

Waterline News



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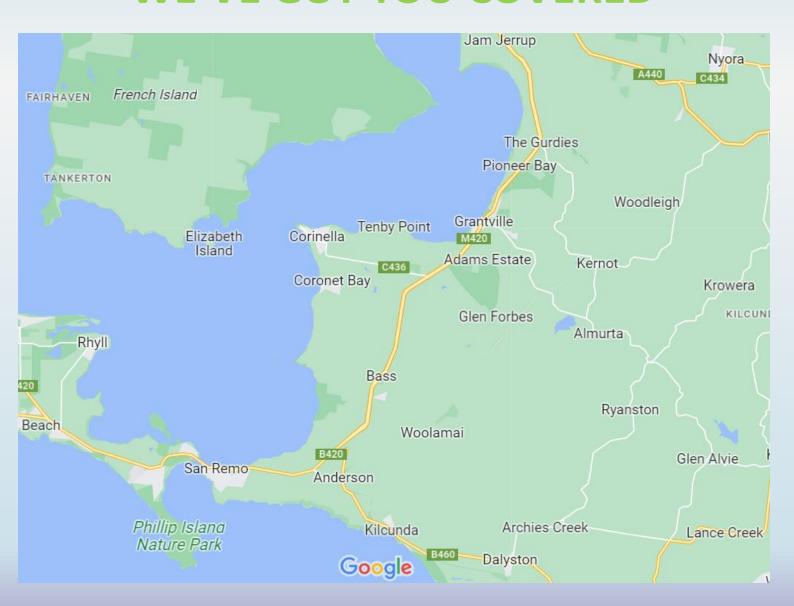
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WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED



Nominate your 2023 COMMUNITY AT HEART Gems!







I really want to hear about it, so I can thank them too!

It could be an act of kindness small or big.

A caring and thoughtful gesture seen in your school, work, street, club or town.

Exceptional service at your favourite shop, cafe, local market, on the bus, at the servo, a volunteer, a community member going above and beyond to help others.



Also 5 hampers filled with beautiful local products, produce and vouchers to gift in appreciation.

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION

You can send me an email, post a letter, fb message or call my office.

Please include their name, an address & contact details as well.

Open to all ages living or working in the Bass electorate.

Nominations close Thursday 30 November



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GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

The Bass Coast Community Foundation (BCCF) is an independent philanthropic organisation through which local people can become philanthropists by donating any amount of cash, trusts, bequests or property that will create permanent endowments that benefit people and/or community groups solely within the Bass Coast Shire region.

BCCF is a local charitable organisation that is independent of religious or political persuasion. It was established in 2002 in response to a growing need for a sustainable source of funds for community projects. The Foundation (BCCF) operates exclusively within the boundaries of the Bass Coast Shire and is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors.

The Foundation aims to:

- Strengthen communities, increase resilience, wellbeing and create opportunities for Bass Coast residents.
- Identify and address inequities and disadvantage through evidence-based early intervention.
- Maintain a sustainable corpus to fund the programs our community needs.

Since 2002, the Foundation has distributed well over one million dollars to projects and organisations across Bass Coast to reduce inequity and improve the lives of people in our community. The BCCF Board has articulated priorities for the next five years. The priorities are informed by a recently commissioned demographic profile prepared by Profile Id.

The three priorities listed below are those of the Bass Coast community and thus for the Foundation (BCCF) and its work.

- Increase the aspirations of young people through skills, knowledge and learning.
- Reduce the incidence and risk of homelessness and housing stress.
- Increase opportunities for local women and girls.

The Bass Coast region is a growing area, with population growth in Bass Coast being among the fastest of all regional municipalities and yet social disadvantage is highly apparent across the region. Participation in and the level of schooling in Bass Coast, is low.

The highest level of schooling for 6.6% of the population is recorded as being year eight or below. Only 36.6% of people aged over 15 years have completed Year 12. With this as the context for our young people the goal of the Foundation to "increase the aspirations of young people through skills, knowledge and learning" takes on some urgency.

The Foundation is holding an End of Year Celebration cocktail party as a fundraiser and a celebration of all the good works in Bass Coast. You are invited... and drinks and nibbles are included in the \$35 entry fee.

There's also a raffle with wonderful prizes – an original artwork by internationally known local artist John Mutsaers, a large model boat and a pool cue with case from Alcocks.



PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR
FINAL FUNDRAISER FOR 2023
AND
CELEBRATE ANOTHER
GOOD YEAR OF GIVING

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER, 2023 5 - 8 PM

ArtSpace Gallery,
1 Bent St Wonthaggi

Canapes, cocktails, wine and raffles, Art for sale and door prizes on the night \$35 entry.

Book via Trybooking https://www.trybooking.com/CLUUL by Thursday 2nd November 2023







Greg Noakes ... What Developed, Part 3

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Fleet Street was the ultimate destination for many young Australian journalists and photographers so, when I was offered a position on the Sun in London, I was straining at the bit.

I was also turning 20 ... and Australia was up to its neck in the Vietnam War conscripting young men into the Army.

After a year of to-ing and fro-ing I was deemed unfit due to a badly twisted back that still gives me hell now, the result of being rear -ended by a drunk driver in his VW Beetle.

I was now in no rush to get to London, so I went via Hawaii to check out the surf, San Francisco and Canada. In Toronto I heard that The Daily Sketch was folding and a whole lot of British journalists and photographers would have to be re-employed before I could claim my dream job on Fleet Street.

Oh well, London here I come!

Didn't take long to rename it Feet Street for the days and the miles I traversed. Finally got a job photographing soccer for a guy who supplied action pics of the players to ALL the magazines. He also was the first person I knew with a phone in his car.

Financially it worked well but it wasn't what I'd come for. An opening at John Fairfax group as the European photographer eventually came up. Three things happened that day: I was offered a job at a Butlins Holiday Camp, I was offered the Fairfax position and I met Pat, the girl of my dreams.

Pat lived in a West Kensington basement flat. I lived on the first floor. So it was simple for us to move in together to a ground floor bedsit.

London was a blur and for the best part of four years, so was I. Regretted the fact that due to "Budget Cuts" some European trips were cut short or dropped, notably Salvador Dali, Sophia Loren and Belfast where the IRA blew up the hotel I was booked into. The bomb was planted in the room next to mine.

Pat wanted us to move to Australia for a five year trial so we packed our few belongings and moved on.

In Oz, Fairfax had purchased my old paper, the Herald as well as the Newcastle Sun.

Both papers' darkrooms and offices had been amalgamated but there was still competition between photographers, even though there was a roster so that one week I would be on the Sun, next week, the Herald.

Newcastle and Sydney Art Galleries planned an exhibition to celebrate 1975 International Women's Year. This coincided with a trip to New York for Pat's twin sister's wedding.

People in this huge city seemed unaware of my camera so I could get more candid pics of its inhabitants. Today we'd call it 'stalking'. The exhibition was quite successful so, I decided to try this new technique out in a new city. I chose Melbourne.

I met up with an old workmate at New Idea, went for a drink and was offered a job as the photographer on 'Spunky Magazine, Your Fortnightly Freak Out'. Along with an Editor, cadet journalist and a layout artist, we formed a tight little team that took on the world of pop music. Spunky flourished. We wiped out nearly all the opposition, only to celebrate our demise with that of one Elvis Presley.

Spunky's demise was due to 'our' printing presses switching to print more copies of New Idea magazine. The King's reason was a little more complicated.

The next seven years were procession of sex, drugs and rock and roll. The sex produced two wonderful sons, the drugs helped me through a shoulder reconstruction and meningitis and the rock and roll? The 87 album covers that bear my name (and some that don't. Grrrr).

In 1984, I was offered the chance to work on 'Robbery Under Arms' an ambitious project which included a feature film and a TV series shot simultaneously.

This was something I really enjoyed, to be creative and to be financially secure. I took holidays and worked, flying to Melbourne and Adelaide till the project was completed.

I gave three months notice, finished with TV Week and New Idea and started work on The ANZACS, Ground Zero and Malcolm etc. Within all this I also managed to shoot for the Police Association for 20 years till 2018 when I called it quits after the death of Pat the previous year.

We had been married 45 years.



Photographs by Greg Noakes
Above - See You Round, Split Enz album cover.
Page 4 -Comedian Mark Mitchell
haunted by his alter ego Con

"I'm enjoying my retirement in Coronet Bay."
-Greg Noakes

This is the conclusion of 'What Developed'

2023 CORONET BAY MARKET

Every 3rd Sunday of the month

Hot chef
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to warm
your bones
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tea cakes,
slices &
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available

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*new &used

*kids toys

*bric-a-brac

*animal supplies

*vintage

*homes wares

*plants

& much more

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NOVEMBER 19TH

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Three Cheers for Corinella

The Corinella Bowls Club turned 50 with a social game and a gala celebration...



The celebration began in bright sunshine as the social game was played diagonally across the green.

At five o'clock the 64 guests were ushered into the club house to mingle around the bar and grazing tables before settling in for a seated meal and some great speeches. Chef by Island supplied the delicious food and many people went back for seconds.

President Steve Bray MC'd the event. Everyone received a copy of '50th Anniversary 1973 -2023', the history compiled by Cliff Scammell.

Western Port Ward Councillor, and Deputy Mayor Rochelle Halstead addressed the crowd and noted the sense of community she felt whenever she goes to club.

Members and guests were captivated by speakers Cliff Scammell and Dennis McRae as they worked through the historical decades of the club's journey.

Guests from interstate along with Life Members and Past Presidents were amazed with the improvements to the club's infrastructure over the past decade with the new green and surrounds.

Artist Laurie Faulkner was applauded for the work on the mural along the fence which is depicting both the historical and natural elements of Corinella while promoting the sport of lawn bowls with its quirky characters. After the speeches the celebration cake was cut and shared for dessert.

Members and guests were upstanding as President Steve Bray proposed a toast. He wished the Corinella Bowling Club and its members success and prosperity on and off the green and into the future.

Duo Phil Slink and Mick Collins provided fantastic entertainment which added to the party mood. Three cheers indeed.

















Corinella and District Community Centre Our place in pictures





Come on in.

We have just the spot for you. People who live in Corinella, surrounding towns and visitors from further away are all welcome.

If we're closed or you are in a hurry check out our noticeboard.





Welcome! Our volunteers would be delighted to help you if they can.

Our foyer is spacious and we have café tables set up if you want to sit and read or meet with old or new friends, or add to the community.







Like any home, the kitchen is the heart of the house, and it's our busiest place too. Our kitchen works hard, getting lunches ready for the community, providing tea and coffee for anyone joining an activity and and make the Centre smell delicious.

As you move through the Centre we have a number of rooms available



Our Function Room is a great big space for physical activities, lunches, crafts and mums and bubs. Our piano is 112 years young and still going strong. During singing for pleasure and the community lunches it always gets a workout

Our Blue room is a versatile medium sized space that can suit various needs. Can you guess why we called it the Blue Room? It's a quiet room; good for our meditation group.



Do you want to be creative, paint without worrying the carpet will get stained? Then this is the space for you. You are surrounded by pictures from other artists for inspiration.





This may be the smallest room in the Centre and we call it the small room but really it is a great intimate space for small meetings or quiet time.



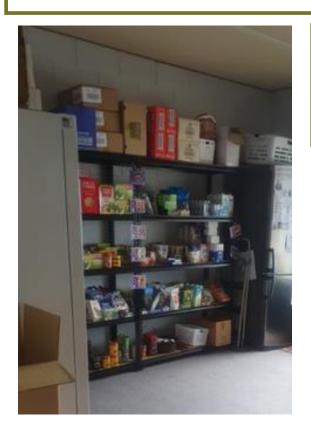
When the weather is fine, spend some time in our Courtyard. The children from the Primary School came along and planted a sensory garden for everyone to enjoy. Sit a while and enjoy. We also have raised garden beds for the gardeners and produce makers.







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



Don't hesitate to get assistance from the CDCC food pantry.

No questions asked.

Corinella Community Centre can help!

Do you need assistance with:

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

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







One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.

— John 7. Kennedy —

- 1/ In which year was John F Kennedy was elected President?
- 1a/ Who was the Republican candidate?
- 2/ Who was the last mayor of the Shire Of Korumburra?
- 3/ Which Bass Coast town was home to the Giant Worm?
- 4/ What is the variable speed limit on the Bass Highway at Bass?
- 5/ Which horse from Phillip Island won the 1875 Melbourne Cup?
- 5a/ What was the surname of the owner?
- 6/ During 'summer' time, when are the pelicans fed in San Remo?
- 7/ What was the original name of the prison on French Island?
- 9/ When was the Corinella Bowls Club formed?
- 10/ In which year did Baudin land in what is now Corinella?



Baby Bird Boxes: Legacy of Love







Rose McMahon loved Drouin's birds. She did whatever she could to protect them and their habitat. A rose bush marks her absence at her primary school. There's a bench nearby with her name on it. A day before her death, she had been planting trees with her family as part of a regeneration project.

Two years ago, a statement at her memorial service included "It is our hope that our family continues her mission to make the world a better and kinder place. Rose took great pleasure in meeting and getting to know people, planting trees, spending time in the bush and doting on animals."

As part of her legacy of love, Rose's family started a company, Thermal Haven Nest Boxes, to make bird boxes that could be used to alleviate some of the massive loss of habitat caused by urban expansion.

The boxes are constructed in Drouin. They are designed to provide habitat for native birds that need tree hollows in which to live and breed. They are double skinned to provide an airflow that creates a thermal profile that is comparable to a hollow tree.

These boxes are proudly assembled from quality, certified sustainable materials using solar generated electricity where ever possible. The boxes recently qualified for certification by Global Green Tag International and are shortlisted for an award at the national Sustainability Summit to be held soon in Sydney.

A few weeks ago, Rose's father Chris returned a call to a local environmentalist who he knew through her former involvement in Drouin's Trees. She had ordered one box and Chris asked if people in Corinella would be interested in taking 40 more of these state-of-the-art bird nesting boxes.

She enthusiastically set about working with Corinella Foreshore COM and other locals to have 25 installed to support current and future indigenous birds, microbats and other small mammals who will call them home. Twenty were allocated to the South Gippsland Conservation Society (SGCS) for a project at Screw Creek.

The boxes were being donated but someone had to put them up and funds were raised by community member sponsorship to pay a local insured tradesperson to install them. Locations were recommended by another local, well-known bird illustrator and creator of Field Guide to the Birds of Australia, Nicolas Day.

The first installations were along the Corinella/Coronet Bay track at Wang Tooloome Parnung and then in some large trees around Corinella. One of the volunteers said "It was a real pleasure to be involved in the installation today." Eventually 25 boxes will be ready for occupants in trees around the Foreshore.

They will all be GPS located and will be observed by volunteers from ground level via long cameras to peer into them. Data collected will be shared with the SGCS. Boxes will be monitored for new inhabitants, new offspring and some of their activities and data will be collated and shared with community and on Friends of Corinella Foreshore Reserve Facebook page so keep your eye out for future good news about new life.











Baby Bird Boxes: Legacy of Love (Continued)

"Such amazing work you guys. Cannot believe how quickly you have executed this plan from idea to reality. Truly inspiring and now everyone knows that the birds are important and cared for. Future generations will thank you" - Jen, local a resident.

It will be a while before there is much to report from inside these baby bird boxes. Barb Oates reports that it takes about three months for the boxes to settle in as the birds get used to the new smells.

The Friends of Corinella Foreshore Reserve (FoCFR) has been operating for around four years. They provide community connection to the reserve through shared knowledge and experience. They deliver ad hoc sessions such as bird ID, plant ID and weeding to assist the natural regeneration process.

"These baby bird boxes are a wonderful way to connect to a broader audience"- Barb.

"My husband Kerry and I sit on our balcony and watch birds, including kookaburras and eastern rosellas looking for nesting holes. We wanted a box for our huge gum tree in the nature strip. That box is now on our house, 25 are going up in our foreshore with twenty already up near Inverloch. What a legacy to build on!" - Jenny Date

Details of the baby bird boxes, as well as other projects and activities of the FoFCR can be found on the group's fantastic Facebook page, along with dozens of great pictures and information about events and sightings.

The FoCFR Facebook is the result of one simple goal set in February 2021 – to make the wildlife, fungi, geology and marine life all available for everyone to enjoy in an online space that is devoid of the negativity and conflict that many fb pictures and posts have attracted in the past. It's an attempt to create a space that encourages and celebrates the simple joy of sharing the inspiration we come across and promise ourselves to never take for granted, in our daily lives or our holidays here.

People are encourage to share pictures taken while on walks around the reserve.

Recent posts which include some unusual fungi that could boost foraged saffron milk cap (pine) mushrooms collected from around the pine trees that line a short section of the Western Precinct track; spotting of an eastern yellow robin; a video attempting to capture the tranquility of a still winter's sunrise; wombat burrows; the occasional wombat at sundown; echidnas scurrying slowly away from raised mobile phone cameras; screeching yellow tailed black cockies disseminating hakea seeds and pine cones with a single crunch; so many sunsets and indescribably beautiful cloud formations. There are pictures and stories about the majestic flora, magnificent trees, mangroves, long eel grass, neptunes pearls on the rocks at low tide. You get it, eh?

Some local photographers, through diligently taking and sharing wonderful images of the reserve, now enjoy minor celebrity status. Follow the Foreshore on Facebook, indeed.

POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE

Jam Jerrup Update, Isobell Webb-Pither on behalf of the Lang Lang Foreshore Committee.

Jam Jerrup is a beautiful little coastal village on the shore of Western Port, tucked away off the Bass Coast Hwy, ten minutes from Lang Lang.

It is an undeveloped location with no made roads, no water or sewerage, no shops or cafes and is surrounded by farmland. The locals love it and want it to stay hidden from the rat race.

The Lang Lang Foreshore Committee was set up by DEECA to oversee the maintenance of the Foreshore Reserve which runs from Stockyard Point at the South end to the Lang Lang Caravan Park and the boundary to Cardinia Shire at the North end.

The current committee was established at the end of last year. The Committee consists of six volunteers, three of them representing the Caravan Park and three representing Jam Jerrup. Our tenure is three years and we meet once a month on-line.

The caravan park has had a difficult time over the past six months, culminating in a serious flood inundation at the time of the last king tide which coincided with a full moon and strong north-westerly winds.



The caravan park was partially closed for a few weeks to enable the clean up to take place. The managers Dean Birkbeck and Cathy Fyfe have been working treally hard to get the park ready for the spring and summer busy period including fire prevention methods of clearing bush and undergrowth. They are a real asset to the park.

At the Jam Jerrup end, community consultation is by means of letter box drops and a Facebook group page.

A list of suggested improvements for the foreshore is being drawn up and actioned.

At the moment, we are working with Bass Coast Landcare to eradicate noxious weeds including the invasive broome bush from along the foreshore.

The Landcare group is providing some limited person power and the bulk of the work will be done by community volunteers.

Our biggest problem is a lack of money to fund our wish list. We have to finance all our projects ourselves which is greatly limiting and keeps us busy chasing funds.

We are a proactive group and consider that our beautiful environment is well worth the effort we contribute.













Having paid over 30 million dollars for the former Holden Proving **Ground, Vinfast has** abandoned its local operations. The site has been on the market for some time. Large holes in the security fences allow predators to enter the previously secure haven.







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Read a Poem Aloud

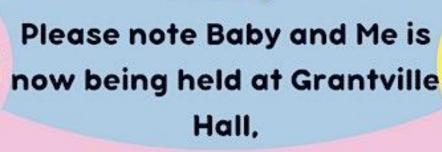
1st Monday of every Month
WITH ALL THIS TALK ABOUT THE
VOICE, WHY NOT USE YOURS AND
MAKE SOME NOISE?
IT'S FREE. IT'S FUN - IT'S THERAPY
COME AND SHARE SOME POETRY

If you love poetry like we do at Myli - come to the library on the first Monday of the each month and at any time during the day you are encouraged to 1. go to the Poet's corner 2. pull out the pedestal provided 3. ring the bell provided and 4. proceed to recite a poem aloud for the whole library to hear and enjoy... (just keep it family freindly). All ages welcome.

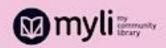
More info: myli_library Wonthaggi
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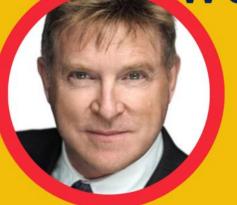
Baby and Me now at Grantville Hall!



1470 Bass Hwy, Grantville Wednesdays 2pm-2.3opm.

















2023 Festival of Stories & Myli Waterline Library present: Words and Music at La Provincia

Sunday, 19 November 2023 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

For details of these great performances

and to book your tickets visit the

Festival of Stories website

www.pifestivalofstories.com/events/festival-of-stories-words-and-music



It was great see so many people come along to our October gathering. Peter Ware, who was introduced by Jenny Date, delivered a fantastic presentation about some of the extraordinary lifeforms that live in the greater Gippsland region. These included Giant Worms, burrowing crayfish and a tree that has been growing in Drouin for 300 years and is 12 metres around its trunk!

Greg Noakes gave us another stunning photographic presentation with '50 men of rock and roll' which form part of his archive from decades as a professional photographer. In November Greg presents: '50 Maidens of Music'.

Our regular 'From Around the Bass Coast Shire' segment is always fascinating with snapshots of community groups and events. We have introduced an interactive element to encourage participation and contribution from the audience.

October WLL was the last event in our Sustainability Series and I hope you were able to come along to one of them and learn something new to enhance your life and improve the way we use the earth.

Our DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SERIES starts on Sunday 19/11. (The day after our community dance on Sat 18/11 (posters elsewhere in this publication). See you then.





- · Baw Baw Frog critically endangered
- Giant Gippsland Earthworm endangered
- · Warragul Burrowing Crayfish -
- critically endangered
- Trafalgar Millipede rare but not listed?













WATERLINE LIVING LIBRARY

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SERIES LAUNCH

SUN 19 NOV, 2023 @ 1.30 PM.

November marks the launch of our DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SERIES

which will bring us talks from people from a wide variety of perspectives, cultures, origins, lifestyles and more...

You are invited to come along and bring your an open mind and heart and be prepared to learn and experience un-usual perspectives and hear and understand how people, just like us, view the world and operate their lives.

The intention of this series is to explore diversity and inclusion and discover more about ourselves and the other.

Please bring a plate to share
Suggested \$4 donation for CDCC Pantry
Thanks to Corinella & District Community
Centre for providing the venue
48 Smythe St, Corinella

About Waterline Living
Library: A monthly
community event for
connection, learning, sharing
afternoon tea, hearing from
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Clare Le Serve's ten year community service celebrated Councillor Clare Le Serve was recently recognised for ten years of service at the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) Councillor Service Awards. The awards celebrate the achievements, commitment and dedication of long-serving councillors across the state.

"I was blown away to see so many people from Bass Coast there to help me celebrate." said Cr Le Serve.

The Western Port Ward Councillor is currently serving her third term, having represented the Leadbeater Ward from 2012 to 2016 and then the Western Port multi-member Ward 2016 – 2020 and 2020 - current.

Bass Coast Shire Council is divided into 3 wards, with 3 councillors each. The Waterline is part of Western Port Ward which covers more than 60% of Bass Coast.

The next council election which will take place in Nov 2024 when everyone will need to vote for whom they would like to represent them for the next four years.

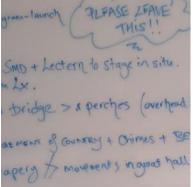


MORE THAN BRICKS AND MORTAR: BERNINNEIT OPENS



Bass Coast's new cultural centre, Berninneit, has been officially opened, marking the ultimate milestone in a journey that started in 2005.



















Bass Coast Shire Council's fee-free green waste disposal period will run from Saturday, 4 November until Sunday, 26 November.

During this time, Bass Coast residents and ratepayers can dispose of green waste free of charge at Council's Waste Facilities in Grantville, Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cowes.

Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said that it is important for property owners to take steps to clean up their property before the start of summer. "We've already seen bushfires in other parts of Gippsland and the fire season hasn't even begun," Cr Whelan said.

"We're encouraging all property owners to take advantage of this fee-free disposal period to ensure they're prepared before summer begins."

With the first weekend of the disposal period coinciding with the Melbourne Cup weekend, high demand can result in queues and delays, particularly on this first weekend. Disposing of your green waste in the middle of the fee-free period may help you avoid delays.

For more information, please contact Council's Waste Services Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211, visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/





Charging ahead

As competitors in the World Solar Challenge whirred out of sunny Darwin, dozens of people braved ferocious winds and driving rain to gather in the Corinella and District Community Centre for the monthly Mycelia Energy Circle at which Bryce Gaton presented the inside goss on getting your home ready for the benefits of

electric vehicles

Bryce is an expert on electric vehicles (EVs) and contributor to The Driven and Renew Economy. He has been working in the EV sector since 2008 and is currently working as EV electrical safety trainer/supervisor for the University of Melbourne. He also provides support for the EV Transition to business, government, and the public through his consultancy EVchoice.





Just calling to say don't call us, we'll call you again.

The Zero and Low Emissions Vehicle Road User Charge came into effect on July 1 2021. This required owners of BEVs to pay 2.6 cents per kilometre travelled, while PHEV owners were required to pay 2.1 cents per kilometre. Better known as the "EV Tax", or, according to Bryce Gaton, the "world's worst EV policy" – the tax has been struck down by the High Court due to it being "a duty of excise within the meaning of section 90 of the Australian Constitution".

Barely four hours after the decision was handed down Bryce Gaton answered his phone. It was a VicRoads employee. Hello? The caller told him that objectors, such as Bryce, were getting priority in the refund process. Refund? This contradicted media statements that refunds were unlikely, so Bryce had to ask "How and when might that happen?"

No timeline was offered, although the caller did say it was definitely going to occur. The caller also asked Bryce not to call VicRoads any time soon to find out how the refund process would happen, just keep an eye on the VicRoads website.

"Another owner I spoke to got a similar call. We will just have to wait and see if any refunds occur as well as find out if part or all of it is returned. I would also be interested to see how quickly VicRoads contact Victorian EV owners who didn't object.

The road user charge raised \$3.9 million in 2022/23. In 2021/22 it raised \$1.2 million. This money went

At CDCC, Bryce Gaton delivered a detailed and inspiring update on the latest news about Electric Vehicles: their portion of the Australian market is increasing, as is affordability and the number of public charging points across the state.

He also discussed the amazing array of vehicles including cars, tractors, planes and motorcycles that are now available.

Who knew Harley Davidson was a leader of the pack?



Bryce also passed on great advice about which electric vehicle car would suit your lifestyle and how to prepare your home for the transition.

This was followed by a group Q&A with owners offering advice based on lived experience. Sam Leighton, from Sunscape Solar, was also on hand to talk to people considering solar energy and EVs.

An electric vehicle show, complete with a panel discussion, will be held at CDCC in early 2024.

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Charging ahead

LIVING WITH ZOE

Five years ago I took my first ride in an electric vehicle. We were visiting family in the UK and attended the inaugural Fully Charged Live show at Silverstone. Over the two days of the show we saw numerous electric vehicles and scored a ride in a Tesla Model X.

There were so many more models available in the UK than Australia at the time. We were inspired to look at ways of reducing our dependency on fossil fuels, so the electric vehicle became part of our thinking.

Once we were back in Australia, I joined the Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA) and delved into the possibilities created by electric vehicles and charging options.

In September 2020, we got word that Renault was closing its Australian operations due to the lack of federal government support for electric vehicles. Renault had eight Zoes in stock and they were heavily discounted.

This was in the middle of the pandemic and organising a test drive was impossible, so we purchased our little Zoe over the phone. I turned up at the dealership, paid for the car and drove off for our Ferntree Gully home in pouring rain. I'd never driven an electric vehicle so that drive was a real adventure. Once Zoe was safely under the carport, we plugged in the portable charger so she could recharge overnight at the off-peak rate. Bliss!

We were building our house in Corinella and utilised every type of energy saving technology we could envisage including:

double glazing to all windows and doors

32 solar panels delivering 10 kilowatts of solar energy.

insulation of all walls and ceilings

split system heating and cooling

heat pump hot water system

energy efficient appliances throughout

a 22KW Zappi car charger in the garage.

Once we moved in, we plugged Zoe into the Zappi and were able to start charging the car from solar energy combined with some off-peak grid power.

Here are some numbers about life with Zoe:

EV Charging System and charging costs

22 KW Car Charger (3 phase) and associated energy management hardware & software from MyEnergi who produced the Zappi charger.

We can control where the power comes from using the MyEnergi phone app –

1) solar power only

ECO++

2) a mix of solar power and some grid power

ECO+

3) mainly grid power with a small amount of solar FAST

EV Charging –Current costing are as follows:

Off Peak charging – 19c KW so it costs \$2.95 per 100 k for off peak only charging

Peak Charging 32c KW so it costs \$6.12 per 100 k for peak only charging

Solar – no charge when charging from solar alone if a set the Zappi Charger (from MyEnergi) to ECO++

NOTE: Solar is most effective in summer but the ECO + setting prioritises solar over grid power so rates have been as low as 0.68c per 100kw and normally average around the \$1 to \$2 per 100k travelled including some off peak grid power.

Total Cost per 20 000k per year - \$400 (@\$2 per 100k) for charging and a \$400 service with Renault where they check everything, rotate the wheels and change the pollen filter and wash the car! Being retired, having a car that is so cheap to run while being good for the environment is such a joy.

We have just passed 60,000 kilometres travelled in our Zoe over three years. Home charging means we rarely use public chargers.

When we bought Zoe we factored in the 300 kilometre range. I think knowing what range works for your situation is the most important consideration when buying an electric vehicle, along with ensuring that you can charge at home.

We have family in West Gippsland and the Ferntree Gully area. The Zoe's fine for these trips.

The charger can charge the car in 2.5 hours if necessary, however we prefer to use the ECO + or ECO++ mode and charge sometime between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM to maximise solar power usage and off grid rates.

A good analogy for charging the car is how I use my phone charger. Top up as required. If all else fails and it's late evening and you are due to go to Melbourne the next day, just put it on a slower charge overnight using off peak rates.

The experience of driving an EV is wonderful. We travel in comfort and quietness for the bulk of our motoring with a car that is fun to drive. We do have old Hyundai i30 which we use only occasionally for much longer trips, but this will change in the future when we are able to get one of the new EVs with much longer range.

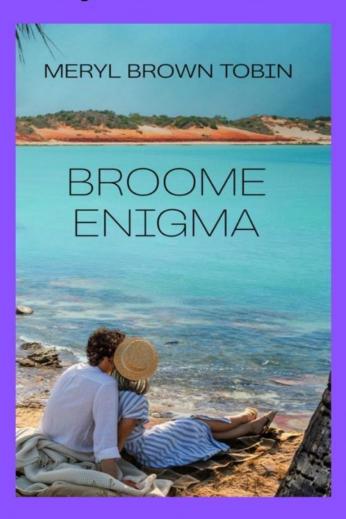
I would encourage anyone thinking of getting an EV to take some test drives (BYD in Dandenong have these with their BYD Atto 3. It was a nice car to drive).

Joining the AEVA gives you access to some very experience EV pioneers and a lot of impartial information on individual EVs.



Michael Upston, Corinella

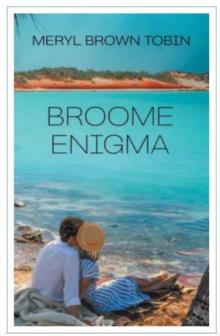
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At the holiday village where she is staying, she meets Joe, a young man who works there. Despite the strong attraction between them, the many unknowns about his earlier life keep them apart. To try to uncover his mysterious past, they travel to Perth and back to Broome and are drawn into not only bizarre but also dangerous situations.

Broome Enigma is Meryl's first novel though she has written twenty other books, several of them with other writers, scores of short stories and photos, hundreds of puzzles, articles and poems and a smattering of cartoons and comic strips. For details, see https://sites.google.com/view/merylbrowntobin-author

BCWL Mystery Diners

I'd forgotten I now had the dubious title of 'Senior' when I headed out to treat myself to a seafood dinner in a local restaurant last Friday night.

San Remo pub is my favourite dinner place in San Remo so I arrived nice and early and asked to see a menu. I read it through from start to finish. Hmmm, no linguine marinara. Disappointing. Then I noticed the Seniors menu and remembered I'd had a seniors card since Sept and never thought to use it. Until now. Not a huge selection, but it included salt and pepper calamari with salad and chips. Sounded great!

So I ordered my meal, slightly awkwardly asking "Could I have a seniors calamari, please?" So bittersweet. The uppest side of being 60! I then ordered myself a glass of Prosecco and found a nice table outside with a little bit of shade and a bit if sun.

The food took about 20 minutes to arrive. Perfect. Gave me time to soak in the atmosphere of Sanny on a warm and sunny Friday afternoon.

Western Port was glistening like a blanket of diamonds and the bridge dutifully carried holiday makers carefully to their destination.

The generous serve of calamari was the first thing I noticed. Tick. The chips were hot and crisp. Just right. Tick. Salad could have been larger, it was fresh and well-dressed, so half a tick, nonetheless.

I couldn't eat everything on the plate so I took it home in a takeaway container for my animals who were waiting at the gate when I arrived. Don't like to see food wasted.

Summary - Really pleasantly surprised with my first seniors meal experience.

I give San Remo Hotel an **8/10** for their seniors calamari chips and salad.

Meal: \$18, glass of Prosecco: \$9





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LEST WE FORGET November 11

My grand father had four brothers. Two of them served with the AIF in World War One.

Private James Ellis

Jim played in the regimental band and fought on the Western Front. After 18 months in the trenches he was 'unable to go on' then was discharged due to premature senility. His civilian prospects were summed up thus, 'might improve with light employment'.

He died in 1927. He was 47 years old.

Jack Ellis, Army Medical Corps

John (Jack) Aloysius Ellis was 21 when he disembarked into the brutal last phase of the (Boer) War in South Africa.

It was 1900 and Kitchener's forces were employing a scorched earth policy, burning farms and killing stock as they drove the Boer militia toward lines of block houses, concrete battlements and rapid fire guns.

Jack had enlisted with several friends who became troopers and Jack, who came from a long line of Irish butchers, became a male nurse.

Jack's horse drawn ambulance unit kept pace with the frontline as the British army rampaged across the country with fighting often descending into hand to hand combat.

The many casualties Jack nursed in these bloody skirmishes included one of his close friends, Trooper Jim Oldham who died in Jack's arms during an assault on a hilltop gun emplacement.

When he returned home, Jack visited the families of troopers who had not returned to share their grief and respect.

Jack served ten more years in the AAMC and went to work in a hospital in 1912.

When World War One was declared in 1914, the British government asked the Australian and New Zealand governments to capture the German colonies in the Pacific and neutralize the German fleet of warships that were based around them.

In the first weeks of August, the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force (ANMEF) was formed.

As well as young lads looking for adventure in the name of King and country. many Boer War Veterans lined up to enlist. Jack was in that long line. He signed up as as a corporal in the Army Medical Corps (AMC).

The ANMEF landed in New Guinea in the middle of September. The defending forces surrendered after a few days and were able to return to their homeland.

Jack was involved in the bloodless capture of KGS Komet, a ship that was co-ordinating the re-coaling of German warships via radio.

Komet was intermittently broadcasting from somewhere along the rugged coastline. Jack was the medic on a patrol boat when one of its crew spotted a radio mast hidden on the edge of a small inlet.

Rather than charging in guns blazing, the crew of the patrol boat chose to drop anchor. At dawn a boarding party quietly rowed through fog around to the Komet. The ship's Captain was taken prisoner, naked, in the middle of his morning shave. With a gun pointed at his head he surrendered.

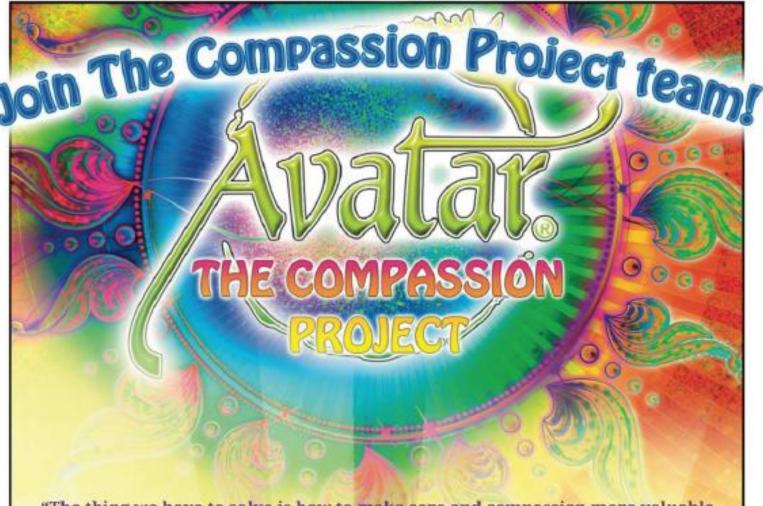
Jack was promoted on the strength of his part in this action and I like to think that after experiencing all that death and destruction he advocated for stealth rather than heroics.

Jack served as a stretcher bearer and first aider in the frontline of Western Front from 1916 and returned to Australia as part of the medical staff on a hospital ship in 1919.

Jack spent the 1920s as a live-in attendant in a repatriation hospital where residents had many diversions from their disabilities, including tending garden beds and growing vegetables.

In the early 30s Jack became a resident of Graythwaite, a stately home with harbour views that had become an ANZAC hostel.

Jack died in 1943.



"The thing we have to solve is how to make care and compassion more valuable than self-importance and impermanent things. The ultimate solution is broadly awakening the enlightened mind of spiritual consciousness."

- from a talk by Harry Palmer, author of the Avatar materials.

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It was August, 2014. Peter Goeman took a photo of people on the Grantville Pier. When Roger Clarke saw it he knew he had found the image he had been searching for. He asked if he could use it as the masthead of the embryonic Waterline News. Nine years, later the image has adorned the front page of each edition.

Waterline News was created to amplify the voices of the people living in the towns and on the farms between Jam Jerrup, Bass, Kernot and Almurta.

Since then we have reported the highs and lows of Waterline life. We have spread the word about campaigns and events, featured art shows, fun runs, fetes, art shows . . .

This is such a special place with a rare and tangible way of being as well as being rich in natural beauty and rural industry.

As an editor, it's been great to share so many great stories about so many brilliant people working for their community. The 2019 bushfires stand out in my memory as an example of the Waterline people working together to overcome adversity. Those fires tested us and brought out the best in all of us.

In December, the Waterline News will return to print. For over 18 months we have been emailing the monthly edition to more then 1500 people across the region. We always get great feedback and a little advice about what we could do differently.

The thing most readers want is a copy that they can hold in their hand. A page turner. Something they can read at a café.

Our area is poorly served by internet providers and many people choose to abstain from life on-line. Looking at some social media, who would blame them?

Advertisers also see the value of printed copies delivered across the Waterline, the Hinterland and into Wonthaggi. Cafes, sports clubs, community houses, waiting rooms, petrol stations, local stores, even the Lang Lang golf club, will get copies.

To ensure the return to print is sustainable, our printer has cut costs to the bone while maintaining quality and we need to charge a fair price for advertising.

To signify the broader reach we are retiring the name Waterline News and launching a new look and a new name—Bass Coast Waterline Life. It will hit the streets on Monday, December 11.

The cutoff for contributions to the December issue is 22 nd November. Please email contributions to waterlinepublishing@gmail.com. Word limit 600 words with one or two photos, please. Calibri 12 point with 0.83 line spacing preferred.



John Mutsaers

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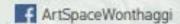
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Housing Matters

Our purpose is to provide practical assistance to local people who are homeless. We have been busy.

As part of our advocacy we have made presentations to churches, clubs, organisations and spoken at many public events. We submitted to the Bass Coast Shire Council Affordable Housing Strategy.

Homelessness Week.

Our biggest event this year took place at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre during Homelessness Week. Mitchell House was thrown open for a sausage sizzle, live music, expert and lived experience speakers, stalls and a "Free Shop".

Housing Matters volunteers facilitated donations from local business and vouchers for food and services were warmly received by people in need.

Renters Rights

During the year, we hosted monthly "Renters Rights" sessions at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, where lawyers from Gippsland Community Legal Service offered free advice on tenancy issues.

This year we have dealt with sudden rent increases, mould that is left untreated and lack of security in rental accommodation.

Next sessions are Thursday November 9th and December 14th – book by calling 56723731. These sessions will continue in 2024, helped by our new links with the Rental and Housing Union.

Our group strongly calls for a tripling of the building of new public housing across Bass Coast. While building is underway, we are looking at any other options which may result in people currently living in tents, squatting and couch surfing having a secure roof over their heads.

The Victorian Government has just amended the State Planning Scheme so single dwellings on lots bigger than 300 square metres, not covered by an overlay, will no longer require a planning permit. This will make it easier to build a second small home, such as a granny flat, with dwelling units exempt from the planning permit process if they are less than 60 square metres. Units will still need a building permit.

Many councils are taking action to alleviate the effect housing crisis on their people.

In July 2023, **Mount Alexandra Shire** was one of the first in Australia to allow its residents to live in a tiny home indefinitely.

Surf Coast Council, which includes Torquay and Lorne, has followed suit. It plans to start a two-year trial this summer in the hope it will alleviate housing pressure.

In December 2022, the **Shire of Esperance** in WA developed a specific planning policy to allow tiny homes to be the primary and permanent dwelling on a piece of land.

Housing Matters Bass Coast has proposed that the Bass Coast Shire Council uses the experience of these planning amendments in these councils to set up a trial that includes lifting restrictions on tiny homes as primary residences and waiving permit charges for people living in caravans on private land over 28 days, when the facilities in the existing primary dwelling are available to the ocupant(s).

Busy, and getting busier.

People can assist in many ways.

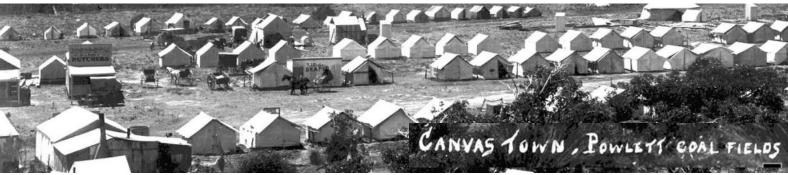
Donations to food banks are always welcome and the need is increasing. If you can contribute to our efforts or would like to become involved with our community responses to the housing crisis send us an email at: housingmattersbc@gmail.com
Or give Mitchell House a call on 03 5672 3731

We are always looking for useful plots of land that may be suitable for housing.

HMBC is auspiced by Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and meets monthly at Mitchell House, Wonthaggi.

HMBC is a passionate group of volunteers.

Thank you,
Jessica Harrison,
for Housing Matters Bass Coast





Hooked

A run on the sand ends in the emergency department.



Sunny days have been few and very far between this spring so. when there was a break in the weather last weekend, Axel and his human, Barbara Moje, headed off for a run on Killy beach.

Before he knew it his paw was snagged by a fishing hook, a big, gnarly barbed fishing hook. There was a mess of fishing line tied to the hook and Axel's frantic efforts to free himself just made things worse.

At the other end of the line, a seagull was trying to rid itself of another hook which was caught in its beak. It was harrowing and hard to know what to do being caught in the middle of two panic stricken animals. Barb dived in and did what she could but she was soon wounded as well.

A quick thinking fisherperson, armed with tools, towel, and technique, cut the line, freed the pooch and also freed the poor gull. An after- hours vet nurse removed the humungous hook, bandaged Axel and then it was off to ED to get Barbara's wounds treated.

Axel is doing well now he has figured out how to rest in his snooze basket with all that plastic around his head.

Barb is working out how to cuddle Axel and would like to thank all the people who rushed to help her and the animals, especially the fisherperson, the Vet nurse, the crew at Bass Coast Health and Richard, who brought over some zero alcohol beer at the end of this traumatic ordeal.



Fishing line takes more than 600 years to break down. For all those years the line poses a threat to birds, seals, turtles and other marine life so we need to recycle used line and commit to disposing of old lines correctly.

Even in a landfill, discarded line can cause problems to animals.

With the increase in recreational fishing and tourism over the next several months, as well as asking people who fish to treat their tackle and lines responsibly, Barb warns visitors to our beaches to watch where you, your little ones and four legged friends step, especially in the seaweed and kelp piles along the shores.

Discarded fishing lines are often tangled up withinthe kelp and not always 'sans hooks'. "If you do see any: Please, please take them to the nearest bin, to prevent such awful injuries to others. Thank you."- BM



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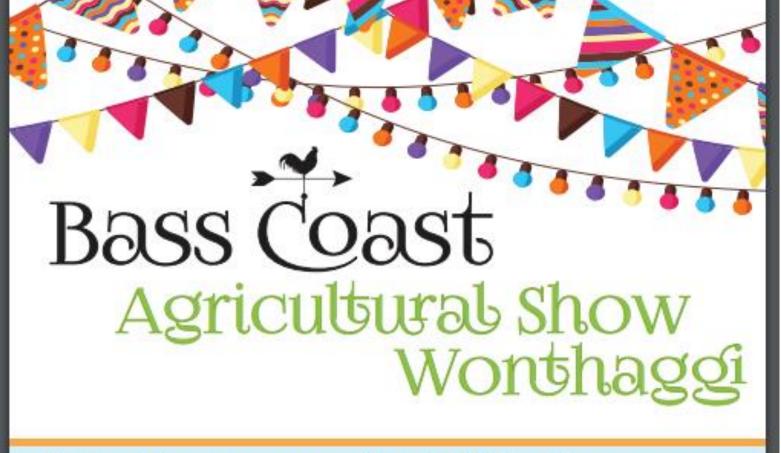
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