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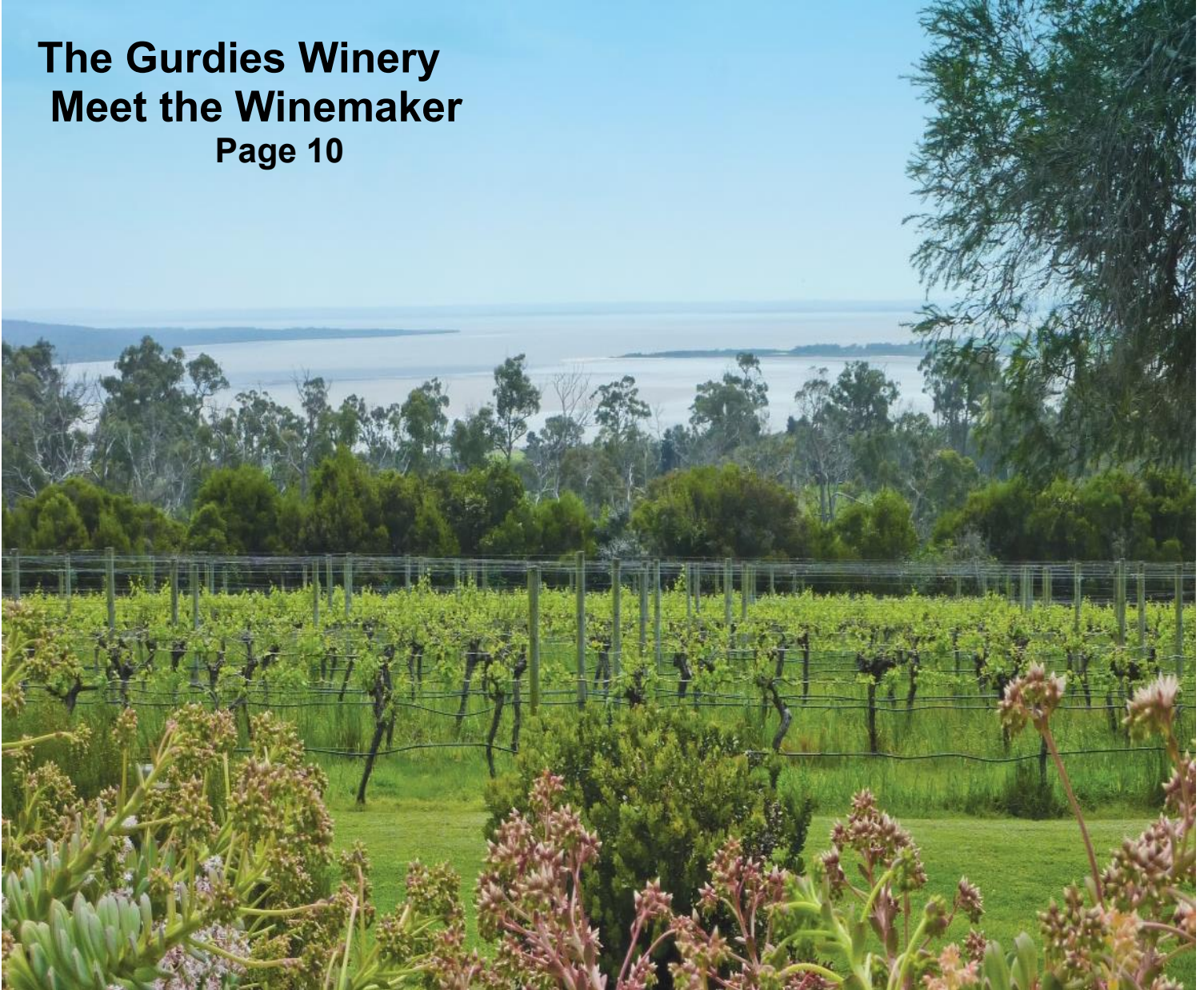


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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Welcome to the February edition of The Waterline News. Firstly I would like to acknowledge the outstanding job done by my proof readers, who wish to remain anonymous. They give up their time each month to make sure we present a good finished product to you. I would also like to acknowledge the support of all of our advertisers, without whose support production would not be possible.

A reminder that all community groups are welcome to send in contributions each month, deadline 1st of the month please.

Also a reminder that the 1st of month deadline is the last day to have submissions in, not the time to start working on them.

We would also like to hear what you think about the magazine in general or comment on an article or story you have read (no politics please).

I am sure our feature writers would like to hear your comments, and any reviews on any of our advertisers products or service would also be appreciated.

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Roger Clark - Editor

GRANTVILLE & DISTRICT RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



The Annual General Meeting was held on the 30th January 2015 where all positions were declared vacant. The President's position was not filled and this will be addressed at the first Executive meeting of new Committee. New Executive Committee comprises of Kat Cox as Vice President, Kathy Hopkins as Secretary, Sylvia Harris as Treasurer and General Members are Chris Cox, Kylie Slink, Ilse Smidt and Julie Bartolo.

Councillor Clare Le Serve updated members in relation to the proposed dairy/feedlot/bottling plant at 1010 Loch-Kernot Road, Kernot. Proposal is for 1000 cows to be in a shed approximately 3 acres in length. Milk will bottled at this site then exported back to China.

Submissions of objection are still being taken in relation to this application and will most likely be presented to Council at the April meeting. There will be EPA and other environmental impact reports required before any decision is made. There will be an Information Session organized by the BCSC on February 4th at the Grantville Transaction Centre between the hours of 5pm – 6 pm for information and advice on how to apply for a Community Grant for minor capital works.

Australia Day held at Pioneer Bay was once again a success with a crowd of approximately 600 people. The Pioneer Bay Progress Assoc. will be fundraising towards getting toilet block and multi-function room which they hope to have by next year.

Ilse Smidt, from the Baptist Church, is in the process of trying to get a Community Garden started behind Op Shop will keep community updated on her progress. G&DRRA are endeavouring to get Fitness Stations for the Memorial Park. engineer report and Survey has been done with 91% of respondents supporting the project. Kathy Hopkins will be pursuing this project with BCSC.

Lastly but certainly not least, G&DRRA would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen Zervopoulos for all her hard work and dedication over the last 10 years with our Association. Helen along with her husband Christopher have been instrumental in making our town a better place for all. e.g. getting the Memorial Park to what it is today with a toilet block, gardens, seating, park and barbeque area. Getting flags and roadside plants for our town, seating at the top of the Shutoff Lookout,

organizing performers for Xmas In The Park and that is just to name a few of the projects they have undertaken. We will miss you and wish you both all the best for your future.

Membership is \$10 per annum and can be paid to Treasurer Sylvia Harris at the Grantville Post Office.

New members are always welcome and tea and coffee is served at the conclusion of meetings.

**Kathy Hopkins,
Secretary**

PIONEER BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

You'll get sick of seeing Pioneer Bay

Committee's fundraising in 2015- but it's all for a good cause!

Back in November 2014, after two presentations to Council (and finally obtaining approval at the November Council meeting) the little square on our original 'mud map' for the park upgrade has evolved into a toilet, with adjacent meeting rooms, kitchen and store. Pictured below is an artist's impression of the Western Red Cedar Yurt.

We're half way through a grant application (having been approved to continue after 'stage one') with Regional Victoria which will cover the building itself.

Therefore, we will be fundraising for the 'fit-out' part of the build throughout 2015.

We'd dearly love community support throughout 2015 to make this vision a reality!

Zena Benbow



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SERENADE AT SUNSET



Serenade at Sunset Only a Few More Sleeps To Go

The Bass Valley Music Festival Committee would like to remind everyone that tickets for the February concert are selling fast. Tickets can be purchased online at the website below as well as from The Grantville Pantry, the Corinella Store and The RACV Shop in Wonthaggi.

There will be ample parking on the day as well as disabled parking, and volunteers will be available to personally help those in need of assistance.

South Coast Bus Lines have also offered to put on special buses for the event but only if they get enough enquiries. The buses will leave from Cowes and Wonthaggi. If you want to avail yourself of the bus service you must ring **5952 2500** in advance and make a booking. Please do not ring the Serenade at Sunset booking hot line to book the bus. It is recommended you bring your own seating to ensure a comfortable evening. Westernport Water will have their Hydration Station available to keep everyone refreshed.

Committee member Jean Coffey, highly recommends patrons to support the wonderful food and drink vendors which include: Ablaze Wood Fire Pizzas, Lady Paella, Monsieur Crepes, Natural Ice Cream and Copious Coffee.

Bass River Winery will be showcasing a variety of their excellent wines and Loch Brewery & Distillery will be selling their unique finely crafted beers.

'It looks set to be a fantastic evening of music and song full of vibrancy and colour' said organising committee member Christine Hutton.

For any further information please check the website on www.serenadeatsunset.com.au



KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS

Bass Coast Shire has seven elected Councillors, representing the wards of Anderson, Churchill, Hovell, Leadbeater, McHaffe, Thompson and Townsend.



Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Kimberley Brown

Current Council Mayor

Cr Kimberley Brown - McHaffe Ward
Kimberley is your Mayor and representative for Rhyll, Sunset Strip, Ventnor and Wimbledon Heights.

Deputy Mayor

Cr Jordan Crugnale - Townsend Ward
Jordan Crugnale is your Deputy Mayor and representative for Inverloch and Pound Creek.

Cr Bradley Drew - Anderson Ward
Bradley Drew is your representative for Anderson, Churchill Island, Dalyston, Kilcunda, Newhaven, San Remo, South Dudley, North Wonthaggi and Woolamai.

Cr Phil Wright - Churchill Ward
Phil Wright is your representative for Cape Woolamai, Smiths Beach, Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach.

Cr Neil Rankine - Hovell Ward
Neil Rankine is your representative for Wonthaggi (south of Korumburra Road) and all of Cape Patterson and Wattle Bank.

Cr Clare Le Serve - Leadbeater Ward
Clare Le Serve is your representative for Grantville, Coronet Bay, Bass, Glen Alvie, Archie's Creek and surrounds.

Cr Andrew Phillips - Thompson Ward
Andrew Phillips is your representative for Cowes and surrounds.

This month we present the first in a series on profiles on our Councillors and start with Leadbeater Ward Councillor Clare Le Serve.

About Cr Clare Le Serve

Cr Le Serve was educated and raised in Melbourne and moved to this area when she married Neil Le Serve, a dairy farmer from Bass. They have lived in the Leadbeater

Ward for 38 years, farmed, worked and raised a family locally.



For decades she has been actively involved in community and volunteer work across the region including establishing the Bass Valley Community Centre 30 years ago. She has extensive farming experience combined with a strong community development background which enables Cr Le Serve to offer a true balance and total representation of our diverse region. Cr Le Serve is a positive and passionate person with the time to generously commit to this important role of representing the constituents of the Leadbeater Ward and the Bass Coast Shire.

Cr Le Serve is a representative on the following committees:

Bass Coast Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee
Human Resources Committee
Bass Coast Environmental Review Committee

South East Australian Transport Study
Rural Engagement Group

About Leadbeater ward

Leadbeater Ward is the largest ward (by area) in the Shire, covering 431.591 sq kms, from Bass up to Lang Lang and Corinella across to Kongwak. Leadbeater contains the most rural area of any Bass Coast ward and there are 5,318 registered voters.

The main centres in Leadbeater Ward are:

Grantville
Corinella and Coronet Bay
Bass

You can contact Cr Le Serve by:

Landline : 5678 0669

Mobile : 0448 083 286

Postal: Bass Coast Shire Council
PO Box 118
Wonthaggi Vic 3995

Email: clare.leserve@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Got a problem? Contact your ward Councillor

Community Notes



Send us your Community Group Notices by 1st each month

BASS COAST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH 0402 065 852
1493 Bass Highway Grantville
Meets Sundays 4.30pm then dinner.
Op Shop open Mon-Fri 10am -4pm,
Saturday 10am -1pm
Contact for service details and op shop
Pastor Isle Schmidt

BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
Mon-Thur 9am -3.30 pm
Friday 9am-3pm
Op Shop open 6 days Monday - Saturday
Check Hours 5678 2277

BASS COAST COMMUNITY HEALTH Cancer Support Group
Corinella Community Centre
2nd Tuesday each month 10am-12noon
\$2 Entry
Contact Peter Bekers
5678 1150 or 0417 157 144

BASS VALLEY LIONS CLUB
Op Shop situated at the Grantville Garden Supplies
Open 5 days Monday-Saturday
Phone 5678 8357

CORINELLA BOWLING CLUB Inc.
Friday Twilight Bowls
Register by 5pm with games commencing at 5.30pm, Members, beginners and families welcome.



Food & drinks available.
Contact Patti Scammell 5678 0191

CORINELLA & DISTRICT ELDERLY CITIZENS CLUB
Monday & Thursdays 1.00pm Corinella Hall
Contact Margaret 5678 0716

CORINELLA & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB
1st Wednesday each month except January
Contact Trish Thick 5678 1071

CORINELLA PLAYGROUP
0-4 year olds Friday mornings 10.00am - 11.30am
Free play, activity centres, story & song

time, sensory & art activities. \$3 per family plus a piece of fruit to share.
All children **MUST** be accompanied by their parent or carer.
Contact Christine Keeble 0413 837 597

CORONET BAY ADULT SOCIAL CLUB Tuesday nights
7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall
Contact Ann 5678 0341

CORONET BAY PLAYGROUP
For children 0 - preschool
Coronet Bay Hall
Mondays 10am-1pm \$2 per family
Please bring a piece of fruit per child to share at morning tea, Coffee & Tea supplied for parents.

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<u>Sandpit</u>	<u>Songs</u>	<u>Friends</u>

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Coronet Bay Meets at Corinella Community Centre
1pm Third Monday of each month
Contact Faye 5678 8366
Rosemary 5997 5827

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Grantville Meets at the Grantville Hall 12-3pm
Second Monday each month
Contact Judy 5678 8553 or Annie 5678 8037

GRANTVILLE & DISTRICT AMBULANCE AUXILIARY
Contact Secretary
Barrie Stewart 5657 7336

GRANTVILLE & DISTRICT BUSINESS & TOURISM ASSOCIATION
President Lucy Cirona 0418 504 537

GRANTVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP
1st and 3rd Mondays
Grantville Hall 12noon-2.30pm
Contact Secretary - Diane on 5678 8828

GRANTVILLE & DISTRICT RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Contact
Secretary Kathleen Hopkins 5678 8327

GRANTVILLE & DISTRICT FORESHORE COMMITTEE
Contact Roger Hayhurst 0416 061 400

GRANTVILLE RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE
Contact Neville Goodwin 5657 7245

ST PAULS ANGLICAN CHURCH Bass
12.30pm every Sunday
Rev Greg Magee 5952 2608

ST GEORGES ANGLICAN CHURCH
Corinella
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Bruce Campbell on 5678 8210

Community Diary & Entertainment

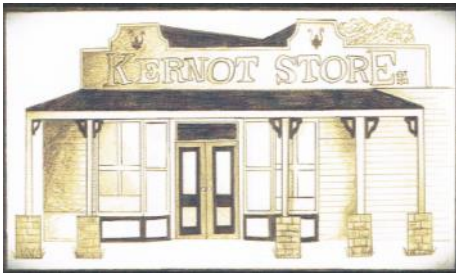


Community Diary

Send details of your events for
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Friday night & Sunday afternoons

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Saturday February 21
Saturday March 14



Sunday February 15

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COWES. This outstanding group will
perform from 2-5pm and if you missed their
2014 appearance be sure not to miss them
again.



Enquiries
Jill Boyce
0413 416
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Sunday February 22

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More information Sophie Dixon 5662 9202

Friday February 27

Moe-Latrobe Jazz Club Moe RSL

7.30pm

Marketeers Jazz Band - Chris Ludowyk
Not to be missed.

Details Bruce Lawn 5174 3516

Saturday February 28

Serenade at Sunset

Grantville Reserve, Bass Highway.

See full details on Page 3 this edition

Enquiries Wayne Malone 0402 727 364

Friday March 6—Sunday March 8

The Inverloch Jazz Festival is back for its
22nd year, celebrating the theme "New
Orleans Jazz and raising funds for the
local community.

Featuring at this years festival are The
New Melbourne Jazz Band, 34 years of
Fair Dinkum Dixieland, Tony Gould,
Shirraz, Ruby Page, Honky Tonks Boogie
Band, and the Admiral's Own Big Band
from the Royal Australian Navy.

All enquiries: 5674 2166

Neville Drummond

Saturday March 7

Coronet Bay Hall 7 - 11pm

Coronet Bay UNPLUGGED continues to
attract good audiences every 1st. Saturday of
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BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP Inc.
Bass School Road Bass 3991
Centre Manager
Roderick McIvor
Phone 5678 2277



Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers.

Volunteers definitely make our world go round at the Bass Valley Community Centre. Volunteering Australia, the peak body for volunteering, estimate that across Australia, more than six million people over the age of 18 volunteer. This is more than a third of the total population of people over 18 in Australia. And a larger percentage of the population volunteer outside of the capital cities than in them. I wonder why. Another case of the rural and regional areas of the country being left to generate their own resources? The number of men volunteering is approximately the same as number of women. At the Bass Valley Community Centre, we have to count on a minimum of 25 volunteer days a week being worked just to deliver the services. For anything more such as fund raising or a project, we have to have even more. And it isn't just time and effort that volunteers donate to support their community. As we know, to get to any activity in country Victoria there's travel involved. And very little of it is without a cost. We have the most wonderful group of volunteers. Whether working all day at the Hadden House Opportunity Shop, or taking time out from their own busy lives to drive our community bus to pick up our HACC clients to take them to and from either our Centre or into Wonthaggi. These are just a couple of the volunteer activities. As always, we need more volunteers. All of our volunteers have to balance their family life, work life, their health and a host of matters with their volunteering. Often they can't make it in when we need them and we have to cast our nets wider. So if by any chance you can volunteer a bit of your time, please give us a ring on 56782277. We would love to hear from you and have you as part of our team.

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Enquiries **Jane 0417 142 478**

1st Saturday
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Koonwarra 0408 619 182

Archies Creek Indoor Market
Community Hall
Enquiries **info@archiescreek.com**

2nd Saturday
Coal Creek Farmer's Market
coalcreekfm@hotmail.com
Phone Contact 0459 629 000

3rd Saturday
Prom Country Farmer's Market
Foster Contact 0407 543 371

4th Saturday
Churchill Island Farmer's Market
information contact: 5664 0096

1st Sunday
Jumbunna Bush Market
Jumbunna Hall Enquiries 5657 32533
Koowee Community Market
Indoor/outdoor 0418 289 847
Email: info@kooweemarket.com.au

2nd Sunday
Rotary Market Wonthaggi
Apex Park 8am - 1pm
Contact Neville Goodwin 5672 7245
or Garry Sherrick 5672 5812

3rd Sunday
Inverloch Farmers Market 5664 0096

4th Sunday
Grantville Market
(Weather permitting)
Contact for details 5997 6221

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ABUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

The abuse of prescription drugs is an ongoing and growing problem not just in Australia but in all countries with well developed health systems.

At the top of the list of drugs being abused are opioids (e.g Morphine, Oxycodone, Tramadol), benzodiazepines (e.g Diazepam, Alprazolam and Temazepam) and codeine containing pain killers (e.g Panadeine Forte)

The harm that the misuse of these drugs causes is very evident in the statistics for poisonings contained in a 2011 study by National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA). In Victoria between 2000 and 2007 there was a 21 fold increase in the number of deaths where Oxycodone was present and this trend has continued since the study collected these statistics.

Where doctors have a reasonable belief that prescription drugs are being abused by the patient it is unlawful for the doctor to continue to prescribe unless the prescribing is part of a managed program to assist the patient in withdrawing from the drugs.

In any case, it requires approval from the relevant authority to continue prescribing. The management of drug withdrawal requires the drug user and the managing doctor to agree on the goal, the time frame to reach the goal, the process and the consequences of non-compliance.

As a matter of policy our practice insists that such patients are managed by a single doctor at the practice and the patients should not attend other doctors at other practices.

Staff and doctors can relate many stories where drug-seeking patients seek further prescriptions and come armed with ready made excuses as to why. We have heard it all.

Prescriptions and medications being stolen by some unknown thief, prescriptions being eaten by domestic pets, prescriptions and medications being flushed down toilets by children, prescriptions flying out of car windows etc etc. However, it does not matter what lame excuse is given, if a prescription for a narcotic is lost or the actual medication is lost or taken at higher doses so that it runs out before time, it will not be replaced. The approach at our practice is that it is ultimately the drug user's responsibility, no excuses are accepted.

Unfortunately like many medical practices we have found that some drug users turn to threats, intimidation, verbal abuse and even physical attacks when they do not get what they seek.

So let me be clear about our attitude towards this type of behavior, put simply it is one of "Zero Tolerance".

Patients acting in this way will be asked to leave the premises, the police will be called and where appropriate charges will be laid

against the offender.

Such patients will be banned for a minimum of 12 months from attending any of the Wonthaggi Medical Group practices and depending on the severity of the offence, may be banned permanently.

John Turner

**Business Manager
Wonthaggi Medical Group**



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Grantville**

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GRANTVILLE AMBULANCE AUXILIARY



The Grantville Ambulance Auxiliary continues to gather funds from local residents to provide the Grantville Ambulance Station with operational and training equipment. On 21 December 2014, we collected over \$300 from the sausage sizzle at the Carols on the Park. Several other locals had also made very welcome financial donations. Thank you everyone for your help.

At the January meeting of the Executive, the Auxiliary approved spending some of this money on a new sleeve for the mannequin that the paramedics at the Grantville Ambulance Station regularly use to practice their intravenous access techniques.

Anyone who has experienced pain and bruising that can occur when a nurse or paramedic has difficulty finding their blood vessels will tell you how important this practice is.

Our next big project is to buy an ambulance 'stair chair' that makes it easier for paramedics to safely transfer their patients down stairs. Over the next few months, our local paramedics and Executive Committee members also expect to provide Corinella and Coronet Bay residents with the chance to undertake some basic first aid training using the equipment that they use to practice their techniques. We will let you know when this is organised.

There are collection tins in several of the Grantville shops and we intend to run a major fund-raising effort later in 2015 to coordinate with the Ambulance Victoria state-wide fund-raising campaign. Further donations can also be sent, addressed to our treasurer, Vicki Clark, Grantville Ambulance Auxiliary, PO Box 184 Grantville, 3984.

Join in and help us make your local Grantville Ambulance Station and our paramedics the best equipped and trained in Victoria. For enquiries about becoming a Grantville Ambulance Auxiliary member contact our President Anthea Chester at the Grantville Ambulance Station or our Secretary Barrie Stewart on 0417 336 979

Jane Hendtlass – Vice President



Out and About

GIVE A DOG A HOME

This month we have two lovely female retired greyhounds who are looking for forever homes.

Tilly is black and she was born in September 2010. She weighs 28kgs, has a lovely nature and has been retired from the track for nine months so she is well and truly



ready for the role of couch potato, which is what greyhounds do best, believe it or not.



White and blue 'Little Mac' weighs approx. 26 kgs and was born in November 2011. She has retired from the track for about 3 months now and is ready to settle down.

Both greyhounds need to be de-sexed and we can assist with arranging for this to be done at a reasonable price.

They come with a new leather collar & lead, muzzle and coat, and should their new owners wish to put them through the G.A.P program later so they don't have to wear a muzzle in public then we can also assist with that.

All enquiries regarding these two gorgeous girls to: rogerjclark49@gmail.com



Remember Molly & Raina?

BASS COAST AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

Bass Coast Shire Council announced Newhaven resident, Jeff Nottle, as the 2015 Bass Coast Citizen of the Year.

Mayor, Cr Kimberley Brown, congratulated Mr Nottle for his dedication to the local community, including his keen interest in the environment.

"Mr Nottle is currently Chair of the Preserve Western Port Action Group, which is a sub group of the Phillip Island Conservation Society," Cr Brown said.

"Holding this position for the past nine months, Jeff has worked tirelessly to promote the significant natural assets Bass Coast has to offer, with a view to preserving our coasts, flora and fauna for the community to enjoy into the future.

"In all his volunteer positions, Jeff has enthusiastically taken on his responsibilities – an example of the values in a worthy winner of the 2015 Bass Coast Citizen of the Year Award."

Cr Brown was also pleased to announce Wonthaggi teenager, Jess Paulson, as the 2015 Bass Coast Young Citizen of the Year.

"Ms Paulson is a founding member of the Bass Coast Youth Advocacy Group, Future Leaders Influencing our Community (FLIC), which was established in 2013," Cr Brown said.

"Since the formation of the group, she has gone from active participant to leader and driver, including presenting to Council on issues relevant to young people in Bass Coast and was the guiding force behind the recently held FLIC It Up – Wonthaggi Community BBQ.

"Ms Paulson is a great example of a young woman with direction and community commitment – a worthy recipient of the 2015 Bass Coast Young Citizen of the Year."

Cr Brown also acknowledged all nominees for this year's awards, and said it was wonderful to see the dedicated community members recognised.

"There are so many inspiring people in our community whose hard work often goes unrecognised.

"Each year, Australia Day provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals in our community through the Citizen of the Year Awards," Cr Brown said.

"It gives us the opportunity to recognise people who inspire us through their achievements, their community involvements and who challenges us to get out and make our own contribution to creating a better community.

"I congratulate each and every nominee for their achievements, and I'd also like to acknowledge

and thank everyone who nominated someone this year.



Jess Paulson and Jeff Nottle

BASS COAST STROLLERS

Bass Coast Strollers commenced their year of walks by celebrating Australia Day, in their inimitable style. Members walked around the environs of picturesque San Remo on a beautiful summer's day. Afterwards they celebrated with a sumptuous luncheon at a private house.

Highlights of the day were an Aussie quiz and parade of costumes. Most creative costume went to Anna Van Caem and winner of our quiz, Jill Waters. This function is just one of many held during the year.

Our club was established in May 1998, catering for retired and middle aged persons interested in participating in walks around the Bass Coast region of Victoria. Members' ages range from 50 to mid 80's, who are fit and healthy. The club is NOT for the "hard core" bushwalker. Our weekly walks range from the Gurdies on Westernport to Inverloch. Our walks are held each Monday and commence from varying locales within the region. We also offer 2 walks – a short option of around 4 kms, which caters for those unable to walk a greater distance; and a longer option (more than 8 kms) for those wishing to extend themselves. Camps outside our region are offered during the year for interested members.

If you feel that this is the club for you, please visit our website www.basscoaststrollers.org or contact Jan on 0419990313.



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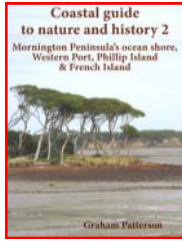
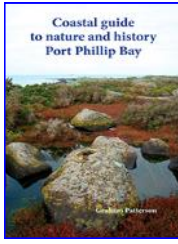


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BOOK REVIEW



Last month's review of Graham Patterson's outstanding new book Coastal guide to nature and history 2 created plenty of discussion, which generated an increase in sales in local book shops and outlets, and emails regarding the availability of the first book in the series. Recapping on last month's review the second book covers the Mornington Peninsula's ocean shore, Western Port, Phillip Island and French Island. The first book **Coastal guide to nature and history - Port Phillip Bay** is still available from:

www.coastalguidebooks.net.au

The first volume covers Walking the coastline - advice on walking the coast and safety and the tides.

It then gives an early history of Aboriginal life and the European discover and settlement.

A journey around the bay.

**Point Lonsdale to Geelong
Avalon to Williamstown
Port Melbourne to Frankston
and Mount Eliza to Port Nepean**
The book then goes on to discuss Coastal landforms:

Geology of the region and how it determines landforms.

Coastal Management.

This book, as with Volume 2 contains some outstanding maps and photos.

Here is a sample.



Both books are a must have for all serious lovers of our great coastline and our own special little part of paradise we live in.

Roger Clark

WIPES - Handy Hints



Mums wouldn't dare leave home without them, but wipes are not just for cleaning bottoms. Having a packet of wipes around the house is invaluable, as you will soon see from our handy list of ideas sent to us recently.

BODY

1. To get rid of stubborn make-up such as eyeliner.
2. Use them when you run out of toilet paper.
3. To remove nail polish from around the outside of your nails when painting.

CLEANING

4. Perfect for a one-minute bathroom sink and top-of-the-toilet clean.
5. For cleaning your computer screen and keyboard.
6. To give your phone a once over.
7. For cleaning your dog or cat's paws after a muddy walk.
8. To get crayon off the walls.
9. Anytime you want to clean something really dirty like inside the dishwasher (rather than having to throw out a cloth).
10. Pick up a creepy crawly to take outside.

BUFFING

11. Polish leather shoes or a leather couch.
12. Clean your reading or sunglasses.
13. Remove excess fake tan.
14. Remove dust from a CD or DVD.
15. Get rid of deodorant marks on your clothes.
16. To pick up sticky messes or spills from the kitchen floor.

OUTDOORS

17. Give your car an internal buff and shine.
18. Use to open public toilet doors - if you're that way inclined.
19. To pack when you go camping to get clean hands when there's no tap.
20. Get sand or dirt off your feet when there's no tap.

Coastal Guide Books author Graham Patterson.



SNOW OR SNO?



We have received several emails at The Waterline News over the last couple and caused some discussion with our proof readers over the machine in the photo above.

The Snow Cones machine is owned by the Bass Valley Primary School, who were operating it at the Grantville Christmas in the Park when we took this photo.

The School hires the machine out to various other groups and mention of their functions featuring Snow or Sno Cones is what caused the discussion over the spelling.

So here you have it, the machine says Snow Cones and their own sign says Sno Cones.

Let me tell you, which ever way you spell it the product from the machine is certainly extremely popular with children attending various functions, and it is a great way of raising funds for local community groups.

NEW LOGO & BRANDING



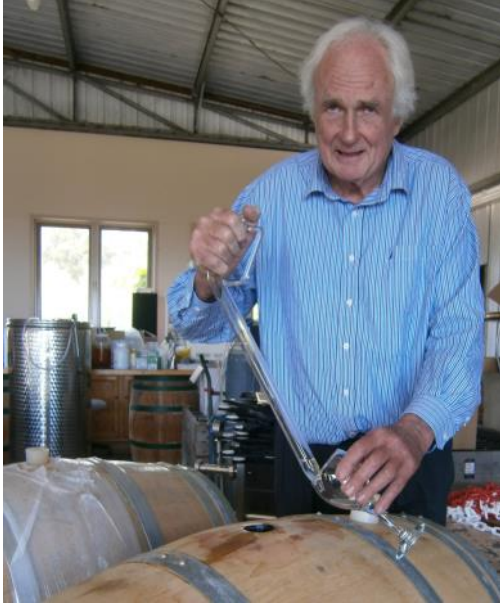
Since our January issue and special feature on the Walkabout Worm project at Bass we have received news from the project's creator Rusty that they have rebranded and have a new logo.

The great news is that the official Gallery launch on Australia Day was a great success and reports from those that were able to attend tell us that the food was outstanding and that everyone had a fantastic day.

More events are in the planning stage and we will certainly let you know the details as soon as we get them.

Personality of the Month

THE PROF HITS ON A WINNING FORMULA



Dick Wettenhall in his Gurdies winery

If you took Dick Wettenhall at his word, you'd believe that his successes were all about luck. It explains his distinguished academic career and the mounting tally of medals for wines from his Grantville and Gurdies vineyards. "Right place, right time," he'd say.

Born at Sale, Dick was two months old when his father died. His mother took him back to Rosedale where her brother was running the family farm. The next four years were deeply formative. His uncle was a free spirit with scant respect for conventional boundaries. Young Dick adored him. It's where he learnt to be an independent thinker and self-starter. Aged four, he was driving tractors. Bit of luck there.

That year his mother remarried and they moved to Melbourne but most of his relatives lived on the land and he never lost his links with farm life. Not being "academic", Dick had always assumed that he would become a farmer but his expectations were dashed when his older brother won family backing first. His stepfather imported spices, nuts and other food additives, so in the expectation of working in the business, a heavy-hearted teenager began a science degree. When it emerged that he had little interest in the business but was fascinated by science, his stepfather, "a fine man", encouraged him to stay on at uni.

Eventually he became a biochemist. Today, Dick Wettenhall's name is particularly associated with ground-breaking research identifying proteins, mediators of the actions of insulin on cells, as well as cell abnormalities that lead to the uncontrolled growth we call cancer.

Professor Wettenhall was appointed head of Melbourne University's Russell Grimwade School of Biochemistry in 1989. At a time when there was a growing understanding of the importance of multidisciplinary approaches to research, Dick and his colleague, Professor Richard Larkins, led The University of Melbourne's participation in the Bio21 Cluster, in partnership with the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and The Royal Melbourne Hospital.

With senior colleagues, Dick proposed that the university make a major investment in a new multidisciplinary research institute to be known as the Bio21 Institute to serve as the flagship of the Bio21 Cluster. The total cost would be \$104.5 million. Seed money was duly contributed. "Just luck really," Dick says. When the dream materialised, they had a seven-storey building that would eventually house 500 researchers and post-graduate students and up to 15 research and industry organisations, including the entire Melbourne-based research division of CSL, Australia's largest biopharmaceutical company. "Its grand purpose," Dick says, "was to combine research, business, laboratories and equipment in order to discover new medical, agricultural and environmental diagnostics and candidate drugs and insecticides for treating diseases. Research with the potential for commercialisation."

After seven years as interim/founding director of the institute, Dick retired and found his way to the Gurdies.

He had always intended to retire to a farm but he didn't like killing animals and was looking for an alternative. One of the key people in the Institute was researching the biological warfare that goes on within vines – understanding which insects were destructive pests and which were beneficial. Another colleague was an expert in soil, researching what was going on underground.

Dick bought a cow paddock in Grantville and started to read. He went to every clearing sale under the sun and snapped up a 10-year supply of viticulture magazines for \$30. Most of what he read wasn't transferable to South Gippsland conditions but it gave him a language he could begin to use. He had a four-acre laboratory and collegial support. Paradise on earth.

His first plantings on his Grantville paddock were half-starved things. His soil analysis – does night follow day? – confirmed that the top two layers, which set like a brick in summer, were entirely lacking in nutrients. The next layer was clay, which releases acidic aluminium toxic to vines. The third was penetrable, moist, sandy soil. Next thing he was seen digging rows of trenches. "Trenches?" the neighbours chortled. "Mad professor!"

"The results were spectacular," Dick confesses happily. The trenching assisted soil improvement with lime, gypsum, organic matter and other nutrients and the new plantings developed deep roots. Today few things give him greater satisfaction than those robust, relatively drought-resistant vines.

He's become addicted to viticulture and has developed his own guidelines for growing grapes. He's not an organic grower but he'll tell you to avoid using pesticides unless absolutely necessary. "Use nature," he'll say. Ladybirds kill harmful mites. "See a ladybird and you'll know the mites are under control." Understand how to use chemicals selectively. Unless you have a major infestation of caterpillars, you might not need to use insecticides at all. He prefers copper and sulphur as preventative fungicides as they are relatively benign. "If mildew forms on the outside of the leaf, spraying with a preventive chemical can prevent invasion of the grape tissue."

Four years ago, Dick expanded his operation with the purchase of the Gurdies Winery. One of

the oldest vineyards in the region, it came with wine-making capability and a glorious view over the northern reaches of Western Port. Unsurprisingly, his transition from grape grower to wine maker was made easier by his background as a biochemist but he is grateful for his good fortune in meeting a highly regarded vigneron, Marcus Satchel, who mentored him through his first vintage as a winemaker. As for the view, time for that later.

Marcus admires Dick's inquiring, scientific approach. "He bought one of the oldest vineyards in South Gippsland growing varieties that suit the climate. He's put enormous effort into improving the vineyard: improving the soil, eradicating disease. So he starts with a good base product."

Embracing Marcus's dictum "that good wines are made in the vineyard", Dick won a silver medal for tempranillo wine made from his first harvest of grapes from his Grantville vineyard. "His Grantville block is a success against the odds," says Marcus. "People said he'd never grow grapes on it but it's become a very successful patch of dirt. It's that combination of good farming and science. He has a dab hand for it."

The partnership has been fruitful. After a lifetime wedded to micro measurement, the laboratory scientist has learnt the pleasure of the macro measurement of grape fermentation. But there's art too, says Marcus. Initiated into the arcane mysteries of yeast and oak, Dick has gained recognition as an industry player. "I've been lucky enough to win a couple of medals" he'll say.

His main success has been at the Gippsland Wine Show where, over the past three years, his shiraz, merlot, tempranillo and riesling and blends of verdelho/chardonnay and cabernet merlot have won medals. One of his most satisfying results has been a gold medal for merlot at the recent Rutherglen Wine Show. In the case of the Gurdies vineyard, an enormous effort has been required to overcome problems with the vines and eliminate disease. This was particularly challenging during Dick's first season, 2011, notable for its sustained wet weather and described by many as the worst season on record for producing grapes. "Welcome to Gippsland," Marcus would say.

That was the year the mad professor won his first two medals.



Gill Heal

Gill's fascinating portrait of Dick Wettenhall first appeared in The Bass Coast Post online in November 2014. Read more of Gills great work at www.basscoastpost.com

New Local Businesses



Jolly Tea Company is a family partnership that specialises in growing a range of herbal teas. The name 'Jolly' is derived from our children's names Jack and Ollie and as an affectionate term we refer to the pair as Jolly.

We began growing Peppermint at home in 2008 and have steadily increased our stock numbers as well as adding a number of additional varieties. In November 2014 we moved ourselves and the business to Corinella as we had outgrown the farm that we were at in Neerim Junction. The move to Corinella will allow us to substantially expand our business and allow us to add additional varieties of herbal tea.

We are very proud of the herbal teas that we grow and are meticulous about the quality of the product we sell. All of our herbal tea varieties are grown without the use of pesticides and fungicides and are packaged as soon as the leaves are dried to ensure the leaves retain the strength of flavour.

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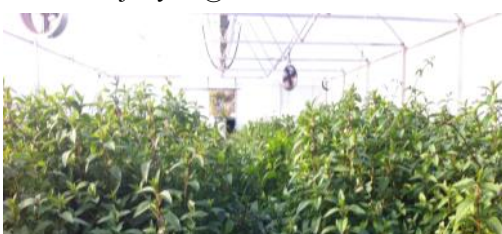
Rosemary Tea is available in Loose Leaf.

Lemon Balm Tea is available in Loose Leaf.

Since we have moved to Corinella we have been busy working on planting up a number of additional varieties of herbal tea which include Raspberry Leaf Tea, Sage Tea, Spearmint Tea, Moroccan Mint Tea, Lemongrass Tea, Chamomile Tea. We are hoping to have these additional varieties available from late spring this year.

Renee Bird

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Food & Lifestyle

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



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Places to Go

GRANTVILLE MEMORIAL PARK



Interesting the number of locals you talk to who have not taken a stroll through the Grantville and District Memorial Park. The Park is situated adjacent to the Transaction Centre on the corner of the Bass Highway and Pier Road.

The park features well maintained BBQ facilities, regularly cleaned public toilets and an amazing history walk.

The Park was officially opened on October 2009 by Johan Scheffer MP. after a massive amount of work had been done by a lot



of people in the community working with the Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Valley Community and the Victorian Government Community Support Fund.

One of the most interesting features of the park is the history walk which features a series of story boards on a number of topics, including some outstanding photos.

On the walk you will read about George Bass, The Explorers, Grantville Racing Club, Western Port Coal Mining Co., The Railway, Woodleigh School Calf Club 1935, Grantville Show, Grantville Primary School 1941, Western Port Cobb & Co, Stewarts Saw Mill 1880, The Timber Cutters, Grantville Stores and Hotels, and Kel Wilson's great poem 'How could my father tell me' written in 2008 which we will be featuring in our April Anzac Day edition.



GRANTVILLE STATE SCHOOL No. 1414

One of the story boards tells of the history of the Grantville State School, No. 1414



The story reads:

By 1872 there was a need for a primary school in Grantville.

A slab walled, shingle roofed, dirt floored room was built.

Deep Creek Non Vested Rural School No. 120 was opened in February 1873.

By April the building was deemed unsatisfactory and closed, leaving 27 children with no school to go to.

The school reopened the next year and was renamed Grantville No. 1414.

After several rebuilds, two site moves and an amalgamation with Queensferry, the school was established on this site (Memorial Park) where it served the community for many years.

It closed in 1976 and became part of the Bass Valley Primary School.

THE WESTERN PORT COBB CO.



Another story board recounts the history of the Western Port Cobb & Co.

Agitation for a good road to Dandenong began in the 1850's.

Little was done and the history of the road features many stories of coaches getting bogged and with the road unpassable a lot of the time.

Grantville blacksmith Charlie Williams was often busy repairing coaches so that the time

tables could be maintained.

Cobb & Co ran a coach service on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Dandenong to Grantville and returned on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the cost of 5/-.

In 1913 the Country Roads Board was formed and the road was repaired and renamed the Bass Highway.

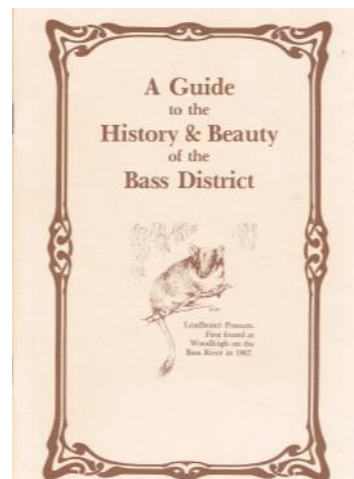
Why not pack a BBQ or picnic lunch one day and head down to the Grantville and District Memorial Park, I am sure you will find it rewarding,

After lunch you can take a stroll down to the pier and the foreshore with it's great views across to French Island.

For those not able to get to the park we will bring some more of the stories in coming months.

Next month in Places to Go we will be taking a look at the Bass Coast Rail Trail.

BOOK REVIEW



If we've managed to stimulate your interest in local history, the Bass Valley Historical Society has a lovely little booklet still available titled **A Guide to the History and Beauty of the Bass District**.

Revised and re published in 1996 the book's cover features the Leadbeater Possum which was first found at Woodleigh on the Bass River in 1867.

The book features sections on the Physiography of Western Port, Marine and Coastal Vegetation, Wildlife, The Aborigines, some interesting sketch maps of Jam Jerrup, The Gurdies, The Scenic route to Grantville, Grantville, Queensferry, the town which vanished, Tenby Point, The Military Post Settlement at Corinella, Coronet Bay, Bass Landing, San Remo, Kilocunda and the Powlett.

We will be bringing you excerpts from the booklet including some of the great sketch maps in coming months.

Enquiries regarding obtaining a copy, which will only cost you \$5.00 (plus postage if required) should be directed to Libby Skidmore :

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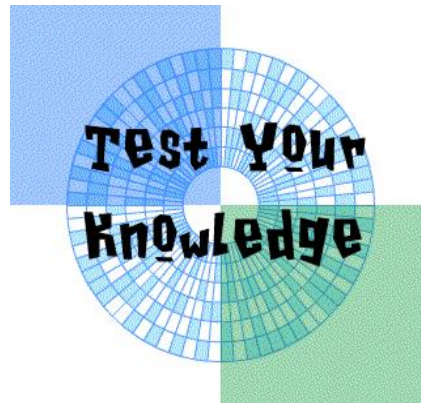
1. What kind of creature is a mudskipper?
2. Which country won the first Olympic Ice Hockey gold medal?
3. Which Pacific island paradise was discovered by Samuel Wells in 1767?
4. What city's siege is chronicled in Harrison Salisbury's "The 900 Days"?
5. What kind of knife did Mack carry?
6. Which famous movie star did Norman Mailer write about?
7. What is the smallest bird in the world?
8. What is shed when you desquamate?
9. What golfing accessory was patented by George Grant on Dec 12, 1899?
10. Which major US city is nearest the mouth of the Mississippi River?
11. What was once dubbed The New South Whale?
12. What are the two C's of a diamond apart from clarity and cut?
13. Which famous actress and wife of Alexander Korda was born in Tasmania?
14. How long did the 100 year war last?
15. Who is the world's richest duck?
16. What did Benjamin Franklin tie his kite to?
17. What was Elvis Presley's middle

name?

18. What was Al Capone's nickname?
19. What features are missing from Little Orphan Annie's face?
20. How many sides does a nonagon Have?

ANSWERS

1. A fish. 2. Canada. 3. Tahiti. 4. *Leiningrad's. 5. A Jackknife. 6. Marilyn Monroe. 7. The hummingbird. 8. Skin. 9. The Tee. 10. New Orleans. 11. The Sydney Opera House. 12. Carat and colour. 13. Merle Oberon. 14. 115 years. 15. Scrooge McDuck. 16. A Key. 17. Aron. 18. Scarface. 19. Pupils and irises. 20. Nine.*



The Philosopher's Zone

The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, answered "Man. Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived."



There is no need for temples, no need for complicated philosophies. My brain and my heart are my temples; my philosophy is kindness.
(Dalai Lama)



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What a splendid beast
the cow is.

Eats grass all day
chews the cud
and in return we reap
milk and cream.

What a great system.

We can't eat grass of course

but the milk we can drink
quenches our thirst on a hot day
and ooh it's nice when its hot and
sweetened with honey on a cold day.

We can culture it into cheese, and oh so
many different cheeses, you know like
well..in my day it was just hard cheese,
hard it was

but now its all these fancy cheeses like,
you know – cottage cheese, all lumpy like
and then there's yoghurt
sour it is, but not so bad with some honey
in it on your porridge in the mornin'.

Get o'long mum,

the others are trying to get thru
and have their turn. to relieve their aching
udders.

Down their heads go
as the grain falls into the trough
on go the cups
and away we go.

White liquid gold pumps down from
above.

Move up ..move up
out she goes.

With the first girls ready
down the ramp they go
back out to the paddock.

Fresh with new grass

On this bright sunny morn.

with its sweet smells of the morn'n farm
birds in the trees

hens waiting to be let out

with the dogs at their heels

as they slowly jaunt their way down the
lane and on their way

as they continue their life as a cow!

By Sally Donaldson

LIFE OF A COW



I lived on a dairy farm once
new I was

fresh from the city lights
thought I knew it all I did,
of course

for I had already been on a
cattle farm and
a sheep farm at that.

What else was there to know I ask?

Well, its an early rise
every single mornin'.

Doesn't matter if its rain'n or shinin'

You'r feelin' sickly like
or a doona day is to be liked.

Those cows are a waitin'
at the gate

tails swishing
udders bulging

what a noise they make
as they wait to empty their fill.

They bellow at the gate
mums at the front

leading them in
hollering as they go

pushing at each other
to get their mornin' tucker.

And empty their udder.

Fine for them

wouldn't I like to be fed
and laze'n around in the sunshine

what a life bein a cow

Mind you theres not much
rest from all this eating and chewing

Standing there free and easy, in the da suns
rays.

Head down tearing at the grass

tail swishing around to keep flies at bay
one step forward or two

eyes and head up

then head down and continue on.

Time for a rest

lying in the paddock

soaking up the sun

as you chew through your days fill

Why I Live

Where I Live



We sit on a ridge on an unpaved road with
uninterrupted views of Cowes, San Remo,
Bass, the desalination plant, wind farm and
Wonthaggi.

On a clear day we can see Wilson's
Promontory and on a clear night the lights
of Inverloch.

On any given day it is unusual to hear, let
alone see, more than a handful of passing
cars so there is no road noise to speak of
and each morning we awake to the
wonderful relaxing sounds of the bird life
that we live amongst and the glorious view
across strikingly green rolling hills.

I cannot imagine a more convenient place
to live with Wonthaggi and it's marvellous
range of shops and services less than 15
minutes away. If we are forced to travel
back to suburbia, the trip up the Bass
Highway is always uneventful with a
speed limit run taking less than 50 minutes
to reach Cranbourne and an hour to enter
Frankston.

We came across this property after years
of "day trips" from Baxter throughout the
Cardinia, South Gippsland and Bass Coast
shires looking for an affordable but not too
remote place to call home with a bit of
land, a view, low fire risk and neighbours
"just" far enough away. I had all but given
up when my wife spied this property in the
estate agents window in Bass and said "if I
could have that view I would live here".

Shortly after we moved here my
employment circumstances changed. The
decision to stay required that I find a
supplemental form of income and
thankfully I now have many, many
customers, but who would have thought
that fixing ailing PCs or laptops could lead
to so many friendships.

I do not wish to turn this into an
advertisement, but I do look forward to
meeting you. I find the people of the
South Gippsland/Bass Coast in general and
the Waterline in particular to be friendly,
generous, down to earth and honest. I have
lived here for 10 years, and whilst I will
never be "a local" I look forward to
meeting new friends every day because it
is a joy to live here. Rest assured you will
hear if I ever have to leave because I will
be kicking and screaming as they drag me
out.

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Self Sufficiency

Green Cleaning



WHAT is Green Cleaning?

Green cleaning is cleaning without the use of products or chemicals that are toxic to humans, animals and/or the environment.

GRATED SOAP

Soap scraps or a bar of soap can be grated into powder form to replace detergent powders (i.e. in the washing machine).



How to grate soap:

Use a metal grater or place walnut size soap pieces in food processor and process to fine powder.

How to use grated soap when Green Cleaning:

Hot water wash: Pour 1/2-1 cup directly into full washing tub - make sure it completely dissolves.

Cold/warm water wash: Dissolve the grated soap first in bowl of hot water before adding to the washing tub.

Floor washing: Use very hot water (boil the kettle if you have to) and add ¼ to ½ cup grated soap per bucket.

For scrubbing/cleaning jobs: Mix bicarb soda with grated soap (see recipe below).

Making Heavy Duty Cleansing Powder

A safe, effective cleaning alternative to detergent powders. Soap will clean while the bicarb soda has deodorising and abrasive cleaning properties.

You'll need: Bicarb soda, grated soap, recycled jar or container, eucalyptus oil.

1. Pour in 1/4 cup bicarbonate of soda into the jar.

2. Add 1/4 cup grated soap and 5-7 drops eucalyptus oil.

3. Secure the lid and shake well.

How to use: Apply to wet sponge or cleaning cloth and scrub surfaces to remove

marks and stains OR use as a hand cleaning paste for very dirty or greasy hands.

* Vary the recipe by using an alternative essential oil such as lavender.

Other uses for grated soap:

Soap bag containing grated soap with herbs, dried flowers, oatmeal, etc

Grated soap with a little water forms a pliable mixture that can be moulded into various shapes, such as soap crayons, wash-balls, 'pressed soap', etc.



LAVENDER HAND CREAM

You'll need:

Beeswax, almond oil (or an alternative oil, such as Olive, coconut, wheat germ, apricot kernel, calendula, avocado, grape-seed etc. lavender infusion (lavender infused in boiling water and cooled), lavender essential oil (optional), clean recycled jar.

1. Place 4 tablespoons of grated beeswax and 100ml of oil (use one oil or a combination of oils – such as almond, grape-seed, calendula, olive, etc) in a small saucepan.

2. Gently heat to melt the beeswax. But do not allow the mixture to become too hot. Remove from heat as soon as the beeswax has melted. Leave to cool to luke-warm.

3. Carefully add 4 tablespoons lavender infusion (strained) and 5 drops lavender essential oil (optional).

4. Beat the mixture (either with a hand whisk or electric beaters). As it cools it will blend to form lovely creamy consistency.

5. Spoon into jar. Label your jar clearly including the date of making.

Use within 7-10 days.

Best stored in fridge in hot weather.

Natural Skin Care



HOMEMADE MOSQUITO TRAP



Have you noticed how bad the Mosquitos are this year ! Here is a homemade trap to help keep you and the kiddos from being a blood donor!!!

Items needed:

1 cup of water

1/4 cup of brown sugar

1 gram of yeast

1 2-litre bottle

Construction

1. Cut the plastic bottle in half.
2. Mix brown sugar with hot water. Let cool. When cold, pour in the bottom half of the bottle.

3. Add the yeast. No need to mix. It creates carbon dioxide, which attracts mosquitoes.
4. Place the funnel part, upside down, into the other half of the bottle, taping them together if desired.

5. Wrap the bottle with something black, leaving the top uncovered, and place it outside in an area away from your normal gathering area. (Mosquitoes are also drawn to the color black.)

Change the solution every 2 weeks for continuous control.



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Gardening

MARCH GARDENING TIPS

Though the weather can still be very warm, March is the month where the temperature generally does start to cool down, especially overnight.

This makes the garden a cooler place to be in the morning which makes many gardeners much happier people to be around.

Just as you needed to in February, keep an eye out throughout March for bugs trying to take over your plants that have fought hard to survive all summer. Treat quickly when found.

With March also marking the beginning of autumn, it is a good time to start thinking about what you want in your garden in spring and what needs to happen for that over the next few months.. Yes, winter comes and goes first, but an ideal spring showing requires forethought. From about mid-March to May you'll want to get any winter/spring flowering bulbs in the ground, so perhaps start preparing your bulb garden beds now so that they are ready to go when the time is right.

March is a good month to check out how the mulch is going in your garden. Over the summer your mulch will break down and so you may need to top it up during either March or April. You should only need a top up now given that most of the hot weather is behind you and you'll want good drainage in winter.

The upside to laying a good layer of mulch now is that it will minimise how much you need to add when it comes time for the following spring and summer.



Late March is a really good time to try your hand at growing your own garlic.

Winter lettuces will also thrive throughout autumn and winter.

Planting some spring onions now would also be a good idea. A trick with spring onions; if your supermarket sells them with

the roots still attached you can just buy those, plant them and you'll have immediately mature spring onion plants. March is also a good month for sowing carrots, spinach, broad beans, and peas. If you have perennials that have taken over your garden in spots over the summer, and are coming to the end of their flowering season, give them a good trim. Some perennials do this better than others, the best way I've found to learn is by trial and error so give it a go. Just remember, try and leave one section of the plant as undisturbed as you can while removing and transplanting the other section. This tends to help both plants survive the separation process. However, not all plants should be pruned yet. Some people make the mistake of pruning their roses too early. Autumn is still too early for roses because, if you prune them now, they'll start growing back too soon and won't perform as well. Save your roses for June- August pruning. Continuing to dead-head roses is still important, though.



Jim @ Aussie Green Thumb
<http://aussiegreenthumb.com>

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Green Machine Kangaroo Paw

Genus: Anigozanthos

Species: viridis

Common Name: Green Machine Kangaroo Paw

Flower Colour: Green

Foliage Colour: Green

Growth Habit: Strap Leaf/Grass

Flowering: Summer & Spring

What is great about this variety is the green flower is a much lighter green colour than the stems.

The best use I have seen for this variety is when placed between two other varieties of Anigozanthos or Kangaroo Paw.

For example I once saw a patch of Red and Green Kangaroo paws clumped together, surrounded by the this variety and then another, smaller variety with yellow

flowers. The light green flowers of the viridis really helped to create an amazing visual contrast between the Red & Green and Yellow flowering varieties. The Anigozanthos viridis prefers positions which receive full sun but will survive in part shade and will also survive in wetter soils than many other Kangaroo Paws. Foliage will grow to roughly 0.3m in height with flower stems up to 1 metre.



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Our Environment

MANGROVE PLANTING TO PROTECT GRANTVILLE COAST

Chairman of the Western Port Seagrass Partnership, Ian Stevenson has advised that it has completed phase one of a two phase project aimed at protecting the eroding coastline along the Colbert Creek Reserve at Grantville.



This project is a partnership project with key funding and land management agencies and the community, with the lead role being taken by the Western Port Seagrass Partnership. The \$15,000 project has been funded by the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA through its 2014/15 Community Grants Program, with the approval and support of Parks Victoria, the responsible agency for this section of the Coastline. The works include planting both mangrove seeds and seedlings over the period January – April 2015.

January works completed: 450 seeds and 225 plants

April works to come: 1800 plants

All the plantings are being done according to an approved experimental design that will

both help protect the coastline but also provide valuable information about the most effective ways to establish mangroves along eroding coastlines. Findings to date strongly suggest seedlings need protection from storms, so all seeds and seedlings have been planted inside PVC tubes.

All the seeds for the project have been collected by community volunteers from around Western Port, and the seedlings have been raised by our partner organization Mornington Peninsula Youth Enterprises which has devised special tidal tanks to grow mangroves in simulated natural conditions.

The plantings are all the work of community volunteers and trainee students from various regional colleges and Universities.

We hope that our project will be successful and result in a sustainably stable coastline along this important natural coastal reserve. We welcome participation by the local community and volunteers can register their interest on our web site

www.seagrass.com.au



History of Grantville and Pioneer Bay Mangroves

Long ago early in the last century most of the mangroves along that shore were cut down and burnt to make Berrilla, a potash rich ash which when mixed with mutton fat was made into soap. Some dead stumps remaining in some places bear testimony to this. Most of these have been removed.

The oldies say that there was a large germination of mangroves at Pioneer Bay in 1986.

This coincided with the building of a sturdy rock wall adjacent to Malcolm Drive. This was knocked down by the waves but rebuilt and was knocked down again. The remains are still there and afford limited protection against erosion which has devastated some parts of the shore line.

Nature has set us up with a neat experiment. At the same time the mangrove plantation at Pioneer Bay germinated, the rock wall at Malcolm Drive was built and destroyed. Let us compare the success of the two activities. At Pioneer Bay all erosion has ceased and the salt marsh is invading the mangroves. In fact the shore is extending. In 28 years the mangroves have extended several hundred meters south from the original germination and the shore is protected.

The rock wall was destroyed years ago. Erosion is continuing behind the remains of the rock wall and is occurring at varying intensities along the coast.

It is not difficult to note which method was effective in protecting our shore. However a lot of work is still required for the rest of the coast.

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