightning is said to have caused the outbreak. More details on page 20.



Bass Valley Lions

Ray Wallis, President of Bass Valley Lions, presents one of the two scholarships that the club funded in 2019.



LOCAL POLICE NETWORK

Bruce Kent,
Station Commander,
San Remo phone: 5678 5500
email:

bruce.kent@police.vic.gov.au

emergency Dial 000



CORINELLA BOWLING CLUB INC.

22 Balcombe Street,
Corinella
Ph. 5678 0497



Follow and like us on facebook
Corinella Bowling Club Inc
Friday Barefoot Bowls at 5 pm during daylight saving time and Community/Corporate Bowls in January are the main social events.

After the game stay on for a meal at 7 pm in the licensed club house & experience the social side of this family friendly club.

Members also play pennant bowls Tuesday & Saturday and your support for the home games would be appreciated.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact:

Dave Burzacott,
Tournament Secretary
0423 593 227
or Steve Bray,
President 0418 316 912.

San Remo Bowls Club inc.

Wynne Road, San Remo
Ph: (03) 5678 5558



Website;

sanremobowlsclub.teamapp.com

Each Wednesday Social Bowls
12.30pm with a 1.00 pm start.

During Summer Time Each Friday 5.00pm Barefoot Bowls and BBQ.

All Visitors and New Members welcome.

Contact Arthur Parker 0421 061 074
Members of other clubs or visitors to the area can join us in the Monthly Triples as well as the Barefoot Bowls.

Please contact Arthur on 0421 061 074 if any further information is required about the San Remo Bowls Club.

CWA
WOODLEIGH VALE BRANCH
If you'd like to know more,
Ring Carol on 03-5678 8041





HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone.

Bass Valley Lions Club has been running for 23 years. The current president, Ray Wallis is the only Charter member remaining in the club.

There are 6 other current members and YES, we are looking for new members.

Over the course of 2019 the club has donated 2 GPS Units to the Grantville Ambulances, 3 Tablets (the electronic kind) to Kernot & Grantville CFA, a Refrigerator to Corinella & District Community Group, and 2 annual Scholarships to students from Bass Valley Primary.

Bass Valley Lions Club also provides numerous sponsorships and support for a variety of causes including Friends of the RSL, Corinella Community Hall and several disadvantaged families and individuals.

We held fund raising BBQs at such events as The Truck and Tractor Rally and Sausage Sizzles at Wonthaggi Buntings with proceeds being returned to the local community whenever possible. Even so, most of our time this year was put into the OP SHOP.



THE OP SHOP.

Our thanks go out to everyone who has supported our Op Shop since the refurbishment which meant that we could reopen in October 2018.

THANKYOU to the Knox family, especially Judy for handling the refit of the Op Shop (originally opened in 1996) in memory of their father, a former member of the Club. Without Judy's drive the Op Shop may never have reopened.

THANKS also to Lion Cor Seuren for his efforts in turning a very dilapidated garage into our much needed "back room" (you'll just have to come along to find out what that means).

In keeping with "Serving the Community" prices on all items in the Op Shop have been kept as low as possible. It is open:

Week Days 10am – 3pm
Saturday 9am – 11.30am

So, as we have told you what we have done we should tell you what we want and need. The simple answer is YOU.

NEW MEMBERS

Bass Valley Lions covers an area from Jam Jerrup to Bass and inland roughly up to Woodleigh but we are not limited to this area.

If you have a few hours a week or month to spare and would like to help your community Lions is a great way to do it.

We are seeking new members.

All seven of us are getting a little tired.

With new members we could get started many more activities and the Op Shop will continue to expand and improve.

If you are interested in finding out more:

**Please,
Please contact:**

President Ray on 0438 788 357

**Secretary Lyn on 0416 024 356
or 5678 8357 .**

Once again, what we anticipated as a long period of rest and relaxation at the end of the year turns out to be just a bump in the road and we find we are all back, hard at it, as the new year rolls out.

As mentioned in the previous edition of the Waterline News, we are not putting on the annual Bass Valley Autumn Festival this year. It got to be too much for us and, judging by the declining attendance figures, it wasn't enough to attract people to come along. This isn't to say that we've given up on providing an entertaining day for the community. We are putting our thinking caps on and working to come up with another event, perhaps to roll out next year. Any ideas?? Give us a call on 5678 2277 or drop us an email at admin@bvvg.org.au.

Our Friendship Group is back in session. And we would love to have anyone else who might need what we offer join the group. Our community bus picks members of the group up from their homes in the morning (or if they can and want to they can get to us under their own steam) and after a day's activities and lunch, they are returned home. The program is designed for people who for a range of circumstances may find themselves socially isolated. It can also offer their carers some respite time. While in the past the group has been mostly older persons over 65 years, currently there is a mix that includes a balance of younger adults. Our numbers are down a little so we would welcome new members with open arms. Give us a call or drop us an email and find out more.

The Hadden House Op Shop is back open as well after a break over the festive season. We've also had some wonderful donations for which we are very grateful. We are always happy to take good-quality furniture but can't take electrical goods and find that no one will buy second-hand bedding, unless it's for their pets. The Computer Club is up and running again from the beginning of February. The group meets at 1:00 -3:00 on Tuesday afternoons. There is a small charge, \$8 or \$5 for members.

All in all, we are looking forward to a great year in 2020.

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

Website <http://basscoaststrollers.org/>

Bass Friends of the RSL

Secretary Trish Thick 5678 1071

Mobile 0409 851 599

Bass Valley Community Group

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Email thegbca1@gmail.com

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Ian Painter 5997 6554 M: 0419 646 040

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Amanda Gray 0458 195 258

Lions Club of Bass Valley

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Lyn Renner 0416 024 356

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Contact Michael Felton

Email nyorahall3987@outlook.com

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Contact George Mol 0407 851 065

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Secretary Ruth Scott More information at

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56-58 Church Street, Cowes 5952 1131

Email Linda.Morrison_manager@pical.org.au

Phillip Island Patchworkers

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Email phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com

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Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

Phone bookings 5952 2973

Email pisccl23@gmail.com

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Enquiries - Thelma 5678 5549

Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow Email: pbpa@bigpond.com

Probus Club of San Remo

Second Monday of the month (except

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Enquiries Bob Andrews 0437 526 757

Rhyll Community Association.

Secretary Cheryl Overton 0427 680 483

South Coast Speakers - Toastmasters

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145 Marine Parade, San Remo.

Contact Patricia 0412 339 795

Email info@southcoastspeakers.org.au

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Contact: Adam 0408 353 785

Marg 0417 154 057

Diane 5658 1443

South Gippsland Mental Illness Carer's

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Maggie 5658 1781 Rosemary 5662 4352

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Vice President Judy Lawrence

Secretary: Cheryl Overton
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8am - 12.30pm 50+ stalls

coalcreekfm@hotmail.com

Contact for information 0459 629 000

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102 Thompson Avenue, 9am - 2pm

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Contact for further details 0412 710 276

Corinella Community Market

Contact details 0435 736 510

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peter@rfm.net.au

Further Information 0439 364 760

Cowes Market on Chapel

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Further information- 0428 603 043

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Jumbunna Hall phone 5657 3253

Each 2nd Sunday

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Garry Sherrick 5672 5812

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Oct - April Loch Railway Station Park

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Information from Noel Gregg 5627 5576

Market day phone 0418 500 520

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Phone 0439 364 760

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info@inverlochfarmersmarket.com.au

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Further Information: 5678 5386

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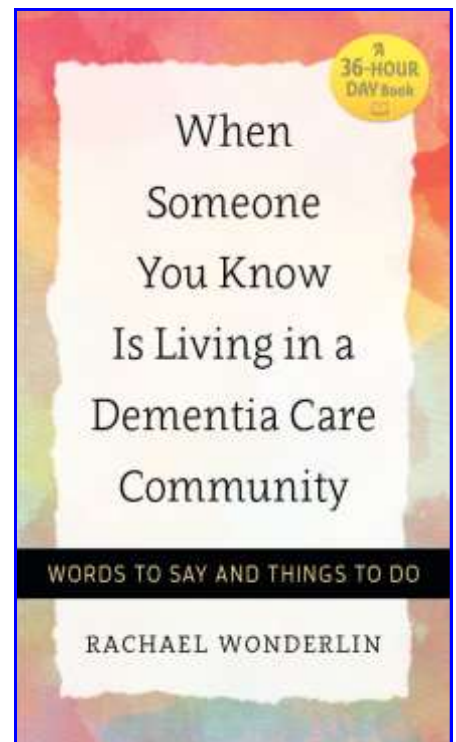
While we continue to have a lot of smoke in the air people need to monitor their own health. Staying inside and out of the smoke as much as possible is best, if needed a P2 mask can be worn outside. Seek help from a doctor or the nurse practitioner if needed. Smoke may affect younger, older and those with pre-existing respiratory issues more than healthy adults.

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/smoke-and-your-health>

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The South Gippsland Parkinson's Support Group was formed in October 2004 and continues today.

The group meets on the third Friday of each month at the Leongatha RSL 10.00 for 10.30 start.

A short meeting is conducted, then a guest speaker to follow, lunch is also available.

We also try to have another activity each month, which could be anything from a bus trip to a luncheon at the local church. People with Parkinson's and their carers most welcome.

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A Cook's Journal– Jan Cheshire

My plum lady used to live on the Cape Paterson Road. She sold her property years ago but I still remember her bags of plums for \$3 and those delicious jars of plum jam.

On the brighter side, this is a wonderfully simple and delicious dessert you can make with plums or rhubarb.

PLUM FOOL

Ingredients

500 grams of plums or rhubarb
115 grams of caster sugar, plus extra to taste
3 tablespoons of kirsch (I use brandy)
300mls of thick cream
Juice of ½ lemon (optional)

Method

Halve and stone the plums or chop the rhubarb

Place in a saucepan with 3 tablespoons of water and the caster sugar.

Cover and cook over a medium heat for 10-20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the fruit is meltingly soft.

Transfer the fruit to a food processor or blender and process until smooth.

Place the purée into a bowl and set aside until cooled to room temperature.

When the plum purée is cooled, mix in the kirsch.

Pour the cream into a large bowl and whisk until it forms soft peaks.

Fold a little of the cream mixture into the plums, then fold the plums into the cream.

If the plums are very sweet, add lemon juice to taste, or if they're a little sour, add extra sugar to taste.

Chill, covered, for 15 minutes or until ready to serve, then spoon into elegant dessert glasses.

Happy new year, everyone!

If you're looking for something light for an evening meal or a lunch with friends, try this delicious tomato tart.

TOMATO AND ONION TART

Ingredients

1/4 cup of olive oil
1 kilogram red onions, halved and thinly sliced
Pinch of salt
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 sheets of frozen puff pastry, thawed
250 grams of cherry tomatoes (I used a mixture of cherry and regular tomatoes chopped into quarters)
1 cup of halved, pitted, black olives (optional)
1/2 cup of torn basil leaves
1 log of soft goat's cheese or other soft cheese (optional).

Method

Heat oil in a frying pan over medium-low heat.

Add onions and a pinch of salt and cook, stirring occasionally, for 15 minutes or until light golden.

Add sugar and season with salt and pepper.

Cook for 5 minutes. Set aside to cool.

Preheat oven to 200°C and line two baking trays with baking paper.

Cut each puff pastry sheet in half. Layer 2 pastry halves together, pressing gently to secure them. Repeat with the remaining pastry halves.

Place pastry rectangles onto the prepared trays. With a knife, lightly score a 2cm border around pastry rectangles, but do not cut all the way through.

If using the goat's cheese, spread about half a log on to the pastry rectangles

Divide caramelised onions between pastry rectangles. Spread to the border.

Top with tomatoes, olives and basil.

Bake for 25-30 minutes, swapping trays over in oven after 15 minutes if necessary, until pastry is crisp, puffed and golden.



This recipe could even be a meal on its own with a couple more mushrooms.

BAKED MUSHROOMS WITH GARLIC AND THYME

Ingredients

1 good handful of fresh thyme leaves
A pinch of dried chilli (optional)
2 cloves of garlic peeled and finely sliced
Juice of 1 lemon
1-2 tablespoons of a good olive oil
4-8 large Portobello mushrooms
1 knob of butter
Salt and pepper

Method

Preheat the oven to 220 degrees.

Pound the thyme, chilli (if using) and a little of the garlic in a mortar and pestle if you have one. If not, crush with the back of a wooden spoon. Mix in the lemon juice and add the olive oil.

I usually remove the stems and chop them up and cook them with the mushrooms but you can leave them intact if you wish.

Rub this mixture over the mushrooms and make sure you use all the oil.

Tightly pack the mushrooms bottom side up in an ovenproof dish or roasting tray.

With a knife make 2-3 little slits over each mushroom. Insert a slice of garlic into each slit.

Dot the butter over the mushrooms.

Season and bake for around 15-25 minutes. Serves 4.

Sometimes I crumble some feta cheese or goat's cheese over the mushrooms and let them bake for a few more minutes.



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CORONET BAY UNPLUGGED!

About 3 years ago Michael Kelzke put his hand up to run **Coronet Bay Unplugged**.

Wayne, the previous organiser ran it for 10 years and wanted a break. CB Unplugged runs the first Saturday of every month at the Coronet Bay Sportsground hall. Entertainers and audience, of all ages, are always welcome.

It kicks off at 7:30pm and finishes around 10:30pm. Organisers ask for a \$2.00 entry donation fee, which goes to the hall committee for community events and maintenance.

The name suggests that we are an 'Unplugged' event. Once upon a time that was true.

Even before I started with CB Unplugged, we have had the use of a Yamaha mixer and sound system that the hall committee provided. Our standard setup is four mics and two phono leads for instruments so entertainers only need to bring their voices and/or instruments.

We can also play backing tracks for those who want to use them.

In the time that I have been involved I've watched solo artists, duets, 3 piece bands, parlour musicians, classical singers, choirs, poets, story tellers, comedians, hand sign to music and A Cappella performances delivering a richness of variety in performances for the audience to enjoy.

We have an tea and biscuits at around 9:00pm for \$1.00 to cover costs."

We get a very good turnout of both entertainers and appreciative audience.

Follow us on the Coronet Bay Unplugged Facebook page and or come and check us out.

You will be amazed at the amount of talent we have in the area.

Cheers from Mike

The Jazz Club - 12-2pm Saturdays.



JAZZ NEWS From The PHILLIP ISLAND JAZZ CLUB

SUNDAY 16th February: The most asked question in regard to jazz is "where will it be in twenty years?"

This question may well be answered on Sunday 16th February when the group Jazz Running Wild appears at the Phillip Island Jazz Club performing 2 – 4.30PM in the Bass Room at Ramada Resort Phillip Island, 2128 Phillip Island Road, Cowes.

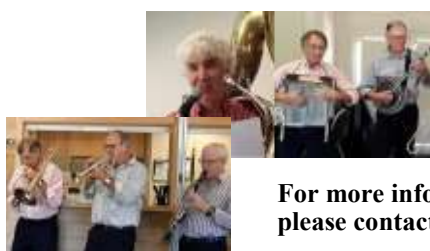
This group of talented young musicians will provide a great afternoon's entertainment under the direction of Marina Pollard. .

So come along and give this group the encouragement that they deserve.

For more information contact Robin Blackman 0432 814 407.



JAZZ RUNNING WILD



SUNDAY 15th March. – THE MARKETEERS 2.00 – 4.30PM
In the Bass Room at Ramada Resort – Phillip Island

The "Six Marketeers" (formerly the famous and original 'Prahran Market Jazz Band') is a very special institution in the Melbourne musical scene and was formed in 1978 by well-known jazz musician and founder of the high profile "Society Syncopators", (Chris Ludowyk). The termination of their weekly gig at the market after 24 years, owing to cost cutting, signalled the end to a record tenure for an Australian jazz group.

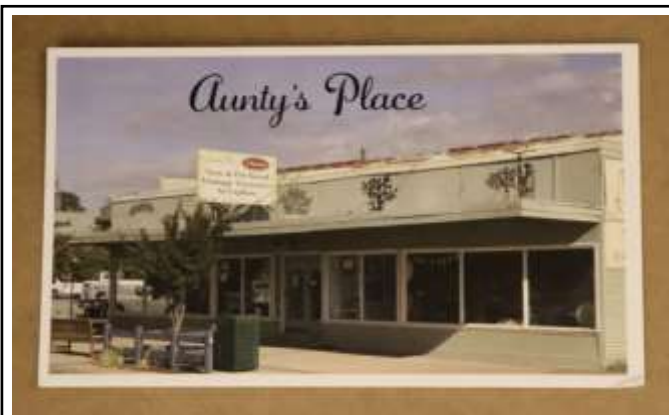
The band was featured on Channel 7's 'Today Tonight' program, performed at the popular "Zoo Twilights" and the Fosters Cup Marquee – for the previous sponsors of the Melbourne Cup. Two coups worth mentioning were the band's performance at the Regent Theatre opening night party of the hit musical "Showboat" and the band's photo on the front cover of the 1999 L-Z White Pages Directory, a first for any jazz band (or any band for that matter) in Australia.

Chris has assembled a fabulous group of musicians with entertainment ability for this unique band, at home in either concert or roving situations. They appeal to the whole age spectrum with their ability to play children's songs (eg. Bananas in Pyjamas, Teddy Bear's Picnic) as well as songs and jazz from the vibrant and musical 20's and 30's that put a smile on the faces of most listeners

The line-up is Chris Ludowyk on trombone/vocals, Ian Smith on trumpet/vocals, Dave Hetherington on reeds, Tony Orr on banjo, Alan Stott on sousaphone, Peter Whitford on drums/washboard. This is a who's who of trad jazz with band members having history with the likes of Graeme Bell, The Syncopators, Creole Bells, Bob Barnard, New Harlem Jazz Band, Maple Leaf Jazz Band, New Melbourne Jazz Band and Red Hot Rhythmakers.

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KEITH STEWARD,
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An accident brought Keith Steward to Tenby Point.

In 1960, while on the way to Wilsons Prom on a fishing trip with his father, Keith noticed a trailer passing the car. It was his dad's and it went crashing through the trees and into the yard of a farm.

The next weekend, when they came back to repair and recover the trailer, he saw a sign for land for sale and after checking it out bought a block at Tenby Point. Keith bought the block because he liked it but never thought he would live on it. Intending to buy a block that was right on the beach his father said "listen son, the wind blows from that way, the sea is right there and you're exposed. You might have a great view but on bad days you'd be picking the house up down the road", so he bought in Bayview Avenue.

"I came down and camped a few times, went fishing until I had too many kids to make living in Melbourne difficult. I built the house 40 years ago, bought the bricks and started with just six squares. The house grew as I could afford the time and money and built it mostly myself. Tenby Point used to be just a few shacks and it was quiet, now the road is like a speed way" says Keith.

Weaving was his first foray into art in this area. That meant counting threads and with a house full of kids this could be a problem. "I used to put a red hat on and tell them don't talk to me if I am wearing the red hat" he laughs. When Keith began to work in oil paint the fumes were a problem in the house so he built his own studio. "It's peaceful in my studio but Susan can still find me if she needs to. My studio changes regularly, there are paintings on the walls and more in the house.

All my children come and take the ones they want".

Working in the traditional style, Keith's paintings are populated with people and tell stories of country life and the strange things that can happen, such as the cow next door getting into the washing on the line, the sheets shredded to bits by its horns. Or the painting of his aunty in the garden, a baby boy propped beside her in a metal wash tub to keep him safe from snakes.

Keith's own life is full of stories. Here are some of them.

"When I was about fifteen my father was a saddler and boot maker in Pascoe Vale. He had won the block of land in a card game, a bloke owed him forty quid so he got the block of land and eventually built a house on it. I blew up his garage. A mate of mine had a father who was a chemist and he could get all these chemicals. One day we were mucking around in the garage and just as we went outside the whole thing exploded. The roof flew two feet in the air. The cops turned up with the fire brigade and my old man who didn't say a word. I thought I had got away with it when all of a sudden "whack". I had to work without pay every weekend for two years to help pay for the rebuilding of the shed and his business.

I worked as an engraver for a mob called I. W. Hennessey in later years, pulling locks apart and fixing them and making new keys. That got me a lot of attention from the local police as every time there was a robbery around the cops would turn up at the lock smiths. We would have them knock on the door at three o'clock in the morning saying "where were you last night?".

No matter what line of work he was in Keith maintained an interest in art. The country keeps changing and he felt the need to paint it. While living in Wodonga he did a night course in art at Albury Tech. Returning to Melbourne, Keith painted at Clifton Pugh's barn at Glenferrie and took lessons from Frank Werther. Frank taught drawing classes at his home, Dunmoochin, and he used to hire the local drunks who would fall asleep providing a still subject for his students to draw.

The late Margaret Gardener introduced Keith to the Corinella and District Community Centre.

Margaret ran the girl guides and needed someone to make props for a show they were putting on. After it was over she said the centre was putting on an art show and needed someone to help hang the work. There were no other art shows around, nothing on the island.

Later when the Artists Society of Phillip Island started their show, Bill Binks and Keith became the hanging crew. These two firm friends have many years of experience hanging shows. A few others offered to help but they seemed to disappear when the big works had to go up.




With the Corinella Art show now entering its thirtieth year Keith will be lining up again to supervise the hanging but he would like some help.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in lending a hand to hang the artwork at either the Modern Art and Photography Show in March or the Traditional Art Show in June then please contact the Corinella and District Community Centre on 5678 0777.

Keith would be pleased to have some help.






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We mourn the loss of Bill Slade who was killed while firefighting on the East Gippsland fire front.

Bill was helping to contain a fire near Omeo on Saturday 11 January, when he was tragically struck by a falling tree.

Bill's passing hit the hearts of many in Bass Coast and South Gippsland. He was much loved and actively involved in our community.

In November last year, Bill was presented with his 40 years of service recognition to Parks Victoria. Over those years his care for our national parks helped make them what they are today. When we enjoy our local waterways and parklands we can do so thanks to the work of Bill.

Bill was instrumental in the fox eradication program on Phillip Island and helped to fight the Ash Wednesday fires in the 1980s.

Bill was recently made a life member of the Kilcunda-Bass Football Netball Club, another example of his dedication to our community.

Bill always had time to help out a neighbour or a friend – indeed it was these qualities that led to his service as a firefighter and his heroic actions in East Gippsland

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari has often spoken about the ongoing efforts of our firefighters and all our other emergency services people.

“We need to take every opportunity to sincerely thank all of our local firefighters and volunteers who selflessly lent their skills, time and services to the 2019 and current bushfires. Without them, we would simply not manage”.

Although Bass Coast has been spared the full impact of the raging bushfires that have engulfed large chunks of Victoria and NSW, we are still not out of danger.

It was heart stopping to see the alerts coming through relating to the grass fire in Grantville. Thanks to the fast and thorough actions of our local emergency services and volunteers, this emergency was swiftly controlled by water bombing.

Fires in Inverloch and other parts of the Shire have been managed to the highest standards.

The fire season still has several weeks to run.

Rain has greened up much of our landscape but there is still the potential for that to dry out over a few hot days.

February 1 was the anniversary of the

Grantville Fires which tested resources and emergency response plans to the max. Although property was destroyed and Tenby Point was evacuated, no lives were lost.

Looking back on the start of those fires, and the recent blaze on French Island, Andrew Blackney, Kernot-Grantville CFA Captain, said they were not what he'd describe as “bad fire danger days. Conditions were fairly benign and the fires were sparked by lightning strikes, emphasising the need for vigilance.”

Captain Blackney gives this advice:

Get the Vic emergency app and use it.

Have a fire/emergency plan.

Always be prepared.

Be aware of the fire danger ratings.

Decide the trigger for leaving well in advance.

Listen to the warnings and directions from Emergency Services and follow their instructions.

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/vicemergency-app>

The French Island News

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

AMBULANCE

Membership Enquiries 1300 366 141 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm).

Membership is advised as Air Ambulance is used from the island. If local support is required ask Ambulance to request CFA support on the island.

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Spirit of French Island operate the vehicular barge from Corinella to the barge landing on French Island. It accommodates two standard size cars or a larger truck. **It is advisable to book as far in advance as possible, as the barge schedule and is limited by times and tides.** As a guide, the barge runs approximately every half hour for a few hours either side of high tide. Foot passengers can take the barge but they should arrange transportation at either end as there are no other facilities.

For information about fees or to book call 0428 880 729.



The French Island General Store is the only shop on the island.

It's also a café, a tourist destination and a gathering place for the French island community in times of stress. Assistance to the community is on offer as needed, right now and into the future. The shop itself is unscathed. It remains open and tourism will continue unaffected.

The family behind the French Island General Store would like to thank everyone who helped fight the fires on French island.

"Our business was safe. We were safe," Tanya Le Serve said from the veranda of Figs, the island's only café and a gathering place for the tight knit Island community.

A huge amount of support came in from the mainland, and with the efforts of many, the fire was brought under control. People worked on the fire scene throughout the night and into the early hours of the following morning.

"We've got a fantastic local CFA unit here on the Island made up of dedicated volunteers. We are thankful to all the brigades who came over from the mainland." Tanya Le Serve said on behalf of her family.

"Trucks came to our rescue by barge from Corinella. The support from all the local brigades across Bass Coast really helped."

The French Island locals are resilient. It's always been a community which pulls together when times are tough.

"This could have been catastrophic, given the density of bush and the amount of national park on fire.

People lost sheds, cars and possessions.

Hectares of land have been burnt out. Luckily no human lives were lost.



"There is no doubt that, in the fire ravaged area, we will have lost some wildlife in that area of bush, koalas in particular." Ms Le Serve said.

French Island is Victoria's largest island and was fortunate this time. Without swift action of the combined forces, it could have been much worse.

"It's sincere thanks to all the people who fought day and night to put it out. We are all very thankful. We are so fortunate," Tanya said as she went to answer another phone call. It appears that the fires were sparked by lightning.



While I was celebrating the new year by dusting the Waterline News book shelf, it occurred to me that I hadn't seen a Morris 1500 in a while.

My Dad owned one when I was learning to drive and I bought a couple, though mine were the hatchback version, which wore the Nomad badge.

Back when these things were designed, it took at least half a decade for a doodle to become a car. So it's a bit cruel to look back on these cars as lemons, as, across the industry, there were many errors of judgement as designers and engineers toiled into the darkness.

New vehicles often hit the road without enough development. Customers became the guinea pigs in the rush for sales.

BMC became notorious for turning the silk purse, The Mini, into the sows ears of 1300s, 1500s and, ultimately, The Nomad.

The Nomad design predicted the layout of today's cars, such as the i30 Hyundai, but suffered from a Heath Robinson approach to engineering.

A good example is the bonnet bulge. Was it there to add a macho hint of added grunt? Nope.

The 1500 was basically an 1100 with a bigger engine, an extra gear and a hatch. The new engine was several inches taller than its predecessor so the bonnet of the prototype wouldn't shut till some one cut a hole in it.



So, in a vast collection of army surplus sheds, an aging production line hesitantly cranked out Minis and 1500s, while their replacements were taking shape on cobwebbed draughting boards.

BMC became Leyland and accidentally invented 'retro' when they replaced nimble front wheel drive designs for the barge like Marina which, mechanically, had more in common with the 1950s Morris Minor.



To give Aussie buyers a Leyland the size of a Holden, they unleashed the P76, which combined 'unique' Italian styling and American slab-sided bulk.



And then they set about designing the two door version, oddly named 'Force 7', to attract people into the empty showrooms. It never got the chance.



The finale was a pilot production run of 30 of these two door versions, twenty of which went straight to the scrap metal pile. The remaining 10 were made semi-roadworthy and sold at a giant clearing auction.

Crikey, Leyland was a melting pot of broken hearts.

While Leyland struggled to make cars I was struggled to keep two Nomads roadworthy. This meant regular trips to Mini Kingdom, an Aladdin's cave of spare parts.

As the auctioneer's hammer fell repeatedly at the factory, a convoy of trucks carted decades of accumulated heartbreak to Mini Kingdom.

One sad day, I watched as 20 foot containers were filled under the "might come in handy one day" rule.

One of the last things I bought from Mini Kingdom was an owner's manual for the two door P76. Cost me three bucks. Leyland printed thousands of these manuals but never managed to build the cars.

As I was dusting the other day, I flicked through that manual and wondered why I wasted so many weekends trying to keep my Nomads alive.

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THE HILLS WERE ALIVE Frank Coldebella

A clearing sale is a pivotal event. As neighbours, friends, kids and bargain hunters gather the local hall committee makes the lunches and teas.

This farm in the Krowera hills had been in the same family since 1878, when two brothers from Scotland walked up from the port of Grantville with a box of axe heads and a lot of determination. Doing their bit to clear and improve the narrow track as they went, they would have noticed the hills were alive with a thousand bush songs: the dawn chorus of birds, leaves shivering in the wind, the hiss of a waterfall after a downpour, healing twilight calls echoing in the Gullies.

Now, the old farm tools and equipment from a time when milking 55 cows was enough to raise a robust family were up for grabs. Eager bidders formed a huddle around a box of assorted sundries and the agent started his repetitive sales pitch.

I noticed an old piano under an ancient oak tree. It would have been the centre of celebration at the old homestead. For decades, though, it had accumulated dust in a shed, the only notes played by rodents. Now it stood silent, its fate undecided.

I wondered how many balls, parties, Friday night gatherings, dances, welcome homes and send-offs had been celebrated around this piano. Perhaps it was played at concerts at a one-teacher 10-children primary school. When it arrived on that Krowera farm the pioneers must have felt a sense of accomplishment. Maybe the same tunes that had been played on the wharf at their departure from the old world were played again, and they were transported back to the time when they were young.

In or out of tune, did it do its duty at bush soldiers' send-offs to far-distant wars? Was it there, amid the arches festooned with gum tips mixed with the fragrance of Saturday baking, when the weary soldiers returned? Did it help to mend hearts broken by the chaos of war?

Did it provide a fleeting moment of perfection to some lonely drover's wife surrounded by toil and longing?

In 1775 a colliery owner wrote "I cannot yet reconcile myself to seeing my fellow creatures descend into the dark regions of the earth; though to my great comfort I hear them singing in the pits".

Singing goes deep. It can reconcile minds and touch hearts, without the potential for misunderstanding of the spoken word. Amid the death and destruction of the First World War, German and English soldiers heard the heart-felt singing of the enemy and realised they could not be the evil savages they had been told.

When I was a teenager, groups of seniors would gather around a piano in the ladies' lounge of the Powlett Hotel to sing the songs that made them feel like teenagers.

For one old lady in a wheelchair, the piano was her transport to pleasures past, her glistening eyes staring into another time and place. Only her fingers and toes were able to repeat the moves around a long past, joy filled dance floor.



Despite the headlines of the local press, which in July 1925 warned of an "influx of Italians" to Wonthaggi, two Drane sisters from county Durham married two Italians not long after. They shared a love of folk songs, songs that make us both happy and sad, that balance our hearts, heads and appetites.

Scots and Italians had a shared outlook. Both had come from remote villages where heartfelt singing was the main cultural fare, showing off to those across the way like birds in a forest and finding the line of least resistance between the hearts of hard men. Their loyalties were to the village, not to London or Rome.

By the mid-1950s the Chambers family in South Wonthaggi were surrounded on all sides by former "enemy aliens". Joe taught English night classes to newly arrived Italians. As the lessons progressed, singing took up more of the evenings.

Accents from Belluno to Sicily harmonised with Scottish accents. *For he's a jolly good fellow* always sounded like *Viva Tony Martello*. Everyone could relate to old folk tunes and words:

"I sing not here of warriors bold
Of battles lost or victories won.
I sing the miner's plagues and cares
Their labours hard and lowly lot
Their homely joys and humble fares."

Gathering for group singing led to other neighbourhood projects, including the McMahon Reserve. Bravo – Bravissimo – Joe.

My grandfather worked on farms in the Krowera Jeetho area in the 1920s. Did he and the Scots in the hills gather round this piano and sing?

During the Second World War, Italian prisoners of war worked on farms around South Gippsland. Their melancholy folk songs, infused with loneliness and loss, would have hummed in the hills and valleys as they toiled. Maybe this piano's notes nourished their yearning hearts with *Dove sei stato mio bell'alpino*.

Before the transistor radio, I can remember men whistling or singing to themselves while they worked. In the mid-60s, when the working day reached the right time, Italian pea-pickers in the hills around Wonthaggi would sing call and response tunes in the style of African slaves in America.

By now an eager crowd was flowing around me towards the next auction lot.

I asked about the piano's new owner but there was none. "Passed in, mate, not a bid."

When the last lot numbers had been sung the serenity of the hill country returned.

The piano waited with other rejects: a heavy hand-made wooden trailer and a rusted metal trunk. With the help of a puzzled mate I pushed it into the shed.

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A GREYT DAY

His soft brown eyes follow me around
the room
His gaze locks into mine
Even though I am busy, I agree with
Sam it is time for a walk
Alright, let's go Sammy! He wags his
tail excitedly

So many magnificent places on the
Bass Coast
Sam, where should we go?
We could go to San Remo and watch
the pelicans along the wharf
and see the boats bob up and down on
the water.

Too many wonderful choices!
What about Pinnacles Lookout at Cape
Woolamai?
Where would you ever get another
view like that?
Sam enthusiastically bounces around
the house

No I agree Sam, Bourne Creek Trestle
Bridge it is!
Sam jumps his long slender frame into
the car
The view is spectacular as the warm
sunshine beats down
There is nowhere else in the world I
would rather be

We stroll along the bridge, Sam
wagging his happy tail
What a wonderful friend I have in him
A beautiful gentle rescue greyhound
What better hound to have?

Now for the best part
Sam's chance to run free
Sand flying and into the water he goes!
Seeing the joy on his face makes me
feel alive

What a privilege it is to live at the Bass
Coast
So much to enjoy
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Vanessa Jane Shipway

Author's note: The word Greyt is
another word for Great used by owners
of greyhounds to describe something
good. Source: Urban Dictionary.



Maru Koala & Animal Park

The bushfires and our native wildlife

This seasons bushfires are a national disaster with over 18 million hectares burned, precious lives lost and over a billion animals killed. The fires have destroyed limited wildlife habitat that will take many years to re-establish and many more animals will die over the coming months due to ongoing injuries and burns, displacement and stress.

Emergency workers across many departments, wildlife carer groups and zoo staff are all working together to find, assess and treat injured animals, but many will have to be put to sleep due to their burn injuries. Koalas have taken the focus of the media as they are reliant solely upon Eucalyptus trees for their diet and are thus at high risk, but many many other species including kangaroos, wallabies, snakes, lizards, birds, bats, insects and more have also been impacted by these fires.

It is going to take a very long term approach to supporting and assisting our wildlife to re-establish and even rescued healthy animals may not be initially able to return to their home as their habitat and feeding area has been destroyed and they will need to be temporarily relocated.

So what is Maru doing? Like most people we have made personal donations ourselves and donated and attended at several fundraisers throughout Bass Coast. For the month of January 100% of the money collected from the sale of kangaroo food at Maru will be donated to Wildlife Victoria. We have been in contact with relevant authorities and offered our assistance and use of our animal quarantine facilities if needed.

As an accredited member of the Zoo and Aquarium Association, all members have been working together with ZAA to assist and provide funding for animals in need on the ground now and also to begin planning for the long term recovery and you can read more about it on the zooaquarium.org.au website.

What you can do? We have all been touched by these bushfires and the outpouring of support for those in need has been heart warming. You can donate funds to your chosen charity and focus on planting natives tree and plant species over the coming months to support wildlife including Eucalypt trees and our local Landcare can assist you to chose and source the right native species. This year we at Maru plan to increase our own capacity to assist injured and orphaned local wildlife in our own Wildlife Shelter and we will be calling on more volunteers to assist us in the future and you will be able to read more about this in next months article. Together we are stronger and we hope that everyone stays safe in the coming months as it remains a high risk fire season.

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You too can be a carbon farmer

In our efforts to find ways to lessen the effects of climate change, carbon capturing is becoming a mainstream topic with increasing interest in sequestering carbon through salt marshes, mangroves and now grass.

In an article: "A bolt from the blue", the *Bass Coast Post*, April 2019, I suggested it was time politicians looked to the economic value in supporting the Blue Carbon initiatives and that the humble tea bag could point them in the right direction. Australia is well placed to capture carbon via its coastal vegetated ecosystems as it has "more blue carbon ecosystems than anywhere else in the world." This article is at: <https://www.basscoastpost.com/environment/a-bolt-from-the-blue>

Since then two milestone events have taken place:

The 'Blue Carbon Horizons Team' (the University of Wollongong) won the "2019 NSW Environment, Energy and Science (DPIE) Eureka Prize for Environmental Research." This is an important step for it recognises the work being done by 'blue carbon research teams' and highlights the fact that "coastal marshes capture and store more atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) per unit area than any other natural system.

This study will greatly assist in conserving the coastal wetlands particularly in efforts for limiting climate change."

See: <https://www.ansto.gov.au/news/blue-carbon-horizons-team-wins-eureka-prize-for-environmental-research> ;

In March 2019, Victorian cattle producers Niels and Marja Olsen made history as the first Australian farmers to "earn carbon credits through the federal government's Emissions Reduction Fund."

Basically it's about topsoil regeneration that "combines cultivation, mulching, aeration and mixed species seeding to improve grazing systems and build soil carbon in one pass."

Its aim is to help moisture retention and pasture growth over the summer months, and keep CO₂ underground.

It would seem this 'Green' agriculture approach is proving to be successful and other farmers are looking to adopt these farming techniques.

You can listen to this story via:

[https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/australias-first-carbon-farming-prize-offers-\\$20k-incentive/11386224](https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/australias-first-carbon-farming-prize-offers-$20k-incentive/11386224)

As these emission mitigation schemes seem to be gathering momentum, perhaps now is the time to think about "Blue" and "Green" carbon farming as one ecosystem entity.

If so, why not call it the "Cyan Convention" to encourage a holistic approach to offsetting our greenhouse gas emissions and becoming part of Australia's contribution to the world's attempt to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

I started out by saying you too can become part of the carbon capture movement and one way is to set the lawn mower blades higher and mow less.

A neighbour has shown the way.

In the past eighteen months or so their lawn has turned from a once close cut 'billiard table with weeds' to a lush lawn with fewer weeds.

Watering and weed killer have almost become redundant and the once burnt 'summer look', gone.

Possibly unknown to my neighbour, they've joined the carbon capture movement. Just imagine if everyone else in the street starts to follow their lead; imagine too if local Councils and Foreshore Committees 'raise their blades', what a difference we'd all make.

Neil Daly

FERAL CATS:

Feral cats are one of the most damaging introduced predators nation-wide and are directly linked to numerous Australian mammal extinctions across Australia.

They have been implicated in 28 of the past 29 extinctions in Australia and prey upon around 1 million birds per day.

Cats can impact wildlife by direct predation and through the transmission of diseases such as toxoplasmosis.

TRACKING FERAL CATS:



Phillip Island Nature Parks is one step closer to achieving their aim of eliminating feral cats from Phillip Island with the conclusion of the first feral cat tracking research project in Victoria since they were declared an established pest in July 2018.

The project, also running concurrently on French Island, aims to identify key habitats feral cats use, and to determine how effective are current methods of monitoring. Networks of remote cameras were deployed at key sites across Phillip Island for up to six weeks to capture photos of animals.

Cameras were specifically set up to target feral cats.

Images were sorted by individual to create a picture of each cat's home range size, habitat preference and individual seasonal trends.

The trapping program concluded on 27 July 2019.

A total of 19 feral cats were trapped including six individuals which were attached with GPS collars and further monitored throughout the program.

Preliminary results conclude that:

- Cats remain close to the coast and in Cape Woolamai, they appear to have significant overlap in their home ranges.
- 'Hot spots' exist indicating feral cats prefer the more wooded habitat of Cape Woolamai's east coast.

These hot spots assisted field staff to implement an intensive, targeted trapping session to retrieve the cats and collars.

Within the two-week period, all six collared cats were retrieved and removed from the Nature Parks.

Overall, a total of seven feral cats were removed from Phillip Island from areas including Cape Woolamai and a property adjacent to the coastline of Woolshed Bight on the North Coast, bringing the total to 30 feral cats trapped this financial year.

History with Libby Skidmore



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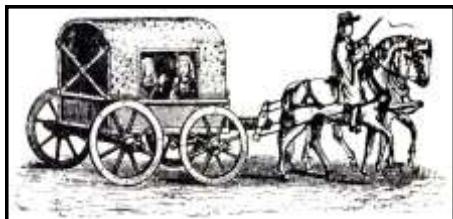
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Early Gippsland Tragedy.

THE MURDER

AT BLONDE BAY:

By Captain J. B. Chaffer.

He was a surveyor in Melbourne, Victoria, had a good professional connection, fairly ample means a well in vested, good drawing account, and was in the best of health and spirits when last seen.

Now Macdonald has disappeared from human ken as completely as if he had been wafted to heaven or mysteriously transported to the nethermost pit.

There seemed no earthly reason, therefore, why he should voluntarily vanish. But this was not all. Macdonald was engaged and shortly to be married to a charming Colonial girl whom he had won from a number of other suitors.

One of these, Archie Hunter, a man of forbidding disposition and not generally liked, bore his defeat very glumly, and, as was well-known, entertained no friendly feelings for Macdonald.

Macdonald had gone to Sale, in Gippsland, and thence down the river to the three lakes, his object being to purchase a plot of land on Storm Point, putting out into Lake Victoria. Here he intended to erect a summer bungalow, and here the honeymoon would be spent.

There was plenty of fishing and shooting. Wild duck and coot abounded, with, on the Point side a few kangaroo and wallaby; while the peninsula on the opposite side of the lake swarmed with small rock wallaby. The point would be an ideal place for a honeymoon.

It was only a six hour run to Sale by rail. About eight miles down the lake was Paynesville, a township situated at the mouth of the river leading up to Bairnsdale; a flourishing town.

They had friends in both places, so there would be no risk of their becoming bored with each other's society. He had taken one of his men with him, and had established a temporary camp on Storm Point. On the last day he was seen alive he had got one of the fishermen to put him on board the small steamship that plied on the lakes and rivers between Sale and Bairnsdale, via Paynesville.

He was going to Sale to order stores and materials to fence in the few acres he had bought at Storm Point from a fisherman named Norman Reeves, who owned the adjacent selection. He had also drawn a considerable sum of money from the bank.

His business completed, he had boarded the steamship to return, but got the captain to land him at the mouth of the river, where it joined the lake, saying that, as he had his gun with him, he would walk round Blonde Bay and get a pair of ducks.

The water in Blonde Bay was very shallow, not more than seven or eight feet in any part, and also -which should be specially noted- abounded in eels, of which the fishermen speared numbers for the Melbourne market.

Having landed him, the little steamer proceeded on her way, and Macdonald was last seen by the captain making his way through the scrub that fringed the bay. As he did not appear at his camp that night or the next morning, his man became anxious, and, signalling the morning boat, went to Sale to make inquiries, the captain asking fishermen en route whether they had seen anything of the missing man.

No trace of him could be found, however, and on reaching Sale the man wired to his master's office in Melbourne.

Further inquiries were made, the police were notified, and information was given at all ports and railway stations.

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Snippets from Local History

Great Southern Advocate, 11 July 1901, page 3.

The bridge over the Bass River at Mr. Peattie's Woodleigh, suffered very severely by the recent floods, and at Saturday's meeting of the Phillip Island Shire Council, on the motion of Crs. C. Anderson and Sloss, the engineer was instructed to call for tenders for repairs.

It was also decided to have notices put up closing the bridge for traffic. The engineer stated that he had drawn the attention of the inspector for the Public Works department, to the state of the bridge when he was visiting the shire, and he had made a note of it. At present the bridge is not too safe for traffic.

Great Southern Advocate, 1 June 1905, page 2: Bass Valley.

The head teacher at the Woodleigh school Mr. Williams has received notice of transfer, and he will be replaced by a lady teacher. General regret is expressed at the early departure of Mr. Williams who has been a teacher greatly appreciated by parents and children. Outside of school duties he took an active interest in local affairs, being an active member of the rifle club and other local bodies.

A valedictory social will be tendered him on Friday evening next (tomorrow) at the Bass Valley hall at 8 o'clock Mr Talloch, Chairman of the committee will preside and a suitable presentation will be made.

Great Southern Advocate, 8 May 1901, page 3: The World of Sport.

Foot racing at Woodleigh.

An interesting afternoon's footracing was witnessed by about 200 people on the road near Woodleigh last week. The first event was a match between P. Foley and J. Morrell for £5 aside, distance half a mile, and at half past 2 p.m. the contestants toed the mark. After a little delay they got going, and the race was a good one for three parts of the journey, where at this stage the pace proved too hot for Morrell and he gave in. Foley running strong and finishing alone in 2 min. 8 sec. Both are local men.

The next match was between W. Uren, of Krowera, and M. J. Ward, of Woodleigh, the distance being 100 yards, and the stake £1 aside. The go was a good one until near the finish, when Uren drew out and won. A match for 220 yards between E. Hayes and R. Ward for £1 aside was the next item (which had been arranged some time back) on the programme, and proved the best race of the day, as it was fought out to the last few strides, Ward winning in the fair time of 27 secs.

A handicap was next arranged and nine entered. This was run in heats, the distance being 130 yards, and resulted as follows:— First heat, J. Williams 1, M. Ward 2; second heat, R. Ward 1, W Uren 2; final heat, R. Ward, 10-yds, 1, £1; M. Ward, 6-yds, 2, 10s; W. Uren, scratch, 3, 5s. The winner occupied 13 1/2 secs. getting over the journey.

A hop step and jump resulted in a win for J. Williams, who covered 38 feet, W. Uren being second. A dash between H. Cameron and A. Ward for 50 yards, won by the former by a few inches, brought to a close with a very interesting afternoon's sport.

Great Southern Advocate, 8 October 1905, page 5: Obituary.

Mrs. M. McGrath.

The many friends of Mr. M. McGrath, of Woodleigh, will learn with regret of the painfully sudden death of his wife, which sad event took place on Tuesday last. Mr. and Mrs McGrath had driven into Loch and while in the township Mrs. McGrath complained of feeling unwell.

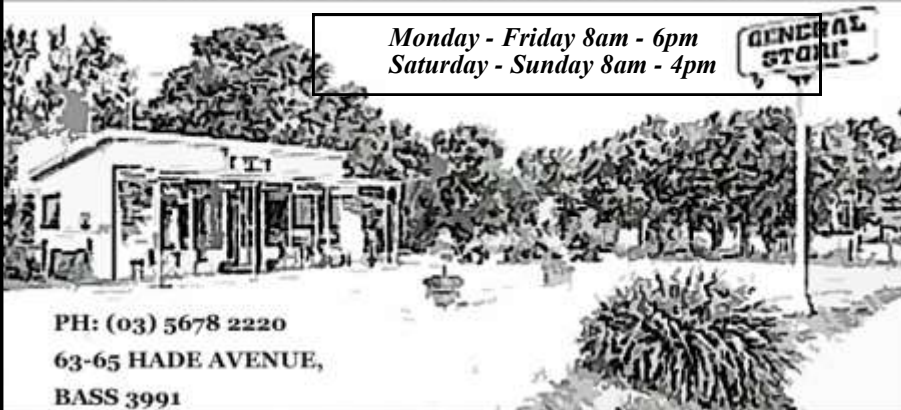
Having always enjoyed the best of health, it was not thought that the illness was a serious one, but Mrs. McGrath remained in Loch at the Royal Hotel.

Medical aid was procured, and the patient was progressing favorably, but a sudden change for the worse took place, resulting in her death. Mr. and Mrs. McGrath, who are well known in this part of Gippsland, were among the first to settle in the Poowong district, where they resided for many years until lately moving to Woodleigh. The news of her death and its painful suddenness has come as a great shock to their relatives and friends.

Everywhere the greatest sympathy is expressed for the bereaved husband and family of five young children. In many places the kind and charitable work of Mrs McGrath will be missed, especially so in connection with St. Vincent's R. C. Church, in which the deceased lady took a very great amount of interest.

The funeral will leave the Church at 1 p.m. today (Thursday), the place of internment being the Poowong Hall.

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QUIZ?

1. What is the Taj Mahal made of?
2. What ill-fated craft was captained by Ernest Lehmann?
3. Who is the principal character in 'Fidler on the Roof'?
4. Who is the patron saint of England?
5. Who lives at 39 Stone Canyon Way?
6. What fleet set sail in 1588 to invade England?
7. What did Tom, Tom the piper's son steal?
8. What food comes blue-veined, soft, or hard-pressed?
9. What is par on a 500 metre golf hole?
10. What season begins with the vernal equinox?
11. How is Supergirl related to Superman?
12. What fraction of the earth's gravity is the moon's?
13. What does V.S.O.P stand for on a bottle of brandy?
14. How far was Gene Pitney from Tulsa?
15. What does S.A.L.T. stand for?
16. What is quicksilver?
17. What is your zodiacal sign if you are born on new year's day?
18. What craft uses a kiln and a kick wheel?
19. What constitutes 12 percent of an egg's weight?
20. What part of the human body is the most commonly bitten by insects.
21. How many questions are usually in the Waterline News Quiz?
22. What is the deadline for the March edition of the Waterline News?

PUBLIC HOUSING FORUM

Welfare agencies receive up to 20 calls per day from people in need. Demand for affordable housing has reached an all time high.

A forum to address the problems with providing housing and planning for a time when everyone who needs a roof over their heads has one.

SPEAKERS

Jessica Harrison, Unemployed Workers Union, Wonthaggi Branch;
Howard Marosi, Defend and Extend Public Housing (Melbourne);
Joe Toscano, Public Interests Before Corporate Interests;
Chairperson: Cr Geoff Ellis
Saturday 29th February 2-5pm
Wonthaggi Town Hall Foyer,
Baillieu St, Wonthaggi.

Includes a gorgeous afternoon tea !

ThePhilosopher'sZone

THOUGHT FOR FEBRUARY

Happy New Year!!

All over the world these words ring resoundingly. Unfortunately this year began with heartache for many of our fellow citizens with raging bushfires reeking havoc across much of the country.

So now, many, literally begin AGAIN.

It's very easy to see disaster everywhere in their shattered lives. But this can also be a time where jewels are revealed that wouldn't have been visible without such horror. I'm talking about the most wonderful outpouring of every possible gift we humans can give.

The news is full of fantastic efforts by the everyday Aussie to the rich and famous around the globe. We honour each thought, prayer, practical and sacrificial giving as we join those rebuilding their lives.

Jewels in dark places is a term with deep meaning and these awful happenings of the last weeks certainly offer us this challenge. I know some of the jewels will be blindingly obviously but can I reframe these dark places in which we can find even more beautiful jewels.

The jewels I speak of are those abounding all around us, but it takes a determined decision to uncover them and bring their brightness into each and every day. I'm talking about finding deep peace and meaning in every place we find ourselves in.

I used to write a reflection for a newsletter each week and many of them were about my daily walks through the foreshore reserve at Seaford. This is a place where you can find many good and also many bad things.

Homeless folk sleep in the hidden sand dunes, snakes love the hidden places in the undergrowth, endangered marsupials have their homes and beautiful flowers, vines and fungi bring surprises to the observant eye.

My journeys through these paths mostly focused on seeking out the beautiful and encouraging objects.

One day a woman from a neighbouring church, who received our newsletter each week, asked where was this beautiful place was that I often mentioned.

Her comment was "It couldn't be around here – there's nothing as beautiful as that around here".

She lived in the lovely Black Rock/Sandringham area!

What's the the secret? – *look* for the jewels – they are there!!

We only need to train our inner eyes to seek out the jewels in each and every situation or location. Happy Jewel Hunting (as good as or better than Happy New Year).

REVEL



ETHICS DISCUSSION

The Wonthaggi Ethics Discussion Group meets fortnightly at the Wonthaggi Library.

These are the topics for the current series of discussions.

Sat 8 Feb - Earth's Distribution of Water.

Sat 22 Feb - Ethics of Keeping Pets.

Sat 7 Mar - The Politics of Language

Sat 21 Mar - Animal Rights & Animal Welfare

More details? Contact the Library

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Marble. 2. The Hindenburg. 3. Teyte. 4. St. George. 5. The Flintstones. 6. The Spanish Armada. 7. A Pig. 8. Cheese. 9. Five. 10. Spring. 11. She is his first cousin. 12. One-sixth. 13. Very Superior Old Pale. 14. Twenty four hours. 15. Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty. 16. Mercury. 17. Capricorn. 18. Pottory. 19. The Shell. 20. The Foot. 21. Twenty. 22. The

Gardening with Linda Gordon

AT THE BARRICADES

To net or not to net?



That is the question. Every fruit season we have the same quandary: the netting is awkward to use but the crop is vulnerable.

And there is the scale of the exercise. We have about 40 fruit and nut trees in our medium sized garden: 11 apples and two crab apples, three apricots, a fig, pomegranate, persimmon, two plums, one cherry, three peach, two nectarines and so on.

Then there are the raspberries, grapes and strawberries; not always highly productive but what little we do get is precious.

Last year the nets came out but we lost heart after we'd done the peach trees, as we watched the immature fruit falling on impact.

Netting trees that have got too tall and spread too wide is not recommended unless you have thought ahead and built net supporting frames around your trees.

Even if we protected only the most bird attracting fruit, we would have to build about 15 frames in our yard.

Thirty per cent block out shade cloth can be used as an alternative, according to state government agricultural notes. This should be tossed on top of the tree and pegged with clothes pegs or tied somehow. Despite the cover up the fruit continues to ripen and it is much more bird-friendly, they reckon. It's the "tossing" bit that I'm not confident about.

Of course, there is the individual paper bag around each ripening fruit method. But when it rains?

CDs, plastic bags, fake owls and plastic snakes get a four out of ten on the effectiveness scale.

Netting is just fine if you keep your trees under control. That is no higher than your extended arm.

Urban food gardener, John Ditchburn, suggests some light summer pruning before netting to cut away any whippy, unruly growth that is not bearing fruit.

He wraps only the fruit-bearing branches of too-tall trees, securing the flapping edges with clothes pegs to keep birds out and netting in place.

So it's a toss up, a cut back, a wrap around and fingers crossed approach each season at our place.

But please let me, and the other reader, know if you have a more sensible method.

Could you make it soon? The cockies are gathering



WHO GIVES A FIG ?

Did you know that there are 750 known species of fig? And that each kind of fig has its own species of symbiotic wasp. Each wasp co-evolved with the fig it pollinates.

These remarkable fig facts and much, much more are revealed in *The Secret Life of Trees, How They Live and Why They Matter* by zoologist, philosopher and writer Colin Tudge.

If you read this detailed book (you'll need to set aside some time), it's quite possible you will never again walk past a tree without feeling something like awe, reverence and deep gratitude.

Back to the fantastic fig. The fruit of the fig is actually a fleshy cup, or "syconia", almost completely sealed at the top and containing hundreds of inward flowers.

Female fig wasps slip through the tiny hole at the top of the cup intent on colonizing and procreation. Each time she does this she creates a new generation of wasps, and is known as a 'foundress'.

The fruit is both womb and tomb for the female wasp. "After she has laid her eggs, she dies. The fruit becomes her sepulchre."

It is nicely operatic but gets better. The wasp's eggs hatch, feed on the flower seeds, pupate and emerge as adults.

Most of the new brood are females. "The males are wingless. They emerge before the females, chewing their way out of their respective seeds. Then they chew their way into seeds containing females, and mate with them while the females are still inside."

Then the male wasps die. Birth, death, decay, sex ... all this primeval action inside a bit of fruit!

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SHORT STORY SPECIAL:

BAGMAN

By E E Caldwell

Bloody rain! I'll be soaked to the skin before I get there. Come after dark they said. Don't let anyone see you. No chance of that in this weather. No buses, no taxis. Why, for Gawd's sake? It's not that I'm likely to leave the loot anywhere.

Still got a block to go. Dammit – they said the back way. That means another coupla streets. Why can't I go in the main entrance? Ashamed to see me at their posh front door? Give the place a bad name, would I?

It's five years since I was last inside. Funny that Leftie still remembers me. Couldn't believe it when he came knock-in'. Chance of a lifetime he tells me. Easy cash – no questions asked. How could a bloke refuse?

This must be the house. Mansion by the looks of it. Gates openin' automatically. Flood lights comin' on all the way down the drive. Must be expectin' me. Where on earth are them lights leadin' me? Just have to follow 'em, I guess. Seems like a gymnasium. Have to wait here till someone comes.

"Hello Reevey. Found us all right then, mate?"

"Leftie! You frightened the life outa me. Didn't hear you comin'."

"That's one of the boss's rules – never let 'em know where you are. He'll be here in a minute. Him and Know-nothin' Nolan. Haven't met them yet? You will. Oh, Boss, meet Reevey. He's here with the goods. Just come in outa the downpour, he has."

"Sorry about the weather, Reevey. Hand the works over here to Know-nothin' and he'll count it quick smart. Then we'll settle your cut and you can hightail it off home. No-one need ever know you've been here."

"Thanks Boss. An' can I say what you done for me makes me proud. Not too many would trust me to collect all this dough on their be'alf. It's a real honour."

"Short, Boss."

"How much?"

"Five grand."

"Righto, Reevey – where's the rest?"

Books And Writing

"It can't be short, Boss, honest to Gawd it can't. I got it all, good and proper – the last collect yest'dy, about ten o'clock. It's never left me hands since."

"Sleep well last night, did you, Reevey? What happened while you were in bed? Goblins break in, did they? Or was it one of your jailbird mates?"

"There was no-one there but me and me wife, Boss. I'd stake me life on it!"

"Looks like you'll have to. This fair lady, your wife, light-fingered is she? Got a bit of a history when it comes to cash? Won't make any difference, I'm afraid. Now, for the last time, where's the five thousand?"

"If my wife has taken it, I'll get it back, Boss. You can count on that."

"On the contrary, all I can count on is your shortfall and that's what I want - NOW!"

"But, Boss, I'm tryin' to tell you . . ."

"All right, Leftie....."

Later:

Oh, my poor ribs! I'm achin' all over. How'll I get home? Now, they've turned the lights off. Even if I could open me eyes proper, it's too damned dark to see anythin'.

Ah, there's just a bit of a gleam. I'll try to crawl towards it. Please don't let them set the dogs on me. I 'eard 'em snarlin' when I got 'ere.

And now the storm's heatin' up. Maybe the lightnin' will show the way. Jeepers, that was close – at least I could see the road. Wonder how many bones they shattered? All down one side's agony and the other don't feel too clever, n either.

What wiv them and my face sure is hell. If I can get across here, it won't be too far to the corner. And I swear when I see the wife I won't half give her curry,

Who am I kiddin'? She won't be 'ome – five grand's enough for the fare back to that slobberin' useless lout she's married to. Been threatenin' it long enough. Strewth, I feel bad.

Have to stop for a moment – get me strength up. At least I'm clear o' the place. Never seen such security in me life. Sensors inside and out, cameras everywhere. Bloody hell! That was deafenin'!

Oh my Gawd! Lighnin's struck the place! Blazes startin' all through. Electronics

kaput. Exits jammed.

How on earth will they get out? They won't o' course. You beauty!

Changed me mind 'bout goin' home. I'll just prop meself up 'ere and enjoy the fireworks. I'm already feelin' like a mended man. Goodbye and good riddance. Tomorra I'll be drinkin' meself senseless toastin' you lot's happy future. Cheers boys.

E E Caldwell

With many thanks to Maree Silver, who types up all of Betty's pieces for

2019 BASS COAST PRIZE FOR NON-FICTION

Shortlist announced

The panel of judges for the first Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction has announced the shortlisted entries.

They are:

Karen Bateman: *Ed and the Birds*

Malcolm Brodie: *Alzheimer Sufferer/ Carer Suite*

Julie Constable: *Pittosporum Flowering*

Linda Cuttriss: *Beyond the View*

Susan Davies: *An Accidental MP*

Christine Grayden: *Jobs that No Longer Exist*

Julie Maclean: *Wandering Dogs, Broken Hearts*

The inaugural competition attracted 42 entries from throughout Gippsland, ranging from personal memoir and true adventure through to biography, natural history and local history.

Chief judge and prize sponsor Phyllis Papps said the judges were gratified by the response from writers and impressed by the very high quality of the work submitted.

The other two judges are *Bass Coast Post* editor Catherine Watson and *Waterline News* editor Geoff Ellis.

Prizes totalling \$10,000 will be awarded for first, second and third, along with four special commendations.

Books & Writing

ANCORA IMPARO

By AJ

I carted hay yesterday.

I listened to local radio.

In the ute I heard “Missing You” by John Waite. There’s a line in there, *“I hear your name in certain circles. And it always makes me smile”*

I am writing this to you, even though we have lost touch somewhat, making it highly unlikely you will ever stumble upon this letter.

On that note, I *do* hear your name a bit and smile I do. You were the catalyst I needed to start writing again and, more importantly, to have the courage to share my writing. Anyway, I think it is serendipitous that my last piece about 2019 was a bit inspired by you and your wisdom.

I watched the Sydney to Hobart race start, as I do every year. I nearly missed the start. I made it with 40 seconds to spare. Then I watched the boats for an hour. I love everything about that race.

It signifies the start of a new year for me. More so than New Years for some reason. The race is on my bucket list and I don’t know how or when or perhaps even why, but I am going to be a part of it someday.

Yesterday, I imagined myself hanging off the side of a super maxi and feeling the exhilaration of leaving Sydney Harbour balanced with the fear of a three-day race and all of the challenges that must bring. I am not going to pretend that it was all deep and meaningful, it did occur to me that I could rock the outfits and sunnies that the crews were wearing.

As I watched I thought of some wisdom I heard recently, which in essence talked about people feeling stuck in lives and jobs that they hate.

The example was that some of us spend more time planning our dream annual holiday than we do planning our dream life. Something in the words struck me and I wondered what learnings I could take out of 2019 and apply to 2020. Maybe even apply them to my Sydney to Hobart dream.

2019 was awesome and crap in less than equal parts.

Awesome won over crap by a fair bit but I found somethings terrifyingly hard at times. This you know.

Running was a highlight wrapped around a lowlight and a learning opportunity.

My sub two-hour half marathon didn’t quite eventuate but I did get to 2.05 hours which is a massive 14 minutes better than the previous year. Mostly due to my awesome super coach who has helped me realise my approach to running is my approach to life.

I ran less in 2019 and got faster, fascinating really. By the last day of 2019 I had run around 1320 km, a fair bit less than last year. Sadly, for me and my right leg, my injury is still hanging on and taking a long time to sort itself out. However, I am optimistic that 2020 will bring my sub two-hour half marathon, if only because the 2’s all align in my superstitious mind.

Overall running has taught me that it is vital for me to have a passion that stretches me both mentally and physically and brings new people and ideas into my life.

Reduced running has meant increased biking and I have found another passion. On days when my right leg wouldn’t let me run. I biked. I created loops. Road loops at first where I could zoom along the downhill and across the flats. My loops included steep hills that threatened to blow up my lungs, which I of course loved. Hills that I have yet to conquer without resorting to my trusty feet.

Then I created my forest loop. Almost 5 km of trails which include steep bits that seem too tricky to ride my bike down, so I walk.

There is one that looms so large that I have to push my bike up it. There are massive puddles to get through and bumps that make me laugh as I clumsily bump over them.

My dog loves the forest loop. We go just on daybreak and he watches me like a hawk from the moment I get out of bed, interpreting every move to see if we are doing the loop that morning.

The forest is always that bit darker than the road and we go slow until our eyes grow accustomed. We wake up the birds. The Kookaburras find us hilarious and it sounds like there are 20 of them laughing. The smell of the forest is my favourite though.

I could breathe it in forever. Damp, cool and eucalypt. I don’t get a sweat up until about 3k. At that point as I try to get up the quarry hill via a sandy trail that runs past the old rifle range I sweat and my lungs start to work and work.

I get a little further up the hill each time and then push my bike until things flatten out again.

The dog abandons me for this part, I am too slow for his legs and adventurous spirit.

He uses this bit for his speed runs and explores the forest. The kangaroos bound past but are in no hurry as they know us and our routine. I get back on my bike, and ride past the Aunt’s tree. Cruising now as the dog is puffed and I am in no hurry to end this time, my ritual.



So how does this relate to a yacht race?

I think it goes back to creating great moments each day and spending time planning an ideal life, not just the perfect holiday.

2019 taught me many things; some sad, some inspiring and some home truths. But at the end, as I watched the yacht race, I realised I am still learning and need to be kind to myself and to invest in my great life.

I think that if I focus on creating each day, including something that it is just for me, I probably can’t go wrong.

A run. A forest loop. A swim in the ocean. A 30-minute slot to write.

I think these are steps towards the day when I get to be a crew person in that race. And you know what? Even if it doesn’t lead there it will lead somewhere great. Perhaps it could be the path with the most heart?

Ancora Imparo was the motto of my University. It means “I am still learning”.



Paintings by Arthur Boyd and John Turner.



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