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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to the June edition of The Waterline News.

This month we are pleased to introduce a new regular column by state local MP, Brian Paynter, who tells of his first experience at Parliament House which can be found on page 7.

We also have plenty of other features including local business news on Page 9. The story behind our great cover photo from the National Vietnam Veterans Museum is on page 11, with special thanks to Colin Grey.

Regular contributor, Meryl Tobin, from The Gurdies has provided us with an interesting insight into Haiku poems on Page 12 where we also have a great book review.

Then we have our regular French Island news and special features in the centre pages.

James McConvill has contributed an interesting 'Legal Matters' on page 17. All of our regular features are there too, Food on Page 19, the Quiz on page 22, Self Sufficiency on page 23, then we have two pages of gardening on pages 25 and 26. Once again we have no Why I Live Where I Live, one of our most popular segments but as I keep saying, the hardest to fill. Finally, David Blum from Glen Forbes has asked us to mention that participants are being sought for Over 30's Mixed Basketball, Monday nights at the Bass Valley Primary School, 7.30 - 8.30pm. If you are interest give David a call on 0418 393 311

Roger Clark (Editor)

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2015 Committee

President Kylie Slink
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Chris Cox, Ilse Smidt, and Julie Bartolo.

General Meeting was held on the 29th May. Good News, Committee Members have had meetings with BCSC in relation to Fitness Stations in the Memorial Park we are looking at equipment that comprises of a Butterfly Press, Sit Up Board, Pull Up Bar, Back Extension, Push Up Bar and Leg Press. This we are endeavouring to get before Xmas. Also Sculpture in the park will be getting new lighting so will make that more visible. Another sculpture will be looked at by Association and Council in the future.

The Kernot Dairy has been put back until the August Council meeting. Alan McDonald attended our meeting to update on this situation. If you would like more information on this please go to www.savekernot.com website and also they have a Facebook page to have your say. Kevin Chambers attended the meeting to discuss the increased erosion which is having a detrimental impact on our coastline from Coronet Bay to Lang Lang. Christmas In The Park this year will be on Sunday the 6th December between 5-8pm. This year we will be including a Twilight Craft Market so if you are interested in having a stall please contact Kathy 0439000148.

Next G&DRRA meeting will be held on 18th September 2015.

Kathy Hopkins, Secretary



PIONEER BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Community consultation has commenced between Pioneer Bay residents and Council during the last week in May for the long awaited roads. Up for discussion, sealing of roads, drainage, street-scaping, pedestrian management... possible variations are endless.

Negotiation of Melbourne Water's share of this special charge scheme will be no doubt be quite challenging for Council bearing in mind many residents have spent thousands upon thousands repairing structural damage caused by repeated floods. And what of our eco-paradise at the boardwalk? Before Council unsealed Kallay Drive, tour buses went there- this could be promoted as a educational/tourism opportunity. Love or hate mangroves- the cessation of bay inundation speaks for itself and continues to protect our town.

June also marks the start of our wood raffles to assist the Reserve development. We've cheekily titled the June raffle "Wood-n-you-like-to-help-us-build"; the wood has been drying out for the last 12 months and is ready to burn; \$2.50 per ticket. Tickets will be on sale every Saturday morning out the front of Grantville Newsagency. Draw details are on the tickets.

Zena Benbow

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Bass Coast Community Baptist Church

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Contact for service details and op shop
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Bass Coast L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program

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Bass Coast Community Health Cancer Support Group

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Bass Valley Friends of the RSL

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Corinella & District Probus Club

1st Wednesday each month except January
Bert Allison 0407 339 243

Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

Saturday Triples May until August
Wednesday Coaching and roll up starts May
6 at 10am. BYO Lunch
Patti Scammell 5678 0191

Corinella & District Elderly Citizens Club

Monday & Thursdays at 1.00pm
Corinella Hall
Margaret 5678 0716

Corinella Cancer and Chronic Illness Social Support Group.

Meets every 2nd
Tuesday of the month. 10am - 2pm.
Corinella Community Centre. Cost \$2
Call Peter Berkers 5678 1150

Corinella & District Men's Shed & Woodies Group

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Ann 5678 0341

Coronet Bay Playgroup

children 0 - preschool - Coronet Bay Hall
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Country Women's Association Coronet Bay

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12noon Third Monday of each month
Faye 5678 8366 -or- Rosemary 5997 5827

Country Women's Association Grantville

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Second Monday each month
Judy 5678 8553 -or- Annie 5678 8037

Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary

Contacts - Anthea Chester 0407 457 642
or Jane Hendtlass 0409 386 152

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Secretary Kathleen Hopkins 5678 8327

Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

Roger Hayhurst 0416 061 400

Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee

Neville Goodwin 5657 7245

Grantville Senior Citizens Group

Grantville Hall
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Contact Doug Prescott 5997 6106

Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow pbpa@bigpond.com

St Pauls Anglican Church Bass

12.30pm every Sunday
Rev Greg Magee 5952 2608

St Georges Anglican Church Corinella

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Community notes, diary & markets



Community Diary

If any group you are associated with has an event coming up don't forget to let us know. Deadline for all notices is the **first of each month**. The Waterline News is distributed and available online approximately the 15th of each month.

grandparents VICTORIA Being a grandparent in the 21st century: The joys and challenges
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Saturday July 11

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Loch Railway Station Reserve
2nd Sunday of each month - October to April
Loch Public Hall
2nd Sunday of each month - May to September

GRANTVILLE AMBULANCE AUXILIARY NEWS



The Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary's 2015 Annual General Meeting was being held just as this edition was going to print so unfortunately we are not able to include any of the details of the new committee.

We will have all the information in the July edition.

Jane Hendtlass – Vice President and Acting secretary
Donations or Membership applications (\$5 per year) can be made to the Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary by sending to Treasurer, Vicki Clark
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BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP Inc.

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Centre Manager
Roderick McIvor
Phone 5678 2277



We are fast approaching the end of the financial year at the Bass Valley Community Centre. We follow it up in September with our Annual Report and Annual General Meeting which we hope tells anyone interested what we did and how we went over the past year. We will also be establishing a new budget for the coming financial year which involves planning for how we will get and spend funding.

The end of the financial year is also a time to ask ourselves how we can remain financially viable over the next ten years. Centres such as the Bass Valley Community Centre are very much reliant on funding bodies, including all levels of government, as well as the community to keep providing the range of services that we do. Currently community not-for-profits are being advised to seek funding from sources wider than their traditional funders. As government revenues diminish, programs are cut. It is difficult for the community to support its local organisations when, for example, schools are also having to increasingly rely on their communities for financial support. Gippsland, and in particular the Waterline area, has been experiencing a diminished agricultural sector with many small farms no longer viable. The seasonal tourist industry can be financially supportive of the area generally, however it is generally a weak factor in community building.

Low interest rates also tend not to benefit community organisations. We have to maintain funds to cover unforeseen circumstances and employee entitlements. In the past we have benefited from interest earned on these funds. Recently we were offered a half a percent interest for our funds. The low interest rates are also difficult in areas such as Waterline where many self-funded retirees are receiving significantly lower support from their investments than they had expected. This also weakens our community.

All of which is not to say we are on our last legs nor is it a cry for help.

We are about to embark on our annual membership drive for the 2015-16 year. We would like to hear from any members seeking to renew their membership or any potential new members. Give us a ring on 5678 2277. We would very much encourage members to put up their hand to become members of our Committee of Governance. As you can see from the above, we live in interesting times, presenting us with interesting challenges.

MARKETS



And Community Markets

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4th Saturday
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information contact: 5664 0096

1st Sunday
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Jumbunna Hall Enquiries 5657 32533

1st Sunday
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Apex Park 8am - 1pm
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3rd Sunday
Inverloch Farmers Market 5664 0096

4th Sunday
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KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS

This month we discover a bit more about Councillor Neil Rankine - Hovell Ward



Cr Neil Rankine is keen to represent not just Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson, but the entire Bass Coast Shire. His interests range from waste management, climate change and farm viability, to strategic planning to achieve the best outcomes from the pressures of development. He has a science degree and has worked in computing, education, engineering, community activism and advocacy.

A resident of Wonthaggi for 27 years, he is married with 2 adult children who grew up and were educated in the Bass Coast Shire. He aims to protect our environment and lifestyle as our towns grow, and wants the Bass Coast to remain a friendly, safe, affordable and pleasant place to be.

Cr Rankine is a representative on the following committees:

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Australia Day Committee
Bass Coast Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee
Human Resources Committee
Gippsland Local Government Network
South East Metro
Peri Urban
Desalination Plant Community Liaison Group
National Sea Change Taskforce (substitute)
Western Port Biosphere Reserve
Gippsland Climate Change Alliance
South East Councils Climate Change Alliance
Rural Engagement Group

About the Hovell Ward

The Hovell ward is the second largest ward in the Shire at just over 200 square kilometres and has approximately 5,300 voters. It includes Wonthaggi (south of Korumburra Road) and all of Cape Paterson and Wattle Bank. Other than the urban areas of Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson, it is a

largely rural ward with many large properties and farms.

You can contact Cr Rankine by:

- Landline: (03) 5672 4885
- Mobile: 0413 902 571
- Address: c/o Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995
- Email: neil.rankine@basscoast.vic.gov.au

A NEW KID ON THE BLOCK



By Brian Paynter MP for Bass

If I've had a more interesting 150 days in the 18,253 days I've spent on this planet, I can't remember them. Of course getting sworn in to the 58th Parliament of Victoria on December 23 was one of the proudest days of my life.

Walking into Parliament House for the first time as a Member of Parliament was an enormous privilege and honour. So why slip in the back door? I've decided that every day Parliament sits I'll enter through the front doors. To walk up the steps and look back down Bourke Street is an amazing feeling. Quite humbling and a constant reminder of how lucky I am to be in this position and the responsibility it carries. I've grown up not to reflect too long on the past. I can't change that. I see the job as a wonderful opportunity to represent the people of Bass. Not Liberals, Greens, Independent or Labor supporters but all people living in Bass. Better health, education, roads, emergency services and infrastructure affect us all, regardless of political persuasion.

Where would I start? Opening the doors of my electorate office at 26 McBride Street was the obvious place. Establishing my office in the heart of Wonthaggi is an important commitment to the constituents in the southern geographic area of the electorate and ensuring they have an avenue and voice in Parliament.

I'm only just discovering how powerful this can be. While the Coalition lost government at the last election, the fight to deliver projects and funding for the constituents of Bass continues. There are many ways to skin a cat.

Not one to die wondering, I've decided to take a direct approach. In the Legislative Assembly chamber one afternoon, I asked

the Member for Narracan, Gary Blackwood, the best way to access the Government Ministers. Gary sits next to me in the chamber, is a country lad and doesn't mince words. To my surprise he simply pointed to the other side of the chamber and said "Well, there they are, go and speak to them".

It's advice I have taken on board with great enthusiasm. Recent conversations with Education Minister James Merlino regarding the Wonthaggi Education Precinct, Health Minister Jill Hennessy regarding a medical facility on Phillip Island, and Roads Minister Luke Donellan regarding improved school speed zone signs for Newhaven have been fruitful.

I must say taking the direct approach raised a few eyebrows from fellow Coalition parliamentarians. Seeing me in "strangers corner" having a coffee with the Minister for Education was followed by a mixture of sneer and ribbing.

The direct approach may well prove effective but to get matters on the record I've followed up with letters and speeches in Parliament. As I mentioned to the Minister for Education, some projects are far too important to be decided based on political allegiance. The Wonthaggi Education Precinct has been promised in various forms by both sides of politics. It's vital not just to the current students but to teachers, staff, future students and anybody seeking to further their education both pre and post compulsory.

Likewise the continual upgrade of the Wonthaggi Hospital to sub-regional status. Reaching this status is critical because it will significantly broaden the range of services available at the hospital so locals will no longer need to travel out of the area to get the treatment they need.

Of course projects such as the education precinct and hospital have the ongoing benefit of jobs creation both direct and indirect.

The most common question I'm asked is whether the job is what I expected. The answer is "Yes, and I'm loving it". But it's more than that. Talking to local constituents about local and state issues is what matters to me and taking these issues to Parliament is what I do.

My door is always open. Come and talk to me.

Brian Paynter was elected the new MP for Bass last November, replacing long-time MP Ken Smith.



Health

GRANTVILLE MEDICAL CENTRE UPDATE

Since the practice opened at Grantville our doctors have delivered over 12,000 GP services to the local community. Recently, an additional doctor began providing regular sessions at Grantville, the doctor's name is Neda Beikae and she and her husband live nearby in San Remo.

Presently, Dr Beikae is working two days a week at the practice in addition to the nine weekly sessions provided by Dr Mariajoseph. When the need for a second doctor full time is apparent, Dr Beikae will increase her sessions at San Remo.

Unfortunately, last month Dr Mariajoseph had to go overseas to attend to some urgent family matters but during his absence we were able to maintain a full service with the assistance of Dr Beikae and doctors from Wonthaggi. Dr Mariajoseph returned from India on June 1st.

Due to a change in nursing staff, the practice has been temporarily unable to provide a pathology collection service, however additional staff have now been recruited and the service will be resumed very shortly. In a few months time we should have a permanent pathology collection provided by Gippsland Pathology.

The extension of the practice into the adjoining shop has unfortunately been plagued with delays, however the building plans are presently with the Bass Coast Shire planning department and we expect to have the refurbishment completed within three months. This will enable us to accommodate the pathology collection service and give us the space to provide other health services.

A matter of some seriousness needs to be aired. Given that we regularly have one doctor working at Grantville and sometimes two doctors, the issue of abusive patients raises some concern. A few months ago we had an instance where one of our female doctors decided never again to work at the Grantville practice because she felt intimidated by a patient and felt unsafe. It would be a shame if we reached a situation whereby no female doctors were prepared to work at the Grantville clinic. We feel confident that this is a one-off situation however, it is probably opportune to remind patients about our policy on these matters. All patients of the clinic should understand that our practice has zero tolerance of threatening behaviours, threatening language and verbal abuse. Our practice policy in such circumstances is to immediately inform the police and ask the patient to leave the premises. Should this occur, the patient concerned will, without exception, be banned from attending the Grantville Medical Centre; this may be for

a limited period or permanently. All of us at different times can become frustrated about something which is important to us and find ourselves getting angry. The most appropriate thing to do in these circumstances is to remain calm and to explain your concerns in a quiet reasonable manner. If you find your anger growing and likely to get out of control, take time out and return when you are calmer. Frequently, these matters can involve prescription narcotics. Doctors adhere to the therapeutic guidelines concerning these drugs and in many cases an approval is required from the appropriate authority for continuing prescribing a drug to a patient. To prescribe knowing that the patient may be abusing a drug is an offence with serious consequences for a doctor.

John Turner
Business Manager



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TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS



Tai Chi, or Taijiquan in Chinese, is an outstanding gem of traditional Chinese culture that is valuable in promoting health, developing combat and self defense skills, and improving concentration and overall well-being.

Although it is a branch of the Chinese martial arts it has also been practiced for general health and fitness purposes since the 16th Century. Health benefits are derived from the Tai Chi's slow, gentle and tranquil movements which enable harmony in mind and body, improved mobility, suppleness and mental alertness. There are many different forms of Tai Chi with the main styles being Chen, Yang, Sun, Wu, Woo and Dong Yue. While each style and has its own characteristics, the principles remain the same.

Tai Chi for arthritis is a program that was created in 1997 by Dr. Paul Lam with a team of Tai Chi and medical experts. Tai Chi for arthritis involves 12 movements or positions that are designed to be safe for people with arthritis. Instructors of the program are trained to understand arthritis and ensure the movements are safe for participants.

Tai Chi for arthritis classes begin with warm-up exercises after which the leader demonstrates and teaches one or two movements per lesson. You will learn the movements properly and slowly, working within your comfort limits. The lesson then ends with cool down exercise.

You can learn Tai Chi for arthritis in a class led by a trained leader at the Coronet Bay Community hall every Tuesday morning as part of the Bass Valley U3A program .

For more information contact one of the trained program leaders....

Laura Ealey on 5678 0884 or
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LETTERS

Just back from the Bass River Dairies after collecting our supply of milk for the week. I found that the ice cream that I make was far better with the full milk that you can buy from the Bass River Dairies, however since they started selling their own cream the ice cream tastes even better. I first had a sample of the cream which is so thick it could even be used for desserts without whipping. Much thicker and far superior to what you can purchase in the supermarkets. Looks like I will be walking a bit further now each day to walk off the calories from the ice cream, but well worth it. Good to be able to support local businesses and in return have an excellent product with no preservatives. Well done to Bass River Dairies, you are incredible!

Joy Button, Coronet Bay

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Peter Male, The Gurdies

Congratulations on your really great May edition of the Waterline News. I always enjoy the publication, but this latest one was super special!!

Keep up your good work, and I now look forward even more to the June issue,

Sheila Moore, U3A Bass Valley

Thank you for your comments

Please note that we are not able to publish all the comments that we receive, and that we may edit some comments to ensure their suitability for publishing.

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Entertainment

GIPPSLAND JAZZ

Sunday June 21

Phillip Island Jazz Club
Ramada Resort, Cowes
2pm - 5pm



Local group **Island Jazz** will include two new members, with Ron Anderson on reeds and David Pearson on drums. Long-time members Neville Drummond on Bass and Neil Taylor on Keyboards, together with leader Peter Buitenhuis on trumpet and trombone make up the balance and it should be a formula for an entertaining afternoon. **Island Jazz** have become regulars at local restaurants and can be seen at Fat Seagull and Asian Kitchen. Their style is well known to local jazz lovers and they have been playing to full houses at their regular gigs.



Enquiries: Robin Blackman 0432 814 407

Sunday June 21

1.30pm Moe RSL

Moe-Latrobe Valley Jazz Club presents Paul Ingle's Jazz Band.

Great meals available at the RSL before the Jazz begins.

Enquiries: Bruce Lawn 5174 3516

Saturday July 4

Coronet Bay Hall 7 - 11pm

Coronet Bay UNPLUGGED continues to attract good audiences every 1st. Saturday of the month at 7pm. at the Coronet Bay Hall, Gellibrand street. No matter what style of music you like there will be something to your taste. You can bounce along to rock or shed a tear with heart rending folk, or just have the troubles of the day flow away with beautiful classical music and poetry. Truly the best value entertainment around, it's just a gold coin to enter and supper is provided.

Sunday July 12

Inverloch RSL 2pm.

The South Gippsland Soc.

Inverloch Jazz Club presents Rory Clark Quarter with Samantha Morley.

Meals available in the RSL before the Jazz.

Enquiries Neville Drummond 5674 2166



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3BBR FM STREAMING LIVE

3BBR FM which hosts regular jazz Programs from Drouin has been difficult to pick up in many parts of the Bass Coast shire, particularly Phillip Island.

The station is now streaming live and you can tap into the All Star Jazz Festival Program 6-8pm once a month on a Thursday night, then Trad Jazz at Oak Street from 8-10pm.

The next program is Thursday June 25.

If you have any queries about the station's programs give them a call. Phone 5625 4995



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L-R Wendy Snook, Sharon Start, Jose Garcia and Colin Smith

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Places to go

NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS MUSEUM



The arrival of the former Royal Australian Navy Grumman Tracker aircraft at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum in February of 2014 was a special day for the museum; this aircraft represents one of only two that are on display in Australia and is representative of Australia's front line anti submarine operations during and after the Vietnam War.

The aircraft was a gift to the Museum when its life as an instructional airframe finished at KANGAN Institute Broadmeadows. Since its arrival at the museum the Oceania Aviation Museum volunteers have been working to reinstall much of the equipment that was removed when used by the students at KANGAN, by far the most difficult has been the inspection repair and servicing of the complex hydraulic system that operates the folding wing mechanism. In some very trying conditions the volunteers have worked solidly towards the day in which we could extend the wings to their full span. The project was accomplished on the morning of Thursday May 7th 2015.



In concert with the work on the aircraft a similar amount was required in the workshop in preparing a mobile hydraulic test and service unit, the full extension of the wings requires 3400 pounds per square inch of hydraulic pressure and a systems test pressure of 4000 pounds per square inch. It must be said that there was some trepidation as we had been warned by Navy engineers familiar with the Tracker systems that there was "any number of various

valves, pistons levers and actuating rods that could go wrong if the exact sequence of operations was not pre-set correctly". Not knowing quite what to expect as the wings did begin to move we were a very happy team of individuals when the Port side wing gracefully rose to the vertical and lowered into perfect position.



The Starboard side went equally as well but with far less trepidation on our part. The acquisition of the Grumman Tracker S-2G is somewhat of a coup for the museum as it is only the second of its type on display in Australia and represents the height of Naval anti submarine technology available at the time of the Vietnam conflict. The Tracker squadrons flown by the Royal Australian Navy provided the bulk of Australia's aviation maritime security until the aircraft were retired from service in 1984.



As an asset to the museum it fills a niche that would not be able to be filled under normal circumstances. Over several months of negotiation with the then holder of the aircraft, KANGAN Institute in Broadmeadows and the US State Department, the nominal owner of the aircraft both organisations agreed that the NVVM would best suit the requirements for housing the aircraft in an appropriate place.

For the museum the uniqueness of the aircraft brings kudos as its historical value as a leading aircraft of its type during the era of the Vietnam conflict, adds significantly to the value of the museum collection over all and adds significantly to our Royal Australian Navy collection. The museum is proud to be able to display and tell the story of the aircraft and the men who served her in Australian service. The museum volunteers, with technical support from the Fleet Air Arm Museum at HMAS

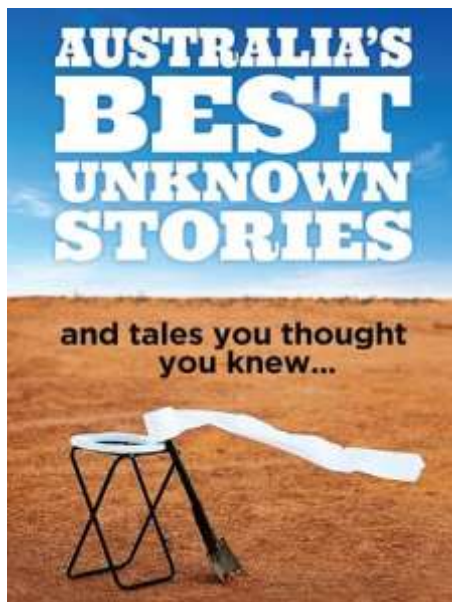
Albatross in NSW and practical support from Gows Transport and Crane Hire of Archies Creek over several months, undertook the difficult tasks of the disassembly of the aircraft, over the road transport to Phillip Island and equally difficult reassembly of the airframe structure. The work to complete the reassembly goes on as electrical, hydraulic and other systems are slowly reconnected and put into operation, the wing extension being the first of many complex operations. The NVVM is not a war museum but a museum that tells the story of the Veterans themselves and is the "Spiritual Home" of all Vietnam veterans. The museum boasts the finest collection of Vietnam conflict artefacts in the Nation and within its walls a fine Research library, archive centre and restoration workshop. Visitors are very welcome, there is an emphasis on education hence schools are regular visitors. Our Veterans make regular pilgrimages to the museum and through our Garden of Reflection record their service during the Vietnam conflict with reunions, laying of plaques and holding remembrance services in the garden.



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Books & Writing

BOOK REVIEW



Reading this book is a journey into one's own land.

Jam-packed with the kind of detail that would win any trivial pursuit game, Haynes has compiled a rich, if at times oddball, collection of yarns.

The book is divided into three parts — Stuff Aussies Should Know About; Characters Aussies Should Know About; and Unlikely Tales From Small Towns.

Each has plenty to recommend it.

Most of the entries are short, just a few pages long, making it ideal for casual reading or a bedside companion.

All give the impression of being well researched and accurate, give or take a few doubts about the reliability of the sources. There is certainly something for everyone's taste here, whether it be a classic story from the pen of Henry Lawson, anecdotes and Aussie bush verse, or fascinating facts. I especially liked the skulduggery that surrounded the running of the Melbourne Cup with Sydney horses being entered for not a lot more than national bragging rights. Another utterly absorbing section is on the level of enemy arrival in Australia in World War II.

Haynes details the regular sinking of Allied ships off the coast by mines laid at Apollo Bay and Cape Otway by German and Japanese forces.

He also tells the story of one of the most colourful and lucky figures in Australia's early colonial history - Captain Jim Kelly.

A highly successful sealer and eventual Hobart resident in Battery Point, Kelly was an action man if ever there was one.

Add very entertaining discussions on the heritage of wattle and daub buildings, the best wattle for tanning hide and why the wattle is on the Australian coat of arms, and you'll begin to see the book's broad appeal.

Christopher Bantick. The Weekly Times

INTRODUCTION TO HAIKU

Regular contributor Meryl Tobin from The Gurdies recently sent us an email which read as follows.

"On Monday I visited a 97 year old writer friend and mentor, Dorothea Lavery who writes under the name of Dorothea Trafford Lavery.



Dorothea Lavery

She is an expert in traditional Haiku. When I gave her a copy of the May issue of The Waterline News and asked if she would like me to send some of her haiku to you for consideration for publication, she was delighted for me to do so.

As haiku have no title, I list them by their first words, On Ninety Mile Beach, Ferns shadow cool streams, Twelve Apostles and White foam on a sea wall.

Many years ago, I think in the 1960's Dorothea and her husband owned a house in, I understand, Smith's Estate, Grantville."

Dorothea Trafford Lavery's Haiku

1.

**On Ninety Mile Beach
roaring seas lash shipwrecked hull
screeching gulls quiver**

2.

**Ferns shadow cool stream
platypus swims through mossy stones
free and undisturbed**

3.

**Twelve Apostles
sculptures born of storm-swept seas
images of time**

4.

**White foam on seawall
heavy seas lash fishing boats
women holding lamps**

What is a Haiku Poem?

A Haiku is a Japanese poem which can also be known as a Hokku. A Haiku poem is similar to a Tanka but has fewer lines. A Haiku is a type of poetry that can be written on many themes, from love to nature.

What is the Structure of a Haiku Poem? A Haiku consists of 3 lines and 17 syllables. Each line has a set number of syllables see below:

Line 1 – 5 syllables

Line 2 – 7 syllables

Line 3 – 5 syllables

An Example of a Haiku Poem

(5) The sky is so blue.

(7) The sun is so warm up high.

(5) I love the summer.

Haiku poems don't need to rhyme, but for more of a challenge some poets try to rhyme lines 1 and 3.

Examples of Rhyming Haiku Poems

Darkish red red rose

In the evening spring glows

A petal drop goes

POETS CORNER

We also have a poem by Meryl Tobin in this month's Poet's Corner



Eighty Mile Beach

Rod and tackle in hand
the lone fisherman follows the tide,
wonders when he'll reach the water.
Two kilometres from shore,
he settles down to fish.
Sunfish, moonfish, trevally –
what a catch!

His basket full,
his feet get wet.
'Hey, tide's on the turn!'
Lingering for one last cast,
he grins to feel his line spin out.

Water around his ankles –
time to move.
He moves fast
but the waves keep coming.
Vague recollections of Broome's
six to seven metre tides
hammer in his mind.
Rod and basket weigh him down.
Should he cast them off?
Visions of them and him
swishing mindlessly in high tide,
he pushes from his mind.
Who else ever tried to outrun
a seven metre tide?

A mountain of water
about to break
on a minute human,
what a laugh!
Who will find his basket,
washed up in a sheltered cove?
Full of fish robbed of water,
it will lie as motionless as they.
Will his body lie nearby
grey and lifeless without air?

Meryl Brown Tobin

***Inspired by the real-life experience of John Wake of Tenby Point when working in Western Australia.**

French Island News



The French Island News

FRENCH ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

There is no regular police presence or ambulance service on the island. French Island has a Country Fire Authority (CFA) and a State Emergency Service (SES) branch run by a group of hard-working volunteers. There is one fire engine stationed permanently on the island, next to the Community Hall on Tankerton Rd. CFA volunteers are able to respond to any kind of emergency.

Calling 000 is always the best option in an emergency.

NURSE ON CALL

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

Nurse On Call 1300 60 60 24

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Ambulance Membership

Membership Enquiries 1300 366 141 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm). Membership is advised as Air Ambulance is used from the island. If local support is required ask Ambulance to request CFA support on the island.

FIRE PLANS

All bushland residents should have a personal fire plan.

The French Island CFA hosts annual information sessions which give concrete advice on this topic.

The CFA is also happy to visit individual properties to further aid in the development of fire plans.

As for all of Victoria, fire bans and other instructions issued by the CFA should be followed.

POISON INFORMATION HOTLINE 131126



CFA Training

**The first Sunday of each month
10am - 12 noon at the FI Fire Station**

French Island General Store and Post Office
From bread and milk to plumbing supplies, the store provides so many goods and services, we can't name them all here (though we plan to try at a future date). In the

meantime, whether its distilled water for batteries or a fuel filter for the car, ring to find out what's in stock. Newspapers can also be ordered from the store with at least 24 hours notice. 03 5980 1209



Notices for the French Island section of The Waterline News should be sent to:

editor@waterlinenews.com.au

by the 1st of each month.

French Island Community Association



FOFI Project Days

THIRD Saturday of every month
Activity to be announced

10.00 ferry from Stony Point. Meet in Tankerton jetty carpark at 10.15am. On-Island transport provided. BYO binoculars, water, hat, sunscreen & mozzie repellent. No experience necessary! Please call Murray Bouchier at 9876 1410 at least one week prior to confirm participation.

Landcare Nursery

Woodlot trees available in late winter for planting and Last chance to order plants for this year. Any number, 10 to 100plus

For more info, ring Terri on 0413 088 527 or email flandcarenursery@gmail.com



French Island Landcare

Community Planting Day

Landcare, in conjunction with Friends of French Island, is having a Community Planting Day on Saturday, July 11. Location yet to be determined. All are welcome.

French Island Ferry

The French Island Ferry is a ferry service which runs between Stony Point in Mornington Peninsula and Cowes on Phillip Island, via French Island.

The ferry departs from:

Stony Point Jetty on the Mornington Peninsula (Stony Point Station is a short walk from the jetty)
Tankerton Jetty on French Island
Cowes Jetty on Phillip Island

Fares

Tickets are available at the Stony Point kiosk, and also on board the ferry.

Please note: the French Island Ferry is not a myki ticketed service.

The following fares apply:

Adult: one way - \$13.00, return \$26.00

Child*: one way - \$6.00, return \$12.00

Pensioner/concession: one way - \$8.00, return - \$16.00

Bicycle (additional cost): one way - \$4.00, return - \$8.00

*Children aged under 4 years travel free.

*Child fares are available for children aged from 4 to 12 years old.

For more information, see the French Island Ferries

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French Island Historical Feature

'The Argus', Saturday 12 July 1890

ON AND ABOUT FRENCH ISLAND - A CHAPTER OF SPORT (SO CALLED).

By Telemachus.

Edited for us by Chris Chandler

I found this an interesting account of French Island in 1890... not a lot has changed in 125 years; the isolation, the bush, swamps and mosquitos are much the same! Here is a man who had qualms about the 'sport' of hunting long before Animal Liberation... I have added comments (in italics) for clarification.

Chris C.

My instincts do not ring true to the sportsman's many tests. The cold of the long night watch is to me vexing and the patience which sits monumental at the end of a rod is incomprehensible. The cry of hare - or even rabbit - and the mute appeal of dying eyes ever painful. Pigeon shooting is bird-murder deprived of all the virility of true sport, made easy to suit an effeminate time. And it is quite impossible to shoot and think, or rather to shoot, think, and remember. And yet we went a shooting and on French Island of all places in colony or continent, and if it please you I will tell the story of that shooting; the game was described as "various". There were ducks, teal, widgeons and 'hard heads' innumerable in the swamps and 'splashes'. There were rabbits everywhere, hares occasionally, no foxes so far, no quail or snipe either, but wild cattle for those who sought big game and hard scrub riding, and fish in the waters all round about.

"Waste No-man's Land"

It is something in the way of hunting to most folk even to run down French Island, the wild waste no-man's-land, round which the fast tides of Westernport ebb and flow. Only fifty miles [80 Km] from Melbourne, yet quite off the telegraph and telephone, with only a weekly mail, and never a chain of made road or a single bridge, no church, no school, no courthouse, no local jurisdiction or taxes or rates. A few old-time memories about the shores and round cannon shot dug out occasionally, mementoes of the old days when the question of who should have and hold Australia was not quite settled and the Frenchmen robbed Flinders of the best of his life and labours and fixed or left their name to this waste island. So at least the local traditions run, though it is quite possible that someone or other of the numerous class of French may rise up and dispute the claim of the nation.

There is a salt manufactory on the island, a big establishment, with hopes and prospects [*the first Cheetham Saltworks in Victoria was on French Island*] and the ruins of an old wild duck decoy, in plan something like an immense and intricate drafting yard, but never, I believe, roofed in so as to be of any practical use. And, more important, there is the hospitable home of the Messrs. Blake, who practically possess the island. [*Brothers Edmund and Richard Blake held the lease for 'French Island Station', which covered most of the island.*] They hold some preemptive and acquired freehold rights, also the pastoral lease of the island generally, broken into by only two or three good folks of hermit tendencies. Captain Christopherson, once a name to conjure with wherever riflemen assembled, has his dwelling on the island. Mr M'Laughlan [*McLachlan*], a retired coasting skipper and one or two others, have their separate points and bays. Scores, hundreds of city folks, have come down through various periods of earth hunger and selection fever, have pegged out, and paid up so far as survey fees and preliminary deposits went, and then have allowed things to lapse, for the island did not seem to "come".

[By 1890, just a few business people had bought land along the south coast of the island, but most of it was still leased from the

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Government as the 'French Island Station'. The station was established by John and William Gairdner in 1847, and the Blake brothers were living in Gairdner's old house.]

The Messrs. Blake have the old place, the Station house that has been since the earliest days, down on a low shore looking ocean wards, with fair green hills above and around. Great, broad-limbed cypress trees overshadow the house in the summer time and screen it in the winter from the blasts off the sea, which nip and pinch everything. But the house is cheery and warm within, wonderfully cheery on a wild, wet wintry night after a three-hour's sail and a two-mile (3 Km) walk across unknown country whereon is no track found.



The 'French Island Station' house is long since gone, but one of the Cypress trees remain, now at least 140 years old

From Hastings

"We can get a boat". It was Thursday afternoon. "But do they know we are coming?"

"I wrote on Monday. They ought to have received my letter on Tuesday, if not they will get it on Saturday. It is all the same."

"And what about the wind?"

"The wind's all right."

It was making yeasty foam on the shallow flats and white caps on the channels and seemed blowing just from the very point we desired to make. But down we bundled and over a heap of mullet and seaweed-clogged nets in one boat, to another that was tugging at her anchor tow, feeling the strong flow of the tide off the pier head. In two minutes the two stout fishermen had her under weigh; wind, currents, waves and everything else seeming to obey them and we bore away down channel, sailing very close to the wind. Oilskins were served out off Coolamadoo [*Sandstone Island, close to Hastings*], for they talked about a tumble in the channel and then we stood right across. There was not much of a sea, a half-dozen whips of spray lashed across us but the good stout boat bobbed and danced and kept her nose up gallantly and in less than an hour we were well under the lee of the island and beating down to our jetty. There, as in very perverseness, the wind began to whisper instead of blow, an icy cold sort of whisper that would not fill the sails but effectively chilled one's marrow. We put out the sweeps [*long oars*], we showed every inch of canvas, we sneaked along feeling for rocks and shoals and getting an awful understanding of the cold. There seemed a big blow hanging out to seaward and rain and wind squalls were ruffling the water above and below us. Twilight came, and darkness and still we toiled along. The jetty was near [*at Tankerton*]; we could dimly see the monkey, pile-driving at its further end. We would put about in few minutes and pull in. And even then a squall came and hit us, wind and rain and driving sea and darkness all together. Lord! What a helpless thing a landsman is in such a bit of a muss as that! How the seas seem to slap you in the face as with intent of insult and derision and the sails buffet you, and the ropes tangle your feet, and the whole boat becomes like some infernal net contrived by malignant power to drag you down to the deeps!

Continued...

French Island Historical Feature

But the waterman sends out his voice like a warrior when the ranks join, and heaves here and lets go there, and manages the tiller with a couple of fingers, so that in about two minutes you are as comfortable as when a horse breaks from pig-jumping into a steady gallop, making use of every breath of the wind that two minutes ago seemed specially ordained for your destruction. We were alongside the new jetty an hour after dark. Our boatman said if we had had the wind from the start we should have made it easy in daylight. And what were we going to do then?

"Look here, do you think they got our letter?"

He had us on the island now, and answered straight, "No, I don't."

"Then they won't be there to meet us?"

"No, we shall have to walk."

"How far is it?"

"Oh, a mile or two."

"Any track?"

"No, but I know the lay of the country."

"Lucky for you that nobody else knows it, or we would kill you and bury you, and swear you fell overboard and forgot to come up again."

For it is not a nice thing to walk a mile or two, or a mile and a bittock through scrub, and round swamps and under rung timber with the rain sputtering about, and the moopos [*Boobook Owls*] hooting, and the curlews [*Bush Curlews*] wailing, and the night hawks calling above, and the penguins quacking away on the surface of the water. Carrying too, all the necessary swags of travel and the cumbersome impediments of sport-guns and hundreds of cartridges. The man that undertakes to write in proper time about an affair like this and doesn't write ought to be hanged. Such was the opinion of all save one. Nevertheless, we all got over and met with a good bush welcome, and lightened the larder considerably and went to bed.

The wind blew itself out through the night; the morning dawned without a cloud. Innumerable brilliants flashed along all the sward [*spider webs with dew on them*], sparrows and waxeyes chirruped in the ti-tree clumps, the magpies sang on the gunia. Far away the strip of beach on Phillip Island shone like a band of exceeding fine brass. On all the green sea floors left bare by the tide [*seagrass beds*] the swans and pelicans stalked and fished, and the world seemed as happy in the sunshine as the cold moon folded in Endymion's warm embrace.

"What are we going to shoot? What about the bulls, the wild cattle?"

"They are at the other end of the island, 15 miles away [*24 Km*] in the scrub. You might get a shot at one if you camped out for a night or two, but it is cold weather for that."

"Yes, are there any ducks?"

"Generally get some. We will have a try."

We armed and equipped ourselves and sallied forth. The day was delightful now... We walked briskly for five miles [*8 km*] through a very poor country. Long coarse grass, flags, rushes, scrub, heath, low gnarled timber, and sandy hills occasionally, where the coneys [*rabbits*] had made their homes. Yet some few thousands of the all-enduring merinos seemed thriving well enough and they had been brought down from near to the borders of Queensland.

We are coming near the ducks. "Stop all talking and tie the old horse with the billy and pannikins and luncheon swag up to the tree there. And now, just on the brow of that little hill, like the crater of an old volcano, there is a long lagoon; reeds in the centre and about the banks and generally good mob of ducks at one end or the other. Spread yourselves round the lagoon but below the brow of the hill. One man will sneak in and put them up, and all

the others will get a chance as they make away."

Those were the orders, and we spread. I went right away to the farther end and waited there, and crept up close (against orders) and peeped over the edge of the scrub. It was a very pretty sight. There was a broad patch of water, perfectly still and mirroring the steely blue of the wintry sky. A clump of tall reeds beyond, tall reed-stalks ragged but rich with a pale brown. The drooping flags were grey, sere, dead looking. There was a ribbon of sedge on the bank, but all the scrub was vivid green, shot through with sunlight. And on the water or emerging from or entering the reeds was a flock or swans, a dozen always visible. Their dark plumage and bright red bills made happy contrast of colour with reeds and water and scrub. They talked gravely, fished demurely, and plumed themselves in the sunshine on the water. It was winter with them and not mating time and they pursued an even and calm and sedate swan life. I had rather have painted than shot them and feel some consolation in the fact that they were within 20 yards (*18 m*) of me for a full quarter of an hour and got no harm. I could hear ducks quacking far away and a couple of coots whose remarkably quick perception had detected a something wrong, rose up heavily, and made short flights as if to reconnoitre, settling again with a heavy flap.

The mosquitoes began to bite I allowed two to take their fill trying to understand what sort of a life that man has who feeds the performing fleas but executed the third, and then looked about the bush. The prickly mimosa screened me – 'prickly Moses' the bushmen call it - and long straggling boughs of gums webbed the sky above, there was a last year's magpies nest in one tall tree. A crow came and horned it, to see if a lizard had made a home amongst the dry sticks. Where do the crows build?

[He looks at the leaves and mosses until suddenly notices a Bull Ant on his boot...]

Poke him off with a stick and tease him into fighting for a bit and then, what about a smoke? Could I venture to light a match and would the ducks smell smoke? Not safe to try. Contemplate the herbs of the field again, and wish I could get up a passion for botany. The man who goes duck shooting ought to be a botanist, or else he should carry book in his pocket.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Heavens! How all the spirit of Cain jumps up within one. Here they come, a close packed cloud of a hundred, with a half dozen stragglers. There is speed and terror in the wild whistle of their wings. "Kwook! Kwook!" say the swans, lifting to their full height their long, graceful, foolish heads. "Tweet! tweet!" call the parrots, flashing away their glorious colours lightening through the air. "Hulla baloo" shouts the jackass [*Kookaburra*] and flies to a dead limb overlooking the scene, and the magpie scuds away fast and silent, for this sort of work disturbs though it seldom hurts him. Here they come. They turn, they are right away to sea. Bang! Bang! They are stopped again. They wheel away round my station, and I deliver also. One of the covey comes tumbling down and some of the others are staggered, but they were too far away, at least we will say so. Two more shots, but the ducks follow a wild, straight flight now, and the shots are not seen to tell.

Then, save for some painful fluttering amongst the reeds, all the swamp is still once more. A sulphurous smell hangs about and nobody seems very well pleased. We expected a dozen ducks, and - it is just as well to tell the truth - we got two.

There were plenty more killed, of course but "they got away somehow". We will have better luck in the next swamp.

The next is called the Black Duck, this is The Shag.

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French Island Features

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The Black Duck is a mile ahead, and we walk towards it, talking of what might, could, would, or should have been. We surround 'The Black Duck'. Our advance guard creeps down. We endure another twenty minutes of suspense and then from the other end comes a loud "Ah, hoo!" We know what it means. There are no ducks - the only occupant apparently a big swan floating securely in the centre of the waters.

"Duck shooting is not much after all," said one and another as we went home with our one poor brace of birds, two or three swans tied up with them just to make a show. "We'll go at the bulls or the rabbits tomorrow." The rabbits were chosen, the bull hunting being too remote and doubtful. And now, if there is any redeeming merit in pretty good sport, it must be allowed that there is an excuse to be found for those well-cursed people who first brought the rabbit to Australia.

There follows a long description of the rabbit hunt with dogs and four men with guns... which resulted in them shooting a "wagon-load" of rabbits.

Finally, the next day set sail for Hastings late in the afternoon. The sea is calm and they expect to be able to reach there rowing in less than two hours... However a thick fog came down, they had no compass, and spent the whole night out freezing in an open boat!

When they returned to Melbourne to tell of their shooting trip to the island, some of their friends had negative comments...

You were fools," said the people who know (there always are people of that sort), "You were fools to go to the island for ducks. You only get them about 'the splashes' this time of the year."

"What do you mean by 'the splashes'?"

"They are pitches of shallow water just inland from the beach, long chains of them the ducks come in there to sleep or to feed when the tide is full. You are bound to get ducks there. I got fifty in a night. I believe I have seen two hundred killed in one tide."

Like fishermen, hunters' stories tend to 'grow' with the telling!

Edited by Chris Chandler

GOOSE WAR



Every morning I am awoken by the loud honking of Cape Barren Geese from the resident pair who live on the dam behind my caravan. There is a war going on! It started about 3 weeks ago while I was having breakfast. I was curious about loud honking from the male goose nearby, so I went out to investigate. Sure enough, another pair had spotted the dam, thought it looked inviting and landed nearby. They were to regret it! The male from the resident pair approached the invaders with wings outstretched and lots of loud honking. Since this didn't deter them, he flew directly at them, chasing them with more loud honks. They

retreated to further up the paddock, and pretended to be uninterested in the dam. However, this was not good enough for the resident male! The honking and attacking sorties continued for several hours!

Now each morning the invading pair return. The male from this pair is getting bolder, daring to fly in and land on the dam bank, causing the resident male to fly into a rage of honking and aggressive flights directly at the invader. The invader flies around in a large circle and lands again near the dam. This battle goes on for hours... it will be decided when the weaker of the two males is finally exhausted and gives up. Even the females had a little skirmish, with less aggression and 'shouting' than the males, of course! The resident female ran at the invading female with her head down and (politely) shooed her away. The two of them then stood a metre apart and a lot of vigorous head bobbing followed.

Cape Barren Geese are a grazing species. Their stronghold has always been the islands of Bass Strait and off south-western Australia. Before European settlement, they were mainly restricted to grassy islands and coastal headlands, including Phillip Island and the Western Port coast. They were hunted to extinction as a breeding species in Victoria by the early 1900s, after which, they only rarely appeared as a visitor from Bass Strait. In the early 1970s, captive geese were placed at both HMAS Cerberus and Conservation Hill on Phillip Island. From these captive groups, free flying offspring have spread out and multiplied to the extent that the Phillip Island population is now estimated to be X000! Several hundred now live on French Island.

From the 1990s, Cape Barren Geese began to frequent French Island. As far as we know, the first pair bred near Harrop's Hill in 1998. Now it appears that there could be over 100 breeding pairs! In addition to breeding pairs, there are also a large number of 'teenagers', young birds who have not yet matured and found a mate. The young birds do not usually breed until they are three years old. Often they form large flocks. Over summer I counted up to 196 geese feeding in a paddock along Overpass Road.

It appears that every dam on the island (apart from McLeod in the east which is not surrounded by dense vegetation) has a breeding pair of Cape Barren Geese. Many pairs have already occupied their chosen dam (some since mid March), and they defend it aggressively against all comers. Keep an eye on your resident geese, they are quite entertaining to watch.

Chris Chandler



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Friends of French Island

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Legal Matters

FIELDS Vs SMITH

The Family Court in deciding property settlements between parties that have separated look at the financial and non-financial contributions each have made to the relationship in deciding how to divide the pool of assets that has been accumulated. The asset pool is normally divided on a percentage basis. Over the last number of years the concept of “special contributions” has crept into the language of the Family Court in deciding some high worth and “big money cases” in property settlement decisions. The term “special contributions” normally arises in situations where one party to the relationship argues that because they have made a “special” or an “exceptional” contribution to the relationship because of their special skills which resulted in a significant financial asset pool (for example creation of a successful business) then they should be entitled to a greater share of the property settlement. However, there is no reference to the term ‘special skill’ or one party making ‘special contributions’ in the Family Law Act 1975. The concept of “special contributions” is well illustrated in the case of Whiteley & Whitely (1992) FLC 92. In that decision the Family Court determined that the husband, Whitely who was a famous artist, had “special skills” which enabled him to make a major contribution to the accumulation of assets in the marriage.

As a result of the husband’s “special skill” in his contribution to the financial assets of the marriage he was awarded by the court 67.5% of the property settlement and his wife 32.5%.

Over the years there has been much debate about whether the concept of “special skills” should be given greater weight in a property settlement. Part of the controversy relates to the fact that “special skills” are only given weight for financial contributions and not for homemaking and parenting contributions.

The debate about the validity of “special contributions” was revived again for example in the case of Kane & Kane [2013] Fam CAFC 205. In that case the Full Court rejected the notion of “special skills” or “special contributions” saying that it would result in disproportionate weight being given to one party’s contributions although it was possible to find that one party had made greater contributions than the other.

In the most recent decision of Fields & Smith [2015] FamCAFC 57 the court considered whether the concept of “special skills” and “special contributions” was a binding rule within the Family Law Act and referred favourably to the decision in Kane & Kane in their judgement.

In that case the husband and wife had been married for 20 years. The significant asset pool was approximately \$30 –\$40 million and had been generated from a successful

construction business. The husband argued that he had been the “driving force” in the success of the business and that because of his “special skill” in making the contributions he should be awarded a greater percentage of the asset pool.

However, the wife had also been directly involved in certain aspects of the business as both a director and shareholder. The wife otherwise, was the main homemaker and parent. There were three children of the relationship who were adults at the time of the original trial.

The Full Court bench including the Chief Justice determined that there was no binding rule of “special contributions” and adjusted the original proportion of the property settlement of the husband and wife from a division of 60% to the husband and 40% to the wife to a division of 50% to the husband and 50% to the wife.

As a result of this case it is arguable that the Family Court has shown it is increasingly less willing to give significant weight to the argument that “exceptional” financial contributions are more important than other contributions made in deciding the overall contributions made to the relationship by each party when deciding property settlements. In a sense “special contributions” may become less special in the years to come.

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Thank you to over 2000 participants who have already taken part. As the project relies on as many people as possible to

participate, you can still continue to make an important contribution by helping spread the word to others who may be interested. For more information about the project and how you can help, or to find out whether it might be suitable for you, please contact the team on **1800 068 289** or visit our website www.forgottencancers.com.au



Bass Coast Strollers Celebrate 17 years of walking!!



The 18th of May was the 17th anniversary of the Bass Coast Strollers, and they celebrated by walking around the picturesque environs of Corinella. It was a picture perfect day, and cupcakes were shared for morning tea at the home of one of the members. After completing the walk, La Provincia was the venue for a double celebratory lunch – birthdays for the Club as well as a member's special "0"

day!!!

We recently held our annual term 1 and term 2 trips away, choosing contrasting locations.

March saw 10 members drive to the Mornington Peninsula where they spent 2 nights in a house at Sorrento. From here they walked the lovely coast with cliff paths, coastal bush walks and out along Point Nepean, wonderful sea and bush scapes highlighted this walk. Another day saw them walking along the millionaires cliff top in front of luxurious properties facing Port Phillip Bay.

In April, 10 members drove to the Macedon Region, where they were based for 2 nights at Riddells Creek at Treetops Scout Camp Lodge. Mt Macedon village gardens and streets were looking resplendent with the trees in their autumn colours. Besides wandering in one of the open gardens, members climbed Hanging Rock with its unusual rock formations, and explored part of the Macedon Range. They visited the Organ Pipes N.P. on the way, with its different rock formations too.

On both camps, a great time was had by all, with the walks followed by socialising in the evenings.

Any adult of any age, who enjoys walking the great outdoors with like-minded people and is available, Monday mornings, is welcome to come try a walk or 3 with us. For further information, please see www.basscoaststrollers.org or contact Jan on 0419 990 313



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Food

RECIPES



Broccoli and cheese bake

Alexandra O'Brien

As the weather drops, this tasty (and somewhat healthy) cheesy and broccoli bake will warm the body and soul.

Ingredients:

900g broccoli, stems removed, large florets cut
Salt for blanching water
½ cup plain flour
5 eggs, beaten
½ cup cream
1 cup whole milk
3 teaspoons of freshly cracked black pepper
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 cup cheddar cheese, grated

Method:

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil (with one tablespoon of salt for 8 cups of water). Add the broccoli florets and parboil for three to five minutes or until just tender enough so that a fork can easily pierce the floret, but still firm. Strain and rinse with cold water to stop the cooking.
2. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 210°C and butter a casserole dish.
3. In a bowl, whisk the eggs into the flour, then whisk in the cream and milk. Add the black pepper, salt, and mustard. Mix in about a third of the cheese.
4. Place the parboiled broccoli florets in the casserole dish, sprinkling about a third of the cheese over the broccoli florets as you lay them down. Pour the egg, cream, milk, cheese mixture over the broccoli, moving the broccoli pieces a bit so that the mixture

gets into all of the crevasses. Sprinkle the bake with the remaining cheese.
5. Bake for 25 to 40 minutes, or until set. Once the top has browned, you may want to tent with aluminium foil to keep from burning.

Salmon fishcakes

Emma James

Healthy and delicious, these tasty fishcakes will not only be enjoyed by all, but they also store well in the freezer so you can always have a speedy meal on hand if you need. Makes: 8

Ingredients:

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
50g peas (fresh or frozen)
600 g potatoes, peeled and chopped in 1cm pieces
½ a bunch of fresh chives, finely chopped
2 x 180g tins of quality salmon, washed and drained
1 lemon
1 tablespoon plain flour, plus extra for dusting
1 large free-range egg
Olive oil

Method:

1. Half fill a large saucepan with cold water and add a tiny pinch of salt. Place on a high heat and bring to the boil.
2. If using fresh peas, pod them into a bowl, then leave to one side.
3. Once the water is boiling, carefully add the potatoes, bring back to the boil, then turn the heat down to medium and simmer gently for around 10 minutes, or until cooked through. Add the peas for the last two minutes.
4. In a mixing bowl, add the chives and salmon. Using a fork, flake it into small chunks.
5. Once cooked, drain the potatoes and peas and leave them to cool completely.
6. Finely grate the lemon zest, then add it to the bowl along with the flour. Crack in the egg and season with a tiny pinch of pepper.
7. Once cool, tip the potatoes and peas back

into the pan and use a potato masher to mash them really well. Add the mash to the bowl, then mix together until really well combined.

9. Sprinkle a little flour over a clean work surface and onto a large plate. Divide the mixture into eight and use your hands to pat and shape each ball into a fishcake, roughly 2cm thick. Place them onto the floured plate, dusting your hands and the top of each fish cake lightly with flour as you go.

10. Place a large frying pan on a medium heat and add one tablespoon of olive oil. Carefully place the fishcakes into the pan and cook for three to four minutes on each side, or until crisp and golden, turning carefully with a fish slice.

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Bass Coast Business Awards

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Entries are now open for the 2015 Bass Coast Business Awards.



Following on from the success of last year, the Awards will run in two parts – a People's Choice category, as well as the Business Awards, so both businesses and their customers can be involved.

Community members will be able to vote for their People's Choice online, with all entries for the Judged Awards to be made through Council's website.

Bass Coast shire Council Mayor, Cr Kimberley Brown, said the Awards are one of the most popular annual events for our local business community.

"The Bass Coast Business Awards are a way to raise the profile of local businesses and highlight the benefits these businesses bring to the Shire," Cr Brown said.

"The People's Choice section is a fantastic opportunity for the community to nominate their favourite businesses."

"When someone from the community nominates a business for a People's Choice Award, they also become eligible to win a \$250 shopping voucher.

"There are also some real economic and promotional benefits for businesses that get involved.

"I encourage everyone to support the 2015 Awards and again make the Awards night a highlight of the year."

Cr Brown said

Entries

All businesses in Bass Coast registered to receive business mail with Australia Post will receive a Business Award kit in the mail. The kit will include entrant's information and a promotional poster to display in businesses for the People's Choice Awards to encourage customers to vote.

Information booklets and People's Choice Posters are also available online at basscoast.vic.gov.au/businessawards and from Council's Customer Service Centres. Business Award entries close on 10 July 2015.

There are six categories in the Business Awards:

- Business Excellence 0-5 employees - sponsored by Phillip Island Nature Parks

- Business Excellence 6 or more employees - sponsored by Bass Coast Shire Council
- Marketing and Promotion - sponsored by Destination Phillip Island
- New Business - sponsored by the Victorian Government through Small Business Victoria
- Environment and Sustainability - sponsored by Westernport Water
- Good Access is Good Business - sponsored by Rural Access

The overall winner of the 2015 Bass Coast Business of the Year will be selected from the winners of these categories.

People's Choice

Council is asking members of the community to vote for any business operating in Bass Coast that they believe provides exceptional service.

"We all know when we experience excellent customer service and now is the time to show your support for your favourite local businesses and nominate them in the People's Choice Award," Cr Brown said. "Businesses aren't able to nominate themselves in this section, but they should encourage their customers to put in a nomination."

Nominations can be made at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/businessawards. Entries are limited to one per person, per business. People's Choice voting closes on 31 July 2015.

Awards Presentation Dinner

The excitement of the Business Awards culminates at the Awards Presentation Dinner on Friday, 21 August 2015 at RACV Inverloch Resort, Inverloch. The evening is open to all businesses, not just those that have entered, and any business can book a table for their staff and friends.

Last year's event was very popular, so book early to avoid missing out.

For bookings, please contact Council's Business Development Officer, Emilie Barkley.

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A woman visited a modern-art gallery. One painting was bright blue with vivid orange swirls and the one hanging next to it was black with lime-green splotches.

The artist stood nearby, so as politely as she could, the woman said to him, "I'm sorry, but I just don't understand your paintings."

"I paint what I feel inside me," the artist replied.

"I see," the woman replied innocently.

"Have you tried Alka-Seltzer?"



The Smartest Dog Ever

As a butcher is shoeing a dog from his shop, he sees \$10 and a note in his mouth, reading: "10 lamb chops, please."

Amazed, he takes the money, puts a bag of chops in the dog's mouth, and quickly closes the shop. He follows the dog and watches him wait for a green light, look both ways, and trot across the road to a bus stop. The dog checks the timetable and sits on the bench.

When a bus arrives, he walks around to the front and looks at the number, then boards the bus. The butcher follows, dumbstruck.

As the bus travels out into the suburbs, the dog takes in the scenery. After awhile he stands on his back paws to push the "stop" button, then the butcher follows him off.

The dog runs up to a house and drops his bag on the stoop. He goes back down the path, takes a big run, and throws himself -Whap! - Against the door. He does this again and again. No answer. So he jumps on a wall, walks around the garden, beats his head against a window, jumps off, and waits at the front door. A big guy opens it and starts cursing and pummeling the dog. The butcher runs up screams at the guy: "What the hell are you doing? This dog's a genius!"

The owner responds, "Genius, no way! It's the second time this week he's forgotten his key."

On the road



DRIVER COURTESY

Be courteous and share the road:
 Allow other drivers to merge or change lanes easily.
 Only use your horn as a warning sound and do not use it out of frustration.
 Always try to stay relaxed and concentrate on your own driving and safety rather than the behaviour of others.
 Don't gesture to other drivers or engage in arguments.
 Be forgiving of other drivers' mistakes.
 Don't take your personal frustration out on the road.
 Be aware of the needs of other drivers, and all other road users like pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and heavy vehicles.

PERSONAL SAFETY

While driving, take some personal safety precautions:
 While in your car, keep the doors locked at all times.
 If you find yourself being followed while driving, try to keep calm and maintain your driving skills. Go to the nearest police station, petrol station or well-lit convenience store. Only leave your car when you feel the threat has passed. Report the incident to the police.
 Plan your trip in advance so that you are not sitting in your car with the light on reading the street directory at night.
 Be prepared in case of breakdowns or trouble:
 Try to carry pen and paper, a torch, mobile phone and emergency numbers with you at all times.
 It is also a good idea to invest in a personal alarm for safety reasons. If you can't afford one, a cheaper alternative is a whistle to blow and attract attention if you are in danger.
 If you break down, try to leave the car in a safe, well-lit spot. Put your bonnet up and turn on your hazard lights.
 If someone stops to assist, do not get into

a stranger's car. Give them your details and ask them to call for assistance.
 Park safely:
 Try to park in a place where there will be plenty of people around and that is well lit.
 Avoid parking too close to walls and hedges.
 Never leave valuables like purses, wallets or mobile phones in your car. Move things into the boot before you leave, rather than when you arrive at the destination.
 Have your keys ready to open the car, rather than rummaging through your bag to find them.
 If it is dark, have someone accompany you to your car. Try to avoid multi-storey car parks.
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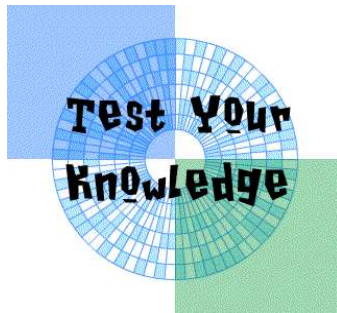
Trivia and Lifestyle

QUIZ?

- Who was posthumously awarded the 1976 best actor Oscar for his performance in 'Network'?
- What's the fourth estate?
- How many eyes does an earthworm have?
- Where did Donald Campbell set the world land speed record in 1964?
- What J.R.R Tolkien book features Bilbo Baggins as the central character?
- What seasonal south Asian wind is characterised by heavy rains?
- What was first held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada in 1930?
- What was the first metal mined in Australia?
- How many finally made it to freedom in the movie 'The Great Escape'?
- What literary character marries Charles Hamilton out of spite?
- What season is hail most prevalent in?
- What's a Fisherman's Bend or Bucket Hitch?
- Where does a librocubicularist read?
- What fungus is used in making bread?
- Where did kiwifruit originally come from?
- What does the abbreviation cwt. Stand for?
- What did Sir Walter Raleigh lose in 1618?
- What are the first three words in the Bible?
- What is the cube root of 64?
- Whose theme song was 'Thanks for the Memories'?

ANSWERS

1. Peter Finch. 2. The Press. 3. None. 4. Lake Eyre, South Australia. 5. The Hobbit. 6. The monsoon. 7. The British Empire Games. 8. Copper. 9. Three. 10. Scare O'Hara. 11. Summer. 12. A knot. 13. In bed. 14. Yeast. 15. China. 16. Hundredweight. 17. His head. 18. In the beginning. 19. Four. 20. Bob Hope.



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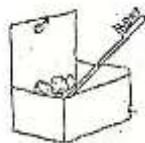


Part 1 of a new Self Sufficiency series. 70 ways to recycle unwanted kitchen waste.

Paper and Cardboard



1. Turn small juice or cream cartons into useful holders (such as a bathroom cup holder) by cutting as shown:



2. Cardboard cartons have numerous storage uses.

They may be decorated with coloured paper, paint, pictures, etc. Lids can be made by cutting the bottom from a slightly larger cardboard box. Ideal for toy storage containers, linen boxes for under beds, or food storage boxes in the pantry allowing easy pullout when required and the grouping and labelling of different sections.

3. Turn empty tissue boxes into a useful pocket shelf storage system as illustrated:



4. Turn cardboard tubes (from plastic wrapping, alfoil, paper-towel rolls, etc.) into napkin rings by cutting to the required size and painting and decorating. An attractive design idea is to wind coloured wool around the ring.

5. Recycle old magazines by creating a pad for hot plates and saucepans. Simply roll single magazine pages around a knitting needle to form thin 'tubes'. Roll each page diagonally and secure the end corner with glue before removing the knitting needle. When you have accumulated about 25 tubes, lay them side-by-side. Using a strong sewing needle and thread, sew through each tube to secure the pad. Trim to an even size.

6. Milk, cream, or juice cartons, with top removed and drainage holes placed in the bottom make ideal seedling containers.

7. Butter wrappers are ideal for lining cake tins (place the unbuttered side against the tin).

8. Cardboard wine or bottle carriers can be turned into mobile utensil holders.

9. Milk cartons make ideal nametags. Using a clean and dry milk carton, simply cut a nametag of the required size and shape from the side of the carton.



With the inside facing outward, and using a felt pen (permanent type) write the name and attach with a safety pin.

10. Cereal boxes and food storage cartons make useful magazine, file or book holders - as illustrated



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3. Pour in 250 ml boiling water. Leave to cool and fully infuse before using. Strain before use (optional - not necessary if applying as an astringent)

Keeping time: 2 weeks in fridge.

Dried herbs may be used in place of fresh - use 2 teaspoons per 250ml hot water

How to use:

Apply to the face (after cleansing) with cotton wool ball or pour into spray bottle and use as an astringent spray.

Do not wash off - leave to dry on the skin.

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Gardening

THE HUNGRY BIN WORM FARM

Earth Garden's Viv Hamilton, reviews this modern take on worm farming.

Such a small box I thought as I excitedly signed for my package from Wormlovers



(thank you!). The components were cleverly packed one inside the other allowing for easy carrying, unpacking and assembly. With the clear instructions to follow, it only took about ten minutes to put together.

We filled the bin 3/4 full with commercial compost to get us going as I didn't have any ready in the garden, popped the worms in out of their box and we were ready to go. Although a tad more pricey than the traditional tiered worm farm system, this bin is a far better approach. On wheels, it is a cinch to move around to a warmer or cooler spot and looks a lot better than stacks of ugly black boxes.

Feeding the worms is simply a matter of lifting the lid while still standing. No bending. No lifting of heavy trays either as the castings are harvested by releasing clips from the bottom of the unit and removing the filter tray. Generally the worms won't come out with the castings as they are surface feeders and like to stay in the top few centimetres of the bin. The odd one can be easily popped back in.

The Hungry Bin also works more efficiently than traditional bins thanks to its tapered sides, meaning that the castings continuously flow downward, gradually compacting neatly at the bottom ready for removal. Worm juice can be collected directly from the lower tray, or you can place a container (as we have) in the tray to lower the surface area of the juice and help prevent evaporation.

We think this bin is brilliant. So easy to use and perfect for people with dodgy backs. I've become very fond of my compost worms and carefully choose which food is

going to them and which is going to the chooks. The worms tend to love things that the chooks don't like so much such as potato peelings, and the chooks love what the worms don't like such as bread and meat scraps. Neither of them much like citrus or onion though! The added benefit is that now nearly all of our scraps are being utilised, instead of being left on the chook house floor encouraging unwanted rodents (did I mention the Hungry Bins is rodent proof?) The team of willing worms are also happily munching on coffee grounds, wood ash, autumn leaves and sawdust - balancing out their scrappy diet.

My household has been trialing our bin for nearly six months now and couldn't be happier with it. We'd recommend it for any urban garden and particularly for people who already prefer the benefits of raised style garden beds. Councils are crying out for people to stop green waste going to land fill and this is the easy solution, processing your kitchen and garden waste and turning it into super easy to harvest, nutrient rich compost. Oh, and I reckon you'll end up with a soft spot for your worms! To see the specifications and buy your Hungry Bin go to:

www.earthgarden.com.au



EASY WAYS TO BEAT WEEDS



Weeds – they're the bane of a gardener's existence! A single weed can produce as many as 250,000 seeds so here's five easy ways to banish them from your garden once and for all.

Before you come up with a defence strategy, you need to know what you're up against! Different types of weeds will require different control methods so identify the weed, research it thoroughly so you know the best line of defence.

Shower perennials with water

The long taproots of perennial weeds will break if you try to yank them out of dry soil so only attempt when soil is wet – either from rainfall or your hose. When you pull these pesky perennial weeds out with roots intact, you won't get grow back.

Attack annual weeds when dry

Wait for a hot and dry day before you attack annual weeds. This will ensure weeds will shrivel and die even if you don't manage to remove the entire root of plants.

Mulch, mulch and mulch

Covering bare soil with mulch will deprive weeds of the light they need to thrive. Plus if those sneaky weeds still manage to grow, they are usually weak enough to be easily removed.

Bake big weeds problems

If the weeds are getting a tad out of control in one part of your garden, an easy way to kill them all at once is to bake them beneath a sheet of clear plastic. Wet soil first and then cover with sheet of clear plastic and leave for three weeks. The best condition to do this is when the weather is hot and sunny.

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JULY GARDENING TIPS



One of the most important tasks to do during the month of July, if you are a rose grower, is to give your roses a strong prune if you have not already. There are varying suggestions when it comes to pruning roses. Some say to remove approximately 1/3 of the plant, some suggest removing up to 2/3 of the plant. I myself lean towards the 2/3 suggestion simply because I have found that the harder you prune the rose, the better they seem to grow back and, also, the more control you have over the size and shape of new growth.

Roses are very hardy plants, regardless of what you may hear. As long as they have sufficient water (the main cause of rose death) they can survive some very harsh conditions.

Try and prune in the middle of the day. This gives the plant time to adjust to its new 'hair cut' before dealing with the cool of night, so they don't get a cold fright. Also, when you are trimming a stem, try and make the cut at a 45-degree angle.

Your roses will heal better and have more ability to fight off disease if you do this. Another issue that you may face in the winter is frost, especially if you go through a cold, dry spell in your area. When overnight temperatures drop down to close to 0°C, your plants may experience frost. To help limit frost damage, the best tip I can give you is to make sure that your garden beds are sufficiently mulched. This works because it keeps more heat in the soil, which enables your plants to better regulate their own heat. They may still suffer from frost, but if they have access to

heat from the soil, the plant cells themselves should not freeze and therefore your plants will be better off.

Other than this, just try and keep on top of the weeds that are bound to be growing in your gardens and lawns. If you don't like the weeds, then you need to get rid of them. One way to do this is to use a hand trowel to carefully dig them out, making sure you get the root as well as the top leaves. Another way is if you have a weeding tool. A weeding tool has two prongs at the end. You can place the prongs into the soil around the roots and then lever the weed out. Try and get rid of flowering weeds in your lawn as soon as possible so as to limit the spread of the weeds as spring and summer draw near.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Hard Leaf Wattle



Genus: Acacia

Species: sclerophylla

Common Names: Hard Leaf Wattle

Flower Colour: Yellow

Foliage Colour: Green

Growth Habit: Shrub to 2m

Flowering: Spring

This variety is apparently one of the most hardy Acacia varieties, supporting most soil types. It reportedly thrives in both full sun positions or positions that experience part shade and is tolerant of frosts to around about -7 degrees celcius. This makes for one very sustainable and hardy plant!

Though it is not a ground cover, due to its height, it does spread quite wide, sometimes to as much as 3m which makes it a good 'fill' variety, to be used to

cover big spaces that you don't want to see. It sends out lots of stems as it grows, making it quite a bushy variety. This coupled with its flower nature leads it to be one of the most decorative Acacia varieties that you can get.



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GREAT GARDEN IDEA



Turn an old bathtub into a garden bed

This is a similar idea to using a wheelbarrow but it allows a greater variety of plant choices. If you are lucky enough to have an old bath lying around or you are considering a bathroom renovation which would leave you with a spare bath, why not use it in your garden?

Objects like wheelbarrows and bathtubs add something different to what most people generally expect to see in a garden. The big upside to using a bathtub is that you can plant bigger growing shrubs and also plant 3-4 different plants in the same tub.

As with the wheelbarrow, choose where you want to feature your bathtub, place it there and then fill it almost to the top with a good soil mix, described above. Make your plant selections and then plant them. with larger growing plants in the middle and smaller growing shrubs on the outside.

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INTRODUCING TOMMY

Bass Coast Lost & Found Pets volunteer coordinator Antonietta Gent has sent us another pet profile, after the Second Chance Rescue Group were successful in finding a forever home for Biggles and Braveheart last month.



Tommy (the terrific) is a male domestic short hair - Located in Victoria Tommy ticks ALLLLLLL the boxes that we can list and I am certain that there is no home that he would not suit. Our only wish for this young man is that he has a home indoors (due to his pale colourings and local council requirements) that he becomes a much loved member of the family - never to be homeless again. If you meet him you will fall in LOVE so be prepared to want to take him home straight away (hint, bring a large cat carrier, this is one big love cat). Tommy is dog, kitten and cat friendly and loves smooching and interacting with humans.

Age: 1 year 3 months Adoption Fee: \$190 Coat: Short De-sexed - Yes Vaccinated - Yes Wormed - Yes Microchip Number: 982 000 356 435 255 Rescue Group: Second Chance Animal Rescue <https://www.petrescue.com.au/listings/321546>



DO IT NOW

Over 60 community member, Maggie Hill, 72, from Whalan, New South Wales, shares the reasons why she always chooses to adopt pets rather than buying... and why you should consider it too.



"My husband and I have always adopted from a rescue organisations as we found they make the most loyal pets – and the more we can save the better. My dad taught me that if you take a dog in need and give him a bed and a feed, you have a friend for life. He was right.

Of course, everybody is different, but I found out the hard way that I needed a dog. My 16-year-old Maltese, who I had since she was six weeks old, died on her birthday last December. I swore I would never have another one but I was miserable. I started looking on the internet but we agreed we were too old for a puppy and there are so many older dogs who have been abandoned for one reason or another. That's when I saw Tara – she is approximately seven years old and we don't know her history but I reckon I have another seven years left in me.

I have had Tara for two weeks and she sits beside me now as I write. We have bonded beautifully, too much for my husband's liking as she squeaks when she can't see me. I am enjoying the nightly walks and must admit she is so pretty that she attracts a lot of attention, which is nice.

As to whether I would recommend over-60s adopt a pet, if you see an animal you like, get your name down fast. Ask if anyone else has already registered. Try to meet the animal a couple of times (we saw Tara twice and played with her). If you have other animals in your home, if possible take them with you to meet the rescue. But I think the reason why anyone should adopt a pet is pretty obvious. Last night, Tara jumped on my footstool, walked up my legs and gave me kisses. It was just wonderful. So if you have been thinking about adopting the only thing to say is: DO IT."

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