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The Age of Enlightenment produced the original three word slogan:  
***Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.***

International Women's Day has inspired several articles  
that consider gender equity and equality in this edition.

The Waterline News has a strong commitment to providing opportunities for  
emerging writers, artists and poets. We receive many great submissions and often  
can't find room for them in our printed pages. To provide extra room for all our  
poets and writers we have launched two new facebook pages:

*Waterline Poetry Place* and *Waterline News: Tales, Stories, Books and Writing* to  
complement our central *Waterline News and Information* facebook page.

*Cheers from Geoff Ellis, Editor, Waterline News*

***April Edition: Deadline is March 17***

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# Imagination Creates Innovation

Newhaven College students are embracing the latest technologies that stimulate imagination, encourage creativity and provide future careers.

## 3D Printers

Systems Engineering and Secondary Science and IT students are successfully using 3D printers in the 'Maker Space' to take their ideas from design to a computerised concept to working models.

Using technology in this way increases engagement by expanding the creative possibilities and challenging students to problem solve to achieve their desired result.

## New 'CS in Schools' Coding Program

Newhaven College is one of only 25 schools offering the 'CS in Schools' program in 2020.

CS in Schools is an industry-supported program where volunteer computing professionals partner with teachers in the classroom to build confidence and skills in teaching students to code.



Year 7 students are using the College's Mac computer lab for the 10 week program that covers basic programming concepts using the programming language 'Python'.

## Fun with Spheros

Junior and Middle School students have fallen in love with Spheros that make introductory coding easy and fun.

A Sphero is spherical programmable device that utilises STEAM-centric activities. Students can program them to navigate a maze, create a painting, mimic the solar system, the only limitation is their imagination!



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](mailto:belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au)

## Unlock Your Imagination

Places Available in  
Year 10 - 12

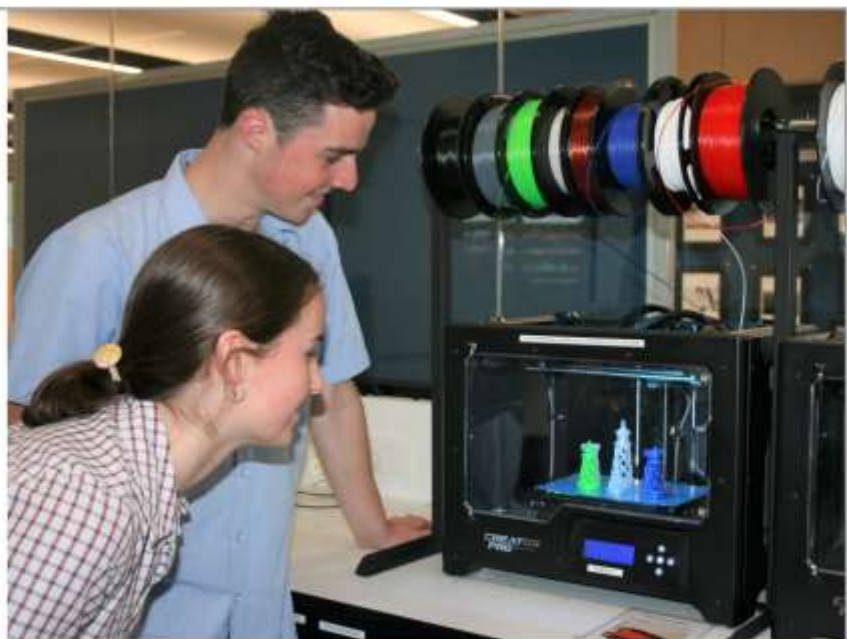
See Innovation in Action at our next  
College Tour - 9.30am 19 March



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# Community



## CORINELLA RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

If you are not a believer in the climate change theory, you would still have to admit it has been a most unusual and challenging summer, weather wise!

As I look out the window today, the rain is thundering down and the wind is yet again, playing havoc with trees and branches. Wind, water and waves answer to no man, they are a force of their own.

Hope springs eternal for a glorious autumn though Corinella is lovely in every season and we all still enjoy the presence of our magnificent swans and abundant bird life.

The CRRA's Australia Day celebrations were well received with lots of young families coming for the first time, the generations that will carry our country forward embracing the spirit of what it means to be Australian with those that have carried the flag (so to speak) before them! The fundraising that the CRRA is doing in conjunction with the CDCC, at the Corinella Community Market, held the second Saturday of each month, is going well.

Our last meeting in February was well attended with lots of robust discussion about local concerns including the proposed 'Resort' in Coronet Bay. Thanks to councillor Geoff Ellis for his efforts to assist in answering the many questions that always come regards Council issues and concerns. We are hoping to have the Mayor at a future meeting, possibly even the next one.

We were very pleased to have Ella Angarane, president of the Bass Coast Breakers AFL Women's football team as our guest speaker. This was a fascinating insight into this exciting new opportunity for women in what was always considered a game "for the boys".  
**Thank you Ella!**

**The next meeting of the CRRA is on Saturday 4th April from 10-12 noon, Balcombe Street entrance, Corinella.**

## THE PROBUS CLUB OF CORINELLA AND DISTRICT inc.



Probus is all about  
"Fun Friendship and Fellowship" in Retirement.

Our Probus Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10am at the George Bass Hotel, Bass, with a meeting, interesting guest speaker and optional lunch.

There are regular lunches and outings arranged every month which you can attend. (see below).

Visitors and prospective members are very welcome to attend. Please contact our Secretary for details (See below).

Our current Members come from San Remo, Woolamai, Bass, Coronet Bay, Corinella, The Gurdies and Grantville and beyond.



### Outings and Events:

MAR	Wed 4th	Club Meeting
	Wed 11th	Club Lunch Corinella
	Tue 17th	Visit Government House
	Wed 18th	Ten Pin Bowling Cowes
	Wed 25th	Movies at Leongatha
APR	Wed 1st	Club Meeting
	Wed 15th	Ten Pin Bowling Cowes
	Wed 22nd	Movies at Leongatha

Other activities planned for 2020 include  
Lynbrook Hotel Buffet Lunch  
Wonthaggi Desalination Plant;  
Lynbrook Hotel;  
Tramboat to Hawthorn and Como House;  
Robotic Farm Gippsland;  
The Melbourne Star;  
A visit to the Australian Gardens and many more.

If you are interested please contact:

Secretary Heather Reid on 0421 012 519

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7 Westernport Rd, Lang Lang 3984  
Contact (03) 5997 5704  
[llcc@langlang.net](mailto: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](mailto:admin@pical.org.au)  
Website:  
[www.pical.org.au](http://www.pical.org.au)

## Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc



PO Box 65 Wonthaggi 3995

Registration Number A0096592H

Phone: 0409 357 916

<https://www.facebook.com/BASSCRRA>





## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
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**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



What a start to 2020!

This is looking to be a very busy and hopefully productive year for CDCC.

Our usual and loved events are up and running: craft, exercise, community lunch and food pantry and art are all back. Our monthly bus trips, on the fourth Friday in the month will focus on visiting areas affected by the loss of tourism caused by the fires (we can't quite make it to the fire areas on a day trip but can support those impacted by loss of business)

We held a High Tea fundraiser for the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) We ended up raising \$769.30 which was transferred in full to GERF. We held a small raffle for the centre, to contribute to our costs, and covered about 70% which we are very happy with, no funds or costs were taken from the event income. We must thank Grantville Pantry and Wonthaggi Home Cook and BBQ for their support as well as the generosity of our wonderful community cooks.

New activities include kids story time which is held on Mondays at 10am. This is proving to be popular, if you have pre-schoolers drop in and check it out. Our new community café is on each Tuesday at 2pm. Each week there is a different focus, on the first Tuesday in the month it is Craft, Second Tuesday is Crosswords and puzzles, Third Tuesday Kids and Carers, Fourth Tuesday garden chat and Fifth Tuesday, which only happens occasionally is Devonshire tea. Come along, enjoy a coffee or tea and relax in a café type setting while participating in activities you enjoy.

We are relaunching our Friday night youth group for the over 12's. It will be held from 4.30 – 6.30pm on the second and fourth Friday in the month. The change to fortnightly is to help us meet the requirement of having two staff in attendance. Check out the youth Facebook page "Friday Night Express" for activities

We will be holding an Easter High Tea as fundraising for CDCC on 8 April at 2pm, bookings will be essential and cost will be \$10 per person. We will also draw our Easter Raffle at this event.

**MORE INFO PAGE 7**



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(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  
Creative Writing  
Craft & Conversation  
Digital Photography  
Local History**

**Movie & Theatre Appreciation  
Singing for Leisure  
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](http://www.pical.org.au)  
Phone 5952 1131  
and  
Wonthaggi  
[www.u3awonthaggi.org.au](http://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.

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.  
2020 CWA BASS GROUP 66TH

## Creative Arts Exhibition



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020

Public Hall Smith Street Loch. Members' exhibits, demonstrations.  
Open: Saturday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Sunday 9.30 am - 3.30 pm.  
Admission: \$5 adults, children with adults free. Morning and afternoon  
tea, and light lunches available. Contact: Kaye Illingworth 03 5678 1155



**The Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association (CBRRA)**  
meets four times a year and 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.

During our meetings we regularly  
discuss current issues of interest to  
our community, including planning  
and development proposals, shared  
use of our beach, community events  
and council matters, the latter  
presented by a local ward councillor.

So if you want a say in these matters,  
why not come along and join our  
association. Its purpose is to represent  
you, our community.

The CBRRA membership has grown  
significantly this year, as we are  
prepared to represent our members on  
all matters important to the liveability  
of our town and its surrounds.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for  
11 am on Saturday 28th March at  
the Coronet Bay Hall. We have the  
Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie  
joining us to hear our members  
views on what is important to them.**

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

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 is pleased to welcome  
any new members to the association.  
Please contact our Secretary Susan  
Linley on 0427 060 756 or  
secretary@coronetbayrra.org.au

The Combined Community Group  
organises our markets, fair, Fun Run/  
Walk and other events. The Easter  
Fair is planned for Sunday 12th April  
this year, on the Coronet Bay Fore-  
shore.

It is a family fun day with races,  
amusements, food and competitions,  
so come along and join in. We are  
always in need of volunteers to  
support these events.

**Please contact the Secretary  
Sue Linley on 0427 060 756**



## BASS VALLEY

## FRIENDS

## OF THE R.S.L.

## DAWN SERVICE

**Saturday 25th April 2020**

**Commencing at 6.00 a.m.**

**At the Cenotaph**

**Hade Avenue, Bass.**

Followed by a

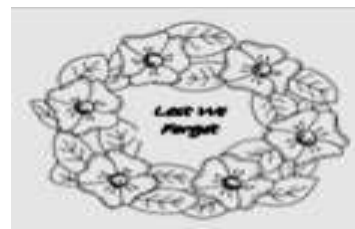
Gun Fire Breakfast

At George Bass Hotel

Hade Avenue, Bass.

*You are invited*

*to lay a wreath or flowers.*



## 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



## CDCC report continued

Our CDCC AGM and presentation of our 2019 Annual report will be on Saturday 18 April at 2pm at CDCC.

We will be looking for a few committee members, as mentioned it is looking like a productive year for us so a great time to join our committee. Contact the centre for a chat if you are interested. To become a committee member you must be a current member of the centre. Membership is by calendar year and you can join at the centre, \$10 for individual membership or \$15 for family membership. This also gives you discounts or benefits at events and access to our public computers and Wi-Fi.

Finally we have great rooms to hire, including the function room and new Community Café space which makes a good meeting room, it is also child friendly. We have a community bus available for hire and are offering a discount to community groups or families who hire our 9 seater community bus to travel to and support the fire impacted communities so if you are thinking about a trip check out our community bus as an option.

We are always looking for more activities and one off sessions. If you have a hobby you would like to share or can run "training" in craft, cooking or other interest activities have a chat with us.

Follow us on Facebook:  
Corinella & District  
Community Centre

Visit us at: 48 Smythe Street  
Corinella

Call us on: 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

## CWA WOODLEIGH VALE BRANCH

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



Woodleigh Vale Branch of the CWA is looking forward to another fun filled year of friendship, activities and service.

We had an enjoyable day in January at the movies, some members choosing "Little Women" while others chose "Shaun the Sheep Farmageddon." This was followed by a scrumptious lunch at the Leongatha RSL.

Our members are busily preparing for the Bass Group Creative Arts Exhibition to be held at Loch Public Hall Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10.am-4pm and Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am until 3.30 pm.

This exhibition comprises needlework, hobby craft, cooking, preserves, floral art, photography and knitting and crochet, also demonstrations of craft activities.

When I ask people to join our branch the response I often get is "I can't cook or do craft." I can't cook or do craft either but I still enjoy the friendship and connection to community offered by CWA. Social issues is another aspect of CWA, this year the state focus is Building Communication Skills in time of stress. Our country of study is Botswana.

Our branch meets at the Nyora Public Hall, 3 Hewson Street Nyora on the third Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm. New members are very welcome.

For more information contact Carol on 5678 8041 or mobile 0429 219 658.

## 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.

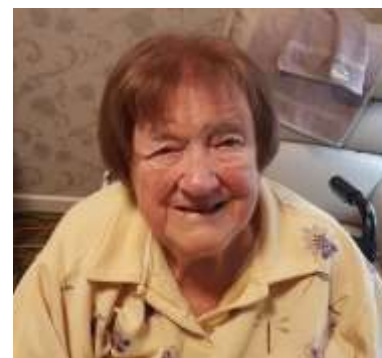
Wynne Road,  
San Remo  
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Website:

[sanremobowlsclub.teamapp.com](http://sanremobowlsclub.teamapp.com)

**Social Bowls**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.30pm with a 1.00 pm start.**  
Visitors and  
New Members **welcome.**



## VALE JUDY TAYLOR

A shadow fell across the  
Waterline communities  
when Judy Taylor passed  
away last month.

A pillar of the community,  
she will be greatly missed.  
Our hearts go out to her  
family.



## WATERLINE COMMUNITY LIBRARY SERVICE UPDATE

The South Coast Mobile Library last visits to locations are as follows: Coronet Bay on Tue, 10 Mar; Corinella on Wed, 11 Mar; Grantville on Thu, 12 Mar; and Kilcunda on Thu, 12 Mar. The service will continue at San Remo on Tuesdays 1.30pm-6pm and Wednesdays 9:30am-12:15pm. A drop-off and pick-up service will be available for loans from Tue, 10 Mar at the General Stores in Corinella and Coronet Bay during business hours, 7am-7pm (7 days) with holds delivered twice, weekly.

Opening on Mon 16, Mar the new Library in Grantville provides access to the entire West Gippsland Libraries' collection and the Libraries Victoria network. New facilities including reading lounge, free tea & coffee and a meeting room. More outreach programs to community groups and regular programs and events on-site. The library is open during transaction centre hours Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm, with hours extended on Tue 8.30am-6pm & Sat 10am-12pm. A librarian will be available on-site full time during the first three weeks to assist members with the new services and Tue 3pm-6pm, Thu 10am-1pm and Sat 10am-12pm thereafter. For more details: [wgrlc.vic.gov.au/grantville](http://wgrlc.vic.gov.au/grantville)

Are you interested in joining the Friends of the Library group? We're asking for your help to name the new Library For expressions of interest, questions or feedback contact us:

Customer Service

**West Gippsland Libraries**

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Warragul VIC 3820

Email: [support@wgrlc.vic.gov.au](mailto:support@wgrlc.vic.gov.au)



**West  
Gippsland  
Libraries**

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We've been there and we care.'***



At the Bass Valley Community Centre, the year's off to a flying start. As we've mentioned a number of times, we aren't having our Autumn Festival this year, however...our neighbour, Bass Coast Landcare, is having a sustainability expo in May. We are very excited about this. It will be held primarily on their River Garden on the river down behind our offices. The River Garden is a wonderful community resource with a big array of horticultural demonstrations. For example, the espaliered fruit trees planted along the contours of the sloping site are a vivid demonstration of how to make the most of smaller spaces and available rainfall. And why are we so excited about this project? (other than it'll be a lot of fun)....it'll give us an opportunity for a stall to both sell sausages and hamburgers as well as publicise our services to a new audience.

The Landcare sustainability expo being in May could well not have the best weather. That's unlikely to bother the hardy souls who support Landcare and work with them for the betterment of the land, and it won't bother us either now. We were lucky enough last year to get a grant from Bass Coast Shire Council to procure our own 6m X 3m marquee. It is a lightweight, robust and easily erected structure with side and back panels to keep out the weather. We are very much looking forward to giving it its first proper test at the expo. It is also something that we would be happy to hire out to other community organisations, so give us a ring if you think it could be of use for an event you may be organising.

Our community bus has just been given a new lease of life through some timely work being done on it by our local mechanic, McKenzie Motors on McKenzie Road in Bass.

All of the volunteer drivers noted a marked improvement in the bus's performance. And our community bus service is now consistently providing a door-to-Wonthaggi-to-door service on Tuesdays. While we have a consistent group of four on Tuesdays and others who occasionally join the ride, there is always room on the bus for more. A community bus is a special experience. People welcome each other on board and for some it can be the week's major catch-up opportunity. And the trip's only \$15, regardless of where in the Waterline area you come from. If you or someone you know might benefit from it or you'd like more details, give us a call on 5678 2277



# 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

Monday - Friday 5678 2277

## Bass Valley Landcare

2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass 5678 2335

## Boomerang Bags Phillip Island & San Remo

- Wednesdays 10am - 4pm.  
Contact [kylie@boomerangbagspistr.org](mailto:kylie@boomerangbagspistr.org)

## Cape Woolamai Coast Action

Email [capewoolamaicoastaction@gmail.com](mailto:capewoolamaicoastaction@gmail.com)  
second Saturday Monthly. 8.00am to 10.00am Marg Dumergue 0419007758

## Corinella & District Probus Club

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

## Corinella Boating & Angling Club

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

## Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

Balcombe Street Corinella.  
Jacquie Carter 5678 0596

## Corinella & District Community Centre

48 Smythe St Corinella. 5678 0777  
Website [www.corinellacomunitycentre.org.au](http://www.corinellacomunitycentre.org.au)

## Corinella & District Men's Shed & Woodies Group

Corinella Road  
Contact Ken Thomas 0427 889 191

## Corinella Foreshore Committee

Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

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

Coronet Bay Hall  
Wednesdays 10am - 12noon  
Contacts Catherine 0416 112 629

## Coronet Bay Adult Social Club

Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall  
Ann 5678 0341

## Country Women's Association of Vic inc. Bass Group.

Cowes	Lorraine	5952 2165
Glen Alvie	Libby	5678 3280
Grantville	Annie	5678 8037
Loch	Val	5659 4268
Woodleigh Vale	Carol	5678 8041

## Cowes Table Tennis Group

Barbara Parrott 0425 885 834

## Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary

Contact - Shelly 0417 593 497

## Grantville Business & Community Association

Secretary Sandy Ridge  
Email [thegbca1@gmail.com](mailto:thegbca1@gmail.com)

## Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

Contact: Barbara Coles  
Email [bacoles@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bacoles@bigpond.net.au)

## Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee

Pat Van 5997 6221

## Grantville Tennis Club Inc.

Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

## Lang Lang Bowling Club

Ian Painter 5997 6554 M: 0419 646 040  
Email [langlangbowling@bigpond.com](mailto:langlangbowling@bigpond.com)

## Lang Lang Cricket Club

Secretary: Sharon May 0459 368 431

## Lang Lang Playgroup

(0-Preschool) Thursdays 9.30am  
Contact: Leah Dyall 0418 463 963  
Amanda Gray 0458 195 258

## Lions Club of Bass Valley

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

## Nyora Youth Group

Contact Michael Felton  
Email [nyorahall3987@outlook.com](mailto:nyorahall3987@outlook.com)

## Phillip Island Bowls Club

Dunsmore Avenue, Cowes.  
New members welcome, Free coaching  
Contact George Mol 0407 851 065

## Phillip Island Camera Club

Meet at the Heritage, Cowes.  
Contact Susan 0408 136 717

## Phillip Island Community Art & Craft Gallery Inc.

Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave  
All Enquiries Call Aleta 0419 525 609

## Phillip Island Indoor Carpet Bowlers

Come and join the fun. Phillip Island Celebration Centre 6 Lions Court, Cowes  
Contact Jack 0434 944 380

## Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers Inc.

The Phillip Island & District Railway  
Contact Peter 5956 9513

## Phillip Island Bicycle User Group

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

## Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL)

56-58 Church Street, Cowes 5952 1131  
Email [Linda.Morrison@pical.org.au](mailto:Linda.Morrison@pical.org.au)

## Phillip Island Patchworkers

Meet on a Monday night from 7.30.  
Contact - Lyn Duguid 0427 593 936  
Email [phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com](mailto:phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com)

## Phillip Island-San Remo - Bass Coast Vegan Community

Find us on Facebook under our title as above

## Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

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

## Phillip Island World Vision Club

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

## Pioneer Bay Progress Association

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

## Probus Club of San Remo

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

## Rhyll Community Association.

Secretary Cheryl Overton 0427 680 483

## South Coast Speakers - Toastmasters

Meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the San Remo Hotel, 145 Marine Parade, San Remo.  
Contact Patricia 0412 339 795  
Email [info@southcoastspeakers.org.au](mailto:info@southcoastspeakers.org.au)

## South Gippsland Arthritis Support Group

Contact: Adam 0408 353 785  
Marg 0417 154 057  
Diane 5658 1443

## South Gippsland Mental Illness Carer's Group

Maggie 5658 1781 Rosemary 5662 4352

## South Gippsland Parkinson's Support Group

Third Friday each month 10am for 10.30 Leongatha RSL  
Meeting/Guest Speaker/Lunch available.  
Email [Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com](mailto:Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com)

## South Gippsland Support after Suicide

Phone 9421 7640  
Email [southgippslandsas@gmail.com](mailto:southgippslandsas@gmail.com)

## Survivors of Suicide

Raising awareness to aid prevention  
Jillian Drew 0413 056 165

## St Pauls Anglican Church Bass

HC at 12.30pm every Sunday  
Contact Sandy Ridge 5997 6127

## St Georges Anglican Church Corinella

Op Shop open Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10am - 2pm Saturday 9am - 12.30pm

## Tenby Point Residents Association

President Jean Coffey 0419 500 593

## Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc.

Family History Centre, Library Complex. Murray Street, Wonthaggi 5672 3803  
Tues & Thurs 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm  
[secretary@wonthaggigenealogy.org.au](mailto:secretary@wonthaggigenealogy.org.au)

## Woolamai Racing Club

Contact the Secretary (03) 5678 7585

# Markets & Op Shops



Rhyll Community Association Inc.  
C/- Rhyll Post Office

Rhyll. 3923

President: Jim Kiley

Vice President Judy Lawrence

Secretary: Cheryl Overton  
0427 680 483

Meetings are Bi monthly starting  
January and held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Satur-  
day of the month, at the Rhyll Hall,  
Lock Road at 10.00 am

**RHYLL TWILIGHT MARKET**  
**Due to the cancellation of our**  
**Market on 10<sup>th</sup> January, we are**  
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**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2020**

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## MARKETS

**Each Sunday:**

**Kongwak Market**

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Retro stalls, food, vegetables, coffee,  
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Enquiries: Jane 0408 619 182

**Each 2nd Saturday:**

**Coal Creek Farmers' Market**

Coal Creek Community Park

8am - 12.30pm 50+ stalls

coalcreekfm@hotmail.com

Contact for information 0459 629 000

**Cowes Island Craft Market**

102 Thompson Avenue, 9am - 2pm

In the grounds of St Phillips Church

60+ stalls Make, bake and grown goods  
and produce.

Contact for further details 0412 710 276

**Corinella Community Market**

Contact details 0435 736 510

**Each 4th Saturday:**

**Churchill Island Farmers' Market**

40+ stalls. 8am - 1pm

peter@rfm.net.au

Further Information 0439 364 760

**Cowes Market on Chapel**

Chapel Street. 8.30am - 2pm, 30+ stalls

Further information- 0428 603 043

**Each 1st Sunday:**

**Jumbunna Bush Market**

Jumbunna Hall phone 5657 3253

**Each 2nd Sunday:**

**Rotary Club Market Wonthaggi**

Apex Park 8am - 1pm, 50+ stalls

Walk to nearby Make it -Bake it Market

Contact: Neville Goodwin 5672 7245

Garry Sherrick 5672 5812

**Loch Lions Village Market**

May - Sept Loch Public Hall

Oct - April Loch Railway Station Park

70 + stalls

Information from Noel Gregg 5627 5576

Market day phone 0418 500 520

**Each 3rd Sunday:**

**Inverloch Farmers Market**

The Glade, Esplanade, 8am - 1pm

50+ stalls Information: peter@rfm.net.au

Phone 0439 364 760

**Tooradin Sunday Market**

9am - 1pm

Stallholders wanted, \$20 includes 1  
sausage & bread breakfast per stall.

All Market Enquiries: 0429 188 280

## MARKETS

**Grantville Variety Market**

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**4th Sunday, except December** when it  
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8am—2pm 100+ stalls

BBQ & Sausage sizzle, Coffee Cart,  
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Contact for further details 5997 6221

**Inverloch Community Farmers' Market**

The Glade, Esplanade, 50+ stalls

**Last Sunday of each month.**

info@inverlochfarmersmarket.com.au

Phone 0417 370 488

**San Remo Cuppa and Chat Market**

**2nd Friday and Saturday each month**

at St. Augustine's Church

Marine Parade San Remo

Friday 9am - 1pm Saturday 9am - noon.

Bric a brac and Cuppa and Chat Market,  
cakes & jams Friday, plus a sausage  
sizzle on Saturdays.

Further Information: 5678 5386

## OP SHOPS

**Bass Valley Community Group**

**Hadden House Op Shop**

Next to Bass Hall, Bass School Road

Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

Phone Enquiries 5678 2277

**St George's Anglican Church Op Shop**

**Smythe Street Corinella,**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

10am - 2.00pm

Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Grantville Lions Op Shop**

The Lions Op Shop is located within

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Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm

Saturday 9am to 11.30am 5678 8357

**Korumburra Uniting Church Op Shop**

Thur-Fri 10-4 Saturday 10-12

Contact for information 5658 1884

**Lang Lang Community Op Shop**

12 Westernport Road

Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

**Nyora Op Shop at the Nyora Station**

Open Monday - Saturday 9am - 1pm.

Enquiries to Sylvia, Phone 5659 0089

**San Remo Op Shop**

Back Beach Road.

Enquiries 5678 5815

M-F 10am-3.30pm; Sat: 10am-12.30

Email: info@basscoasthealth.org.au





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## NDIS Support Closer to Home

Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre in Wonthaggi offers a range of NDIS funded courses to remove barriers to employment for people living with a disability.

Courses including the training and capacity building program aim to provide participants with skills and more independence and create opportunities for employment.

Employment coordinator Emily Sinnbeck said this program is an excellent introductory pathway in fields including information technology, horticulture and hospitality.

"There is no need to access courses far from home. Wonthaggi based Bass Coast Adult Learning is a fully accredited registered training organisation who understands the needs and is capable of providing services for all NDIS participants," she said.

Whether it is in your personal or professional life, NDIS participants in the course will undertake subjects on communication, pre-employment skills and even healthy cooking. Bass Coast Adult Learning is a genuinely supportive environment that can be flexible to what you need in order for you to walk out of successful, I've left feeling like I've got a whole new world to explore.

For more information please call 5672 3115 or visit the Centre at 239 White Road, Wonthaggi.

**Reported by a reader:**  
*My friend in Scotland says 'Our small local community (Grantown-on-Spey) had a cream tea for Australian Bushfire Relief and raised 3000 pounds.'*

*'Our florist donated Eucalyptus for the table settings and the jewellery shop donated a pen and ink drawing of a baby koala That was auctioned on-line and the winning bid was from Australia !*

*Everyone was delighted to help.*



## Autism Spectrum Recognition, response and referrals.

Free workshop for parents, carers and community volunteers.

**Tuesday 31st March**  
6.30 - 9.00pm

Hewitt Eco House  
215 Rossiter Road  
Koo Wee Rup

RSVP 0457 825 076

[cfccardinia@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:cfccardinia@anglicarevic.org.au)

## Forget-Me-Not Café

Everyone is welcome to join our dementia friendly group, it's an opportunity to make new friends and nurture old ones, share experiences and create new ones in an environment of support and understanding.

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5997 9792



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## Public Meeting All welcome

When: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
6.30pm

Where: Grantville Recreation Hall

Come along for an update on what  
is happening in the Waterline  
Community

- The Grantville Business and Community Association (GBCA) is a non-profit group that represents residents, ratepayers and businesses in the Grantville region
- The GBCA hosts annual community events such as the Grantville Christmas Carols and 'The Great Witch Hunt'



42 Murray St, Wonthaggi  
25 A'Beckett St, Inverloch  
Bass Coast Health, Grabham Wing

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**Grantville Medical Centre**  
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**Appointments 5678 8029**



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### Parkinson's Support Group

*Caregivers and family members are welcome!*

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.

Inquiries:

Email: [Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com](mailto:Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com)

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## AUNTY'S PLACE

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## Bass Coast Yoga

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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 Sports Ground 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.

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:  
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.

**The Jazz Club - 12-2pm Saturdays.**



**SUNDAY 15th March. – THE MARKETEERS 2.00 – 4.30PM**  
In the Bass Room at Ramada Resort – Phillip Island.  
**For more information on club events please contact Robin Blackman on 0432 814 407**

The "Six Marketeers" (formerly the famous and original 'Pahran Market Jazz Band') is a very special institution in the Melbourne musical scene and was formed in 1978 by 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. 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.

### 2020 PI CLUB CALENDAR

19th Apr Melbourne Jazz Quartet  
17th May Debra La Velle  
21st Jun Ron Anderson  
19th Jul Le Jazz Hot  
16th Aug Jackson Jazz Combo  
20th Sep Jennifer Salsbury

### Up and Coming Jazz Festivals 2020

6th - 9th Mar - Inverloch Jazz  
5th - 8th Jun - 40th Merimbula Jazz  
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## SACHER TORTE

Is a very delicious moist chocolate cake, that originated in Vienna and was first served at the Hotel Sacher, where to this day you can still order a piece for morning tea.

The best thing about this cake is that it gets better if you make it one or two days before you need it. This recipe will be ideal for Easter if you plonk a few mini chocolate eggs on the top.

On the day of serving, simply make the chocolate ganache and pour it over the top and let it set.

It is quite an expensive cake to make, which is why I make it for extra special occasions, such as birthdays and Easter.

### Ingredients

#### For the cake

140g good quality plain chocolate  
140g unsalted butter, softened  
115g caster sugar  
½ teaspoon of vanilla extract  
5 free-range eggs, separated  
85g ground almonds  
55g plain flour, sieved

#### For the topping

6 tbsp apricot jam, sieved  
140g plain chocolate  
200ml thick cream  
25g/1oz milk chocolate

### Method

#### For the cake

Preheat the oven to 180C. Grease a deep 23cm round cake tin then line the base with baking paper.

Break the chocolate into pieces, melt gently in a bowl set over a pan of hot water (do not let the bowl touch the water), stirring occasionally, then cool slightly

Beat the butter in a bowl until really soft, then gradually beat in the sugar until the mixture is light and fluffy.

Add the cooled chocolate and the vanilla extract and beat again.

Add the egg yolks, then fold in the ground almonds and sieved flour. The mixture will be quite thick at this stage. In a separate bowl, whisk the egg whites until they are stiff but not dry. Add about one-third to the chocolate mixture and stir in vigorously. Gently fold in the remaining egg whites.

Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and level the surface

Bake in the oven for about 45-50 minutes, or until well risen at the top and the cake springs back when lightly pressed with a finger.

Leave to cool in the tin for a few minutes then turn out, peel off the paper and finish cooling on a wire rack.

#### For the topping

Heat the apricot jam in a small pan and then brush evenly over the top and sides of the cold cake. Allow to set for a few minutes.

Make the ganache by breaking the plain chocolate into pieces.

Heat the cream until piping hot, remove from the heat and add the chocolate.

Stir until the chocolate has melted, then cool till a coating consistency.

Then pour the icing on to the centre of the cake.

Spread it gently over the top and down the sides, and leave to set.

When set, decorate with miniature Easter eggs. Everybody, including the children, will love this cake!



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# Art with Janice Orchard

## Green Death The Art History of Arsenic

With acknowledgment to John Hulsey and Ann Trusty

“As to the arsenic scare a greater folly is hardly possible to imagine: the doctors were bitten as people bitten by witch fever.”

~William Morris, *The Collected Letters of William Morris*, Vol. 2

### Arsenic in Art

The discovery of a deep, vivid green by Swedish chemist Carl Wilhelm Scheele in 1775 led to a fashion craze lasting for more than a century.

From the start, Scheele knew that the pigment he had developed was highly poisonous. But he also realized that it was unlike any other green pigment available on the market.

The lucrative lure of bringing this deadly hue to manufacturers, cloth dyers, artists, and more worldwide proved irresistible to Scheele.

Scheele's Green became incredibly popular. It all but completely replaced older green pigments based on copper carbonate that had been used up until Scheele's discovery.

So popular was the hue that even after it became common knowledge that the paint was toxic, it was still used.

Its vibrant colour could be found in clothing, wallpaper, toys, candles, dyes and more through the end of the 19th century. Gowns, hats, gloves and socks were dyed with it, sometimes making the wearer ill through touch alone.



Children in green rooms were recorded as “wasting away.” Women in green dresses were struck ill, swooning in droves.

The ingredient that made the colour in Scheele's Green so vibrant was also responsible for its deadliness. That ingredient was arsenic.

### Death...By Green?

Scheele's Green (later reconfigured as Paris Green and Emerald Green) was not just used in dyes and paints. It was also used in wallpapers, insecticidal sprays used on vegetables and postage stamps. What a mix!

Historic rumour has it that the vivid green wallpaper in Napoleon's bedroom on St. Helena Island, where the deposed ruler died in exile, showed traces of Scheele's Green in the fleur-de-lis pattern printed on it.

Humid environments, like that on St. Helena, may have caused the arsenic to off-gas or perhaps even flake off the wallpaper itself. Although there is no conclusive evidence, it is suspected that the arsenic in the wallpaper may have contributed to Napoleon's death.



### Tragically Misunderstood

As the opening quote by William Morris highlights, the action of arsenic in the human body was not understood by many of the users and practitioners that made the colour so famous. Why? Because the arsenic did not affect everyone the same way. Some people exposed to the paint would fall ill, while others with a similar exposure did not. However, a tragic pattern soon emerged—it was particularly lethal to the most vulnerable: children, the elderly and the sickly.

### Wiser Today

It is unlikely that many of the Scheele's Green products are still around. However, Victoria Finley writes in *The Brilliant History of Colour in Art*, “Even as late as 1950 the United States ambassador to Italy, Clare Boothe Luce, fell sick from arsenic poisoning. The CIA suspected the Soviets and sent a team to Rome to investigate. They eventually found that the ceiling in her bedroom was decorated with pigments full of arsenic.”

A new washing machine had been installed in the room above. Its juddering had released arsenic dust, which she breathed in as she slept.”

### Colour Conscious

As artists, we must stay aware of the materials we are using and take precautions when handling pigments that may have toxic ingredients. But we are fortunate to be living in a time when it is easy to obtain detailed information about our materials as well as a time when manufacturers are working to create less and less toxic formulas.

Many online art materials retailers now provide detailed information about their pigments, including which ones are still toxic. But still, be careful out there! Use pigments safely and sensibly! Because colour is one of the things artists love most and colour is truly art's gift to the world!





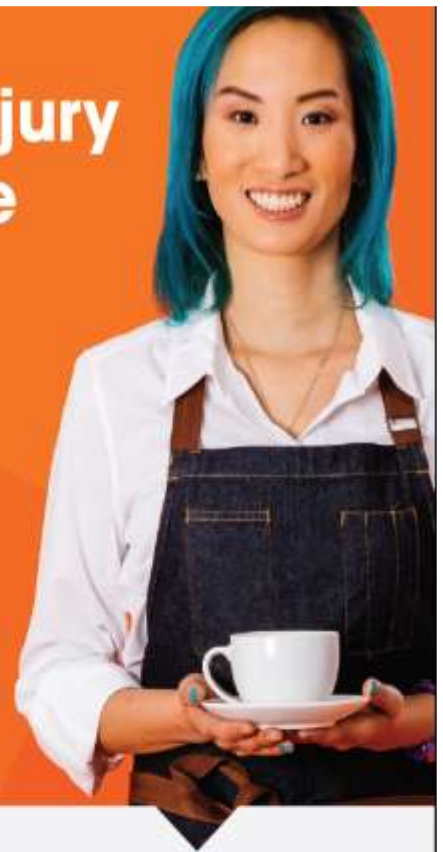
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## CFA With Michelle Fulwell



It has been a busy summer for everyone in emergency services. Fire, Ambulance and State Emergency Services have been kept on their toes supporting fire affected communities in the east of the state.

Bass Coast Fire Brigades regularly sent crews to support fire affected communities and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts. The recovery period will take a long time and require ongoing support.

Usually Kernot-Grantville Fire Brigade Fundraise at the Grantville Market and with tins in shops to support their own equipment and maintenance purchases.

In January the brigade agreed that fundraising efforts should instead go to bushfire recovery.

They were pleased to see the community get right behind their efforts and allow the brigade to donate \$814 to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund and \$814.10 to the Victorian State Fire Relief Fund through Bendigo Bank. \$1300 of this was raised at the January Grantville Market so huge thanks to everyone who dug deep to help fire effected communities.

Our brigades rely heavily on our local communities to assist with our fundraising which supports equipment purchase and maintenance. It contributes to long term plans to replace trucks and buildings and is essential for our future. A huge thank you is sent out to all our communities for their support of Santa Run, tin rattling and our other efforts. We are increasingly seeing individuals and businesses come to us with offers to fundraise and appreciate the beautiful spirit that is our communities.

### Here are a couple of reminders:

We are still in the Fire Danger Period.

This means fire restrictions are still in place. Burning off is not allowed, even if it has been raining. To make sure you know what you can and can't do head to the CFA website.

Our second reminder goes to our farming community to make sure hay is fully cured before stacked. Hay should not be stored near equipment or livestock accommodation.

With Easter fast approaching remember to check your BBQ gas bottle before you light up for the long weekend. Check the valve with soapy water when you change gas bottles or if using for the first time in a while.

If you are camping keep your fire safe and extinguish it properly. Campfires must never be left unattended and must be completely extinguished using water, not soil.

And finally, now is a great time to prepare for winter and get your fireplace checked and chimney cleaned!

# International Women's Day



**Ali Wastie**  
**CEO of**  
**Bass Coast Shire**  
**Council :**

Happy International Women's Day!!

These four words are a cue for keyboard warriors to vent their spleens and let everyone know that we don't even need an International Women's Day.

Every year I am asked "why should women and girls have a special day?" or "whadabout a men's day, huh...."

Curiously, I am also asked why do we need to have days at all, Days like IDAHOBIT Day, or Harmony Day.

My response is simple. Like most people, I come from the proposition that there should be equality in all aspects of our lives. And when there still is inequality we need to draw attention to the causes and impacts the inequality creates.

Special calendar days or weeks help us to focus our collective energies and push for positive and meaningful change.

I also like to support my position with facts as it is harder to argue with facts especially when they come from reputable sources such as the World Economic Forum.

According to the Forum's Global Gender Gap 2020 Report, it will take another 99 years based on current progress to close the gender gap. Globally in 2020, gender parity stands at 68.6 percent. Based on this statistic and current trends, we will need International Women's Day for at least another century before parity is reached.

In Australia we like to think we bat well above average on most league tables, but on this table we receive no gold star.

In fact, our report card should read "needs to try harder" "significant improvement required".

Or "disappointing year showing marked decline" and "not a good role model."

In the inaugural index back in 2006, Australia ranked a respectable #15 out of 115 participating countries.

In 2020, we sit at #44 out of 153 participating countries' - down from #39 in 2019. We are not even in the top 10 in the East Asia and Pacific region, sitting below Laos and the Philippines.

We do rank #1 in educational attainment. This means there is no difference between genders with regard to educational attainment but this does not translate to parity on economic participation.

Finally, regardless of where Australia sits on the Gender Gap Report, I will always choose to acknowledge and celebrate IWD. We are all citizens of this world. At its core, IWD is a global celebration of the social, cultural, economic and political achievements of girls and women.

## #EachForEqual

### (International Women's Day) **Vanessa Shipway's Perspective** (13 years old)

As a young woman growing up in Australia, I can honestly say I have never felt disadvantaged. My family values have taught me that as a woman I can do anything. My mother is a strong role model and an advocate for equal rights for all.

I think it is so wonderful that women are now recognised in areas of technology, business and sporting endeavours in Australia. Areas which were traditionally male orientated are now more open to women's participation. It's fantastic to see women's sport including AFL is now televised, what an inspiration! I have high hopes for my future without limitations.

While I believe I am not disadvantaged in Australia but I know in other countries that women are disadvantaged and not treated equally. This stirs empathetic feelings towards my fellow females. If we all get behind this movement as an entire race we can turn the situation around in other countries. Then women in other nations will have the liberties that we are lucky to enjoy in Australia.

So therefore I truly believe that an equal world for all is important.  
Happy International Women's Day!

### **Belinda Henderson,** **Ethicist.**

On a purely historical perspective, it's not difficult to paint a pretty bleak picture of the role women have played in the world.

It was the 1870's in England when women were first provided with the legal right to own property, for example.

The right to vote in parliamentary elections was afforded to women in Australia in 1902.

In the 1960's, state funded high schools for girls finished at Year 10, and included half a day (every day) of tuition in sewing, cleaning & cooking.

My mother attended one of these and she still can't cook or sew- and who could blame her? There was no other way to rebel.

In the 1970's, the ability to open a bank account in your own name as a married woman was unavailable. Moving forward, women of the 1980's onwards have experienced the 'glass ceiling' - a term meaning women who work can ONLY go so far.

Of course, childbearing and childcare has an awful lot to do with this, but suffice to say that's another discussion in itself.

There are women to this day who are brilliant at, for example, sales and marketing, doing exactly what their male counterparts do to bring in the customers, only to be thwarted at the last minute.

All because a male rival took the clients to a 'Gentleman's Club', and bonded with them, and thereby closed the deal. This is tricky, and quite confusing. How seriously can a woman be taken in a boardroom, when down the street another woman is being paid to take her clothes off?

Meanwhile, it's not all bad news. Any major change, of historical significance, is bound to take time. Possibly a very long time. We need to be a bit patient with this. I'm convinced the average male isn't much like the slimy corporate rival I've described above.

These issues need to be separated. Equality is the main goal, and trite as it may sound, that goal won't be achieved by categorizing men vs. women, nor by blaming the patriarchal system that got us here valid though the point is.

For International Women's Day this year, my only wish is to raise my young son as a respectful human being, who'll think of people other than himself, regardless of who they are.



# International Women's Day

## Kerri Richie

International Women's Day makes me think of the very difficult journey a lot of people have had throughout history and how that is changing. My first introduction to International Women's Day was in the late 80s. I was working with families who had been separated through war and disaster. At the time we had a lot of clients who were survivors of the concentration camps. It was one of these women survivors who first discussed "International Women's Day" and the women's movement with me.

I happened to have a black jacket with a green and purple stripe. I had no idea these were considered the colours of the women's movement. I just liked the jacket. This particular woman, we can call her Ruth, told me how important women's rights were to her given her experience in Auschwitz.

She had this conversation with me because I was wearing that jacket when we met, the colours gave her a sense of safety and value.

Prisoners in the concentration camps had no rights and this was particularly true for women who were often subjected to physical, emotional and sexual abuse and not able to make any decisions regarding themselves, their family or in fact their own bodies.

Ruth survived the concentration camps but suffered a lot of abuse as well as just the horrors of the camps.

On being freed Ruth was able to begin life again, although with many gaps in her family and network of friends. Her life was now quite different. Ruth decided that it was important to her to be able to make decisions regarding her own life, to change the way women were seen and treated, to, in fact, change the way people who were seen as minority, or lesser than others were treated.

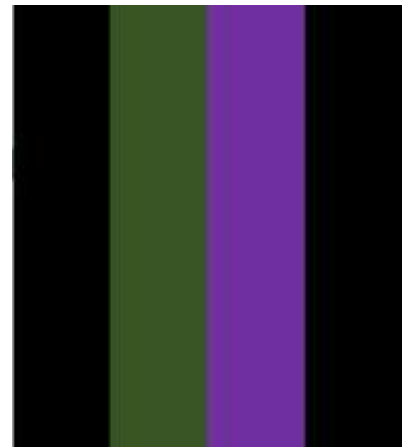
She was part of the women's movement, it gave her a sense of purpose, a sense that she could help create a world where all people were able to make decisions about their lives, to have equal opportunities and be considered equal in society.

For Ruth, women's rights were about making the world a better place for all, she had seen the suffering that, in Auschwitz, mainly men inflicted on others, women, men and children who they thought of less value than themselves. Ruth felt that by changing the way women were seen and treated it would benefit all people who were denied rights, mistreated and oppressed. For Ruth the women's movement wasn't really about men and women, it was about helping those with less power stand as equal in the eyes of those with more power.

I often think of Ruth's belief in equality and that to me is what the women's movement is about.

Women are one group who can who can stand up for equality but equality should belong to all. Since working with families separated by war and disaster and meeting Ruth I have worked with children with disabilities, youth, our first nation peoples, homeless and others, there is still a lot of inequality out there.

International Women's Day celebrates how far we have come but it also reminds me that until we live in a world where Ruth's dream, of true equality and fair treatment of all, by all, exists, the journey isn't over.



## IWD. International Women's Day.

What the.....hmmmm..... why isn't every bloody day women's day?

A strange perspective maybe, especially from those who know me and my history.

I didn't know IWD existed for most of my life. It came to my attention when two of my friends and mentors were named on honor rolls for International Women's Day.

Being transgender that really held huge significance for me.

We could be, should be and *were* being acknowledged for advocacy within the community.

A few years later, well 2017 to be exact I received an email.

It was from WHISE [Women's Health In the South East] "Hi Sally we would like to nominate you for an award on International Women's Day"

More of that hmmmm stuff.

I wasn't really sure about it and it was at the eleventh hour that I finally relented and accepted the nomination.

So, on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 I did the long trip from Wonthaggi to Bentleigh to be a part of an IWD celebration. I really took on board what the day was about that day.

Sitting listening to a First Nations "Auntie" talk about her journey and then the presentations. Listening to a Muslim girl tell about her life and saying "bloody ripper... well I am an Australian so why not say it"

I really felt I was a part of it when I was called to receive my award. There I was, named as an "Inspirational Cultural Leader" a short speech and total acceptance withing the room.

Here I sit writing this with a tear in my eyes, these words a blur proudly gazing at the certificate on the arm of my chair.

And other memories of IWD come to mind.

Sitting in a circle of twenty or so women at Mitchell House Wonthaggi each taking a turn to say a few words about ourselves. Yes!

Now when I walk down the street, I'm one of the "I'm not giving in" when that stupid gender inequality rears its ugly head. A few guys have had to sidestep as I won't give way. I won't give in, I'm a fighter, I know my rights. I've had to quietly fight for life for many, many years so this new one is easy. Stand my ground, hell yeah. International Women's Day ... hmmmm Well... why isn't every bloody day women's day? A strange perspective maybe especially from those who know me and my history.

**Sally Conning. Acknowledged LGBTIQ Elder, advocate and speaker. President of the South Coast Inclusion Network Inc, advocating for LGBTIQ people across Bass Coast, South Gippsland and Baw**

# 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).

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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.

## A very special day on French Island. Congratulations to Brent and Samantha Le Serve.



## GRAVE FIND ON FRENCH ISLAND.

Recent bushfires have apparently uncovered the grave of one of the early settlers of French Island. At the time of going to press, the Waterline News was awaiting confirmation of the name of the interred as speculation mounted.

Prior to European settlement, French Island was used as a hunting ground by the Bunurong/Boonwurrung. They lived on the mainland and travelled to French Island to collect shellfish and swan eggs. There are several registered sites on the island that consist of shell middens and stone scatters.

In April 1802, a French expedition ship *Naturaliste* under Jacques Hamelin explored the area, as part of the Baudin expedition to Australia. He named the island Île de Françoise, since Anglicised as French Island.

The first European settlers on the island were William and John Gardiner in 1847. They had the first pastoral lease and grazed 8,000 sheep. The first land subdivision was in 1867 when 4733 acres were divided into 14 allotments. The first land sales took place in 1873 with the minimum lot price £1 per acre. Koalas were introduced to the island in the 1880s.

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## Roberta Jane Ives 1960-2018

Trickles of people meandered toward the Harold Hughes Reserve as a late afternoon temperature drop presaged sunset.

On the edge of darkness, the Corinella community gathered to share the hurt that comes from the loss of a loved one. In memory of Bert, dozens of people lit candles as the voice of one singer carried our grief toward the Southern Cross.

Overwhelmed by circumstance, Bert had been rendered homeless a few weeks earlier. She had places to go but she didn't know how to get there or how to ask the people offering a helping hand along the way. She went for a long walk that ended amidst the trees she loved.

### Across Australia more than 105,237 people were homeless that night.

We know the number because they were counted on Census night 18 months ago. The Bureau of Statistics doesn't give any of those 105,237 homeless people a face. Two years later, Bert does.

Late last year, when the local branch of the Australian Unemployed Workers met in Corinella, the topic was robo-debt, Centrelink compliance and life on the edge of the abyss.

We looked at numbers. Another number getting larger is women over 50 sleeping in cars. We also talked about the food bank at the Neighbourhood House and other agencies of support.

Bert wasn't at that meeting. Although she lived by herself she was certainly not alone in her circumstances. There are now more renters than ever and the over 55 age group is the fastest growing sector of the market. In Victoria more than a third of people now live in rented accommodation. That figure is rising. The cost of rental property outstrips increases in wages and payments.

That Census also noted a continuing fall in the proportion of Australian house holds in social housing. From 7 per cent in 1991 the proportion has dropped to 4.2 per cent. That marks the lowest proportion of households in social housing in the past 35 years.

There are currently over 40,000 people on the waiting list for public housing in Victoria. That doesn't include everyone in the market struggling to find the rent as power prices rise and paid hours are reduced. It doesn't include all of the increasing number of adults who have to live with their parents to keep a roof over all their heads.

Over a million households are now paying housing costs that exceed the affordability benchmark of 30 per cent of household income. Many of these people won't apply for public housing as the waiting list deters them.

Like Bert, those 105,237 people with nowhere to go tonight all had homes once.

Jan Berriman, chief of the YMCA, recently stated that last year her organisation could only accept one sixth of the women in need of accommodation who requested help from her organisation.

Ms Berriman cited marriage breakdown, lower paying jobs, caring duties and a lack of superannuation as some of the reasons that women suddenly find themselves in the rental market, the social sector and at the mercy of Centrelink.

At some stage we all need to accept, or offer, a helping hand. There has only been a minimal increase in funding since then prime minister Kevin Rudd briefly focused government's attention on homelessness.

There has been little capital investment in this sector in the last ten years. Homelessness Australia has reported that the nation is losing the war against what Mr Rudd referred to as a "national obscenity".

Increased funding for crisis accommodation, affordable *and* social housing needs to become an imperative for state and federal treasurers. It's hard to see merit in investment in tourist car ferries when people are trying to survive in nearby foreshore reserves. The Miners Rest Motel in Wonthaggi, the only crisis accommodation in Bass Coast and South Gippsland, is slated for redevelopment – into a petrol station.

The evening after those kind and sombre words were said in memory of Bert, a flare shot from the end of the Corinella Pier, lighting up Western Port. A community art project, The Edge of Us, bought the Waterline communities together under the Southern Cross. The candles that flicker in memory of Bert also bring us together.

*The International Organisation for Homelessness defines four categories of homelessness.*

*Rooflessness - without a shelter of any kind, sleeping rough.*

*Houselessness - with a place to sleep temporarily.*

*Living in insecure housing - threatened with severe exclusion due to insecure tenancies.*

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The river is home to many species of native flora and fauna including one of Australia's most recognised animals the platypus, which is noted as a significant species in the area. The river is also home to the endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot and the critically endangered Leadbeater's Possum.. More than 140 species of birds and nearly 20 species of fish call the river system home as well as several species of frogs. Frogs are very important to the ecology of the river system and are good indicators of a healthy ecosystem, especially water quality and toxins.

Melbourne Water, owned by the Victorian government, manage and care for the Bass river.

The river is noted as having areas of moderate condition with pockets of good condition.

Most of the original vegetation has been cleared, though evidence of what riverside vegetation would look like can be seen at the Bass Valley Reserve between Lock and Poowong. Surrounding vegetation is important for keeping the river system healthy and flowing. Trees and shrubs not only provide shade and shelter for all species living in the river, but prevent erosion and strengthen the river banks. Grasses and groundcover help to filter nutrients and pollutants before they enter the river.

Everyone has a role in protecting our beautiful river system. You can help by joining local Landcare groups or other volunteer groups. Fencing on private properties further back from the river bank, can help protect riverside vegetation. Funding for fencing can be sought through Melbourne Water. Near Loch at the top of the river is a small area that is managed by the South Gippsland Shire that is available for camping.



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## A bigger storm brewing ...

In *The Waterline News*, December 2019 edition, the question was asked: where is The Western Port Management Plan?

To date there has been no response from our local politicians to the question, but while we wait, have a look at the “interactive photos” in the article “Before and after: Severe storms hit Sydney’s northern beaches.”

Go to: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-06-10/sydney-storm-before-after-northern-beaches/7500844>

Viewed from above, the photo of the Collaroy foreshore and the first row of houses has a ‘Grantville look’ about it.

We may never get to see an overhead shot of Grantville on a stormy day, but at ‘ground zero’ when a storm and high tide occur it can be a wild place.

If we could ‘turn back time’, it would be interesting to get the views of those who some twenty-three years ago said in *Sentinel-Times*, they were concerned about Grantville’s erosion problems and that some properties were being threatened by storm surges.

Then, and since then, there have been many promises ‘to do something’, but the only two things to have eventuated is the demise of the sea wall at Malcolm Drive and the expansion of the naturally growing stand of mangroves protecting Pioneer Bay.

If the predictions associated with climate change are correct, it would seem the receding foreshore at Grantville and Queensferry is facing a potential inundation scenario along with other parts of the Western Port coastline.

One would like to think that this may prompt the state government to implement a Western Port strategic management plan. But given the inaction on this matter by successive state governments, and every possibility this will not change in the foreseeable future, can the community afford to wait another 23 years for somebody to do something, or does it now require a ‘political storm’ to effect change?

**Neil Daly**



One reader has said that they’d checked out the Port Phillip Management Plan and commented that it was like a ‘dog’s breakfast’. You could reply ‘Well at least they’ve got a breakfast, that’s more than we’ve got here!’

But on the serious side, the time has come for a Commissioner of the Environment to be appointed to commission a Western Port Strategic Management Plan and oversee its Implementation.

If this could be achieved (and it should be), we would at least get a ‘three-course meal’ and not have to go home hungry!

Any plan (be it for Western Port or Port Phillip), must now incorporate carbon sequestration as that is the new economic way ahead.

As suggested in the article “You too can be a carbon farmer”, it is possibly one of the most important ways to address climate change.



**Jam Jerrup.....going.....going.....**





# History with Libby Skidmore



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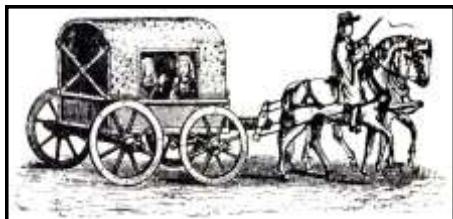
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## *Libby's Corner* with Libby Skidmore Historian



### Bass Valley Historical Society

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## Early Gippsland Tragedy.

### THE MURDER

#### AT BLONDE BAY:

By Captain J. B. Chaffer.

#### PART 2.

The Gippsland Troopers scoured the country between Sale and Bairnsdale without result. The services of the most expert of the trackers were secured. They succeeded in finding tracks of the missing man for some distance through the scrub that fringed the lake but the tracks then turned to the lake side and were lost, for at this point the shore was sandy, and they might have been obliterated by rain, drifting sand, or lake water, as the tide rose. Parts of Blonde Bay were dragged, but in other parts, especially near the head of the bay, this was not possible, on account of snags and trees which had fallen into the water. Macdonald's fiancée was distracted, and, though his friends offered a large reward for a ny clue to his whereabouts, none was forthcoming. Macdonald had completely vanished! Only one fact came to light, but at the time there was nothing to connect it with Macdonald's disappearance. This was that Archie Hunter, who kept a small two-ton centre board yacht at Port Albert, the sea entrance to the lakes had been on the lakes at the time Macdonald disappeared, and had remained there for several days afterwards. All efforts having failed after some weeks, the mystery was beginning to be forgotten, when interest in the affair was revived in a dramatic-or, as some people said-prosaic way! A Melbourne fishmonger, examining some eels received that

morning from the lakes, felt in one a hard substance. Cutting it open, he found a ring set with a crest-engraved blood stone. This strange find was much talked about, and minutely described in the daily papers. A number of people identified the ring as one which had been worn by Macdonald. This incident put the police and trackers on a hot scent, for it was well known that these particular eels were found only at the head of Blonde Bay and nowhere else. The fishermen who sent them to market confirmed this. A most minute and exhaustive search on the part of police, black trackers, and fishermen resulted in the finding, at the head of the bay, in only four feet of water, the remains of Macdonald, held down by a fallen tree. They were proved to be his undoubtedly by remains of clothing, a watch and chain, and a peculiar buckle belt he had been wearing. All flesh had, however, disappeared from the bones. It was known that he had drawn a large sum of money in notes at the bank in Sale, and he had been seen to place these in his pocket wallet before leaving; but no trace of these were found. His death was neither caused by drowning nor by the fallen tree. The sinister truth was discovered as soon as the remains were laid on the beach. A tomahawk, such as is carried by all bushmen, was found deeply embedded in the skull. It required a strong pull to dislodge it. Then, stamped on its head and branded on the ashen handle, the initials A.H. were found. Now there was unmistakable evidence of foul play-murder, in fact. The Gippsland police placed the affair in the hands of the authorities in Melbourne. They deputed one of their most able detectives, Sergeant Scanlon, assisted by Detective Byrne, to attend the inquest and conduct inquiries.

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# Snippets from Local History

Powlett Express and Victorian State Coalfields Advertiser Friday 10 December 1915

## Glen Alvie.

Messrs A. L. Bowman and W. J. McLaren submit a splendid patriotic bill of fare for the Glen Alvie and Blackwood Forest sports to be held in Messrs Balderston's paddock on Saturday, December 18. Entries for the principal events close tomorrow.

Wednesday 11 June 1952

## So Jam Jerrup It Is!

After reading press reports of council's recommendation that the "non-existent" township near Picnic Point should be named Picnic Point, Margaret Gunson, of Lang Lang, sat down to write and remind council that the early name for the township had been Jam Jerrup, and this name appeared on early maps.

She hoped it would be retained. Council had a look at the plan in its possession, and sure enough there it was — "Jam Jerrup." Cr. Poole confirmed the writer's claim and said that he thought they should stick to the early name which dated back to the first survey.

On the motion of Cr. Greaves it was decided that the Dept should be informed that, after further enquiries the council finds that the name Jam Jerrup has early associations, and its retention is recommended.

Powlett Express and Victorian State Coalfields Advertiser Friday 29 June 1917

## Dalyston.

While home lately on final leave, Lieut. William Heslop, of the Aviation Corps, was tendered a farewell social. Though the notice was short there was a large and representative attendance of friends and district residents. Cr. W. J. Hollins presided, and speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered by the Chairman, Rev, Mr Laphorne, Dr. Baird, and Messrs Ryan, Conaut, and Street, all of whom wished the gallant young aviator the best of luck and safe return. Lieut. Heslop suitably responded.

The guest was presented with a wristlet watch, which was fastened on by Miss Walsh. An appreciative musical program was rendered, the contributors being Miss Dorothy Martin D. M. S. V., A. L. C. M., Misses K. Ryan and Miss M. Baird Mrs. M. Buckley, Master Tom Fletcher, Miss L and Master C Martin, Miss Ethel (encored) and the school children. After the presentation a dance took place, after which refreshments were served.



Thursday 16 July 1953

## Ryanston phones ran hot!

The telephone exchange at Ryanston, nine miles from Wonthaggi, was overloaded yesterday.

The 45 subscribers to the local service had been unable to use their telephones for more than three months because Iris Milne, the operator, got married. During that time, residents have been walking up to three miles to use the phone at the local post office to make a call. Yesterday they obviously made the most of the resumption of service.



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# QUIZ?

## ThePhilosopher'sZone

1. Which is heavier, silver or gold?
2. How many legs do butterflies have?
3. Which is the country with the most people?
4. Which is the biggest state of the US?
5. Which country has the largest area of land?
6. Which indoor sport is the most popular in the US?
7. What is Aurora Borealis commonly known as?
8. Which is the non contagious disease that is the most common in the world?
9. Which was the album the Beatles recorded the last time they were together?
- 10 Which instrument did Miles Davis, the jazz musician, play?
11. What is the sport in which you could get into a headlock?
12. In which country was golf first played?
13. When did baseball originate in the US?
14. Which is the sport wherein you would use a "sand iron"?
15. What is the largest mammal in the world?
16. Which is the country where reggae music originated?
17. Who was the creator of Jeeves and Wooster?
18. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
19. Who was the writer of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland?
20. Who was the teddy bear named after?



### Ethics

#### With Belinda Henderson

In all that we've seen and experienced of the bushfires across Gippsland and Australia's south east coast, in the past few months, there've been the odd heartening moments.

We've seen people go above and beyond to rescue a stranger's house, or wildlife, or arrange mass-scale clothing donations. There has been much good done in very little time.

People have opened their hearts and their PayPal accounts, in the manner of cash donations. In the initial frenzy of sheer gut-based sympathy, people donated tinned food and nappies and 'stuff' without thinking of how it might get there. Thus the media message was quickly changed to "Please, we need Cash, not Stuff" and it would seem they got it, in spades.

Now the question is: what do we do with those millions, and how the hell can we ensure it goes where the donors originally wanted it to go?

Different people and different charities have different objectives. The comedian Celeste Barber pulled off a stunning achievement by raising over \$50 million in global donations. Sure, she was a little sketchy on the details of exactly how this would work in real life, but she couldn't possibly have suspected the end result of her efforts. She's since had to engage legal defense and is currently in court trying to sort this out.

Translating people's good intentions into results is no easy task.

Each organization, be it the Red Cross, the Salvation Army or the RFS, has its own systems in place to distribute such funds. And they're largely very good at what they do. What none of them do in particular is rebuild a community after a disaster of this scale.

Perhaps we need an organization set up specifically for this. We certainly don't seem to trust various governments to do it. Meanwhile, the worst thing that could happen is if people are so upset by the lack of action on their donations, or the direction their donations may or may not take, that they stop donating in the future.

To that end, we donors should probably be patient and understanding of the chaos inevitably created in goodwill, and not be disenchanted next time.

### Thought for the Month

I'm writing this on Valentine's Day and have been thinking how we give justice to the original intent of the dedication of this day.

As I understand it the day is to celebrate "love", and more specifically "romantic" love. If this is the case then we have a rather significant percentage of our world who will find this day a screaming reminder that they are in a lonely place – still ... yes still waiting ...

Having been in a lonely place at one point in my life, I know how deep and damaging it can be when it's not from choice, but simply life with all the twists and turns.

So I suppose it would be helpful to place our word 'love' into a wider context because our word includes at least five functions that make up the expression of love. Historically love included friendship, nurture, provision, physical intimacy and unconditional acceptance.

The last of these is one we are most challenged with. The reason is that we seem to always need some place on which to hang our short comings. In other words – someone has to pay!

This last meaning of love is the most important place in our world but is the least exercised – yes it's a choice to use it but it doesn't remove consequences. Simply put – it is a choice to forgive – or love unconditionally – but only because we have been shown and given this very forgiveness as a gift we can choose to accept.

Doing your head in? Yes? The message is – drop the hate and pick up the love and peace with which to engage your circle of connections. Have a coffee and share a joke. Give a hug or a meaningful handshake to begin bringing more LOVE into the place of your existence. **REVIL**

### QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Gold. 2. Six. 3. China. 4. Alaska. 5. Russia. 6. Basketball. 7. Northern Lights. 8. Tooth Decay. 9. Abbey Road. 10. Trumpet. 11. Wrestling. 12. Scotland. 13. 19th Century. 14. Golf. 15. Blue Whale. 16. Jamaica. 17. P.G. Wodehouse. 18. Michelangelo. 19. Lewis Carroll. 20. Theodore Roosevelt.

# Gardening with Linda Gordon

## ONE PART POTASH

By Linda Gordon

My garden shed is an open-plan affair, a very convenient design for getting in and out with bulky things. There are no doors and just one corrugated tin wall.

It can have an appealing ready-to-work feel about it with tools to hand and a clear bench or, as it does now, it can reflect my landfill guilt syndrome, and be a jumble of objects that might just come in handy.

I still think there is a *thick* line between hoarding and recycling in my case. But it's probably time to tackle a few projects that can gobble up some objects and find a new home out of doors.

Using repurposed and recycled stuff is an established garden design aesthetic. Gardens featuring revamped shipping containers win awards.

But no need to be grandiose. Let's start small with the sagging director's chairs that came into the shed from a hard rubbish collection.

The canvas chair backs are frayed and useless. Simply cut them away and then saw off their wooden supports to use as short garden stakes. You now have a stool with arms or a backless chair.

It can go straight onto the back porch to continue a useful life. Be careful to place it against a supporting wall, though, as it can be a slightly confusing piece of furniture.

Next the corroded, unstable metal barbecue; this will find new life as the base of a bird bath until it collapses with a final wobble.

I think I'm on a roll.

The leftover short bits of guttering mesh will keep the blackbirds and cabbage moths off the broccoli seedlings, a biscuit tin gets planted up with sweet peas, and a rusty metal disc, from something, is now a post-industrial bee and butterfly drinking dish. What a relief to use things that take up space.

This holds true for your fresh produce, too. Those roaming pumpkin vines with tendrils and young leaves can be used while waiting for the fruit to mature.

Pick the excess young shoots with leaves and flowers attached. Then steam or stir fry them, or cook them in coconut milk. They are best cooked and eaten when fresh picked.

I haven't tried this yet, but I'm told zucchinis can be treated in the same way and may help prevent the dreaded glut.

And now it's autumn and the gold is falling like rain.

At last count I had six heaps, bins or bays of compost plus a worm farm in my world.

While I can generate this good stuff I'm laughing all the way to the bank.

Leaves of every shape and hue keep arriving and all we need do is gather them up and add them to the pile. Unbelievable, that it's not taxed.

Composting, as I have discovered, can ease your troubles. It is the equivalent of savings in the bank because the more you create the better off you are.

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# Books And Writing

## LOOKING BACK

"Is this it? Gee, Gran, there's not much here."

"Never was but it was all we knew as kids."

"How long did you live here?"

"The family settled way back in the mid-1800s and it would have been 50 or more years before circumstances forced us out."

"But what was here? It's so desolate!"

"The pit was just a short run down to the road. Almost everyone was employed there one way or another. A small string of shops – the butcher's was over the other side. Mum would send me in to get sixpenneth of dog's meat. We didn't have a dog, Andy, but the fat and bone scraps with a bit of gristle were all right for the pot. Mum would put them in with whatever veggies we could coax from that apology for a garden – enough to keep body and soul together."

"What was the house like? How many bedrooms were there?"

"We're practically on the spot now – that flat piece was the kitchen and off that, up on the left hand rise, was the only other room. Everyone grabbed a corner – Mum and Dad's was the first, screened off by an old tarpaulin, I was next and the girls bunked down in the opposites."

"And that's all there was? Where did you shower and do the laundry? Where could you sit to read the paper?"

"As for papers, they cost money and money was the main thing we didn't have. There was a bit of a lean-to well away from the house where Mum did the washing. That doubled as a bathroom though, of course, there was no such luxury as a bath."

"I always felt we didn't have much as kids but our childhood was paradise compared to this. How did you escape?"

"Everything was thrown into a heap the day Dad's brother arrived with a horse and cart and, you know, I can still see the old man's face – mesmerised he was – as Uncle Tom told him about the recruitment drives for men to serve overseas."

We had been isolated for so long all we knew was that war had commenced on the other side of the world but we thought it had nothing to do with us.

And whether it did or not, the upshot was the pair of them set off for the big smoke to enlist in the great adventure.

They left with the township's best wishes, leaving Mum with a bucket-load of heartache and three thunder-struck kids on her hands. No one realised it would be another five years before we'd set eyes on them again. It was hard before Dad left and it didn't take long for the pit to close down, taking with it the entire reason for anyone to live hereabouts; so we high-tailed it to the city."

"Surely that was better for you all."

"A bit, but hot on the heels of the armistice came the flu epidemic; that took out more people than four years of warfare was capable of doing."

"You must be joking!"

"I wish I was, Andy, but that was only the introduction to the Great Depression and from there it was headlong into the next big dust-up."

How did that affect you personally?"

"If you mean how long was I away, it would have been six years all up, but once everything quietened down there was a definite improvement for us. In about 1950 we bought our first home and could afford three good meals a day – the sort of thing you've taken for granted all your life. I hope to God it remains that way."

"Fill me in on all the nitty-gritty as we head off home, Gran. Having to submit an essay on modern Australian history soon I was thinking about choosing Gough's dismissal as my subject but it's so recent probably everyone else is too. Perhaps I should stick to an ancestry theme. I'll have to explain how, why and when the family settled here in the first place."

"That's easy in our case, son. They came with the gold rush, slaved their guts out for 50 years and then slunk off, deflated, defeated and dejected."

"That's absolutely ghastly."

"It's pretty much the way it is with all the get-rich-quick schemes I've ever come across. But always remember this, they're easy to resist when you realise that every single one of them is geared for the house to win."

"It's all too depressing for me. Let's head off now, Gran. I've had enough."

"Righto, Andy. I bet home never looked so good."

**E E Caldwell**

**With many thanks to Maree Silver who types up Betty's pieces for the Waterline News.**



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# Books & Writing

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But help is at hand, in the shape of former professional footballer and bestselling author Andrew Jobling who will be appearing at Wonthaggi and Inverloch libraries on 18 March to talk about his latest book, "The Wellness Puzzle."

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'We are really excited about Andrew's visit,' said Wonthaggi Library Programs Officer Karen Bateman. 'We are really lucky that Andrew has agreed to talk in both Inverloch and Wonthaggi libraries,' she added. Karen, who as well as holding down a sometimes demanding job with the local library service, has three young children to get out of the door every morning and knows a lot about the demands of modern life.

She is really looking forward to getting some great ideas from Andrew. 'I'm always on the lookout for ways to do things better!' she said.

Andrew's previous eight works have included such titles as, "From Brilliant and Broke to Inspired and Abundant," and "Dance until it rains: life lessons from my mother." On Wednesday, 18 March he will be at Inverloch Library at 2.30pm, and at Wonthaggi Library at 7.00pm.

Bookings are free but essential.

To reserve your place, or places, visit the library website at [www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au](http://www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au) and click on the "events" link or telephone Inverloch library on 03-5674 1169 or Wonthaggi Library on 03-5672 1875. The future beckons!



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