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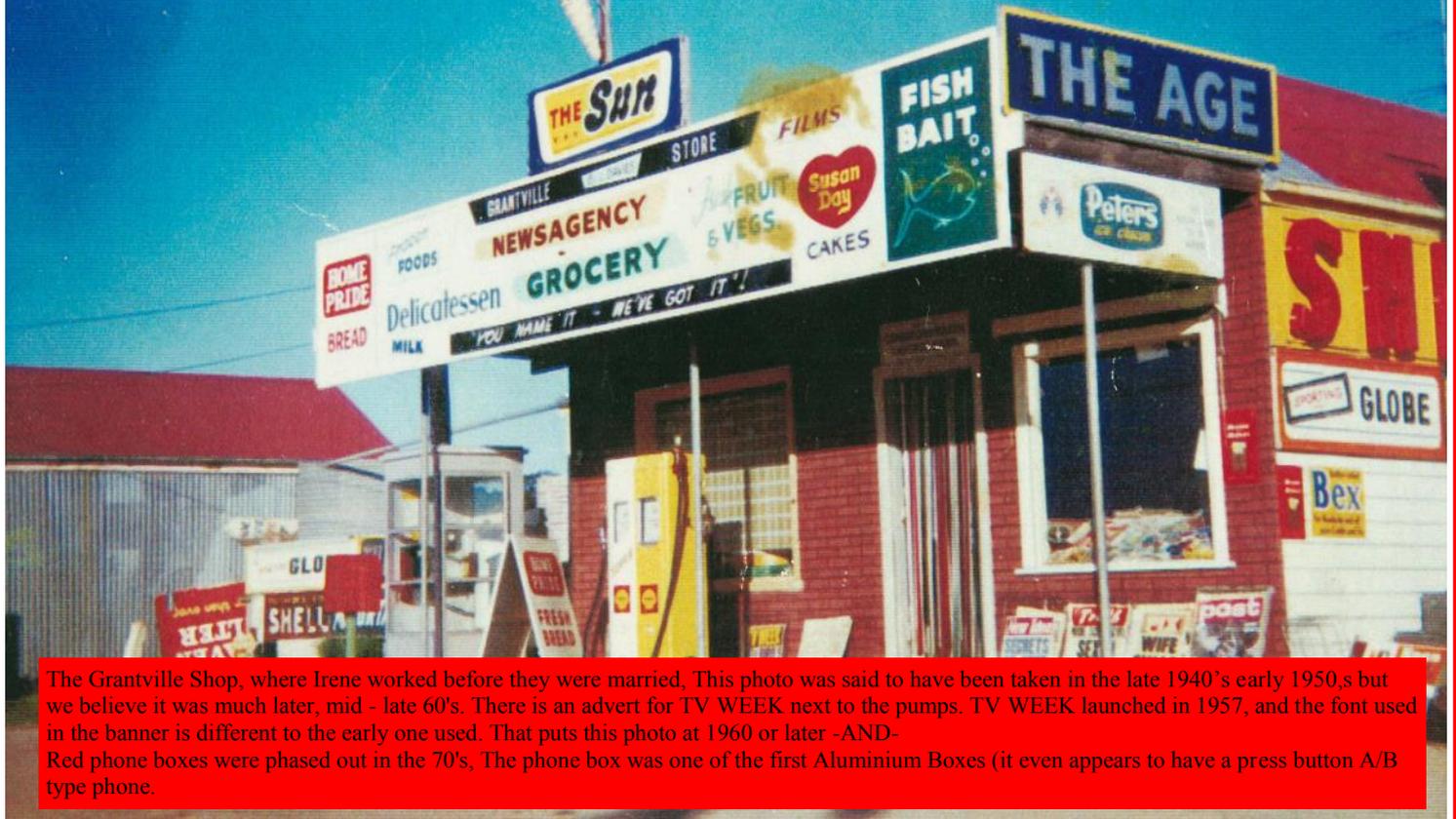


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Meet The Wheatleys



The Grantville Shop, where Irene worked before they were married, This photo was said to have been taken in the late 1940's early 1950,s but we believe it was much later, mid - late 60's. There is an advert for TV WEEK next to the pumps. TV WEEK launched in 1957, and the font used in the banner is different to the early one used. That puts this photo at 1960 or later -AND- Red phone boxes were phased out in the 70's, The phone box was one of the first Aluminium Boxes (it even appears to have a press button A/B type phone.

Meet Don & Irene Wheatley

This month we are very lucky to have the first of a series of feature articles written by Tony Hughes, profiling one of Grantville's Most popular couples, Don and Irene Wheatley. This article is based on an interview they gave to Tony and Irene Williams in December 2013.

Read their story in our Bass Coast Post in Print section on Page 21.

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ASSOCIATION**

2015 COMMITTEE.

- President.** Lyndell Parker.
- Vice President.** Peter Tait.
- Secretary.** David Laing.
- Assistant Secretary.** Wayne Maschette.
- Treasurer.** Michael Kelzke.
- General Committee Members.**
Brian Lloyd and Jackie Tait.

A safe and "Happy New Year " to all, from the CRRA committee and members. On the December 16, we celebrated Christmas with our "Carols at the Rotunda", We were blessed with a beautiful warm evening, and it was a lovely time coming together and sharing the joy and fellowship that the season brings. A huge vote of thanks to our treasurer Michael Keltzie, who put in many hours and lots of hard work on the musical component for the evening, a talented singer / musician in his own right.

Thanks also to all the members of the committee for their dedication and countless hours given freely to making all of our events so successful and enjoyable. Our first event for the new year is the "TWILIGHT CAR BOOT SALE " at HAROLD HUGHES RESERVE CORINELLA on WEDNESDAY 18th January 5pm to 8pm..... \$10 small \$15 large.....a great opportunity to re-home some of your surplus treasures.....or find a bargain to cherish, while munching on a "snag from the barbie"..... a good portion of the money raised by this event will be going to the Bass Valley Children's Centre, so please come along and support this very

worthy cause, phone 0456 777 707 to enquire or book a site.
Australia Day , January 26 will see our Annual Bass Coast Shire Sponsored, "FAMILY FUN DAY" with FREE sausage sizzle, Jumping castle and other activities for the kids and lots of iconic "Aussie" music etc. it's a day to celebrate Australia and all things "Australian", we are a very lucky country in so many ways, and it is such a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge our uniqueness, sharing the day together is very definitely an Aussie tradition! B.Y. O. chairs, drinks, sunscreen, etc and be prepared to " have a great day" at the Rotunda on the Foreshore in Corinella from 10.30 am.

One year passes and another begins..... it 's exciting.

In April, a very special one, the Luminous Streets project, part of the "Edge of Us" Regional Arts Victoria small Towns Transformation grant. Already, workshops have started at schools and various locations around the waterline towns and I would encourage you to get involved and have 'a go', that's the Aussie way, and it is a great way of connecting with others in the community and finding an outlet for a creative spirit that you possibly didn't even know you had. If you are creative, then it is a opportunity to try out a new "medium" working with recycled or renewable materials, and sharing your skills for all of us to enjoy and be inspired by when the Luminous Streets light up in April. What a fantastic and exciting way to begin a new year.

Our first meeting for the year will be on Friday the February 6 with a 7pm start for the meeting. We will be hosting a workshop from 4.30pm for the Luminous Streets project and free "hot roast pork sandwiches" will be on the menu from 6pm to help keep the tummy from rumbling!

All are welcome to come to the workshop, and /or meeting. We have some very exciting guest speakers planned for this year's meetings, and are very keen to see new faces come to the meetings and take an interest in the future of our wonderful, amazing "little piece of paradise".... Corinella.

We are actively seeking new members, but you are very welcome to attend the meetings whether you are a member or not..... the purpose of the CRRA is to encourage everyone to be involved in their local community, and community issues and events.

Lyndell Parker. President.



Welcome to the first edition of The Waterline News for 2017.

We have included a some extra holiday reading features for your interest , with special thanks to Tony Hughes for his profile on Don and Irene Wheatley, from Grantville.

Interest continues to grow in our Arts, books and writing segment, where we had to hold over several submissions until next month.

The deadline for the next edition is February 1, with distribution scheduled for the third Thursday, February 17.

Roger Clark, Editor.

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We distribute 1500 copies each month through Tooradin, Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang, Nyora, Loch, Kernot, Grantville, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Bass, San Remo, Newhaven, Cowes and French Island. We also send out almost 500 copies by email and all editions are available on our website:

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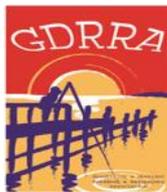
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Vice President Kat Cox
Secretary Kathy Hopkins
Treasurer Sylvia Harris
General Members Chris Cox,
Membership Fees: \$10 single - \$20 family
Kathy Hopkins, Secretary 0439 000 148

No report this month



President: Jean Coffey 0419 500 593
Secretary: David Pearce 0401 514 339
 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.
Office bearers were due to be elected at a committee meeting this week, where Mick Dortmans from DELWP will outline plans to organise a community forum regarding foreshore erosion. Stay tuned for all the details
Contact: Kat Cox 0422 172 994
<http://www.gadfc.com.au/>

PIONEER BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Contact
Zena Benbow
pbpa@bigpond.com



We've managed to scrape through for another year and get this free to attend Family Event organised once more. Remember it is a community fundraiser for the park- so please remember some cash for food and, after the success of last year, the silent auction!
 Scat are back to entertain again and more surprises are in store.
 Hope to see your smiling faces there!

Zena Benbow



Coronet Bay Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact: Ivan Bradshaw - 5678 0663 - 0414345754
 Chairperson. Dan Leskie.
 Vice Chairperson Julie Cameron.
 Secretary Pauline Hiscock.
 Vice Secretary Ivan Bradshaw.
 Social Media Manager Christine Slavin
 Treasurer Joyce Cotter.
 Vice Treasurer Tracey Farr.
 Area Supervisor Levinus Van Der Nuet
Fund Raising Bianca Peters.

We are now financially able to input into our/your community and are seeking suggestions as to where the community would like to see that money and future money spent, or goals we may be able to set for future purchases, please send any suggestions to us at:
 coronetbaynhw@gmail.com or Pauline Hiscock 5 Bantering Bay Rd Coronet Bay Vic 3984.

Due to demand we are reordering uv pens in January that will be available for collection at our next meeting on 9/01 \$7 per pen, get in early to avoid disappointment.
 Please contact Joyce Cotter for pen orders.

South Coast Speakers Toastmasters

Meet on the 2nd and 4th
 Wednesday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm
 at the San Remo Hotel, 145 Marine Parade,
 San Remo.

If you would like to come to check it out,
call Brigitte 0421 812 691
info@southcoastspeakers.org.au



CORONET BAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



2016 Committee:

President Kevin Brown
Secretary Stephanie Hartridge
Treasurer Mel Gration
General Committee Members
To be confirmed.

No Report this month



Kooweerup
 REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

A Leaf for the Memory Tree

Remembering our loved ones
 When our loved ones, who we dearly miss, pass on, it is important to remember them in our own way.



Creating a leaf for the memory tree is a way to recognise and acknowledge those who have been a part of the Kooweerup Regional Health Service community and are no longer with us.

The Memory trees, decorated with metal leaves and engraved with personal messages, provide an honourable and lasting gift of remembrance.
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 There are 2 open dedications per year, and private visits can be arranged. Please call reception for dates and appointments.



Kooweerup Regional Health Service

235 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup
ph: 03 5997 9679
email: gregorys@krhs.net.au

Community Notes



**BASS VALLEY FRIENDS
OF THE
R.S.L.**

Are holding a Open Evening
at the George Bass Hotel
On
TUESDAY 21ST MARCH 2017
7.00 PM

Guest Speaker is
MARK BAKER

(AUTHOR OF THE BOOK PHILLIP SCHULER)
If you wish to purchase dinner before the speaker
please contact Daniel at the George Bass Hotel
On 56782206 to book.

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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Have you been bereaved by suicide?

South Gippsland Support After Suicide is a new initiative
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Our monthly support group meetings
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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
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Community Directory

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 Liz Hart 5678 0346
Website: <http://basscoaststrollers.org/>

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
Situating 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
Contact - Shelly 0417 593 497

Grantville & District Business & Tourism Association
President Neroli Heffer 5678 8548

Grantville & District Ratepayers & Residents Association
Secretary Kathleen Hopkins 5678 8327

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
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Phone 5997 5704
Email: lcc@langlang.net

Lang Lang Playgroup
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Contact Crystal 0473 077 125

Phillip Island Community Art & Craft Gallery Inc.
Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave
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Phillip Island Indoor Carpet Bowlers
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Phillip Island Celebration Centre 6 Lions Court, Cowes Contact Jack 0434 944 380

Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers Inc.
The Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers Inc. meet every Sunday from 1.30pm to 5pm. At the Phillip Island Celebration Centre, 6 Lions Court Cowes.
Contact Peter 5956 9513

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
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Contact: Carol 5952 5875

Pioneer Bay Progress Association
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Survivors of Suicide
Raising awareness to aid prevention
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Saturday 9am- 12.30pm

Tenby Point Residents Association
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Secretary David Pearce 0401 514 339

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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

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Weather permitting, Except December which is the third Sunday.

8am-2pm 100+ stalls

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Contact for further details 5997 6221

Last Sunday of each month

Inverloch Community Farmers' Market

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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

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Bass Valley Community Group

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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

Nyora Op Shop 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:

info@basscoasthealth.org.au

Community Halls for

Hire

Archies Creek

Mez Oldham

0415 445 215

Bass Valley

5678 2277

Corinella Paula Clarke 0418 441 046

Coronet Bay Peter Thick 0429 851 004

Dalyston Dorothy Slade 5678 7334

Grantville Pat Van 5997 6221

Kernot Julie Johnston 5678 8555

Kongwak Betty Anderson 5657 4317

Loch Grieg Barry 0419 358 628

Kilcunda Marion 0404 135 434

Nyora Robyn 5659 0098

Newhaven Noel Street, 5956 6122

Rhyll Ring General Store, 5956 9205

Woodleigh Evan Jones 5657 7275



More Community News



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.



Phone: 5672 3731

Email: mitchellhouse@desi.net.au

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Central Gippsland Police Investigation



Detectives from Central Gippsland Sexual Offences and Child Abuse

Investigation Team are appealing for information in relation to allegations of historical sexual assaults in the Grantville area in the 1980s and 90s.

It's believed the offences were committed against primary school aged children by an adult male.

Investigators are keen to speak to anyone who was a victim of a sexual assault in the Grantville area, particularly at the designated Grantville camp, around that time.

They are also keen to speak to anyone who has knowledge of any sexual assaults taking place.

Victoria Police encourages all victims of sexual assault and child abuse, and anyone who has knowledge of such a crime, to make a report.

Victoria Police is committed to investigating and bringing to justice those people who prey on children no matter how many years have passed.

Anyone who was a victim of sexual assault or has information relating to sexual assaults in the Grantville area can contact the Central Gippsland Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team

5120 0351

Information relating to any alleged sexual assaults can also be provided to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submitted confidentially online at : www.crimestoppersvic.com.au

Christmas Lunch a success



Despite the warm conditions on Christmas Day, 58 people came together to share a Christmas Community Lunch in Coronet Bay Hall. The day was also a celebration of the 10th Christmas Lunch which was initially commenced by Rona and Laurie Black. Rona and Laurie tirelessly presented the lunch for seven years and this year the decorations were in purple and silver, to honour their contribution to this very special lunch.

Thank you to those who attended and shared the Christmas cheer and the 'blending' of young and old on the day which was heart-warming to be part of.

Thank you also to those who handcrafted the decorations for the tables, the volunteers who baked Christmas puddings, Christmas cake, meringues and 'treats' to be taken home and enjoyed later on, and the workers who assisted with the preparation of the traditional Christmas Lunch.

Also thanks to the driver who collected and returned some of the guests to their homes. Thank you to the wonderful donors who helped provide such a spread on the day, Bass Coast Shire Council, Alex Scott Real Estate, Corinella Art Show Committee, Coronet Bay General Store, redwagon graphic design, Waterson Gas and two anonymous donors.

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This initiative is funded by the TAC and managed by the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood House. For further information contact:
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Community Centre News

BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP Inc.

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



Well... And so finally the year came to an end. At the Bass Valley Community Centre we had our final Christmas Party to thank the volunteers who had worked so valiantly through the year to support us. And the clients we support were also in attendance. It was a good way to end the year.

It was a year that seemed to slip away from us very fast, with a new month gone every time we looked up. Until right at the end, when it began to look like Christmas would never arrive.

We also had a very successful Christmas raffle. The prize was a wonderful collection of items donated by very generous supporters from the Waterline area and beyond to Wonthaggi and as far as Korumburra. A number of people put a lot of effort into selling the raffle tickets and we amassed nearly \$1500, a great outcome which will be very much needed as we move into the second half of the financial year. The winner of the raffle was Annette, one of the volunteers at the Hadden House Opportunity Shop .



Annette with her prize, which included a wheelbarrow.

It is always a bit special when the winning ticket is drawn and it comes out with the name of a hardworking volunteer, as the tickets are sold far and wide and the winner isn't always a local.

I mentioned before that we will be very thankful to get the revenue from the raffle. This year we have not been able to open the op shop on Saturdays due to a lack of volunteers on that day. It is a very big ask to expect someone to give up their Saturday morning (9:00 to 1:00) to service the op shop. As a consequence, our op shop revenue is down. So if there is anyone out there who could see their way to helping out on Saturdays, we would love to hear from them.

Give us a call on 5678 2277.

And speaking of giving a call, we now have a new telephone system that lets us ring from anywhere on the site, including the op shop. We were lucky enough earlier in the year to get a grant from the Commonwealth Government to support our volunteers. As well as the new and improved phone system we also now have a new split system air conditioner in the op shop. This replaces an antiquated air conditioner that provided no heating at all.

Back at work in January, our sights are set on our BIG annual fundraiser, the Bass Valley Autumn Festival. We've already been putting significant effort into it and are hoping that everyone puts Saturday 4th March into their diaries. There will be a number of surprises at this year's Festival that we hope make it an even bigger success than last year's.

Roderick McIvor

Corinella and District Community Centre



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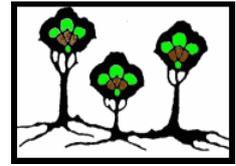
- Strength training & Yoga
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- Craftie's Group
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- Book Club
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- Internet Café (free for members)
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Forthcoming events:

Jan 26 - Australia Day and Citizenship Awards

Feb 28 - Pancake Day

Mar 1/8/15 - First Aid Cert II & CPR

For further details on all events
Please call us, we open @ 9.30am five days a week.

7 Westernport Rd, Lang Lang 3984

Contact Coordinators

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Centre re-opens Thursday January 19.



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Community



CFA NEWS
With
Michele
Fulwell

Happy New Year to all! Hopefully you all had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Kernot-Grantville saw the Christmas season start with our annual dinner and awards night. Captain Andrew Blackney was awarded a 30 years of service to CFA medal with other recipients receiving 15, 10 and 5 year awards. Other awards on the evening went to Joan Kerr for Firefighter of the Year for commitment to CFA and brigade ideals and Jan Pettuozzo, Allan Kerr and Joan Kerr were all awarded the brigades Heart of Gold Award for commitment to member welfare.

New Year's Eve saw a huge turnout at the Coronet Bay Fireworks. Young and old delighted in touring both the Corinella Tanker and Kernot-Grantville Tanker 2 with children needing to know the emergency 000 number to earn a tour. Barrie Stewart, Community Safety Coordinator for Kernot-Grantville Brigade, was on duty to make sure the kids got the answer right and answer any questions.

Despite the recent rain CFA is warning of a higher than average risk of grass fire this season. Hopefully most of you attended the Community Meeting held in Grantville earlier this month but if you didn't head to the CFA website and check out the plan and prepare section. Remember, if you are confronted by a grass fire in a built up area, you need to make your way at least two streets away, and wait until it is safe to return home. It may be very smoky, so if you are an asthmatic make sure you take your medication with you as well as some drinking water. Don't forget your pets, on hot days make sure that they have plenty of water and some shade. If it gets very hot a bit of ice in their water bowl will be a great treat for them.

Stay in touch with events by listening to our local emergency broadcaster - ABC Melbourne 774 AM, downloading the VicEmergency App, bookmarking emergency.vic.gov.au, following CFA and Emergency Vic on facebook or calling the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. For further information www.cfa.vic.gov.au



Have Your Say about mangroves at Grantville



Your input is welcomed on the proposed plan to protect the Grantville foreshore on the Western Port coastline.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Manager Environmental Planning for West Gippsland, Mick Dortmans said: "The Grantville coastline is exposed to ongoing erosion that continues to affect the foreshore, native vegetation, public access and the amenity of the area."

"We are seeking broad community feedback on a Draft Mangrove Re-establishment Plan which has been developed to guide the revegetation of the inter-tidal zone at Grantville."

"Mangroves have been demonstrated to provide effective protection in many coastal environments around the world and trials are continuing, to establish mangrove seedlings in Western Port. It is intended that the planting design will allow continued access to the waters of Western Port."

"Mangroves provide many benefits in the Western Port environment. They are a sustainable, cost-effective solution to provide coastal stabilisation and deliver other ecological benefits to the marine ecosystem."

"Mangroves were previously present in the Grantville area but were over harvested until the 1960s."

"A program of block planting with gaps is being planned, to improve the protection of the coastline while still allowing ongoing access to the waters of Western Port from the foreshore. The planting program is planned to occur over the next three-to-four years."

In the past, mangrove forests were extensive along the Western Port foreshores, including at Grantville, and provided a natural defense against erosion of the coastline. It is anticipated that the mangroves will provide a long term sustainable solution to coastal erosion in the Grantville area.

The draft plan has been developed following consultation with representatives from the Grantville Foreshore Committee of Management, Parks Victoria, Bass Coast Shire Council, the Western Port Seagrass Partnership and DELWP is seeking

community input for the completion of this plan. To view the plan and complete a community input form, go to www.haveyoursay.delwp.vic.gov.au. We will also have a table set up at the Grantville Market on the 22nd of January where you can view the plan and provide feedback.

Community feedback will be open until Tuesday 31, January 2017.

For more information please contact:

Mick Dortmans
(03) 5662 9914.

The Western Port Seagrass Partnership will again be conducting some on-site mangrove revegetation works at both Lang Lang and Grantville, on January 17 and 18..

<http://www.seagrass.com.au>



Western Port Biosphere seeks water stewards!

Water is a vital part of life, but while most of us take it for granted it's an increasingly scarce resource.

That's where water stewardship comes in. Water stewardship is a form of water management that aims to achieve good water quality, sustainable water balance, healthy ecology and water security. It's a great opportunity to focus on the responsible use and management of water. The Western Port Biosphere's water stewardship project helps landholders, businesses and organisations to improve water management on their properties which in turn has a positive influence on local waterways.

There are many benefits to being a water steward, including cost savings through more efficient water and fertiliser management, more sustainable water use through development of a water stewardship plan to identify and address site issues, external accreditation and potential funding for on-site works. The Biosphere provides training and assistance to help water stewards get up and running.

Water stewardship is good for business, good for the community and good for the environment!

However, you don't have to become a water steward to get involved. There are lots of things you can do to be water smart:

www.biosphere.org.au/be-water-smart.

For more information on water stewardship visit the Western Port Biosphere website: <https://www.biosphere.org.au/our-biosphere>
Contact Biosphere on (03) 5979 2167.

Food

RECIPES

Spicy sesame chicken salad



During the warmer months, often what we're looking for in a dinner is something a little bit lighter. This spicy sesame chicken salad fits the bill. It's packed with flavour and will fill you up, but it won't sit heavy on your stomach, making it the perfect summer salad.

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

Spicy chicken

800g chicken breast, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon black sesame seeds
1 tablespoon white sesame seeds
1 tablespoon sesame oil
75g red curry paste

Toasted nut slaw

15g pumpkin seeds
15g sunflower seeds
15g chopped nuts
15ml soy sauce
10g white sesame seeds
5ml sesame oil
5g coconut sugar
2 cups shredded cabbage
Vinaigrette to taste

Baked kumara

1 kumara
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt and pepper

Method:

To begin mix curry paste with sesame oil and sesame seeds.

Mix in sliced chicken and evenly spread paste over all slices.

Leave to marinate for 30 minutes. Heat a pan with a drizzle of olive oil on medium heat.

Carefully place chicken slices in pan and sear on each side for three minutes.

Place on a tray into preheated oven 180c for 15 minutes.

Combine all toasted nut slaw ingredients, except the cabbage and vinaigrette, in a bowl.

Spread on a baking tray and toast in a preheated oven at 180c for 10 minutes.

Stir and toast a further five minutes. Stir vinaigrette through cabbage and add toasted nuts.

Peel kumara and cut into 1cm rounds, you'll need eight pieces.

Place in a bowl and drizzle over olive oil and season.

Lay flat on a baking tray and bake in a preheated oven at 180°C for 15 to 20 minutes.

In the same pan as the chicken place kumara rounds and brown on each side till golden, move these to a baking tray and finish in preheated oven 180°C for six minutes.

Distribute toasted nut slaw between four plates.

Place two baked kumara per plate, off to side of slaw. Top with chicken strips.

First appeared on Stuff.co.nz. Image credit: Stuff.co.nz / Ironic Café and Bar

Healthy Christmas or Everyday Fruit Cake



Ingredients

600g mixed dried fruit (raisins, apricots, sultanas)

1 tsp ground cinnamon

1/4 tsp nutmeg

1 tsp vanilla bean extract

1 orange (juice and zest)

3 tbs extra-virgin olive oil

3 organic eggs

2 cups ground almonds

50g walnuts

Method

Preheat the oven to 160dg Celcius

Prepare a 20cm-round cake tin with baking paper lining the sides and the base.

Combine the dried fruit, cinnamon, nutmeg,

Vanilla, orange zest

and juice, olive oil and eggs in a large bowl.

Add the almonds and walnuts and mix through.

Spoon the batter into the baking tin.

Bake for 1 1/2 hours.

Insert a skewer - if it does not come out clean, bake for another 30 minutes.

Cover the top if necessary to prevent over-browning.

Cool before removing from tin and store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to a month.

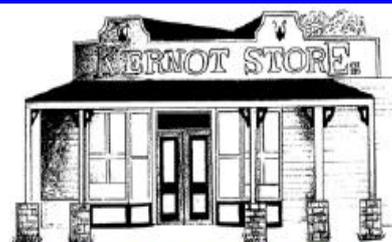
The Waterline News kitchen tried this over the Christmas break and it was a great success, very popular, so much so we had to make two.

This is an edited extract from:

The Healthy Chef: Purely Delicious,

By Teresa Cutter.

<https://www.thehealthychef.com/>



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DEMENTIA

With Dr Rachael Wonderlin

We have to leave right now -

“Let’s go,” she said. “We have to find out where my husband is. We have to go home now.”

Urging her to “please wait” was not working very well. Amelia was intent on going—and she was starting to get agitated. It didn’t help, of course, that she had a UTI (urinary tract infection). I could not get this 99-year-old woman to sit down. (And, of course, it didn’t help that she had trouble walking by herself.) We worked on activities, we tried watching TV, we tried exercising. Nothing was getting Amelia to calm down.

“He’s coming to pick me up, and then we have to go get in the car and go home,”

she pleaded with me.

Suddenly, I had an idea.

I grabbed Amelia’s winter coat, hat, and shoes that were hung up in the other corner of the room.

“Amelia, let’s get ready to go,” I suggested, offering her the winter coat.

I put the winter cap on her head and put her winter boots on.

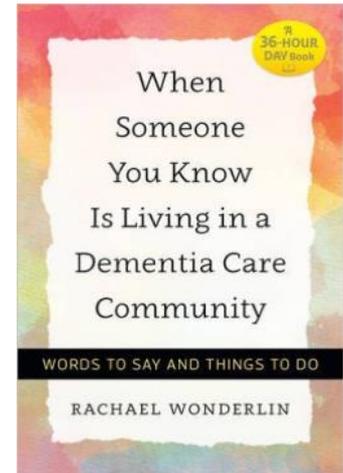
“I want to make sure that we’re ready to go when your husband gets up here,” I smiled.

“Oh, thank you. Good idea,” she nodded, adjusting the cap on her head.

“Feeling ready” solved the problem almost immediately. She still talked about going home, but it was fewer and farther between requests.

Amelia knew that I was listening to her concerns, and that I was addressing

them properly—even if we weren’t leaving the house that day, or any day after that.



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The Jackson Four have now been impressing audiences across Australia since 2013. And, more recently their growing following in the U.K., U.S. and Europe. Locally, they've appeared at festivals including the Wangaratta International Jazz, Bendigo Blues and Roots, By the Bay – Wine and Blues (Kingston), Eltham Jazz and Blues, Stonnington Jazz, Castlemaine Jazz, Mornington Winter Jazz and Frankston Waterfront to name just a few. And, as part of their recent promotional tour of the U.K. in July 2016, following up on their surprise 2015 U.K. Blues radio chart success. They've released 'Live at the Western Port Festival'. A promo EP for U.K. Blues and Jazz radio. Supporting the release, appearances at renowned Blues and Jazz clubs followed. Including, 'Ain't Nothin but the Blues Bar', Soho, 'The Alley Cat Club', Covent Garden and East End Jazz Club, 'The Royal Inn on the Park'. Receiving an enthusiastic welcome and positive comments from London audiences and venue managers alike.

The band's distinctive style and sound is centred around the classic Hammond B3 organ. With interplay from soulful and Bluesy sax and vocals. All driven by a strong Swing, jazz, Latin rhythm and percussion section. Their music is a journey into the crossroads where Blues and Jazz intersect. With a repertoire mixing the sounds of New Orleans, Chicago and Memphis into their own interpretations of renowned favourites and hidden unknown gems that the band searches out.

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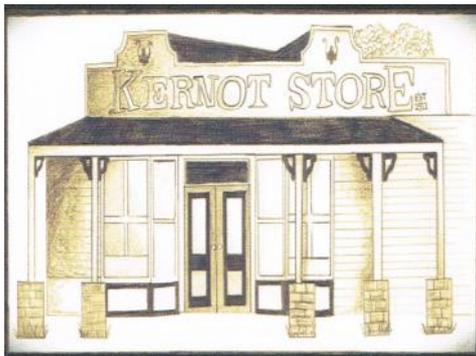
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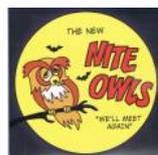
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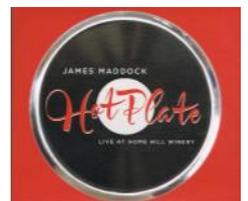


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CD REVIEW

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3. In American currency 10 cents make a what?
4. Afrikaans was developed from which European language?
5. An Ortanique is a cross between a tangerine and what other fruit?
6. What Italian word for 'Scratched Drawing' can be found on walls all over the world?
7. What musical features 'Some Enchanted Evening' and 'There Is Nothing Like A Dame'?
8. What was the name of the first manned lunar landing mission in 1969?
9. Which boxer was nicknamed 'The Dark Destroyer'?
10. What was the name of Ritchie Valens' girlfriend?
11. What is the procedure called where an anaesthetic is injected close to the spinal cord?
12. What poisonous oily liquid occurs naturally in tobacco leaves?
13. Who had his first UK top 10 hit with

Trivia and Philosophy

'Wichita Lineman'?

14. Which sign of the Zodiac is represented by the Scales?
15. In which country was Rudyard Kipling born?
16. What is the gemstone for September?
17. What instrument has been nicknamed the 'Mississippi Saxophone'?
18. One and a half litres of champagne is known as a what?
19. In alphabetical order name the three particles that make up an atom?
20. What is the common name of the 'Auora Borealis'?

ANSWERS

1. Mediterranean
2. Australia
3. Dime
4. Dutch
5. Orange
6. Graffiti
7. South Pacific
8. Apollo XI
9. Nigel Benn
10. Donna
11. Eptidural
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17. Harmonica
18. Magnum
19. Electron, Neutron, Proton
20. Northern Lights

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The business operates mostly in Gippsland and South East Gippsland. It has an office in Koo Wee Rup, a satellite office in Lang Lang and does home visits.

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The French Island News



FRENCH ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

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

FIRE 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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FRIENDS OF FRENCH ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

Secretary: Meredith Sherlock. Phone 0438 077329,
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PROJECT DAYS

The ferry leaves Stony Point at 10.00 am on Saturdays, and we usually catch the 4.00 pm ferry back to the mainland. Our website has important information about purchasing ferry tickets. If you plan to come on a project day, please contact the Secretary well in advance to give us time to organise transport on the island.

Saturday 11 February:

Western Port Wader Survey, coordinated by BirdLife Australia. This is also a regular FOFI project day. Learn about waders from the experts. Please book in with Martin O'Brien (m.ob5@icloud.com).

FOFI Annual General Meeting

Sunday 12 February at 12.30 pm:
10 Raymond Avenue, Frankston. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share. We would be pleased to receive nominations for some new faces on the committee.

More details on: www.fofi.org.au

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:

Stony Point Jetty on the Mornington Peninsula
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The French Island General Store & Figs Café is the heart of the community on French Island. As well as providing the Islanders with staples – mail, groceries, newspapers and gas bottles, it operates as a Licensed Café 7 days a week. New owners, Tanya, Leith, Clare, Neil, Brent and Samantha (the Le Serve family) and staff are providing visitors with delicious lunches, cakes and take-aways using local produce when available, are serving wine from French Island Vineyards, lattes and cappuccinos. The Store sells a range of local produce, including honey, pickled goods and souvenirs. The Store is offering free shuttle bus transfers for customers on weekends and public holidays for those arriving by barge, or ferry from Stony Point or Cowes when they book for lunch at the Store or make a bike hire booking, or who are staying the night in the Figs Cottage. This is an attractive prospect, as transport currently doesn't exist for the general public, so being picked up as you arrive to the Island is fabulous. If that doesn't grab you, it's also 'free' to get there for over 60's with Inter Island Ferries from Cowes and Stony Point on weekends and public holidays, so destination French Island is a very affordable option for those wanting to experience the Island. For total convenience visitors can wine, dine and stay to fully enjoy the relaxed vibe and hospitality that the Store has to offer as accommodation is available. French Island is an eco-tourism destination providing nature based experiences for visitors to explore the great outdoors, to see the koalas, echidnas and bird life and experience what's on offer and it is the perfect destination for nature lovers, those who enjoy walking, cycling, camping and exploring pristine beaches. Enquiries for bike hire, café bookings, accommodation and to book your free transfer call 5980 1209 or email

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FOFI News



The newsletter of the Friends of French Island National Park Inc.

FAREWELL

A farewell party for Jane Unwin and Alison Pitt was held at Tankerton Hall on Saturday 8 October.

In recognition of their outstanding contribution to French Island Landcare over the past 17 years, FOFI was pleased to give them A Year on the Farm: Recipes and Stories from My Tasmanian Tree Change by Sally Wise.

As Jane and Alison are moving to Tasmania, this seemed a highly appropriate gift!

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy to Walter and Bette Mitchell on the death of Peggy Mitchell in October at the age of 94.

Peggy was described by Mike Carter as "an icon of the birding community" and she and her husband were also very active in the Mornington Peninsula Field Naturalists.

We are also saddened by the recent deaths of long-time member David Wilson, who joined FOFI in 1990, and Dudley Gross, who was a regular member with his wife Noel in FOFI's early years. A memorial plaque for David and Dudley has been placed in Sherbrooke Forest by the Friends of Sherbrooke Forest.

FRENCH ISLAND NAMES!

Blue Gums is the former SEC land on the south coast, now included in the National Park (261 ha).

The original house, shearing shed and chicory kiln remain as semi-ruins.

Bluegum Point lies midway on the remote south coast between Freeman Point and Spit Point further east.

There are no longer any Southern Blue Gums (*Eucalyptus globulus*) at either location.

Red Bluff is the southernmost tip of Blue Gums, with Stockyard Point to its east, not to be confused with Stockyard Point at Jam Jerrup with its own Red Bluff to the north. Spit Point is the easternmost tip of the island.

It was once called Sandy Point, but thanks to the name change is no longer confused with Sandy Point at the base of HMAS Cerberus. And while you can look out over the bay from The Pinnacles, you have to go to Cape Woolamai to see Pinnacles Lookout!

These FOFI News were compiled by Meredith Sherlock with contributions from Chris Chandler and Geoff Lacey.



Sea-Eagle on the north coast

Andrew Browne

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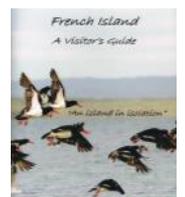
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My husband said to me

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Meet the Wheatleys

Tony Hughes

This article is based on an interview Don and Irene gave to Irene Williams and myself in December 2013. A copy of the full interview together with relevant photographs are in the Wonthaggi and District Historical Society's archives.

Grantville, how lucky are you for having these two as part of your community, treasure them!

Don's parents, Hubert and Mary, purchased one third of 116 acres of a bush block at the Shunt-Off, Grantville not long after Don was born in 1928. This makes Don, 88 years young and still going strong. Younger brother now deceased, Ted, was born in 1936. The early sawmill workers camped in huts on the Grantville beach,



Don Wheatley, around 1939. Note logs sticking out of copper in the RHS background (Don's job) and corner of his billy cart with a wonky wheel on RHS.

presumably they travelled to and from work on the sawmill railway. Lorna Malone's father worked in the sawmills. Steamers came to both the Queensferry and Grantville jetties.



Front of original rough bush timber house built by Hubert's father, circa 1900. Not quite taken quite a few years later shows the addition of windows and the front (horizontal) timber logs stop the wind from blowing directly into the kitchen.

Hubert built a rough, bush timber, three room home with a corrugated iron chimney, timber block floor, no windows or door, only sacks? There was no electricity for lighting or power, a refrigerator or mains water. When water was short, Don and his dad would fill 44 gallon drums at the local stone quarry on the Almurta road. The quarry can still be clearly seen beside the road. A spring on the beach to the LHS of the jetty provided the town with fresh water. The hotel had two wells on top of springs on their property.

With Hubert having a Melbourne based job, Mary and Don were left to fend for themselves for lengthy periods. Two rooms and an entry alcove were added when Hubert's parents, Ralph and Emily, came to live. The alcove stopped the cold South Gippsland wintery westerly winds blowing straight into the kitchen, it was a huge and very welcomed improvement. As Mary didn't drive, Don helped with shopping at Len Tilley's Grantville General Store and Post Office. Bread was

delivered by Bob Bird and travelling hawkker, Shah, sold clothes from his horse drawn wagon. When food ran short, Mary and Don survived on bread and dripping. Mary would make/mend his clothes and enjoyed craftwork and knitting. She had a charcoal iron complete with bellows. They enjoyed fresh eggs when their hens were laying, there was no house cow as Hubert was certainly no farmer. Mary had an arrangement with the Cambridge's for fresh milk on school days. Don would drop off an empty billy on the way to school and pick it up on the way home, it was a real nuisance trying to lug it home without spilling any. When Cambridge's milk was not available, they used powdered milk.

Other goods came by train to Almurta Station from Melbourne, sometimes the meat was flyblown and inedible. Don trapped rabbits for fresh meat and still enjoys a good rabbit. A trap he was trying to set one day in a paddock, went off catching his fingers. Not strong enough to release its powerful and painful grip, he walked back to the house and got a lever and got his hand out.

Don walked to school, located near the entrance to the Grantville tip, meeting kids from the Adams Estate along the way. It was a long, tiring walk and a real worry when bushfires were about.

While Don was still young, Hubert replaced the rough timber shack with a new house using recycled timber from the old Westernport Hotel. One day while mucking around, a broken beer bottle at their place caused a deep wound in Don's left foot. Mary pulled the broken glass out, bathed the wound and bandaged it, no doctor involved. Dr Sleeman at Wonthaggi was the only doctor in the district at the time

After Hubert showed Don how dangerous detonators were, he tried to warn his mates when they found Silver detonators in the quarry. Not heeding his warning, a match was put to one leaving Ken Petersen less a finger and thumb; fortunately, Don only suffered severe ringing in the ears for a while.

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Meet the Wheatleys, continued

To survive, hard work was the order of the day. Don helped his father cut wood into 2 foot lengths and pack into 40 cubic feet lots for the railways. To get extra money, Don would sometimes fill two carriages at the Almurta siding. Each carriage took 16 ton or 800 cubic feet of 2 foot logs, he was expected to fill both by himself in a day. He always managed one but didn't always fill two, it was bloody hard work. Don and his dad cut and sold firewood, posts for the coal mines at Kilcunda and Wonthaggi, piles for the Corinella Jetty and contract fencing, mainly over winter.

They made charcoal, a hard, dirty job especially during the wet. It was sold to both the Bayles Factory and local truck operators, they used charcoal instead of petrol in their gas producers during war fuel restrictions. During WWII, petrol was rationed to 1 gallon (4.54 litres)/ week, kerosene was forbidden to be used for vehicles and primary producers needed a permit to get 40 gallons of fuel for 6 months. The Army put an odorant in their fuel so it would be detected if "acquired" and many found ingenious methods to use kerosene away from towns, switching to petrol if they thought they might be detected as burnt kerosene could easily be smelled.

stocks dropped off, probably due to overfishing, he gave it away. In 1951 at age 23, Don "met this very nice girl named Irene" on a bus going to the pictures in Wonthaggi; she was really easy to talk to. They talked a lot more, got on really well, fell in love, married in 1953 and went on to raise four strapping boys. Irene worked in the Grantville General Store and Post Office before they married. In those days, there was very little traffic on the main road which was gravel, no public transport, just a service bus run. Grantville seemed to be too far away from Wonthaggi to get things done. Anderson Hill, which was still gravel in 1951, had trees meeting over the top of the highway.



Don Wheatleys School Bus, 1955

Over the next 40 years, Don drove a local bus for Freddie Webb, was a night shift test driver at the GMH Proving Grounds, Lang Lang and carted concrete for Donmix in a truck he bought from Johnny Motton. The truck was sold to Gary Blackney when he retired. During his time at GMH, they purchased a 24 foot Couta Boat and operated fishing charters on Westernport. The township of Grantville struggled to survive for many years, but through the efforts of the Wheatley's and others, it is now a thriving seaside town with a bright future. Jimmy Smith, the Bootmaker (where the BP servo now stands), the Cambridge's, Bob Bird from the bakery and a lot of others would be proud to see it. Don and Irene are both well, enjoying life and still happy to be part of Grantville's wonderful community, may they enjoy many more years to come!

Tony Hughes

We have some more great photos, which came with this story, and will publish them as soon as we can.



The third family built and conducted the factory on the highway in Grantville. Originally opposite the General Store, circa 1910, Don Tilly married other daughter. (Glen Forbes 1965)

Fisherman's Cottage Museum Tooradin



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We open the Museum on Sundays from noon until 4pm.

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.



Glen Forbes Cheese Factory, Glen Forbes, circa 1935. The building under construction was for housing a whey fat separator. The original building is 194 ft in the centre. Archive Cheese Dairy Produce Company Ltd. The building to its left, 34th Street, following was added at the time, 1945.

After six years at the Glen Forbes Cheese Factory working 6 days/week, Don resigned and joined his father clearing timber for two to three years. During this time, Don purchased an old 21 foot boat called Valda and tried professional fishing as well. The fish were put into fish boxes without ice or refrigeration and sent to the Melbourne Fish Market where they sold for around two pence (cents)/pound. When the Bay's fish

Lang Lang & District Historical Society



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History

LIFE AT POWLETT RIVER



It was New Years Eve. The canvas township of Powlett River, not quite a month old was about to see a New Year begin. The mail had arrived about half past 7 o'clock and the men had, according to custom, looked in at the little ordinary house window at the post office to see if there were any letters from home. Some were still standing in the street absorbed in their letters, others were reading the newspapers. Some stood outside their tents washing clothes.

A miner seated outside a tent door was playing a tune on an accordion. A young man, thick set and athletic suddenly stood on his head and getting to his feet again said to the accordion player "Make it lively mate." Louder and faster sounded the accordion. A lane was formed by the men and down the lane the thick set young man revolved in a series of hand springs. "Hear, hear" shouted the men in encouragement. The performer was once an acrobat in Wirth's circus.

It was a still night, just the night for outdoor singing. It had become too dusky to permit the men to indulge of games of skill such as the miners love. "What about a song?" inquired a voice? There was deep silence for a moment and then a voice full of expression, a miner began "Starlight". It was the first item in a long programme of songs and recitations. Mr. J. McInernay the president of the local branch of the Coal Miners Union took his natural position as chairman.

The New Year crept into the camp in a most unobtrusive fashion. The mine whistle blew its shrillest, loudest and longest note and great must have been the consternation of the kangaroos and wallabies in the surrounding scrub. They had never heard the like of that noise.

On New Year's Day the camp awakened to the fact that the wives of two of the miners had arrived in the coach on the previous evening. Each had a baby in her arms and accompanied by their husbands they walked up the strange looking Bourke Street to see the mine, the magic force that had brought them to so strange a locality. A father came along accompanied by his three little boys, round eyed with the wonderment of childhood.

Asked how he liked the camp, the oldest boy said "Grand." "That's because there is no school here," explained his father, laughing. There are about a dozen children in the camp now and when more families arrive, a school will be a matter of necessity. Men who bring up their families are allowed two tents by the Government. These tents are forming a new street to the north of the present camp. From two or three miles west of the camp the sea beach can be reached after a rough walk through the scrub and fern and bayonet grass. It is a desolate looking beach for the wind has piled up the sand in high cliffs and has twisted; half buried and killed the ti-tree. Tremendous rollers dash in upon the beach which slopes steeply into the sea, making it a dangerous place for bathers. The beach was a picnic ground for some of the miners on Saturday. They hunted for crayfish in the pools among the rocks and sought to spear them. They fished for bream and rock cod and in the scrubby plains and sand hillocks shot hares. From "The Border Morning Mail and Riverina Times" Tuesday January 4th, 1910 The archives of Bass Valley Historical Society

Libby Skidmore

Bass Valley Historical Society

New members always welcome, bookings and information from Libby Skidmore
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LOST FAMILY GRAVE FOUND FOR PARKER FAMILY.

Noelene Lyons

Wonthaggi Cemetery Trust received a phone call from a family in Melbourne who



wanted to bring their 90 year old father to Wonthaggi to locate the burial site of his father - Graham Parker, a miner that died from black lung disease in 1933, and his infant sister Joyce Kathleen Annie Parker that died at the age of one in 1927. The Burial Register recorded that his father Graham Parker and sister had been buried in the Roman Catholic section of the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

This was a great surprise to the family as they had all been raised as Presbyterians. The location was recorded as RC (Roman

Catholic) Section 2, Row B Grave No's 71 & 72.

That is where the problem started. Our old maps only number graves up to 64. The only way to find them was to literally walk through the entire RC section and hope that the graves had been marked at the time of burials.

After spending a few hours walking the RC Section and remembering to think outside the square to locate these old burials and considering the Burial Plans showed grave numbers only to 64, and that Mr. Parkers grave was recorded as no.'s 71 & 72 By land marking monuments that did match the Burial Register that were recorded near the Parker Burial sites this grave was eventually located....

When the Parker family arrived on site and were taken to the grave site. It was found unfortunately the infant Joyce's grave was not marked or monumented, but Graham Parker's was, sadly a grave in very poor condition.

This was a very emotional discovery for the family, but was something that Mr Parker Jnr wanted to do before he passed. He only remembers seeing a photo of a tiny infant mound of dirt and was not allowed to go to his father's funeral. Mr Parker Jnr and his two daughters Jenny & Helen are the last remaining direct family members and are now taking steps to restore the grave and memorialise his little sister Joyce.

As we work through the Burial Register we are slowly able to locate these lost graves and put a name to them.... its a very slow process but with YOUR HELP and family enquiries over this year we have been able to help many families find there lost family graves. The re-numbering of our historic maps in all sections / area will now enable us to locate many family's graves previously not known.

If you know of a family grave and you can name it in the Wonthaggi Cemetery that is missing the headstone, or you want to locate a family member buried please contact me so as I can help you locate / or have the grave correctly recorded.

Please contact Noelene 56724739 or email noelene@dcsi.net.au

Place names:

Wonthaggi is a rural township between Western Port Bay and Wilsons Promontory, 110 km south-east of Melbourne. According to Bunce's Language of the Aborigines of the Colony of Victoria (1859) Wonthaggi is an Aboriginal word meaning borne or get to bring. Before being named, the area was known as Powlett.

On the road - places to go

Port Welshpool



Port Welshpool is a scenic coastal town located between the dairying community of Toora and historic Port Albert.

The Strzelecki Ranges are to the north of town, while Wilsons Promontory is around an hour by road away.

Lewis Street runs parallel to the town's main beach, separated from the coast by a flat grassy foreshore with walking tracks, picnic facilities and a playground.

At the western end of Lewis Street is Long Jetty which is over a kilometre in length and was built in 1938. It was closed to public access in 2004 due to fire damage, but there are plans to restore it.

Port Welshpool's small commercial centre is located towards the eastern end of Lewis Street and consists of a hotel and general store. Directly across the road is the town's wharf area which is a base for a tourist cruise service to Wilsons Promontory, ocean fishing vessels and some cargo boats which operate between Tasmania and the Gippsland coast.

Five kilometres north of Port Welshpool on the South Gippsland Highway is the service town of Welshpool which features a hotel, food outlets and service stations. On the corner of the road to Port Welshpool are attractive gardens which include an information shelter, war memorial and a giant black anchor.

For a scenic drive through the mountain ranges to the north, start at Slades Hill Road which meets the South Gippsland Highway in Welshpool. Follow this road north up through the rolling hills and enjoy the scenic views across grazing land, farmland and down to the coast. Following the signs to Agnes Falls will result in a 10 kilometre journey ending up at the Agnes

Falls Scenic Reserve. There is a pleasant picnic area which fronts the Agnes River, while an easy 200 metre stroll through the Blue Gum forest ends up at a couple of viewing platforms that overlook the falls. Following the road down towards Toora passes through a wind farm with giant turbines perched high on the surrounding hills, while the Silcocks Hill Lookout offers scenic views down to the Toora township and the coast.

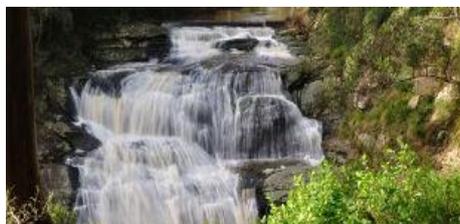
To the west of Port Welshpool is Barry Beach which is situated on a peninsula of land at Barry Point. There is no public access to the coast from here, and the area is used as a base for oil and gas rigs in Bass Strait.

Port Welshpool Maritime Museum



Located at the first house built in Port Welshpool, the museum features marine items, maritime relics and other artifacts of historical significance

Agnes Falls



Hidden within the Strzelecki Ranges, just 10 kilometres from Port Welshpool, the meandering Agnes River cascades over rocks into a deep picturesque gorge at the Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve. At 59 metres, Agnes Falls are the highest single span falls

in Victoria. Take the short 200 metre stroll along the walking track from the car park to viewing area. From the viewing platform, enjoy the spectacular view of the gorge.

Great Southern Rail Trail

This 74 kilometre smooth gravel rail trail runs from Leongatha to Port Welshpool. South of Leongatha, it passes through



gently undulating lush dairy farmland, areas of remnant bush and lowland scrub. It climbs from the foothills of Fish Creek to the peak of Mount Hoddle and then down a steep descent through dense forest with magnificent views of Wilsons Promontory on its approach to Foster. The trail then flattens out, passing through Toora and Welshpool, finally reaching the coast at Port Welshpool.

For more information, visit the website <http://www.travelvictoria.com.au/portwelshpool/>



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LOCH'S NEWEST AUSSIE



Loch's newest Aussie, Diana Dan (second from left) receives her Australian Citizenship certificate at a recent Naturalisation ceremony.

Diana was asked on her citizenship application - *What brought her family to Australia?*

"When I was a little girl my family arrived in Melbourne and we lived in a beautiful house in South Yarra for a couple years, later on we returned to Spain. I always remembered Australia fondly and I made the decision to visit Melbourne and my old school one day.

The day I arrived in Melbourne airport I was so overcome by my emotions. And some times lives can change very quickly. The next day, I was at Mc Donalds trying to purchase something to eat but my clumsy English didn't help to make my order, so a man behind me helped me

kindly. Now he is my husband and we are happy living in this beautiful part of Gippsland.

What brought you/your family to South Gippsland?

My husband and I were looking for a nice place where we could manufacture our own products, raw cacao drinking chocolate and chocolate & chilli sauces. So we were lucky enough to find the General Store in Loch, which was for sale at this time. South Gippsland is a nice and close destination for those who want to escape from the stress of Melbourne.

On weekends, many travellers and tourists stop in Loch on their way to Wilsons Promontory. Our Café and manufacturing premises at "The Rustic Cacao Factory and Café", in Loch, is a good site to have a handcrafted hot chocolate and enjoy the warm Gippsland hospitality.

What do you/your family enjoy about South Gippsland?

South Gippsland is a beautiful part of the Victorian countryside with rolling hills and a relaxing rural atmosphere.

The friendly community of living in a country village, as Loch Village, is another very important fact which attracted me and my husband here.

The local food and wine are also good reasons to choose South Gippsland.

Diana recently had to make a rush trip back to Spain to be with her mother who broke

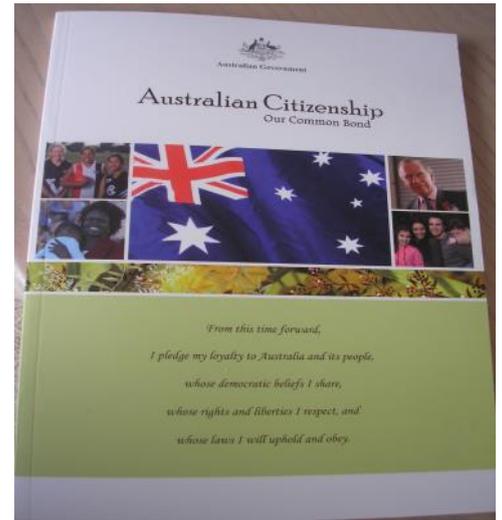
her hip in a fall.

She should be back now and will be pleased to welcome you at the Café. If you haven't visited the Rustic Cacao Factory and Café in Loch yet, you are in for a real treat.

The food is superb and their range of Chilli sauces and other condiments is amazing. When you have a meal there you get to choose your own sauces from the huge range on offer.

Call in and say hello to Diana, or her assistant, Aria, who loves Spain, is learning Spanish and will be happy to see you and provides great service with the range of food on offer.

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The Other Dimension

The unseen tide
 The inner sea
 Wells up inside
 And wrecks the walls
 The buffer zone
 Of the resilient self

Gone is the mask
 Bare is the solitude
 Bathed in memories
 Changing the form
 From time to time

Swimming with eyes closed
 In the inner sea
 Of the mind

Looking for solace
 That will quieten the waves
 And the water
 Will be smooth again
 A mirror finish
 Of the unseen tide.

Judy Bartosy

Homo Surfiers

Hover on water
 young man,
 arms outstretched like wings
 above your board. You can
 glide with the seas
 as gulls above you
 surf on waves of air.

 Only they're
 in their element.

 You dare
 to pit your skill
 where you're not meant:

To walk on water,
 that's your will.

 Will power,
 wit power,
 muscle power,
 combined against the muscle of the sea.

 It bashes up old rocks
 and flattens several faces of the
 earth.

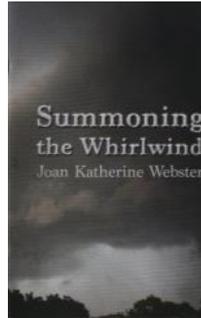
You twist and turn and mount.

 In your stride
 you ride
 its power like a toy.

There has evolved another species.
 Darwin would have found a better word
 for this maligned thing -
 half boy, half king;
 half beast, half sea-bird;
 part dolphin: lives on surf ...
 that plays the sea by day
 and land by night;
 that challenges the might of waves,
 and wins,
 yet has no fins.

(c) Joan Katherine Webster

BOOK REVIEWS



Joan Katherine Webster OAM is an award winning author and journalist, a satirist, folk historian and bushfire safety trailblazer, whose poetry has been widely published, performed and broadcast in a variety of media and received a number of awards.

Her poetic styles range from traditional rhyme, through satire and song lyrics and children's nonsense rhymes to iconoclastic religious and feminist free verse. She believes that poetry should be readily differentiated from prose and rhythm, imagery and the awakening if insight and by the stimulus and delight of subtle rhyme.

<http://www.joanwebsterauthor.com>

Reviews

Joan Katherine Webster's poems are chock full of thingyness; of a tangible Now within time; of commonplace objects rubbed into a sacred gloss. If she summons the whirlwind, it will try to whirl away the pleasing solids of our daily lives, for she has lived with them, know them and touches them. Her poetry sparkles for all of us.

Chris Wallace-Crabbe

When I read *Summoning the Whirlwind*, I was reminded of the words of the US author/radio broadcaster, Garrison Keilor who said; "A poem is not a puzzle that the dutiful reader is obliged to solve ... It should render the gravity, the grace, and the beauty of the ordinary world, thereby lending courage to strangers." Joan Katherine Webster's work is accessible to all and the intellectual and emotional content of this material produced by her creates an affinity of being with readers who never expected that anyone else shared their feelings or perceptions. Thus, she lends courage to strangers.

Noel Tennison

Here is a poet in love with language, absorbed in the whirlwind of "the mystic skill of rhyme", rhythms and subtle imagery, "the quick-quick tick / against slow tock", casting her hypnotic spell over hills, street crowds, music and seascapes, "The Woman Alone on the Beach" "counting the waves crawl, crabwise". Be prepared to be equally absorbed.

Rob Wallis



Joan Webster had a holiday house on Phillip Island for a number of years and a number of the poems in this book, including *Homo Surfiers*, were written there.

Summoning the Whirlwind is available for purchase on Joan's website: \$15 + \$3 postage
<https://joanwebsterauthor.com/poetry-2/>

HAIKU

Thoughts in miniature
 A haiku is untitled and unrhymed.

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俳句

haiku

Balance

old, barren peach tree:
 shade, your summer gift, not fruit:
 and mulch in winter.

cold winter hardness
 conceals mysterious seed births
 while fragile shoots rise

Birdsongs summon dawn
 rejoicing the dark old sky
 into renewed youth

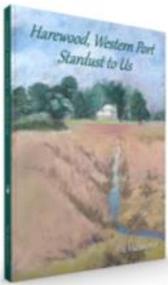
currawongs fly by:
 neither larder nor hardware,
 yet sated and housed.

**Rebecca Maxwell
 Haiku Group**

Society of Women Writers, Victoria



BOOK REVIEW



Last month we promised a another perspective on the new book -

Harewood, Western Port Stardust to us.

Local author Jim Mynard has allowed us to print the text from his speech at the book launch.

Launch of Stardust

I first decided to write a book when I was going on 18 and living at Catani.

My focus was to write a story around Harewood Maines, the 'ghost house' a place in which I was fascinated.

It was to me as sacrosanct as a monastery.

No way I would get into either.

So the story didn't eventuate.

Then Hughe Ballas bought Harewood House and the airfield.

He offered to take me for a spin in his Cessna – I think it was a Cessna.

I am scared of heights and it was my first flight. Boy, I was really scared.

But it ended up a lovely experience, despite my nerves.

Up over Western Port Bay and, to top it off, at last I was inside Harewood House having a cuppa with Hughie.

It was awesome ...The house, not Hughie!! It is a bank vault of history. And of course Pat has told us where it all started.

I travelled past Harewood House probably at least a couple of times a month during my teens. I had this dream I would one day buy the place. There was no hope.

But, second best, Pat did, and has maintained the house as a museum, a home enfolding our local history and a shrine of local living.

And there is a history of community leadership in this place.

We've all got a psychological ownership of the grand old home.

And with 'Stardust' Pat McWhirter has added to the Lyall diaries and other books of knowledge in the Harewood Library.

We thank her so very much for that and for her book, which I put in the classic range.

I found two Aboriginal axes, one at Leongatha, and one at Stockyards Point, Lang Lang, and kept them, but I always felt they were not really mine, so years ago, I put them in the Harewood collection where they rest in peace.

Because here is where the last remnants of a once proud nation from our locality found refuge from a not so pleasant invasion of their country.

They are not forgotten in 'Stardust'.

Their plight was sad, and perhaps wrong, but when I read political science, I found only a handful of countries had not been subjected to some kind of invasion.

And fewer where a whole nation died. Perhaps the Canaanites, and American Indians, and the Mongols made a fair job of a few nations in their time.

Mostly though, indigenous people remained and although their defeat changed their way of living they assimilated with their invaders.

And thus changed their way of being because of interbreeding with their former enemies.

Not so in our locality. Not so at all. They were all driven out.

This is my way, I suppose, of excusing what happened because our forebears built us this land of milk and honey.

And as Bumper Gee once said to me, we are not about to give it back.

We cannot change what happened, but we need to think about it.

My feelings about my local area, my true home place, the Kooweerup Swamp, are well enough documented, along with my concerns.

But Pat has a gem in 'Stardust' because she tells the story as I feel I know it, about a place I love, irrespective of the ups and downs.

William Lyall built on high land and so Harewood will always be a monument to our pioneers and the library, a treasure store of local history.

Nearby Kooweerup Village, is on land not so high.

And also has a priceless collection of local historic artefacts and documents.

My one request (and I take advantage of this

talk to ask it) is for those responsible for its care to store such a valuable collection above the water line.

If this doesn't happen it will be lost forever. Far more quickly than the time it took for 'stardust' to gather in the making of Harewood.

'Stardust' is a valuable addition to the bank of words around us here today.

And not only the written words in books in this collection of life and of how to live life. Or the Aboriginal artefacts here, to show us just how they lived, and how little they had to wield in defence of their country.

But the social and community aspect of Harewood's past started by a man of vision is in the air around us.

We have a past of wealth, good living, writing, reading, and piano music among the trees on a summer evening.

Yet interludes of quietness in the passing of time as we all drove back and forth past the stone gates of Harewood House.

Here are recorded memories of life at Harewood as time passed its keepers by.

When I read old documents telling of the social gatherings among these trees and in this now ancient home, where piano music was a way of life, I am filled with nostalgia. But now, from time to time, I read in contemporary documents about gatherings at Harewood, made possible by Dr Pat McWhirter's generosity.

Her embracing of her community with an open door attitude at Harewood means the stardust still falls around us and who knows what it will gather to be?

Congratulations and thanks Pat, for a great book, and a worthy addition to Harewood House.

Jim Mynard



Jim Mynard's own book, *On The Swamp* is a semi fictional novel telling the story of the once pristine three hundred square mile Kooweerup Swamp south east of Melbourne in the Western Port area, is available from:

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Short Story

THE WIDOW'S MITE

Margaret Pearce

The black cat sunned himself on the fence and watched the approach of Mrs. Higgins through half closed eyes.

She paused at the letterbox to collect her mail. Her pension cheque she put straight into her bag, but she turned the other envelope over as she groped for her key. Puss waited until she went inside, and then followed down the worn linoleum of the passage to the kitchen.

"Dear me," said Mrs. Higgins.

Puss cocked a listening ear.

"Five hundred dollars, just fancy." Mrs. Higgins replaced the envelope in her bag. "Time for lunch, Puss. Just because my sister, and a flighty piece she was, leaves me five hundred dollars is no excuse for us to neglect ourselves. Do you fancy a nice piece of liver?"

Puss certainly did, and what with concentrating on lunch, the puzzling question of what to do with an expected five hundred dollars was temporarily dropped.

It was raised with unexpected persistence by her daughter Christine. She had arrived over for afternoon tea with her two toddlers.

"After all, Mum," she pointed out, grabbing at her youngest who had designs on the best teapot. "It's not as if you really want anything, and now that Christine has started ballet, some of it would pay for her costumes. It's a bit of a struggle."

Mrs. Higgins snorted. Young Christine's ballet lessons were a sore point.

"Ridiculous to waste good money on luxuries. I raised all you children and kept out of debt, and only mind you, by not frittering good money away on luxuries."

Christine's haggard face flushed. "That is why I am determined my Christine isn't going to miss out on those sort of things."

"I can't see that you should reproach me for the way I brought you up." Mrs. Higgins was offended. "I did the best I could – a widow with three young children."

"Yes, Mum," Christine agreed.

She gave her mother a dutiful peck, and placing one child in the pusher started up the passageway, calling her other son from his destructive game in the flowerbed. She left behind her an atmosphere dense with resentment.

As soon as it was safe Puss jumped down from the roof, his tail still twitching.

"Never mind, Puss," Ms. Higgins consoled.

"George is dropping in tomorrow. We'll see what he thinks I should do with five hundred dollars."

Over afternoon tea, George her firstborn, a

balding middle-aged man, looked thoughtful.

"Five hundred dollars from silly old Auntie Brightie." His voice became wistful. "It would just cover a decent set of tyres for the bomb. Can't risk my Mum sitting in a car with bald tyres."

"If you can't afford to run a car you shouldn't have one. Goodness knows I never bought anything I couldn't afford when you children were young."

George's face darkened. For a fleeting second he looked like the little boy who was refused a new tyre for his bike when he got his first paper round.

"I need a car to get to work with. From where we live I'd be travelling for hours."

"I travel everywhere by train."

George gulped down his tea and looked at his watch. "Must run – I'll drop by some other time."

Mrs. Higgins decided that tomorrow she would visit her other son, her nice absentminded John. It had been months since she had seen him and his family. It was a beautiful day, but the long walk from the station had her puffing as she turned into their front gate. John was on the front lawn, covered in grease and surrounded by motor mower parts. He looked surprised when he saw her.

"Why didn't you ring from the station, Mum? I would have come down to pick you up."

Mrs. Higgins beamed. John never did pick her up when she visited, but he always scolded her for not ringing.

The rest of his family came out to greet her, so it was well into the afternoon before she got a quiet moment to tell John about her little windfall.

"Good old Auntie Brightie," he laughed. There was a pause. "What are you going to do with it, Mum?"

"I haven't thought about it."

"If you aren't using it straight away, could you lend it to me to buy a new mower – mine's had it."

"You still have the old hand mower I gave you. It was quite good enough for your Dad and he had a bigger lawn to do than this one."

"Times change. No one cuts lawn by hand these days."

Mrs. Higgins looked at John's spreading paunch. "It seems to me it's about time you started."

John flushed and tried to pull in his stomach

"Don't bother to run me to the station – I can walk. I'm not scared of a bit of exercise, even if some people are." She waited, but her son John remained silent.

Mrs. Higgins went home, nursed her sore feet and had another look at her cheque.

Her troubled gaze wandered over the furniture and the floor coverings. Everything might be shabby, even her clothes, but there was still at least five years wear left in everything.

She straightened up and her jaw set firmly. She just wasn't going to give that money to her children to fribble. It took three weeks to make the important decision.

After the technician left, she sat on a chair, eyes shining and admired her new acquisition.

One cordless phone, with its attached answer phone and a brand new combined phone table and chair for it to live on. Now she could ring her children, instead of waiting for them to drop in to visit her.

She had written down the phone numbers, George, Christine and John. She lifted the receiver. Her fingers hovered over the numbers. She paused.

No point in ringing George until he got over his huff. He sulked for weeks when he was denied anything.

She looked at Christine's number. Her lips thinned. If she got through to Christine that injured resentment would waft over the phone and pervade her entire house again.

That left only John's number, and remembering his ready acceptance of her decision to walk to the station as he returned to tinkering with his motor mower, there didn't seem much reason to ring him either.

Mrs. Higgins replaced the handset and sat looking at it.

And in the silence of her empty house, the phone on its nice new combined table and seat flaunted its extravagant self before her.

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The Project has begun!

On December 18, the French View Caravan Park in Grantville hosted a BBQ and Crafty Day to begin our 2 year Arts Project called "The Edge of Us", designed to celebrate the life we live in all the coastal towns of Corinella, Coronet Bay, Grantville, Pioneer Bay and Tenby Point.

Everyone who was there was actively creating a colourful piece, learning new techniques from Jess, the visiting artist, cutting and interweaving coloured bands of film to allow the light to shine through, making cut-out scenes of beach, surf and sand, or the green rolling hills of South Gippsland where we all live...

It was a hive of enjoyable activity that afternoon and we all felt we were off to a good start towards our first event on April 8, 2017 called "Luminous Streets"

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Sheila Moore, Grantville

Corinella problem Coronet Bay Solution

I read with interest the detailed letter by Barbara Oats about the Corinella arrangements. However there was no mention of the parking problems which are already severe. Many of the Corinella problems have been caused by the closure of the extensive Coronet Bay launching facilities, the exclusion of some 450 boaties and their migration to Corinella ramps

Unhappily the developer not only closed the gate leading to the Coronet Bay facilities but welded it to railway lines. Thus condemning all those 450 boaties to increase the use of Corinella ramps. One could launch at least six boats at a time if necessary at the Coronet Bay setup. It worked well and safely for 40 years.

Until the developers wanted a development which was actually contrary to the Planning Act. ie the Sporting village. They closed the ramp in an attempt to force the Shire to agree with their plans which it could not. The Shire tried to negotiate without success. I have seen notes of meetings and it was clear that the developers were intransigent and unreasonable. But the Shire did try. The result was to the disadvantage of the boaties and over the last eight years, to the neglect of the Coronet Bay facilities and to the crowding of the Corinella ramps.

A survey I conducted indicated that over 50 boaties preferred the all tide Coronet Bay ramp facilities and only one preferred Corinella. Coronet Bay actually has a causeway with numerous entries to the Bay. Extremely convenient for us oldies. There is

a deep channel out from the causeway which can accommodate the largest boat. This is not generally known.

For forty years the boaties maintained the ramp without incident. For the last 8 years the ramps and access were uncared for and have been damaged. When there was a concerted effort to remove the licence from the developer (and this threat still exists) the developer chose to negotiate. The matter is now in the hands of the Shire. However the repairs are required on the developers land and DELWP permission is not required. I do not understand why repairs are not being carried out as storms create further damage to the weakened structures. What is the cause of the delay?

I and many others believe it would be cheaper to build an access track around the shore to the extensive coronet Bay facilities and transfer the ramp licence to the Shire than upgrade the overcrowded Corinella facilities.

Tim Ealey, Coronet Bay

Foreshore Reserve Highlights

Welcome to the first regular update from the Corinella Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management. Foreshore Reserve Highlights provides an update on the activities and key points from Committee meetings.

Initiatives in Progress

The Infrastructure Design Plan is in progress to secure a grant to help fund improvements to the boat ramp area.

Further community consultation sessions will be held in 2017 for the Corinella Boat Ramp Master Plan.

Several grant applications are in progress to help fund other improvements to the ramp area and other facilities around the foreshore. Updates to follow as these progress.

Care and Maintenance of the Foreshore Reserve

- Boat ramp/Caravan Park/Picnic facilities
Pot holes in the tarmac in the ramp area have now been fixed in time for summer activity. We'll soon have new picnic tables in the caravan park picnic area.

Volunteers have pitched in to spread mulch around the Rotunda area to inhibit weeds and help with moisture retention.

Settlement Point

Weed spraying has been completed on the oval to help eradicate Wild Watsonia and blackberry, and the edge of the track has been whipper snipped.

Western Precinct

Bass Coast Shire Council have been contacted to help stop further spread of Paterson's Curse weed in the Western Precinct.

Northern Precinct

The track has been sprayed and the beach access points have been widened. A fallen she-oak has also been cleared from the area.

Southern Precinct

The southern entrance to the reserve has been cleaned up all the way back to the Retarding Basin, and the edge of the track from Norsemans Road to Cuthbert Street has been mown.

Beach Street Gully

Following contact with Bass Coast Shire Council and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, the area has been modified removing the dangerous rocks that had been imbedded in the new overflow spillway as part of the new estate works.

Working Bee

A fantastic turnout on Sunday 27th November with 11 volunteers participating in the Working Bee. They worked for 2 hours and made excellent progress removing debris, litter and weeds.

Barbara Oates

Fire Restrictions

The Country Fire Authority (CFA) introduced the Fire Danger Period for the Bass Coast Shire on Monday, December 19. CFA Group Officer for Bass Coast, Damien O'Connor, said the Fire Danger Period is when CFA restricts the use of fire in the community.

These restrictions will be in place until May 1, 2017 unless revoked or varied.

Community members are encouraged to look at the CFA information sheet, 'Can I or Can't I?', or the CFA website:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can/ for answers to commonly asked questions about lighting fires during the Fire Danger Period and on Total Fire Ban Days. Bass Coast Shire Council's General Manager David Elder, said the CFA information sheet highlights that some councils have local law conditions on the use of incinerators.

"In Bass Coast, incinerator fires are not permitted in residential areas at any time," "We can't stress enough that lives and property are put at risk when people do not comply with fire restrictions and regulations."

"Yes, you can have a barbecue or light your pizza oven during the Fire Danger Period – unless it's a declared Total Fire Ban Day – it's just that there are conditions in place to keep us all safe."

If you want further information on the Fire Danger Period call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226 or visit <http://emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare/>.

Information on local laws across the Shire are available online from:

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Greg Hunt says



Greg Hunt MP
Federal Member for Flinders
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I hope that all of the Waterline community had a safe and joyful Christmas and New Year period. It is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to spend quality time with our friends and family, whilst re-charging our batteries for the year ahead. Summer is my favourite season of the year and I am privileged to represent a region that encompasses some of the best coastal environments in the country.

It is also a time when some of my favourite events occur throughout the Waterline and Bass Coast community.

Each year it's great to be involved in the San Remo Channel Challenge and Cowes Classic that bring competitors from far and wide. I fear that my training for the events will not be enough to stop the young whipper-snappers streaming past me on the way to the finish line.

Also coming up is the annual Tooradin Tractor Pull which always attracts a big crowd. I am sure that my kids will enjoy watching the variety of car and truck events throughout the day's festivities.

On a serious note, the summer period also presents challenges within our community with the ever present risk of bushfire.

It is important that we all have fire-ready action plans organised in the unlikely event of bushfire.

I would like to thank the CFA brigades across the Waterline communities that work

hard to keep us safe this summer. In closing I would like to wish everyone a prosperous 2017 and I look forward to continuing our work for the community.

If I can be of assistance to you in any way please feel free to contact me:

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FISHING with Craig Edmonds



After the season we have had so far I guess the weather of the last few weeks or so is almost expected. It has made it difficult at times to get the boats out and a little wet and windy on the land based areas as well. The reports have reflected the inconsistent weather but when things were right good catches were reported. Despite the winds often being the wrong direction for the tides those who took advantage of the opportunities when they presented themselves managed some quality fish and even the odd bag of fish.

With two islands, there is usually somewhere that is sheltered that you can launch the boat to have a fish or a land based spot out of the wind, the rain is a different problem obviously but it still won't affect the fish only the angler. That has been the case over the last few weeks and if you are prepared to drive a few miles to have a fish you have a similar situation further down the coast around Wilsons Prom and Port Albert areas. It is usually as simple as working out the effect wind and tide has on each other as well as onshore and offshore winds in different areas. Wind with tide will generally be calmer than wind against tide, just remember at some stage the tide will change and onshore winds will generally be rougher than offshore winds, just factor in the tide as well and while it may sound complicated simply look at the map of the area you are in and the wind, tide directions and you will be able to work it out. Failing all of that of course check in with the local tackle shop for advise.

Much of the wind over the last couple of weeks has been northerly making it offshore and plenty have been out chasing flathead and some of the bigger species caught in the deeper water. Flathead have been very good and have been found in several different depths. They aren't in large schools and seem to be the same as they have been for

the last few years with smaller schools a few hundred metres apart. If you are going to give fishing offshore a try, make sure one of the first things you purchase is a sea anchor. I find if you purchase a sea anchor that is one size bigger than recommended for your boat it will have a much better effect of slowing you down than a smaller one. Use your sea anchor to help you drift in the direction you want to go simply by changing the place it is tied onto your boat, doing this you can keep your lines directly behind you making fishing much easier.

The flathead have been reported from 25m off the glasshouse to 65m off the cape and are a good mixture of tigers and sandys. If conditions are right you will also be able to get a good bag of pinkies on the close hard bottom areas east of Kilcunda near the wind mills, but you will catch and throw back several undersized in between your keepers. In the same areas, you need to put down a big bait on a bigger rod for a gummy or school shark. If you are going to target a gummy offshore take your time getting there throw out a couple of lures and pick up a couta or salmon for some fresh bait. If you are going to trawl around for a salmon, blind or working a school of fish and using a deeper diving type lure don't rig it on a light outfit because we are coming into Kingfish time and you will often find them swimming with the salmon. If you want to fish light for salmon find a school of fish and cast small metal slugs, white the best, into them and keep it on the surface. There have been reports of whiting from a lot of different spots as there always is around Christmas with so many people unfamiliar to the area they often stop and fish in areas regular people wouldn't. The size of whiting is very mixed now and several undersized to several over 45cm reported, the best 55cm. We have had reports from almost all the usual spots making it difficult to work out the exact spot to go. The best advice I can give is early morning and somewhere quiet is the best spot to be. We have had some reports from the land as well and while we never see bags of fish caught land based they are usually good quality. Newhaven jetty, Rhyll jetty and low tide at Sunderland Bay.

Almost all the snapper we are seeing in the bay now are only pinkies and that very small annoying bait thief type. We did see a small handful of good snapper to 5kg but very random catches.



'Don't Risk the Rip',

In a bid to combat the ongoing issue of drowning deaths along the Australian coastline, Surf Life Saving Australia has launched a sobering safety campaign highlighting the serious dangers of rip currents – and according to figures, it's young men who are most at risk of losing their lives.

'The Facts about Rip Currents' campaign will bust some common myths associated with beach safety and will run across national television, radio, newspapers, outdoor, online and mobile media ahead of summer.

According to research:

Only 15 per cent of people who drown in rips are international visitors
Young men aged 15-39 years are most likely to get caught and drown in rips
Two out of three people who think they can identify a rip, can't
Rips are the number one danger swimmers face when enjoying a day at the beach and surprisingly, more people drown in rips each year, than deaths from shark attacks, floods and cyclones combined.

"All too often young men have an attitude of over-confidence and run into the waves before checking to see what the ocean conditions are doing," Mr Daw said.

"They get into trouble because they either haven't checked for rips, can't identify a rip and underestimate the strength of these currents, they swim after patrols finish or at unpatrolled beaches."

With this in mind, Mr Daw advised it's really important that people know what to do if they find themselves caught in a rip.

There are three options:

Raise an arm and call out for help, or Float with the current, it may return you to a shallow sandbank, or

Swim parallel to the beach or towards the breaking waves, you may return to shore

If what you're doing isn't working, re-assess the situation and try one of the other options. Surf Life Saving Australia's clear message this summer is 'Don't Risk the Rip', a message echoed by Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Pamela Rothfield.

"We had many tragedies on beaches in Bass Coast over the past year, and we don't want to see anymore lives lost. "I can't emphasise strongly enough how important it is to never swim in dangerous conditions, no matter how strong a swimmer you may be, and to always have someone looking out for you – never swim in the ocean alone," Cr Rothfield said.

"If in doubt, ask a surf lifesaver about an alternative place to swim and, where possible, swim at a patrolled beach between the red and yellow flags."



Gardening & Outdoors

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GARDEN

James Middleton

Buying Gardening Tools - Part 2



Secateurs

3 kinds of secateurs

When it comes to gardening you really won't get far without a good pair of



secateurs. But what makes secateurs good? What should you look for when you are shopping for secateurs? One thing many gardeners don't know is that there are actually three different kinds of secateurs: Anvil, Bypass and Parrot Beak.

Very quickly, Anvil secateurs have an upper blade that pushes down onto a flat lower anvil. Parrot Beak secateurs have two blades which cut by meeting together in the middle and look like a parrot's beak. The third kind of secateurs are called Bypass secateurs. They work by having two blades which bypass each other in a similar way to scissors. The big difference between Bypass and Parrot Beak secateurs is the shape of the blades: Parrot Beak having two identical blades compared to Bypass which has one large and one small blade, the large blade being convex in shape and the small blade being concave in shape. Bypass secateurs are the main type used and sold

in Australia and will be the focus of this entry.

What to look for in a pair of secateurs

When buying secateurs there are a few things to consider. One of the most important things to check out is how they feel in your hand. When you are out shopping, pick up a few pairs and see how they feel. Feel for weight and feel for grip. Most secateurs handles will be shaped with little divots for your fingers to go in, find the pair with divots that best fit your hand.



Another key tip is to make sure the secateurs you are keen on have a safety latch that is easily engaged and disengaged with one hand. When you are pruning a plant, if you have to stop and use two hands to engage the safety latch, it is more likely that you won't use it at all. It might sound simple but a safety latch is only useful if it is likely to be put to use. Try and look for secateurs with plastic covered metal handles. Metal handles are strong but are cold to work with while plastic handles are a sign of cheap manufacturing and are not likely to last as well as metal handles. There are also a growing number of carbon fibre handles now and these are fantastic. There are three different blade types: stainless steel, coated steel, and carbon steel.

My preference is for stainless steel but carbon steel works well too. Either of these kinds will stay the sharpest for longer periods of time. The only real upside to coated steel is that it cleans more easily. Cleaning your secateurs after use is extremely important but having blades that remain sharp are better for the job at hand. The general rule of thumb with

secateurs is: don't try cutting plant limbs that are thicker than your thumb. If you try and cut limbs that are too thick you will damage the blade and therefore your tool that you have invested in will not last as well for as long. The best tool for limbs thicker than your thumb is a lopper.

Cost of secateurs

Prices range from \$5-\$10 at the cheap end right up to \$150-\$200. Again for a household gardener I'd say you could probably get a pair that will work for \$20-\$40 but a good pair at around \$50 may well last you a decade or more. My Grandma had a pair that I know was much older than I was when I was 10.

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7. Wash your car

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8. Keep counters spotless

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10 life lessons from Confucius

Georgia Dixon



For 2,500 years, Chinese teacher, philosopher and politician Confucius has been a source of inspiration for people around the world seeking guidance and meaning in their lives. His philosophical movement, Confucianism, emphasises

morality, honesty, the importance of social relationships and the belief that man is fundamentally good and capable of changing, evolving and improving. Here are 10 lessons we can all learn from one of China's most iconic historical figures.

- **Go beyond the surface.** "Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it."
- **Never give up.** "It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."
- **Failure isn't the end.** "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
- **Always challenge yourself.** "Never form a friendship with a man who is not better than you."
- **Follow your dreams, no matter what it takes.** "When it is obvious that goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, but adjust the action steps."
- **Everyone has wisdom to share.** "If I am walking with two other men, each of them will serve as my teacher. I will pick out the good points of the one and imitate them and the bad points of the other and correct them in myself."
- **Always take the high road.** "If they spit at you behind your back, it means you're ahead of them."
- **Embrace getting older.** "Old age, believe me, is a good and pleasant thing. It is true you are gently shouldered off the stage, but then you are given such a comfortable front stall as spectator."
- **Never do anything half-heartedly.** "Wherever you go, go with all your heart."
- **If you have nothing nice to say, say nothing at all.** "Silence is a true friend who never betrays."

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2. Get rid of grease

Windex works a treat as a degreaser, helping to soften up the build-up of grease. It's great for those hard-to-clean places like oven, rangehood, kitchen fans, or even pots and pans. Spray liberally and let stand for 10 minutes, then wipe. Make sure you thoroughly rinse with water to eliminate any residue.

3. Clean microfibre upholstery

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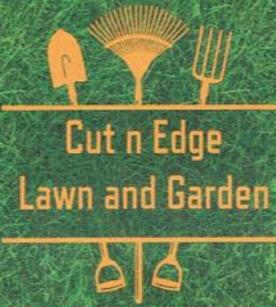
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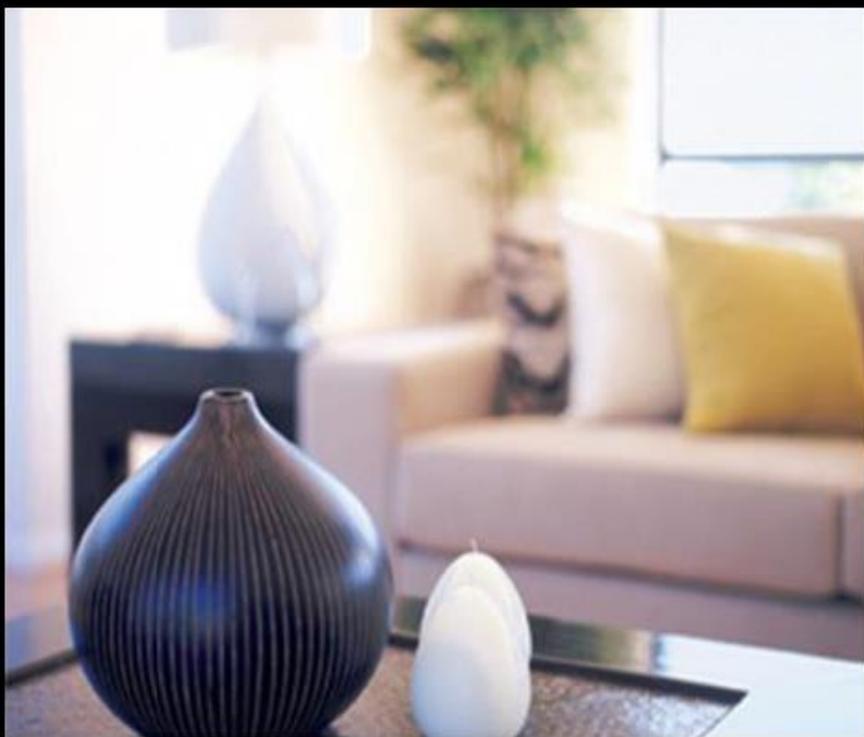
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