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The Waterline News - December

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General Committee Members.
Brian Lloyd and Jackie Tait.
 Joy to the World, the black swans are back! What a beautiful sight to see the swans and their cygnets swimming gracefully around our shores again, as well as all the other wonderful waterbirds that "summer" in Corinella. The boating season is in full swing, and for everyone to get the most out of their day on the waterplease remember to bring lots of good will and patience with you, as the inevitable long queues will still be happening on the big holiday days. I know that the townfolk of Corinella really appreciate those boaters arriving in the dead of the night, coming in slowly and quietly so as not to disturb their sleep.....'tis the season to be jolly, considerate, kind, patient and thoughtful of others, as we enjoy the delights of Corinella over Christmas and the New Year.

"CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT"

At the Rotunda on the Foreshore, if you ask anyone who attended last year, they will tell you it was a fabulous, fun, magical night..... and we can promise you it will be even better this year. Father Christmas will be paying us a call, and there will be glow candles to purchase for the kids. So put Friday the 16th of December, on your calendarbring your own food, drinks,

blanket, chairs etc . Singing will commence at 8pm til late (last year no one wanted to go home!!!!)

TWILIGHT CAR BOOT SALE

Bigger and better than last year, we will be having colour LED signs out on the highway advertising the event to ensure we get a really good crowd through, to make it good for both sellers and buyers, part of the proceeds will be going to support the Bass Valley Children's Centre....again get out the Calender and put in Wednesday, January 18, 5pm til 8pm. Sausage sizzle and drinks will be available at great prices!

Venue....Harold Hughes Park. Corinella. **AUSTRALIA DAY FUN** at the Rotunda, again we will be having a fabulous day with free Jumping Castle etc for the kids, free sausage sizzle, bring your own drinks and chairs and be prepared to have a great day celebrating this wonderful country we live in, and call home. Lots of good old fashioned Aussie music to get the mood happening, it is such a fantastic time to celebrate all things Australian. Thursday the 26th of January from 11 am.

The committee and members of the CRRA would like to wish a merry, happy healthy and safe Christmas and New Year to all, looking forward to next year and the exciting events that will be happening with the Regional Arts Victoria small Towns Transformation project that is enriching, inspiring and bringing together the communities in our Waterline towns.

Lyndell Parker. President.

Welcome to the final edition of The Waterline News for 2016.

Space has again been my enemy and a number of submissions have been held over until January, planned to be distributed on January 19.

The growth in distribution, and popularity of The Waterline News since the first edition was published in September, 2014, has been amazing.



The first edition had 12 pages, which quickly expanded to 16, then 20, and further until we have reached the 36 pages we have today.

The proof readers say "NO MORE".

The success of The Waterline News would not have been possible without the assistance and input from a growing number of people, and I take this opportunity to thank every one of them, without naming anyone, for fear of missing anyone, but you all know who you are. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank you all, and wish you a very Happy Christmas and Safe and healthy new year.

Roger Clark, Editor.

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CORONET BAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



2016 Committee:

President Kevin Brown
 Secretary Stephanie Hartridge
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 General Committee Members

No Report this month



Coronet Bay Neighbourhood Watch.

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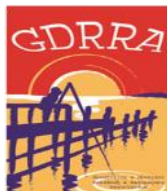
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General Members Chris Cox,
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Kathy Hopkins, Secretary 0439 000 148



President: Jean Coffey 0419 500 593
Secretary: David Pearce 0401 514 339
We held a very pleasant Christmas lunch at the George Bass Hotel on Saturday 26 November. Our first meeting for 2017 will be on Saturday 18 February at 10am at the Corinella Community Centre. All Tenby Point residents are very welcome. Membership is just \$10 per household per year.
David Pearce



New Committee: Roger Hayhurst, Kathryn Cox, Eric Hornsby, Dr. David Bourne, Ian James, Barbara Coles, Dr. Eric (Tim) Ealey.
Contact: Kat Cox 0422 172 994
<http://www.gadfc.com.au/>

PIONEER BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Contact
Zena Benbow
pbpa@bigpond.com



Plans are well underway for Pioneer Bay's Aussie Day Bash 2017. We are buoyed by Council's ongoing commitment to the growth of this event, which has culminated in a pledge of ongoing funding towards the event. If you have a business which operates between here and Narre Warren & throughout Bass Coast and would like to put your Brand in front of 600+ people at this annual event, please email a request for the sponsorship prospectus to pbpa@bigpond.com. We thank those who have pledged sponsorship already for this year's event- details to be announced soon

and until the event via Pioneer Bay's facebook page. Congratulations to Cohen Van de Welde and the team on the roads presentation night on Wednesday. Perhaps it is timely to remind all ratepayers that it is important to get this right and affordable so the scheme can go ahead- we don't want to end up at the end of the list again. For those who foresee financial hardship if this scheme goes ahead, Cohen recommended speaking to the finance department sooner rather than later (obviously not this side of Christmas!) regarding spreading payment from now...should the scheme not go ahead this will be refunded, but it might take the pressure off somewhat long term. October 2018 looking likely commencement of construction.



The committee is well advanced on the planning for Luminous Streets night which promises to be a great family event at Pioneer Bay... more details soon. From the Pioneer Bay Committees we wish all a very safe and joyful Christmas & New Year... bring on 2017.

Christmas Notices

Combined Churches of Bass Valley

Community Carols
December 16 at 7pm
Grantville Hall, followed by supper

St. George's Anglican Church

Smythe Street Corinella
Carol Service, Wednesday

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Memo from Robert Stunden Chair, Board of Management

It is with greatest pleasure that I confirm Frank Megens as our new CEO. In his capacity as the Locum since June, he has shown skills which we value and appreciate as being tremendously beneficial to our service. We look forward to him enhancing and expanding our service into the foreseeable future.



Hospital Thanks Volunteers

A delicious meal was enjoyed at the annual dinner by nearly 60 volunteers from KRHS at the Koo Wee Rup Hotel. The dinner was a thankyou to our Volunteers who by giving the gift of time, make a real difference to the lives of residents and clients at KRHS. We are very appreciative of their help.

Together we can prevent family violence.

Students and youth workers march with the community following a presentation of a short film made by the Kooweerup Secondary College students. Please use this link to see the film:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kCAPmgzbck>



KRHS is a 72 bed Public Hospital.

We provide a range of community and centre based services: Acute Care, Early Parenting, Transitional Care, Respite and Residential Aged Care, Community Health, District Nurses, Pathology and Allied Health e.g: Physiotherapy, Social work and Occupational Therapy. There is also Specialist Medical Services: Podiatry, Cardiology and a Diabetes Clinic. KRHS is a member of the International Health Promoting Hospitals Network and Global Green and Healthy Hospitals.



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Community Notes



The 10th Christmas Lunch in Coronet Bay Christmas with Friends

**Coronet Bay Hall
Christmas Day 2016
Commencing at 11.30 a.m. - Lunch served 12.00**

Have lunch with other locals without a family nearby who want to share and celebrate the spirit of Christmas. Tickets can be purchased at the Coronet Bay General Store for \$10.00.

Details: Telephone 5678.0602.

Corinella Art Show Committee
Coronet Bay General Store
redwagon graphic design
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South Gippsland Arthritis Support Group 

Coffee & Chat 1st Monday of Month 6-8pm, Leongatha RSL & 1st Tuesday of Month 2-4pm, Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre
Cost: Gold Coin Donation. For more information please contact:
Adam: 0408353785 phomdin2@bigpond.com
Marg: 0417 154 057
Diane: 5658 1443

South Gippsland Mental Illness Carer's Group

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Maggie 5658 1781
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Have you been bereaved by suicide?

South Gippsland Support After Suicide is a new initiative offering peer support for those bereaved by suicide.

Our monthly support group meetings will be held on Thursday mornings at the Grantville Transaction Centre
Corner Bass Highway and Pier Road, Grantville

Dates

18 August	15 September
20 October	17 November
15 December	19 January

from 10am-12pm

These meetings will be hosted by trained volunteers who have themselves been bereaved by the suicide of a loved one.

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Artists' Society of Phillip Island
56-58 Church Street Cowes
<http://aspi-inc.org.au/>

Australian Red Cross
Woodleigh Vale Branch
Members meet in each other's homes on
2nd Thursday of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug & Oct.
Contact Sheila Campbell 5678 8210

Bass Coast Community Baptist Church
Meets Sundays
OP SHOP open Mon-Saturday
Contact the Op Shop for details 5678 8625

Bass Coast L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program Wonthaggi - Corinella
The Bass Coast L2P Program now has a car at Corinella & District Community Centre.
For further information contact:
Veronica Dowman 5672 3731 0467590679

Bass Coast Strollers
Catering for all adults participating in walks around the Bass Coast region of Victoria.
Contact David Holmes 5678 0033
dhapl@bigpond.com

Bass Friends of the RSL
Secretary Janet Welch 0411 446 129

Bass Valley Landcare
2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass 5678 2335

Bass Valley Lions Club Op Shop
Situated at the Grantville Garden Supplies
Open Monday-Saturday 5678 8357

Corinella & District Probus Club
1st Wednesday each month except January
Bass Hotel 10am start, Morning tea supplied. Can purchase Lunch after meeting.
Coral Smith 5678 0396

Corinella Bowling Club Inc.
Balcombe Street Corinella.
Patti Scammell 5678 0191

Corinella & District Community Centre
5678 0777 Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm
Facebook @corinellacommunitycentre
www.corinellacommunitycentre.org.au

Corinella & District Men's Shed & Woodies Group Corinella Road
Visitors and new members welcome.
Contact Secretary: Graeme 5678 0345

Corinella Foreshore Committee
Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

Coronet Bay, Corinella & Surrounds Playgroup (0-4yrs)
Come and enjoy the fun at Coronet Bay Hall Mondays and Fridays 10am—12noon
Monday Session - Free Play
Friday Session - Free Play & Activities
(Please bring \$2 per family and a piece of fruit. (\$5 Annual Membership per family), and ALL children are to be accompanied by their parent or carer.
Contacts: Franciska 0400 465 377
Ann 5678 0341

Coronet Bay Adult Social Club
Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall
Ann 5678 0341

Country Women's Association of Vic inc. Bass Group.
Coronet Bay Margot 0409 559 047
Cowes Lorraine 5952 2165
Glen Alvie Libby 5678 3280
Grantville Annie 5678 8037
Lang Lang Aleeta 0419 525 609
Loch Val 5659 4268
Woodleigh Vale Carol 5678 8041

Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary
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Grantville & District Foreshore Committee
Roger Hayhurst 0416 061 400

Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee
Pat Van 5997 6221

Grantville Tennis Club Inc.
Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

Lang Lang Community Centre
Coordinators Marg and Michelle
Phone 5997 5704
Email: lcc@langlang.net

Lang Lang Playgroup
(0-Preschool) Thursdays 9.30am
Lang Lang Community Centre \$2 per child
Contact Crystal 0473 077 125

Phillip Island Community Art & Craft Gallery Inc.
Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave
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All Enquiries Call Aleta 0419 525 609

Phillip Island Patchworkers
Meet on a Monday night from 7.30 at the Newhaven Hall (except public holidays), the first Tuesday of the month at the Newhaven Information Centre meeting room at 10.30 and the last Tuesday of the month at the Cultural Centre in Cowes at 10.30. Cost to attend is \$2. To join the club is \$20 annually with a \$6 one off joining fee. For more information contact Debbie on 59521530 or at phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com

Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club
Phone bookings 5952 6891
Email piscc123@gmail.com

Phillip Island Squares
Square Dancing, Bass Valley Community Hall, Bass School Rd, Bass 7.30 - 10.00pm
Thursday nights
Contact: Carol 5952 5875

Pioneer Bay Progress Association
Zena Benbow pbpa@bigpond.com

Survivors of Suicide
Raising awareness to aid prevention
[Jillian Drew 0413 056 165](mailto:Jillian.Drew@bigpond.com)

St Pauls Anglican Church Bass
HC at 12.30pm every Sunday followed by a shared lunch
Rev Greg Magee 5952 2608

St Georges Anglican Church Corinella
1st Sunday each month 11.00am
Other Sundays 9am
Free Community Lunch Corinella Community Centre Second Friday
Op Shop open Mon, Thur, Fri 10am - 2pm
Saturday 9am- 12.30pm

Tenby Point Residents Association
President Jean Coffey 0419 500 593
Secretary David Pearce 0401 514 339

The Probus Club of San Remo
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Further information:

Laura 5678 0884
Vicki 5678 8734



MARKETS

Every Sunday

Kongwak Market

10am - 3pm

Retro stalls, food, vegetables, coffee, curries
30+ stalls

Enquiries: Jane 0408 619 182



1st Saturday

Archies Creek Indoor Market

Community Hall

Enquiries: info@archiescreek.com

2nd Saturday

Coal Creek Farmers' Market

Coal Creek Community Park 8am - 12.30pm

50+ stalls
coalcreekfm@hotmail.com

Contact for information 0459 629 000

Cowes Island Craft Market

102 Thompson Avenue, 9am - 2pm
In the grounds of St Phillips Church
60+ stalls Make, bake and grown goods and produce.

Contact for further details 0412 710 276

4th Saturday

Churchill Island Farmers' Market

40+ stalls. 8am - 1pm

peter@rfm.net.au

Further Information 0439 364 760

Cowes Market on Chapel

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

Further information-contact 0428 603 043

1st Sunday

Jumbunna Bush Market

Jumbunna Hall

Further information, phone 5657 3253

2nd Sunday

Koowe Community Market

Cochrane Park, Rossiter Rd 8am - 1.30pm

Indoor/outdoor Phone 0418 289 847

Email: info@kooweemarket.com.au

Rotary Club Market Wonthaggi

Apex Park 8am - 1pm, 50+ stalls

Walk to nearby Make it - Bake it Market

Contact: Neville Goodwin 5672 7245

Garry Sherrick 5672 5812

Loch Lions Village Market

May - Sept Loch Public Hall

Oct - April Loch Railway Station Park

70 + stalls

Information from Noel Gregg 5627 5576

Market day phone 0418 500 520

3rd Sunday

Inverloch Farmers Market

The Glade, Esplanade, 8am - 1pm

50+ stalls

Information: peter@rfm.net.au

Phone 0439 364 760

Tooradin Sunday Market

9am - 1pm

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

All Market Enquiries: 0429 188 280

4th Sunday (Weather Permitting)

Grantville Variety Market

Grantville Recreation Reserve

Bass Highway, Ample parking.

Weather permitting, Except December which is the third Sunday.

8am—2pm 100+ stalls

BBQ & Sausage sizzle, Coffee Cart, indoor and outdoor, cake stalls plus plenty of home made goodies.

Contact for further details 5997 6221

Last Sunday of each month

Inverloch Community Farmers' Market

The Glade, Esplanade, 50+ stalls

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Email: info@inverlochfarmersmarket.com.au
Phone 0417 370 488

2nd Friday and Saturday each month

San Remo Cuppa and Chat Market

St. Augustine's Church

Marine Parade San Remo

Hosts a Cuppa and Chat Market every

month on a Friday and Saturday.

Friday 9am - 1pm

Saturday 9am - 12noon

10+ stalls

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Further Information: 5678 5386

OP SHOPS

Bass

Bass Valley Community Group

Hadden House Op Shop

Next to Bass Hall, Bass School Road

Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm

Saturday 10am - 2pm

Phone Enquiries 5678 2277

Corinella

St George's Anglican Church Op Shop

Smythe Street Corinella, next to Church

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

10am - 2.00pm

Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Grantville

Bass Coast Community Baptist Church Op Shop

Bass Highway, Grantville

Open Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm

Saturday 10am - 1.30pm

Phone 5678 8625

Lang Lang

Lang Lang Community Op Shop

12 Westernport Road

Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

Nyora

At the Nyora Station

Open Monday - Saturday 9am - 1pm.

Enquiries to Sylvia, Phone 5659 0089

San Remo

Bass Coast Community Health Op Shop

Back Beach Road.

Opening times and all enquiries to Bass

Coast Health on 5671 9200 or Email:

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Community Halls for Hire

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The Grapevine

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Spring
Summer 2016

Who are we?

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre incorporating Mitchell House and the Harvest Centre is run by a community based Committee of Management. We aim to provide a positive, welcoming environment where you can meet new friends, learn or share skills, ideas and information. If you're interested in being more involved in your Neighbourhood Centre call in and have a chat to the Coordinator Jan Bourne.

News from Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre

The end of term 4 is nearing and so on Friday 16th of December we're having a Christmas Greetings and Celebration get together starting at 11.00am and finishing at 12.00 noon. We'd love to share some delicious minced pies and mulled wine along with happy Christmas cheer with you, so come along and say hello.

Basic Sewing:

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Become our Facebook 'friend' at Mitchell House Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and keep up to date with what's going on, or just pop in and have a cuppa and a chat, everyone welcome



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BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP Inc.

Bass School Road, Bass
Centre Manager:
Roderick McIvor
Phone 5678 2277



Christmas, who knew it was coming up so soon? At the Bass Valley Community Centre we have/had our end-of-year/Christmas party for the volunteers on Monday 12th December. Seems early? Not when you consider all the commitments that people seem to have at this time of year.

On the subject of volunteers, we can't emphasise enough how much our organisation depends on them. And that we are always looking for new ones. Currently we have in excess of sixty active volunteers. Volunteering Australia in an enquiry into the state of volunteering in April of this year found:

92% of volunteers feel that the organisations they volunteer for provide them with the right opportunities to match their interests and needs
93% of volunteers saw positive changes as a result of their volunteering

99% of volunteers will continue to volunteer into the future

67% of volunteer involving organisation say that volunteers bring new insights
60% of people improve of their patience skills through volunteering

All of this is very positive.

One of the more interesting findings was that: 44% of volunteers have engaged in virtual volunteering in the last 12 months

Wikipedia defines virtual volunteering as:

'Virtual volunteering is the practice of volunteering using the Internet, off-site from the organization being assisted. Virtual volunteering is also known as online volunteering or e-volunteering.'

As Our Community, a major support agency for not-for-profits, points out:

Online volunteers may have skills your organisation cannot afford to purchase, and may be willing to use these resources on your behalf.

Tasks include creating and or maintaining Web sites for an organisation, performing online research, providing technical assistance to staff and clients, and helping with online marketing and communications.

Other on-line work can involve writing grant and sponsorship proposals, refining strategic and operational plans and developing budgets and mentoring 'clients' in a range of activities. In fact, as with much modern activity, so many things can be done off-site. So if anyone wants to volunteer but cannot come into the Bass Valley Community Centre, please just give us a ring on 5678 2277. I'm sure we can sort something out. Updating our Twitter account?



Volunteer with the Bass Valley Children's Centre Inc.



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Email fundraising@bvcc.org.au to pledge your help or call 0431 937 514 (Tanya) or send us a message via the Bass Valley Children's Centre Facebook page: bassvalleychildcare

The Bass Valley Children's Centre is coming!!!

...so they need to raise lots of \$\$\$\$\$\$
...so they need lots of helpers 😊😊😊😊😊

Contact us if you can help pledge some time to a great cause.

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Bass Valley Children's Centre
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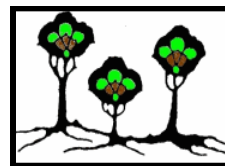


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We take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2017.



Centre closes Thursday
December 15, and re-opens
Thursday January 19.
2017 Term 1 flyer out late January.

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Snippets

LETTERS

Grantville's destiny in the hands of a few, again

The Grantville & District Foreshore Committee of Management was about to fold, but in a last ditch effort, seven people put their names forward to the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP) and, if not supported, the new committee is destined to struggle on for another three years.

Originally formed in 2009 by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (now DELWP), the committee looked forward to administrating its allocated part of the Grantville foreshore and reserve, and its 'enthusiastic members' wrote a comprehensive Draft Management Plan October 2011 for department approval. Some five years later, the draft management plan is still languishing on a departmental shelf somewhere and, to the best of my knowledge, it has never been reviewed or 'actioned' by those in charge – no wonder, over time, the committee lost faith and its numbers dwindled to the few who were willing to try and keep going. Recently there was one glimmer of hope when DELWP, in June 2016, tentatively prepared a document called "A Mangrove Planting Plan for Grantville" and suggested to the committee, that it would hold a community meeting to discuss the document and gauge community support. Like the Draft Management Plan of 2011, it too seems to be languishing somewhere, and one can only hope that the new committee may encourage DELWP to one day hold the promised 'community meeting'.

In the meantime, parts of the Grantville foreshore are disappearing and even the painstaking work of Dr Tim Ealey and the few foreshore committee members who kept 'the faith', have been no match for the sea, the weather and the lack of bureaucratic support and funds. As a consequence, erosion issues are now lapping at Grantville's 'front door' and the time is coming when it maybe in 'your backyard' and perhaps Grantville, as you would like it to be, will be no more – **so what will you do: support the new committee or look for an alternative solution?**

If looking for an alternative, perhaps the time has come to consider a feasible long-term approach: The Bass Coast Shire Council's Natural Environment Strategy 2016-2026. Stand on the Grantville seawall (at the end of Pier Road) and you're standing on a foreshore area currently managed by the Bass Coast Shire Council. Walk left or right of this and you'll soon come across the eroding areas governed by authorities such as DELWP and Parks Victoria. The Council has a plan (underpinned by its staff working in partnership with community groups) and

maybe the time has come for the State Government to fund the Council and allow it to get on with, not only roads, rates and rubbish, but erosion mitigation measures and other matters associated with environmental sustainability and climate change, thus enabling the community to move on from the current hotchpotch of competing entities.

Neil Daly, Corinella

Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary



On Saturday 5th November the Grantville Ambulance Auxiliary held a shopping tour to Melbourne. A great day was had by those who attended. The Auxiliary raised \$570 and this money will go towards purchasing an Adult Airway Trainer for the Paramedic's at Grantville.

Early next year the Auxiliary will be having their 2017 letter drop with any further money raised being put towards the purchase of the trainer.

If any one is interested in joining the Ambulance Auxiliary please pop in to the station and we will be happy to forward your details onto Barry Stewart the Auxiliary President .

Peter Shearer

Corinella Foreshore Committee of Management Inc.



Why an upgrade?

More boats are launching at Corinella as the South Gippsland Highway is better connected to the road network and housing in the south-eastern suburbs continues to expand. Improving access to the ramp will assist with the management of increasing car and trailer traffic in Corinella.

Improvements proposed are in line with the Victorian Government's strategic approach to boat launching for Port Phillip and Western Port.

Safe boating access to Western Port is part of the Corinella Foreshore Reserves Committee of Management's responsibilities. Corinella is a popular choice for accessing Western Port and the closer parts of Bass Strait. Corinella is one of a few all tide access points for Western Port and can play an important part in

search and rescue operations.

The current infrastructure is getting older and the eastern jetty has a limited life despite regular maintenance. The modern pontoon proposed can mean better launching and retrieval times and safer access to boats as well as more efficient vessel approaches and departures.

Timeframes & progress

2016: Planning and preparation
Basic design development
The Corinella Boat Ramp Master Plan-Basis of Design – completed June 2016, by Atkins Maritime Engineering.

Community consultation on the design to get the best possible outcome for the local community and ramp users – completed Session 1 at Corinella, 29 August 2016. (Further sessions will be time-tabled).

'Pre-registration' of the main funding bid (Victorian Government Boating Safety & Facilities Grant). This better enables the Victorian Government and Marine Safety Victoria to anticipate upcoming major project bids- completed November 2016

2017: Planning and preparation
Formal 'land use' conversations with Bass Coast Shire, the public land (and seabed) manager-Department of Environment Land Water and Planning and Parks Victoria- the Local Port Manager

Continue to maintain the existing structure to keep it safe and usable.

Possibly undertake some preparatory or supporting works that are flagged in the Corinella Boat Ramp Master Plan-Basis of Design. For example - Making the final bend in the road safer.

Final design

Supporting planning work- Funding applications need to detail environmental, community, visitor management, and possibly heritage and financial approaches. A Corinella Ramp Strategy should be a short and straight forward document that shows how the ramp management will work within key Western Port and Victorian planning documents (Corinella Coastal Reserve Management Plan, Victorian Coastal Strategy, Parks Victoria's Local Port Safety and Environment Management Plan, Western Port Ramsar Site Strategic Management Plan etc.)

It would provide an agreed start point and approach for solving future issues that the ramp may encounter.

Prepare and submit major and supporting funding applications and provide options for a staged or complete renewal. Include appropriate letters of support from government departments and peak bodies. If funding bids are successful, a tender process to find a contractor to undertake the works is a likely outcome.

Barbara Oates

Food

RECIPES

Five bean salad

Georgia Dixon



Need to eat healthier but can't stand salads? This cholesterol-lowering, protein and fibre-packed five bean salad will make you a fan. Not only does it taste incredible, but your tummy (as well as your tastebuds) will thank you.

Serves: 4 (as an entrée or side)

Ingredients:

420g can five bean mix, drained and rinsed
400g can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
420g can corn kernels, drained and rinsed
Handful parsley, chopped

For the dressing

¼ cup olive oil

2 tbsp. vinegar

Salt and pepper, to taste

Method:

Combine all the salad ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.

In a small bowl, mix the olive oil, vinegar and salt and pepper until well combined.

Pour dressing over salad and toss gently.

Serve and enjoy.

Guilt-free chocolate fudge cake

Georgia Dixon



Everyone needs a bit of sweetness now and then, but sometimes taste can come at

the cost of our health. This sinfully delicious chocolate cake is actually a lot more heavenly than it tastes, with less sugar, fat and calories than other cakes yet still fantastically fudgy thanks to an unlikely ingredient – tofu! Just don't knock it till you try it.

Serves: 8

Ingredients:

200g silken firm tofu, drained

100g caster sugar

2 egg yolks

2 tsp. vanilla essence

80g high-cocoa content chocolate, melted

50g plain flour, sifted

1 tbsp. self-raising flour

4 egg whites

Raspberries and blueberries, to serve

Method:

Preheat oven to 160°C and spray a round 20cm cake tin with oil, lining the base and edges with baking paper.

Place the tofu, sugar, egg yolks and vanilla essence in a food processor and process until smooth. Add melted chocolate and process until smooth.

Move the mixture to a bowl and fold in combined flour.

Beat egg whites with an electric beater until soft peaks are formed. Fold a third of the egg whites into the chocolate mixture with a large spoon until just combined, repeating with the remaining egg whites.

Spoon the combined mixture into the pan and smooth the surface.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean. Set aside to cool.

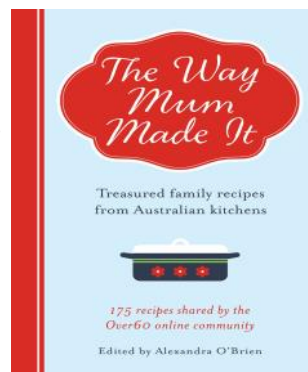
Decorate with raspberries and blueberries and cut into eight slices.

Serve immediately.

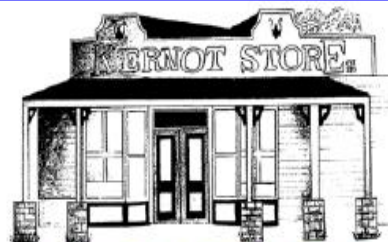
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"I think mom needs to move back home," your brother says.

He may live 500 miles away, but he's pretty sure he knows what is best for your mother.

"We need to tell dad the truth about how long his wife has been dead," your aunt offers, unsolicited.

"Our aunt never wanted to be in a home"

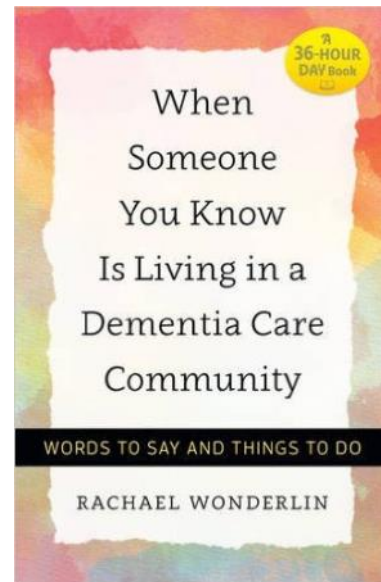
your cousin says.

To you, the person listening to these opinions, I say this: trust yourself. You are doing the best that you can for your loved one with dementia.

Often, the people offering this advice to you do it out of love and concern. They aren't sure what the best answer is, truly, but they think that they know.

I have talked to a lot of people about how guilty they feel surrounding their loved ones' care. These caregivers already feel anxious and bad enough, and when someone questions them, they feel even worse.

Stay confident in the decisions you made regarding your loved one's care. The decisions you've made haven't been easy, but they have been genuine and educated.



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Phillip Island Jazz Club
Sunday December 18 2pm - 5pm



Sunday December 18 is the Christmas Break-up of the Club. Band appearing will be well known and much loved local group Island Jazz led by Peter Buitenhuis with his brother Marlon guesting on alto sax. A great afternoon can be guaranteed followed by our annual Christmas BBQ. The band line-up Peter Buitenhuis on trumpet and trombone, Marlon Buitenhuis on alto sax, Ron Anderson on piano, Neville Drummond on base with the drummer to be advised.

So get along and enjoy some Christmas cheer with your fellow members and close the 2016 jazz calendar with a bang. As usual this event will be held in the Bass Room at Ramada Resort. Entertainment is from 2 – 5pm followed by the BBQ.

Sunday January 15 - Juliarna

Juliarna's stellar rhythm section includes James Clark, bass player extraordinaire (for the record, she says she'd definitely hire him even if they weren't related), and the wonderful Steve Sedergreen. Steve is always a welcome addition to her lineup- he adds a delightful layer of excitement and suspense to the music with his fantastic and inimitable style and musical chops. Steve, Jules and James do the occasional trio gig together which some of you may have seen at the Convention earlier this year: their ballads are exceptional.

For more information please ring Robin Blackman on 0432 814 407.

South Gippsland Jazz Soc.



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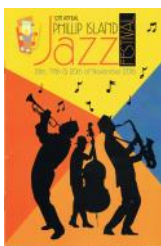


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NEWHAVEN COLLEGE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD



Byron Scothern Newhaven College Year 11 Student. Byron has been a member of the College since 2012 and has been a participant in the Instrumental Music Program and Major

School productions since joining the college. He is also an inaugural member of the Boys Vocal Group and a member of the Newhaven College Band – Parallel Parking. He has shown wonderful leadership skills and sets a good example for all students which has earned him the joint Cabinet position of Music Captain for 2017.

NEWHAVEN COLLEGE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD



Martin Peters Newhaven College Year 9 Student. Martin has been a member of the College since 2014 and learns the Saxophone and Piano, he is a valued member of the Colleges Intermediate Concert Band and

Newhaven College Band – Parallel Parking.

He has shown exceptional commitment and dedication to succeeding and wanting to be the best he can at his music.

WONTHAGGI COLLEGE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD



Jesse Condron - Year 7 Student.

Jesse is in Year 7 at Wonthaggi Secondary College and began learning the clarinet this year. He is a member of the Junior Concert Band and has participated in rehearsals and concerts throughout the year. In his spare time Jesse also plays drums and is a keen basketballer. He both plays and umpires. Although Jesse is unsure of the career path that he would like to take after he finishes school he would like a profession that pays a lot of money.

WONTHAGGI COLLEGE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD



Jack Mendes- Year 11 Student

Jack began trumpet lessons in Year 7 at Wonthaggi Secondary College when he was a member of the school's Junior Concert Band.

Over the years, with continued practice and dedication, Jack has improved his trumpet playing and is now a valued member of the Senior Concert Band and the Big Band.

In his spare time, Jack is a keen Scout member who also helps to lead junior Scouts.

He hopes to have a career with the Federal Police after completing Secondary School.



CD REVIEW

Beverley Sheehan And Friends
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The recent Phillip Island Jazz Festival, Sunday program saw the days entertainment kick off with the tradition and extremely popular Gospel Hour, with the Creole Bells Revival Band with Beverley Sheehan. Beverley always touches her audience with her intense personal feel for classic jazz and blues.

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Christmas Quiz



1. After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel?
2. Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December. Who is the patron saint remembered on the 26th of December?
3. Every elf has this ornament on the tip of their shoes. Which ornament are we talking about?
4. Everyone is familiar with the mistletoe tradition. What is the color of the berries of the plant?
5. How does Santa Claus go back up the chimney to continue his journey of delivering gifts?
6. How many points does a snowflake traditionally have?
7. Name the eight original Reindeer.
8. One of the most famous Cola companies in the world used to have advertisements featuring a happy, smiling Santa Claus. Name the company
9. Red and green are the two colours

10. Traditionally, kids leave out snacks for Santa Claus. What are these snacks?
11. Traditions of Christmas around the world will tell you that Santa Claus is known by many names. What is the French name for Santa Claus?
12. Two of the reindeers are named after weather phenomenon. Name the reindeer.
13. What are the gifts that the Three Wise Men gave baby Jesus, according to Christmas history?
14. What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's partner, from the play, A Christmas Carol?
15. What two phrases will you almost always find on Christmas gift tags?
16. When does the Russian Orthodox Church celebrate Christmas?
17. Which country can be credited with the creation of the Christmas beverage, eggnog?
18. Which country does St. Nicholas originally belong to?
19. Which country gifts the Christmas tree that is placed at the Trafalgar

Square in London, according to Christmas tradition?

20. Which is the most popular ornament used to place at the top of the Christmas tree?

ANSWERS

1. Egypt. 2. Stephen. 3. Bells. 4. White. 5. He places his finger on the side of his nose, gives a smile and a nod. 6. Six. 7. Blitzen, Comet, Dasher, Prancer, Vixen, Dancer and Donner. 8. Coca Cola. 9. Gold and Silver. 10. Biscuits and milk. 11. Pere Noel. 12. Donner, which means thunder in German, and Blitzen, which means lightning. 13. Gold, Myrrh and Frankincense. 14. Jacob Marley. 15. To and From. 16. January 7. 17. England. 18. Turkey. 19. Norway. 20. Angel.



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FRENCH ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

French Island Community Association
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French Island
Victoria 3921
secretaryfica@gmail.com



EMERGENCY SERVICES

There is no regular police presence or ambulance service on the island. French Island has a Country Fire Authority (CFA). 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:
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FIRE PLAN

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

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. In the meantime, whether it's 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.



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FRENCH ISLAND FERRY

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

The ferry departs from:

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Tankerton Jetty on French Island
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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.

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

*Children aged under 4 years travel free.

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Volunteers are always welcome at the Nursery on **Wednesdays** from 10am - noon.

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STAY AT FRENCH ISLAND

Figs Cottage, French Island has two bedrooms, sleeps 5 people, has an open plan lounge / living / kitchen area and is fully self contained.

Formerly French Island BnB, this property is under new management and has undergone a revamp. The self-contained cottage is located next to the Licensed Cafe / General Store, which is open 7 days.

Being so close, the Cottage offers total

convenience for your stay, including direct access to the cafe, souvenirs, food, wine, maps, bike hire and groceries.

In the self-contained cottage, fresh bedding, linen, towels and tea and coffee are provided.

The kitchen is fully equipped with an oven, gas cooktop, toaster, kettle, fridge and microwave.

The cottage has a 48 inch flat screen television, a range of books to read, an iron, hair dryer and electric blankets. A laundry is located onsite for guests to utilise throughout their stay.

Check-in time is 2pm. Check-out time is 10am.

Complimentary courtesy bus transfers from Tankerton Ferry Terminal are provided to guests on weekends and public holidays. So, when you book let us know your arrival and departure times so we can provide you with this service.

Payment before arrival is required, payments can be made by bank transfer; the BSB and account details will be provided to you.

No refunds, though changes of dates can be arranged if 48 hours notice is provided by guests.

How to get there:

There are 2 main options, passenger ferry (Inter-Island Ferries from Stony Point or Cowes – see timetables http://interislandferries.com.au/fi_costs.php) or you can travel by barge (T: 0428 880 729), departing from Corinella. Mention you are staying at the Figs Cottage for the best price available. The barge is a great option for visitors wishing to bring their own car for exploring the Island this way. The other best way is by bike – The French Island General Store provides Bike Hire for \$30 per bike all day flat rate. Enquire today! Call our Bookings Manager, Tanya 0431 937 514.

French Island is a great place to ride, hike, camp, walk & enjoy nature. See the koalas, birdlife, beaches & national parks. Walk or cycle your way around spotting wildlife, while enjoying the solitude, peace and quiet. Make sure you stop into the Figs Cafe at the French Island General Store for lunch and a glass of local wine. The Cafe is licensed and whether it's a cold beer and a pie or something more gourmet, you'll enjoy the relaxed vibe. In winter the fire roars and it can be a nice retreat from the weather. It's the perfect place to stop in, say g'day, and stock up on supplies for your visit and to purchase souvenirs to take home. If you like, there's bait for sale and pristine beaches for a spot of fishing if you fancy throwing in a line while relaxing. Grab some take-away and head out on a day of adventure, or dine in at the Figs Cafe, it provides total convenience while staying at the Figs Cottage.



Whatever you choose to do while visiting, one thing is for sure, you'll feel relaxed, as that is the way of life on French Island, you will feel the peace and tranquillity.

The French Island General Store and Licensed Cafe has been under new management since July 2016.

The Le Serve family and helpful staff await you and stopping in is a must-do on the list of activities to pick up some maps and information which will help you navigate the island.

You can call ahead to book bikes, reserve tables in the cafe and discuss group bookings.

While you are there, don't forget to take home some local French Island produce and handmade goods on sale, including local wines, honey and organic soaps.

The phone number for the Store is 03 5980 1209, or email info@figsfrenchisland.com.au.

You can 'Like' the French Island General Store on Facebook/[figsfrenchisland](https://www.facebook.com/figsfrenchisland).

French Island is a great place for walking, cycling, couples, families and anyone wanting to 'escape' the daily grind of mainland life by stepping into a world of seclusion for a short stay, or longer – Book the Figs Cottage today!

<http://www.figsfrenchisland.com.au/accomodation/>

Landcare news

The French Island Landcare Soil Dinner held on Saturday 12th November was attended by 16 Landcare members at the French Island General Store. The evening started with an entrée and was then followed by a short DVD about "Soil-Kee", which is an innovative way to renew soils, stimulate worm activity and increase humus. After each course everyone moved to a new seat, which gave them the opportunity to exchange farming/agricultural ideas with other members. There was lots of talking going on and it became very loud at times. We finished with dessert and coffee. A very enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.



Glenys Ralph

New French Island Visitor's Guide

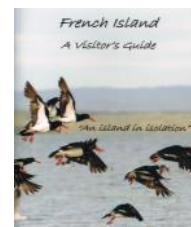
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SPENDING NEW YEAR'S EVE ON FRENCH ISLAND?

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There are many opportunities
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The less I know
For the more I learn
The more I want to grow.
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And as I grow
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Paula Seymour

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She answered: "It's been six weeks, your honour."

Farming

A city slicker moves to the country and decides he's going to take up farming. He heads to the local co-op and tells the man, "Give me a hundred baby chickens." The co-op man complies. A week later the man returns and says, "Give me two hundred baby chickens." The co-op man complies.

Again, a week later the man returns. This time he says, "Give me five-hundred baby chickens." "Wow! The co-op man replies "You must really be doing well!"

"Naw," said the man with a sigh. "I'm either planting them too deep or too far apart!"

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In a Kongwak garden, Carolyn Rowson learned to acknowledge the seasons of her own life.

Gill Heal



Carolyn Rowson in her Kongwak garden

In her youth, she'd been an exchange student in Japan so it was an opportunity to give something back, and exchange information as well. "They might have come from a farm that was growing something I was curious about. I'd say: 'Tell me everything you know!' You'd hear all about their hopes and fears; how they see the future of the world." And she was glad for her young son, Lucas, to be exposed to different viewpoints and cultures.

Recycling is second nature. She's a great hard rubbish scavenger. Her garden houses numerous old bath tubs: one, at table height, is full of potting mix; another contains a crop of spinach. An old fridge stores seed.

Fifteen years on, the bio diversity in this garden is impressive. It hosts 20 to 30 species of birds. The dam provides a micro climate for frogs and insects. Goldfish keep the mosquito larvae down. A handful of swamp gums (tiny saplings when she first arrived) shade the life beneath. And amongst it all, apple, pear, plum trees; rhubarb, raspberries, strawberries; all kinds of vegies, flourish. For the future she's planning windbreaks and investigating vertical farming – fungi at the base, suspended garden beds above. Bee keeping is on the cards.



There's no argument that there's a lot of work involved, particularly since she recently re-opened her nursery at the Kongwak market. She suspects she's creating a monster. "I want edges and neatness. I like a stretch of mown grass. I fall victim to that. I'm not a permaculture purist."

Recently her involvement in the coal seam gas issue led her to doorknock at the home of every Kongwak resident. She likes that feeling of knowing everybody in her own community. Just a couple of weeks after she'd arrived in 2002, the only shop in Kongwak, the general store, closed and the loss was keenly felt. The Kongwak market has

become a surrogate social hub but Carolyn would like something more.

She's passionate about the community living within its resources, reducing emissions and packaging.

"There's no reason why Kongwak couldn't have its own local food co-op," she says.

Is she surprised to be the person she's become? She laughs at the question. "I'm surprised to have survived motherhood," she says ruefully. She laughs again when she recalls how little she knew when she first arrived all those years ago. "I was so green that when a local woman told me it was calving season I thought: 'Carving'? They have a special season to cut up the meat?"

She has changed, of course. Over the years she's learnt heaps. She's always been creative – in the city she did cake decorating, floristry, sewing, painting. But here, she says, "my focus is on where I live. I feel I've found my right livelihood, an outlet that has a light footprint. I'm creating from the centre out rather than being out there saving the world."

Carolyn would like people to come to her garden and see its value but quails at the thought that visitors will expect perfection. She is happy for it to be called a work in progress.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE BUSH 1839



At Christmas the settlers gathered in age old fashion for the fellowship and goodwill that the season brings. They met at the hut of Edward Hobson near Arthur's Seat. In attendance were Robert Jamieson and Samuel Rawson, the Meyrick brothers and the Desaillys who had settled in the Dromana area at Kangerong, along with George Smith and his wife who were relatives of Edward Hobson.

Jamieson and Rawson had journeyed across from Western Port, near Tooradin in that December weather. They noted century heat followed by torrential rain and an extreme drop in temperature. Not far from Yallock they camped overnight, fighting off mosquitoes with branches of trees and sheltering from the driving rain under the dray, which had six inch gaps in the floor boards. At 2am according to Rawson "the weather changed and it became deadly cold, the rain changed into a mixture of hail, rain and snow, our fire was gone out and every article of clothing we had was wet through"

The men's horses tethered to a tree were so cold they could hardly stand. The saddles were like sponges. At first light the drenched pair set out in torrential rain for Hobson's where they changed clothes and rejoiced with brandy and a hearty breakfast. On Christmas Eve, the house party celebrated with a bowl of "hot toddy and a good fire for it was cold enough to have one"

"On Christmas Day we sat down a large party to dinner, the table covered with the usual English cheers, washed down by

champagne in the drinking of which we did not forget absent friends. We were a merry party that evening though sitting in a hut, which a beggar in England would hardly live in, the walls full of holes, the roof covered with bark through the crevices of which a person may have crept with the greatest of ease, the floor the natural earth, and situated in the middle of the eternal forest."

This party of young settlers, the pastoral population of the Mornington Peninsula at that time did not break up till December 30th, when Jamieson returned to his station and Rawson took off for Melbourne for a few days.

From "Western Port Chronology 1798-1839" by Valda Cole in the archive library of Bass Valley Historical Society

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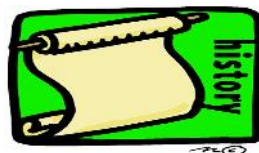
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Lang Lang & District Historical Society



The Lang Lang Historical Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm at the Lang Lang Historical Display Centre, in Whitstable Street, Lang Lang.

The Centre is open each Wednesday
11am - 3pm or by appointment
Secretary Peter Hayden 5997 5114



Fisherman's Cottage Museum Tooradin



The museum is located in Foreshore Road on the edge of Sawtells Inlet (Melway ref 144 A6) and is open Sundays from 12noon to 4pm, or by arrangement.

The Fisherman's Cottage Museum is now much better organized after members had a very successful working bee. We have now put some larger machines in our new shed which we were able to build with a lot of help from the City of Casey. The big machinery shed is much more accessible now. All that remains is for us to label the machinery and tools. Visitors who can help us identify some of these will be very welcome.

We open the Museum on Sundays from noon until 4pm but we will be closed for Christmas and New Year. We will re-open in January. Entry is \$3 adults, \$2 concession and 50c for children. The phone number at the museum is 0359983643. If you leave a message we will get back to you. Groups can arrange visits at other times, The Foreshore is now looking quite different. The children's playground has been totally updated and is very popular with younger visitors.

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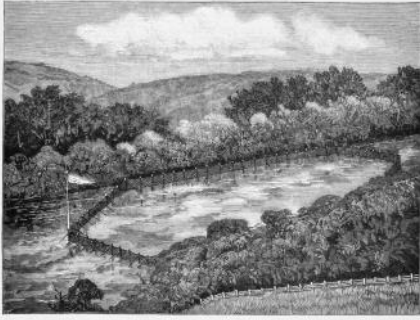
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History

Western Port's Mud Oysters



Oyster breeding park, Rutherford Creek, Western Port

The Mud Oyster, *Ostrea angasi* is distributed across the bays and inlets of Southern Australia. It grows in mud, from low tide to 30m depth. The shell grows to 18 cm across and is closely related to the European Edible Oyster. It takes about two years to reach harvestable size.

Oysters have been dredged from Western Port for several periods since the early 1850's with the last period being in the late 1950's and early 1960's. I used to wag school and go out with my father in the early 60's. Dredging was allowed from March to October with a closed season from November to February to allow spawning to occur.

The boat we used was a 23ft carvel built by Alec Lacco for Newhaven fisherman Bazil Newman around 1953 and was bought by my father about 1962. He had started fishing in 1926 and this was his last boat. It was kept moored in the channel at Rhyll. It was powered by a CLAE twin cylinder petrol engine, started simply by turning the flywheel over by hand once or twice. It was slow revving and much quieter than the current high-speed diesels or screaming outboards. The boat was mainly used for fishing parties.

The oyster beds were located east of Rhyll about half-way over to the mainland. The location of the beds was found from lining up marks on the land. A cork buoy with stick and flag attached and a lead weight anchor was thrown overboard at one end of the bed. Two dredges were towed in a straight line behind the boat until full. They were then pulled up, emptied and returned to the water and the boat was headed back towards the buoy. The last boat to work under sail alone was Ken Wood's Amy Christina as late as about 1960. Three dredges were used with one tied to the mast, one on the thwart and one on the horse. The boat sailed on a reach each way and was almost sailing sideways. The dredges we used had been made early in the century from wrought iron by the Cowes blacksmith "Dinny" Justice. They

were 30 in. width with a scraping bar across the bottom and a bag made from No. 8 fencing wire rings on the bottom and heavy cotton netting on the top. The wire rings were the same size as the minimum allowable size for oysters so that undersize oysters fell through. The oysters grew among coral beds so numerous forms of life lived with them. Following are some of the sea life brought up in the dredges: Various corals, sea squirts, small octopi, various crabs, spiny sea urchins, star fish, small sea horses, scallops, fan shells, small brown cowries, small cream cowries (very rare), small white cowries with ridges on top, trigonia shells, murex shells and cobbler fish.

We knew a keen shell collector from Cowes and she sent two of these cream coloured cowries to the British Museum. If the dredge got off the coral into the adjacent bottle weed beds, there were still oysters there but the dredge would get full of the weed.

The dredges were originally pulled up by hand, but Dad had a winch fitted to save his back. It was made by Cowes engineer "Sharky" Jenner from an old car differential and was mounted on the side deck and was driven by a belt from the engine. The dredges were emptied out onto a wide board which ran across the boat from side to side. The oysters were sorted out from the by-catch and cleaned of any attached growth then washed and bagged up in three-bushel hessian bags. The bi-catch was thrown overboard at the buoy to keep the beds clean.

There was a ten bag limit per week and it usually took two or three days work to get the bag limit. The oysters were put aboard the ferry Eagle Star at the Rhyll jetty then taken to the train at Stony Point for delivery to the Melbourne Fish Market. Later on they were sent to the Market from Cowes by Clarrie Spokes' fish truck.

My father made a reasonable living from oystering but when scallop dredging started in Port Phillip they were getting as many oysters as scallops and the market was flooded. The price dropped making it uneconomic to dredge for them. There were still oysters in the areas being worked, and there were probably numerous other beds around the bay as there were in previous times.

Other things were happening in and around the bay which were impacting on its health. Dredging for the port development took place in the mid 1960's and dredge spoil was illegally dumped between Rhyll and French Island long after the dumping license had expired. This settled on the sea grass beds, blocking off sunlight to the grass and killing it. This started off a chain reaction as the area where the grass died

also eroded creating more suspended silt. This was also the time when the use of agricultural chemicals expanded and these finished up in the bay after heavy rain. The oysters being filter feeders may have been affected as the numbers crashed in a few years. One of the Rhyll fishermen tried dredging for them some years later and all he got was dead shells. We don't know whether the oysters have recovered as dredging is now not allowed and as far as I know there has been no recent research on the bay. The sea grass has only partially recovered and is nowhere growing as thick as it was in the 1960's. Any environmental damage done by the oyster dredging was negligible compared to that done to the bay by the port dredging and pollution from activities on the land.

John Jansson, Rhyll

Ref. Museum Victoria website.

Place names and their meanings

Heather Arnold

Cardinia

There are two meanings listed for this name, related but slightly different. One version is that it comes from the Aboriginal "look towards the rising sun", the other version suggests it means "sunrise". The first school at Cardinia, and the area itself, was known as Pakenham South. This school, No.2139, operated in Bould Road, from 1873 until 1906. Cardinia School, No.3689, was opened in 1911 and was originally called Ballarto State School. The Shire of Cardinia was created from areas from the City of Cranbourne and the Shire of Pakenham and came into existence on December 15th, 1994 at 4.00pm.

Cora Lynn

Cora Lynn was originally called Koo-Wee-Rup Central and renamed Cora Lynn on July 1st, 1907, when the Progress Association requested that the newly established postal service be established under the new name of Cora Lynn, to prevent the confusion of the name with Koo-Wee-Rup. Joe Dineen had recalled that it was the Head Teacher of the school, John McGibbon, who proposed the name, after the scenic rocky gorge and popular picnic area on the North Esk River, just out of Launceston in Tasmania. The name Cora Lynn comes from the Gaelic coire meaning "cauldron or kettle" and linn "pool".

Dandenong

From the Aboriginal meaning "lofty mountain". Early survey maps spelt the name Tanjenong or Tangenong.

More Place names and their meanings next month

On the road - places to go

CRIB POINT



A small coastal township of some 750 households, Crib Point is adjacent to HMAS Cerberus – the Australian Navy’s major training base.

The town boasts a beautiful foreshore, great recreational facilities including a public swimming pool, sporting clubs, RSL, ferry service from nearby Stony Point to French Island, and a great close knit community. Crib Point is also home to two large museums: the HMAS Cerberus museum and the Victorian Maritime Centre – both make for a great day out.

FLINDERS



Flinders offers a relaxing atmosphere and is enjoyed by many day trippers as well as holiday makers. Situated on Bass Strait and Western Port Bay and centrally located to many wineries, it offers both surf and safe beach recreation, great fishing & diving, fantastic golfing, delicious and diverse dining, antique shopping as well as a wide

range of comfortable accommodation options.

Set amidst some of the most spectacular scenery on the Mornington Peninsula, with picturesque country roads, native bush lands local vineyards and stunning views of both Western Port and Bass Strait, Flinders is a unique and historic fishing village. A quiet haven and a world away from the fast lane. The Village centre is 400 metres from the cliff tops and there is an abundance of parkland enjoying panoramic views.

SHOREHAM



Henry Tuck established the first farming run in the Shoreham-Flinders area during the 1840s, but the town of Shoreham did not begin until the 1870s.

Pastoral enterprises, dairying and timber cutting were early industries. Farming of its scenic surrounds has remained a mainstay of the district until quite recent times, when it began to attract high quality holiday homes and several bed and breakfast establishments. Steep pine clad beaches around the outlet of Stony Creek feature rocky platforms and reefs – popular areas for family exploration. Ashcombe Maze and Water Gardens is one of Australia’s largest and oldest hedge mazes, with complementing gardens and rockeries.

SOMERS

Named after a popular former Governor of Victoria, the subdivision of Somers began in 1925. The present general store and post office was opened in 1927.

World War 2 saw Somers function as an

RAAF training base. The buildings are now a Department of Education camp, following an interim period as a migrant hostel. This beach and bush retreat boasts the highest concentration of coastal banksia in the region.

A large population of koalas also frequent the Somers area and are regularly seen in camp grounds, car parks and backyards. The crowning glory of Somers is the 1895 mansion ‘Coolart’, open to the public, together with surrounding gardens and wetlands



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The train clatters
 through green velvet hills
 lush grass and dairy herds

Collected at the country station
 driven to the farm for our weekend visit

A hint of sunrise wakes us

Frosted grass crunching under gumboots
 we bring in cows from a far paddock

Stalled in the shed
 udders washed
 machines attached
 milk lets down
 is pumped into cans

Sheds and yards
 hosed clean by chilled hands

Thick slabs of home-cured bacon
 served with eggs on toast
 our hearty breakfast

That evening at the town hall
 locals find us exotic
 We don't miss a dance

Home to bed in cold cotton sheets
 Stretch full length make a warm place

Return train to city
 arrive at hostel before lock-down

Memories sustain us
 through weeks of study

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PHILLIP ISLAND INTERLUDE

This is as life on earth was meant to be -
 this evening after storm. This harmony
 of nature, sunset softly sifting through the
 bay,
 this golden time of day
 when all the world's in rhyme.

All the world I see
 slides satin-soft around the shoulders of my
 mind
 and I unwind.

Clouds sail to their harbour past the hill,
 the trees so still - against the sky so still -
 Sea folds neatly into sand
 whisper smooth, sshsh-sshsh-sshsh
 it scarce dare move.

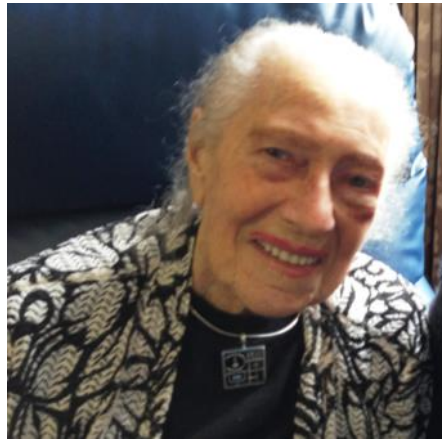
Not a sound is heard
 except the flutter of its fingers and
 the wings of birds.

Oyster satin bay now
 pink-blue-gray
 fold yourself away
 careful not
 to wake a wilder day.

(c) Joan Katherine Webster

Joan Webster OAM
Author, poet, freelance journalist,
bushfire safety advisor.
Order of Australia Medal 2010
AFFA Community Service Award 1990

VALE DOROTHEA TRAFFORD -LAVERY



Dorothea Trafford Lavery's haiku, 'a
 concise Japanese form of poetry which
 captures the essence of a moment', has
 appeared regularly on The Waterline New's
 literary pages.

Passionate about haiku to the last, Dorothea
 passed away on Saturday, November 12,
 2016, her 99th Birthday.

Born in Hong Kong in 1917 where her
 father was Superintendent of the Eastern
 Extension Telegraph Company for all Asian
 areas, Dorothea developed a love of oriental
 art and literature from an early age. In 1923
 when she was five or six years old, she
 came to live in Australia.

In 1978 Dorothea became a member of The
 Society of Women Writers (Australia),
 Victoria Branch and from 1982-84 served as
 President. In 1986 she published her first
 book, *New Moon Haiku* in the Little Golden
 Books series published by the society.

In 1999 Dorothea became leader of its
 Haiku Group. Members' work culminated
 in *Thoughts in Miniature*, a small book of
 haiku she and Meryl Brown Tobin co-edited

in 2003. Each of the five members of the
 group, Rhona Fahey, Janet Howie, Rebecca
 Maxwell and Dorothea and Meryl
 contributed a small booklet to the book.
 With the title made up by Dorothea and one
 of her pencil sketches on the cover,
Thoughts in Miniature won a Highly
 Commended in the Fellowship of Australian
 Writers (Vic) Nat Lit Awards for 2003,
 Malvern News Sheet Community Writers
 Award for an anthology by a community
 writers' group. Haiku from this publication
 regularly appear in *The Waterline News*.

In 2012 Dorothea was made a Life Member
 of the society, now called The Society of
 Women Writers Victoria, for her hard work
 and dedication to it. A member for 38 years,
 Dorothea has contributed much by working
 hard to make it an enjoyable and enriching
 experience for its members and by sharing
 her passion for haiku and enthusiasm for
 writing and writers. She attended meetings
 regularly until her 90s, and, virtually to her
 passing away, she took a keen interest in all
 of its activities and its members.

Her haiku have also appeared in *Poppy
 Seeds* and *Laurel Trees*, an anthology of
 winning entries from a Papyrus Publishing
 literary competition, *The Multicultural
 Magazine*, *The Australian Writer*, *The Write
 Angle*, *Write Away* and *The Waterline
 News*. As recently as 2008, Dorothea won
 both 1st and 2nd prizes in a haiku
 competition run by the Fellowship of
 Australian Writers (Vic) magazine *The
 Australian Writer*.

Her haiku, such as the two below
 republished from *The Australian Writer*,
 March-May 2008, with permission, remain
 as a memorial to her,

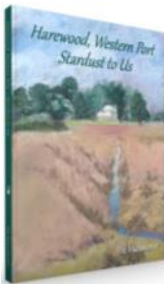
First Prize:
 Crisp autumn morning
 beneath blanket of thick fog
 city heart still beats

Second Prize
 Moon shines through forest
 only rustling leaves answer
 hoot of lonely owl

Meryl Brown Tobin



BOOK REVIEW



Harewood, Western Port: Stardust to Us.

by Patricia Macwhirter,
Hilaka Press, 1/646
Blackburn Road, Notting
Hill, Victoria, Australia,
3168. 2016. 316 pages.

Reviewed by Mary Cole.

This book is a logical extension of a doctoral thesis that was acclaimed by examiners.

Through the chapters one is taken on a journey, woven in stardust, from the Big bang, 13.8 million years ago, through the evolution of our universe, our planet, our country to Western Port Bay and a house, Harewood and today, 2016. This journey transports us through science, geology, and the history of our first people to tell of the contribution to the Western Port area made a remarkable family, the Lyalls.

The author developed her story clearly having stated early that this is an immigrant's interpretation of a complex indigenous history impacted upon by invasion from Europeans and the development of parallel histories to this day. She has been able to weave established science with the unwritten history of our first people but has also found a place for spirituality and faith in the narrative.

Each part of the journey has been related back to Harewood in a most interesting manner.

Many of the illustrations that enhance the text are testament to the content of the Lyall family library that exists in part today at Harewood.

The quality of the writing and the slightly unconventional approach to the history of Western Port makes this story open to criticism but without foundation.

Macwhirter's use of 'invasion' and the assertion that many more aborigines around Western Port were killed by one group against another rather than by Europeans is controversial but is a logical conclusion when read from the literature of the time. Geological time takes on a new meaning as

one travels with Harewood on the giant continent of Pangaea during the Permian period to the Gondwanan continent in the Triassic period to the Australian continent and Western Port today.

The explanation of diversity of animals and humans around the globe is dealt with in such a way as to be of interest to all readers; why Australia had no animals suitable for domestication and how this affected the life style of the first people; and, contrary to common belief, the fact that aborigines did farm their land.

The modern history of Harewood and the Western Port region includes the Koo Wee Rup peatlands now cultivated intensively following drainage in the last 19th early 20th centuries. This area is now home to many of us who know the descendants of those families involved in draining the swamp. We appreciate Harewood and its history and this book which adds to the rich collection of works describing European history of this area of Victoria. None of these other books, however, weaves the stardust of the continuing story of the first people with the present day and the future like this book.

Pat's family now are custodians of Harewood weaving their own personal stardust into the future of Harewood. The amazing story of Harewood is compelling reading relevant to today. I commend this book to all of you.



Author Pat Macwhirter speaking at the Stardust to Us book launch at Harewood last month.

Next month we will have another perspective on the book, by local author, Jim Mynard, who spoke at the launch.

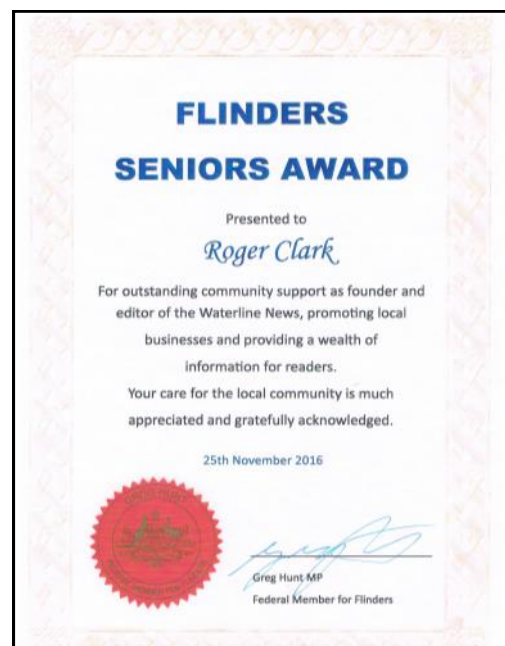
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FISHING with Craig Edmonds

Boat ramp etiquette.

It's getting to that time of the year when it gets very busy at the boat ramps and the odd temper becomes a little frayed around the edges. Most of the time the frustration is due to the inadequate facilities we have around the island not allowing good traffic flow to clear congestion but sometimes due to the arrogance of a small few. Generally, the best way you can help ease the congestion at the ramps is to be organised, especially if there is a few of you one simple job each and once the traffic has cleared you should be able to launch or retrieve quickly. Backed ½ way down the ramp is not the place to get your gear from the car to the boat nor is waiting till you are at the front of the queue while you have been sitting there for ½ an hour. If you don't think these things happen grab a picnic lunch and a cold drink and head over to the boat ramp for the afternoon, it can be quite entertaining at times. Most people that have a boat are with a family member or a mate but this is not the case for everyone and

there are those that are on their own. If you get to the ramp and it is busy and someone is on their own, which does take longer to launch and retrieve, generally the quickest way for you to get your boat in or out is to offer some help, sitting in the line tapping the steering wheel generally won't fix it. The other situation you see all the time is someone at the cleaning table with an esky full of fish while their boat is parked right at the top of the ramp making it difficult for everyone else to drive through, its reasonably simple if you are going to be there for a while park down from the cleaning tables and carry your esky back.

Every week we have some type of report that stands out from the rest for size or effort and a couple of weeks back, we had four of them.

The first of them was a young angler that headed out with his dad at Port Albert and managed a mixed bag of flathead, garfish and salmon. Next was a customer that puts in plenty of hours fishing but has never managed to strike a hot bite but on Thursday did just that and managed to bag out in a very short time, might take some time before the smile has gone. The next two are probably equal for the best for the week for different reasons. Firstly, was a customer that came in to weigh a fish during the week which was a 10.5kg Mulloway which in itself isn't a bad effort but it becomes a bigger effort when he told me he was in a kayak. The other one was from a customer that spends more time fishing than most of my customers. Heading out one evening during the week chasing some whiting in the bay when she hooked a fish that was certainly her personal best but one of the biggest we have seen in 10 years, an 81cm yank flathead that after a few photos was returned to the water. You can see the photos on our Facebook page, Jim's Bait and Tackle.



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Self Sufficiency



Water Saving

Water conservation is a crucial issue in many areas of the world. Excess water usage is both costly and wasteful in terms of planetary resources. Here are a few hints and tips on water conservation.

Soil Water-holding Capacity: Some soils have better water holding capacity than others. Sandy or loamy soils, for example, require more watering than clay soils. It might be necessary to change the soil structure by adding compost, mulch, manure, etc.

Choose water-saving plants:

The amount of water required by different plants varies greatly. Many Native Australian plants require less watering, tropical plants require more, imported varieties vary according to their source. Plant shrubs, trees, etc. that meet your watering requirements. Vegetable gardens will require more watering than ornamental shrubs and trees.

Reduce water usage:

Reduce the amount of water required in the garden by doing things such as mulching, installing a slow drip-type watering system, recycling 'grey' water (i.e. uncontaminated rinse and bath water) onto the garden. Use pure soap or biodegradable washing powders for cleaning.

Wise Watering:

Water the garden in the evening (just before sunset) so that precious water does not evaporate in the harsh sun. Water less frequently, but more deeply (for longer) so that plants' roots are encouraged to grow deeper in search of water (and not remain on the surface). Hand watering is best so that watering time can be gauged. If sprinklers or soaker hoses are to be used, attach a timer to the tap. Don't leave water running

unattended for long periods of time. Mulch, mulch, mulch: Mulching will conserve water whilst at the same time discouraging weeds. Wads of newspaper soaked in water placed around plant bases and covered with mulch (such as straw, pine bark, lawn cuttings) will do the job wonderfully and is ideal for the veggie garden!

An Abundant Garden

Making use of your very own piece of earth to the fullest is a wonderfully satisfying experience. It's resourcefulness at its best and gives the freedom of choice to live chemical free and frugality for the planet. Here are some of the options:

Herbs

Most common herbs are hardy and easy to grow, are perennials (lasting several years if tended correctly) and offer an abundance of uses for the home and kitchen. Start with: mint, rosemary, lavender, thyme and sage all have innumerable uses in every aspect of the household: culinary, skin-care, hair-care, medicinal, personal care, deodorising, insect repellent.

Vegetables

There is nothing more fulfilling than picking vegetables grown in your own garden! And nothing beats the sheer pleasure of using what has been grown straight from the garden into the kitchen!

However – enjoying vegetable gardening depends on successful vegetable growing. Just one failure is sufficient to discourage most people. Make sure your first 'crop' is a good one. Before venturing into the garden to plant start by growing successful produce in a 'controlled' environment. Then 'branch out' into the garden. You'll find a 'never fail' method for growing vegetables cheaply in recycled containers in: Booklet No. 78 - Growing Vegetables in Containers.

Flowers

The beauty and fragrance of flowers both enhance the garden and home. Fresh flowers from the garden will deodorise a room in a natural way for little or no cost. Here are some examples of common flowering plants and their uses:

Roses – Besides the most wonderful aroma and beauty roses have many other hidden

uses from skin-care, air freshener, culinary and therapeutic. Don't overlook rose hips – seed pods remaining from spent roses are famous for their therapeutic properties. It is said that 1 cup of rose hips contains the Vitamin C equivalent of 150 oranges! Rose hip tea keeps cold and flu at bay.

Lavender – A wonderfully versatile hardy plant for any garden. Lavender has been used for centuries as a healing agent, relaxant, for hair-care and skin-care, as a mild antiseptic and culinary (particularly so during the Elizabethan era) – it can be added to honey, sugar, vinegar, glazed for decoration and there's even lavender lemonade!

Nasturtiums – Many hidden uses, including medicinal, insect repelling and flavouring food (pickled nasturtium seeds can substitute capers in a recipe or when dried the seeds are similar to pepper in taste).

Fruit Trees

The flavour of home grown backyard fruit is to be experienced to be believed. Unlike shop purchased fruit (which is picked early and ripened off the tree) home grown fruit can be left on the tree until it is perfectly sweet and ripe. Excess fruit can be transformed into an abundance of food produce items: from preserves, jams, syrups, chutney, cordials, dried food to freezing, pickling, salting, even making wine.

Make Full Use of the Garden

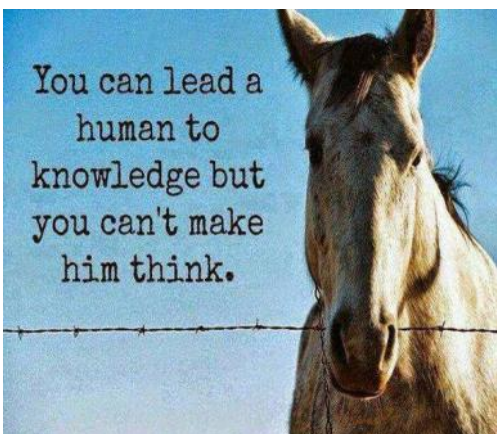
Unlike today with new home backyards becoming smaller - in times past backyards were the focus of household production. Everything used to the absolute fullest, nothing was wasted. People were adept at finding ways to transform garden produce into useful resources.

Time to return to the basics again! Here are some suggestions to get started on right away.

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Flinders Seniors Awards:

I had the privilege to present Flinders Seniors Awards to eight recipients from Phillip Island and the Bass Coast last month. Those to receive recognition for their work in the community were; John Batty, Kate Biggs, Roger Clark, Anne Davie, Raymond Dickie, Jude Donahoo, Jock McKechnie and Gwen McRae.

All awardees have been tireless advocates, whether it be improving our local region in the fields of health care, education, working with the under privileged, preserving our natural environment or supporting veterans. They are to be congratulated for the decades of work within the community. All recipients are an inspiration for the next generation of residents on the Island and the Bass Coast.

Building Better Regions Fund:

Community organisations across the Bass Coast region will soon be able apply for the recently announced Federal Government Building Better Regions Fund.

The Government is committed to investing in projects that will create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger rural, regional and remote communities into the future. The new fund will replace the former National Stronger Regions Fund and for the first time assist those seeking funding for local events and strategic plans. I encourage those who are interested in applying for the fund to contact my office for additional information.

NBN for Coronet Bay:

Coronet Bay residents will soon have access to affordable high-speed broadband as the nbnco has commenced construction of the fibre-to-the-node technology to 2800 premises in the area.

Across the Flinders electorate over 17,000 homes and businesses are able to connect to nbn services. A further 68,000 premises have nbn under construction, many of these being in the Waterline communities. High-speed broadband is the essential infrastructure of the twenty-first century, and the nbn will provide the platform to deliver a range of economic and social benefits to residents. The nbn's rapidly expanding footprint will help more local businesses connect to the global market place and assist students at home to achieve their educational goals.

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Council to pilot new herbicide



Bass Coast Shire Council will support a pilot program for the use of Bioweed as an alternative to glyphosate based products in a number of locations across the municipality.

A community petition received in September this year requested that Council consider alternative methods of weed control around schools, playgrounds and childcare centres. Bioweed is a plant derived product that dehydrates weeds, rather than poison them. Council voted unanimously at the November Ordinary Meeting to trial Bioweed at Council maintained playgrounds, as well as any Council managed land abutting schools and childcare facilities.

"A number of other councils have already made the change to move away from glyphosate in certain locations, and now we have committed to a pilot program around places our children play," Cr Rothfield said. Council will receive a report at the February Ordinary Council Meeting in 2018 detailing results of the program after 12 months of implementation.



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UNDERSTANDING YOUR GARDEN

James Middleton
Buying Gardening Tools - Part 1



What gardening tools do you need?

This is a pretty simple question that anyone who has a garden wants to know the answer to.

Other questions you might be asking are: "what do I look for when buying tools?" or "how much can I expect to spend?"

These questions are particularly important if you have just decided to get into gardening.

Having the right tools can make a very big difference when it comes to doing the work.

If the work is easier, the chances are you'll stick to your goals of growing a better garden!

The problem is, if you are new to gardening you probably don't know what to buy.

Even some people who have been gardening for years have been doing so using tools not designed for the job they are applying them to.

Many people get to this stage, jump online and scour the internet for hours trying to find out everything they need to know. Look no further!

Over the next few issues I will outline the top 8 tools that I believe every gardener should have and look at another handy tool for the slightly more serious gardener out

there. I will also included a section on the attire to wear when gardening.

Tool 1 - Hedge Shears

The first tool I am going to give an overview of are called hedge shears or sometimes called hedge clippers.

I have chosen this tool to overview first because I have made rookie mistakes when buying hedge shears.

A while back, I had a \$20 gift voucher and I made the mistake of settling for an inferior variety that didn't cost all of my voucher. As I should have expected, they didn't even last through their first use before the shaft bent, placing the blades out of whack.

What is the function of hedge shears?

The main function of hedge shears is in shearing or trimming hedges. Most shrubs need trimming at some point so as to stop them from taking over your garden and the best manual tool for the job is hedge shears.

When it comes to buying hedge shears, it really is true that you get what you paid for. As a general rule (and it is very general) when I go to a shop I wouldn't even consider the cheapest two options.

This is just a personal rule (which I violated with bad results) that usually saves me from anguish.

I am yet to buy either the cheapest or second cheapest hedge shears and not have them become pretty much useless in a short amount of time.

What to look for in a pair of hedge shears

1. Is the blade sharp? It is hard to test this without feeling the blade (very carefully) but you can get a rough idea of its sharpness by gently touching the blade. It should not feel smooth; if it feels smooth then it is already slightly flat and won't get better with use!

2. Are the blades curved? Curved blades help stop branches slipping down the blade as you cut, giving you better results when cutting.

3. Are the handles strong? I myself prefer wooden handles simply because I know that they are strong, however, if you want a lighter tool, try and find a hedge trimmer with handles made of carbon fibres or something similar.

I try and stay away from aluminium handles because they bend more easily when force is applied.

Finally, shears are not designed to cut thick branches, they are designed to trim the foliage of hedge plants.

A general rule is don't try and cut branches thicker than your thumb, for that you'll need a tool called a lopper, another of the tools I'll review in coming editions.

Cost of hedge shears

A cheap pair of sturdy hedge shears will set you back at least \$30.

If you're paying less, you are probably buying the cheapest or next to cheapest tool.

An expensive pair of shears will be in excess of \$100.

A good range is probably within the \$40-\$50 price range.

Very rarely will you buy a tool for that price that doesn't back up its cost for general use.

If you are running a gardening business, you may like to consider buying a more expensive model designed for higher use.

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Tool 2 – Secateurs



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**CFA NEWS
With
Michele Fulwell**

It's hard to believe with the weather in November but we are heading into summer and bushfire season. Due to the weather our area is at HIGHER risk of grass fires this summer so make sure to have your fire plan ready! Also remember that if you are travelling you need to check what fire district you are in and check the forecasts – Bass Coast Shire is in the CENTRAL FIRE DISTRICT.

This time of year is not all about grass fires – Christmas Trees and Lights can start a house fire so be sure to check for frayed wires, turn them off if no-one is home and don't overload power boards. Live trees need to be watered every day and disposed of quickly once Christmas is over – the drier the tree the greater the fire risk!

It's also BBQ season so check your BBQ is clean and gas bottle safe before lighting up,

keep an eye on fire restrictions, check out the Can I, Can't I brochure on the CFA website and review STOP, DROP and ROLL in case something goes wrong!

Now is also the time to make sure you have downloaded the new VicEmergency App. This is the updated FireReady App released by Emergency Management Victoria and it now provides a lot more information – take some time to get to know the app before Christmas and if you have any queries head to the VicEmergency website.

There is a Fire Ready Victoria Meeting at the Grantville Hall on January 5th 2017 at 7pm with a free sausage sizzle. These meetings provide vital information for all community members and we would love to see you all there.

Brigades have been very busy in November with education sessions at JLM Kinder, the Grantville Playgroup and at the Bass Valley Primary School Duck Lotto. Fire fighters visited to discuss Fire Safety and the children learnt important skills such as dialling 000 and crawl low in smoke.

Both Corinella and Kernot-Grantville Fire Brigades are offering the opportunity for Santa on the fire truck to deliver a present to your child this year. Details are on the brigade facebook pages or if you live in Corinella, Coronet or Tenby Point contact Sue on 0409 943 359 or Vicki on 0407 327 066. If you live in Grantville, Pioneer Bay, The Gurdies, Adams Estate, Kernot, Woodleigh, Almurta or Glen Forbes call 56 788 400.

All three Waterline Fire Brigades wish the community a Very Merry and Safe Christmas!

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