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Handstands for Hayden

When Hayden Marshall almost lost his life late last year after a fall from a trampoline, his family's life was turned upside down.

As if running their own cleaning business, volunteering with the Phillip Island Scouts and keeping up busy family life with their sons Rory (who was completing Year 12), Hayden (who trained for gymnastics several times a week in Mornington) and Toby wasn't enough, now Sharon and Ian's daily routine involved trips to Melbourne to spend every minute possible with Hayden.

A huge community fundraising event is being held to raise money for the Marshall family to assist with expenses such as modifying their home to accommodate Hayden's wheelchair, and to help with the other massive costs involved with his ongoing treatment.

A state gold medal winning gymnast, Hayden has always wanted to hold a world record, so 'Handstands for Hayden' is now calling for your support.

Local organisations that the Marshalls are involved with including the Phillip Island Nature Park, YMCA Phillip Island, Rhyll Trout and Bush Tucker Farm, Phillip Island Scouts and Newhaven College have combined with The Westernport Hotel and Cowes CWA to put on a community festival extravaganza.

Renowned local duo The Pierce Brothers will headline the entertainment program that will include DJ BANDO and Newhaven College bands.

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HANDSTANDS FOR HAYDEN

Welcome Hayden Home

- The Pierce Brothers LIVE
- DJ BANDO & Newhaven College bands
- Hayden's Handstand Challenge at 3.30pm

Sunday 26 March
12noon - 6pm

\$25 Adult
\$10 Student
All proceeds in trust for the Marshall family



- FREE - abseiling tower - graffiti wall - giant slide - jumping castles - billy carts & lots more
- Join in the YMCA Cycle/Scoot/Skate YMCA Phillip Island to Newhaven College on wheels, starts 11.45am, details at www.ymca.org.au
- Classic Car & Motorcycle Show'n'Shine
- Grand Auction

Wood-fired Pizza - Spit Roast - Baked Potatoes - Sushi - Sausage Sizzle
Licensed Bar - Coffee - Devonshire Tea - Wine & Cheese Tasting - Sweet Treats

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The Waterline News - March

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Brian Lloyd and Jackie Tait.

Who can believe summer is officially over..... the year is flying by already. It has been a very interesting summer in the area, real estate has been booming, with lots of new people falling in love with our amazing Waterline towns, and coming to join us. On behalf of the CRRA I would like to say welcome! We love to have new residents come and join us, you are investing your future into Corinella, and coming along to our meetings as a visitor, or as a member, is a great way to connect with other community minded people.

We have interesting and informative guest speakers, our local councillors are generally in attendance with updates on the latest Shire developments. It is a forum for discussion on Community issues, and an opportunity to get involved with the development and future growth and direction of the town. Our next meeting is on Saturday April 8, 10am, Balcombe Street entrance of the Corinella Community Centre, finishing with "bikkies and a cuppa"love to see you there!

The countdown is on for the "Luminous streets" week, the very exciting arts project taking place in our Waterline towns. The heart of the project is all about connecting people through shared creativity.....

Welcome to the March edition of The Waterline News, first quarter of the year gone already.

We are very pleased this month to welcome two new major sponsors (advertisers) to The Waterline News, The Bendigo Bank and Newhaven College.

Along with all of our loyal advertisers, we urge you to give them your support wherever possible.

Thanks to all contributors who helped to make this month's edition one of the most interesting reads we have ever had.

All of the usual Community news and events are there for you as well, the ones we received anyway.

Coming up next month we have two special features, a historical report on the Chicory industry on Phillip Island, and a story on the life of Dr Eric (Tim) Ealey, who turns 90 later this month, see a brief note on page 23.

We hope you all have a very Happy Easter, take care on the roads, we don't want you to miss next month's edition.

Roger Clark, Editor.

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creativity is an interesting word that means different things to different people, and so many people mistakenly think they lack that creative spark. We have hidden depths that we haven't even investigated yet, and it should not be competitive, because it is a celebration of all that we can become when we work together as a community. if you haven't already done so, check out the Facebook page for "The Edge of Us", or look for details at the Corinella Community Centre, or one of the many places flyers are located. Support your community, you may not want to be a part of the creative process but you can certainly support by putting Saturday evening the 8th of April to enjoy the "visual Luminous feast" that will be on display at each of the 5 participating towns, Pioneer Bay, Grantville, Tenby Point, Corinella and Coronet Bay. No need to cook that night, as there will be a food trail going from town to town..... If you fancy a tasty sausage with onions the CRRA will be doing the honours in Corinella, at very reasonable prices. This is such an exciting opportunity that we have, to bond as a group of towns, as well as in our local communities. The best is yet to come..... hope to see you there!!!!

Lyndell Parker.



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Committee:

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Contact: Kat Cox 0422 172 994

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No Report this month



Community Notes



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2016-17 Committee

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Vice President Kat Cox
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General Members Chris Cox,
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Kathy Hopkins, Secretary 0439 000 148

Great News for Grantville – FITNESS STATION

After a lot of community consultation and much re writing of the funding submission for the Bass Coast Smarty Grants, Acting President Helen Zervopoulos is pleased to announce that enough funding was secured for the installation of a multi function Fitness Station at the Memorial Park. Council was holding surplus funds left after the Memorial Park Committee of Management folded some time ago. The money was always intended to be used for Memorial Park projects. The equipment will be installed by Safe Play Systems who were selected for the safety and durability of their products. It is anticipated that the Fitness Station will be installed some time in April.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be on Friday 31st March 2017 at the Grantville Reserve Hall at 7.30pm.

Our Councillors will be in attendance if you need any help with any issues. Also an update on the Luminous Streets Project which will be on Saturday 8th April 2017 from sunset to 11pm and updates from Associations and Groups to let you know what is happening in our area. We would love to see you there, so come along and have a coffee and find out what is happening in your town or if you have a problem our Association might be able to help. New members are always welcome.



Coronet Bay Neighbourhood Watch

Contact: Ivan Bradshaw - 5678 0663 - 0414345754
Chairperson. Ivan Bradshaw.
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PIONEER BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
Contact
Zena Benbow



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2016 Committee:
President David Buckingham
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General Committee Members: Mel Gratton

The Waterline News

makes space available to all community groups in our distribution area and nearby for letting the community know about their activities and events.



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Deadline - 1st of each month.
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IMPORTANT NOTICE



Bass Valley Computers (Grantville) has closed down and moved to Wonthaggi.

If any of my old customers need help they can ring me on 0438 788 363



News from
The Probud Club of Corinella and District Inc

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at the Bass Hotel, Bass 10am start. Guest Speakers and fun times, promoting fellowship and friendship. Morning tea supplied and You can purchase lunch after the meeting if required. All visitors are welcome to attend our Club Meetings. For further Information please contact Heather Reid on 0421012519 or Rob Parsons on 0402852300.

March 2017

Wednesday 1st Club Meeting and lunch at George Bass Hotel 10am
Wednesday 8th Lunch Royal Hotel in Koo Wee Rup 12pm
Wednesday 15th Ten Pin Bowling at Cowes 11am Cowes.
Wednesday 22nd Movie & Lunch. Movie before or after lunch at 12pm RSL Leongatha.

April 2017

Wednesday 5th Club Meeting and lunch at George Bass Hotel 10am
Thursday 13th Lunch at RSL Cranbourne 12pm
Wednesday 19th Ten Pin Bowling at Cowes 11am Cowes.
Wednesday 26th Movie & Lunch. Movie before or after lunch at 12pm RSL Leongatha.

All other outings arranged by the Club To Be Advised.

Bass Valley Combined Churches Easter Services.



There will be a Communion Service at St Paul's Anglican Church Bass at 10.30am on Good Friday and the usual Communion Service at St Paul's Anglican Church Bass at 12.30am on Easter Sunday, followed by a shared lunch.

For information on all other local Church services over Easter

Contact
Sandy Ridge
5997 6127

Email:
sandyr1903@gmail.com

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BASS VALLEY FRIENDS OF THE R.S.L.

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at the George Bass Hotel

On

TUESDAY 21ST MARCH 2017

7.00 PM

Guest Speaker is

MARK BAKER

AUTHOR OF THE BOOK PHILLIP SCHULER

WWI WAR CORRESPONDENT

Community Notes

**Kooweerup
Regional Health Service**
235 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup
ph: 03 5997 9679
email: gregorys@krhs.net.au
website: www.kooweeruphospital.net.au

Support to stay at home

Most of us don't want to think about needing support when we get older, but it's important to know what your options are.

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We meet monthly on the fourth Thursday at the
Grantville Transaction Centre
Corner Bass Highway and Pier Road, Grantville

from 10am-12pm
Dates for 2017

23 Feb	27 July
23 March	24 August
27 April	28 September
25 May	26 October
22 June	23 November



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

For further details or to RSVP

email southgippslandsas@gmail.com OR phone 03 9421 7640



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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Send us your Community Group
Notices by **1st each month**
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Artists' Society of Phillip Island

56-58 Church Street Cowes

For more information <http://aspi-inc.org.au/>

Australian Red Cross

Woodleigh Vale Branch

Members meet in each other's homes on

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Contact Sheila Campbell 5678 8210

Bass Coast Community Baptist Church

Meets Sundays

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Contact the Op Shop for details 5678 8625

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Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

Balcombe Street Corinella.

Patti Scammell 5678 0191

Corinella & District Community Centre

48 Smythe St Corinella. 5678 0777

Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm Keep up to date:

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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, & Surrounds Playgroup (0-4yrs)

Coronet Bay Hall

Mondays 10am—12noon

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Contacts: Becky 0439 638 854

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

Loch Val 5659 4268

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Pat Van 5997 6221

Grantville Tennis Club Inc.

Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

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Local services throughout the year

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Lang Lang Community Centre

Coordinators Marg and Michelle

Phone 5997 5704

Email: llcc@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 Celebration Centre 6 Lions

Court, Cowes Contact Jack 0434 944 380

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Contact Peter 5956 9513

Phillip Island Patchworkers

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first Tuesday of the month at the Newhaven

Information Centre meeting room 10.30 and

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contact Debbie on 59521530 or at

phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com

Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

Phone bookings

5952 2973

Email pisccc123@gmail.com

Phillip Island Squares

Square Dancing, Bass Valley Community

Hall, Bass School Rd, Bass 7.30 - 10.00pm

Thursday nights

Contact: Carol 5952 5875

Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow

pbpa@bigpond.com

Survivors of Suicide

Raising awareness to aid prevention

Jillian Drew 0413 056 165

St Pauls Anglican Church Bass

HC at 12.30pm every Sunday followed by a
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Rev Greg Magee 5952 2608

St Georges Anglican Church Corinella

1st Sunday each month 11.00am

Other Sundays 9am

Free Community Lunch Corinella

Community Centre Second Friday

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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

Bass Highway, Ample parking.

Weather permitting, Except December which is the third Sunday.

8am-2pm 100+ stalls

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

Contact for further details 5997 6221

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Boomerang Bags (cotton) on Thursdays 7.00 - 8.00pm. Have a go on 23rd and 30th March.

Learn Leather Carving on Thursdays 10.30 - 12noon. Although the course has started, new people will be welcome for the final two sessions on Thursdays 23rd and 30th March

Sing For Fun on 2nd and last Wednesdays of the month. Come along on 29th March. It can provide many health benefits, can lighten our mood and assist with stress-relief. Call Jacqui for details: 0432 934 681.

Chronic Pain Support is on Thursday 30th March. 1.00pm

Chronic pain can be isolating, meet with others to share and have social support. Call to register.

Community Councillor Catch Ups is on Friday 31st March. 1.00 - 3.00pm Come and chat with councillors from Bunurong and Westernport Wards.

There are many other courses and events available, find out by visiting our Facebook page on Mitchell House Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and keep up to date with what's going on or just pop in and have a cuppa and a chat, everyone welcome.

Handstands for Hayden From Page 1

Newhaven College's oval will be filled with kids activities including an abseiling tower, graffiti wall, jumping castles, giant slide, billy carts and plenty more, all free of charge with admission.

YMCA Phillip Island are offering a unique way to begin the day – by travelling the 6.5km from Cowes YMCA to Newhaven College on wheels! Cycle, scoot or skate, it's up to you, just visit www.ymca.org.au for details.

A classic car and motorcycle show 'n' shine will add even more wheels to the day's entertainment and of course there will be excellent food – wood fired pizza, spit roast, baked potatoes, sausage sizzle, coffee, Devonshire tea, a licensed bar and loads more.

Donations for the Grand Auction are beginning to arrive at Newhaven College and more are welcome.

Gill Cross from the Patchwork Collection Friendship Group in the Yarra Valley heard about Hayden's plight from her grandson, Boyd, who attends Newhaven College. Three quilts have been donated, one is for Hayden himself and two others featuring intricate quilting and exquisite detail that has involved hundreds of hours of work from these kind ladies will be up for auction.

Everyone is invited to attend Handstands for Hayden. Sunday 26 March from 12 noon to 6pm at Newhaven College's Phillip Island Road campus, 1770 Phillip Island Road, Phillip Island.

Entry is \$25 adults or \$10 students and includes free entertainment and activities. Tickets are available at www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/about/events

Gill Cross from the Patchwork Collection Friendship Group in the Yarra Valley has donated these exquisite quilts for the Handstands for Hayden Grand Auction.

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Who are we?

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

News from Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre (Mitchell House) To call: 5672 3731

We've had a good start to the year and are now at midway with Term 1. We've had good events on the go and there are more to come. Why not start with 'Tastepoint' - a fundraising event on the 18th March. There is a choice of 3 sessions: 11.00am, 12noon, or 1.00pm. Do a taste test of quality beef samples through The Tastepoint research company and help raise funds for the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre. Call today to register.

What else to look forward to:

Play Dungeons and Dragons on Sundays at 12noon - 4.00pm come along on 19th and 26th March. Old game, new fun.

Adult Bicycle - Learn to Ride on Mondays 9.00 - 11.00am. Come along on 20th March to learn to ride or to brush up your skills. Booking essential. Enrolment required.

Carers Support Group on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, our next one is 21st March. 10.30am - 1.00pm. It provides an opportunity for carers to meet for social contact and support.

Card making project is on Tuesday 21st March. 12.30 - 3.30pm.

Learn to make beautiful and unique cards for your family and friends. Birthdays are always on the go!
Booking essential.

Meditation on Tuesdays at 12.30 - 1.15pm. Try it on 21st March. Learning to relax and meditate just requires gentle practise.

Community Centre News

BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP Inc.

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



Somehow, we expect the year to stop and draw breath at the end of December. It doesn't, and we suddenly find we have a quarter of the year behind us.

Yet again our organisation, Bass Valley Community Group Inc, has managed to organise our Bass Valley Autumn Festival, now in its third year. There is a lot of planning over quite a period of time that goes into it. And almost all of it done by volunteers. It is a very impressive effort.

While we like to think (hope) there is an element of fund-raising in the Festival, our focus is on getting the community and others together. The strength of communities is often under-estimated. The communities of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram etc may be considered synthetic or imitation communities. However they do generate vast social interaction and can't be overlooked when estimating communities' social interaction. The number of people who might have contacted others on these social media to ask if they are going to the Autumn Festival brings virtual and the real elements of community together. And all of it is important for keeping people aware that they are part of the interactive web of the human condition and to help them make meaning out of it.

To return to more practical matters, the Bass Valley Community Group still struggles to get adequate patronage of our Tuesday and Friday shopping bus. It too brings people together who might otherwise be very isolated. We are hoping to run a publicity drive for it in March-April. This will include a 'loyalty card' where we will run a 'buy five rides and get one free' scheme for a while. Hopefully this will attract more people to the service. Those who use the service appear to love the experience. The combination of running into drivers and passengers that they get to know along with getting help to take their purchases into their house when they arrive home is seen as a large enhancement on taking a bus or taxi. Some on the bus find using it preferable to using their own car. So stay watching and if you live in the Waterline areas, you might find a loyalty card and promotional material in your mail. On a lighter note...pun alert...we have just upgraded the lights in the Bass Hall. One bank of the fluoros in the Hall ceiling had died completely and the others were looking very tired. We have now have all new lights which are all energy-saving. We also have an addition of some modern hanging lights that greatly enhance the atmosphere in the Hall. These latter are thanks to a new project being launched called Paul's Table.

Paul's Table
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You can find us on Facebook at
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Corinella & District Community Centre

Spread your wings and fly with us



We are your local Neighbourhood House and Adult Community Education Centre. Term 1 is here, drop by and pick up a program to see what's on. Come and join our new mosaic class, computer basics class, exercise classes, art groups and much more...

Calling all artists, we are revamping the Foyer Wall and providing a gallery space for rental on a monthly basis. The months are filling fast, call for further details and costings. Don't forget we have our 9 seater bus for hire at a great rate and the free food pantry that's available for those having difficulty putting food on the table. Call in for further info or like us on Facebook - @corinellacommunitycentre.

See you soon, Iain Ritchie
48 Smythe St Corinella 5678 0777
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CFA NEWS
With
Michele
Fulwell

Welcome to Autumn!

We have thankfully had a relatively quiet summer but don't be deceived – fire danger is still high and with below average rainfall and above average temperatures predicted for autumn we all need to remain prepared. Keep monitoring fire danger ratings every day and implement your fire plan if needed. Remember the declared fire danger period is still in force meaning fire restrictions are still in place.

One thing many people don't think of when preparing for the fire season is if fire appliances can safely enter and leave a property. We may need to be able to open to electric gates manually, heavy foliage and overhanging branches need to be clear of the driveway so our trucks have clear access. To give you an idea our trucks are approximately 3m wide, 8m long, 3.1m high and have a 20m turning circle – so can we safely access your property if we are needed? Of course, having great access means nothing if we can't find you so make sure your house number is easily visible from the road!

Out and About

You will often see members of our local brigade's out and about undertaking training, fundraising or helping at community events. Kernot-Grantville is always at the Grantville Community Market parking on the 4th Sunday of every month and Corinella usually assist at local markets and events in Corinella and Coronet Bay. This month you will see brigade members parking cars at Serenade at Sunset on March 11. Always feel free to ask questions of the members of the members you see and

remember we are always looking for new members. All our brigades are volunteer and have firefighting and non-operational roles available.

Grantville Adventure Expo

Kernot-Grantville Fire Brigade have their major fundraiser on Sunday April 2, from 10am to 4pm at the Grantville Reserve. The Grantville Adventure Expo offers something for the whole family with kid's activities, display vehicles – with trophies in 4x4, Ute, Van and wagon divisions, live music, trade stands, market stalls, raffle and a live Auction! For the first time this year we will have an historic emergency services vehicle display. The Young Veterans will also bring along a vehicle display. Come along and have a chat to our fantastic sponsors at their stands including SG Off-Road, Berwick Mitsubishi, Wonthaggi Tyrepower, MWToolboxes, Wonthaggi Electronics and Cranbourne Holden.

Keep up to date by liking the Grantville Adventure Expo Facebook page - facebook.com/grantvilleadventureexpo

Glen Forbes & District Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday 19th March from 12 noon at the Glen Forbes Reserve 1720 Dalyston-Glen Forbes Rd Glen Forbes.

There will be a spit roast supplied for a gold coin donation.



There will be a jumping castle and a BBQ will be available for those that wish to cook.

Bring your own chairs, drinks, salads etc.

A marquee will be erected for shade.

enquiries to David Blum 0418393311



Paul's Table A Community Cafe

PAUL'S TABLE– a community cafe with a difference.

What is Paul's Table?

Paul's Table is a community cafe operating from the Bass Hall in School road Bass. It's next to the op shop. It will offer delicious snacks and drinks at very reasonable prices.

Why is it called Paul's Table?

Ross and Tracey Denby who run the pop-up cafe had a son called Paul who died aged 14 of a rare disease.

The cafe is named in honour of him.

When will it be open?

The cafe will be open on Sundays and Wednesday. A community breakfast will be served from 8.30am to 10am on Sunday, gold coin donation.

It will open for cafe service on Sunday and Wednesday from 10 am till 2.00pm.

What is the aim of Paul's Table?

The philosophy of the cafe is to bring the whole community together and reconnect over wholesome food and in an atmosphere of equality, acceptance and tolerance.

We welcome groups from schools and social clubs. It is a non- profit enterprise. Ross and Tracey extend a warm welcome to all in the community!

0432 459 622

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Tracey and Ross Denby



Food

Roast chicken with gluten-free stuffing

Ginny Grant.



A simple roast chicken is always popular. Here I've made a gluten-free stuffing with quinoa in what is really a variation on a typical bread stuffing

I haven't made proper gravy – instead the cooking liquid becomes a thin sauce which is reduced and thickened to the desired consistency.

If you'd prefer to make a bread stuffing, use 3 cups of fresh breadcrumbs. Ensure you rinse the quinoa thoroughly to remove any of the naturally occurring bitter-tasting compounds.

Serves: 10 to 12

Ingredients: For the stuffing

1 cup quinoa, well rinsed in warm water
2 cups chicken stock
3 tablespoons currants
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion, finely diced
4 rashers streaky bacon, chopped
1 tablespoon chopped fresh marjoram
6 sage leaves, finely chopped
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
2 tablespoons pine nuts, toasted
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

For the chickens

2 large free-range chickens, excess fat removed and cleaned

Sea salt to taste

2 tablespoons olive oil

Juice of 1 lemon

12 shallots, peeled

5 fresh bay leaves

2 cups chicken stock, white wine or water

Method: For the stuffing

After rinsing the quinoa thoroughly in warm water, strain through a fine sieve. Place in a saucepan with the chicken stock, bring to the boil then lower the heat, cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until all the stock is absorbed. Spread the quinoa on a wide baking tray to cool.

Soak the currants in 2 tablespoons of boiling water for 20 minutes. Drain.

Heat the olive oil in a small frying pan, add

the onion and bacon, and saute until the onions are soft. Set aside to cool before using.

Mix together the quinoa, currants, onion mixture and the remaining ingredients. Taste and season.

For the chickens

Preheat the oven to 200C.

Season the chicken cavities with salt and fill with the stuffing.

There will be too much stuffing for the birds so wrap the rest in an oiled tinfoil parcel and bake alongside the chickens. Secure the chickens' cavities with toothpicks or sew up then truss the birds with string.

Rub the outsides with olive oil and squeeze the lemon juice over. Season generously with salt.

Place in a roasting dish breast-side down with the shallots, bay leaves and stock, wine or water. Roast for 45 minutes then turn the chickens over and roast for a further 45 minutes.

The juices should run clear when a skewer is inserted in the thickest part of the thigh.

Place the chickens on a platter with the shallots and extra stuffing. Discard the bay leaves and rest the meat in a warm place.

Skim any fat from the liquid in the roasting dish and simmer to reduce until it thickens slightly. Pour into a warmed jug for serving.

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Photo: Aaron McLean.

Gluten-free shortbread

Virginia Winder



Ingredients:

135g gluten-free flour

20g icing sugar

Pinch salt

125g butter

Three large strawberries (diced)

Method:

Sieve dry ingredients, rub in butter and knead lightly until smooth.

Press on to greased tray, cut into desired shapes and prick with fork.

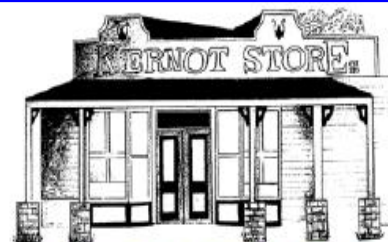
Bake at 150 degrees Celsius for about 40 minutes or until light in colour.

Add freshly diced strawberries and enjoy.

Have you ever tried something like this?

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Photo Grant Matthew



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Why do people with Dementia mistake others for their spouses?



“That’s my husband!” Rory yelled, smacking a nurse’s hand away. **“Don’t touch him!”**

In (our) reality, this nurse was just trying to help Rory’s “husband” get dressed.

Oddly enough, however, Rory’s “husband” wasn’t her husband at all...and she was a female resident!

Celia, the mistaken husband, was a frail woman of 92. She had a very slim body and a cropped haircut, so Rory had decided that Celia was her late husband.

It was an odd series of events, and one that Celia’s daughter was not pleased about. Her main concern, annoyingly, was that her mom “didn’t look like a man.”

In either case, the question remains: how and why did Rory decide that Celia was her husband?

To answer that, we have to recognize what dementia does to the brain. It degrades the brain over time, and so it changes the way that we perceive and understand reality. **Humans are also incredibly pattern-seeking creatures—we try to make sense of things that don’t make sense to us.**

So, if we have just enough facts in one direction, we will start to believe whatever

we want to believe.

In Rory’s mind, here were her facts:

1. She saw her husband every day, and she saw Celia every day
 2. Celia looks like a man
 3. Celia and Rory were roommates
- Therefore, add all these things up, and Celia was Rory’s husband.

Does that make complete sense? No, not really. But, in Rory’s mind, she had all the facts necessary to assume that Celia was her late husband.

We see this happen a lot in people with dementia: they perceive something, they put pieces of information together, and they come up with a reality that may not be similar to our reality.

Dr. Rachel Wonderlin

<http://dementia-by-day.com/>



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USING AUTUMNAL FOODS TO IMPROVE WINTER HEALTH

AMY MORRIS



When I need to know the answer to something, I often find myself looking to nature.

For instance, trying to work out recently when I needed to start slowing down the pace of my life. As it had been a busy summer with lots of energy being spent outside with my little boy Kade trying to teach him about the wonders of nature, and work had been full on with lots of exciting projects beginning over in the creative content department of my business. The answer hit me when I was standing playing in the same field I take my son to a couple of times a week one day, when I suddenly blinked and took a real long slow look around.

Autumn had officially arrived as everything was busy turning orange or yellow as the chlorophyll was busy going away for the year. (I tried to Google this but still cannot find where it goes!)

And just as the leaves are busy changing, so should our diets (and lifestyles) to keep up with the cold weather that is fast approaching that often brings with it lots of annoying illnesses!

So as well as advising you all to start slowing down the pace mentally, here are my favourite autumnal foods that could help keep pesky winter colds at bay too:

Butternut Squash – Perfect side dish to meat when roasted into cubes or rings, and makes a great soup.

Zucchini – Turn them into zucchini spaghetti to replace pasta entirely, or try adding them into pasta dishes and frittata's and omelettes.

Apples – Perfect quick snack dipped in almond or cashew butter and makes a great ingredient in gluten free, dairy free, sugar free fruit crumble when you are craving something sweet, rich and healthy. (Yes it can be done!)

Broccoli – Try them in a stir fry, or chopped up finely and added to omelette's or homemade (or even packet!) soups for an extra source of calcium and to help your liver detox better.

Pumpkin – Who could forget to include the most popular of all autumnal foods?!

Perfect again in soups, roasted in the oven and used as a side dish, in a smoothie (cook it first or save your left overs) and in a dairy free and sugar free pumpkin pie dessert recipe.

Use Food Wisely & It Will Help You Reap Winter Health Rewards

I hope I have inspired you to think of incorporating some different vegetables and fruit into your diet this autumn. As I know it is very easy to get caught up making the same dishes time and again because they are what we know best and so are easy when time is short. But the above foods are all packed with nutrients that will help build your body up when there are lots of bugs and viruses going around this winter. Plus, hopefully some food items I have mentioned are different to what you are currently eating which is another reason to re-think your autumnal dishes. As you are more likely to start including more nutrients and reduce deficiencies in general when you include a wider choice of foods into your life. **Enjoy autumn everybody!**



Natural remedies for sinus relief

Michelle Reed

For those suffering from allergies and sinus, there is rarely a low season when it comes to nasal discomfort.

Rather than reaching for your usual cocktail of over-the-counter and prescription meds, why not try these natural remedies?

Here are five ways to unblock your sinus' that doesn't involve your nasal spray.

1. Spicy foods

Some spicy foods have a habit of relieving sinus congestion because they help your mucous to thin. Foods to look out for include chilli, horseradish, mustard and wasabi.

2. Saline solution

Rehydrating your sinuses will provide immense relief, and the best way to do that is with a squirt of saline solution – which will also clear your nasal passages of allergens. Just make sure you use a saline solution that does not contain benzalkonium, as this is an irritant.

3. Skip the dairy

Diary, as well as gluten and sugar, can cause inflammation in your system and lead to over production of mucus. To naturally reduce this, consider cutting out dairy from your diet.

4. Menthol steam

Menthol and eucalyptus are powerful decongestant tools. To harness them, squeeze a couple of drops into a bowl of hot water, and drape a towel over your head to capture the steam. Alternatively, pop a couple of drops of menthol or eucalyptus oil in your shower (just be careful not to slip on the drops).

5. Drink up

If all else fails, or you need a quick fix but have none of the above available, then good old H2O is your friend. It will not only keep you hydrated, but your sinus' moist and loose.



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French Island Community Association

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French Island

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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

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FIRE PLAN

All bushland residents should have a personal fire plan.

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

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

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

POISON INFORMATION HOTLINE 131126

French Island General Store and Post Office

From bread and milk to plumbing supplies, the store provides so many goods and services, we can't name them all here. In the meantime, whether it's distilled water for batteries or a fuel filter for the car, ring to find out what's in stock. Newspapers can also be ordered from the store with at least 24 hours notice.



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March 2017

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

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*Children aged under 4 years travel free.

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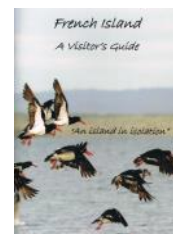
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The French Island News

The Pinnacles Walk, French Island



Situated in the French Island National Park, The Pinnacles Walk is a unique experience for walking groups and enthusiasts. Depart from Corinella, sail across the bay using the Spirit of French Island Barge Service 0428 880 729 (which departs from Corinella) or take the ferry from Cowes using Inter Island Ferries and before you know it you've arrived.

The Walk offers expansive views of Phillip Island, Western Port and the west coast wetlands. The scenery and landscape changes at every turn and depending on the season wild orchids, wildflowers, birdlife and a rich landscape is guaranteed. French Island's koalas are plentiful as are Echidnas and Potoroos and there's a plentiful population of Cape Barron Geese, Black Swans and birdlife to encounter. It's quite the treat to also see White-bellied Sea-Eagles, Wedge-tailed Eagles and Swamp Harriers gracefully gliding above. On the Walk you'll reach the summit of The Pinnacles, pass one of the most orchid rich sites in Victoria, walk via 'The Punt', past Pobblebonk Wetland through moss lined bushes, along the shores of the northern beach, past tall grass wetlands and across open plains. The National Park is a paradise for people who enjoy native flora as it boasts 550 native species and around species of native orchids.

The French Island General Store, under new management since 2016, is very pleased to be offering an all-inclusive service which includes shuttle bus transport to and from the barge or ferry to the Store where morning tea will await, they then take you by bus to the start of the walk, and when you return the bus will bring you back to the Store for afternoon tea, and once done the bus will take you back to the barge or ferry. This service makes this walk possible in a day trip for more people because their courtesy bus takes you to start where the best parts start. The morning and afternoon teas will include an assortment of sweet and savoury baked treats and appetizers and vary from scones, jam and cream, assorted cakes and slices, mixed finger sandwiches and seasonal fruits, and catering for special dietary requirements is no problem you just let them know.

The price per person is \$20. Bookings are essential. Available on weekends only. A minimum of 10 people is required. Individuals and smaller groups can express their interest to be part of a group made up to the number required. A maximum of 22 people on any one day. This walk will be ideal up until around June/July when conditions will dampen the tracks too much, so book soon for a day in March, April or May by calling Tanya 0431 937 514 or 5980 1209. The Walk is unguided. It is perfect for experienced walking groups, bird watching groups, individuals and families with children over the age of 10 years old. Experience a day of leisure and tranquillity in French Island's National Park, with great hospitality and service provided to you by the team at the French Island General Store.

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**The Trust for Nature and Birdlife
Australia
are proposing to hold an event on
French Island
When: Saturday
April 22.**

**Please save the date and stay
tuned for further details**



French Island Community Tip



Working Bee Time: 10am - noon

**Got a little spare time this year to help keep
the tip tidy?**

Here are this year's dates.

April 10

May 8

June 12 (Queens Birthday holiday)

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

BYO water, gloves, hat, mozzie repellent and sunscreen.

Contact: Linda on 0413 919 607

French Island Landcare



**Pleasant Sunday Morning Garden Tour.
Everyone is welcome for a stroll through
some lovely French Island gardens.**

When: Sunday March 26

**Where: Jenny and Steve's place
260 Mosquito Creek Rd.**

Shimo nojo

Time: Meet at their gate at 10.00 am SHARP.

**AND Where: Glenys and Maurice Ralph
119 Clump Rd.**

Time: 11.00 am.

BYO water, insect repellent and hats.

Beekeeping Information Session.

When: Friday April 28

Where: 119 Clump Rd.

Time: 10.00 - 11.30am.

Landcare Ordinary Meetings

All Landcare members are welcome to attend.

Mondays 9.15am at the hall on the following dates.

March 20 April 24 May 15

**For more information on any of these events, contact
filandcare@gmail.com.**



The French Island News



FRENCH ISLAND POET'S CORNER

Submissions Welcome
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How do I look?

How do I look?
 Asked teenage daughter,
 Knowing full well
 She'd broken the rules
 In my unwritten book,
 Strong willed with rebellious
 look
 She headed out the door
 Respecting my authority no
 more,
 Well! She looked quite a sight -
 Inappropriate, unflattering, too
 daring,
 I knew one stern word
 Would send her hastily away -
 Pretending she hadn't heard,
 Maturing identity trying to find,
 Her mistakes giving us
 No peace of mind.

Tell a teenager just NO -
 In self assertive rebellion
 They're likely to go
 So pretending I wasn't shocked,



One eyebrow I nonchalantly
 cocked,
 Reverse psychology I tried,
 As her outfit I slowly eyed,
 "I've seen you look better"
 Her vanity crushed, To consult
 a mirror she rushed,
 And for once we agreed
 To change her outfit she did
 need,
 We needed to tussle no more
 As once again she headed out
 that door,
 Looking sweet, pretty and
 demure,
 Harmony in the home now
 restored,
 A victory we'd both scored,
 No need for another fight
 We slept easy and peaceful that
 night.

**Paula Seymour
 French Island.**

CFA Training

Sunday March 19

10am - 12 noon

at the FI Fire Station

**New members are URGENTLY
 needed to join the island's CFA. Please consider
 giving your time to help protect the island from fire.**

Visitors are always welcome., too.





Landcare Nursery

Volunteers are always
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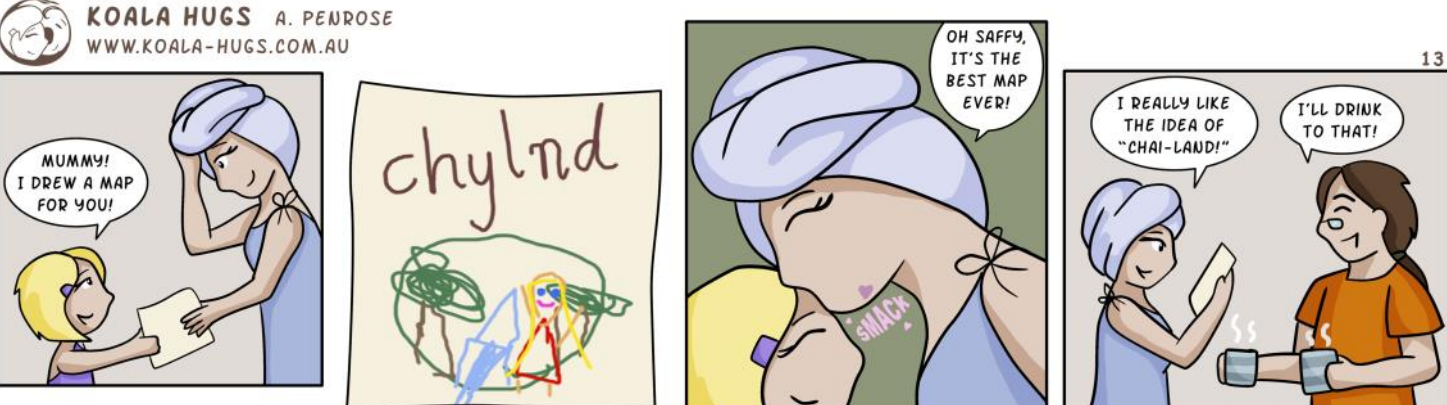
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Panel 2: chylnd

Panel 3: OH SAFFY, IT'S THE BEST MAP EVER!

Panel 4: I REALLY LIKE THE IDEA OF "CHAI-LAND!" I'LL DRINK TO THAT!

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Bill Lorimer
A quiet achiever!

Tony Hughes



Bill, the fourth of five children, was born in 1924 at Foster and moved with the family soon after, to start a dairy farm of around 40 cows at Glen Forbes. The farm, located on the Bass River flats at the bottom of the Gorge, fronted Eden Road and was divided by the Nyora-Wonthaggi Railway Line. Bill's older brother Frank, became a pilot with Bill sharing his brother's interest in aeroplanes.

As a seventeen year old, Bill knew his aeroplanes. Growing up on a farm with plenty of small, quick moving targets to practice on, he soon became a fine shot, always carrying a 0.22 bolt action, repeater rifle with him wherever he went on the farm to shoot foxes and bring home a nice rabbit or two for dinner. One day while moving the cows across the



railway line, not long before leaving the family farm for the air force (either late 1941 or early 1942), he noticed a single, grey coloured aeroplane approaching him low down following the railway line. He recognised it immediately "as the enemy" from both its shape and markings. Deliberately raising his rifle to his shoulder and taking aim, he fired off three rounds as it passed overhead. The pilot knew he was being fired on and took evasive action before continuing along the railway line and disappearing from view at Anderson Hill.

Bill didn't know if any of his shots found their mark or what became of the plane, "it went quiet just before it disappeared". Whether the plane was hit and ditched, either on land or at sea, or it found its way home we will never know, Bill guessed it was from a Japanese submarine. It was established later, that the plane had been seen flying around a very foggy Melbourne earlier that day and it was assumed that the pilot had become disoriented or lost and was using the railway line to find the coast and his way home.

His sharp eyes, presence of mind and quick reflexes means Bill was perhaps, the only person to fire on the enemy from their home soil in Victoria during WW11, a rare

and well-earned distinction indeed. Around the same time, Bill drove into Wonthaggi for some last minute Christmas shopping late on Christmas Eve, 1941. To his surprise and dismay, the town was completely black under blackout curfew, no lights were showing at all and the shops seemed closed. Fortunately for him, the ones he needed were still trading behind blackout curtains, with one of the shopkeepers telling him "our troops are in the dunes behind the beach, a Japanese submarine had been spotted!" When Bill turned 18 in March 1942, he joined the Air Force and was posted to Deniliquin for a few months, then Tocumwal and finally, to see out the last few months of the war at Rathmines air base south of Newcastle on Lake Macquarie.

Bill, a quiet thoughtful man is sadly no longer with us. His actions during the war were a source of pride and achievement for him without any hint of making them seem more than what they were, he was helping his country during a terrible time. The same pride and achievement was clearly evident when speaking about his family, his friends, his love of farming and being part of the Glen Forbes community.



Bill Lorimer, 2000s

Well done Bill, you are missed!
AGH: 5th December, 2016.

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QUIZ?

Trivia and Philosophy

8 tips for solving crosswords

Lee Price <http://www.oversixty.com.au/>



Why is it that some people seem to be really good at solving crosswords, while others struggle? Well it could be that they are using all of the tips below to help them. Why not try them out for yourself?

1. Do a quick scan

When you first start a crossword, do a quick flick through and answer any that you know right off the bat.

2. Answer the single option questions

Next up, look at the questions where there can be only one possible answer. If you know your capital cities and currencies, you can usually tick a couple off.

3. Fill those blanks in

These are quite common in crosswords and can often be quite easy to answer. For instance 'Gone With The ____' can only work with 'Wind' as the answer. Now you'll have a few answers filled in which can make the next steps easier.

4. Answer the small ones

If there are some answers that need a 3 or 4 letter word, these should be your next port of call. There tend to be fewer options for this little words, and now that you have a few other questions answered you might even find that you've got a few clues to help you.

5. Just have a go

You don't have to write the answers in, but you can jot down your ideas on the side of the grid to refer to later as other questions are

answered. It doesn't hurt to have a bit of a brainstorm, as many questions have potentially got multiple answers.

6. Look for clues in the question

Often the question will ask in the same text pattern as the answer, for instance if the question ends in 'ing' then more than likely the answer will too. Also look out for words that have more than one meaning as this can confuse things somewhat. For instance a bow can be used to play a violin, but it can also be a ribbon in someone's hair, or the front of a ship.

7. Use a pencil

There is no shame in sitting down with a pencil and eraser to complete your crossword. You can always try things out and see if they work, which can be more helpful than scribbled out pen marks when you see the error of your ways.

8. Take a break or ask a friend

Sometimes having a break from the crossword can help tremendously. Come back to it later in the day and you might find that answers almost jump off the page at you. Another great option is to ask a friend or housemate to have a crack at it. Their one or two answers might be enough to crack it for you when you get it back.



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- The Halle orchestra was founded in 1858. In which city is it based?
- Carole King's Tapestry album was released and became the longest charting album by a female solo artist in which year?
- Who published works under the pen name Currer Bell?
- William Pitt 'the younger' was prime minister from 1783 to 1801. How old was he when he became Prime Minister? a) 24 b) 26 c) 28
- Who was the only President of the Confederate States of America?
- The Kennington Oval hosted the final of which inaugural competition in 1872?
- What is the fifth planet from the Sun?
- What is the name for the process of the loss of water vapor through the stomata of leaves .
- What does the name Flummery refer to? a) a dessert b) a card game c) a confused person.
- Rugby - Which Super League side plays at Stade Gilbert Brutus in Perpignan, France.
- A margarita cocktail has which spirit as it's base?
- Which is the second largest city in the U.S.A? a) Philadelphia b) Chicago c) Los Angeles.
- Which Englishman won the U.S. Open in 2013?
- Which is the fastest? a) Greyhound b) Lion c) Horse
- Greta Garbo, one of Hollywood's greatest stars was born in which country?
- How would you write the number 90 in Roman numerals?
- Directed by Christopher Nolan and starring Guy Pearce, this film has the tagline 'Some memories are best forgotten'?
- Salzburg Airport is named after which famous composer?
- Arthur Wellesley, former British Prime Minister, is better known by which title?
- Which series of toys featured Battle-cat, Skeletor and panthor?

ANSWERS

of the Universe.
 1. Manchester. 2. 1971. 3. Charlotte Bronte. 4. a) 24. 5. Jefferson Davis. 6. The FA Cup Final. 7. Jupiter. 8. Transpiration. 9. a) a dessert. 10. Catalan Dragons. 11. Tequila. 12. Los Angeles. 13. Justin Rose. 14. Lion. 15. Sweden. 16. XC. 17. Memento. 18. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. 19. Duke Of Wellington. 20. Masters

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History

Mystery burial at Blackwood Forest



Roger Lee, wants to know if anyone can help solve the mystery of an unknown burial at Blackwood Forest, on the site of the community hall in Koetsveldt Road?

The hall has long gone and the property where it stood is now the site of a new home, with commanding views over the hills above Wonthaggi.

When excavation started for the construction of the new home, contractors unearthed a yellow plastic ashes urn, with the identification number 35757 on the top of the container.

Once uncovered, it hardly seemed right to just rebury it, or throw it out, so Chris Payol, from Gippsland Mushrooms, and nearby sheep and goat farmer, Roger Lee set about finding the rightful owners of the ashes.

They contacted all the nearby neighbours, with out success, and calls to all the local Funeral Directors didn't unearth anything either?

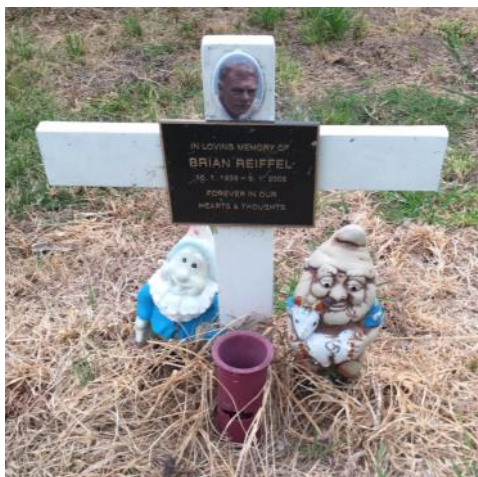
Crematoriums were also contacted to see if any of them could identify the number on the top of the container, again without success?

Being plastic, it would be hard to imagine the container being more than about 60 years old, so there must be someone, somewhere who knows something about the contents of the urn.

It has been opened and checked and definitely contains ashes, and the fact the urn was buried must have some significance. It is more common for people to scatter ashes of a loved one in a place of significance than bury them.

Roger Lee said he would love to hear from anyone who knows anything about the ashes, and is happy to deal with the matter confidentially if required. He can be contacted on 0419 119 606 or you can contact The Waterline News.

OUR HISTORY by Noelene Lyons GRAVE LOCATED AT 20 SHAFT



I recently received an email and photo of a grave that is located at the rear of 20 Shaft on the Bass Highway.

The Grave belongs to Miner Mr. Brian REIFFEL Token No. 1855 died January 9, 2005.

I have spoken to Parks Victoria and Bass Coast Council but no further information was gained, only that they did not know of the burial (ashes) at 20 Shaft.

Does anybody know of other graves that are located at other Mine Shafts in South Gippsland

This grave will be recorded in our records at Wonthaggi State Coal Mines

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

SAD STORY with a HAPPY ENDING.

I recently received an email from Peter Diamond who said I am traveling from Scotland and will be visiting the Wonthaggi State Coal Mines and would love some information on my Great, Great Grandfather Daniel Campbell who died from a mines accident on 6th March 1917 and maybe you could locate his grave in the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

I was able to locate some information on his mines employment and also located the unmarked grave.

The story is very sad.....Daniel Campbell died as a result of a Mines accident on the 6th March 1917 and was buried at the Wonthaggi Cemetery on March 7, 1917 at the age of 32 years. His wife Sarah did not know that she was 5 weeks pregnant at the time of his burial and they also had an infant daughter aged 4 years.

Mrs. Campbell was very poor and unable to work fulltime and being pregnant with an infant child, she found it very difficult to live and feed her child in a Miners Town. The baby was born late November 1917 and was named Daniel after the father.

Unfortunately the infant died 28th February 1918 as a result of

Malnutrition and was buried with his father in the same grave.

Census records shows that Sarah Campbell remained at Wonthaggi, living in Reed Crescent until sometime in 1919 She then decided to return back to Scotland. On her trip back home she died from Typhoid and was buried at sea.

This left the infant child now 6 years an orphan. The ships captain and passengers looked after the little girl.

The family came to greet the boat only to learn of the sad news.

The little girl is Peter Diamond's Great grandmother.

The happy ending to this story is that Peter has gained information on his Great, Great Grandfathers' mines accident and has been able to visit the grave of Daniel Campbell, but he and his family did not know of the birth/death of the infant child in 1918, it came as a complete surprise.

Peter was very thankful for the information but he was also saddened to learn of the hard times that Daniel & Sarah endured, especially his Gr Gr Grandmother Sarah – how hard it must have been for her and the children.....Peter is continuing his trip in Australia

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TIM



One of our very own "living legends" Dr. Eric "Tim" Ealey Celebrates his 90th Birthday at the end of this month.

Tim, or Dr. Mangrove as a lot of people know him, lives at Coronet Bay with wife, Laura, and he has become one

of our most endeared personalities over the last two decades, for his work with Mangroves and his other passions.

In his younger days, Tim worked on Heard Island and had a glacier, "Ealey Glacier" named after him

Read more about Dr. Eric "Tim" Ealey (Tim's Story) in the April edition of The Waterline News.



History

Fisherman's Cottage Museum Tooradin



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

Polly Freeman

Lang Lang & District Historical Society



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

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

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Strange Error and Missing Schooner

The Mystery of Corinella From the archives of the Bass Valley Historical Society



Captain Hartley R. Watson, master of the steam tug James Paterson, who has had experience of tugboat work for more than 30 years, tells of one of his strangest experiences as master of the James Paterson.

On January 31, 1919, when the James Paterson was towing the Norwegian ship Cate, formerly the British windjammer Beacon Rock, to Port Phillip Heads, a dramatic signal was received from the lookout at Point Lonsdale. Decoded, the signal conveyed these instructions to the tug master: "Four-masted schooner ashore at Westernport. You are ordered to proceed to help, Immediate assistance." On the tiny bridge of the tug the telegraph rang for "full speed". There was a responsive throb of powerful engines, and 700ft astern in the frothing wake the stately old windjammer was towed a knot and a half faster. Hugging the Lonsdale reef for the smoothest passage, and easing to "slow" only when absolutely necessary, the green hulled tug headed toward the distant pilot steamer. Three miles from Lonsdale the tug was slowed to drop the Cate's pilot. "Full speed" again, and the Cate was hurried 10 miles seaward, while tiny figures could be seen mounting the ratlines to loose her topsails. With need for haste not an extra fathom was given to the windjammer over the tug's contract," and the signal of three blasts on the siren was given

to "cast off." With the hawser coiled down in record time, and a hurried farewell waved to the captain of the Cate, the tug shaped a course for Cape Schanck. An hour later the light keeper at the Cape was signaled and asked for the position of the schooner. To the surprise of the tug's crew it was given as Corinella, in the far eastern arm of Westernport and 22 miles from the Nobbies, the rocky islets marking the western entrance. The crew of the tug was mystified; the men could not understand why a vessel whose rig showed a displacement of about 400 tons at least should be taken through intricate and un-buoyed channels to this remote area. Expecting to find the schooner to the eastward of Cape Woolamai, the master brought the tug to the wind, and smashing her way through a smother of foam, she headed toward the Mutton Bird Rookery. As she hugged the Phillip Island coastline every beach and jutting headland was searched for the missing ship. Steadily surging along the tug hurried to the eastward, spurting streams from the scuppers at every roll, her funnels caked white with brine, while the cook cursed his leaping pots and pans. Soon the James Paterson rounded the high bluff of the Rookery, but to the disappointment of the crew there was no sign of a schooner. With a clear view of Newhaven, San Remo, and the coastline of the mainland as far east as Powlett River there was no trace of a stranded vessel. It was decided to make for Cowes immediately to seek definite information. In the forlorn hope of reaching the western entrance before dark the tug headed into the wake of the sun at nearly 13 knots, bows cream with foam. When fewer than three miles from the Nobbies darkness overtook her. Lacking buoy-age and navigation lights, Westernport at this time was in the same primitive state as when George Boss first navigated its waters, but the master recognized the need for speed, and decided to risk the run for Cowes in the dark. At half speed, with the ripple of the bow wave mingling with the hoarse cry of penguins and the occasional bark of a seal, the tug nosed her way into the unlighted harbor.

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History

Strange Error and Missing Schooner

continued

At Cowes a lad from Melbourne said that he had seen what appeared to be the Rooganah, a large Tasmanian three masted ketch bowling along under full sail that morning. It had disappeared in the direction of the penal settlement on French Island. More definite information was received from Captain Kennon, an old resident of the island who had seen a large three masted schooner sail boldly up the eastern harbor. She was flying "blue and white" at the foremast showing that she required a pilot "yellow at the main" showing that she needed pratique. At the mizzen were the British Ensign and her burgee bearing a long name showed her to be a stranger from overseas. A hurried telephone call to Melbourne showed that the vessel was the Louis Theriault of Windsor (Nova Scotia) a schooner of 397 tons register, bound from Montreal to Melbourne. She was laden to the plimsoll with 800 tons of newsprint for "The Argus" and "The Australasian".



The mystery was solved for it was apparent that the schooner's master had made the extraordinary mistake of entering Westernport under the impression that he was sailing his ship into Port Phillip Bay. He had sailed boldly on, until as correctly reported by the Cape Schanck lighthouse he could proceed no farther and was ashore off Corinella. At dawn on the following day February 1, the James Paterson slipped quietly across the harbor with constant soundings being taken, she cautiously headed toward Corinella. The scene at sunrise as the tug passed through waters, seldom if ever furrowed by a steamer's keel revealed the winding expanse and great beauty of Westernport. To the hardened tug men used to the rough and tumble of the Rip, the navigation of this picturesque inland sea was an experience not easily forgotten. Nine miles from Cowes a narrow passage between Pelican Island and Schnapper Rock, led into the eastern arm and there at last, five miles distant, the Louis Theriault was in sight. On toward the stranded schooner headed the tug until a sudden shoaling to two fathoms brought her to a stop. The telegraph rang for full speed astern, but within 30ft of deep water, mud

and weeds a fathom long choked the condenser and temporarily disabled the engines. In the grip of the fast ebbing tide the tug lay stranded and was obliged to wait for deep water. Farther inshore and almost high and dry the schooner lay ahead. Trims white painted and lofty she was the type of "fore and aft" schooner which freighted lumber from the St Lawrence to Central American ports. Apparently the lure of high freights, which sailing ships were earning then for the last time in their history, was responsible for this Australian voyage which had ended in such strange misfortune. By 3 o'clock in the afternoon the James Paterson was again afloat, backing stern first up a narrow channel she cautiously approached the stranded schooner. Within 100ft of the Louis Theriault's long jib-boom, she smelt the mud, so a fishing boat was engaged to pass the hawser. The schooner's crew was ready and anxiously waiting as they had made a long voyage, and with the "yellow flag" flying they were not allowed to go ashore. The big rope was quickly secured and after a shout from the tug-master to stand clear, the snake like length of manila suddenly woke to life. Despite the terrific strain the Louis Theriault was not moved an inch. Sheering to the extreme limit of deep water and hurtling sand, weed and shell to the surface the tug strove desperately to refloat the schooner, but it was not until the very top of high water that the powerful tug shifted her from her muddy bed. Ten minutes later the little "blue-nose" schooner with the largest "bone in her mouth" that she had ever seen was leaving Corinella. It was Saturday afternoon and crowded motor-launches, with their engines at full speed attempted to keep pace with the tug, But without a moment to lose if she was to clear "McHaffies" before dark, the tug developing every ounce of her power and obscuring the trees of French Island with her smoke, sped toward the open sea. At sunset she passed close to Cowes Pier, and 10 minutes later, with just enough light in the fading twilight for a bearing of the small reef buoy, she passed out of Westernport. The tug master's anxieties were finally over. With the graceful schooner in their wake, the tug steamed on through the night and at dawn on a quiet Sunday morning, the Louis Theriault was safely anchored in Hobson's Bay.

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Queensferry Poem

The Best Place



When the surging billows glisten in the sun,
And the gulls look white and silver, every one,
Just to sit beside the sea,
While the waves dash merrily,
And dream sweet dreams about the days to come.

When the magpies warble in the branches high,
And the blue gums, tall and slender, wave and sigh,
When the woods and forests ring,
As the whistlers gaily sing,
Deep in the forest I would love to lie.

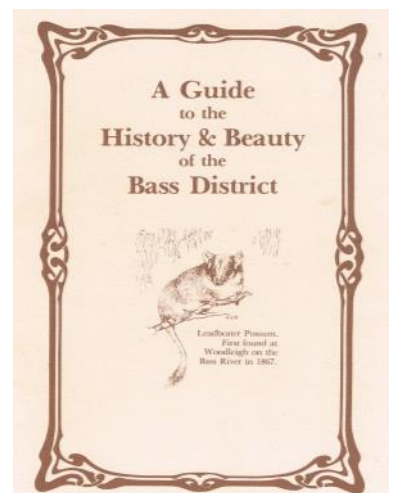
When the waves upon the beach are white with foam,
And the branches to and fro are wildly blown,
When the winds like thunder sound,
And the rain comes pattering down
The best place then is by the fire at home.

Connie Read, Queensferry

Published in The Leader Saturday 2nd October 1915.

From the archives of the Bass Valley Historical Society

**A few copies of this fantastic booklet on the Bass district are still available .
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On the road - places to go

Bayles Fauna Park



The Bayles Fauna Reserve is situated at 630 Koo-Wee-Rup / Longwarry Road, Bayles.

<http://baylesfaunapark.weebly.com>

Known by the locals as Main Street, Bayles

Contact Details: Pat - 5997 1336

The Bayles Fauna Park Offers:

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Whether you are looking for somewhere to take a gentle stroll or somewhere to take a closer look at wildlife, where else would you go but amongst the peaceful setting here in the Bayles Fauna Reserve. Here at the park you will find; Deer, Emus, Geese, Ducks, Kangaroos and even a rooster roaming around in our large reserve. There is also a new frog pond full of croaking frogs, including the Growling Grass Frog. Lots of local birds come and make the Park their home and can be spotted high up in trees, or down low on the ground. The Park is also the home of the Southern

Brown Bandicoot.

Look out for our rare golden kangaroos and the deers that hide in the bush. They are sometimes inquisitive and watch at a distance.

History Of The Park

The Bayles township was named after Frederick Bayles, first member of the Railway Construction Branch to die in world War 1. Commenced in 1921, the Bayles Station formed part of the Strzelecki Branch Line and also opening in the same year was the Bayles Butter Factory. The railway brought cream, milk and potatoes from surrounding townships and transported the products to Melbourne. Declining railway usage during the 1950's led to the closure of the station in 1959. The Bayles Fauna Park now contains the most intact example of this historic railway line.

In December 1970, a local committee was established by the Crown Lands Department to consider the establishment of a reserve on twenty acres of crown land in the Bayles township. The land consisted of previously closed roadway, railway station and yards with a recently closed and covered Cranbourne Shire rubbish tip. Some of the vegetation is of significance, being a sample of what the country may have been like following draining of the Koo-Wee-Rup swamp.

With a Government Rural Unemployment Grant, the fencing began. A gateway was identified and a local farmer built gates to

complete the enclosure. Great community support was contributed to the major part of the project which involved the removal of abandoned car bodies and truckloads of accumulated rubbish. This was done with dragline, tip trucks, Graders, rotary hoes, trailers, etc. and finally the land was landscaped and sown with grass.

Officially opened in 1972, the concept of the Park was for an area where locals could enjoy roaming animals and wild life in a peaceful, natural environment. With assistance from the Cranbourne Shire and later Cardinia Shire, it has been possible to preserve and enhance this concept.

The establishment of a museum near the reserve entry has allowed the display of gathered important local history. Ongoing support by the Department of Sustainability and Environment together with the all important public support will ensure the preservation of this precious natural habitat for future generations.

The committee of management hold meetings at the Bayles Public Hall (in the kitchen) every 4th Monday of the Month at 7.30pm. (Unless otherwise stated)

We are always looking for new members with new ideas and enthusiasm. If you would like to become a member and be part of the Bayles Fauna Park come along to a meeting or working bee or contact us through our contact page.

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This is Cr Le Serve's second term as a Bass Coast Councillor, having served as the Leadbeater Ward from 2012 to 2016. She has lived in Bass Coast for over 40 years and is passionate about the community, believing that our unique lifestyle sets us apart from any other area in Victoria. Cr Le Serve is married with two children, seven grandchildren and a cat named Oscar. She enjoys cooking, spending time with her family, wandering around local markets and buying local products. She is a frequent visitor to French Island where she helps out in the family business there. Cr Le Serve has a background in community development, having spent many years in local community organisations, and in dairy farming. She believes strongly in supporting community projects that benefits children and is motivated by issues of equality for women and in improving outcomes for disadvantaged sectors within the community.

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Cr Kent and his wife, Jenny, are currently in the planning stages of building their home in San Remo. Together, they have four children and two grandchildren. He moved to Bass Coast in 2010 and prior to this the family had a holiday home on Phillip Island. Cr Kent is a police officer and holds the position of Station Commander of San Remo Police Station. He joined the police force in 1980, but has also had the opportunity to run his own successful business. He already has formed a strong relationship with local community groups, working at the Moto GP, V8 Supercars, San Remo Channel Challenge and many other local events. Cr Kent is passionate about the area and its strong community spirit. He has strong experience and abilities with emergency management and event planning. He has an exceptional ethical standing within the community and strongly believes in the accountability to the community of all Councillors.



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Cr Ellis was raised near Parramatta in Sydney. A long-career in Logistics Management included elements of Occupational Health and Safety and Industrial Relations. A move to Port Melbourne in 2009 enabled involvement in a community based not-for-profit, SPDL-Daylinks. After moving to a small property in Wattle Bank, he worked on a dairy farm in Woodleigh for two years and is now a freelance writer. Cr Ellis lives with his wife, and his daughter lives interstate. He has two cats and two dogs, one of which is deaf, so he is fully aware of the responsibility pet ownership and the need for facilities. Cr Ellis is heavily committed to the environment, reconciliation, fair treatment of asylum seekers, inclusion of our LGBTI community and engagement of our less-abled community members. He wants to work with farmers to increase opportunities through networking and promotion of Farm Gate tourism. Cr Ellis recognises the value of increasing tourism through motorsport, which is in Cr Ellis' DNA.

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Autumn

Autumn is the oboe – bitter sweet,
 and sadly smiling, sings
 of sweet, remembered things
 that now retreat.

Trees their naked arms outstretch and raise,
 in thin hands lingering
 a golden offering –
 a gift of praise.

Incense slowly rising curls and weaves
 from faded, dying fires,
 the smouldering funeral pyres
 of burnished leaves.

Lovely, though her naked form be dressed
 in naught but mists of grey,
 a flimsy negligee
 to wear to rest.

(c) Joan Katherine Webster

Moments of Communion

On wild windswept beach
 slim heron steps out
 of mangrove fringe.
 A lone walker stares
 at white-faced grey bird
 up close.
 Like a kite starting to rise
 but keeping three metres ahead
 the bird flies low.
 The two share space
 for half a dozen steps.
 Abruptly the bird rises, veers left
 lands on mud
 focuses on feeding.
 The walker walks on.

Meryl Brown Tobin



HAIKU

Thoughts in miniature
 A haiku is untitled and
 unrhymed.

A seasonal word or reference
 associated with nature should appear in
 the haiku, and contrasting images may be
 used. Usually the first line stands alone
 while the second and third connect to give
 an aspect of that image.

Sound

Slight, then clamorous,
 Rainstorm and brainstorm erupt:
 hint, then certainty.

roof-thumping noises;
 fear of intruding footfall.
 peach branch dropping fruit!

pobble bonk frog calls,
 great round water drops of sound,
 frog orchestra's drum!

diverse sounds soothe us:
 practised art of harmony
 or spare bush night calls

俳句

haiku

But long and merry ago, there was a fair
 which commenced on 1st May in London
 and ran for a couple of weeks each year
 before giving way to that most expensive
 piece of real estate known to Monopoly
 players as Mayfair. I've known people who
 have been named after either the month or
 the flower and others who've inherited it as
 a surname.

Fortunately, I have not known a lady May
 who has been married to a Mr May. Being
 May May would be closely allied to the
 Mayday of great celebration, or MAY DAY
 – the distress call.

Then again we have the Hawthorn Football
 Club whose early supporter's rallying cry
 was the May Blooms. Not too hard to see
 why they switched to the Hawks. They've
 been much more successful since.

And that brings me to the verb. Somehow or
 other, it seems to indicate a degree of
 uncertainty, shilly-shallying almost.
 Perhaps that's why many of us choose the
 more definite might! We like something
 with a bit of substance to get out teeth into.

This is our last month of autumn, that most
 delightful season in Victoria ... So let's go
 back through the centuries and join with the
 youthful songsters of ancient times with:

“Come lasses and lads,
 Get leave of your Dads
 And away to the Maypole hie.”

We'll cast away thoughts of menacing
 winter and thoroughly enjoy all the
 pleasures that the merry, merry month has to
 offer.

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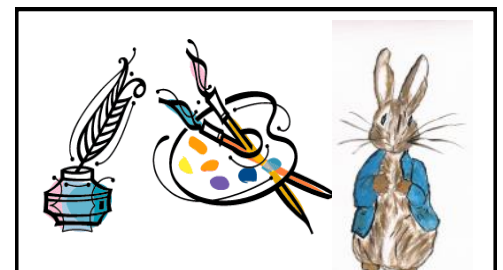
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 enough to secure the
 rights to some more of the
 writings of E.E.
 (Betty) Caldwell with
 special thanks to Maree
 Silver who has done all
 Betty's typing for her.



MAY

With my almost complete lack of
 knowledge of botany, I'll plunge in with the
 bush of lovely white blooms. Of course, I
 don't know if it actually flowers in the
 month of May in Australia. It does in the
 northern hemisphere but in my mind's eye I
 can see May mixed with Easter Daisy
 adorning the platform set up annually in the
 Methodist Church at Echuca to celebrate its
 Sunday School anniversary.

The Mayflower was chosen to transport the
 non-conforming Christian zealots from the
 U.K. to the new world. And we've never
 been allowed to forget it!



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COOKING WITH WINE

Margaret Pearce



“The old man is in a bad mood.” Baldie knew all about the old man’s bad moods, having suffered them all his life.

“Yair”, said Ocker his face furrowed into worried wrinkles as he stared at his empty glass.

Their father, a night shift worker had emerged long enough to greet his sons and daughters and shudder at the grandchildren before retreating into his fernery for the day. His bad mood was always worsened by the weekly visits of his large family and their progeny. “Try this for size,” said Lester as he poured stout into the circle of waiting glasses.

He was the youngest of the brothers and the cares that bowed the shoulders of his brothers hadn’t had time to press heavily on him.

The conversation lapsed. It was Sunday. The quiet usually prim house was a noisy bedlam of chattering women and swarming shouting children. In the big kitchen the table was loaded high with food. Sponges and scones, jam tarts and custard tarts elbowed aside steaming pies and pasties.

The clatter of dishes drifted down the yard. From the front yard the yells of the children were muffled. They romped over the pampered green lawn, scuffing Grandpa’s pansies and knocking down his stately poppies without hindrance.

“Dad’s done a good job on the ducks this year.” Dizzy’s diet of rabbits and pasties over the depression years had left him always hungry. He lived for the lavish Christmas dinners of roast duck and chickens, the plum puddings and golden syrup dumplings his mother cooked every year.

Lester leaned over and pushed open the pen. The ducks waddled out. They were large sleek and arrogant, their feathers gleaming and red feet bright in the dust. They were used to the run of the backyard and resented spending every Sunday cooped up.

“I like that bread stuffing Ma puts into them,” Dizzy said.

“They make a wine sauce with roast duck in the flash pubs.” Lesser had been the man about town in his wilder days and his

brothers listened with respect.

“To drink with the duck?” Dizzy asked. “Nah.” Lester was emphatic. “You pour it over.”

There was silence as they pondered over their glasses.

Ocker had a brainwave. “If they were fattened up on booze the flavour would go through. That would save using a wine sauce which Ma can’t make anyway.”

“Stout would be the wrong sort of booze wouldn’t it?” asked Aussie.

“Stout with duck,” Lester said in horror. “Of course it is wrong. Who’s got some wine?”

Aussie, the shy apologetic looking brother reached into his tattered overcoat pocket. “It’s port wine. I was keeping it for emergencies.”

The others looked at him with disfavour and then relaxed. It would have come out when their supply was gone. Old Aussie was a generous sod.

Ocker reached for the dog’s dish and tipped the water out and poured his stout in. Old Scot the Foxy came over. Now that his rabbiting days were over he had fallen into disuse, but he came into his own when the boys came home. He lapped it up and looked at Lester.

“Go on Scot,” encouraged Lester. “Do your old bones good.”

Scot put his head down and finished off the bowl of stout. Aussie poured in some of his wine. Scot finished that off as well.

“Waste of good booze,” grumbled Dizzy. “Don’t begrudge your old dog a bit of enjoyment,” reproved Baldie.

His hand reached down to fondle the stiff head. Scot shook himself around, his legs gave way and he collapsed in an awkward heap.

Lester refilled the bowl with port wine. “Here duckie, dear duckies, here.”

“Leave some for us,” Baldie reminded as he watched the level in the bottle lower.

They all held out their glasses to be filled and then watched as the ducks came over.

The first duck investigated the bowl, putting his head first on one side and then the other. His beady eyes blinked around at them and he waddled off, leading his followers towards the soft soil under the peach tree.

“Turning his nose up at our good booze,” Ocker complained shocked at such waste.

Lester put his drink down and went after the arrogant leader of the ducks. The duck squawked as he jammed it between his knees and spilt the wine over its beak.

“Need a funnel or something,” advised the practical Baldie.

“We don’t want him butchered before Christmas. Steady on,” said Aussie.

“She’ll be right.” Lester straightened the duck up and dipped the beak into the bowl.

The duck settled ruffled feathers and took a deep drink, throat working as his beak went up and down. His followers waddled over to see what he had found that was so enticing. One after the others started drinking. The men watched as the level of wine, glinting ruby in the afternoon sun got lower.

“Needs topping up,” hinted Baldie, but the bottle was empty.

The men looked at their empty glasses. One by one they looked at each other. Dizzy broke first. He shuffled and spat and reached into a back pocket for the small square flask.

“Dunno about there being enough or us and the ducks,” he apologised.

Glasses were held out and the flask went around. What was left was poured into the bowl, clear and colourless as water.

The lead duck returned, cocked his head on one side and dipped his beak in the bowl. Then he was shouldered aside as his hurrying followers closed around the bowl. The shadows lengthened as the men sat watching the ducks.

The distant noise of the children had muted to a contented hum as sated with food they sprawled on the front lawn. Even the voices of the women lowered to a more confidential level in the sleepiness of the afternoon.

A white head poked out from the fernery. Their father had decided it was safe to show himself. He strolled down the yard towards his sons, his face sent in a benign smile, a frosted bottle under one arm.

He stopped within a few paces of them. A storm gathered across his face reminding them of the days of their extreme youth and his extreme bad moods.

“What have you done to my ducks?” he roared.

The beautiful lead duck, his feathers fluffed up had intensified his giddy lurching into a mad spin. His six followers, necks swaying, scuffled in circular waddles around him like attendant dancers.

“We’re improving their flavour, Pop,” explained Lester.

The lead duck whirled in a dizzier circle and expired at their father’s feet. He picked up the body and looked at it, his face set in lines of harsh ill temper. One of the men giggled. It was a nervous giggle and loud in the silence.

There was a titter from Baldie, and then like a sudden dam burst, a torrent of mirth. Their father’s stormy face as he held up his dead duck and the sight of the other ducks weaving in circles around him was suddenly irresistibly comic.

By the time the women came out to see what had happened, the five men sprawled helpless on the ground as their hysterical laughter rose louder and higher.

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Cooking With Wine, continued



Their father turned without a word and stumped back into his fernery still clutching the duck.

The women, with knowing glances at the empties hustled and scolded the men into the house.

Their mother cooked the duck the following evening, but Aussie the brother still living home, reported the flavour didn't come through after all. So it really was a waste of good booze. It was sad about old Scot of course, but too much alcohol was a pleasant way to go.

"After all, Pop," Lester pointed out. "He was getting to the stage where you would have had to waste a bullet on him and you know you were too soft hearted to do it."

His father snorted. The subject was dropped. They all decided later that old Pop had no sense of humour, and the day the ducks got drunk went down in the annals of family legend.

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CWA CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION

The CWA Bass Group is holding its annual Creative Arts Exhibition in Loch once more. This year's 63rd Annual Exhibition will again be held in the Public Hall at 11 Smith Street Loch. Mark the weekend of the 8th and 9th of April on your calendar and look forward to a wonderful display and some exciting activities. Displays include members' cooking, preserves, needlework, knitting, crochet, flora and photography.

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even those who just want to sit and eat our famous scones with jam and cream. Craft demonstrations include tatting knitted socks, rug making, art, crochet, spinning, felting and cooking. More information will be available on Facebook, or from Craft Convenor Annie Graham on 5678 8037.

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 4pm Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of April. Admission is \$5 adults, children with adults free. Morning/afternoon teas and light lunches available. Hope to see you there.

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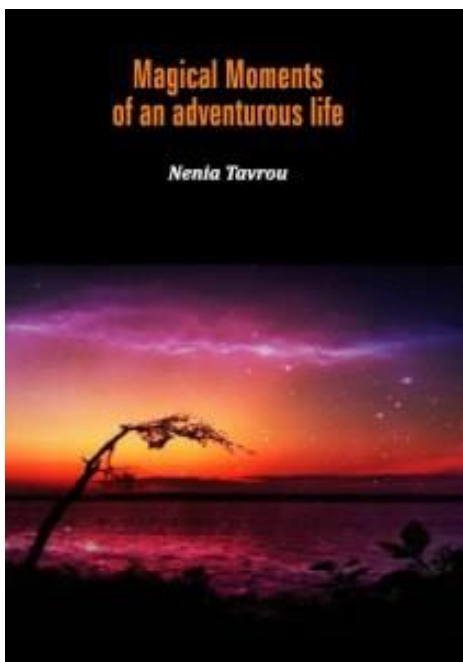
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Book Reviews

Magical Moments of an adventurous life by Nenia Tavrou



Someone once said each of us has a book in us.

FAWVic member Nenia Tavrou proves this and more. An 'ordinary person', she has a big heart and a great sense of adventure and is always looking for challenging things to do. Typically, she sets herself a goal, often with a strong religious motivation behind it, and goes out and achieves it.

In 'Magical Moments of an adventurous life' Nenia Tavrou divided her adventures into geographical sections. The Africa section covers Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya and Malawi, and there are also sections on Australia, Cambodia, China, India, Israel, Myanmar, South America which includes Bolivia, Peru and Argentina, and Vanuatu. Whether Nenia Tavrou relates being kissed by a giraffe, eating a tarantula or defusing a tense situation during a meeting with a just-released prisoner to whom she'd been writing in gaol, it's always of interest. Throughout her book the threads that unify her stories and poems are her sense of humour, her love of people, of adventure and of life and her religious beliefs.

A story such as 'African Security Guard' shows how fortunate we are to live in a

country like Australia. The guard, who worked at a hotel where Nenia Tavrou and her husband Neil were staying, tells how he worked 16 hours a day seven days a week from 4 pm until 8 am and often worked longer. To explain why, Nenia Tavrou uses his own words: 'I'm never sure of the time and I want to make sure my boss doesn't have anything to complain about. So I work extra to avoid any hassles. You see, I need this job.'

Nenia went straight out and bought him a watch. Also, because he wanted them to meet his wife and family, Nenia and her husband drove him home, not to his sleeping quarters, an hour's walk from his job, but to his village 30 km away. The guard had seen his family only twice in the eight months he'd been working at the hotel.

The Australians were so moved by the situation they bought a supply of basic provisions for the family before they left. The following morning they found the guard had said thank you to them in a very practical way, a way which cost him time, energy and ingenuity, but not money as he had none. As Nenia Tavrou wrote: He thought we had touched his life, but looking back, he, with the little he had, had blessed us so much more.

If you enjoy reading entertaining books by 'ordinary people doing adventurous things', this is one for you.

'Magical Moments of an adventurous life',



2015 is available for \$19.95 including P&H by emailing Nenia :

nenia1@bigpond.com

Meryl Brown Tobin

Poem on My Book

Nenia Tavrou

At 15, I'm embarrassed
After Op I've got no hair
Causing many others
To stop and to stare

In Israel, with a camel
I gave mouth to mouth
To get to its knees
At my level, down south

In Cambodia, a spider
Of which I would learn
Was a delectable feed
But which made my gut churn

I encountered a giant
While in Phnom Penh
As everyone does, now and again

In Burma I fought
An elephant in zoo
It gave me a fright
And I thought I was through

I've peed with the cockroaches
In an African 'loo'
Well one has to go
So what can one do?

Was kissed and was tongued
On the first day away
So with my new boyfriend
What did hubby say?

I escaped a prisoner
My life isn't a bore
And within this book
Is so much, much more!

This is a good advertisement for Nenia's book. Each different verse cleverly highlights one of the adventures.

Nenia's attitude is to enjoy herself helping others and the reader can follow her through Israel, China, Cambodia, India, Kenya, Rwanda and Congo (not exactly seaside resorts) doing just that. The book is well-written. Some of it is in verse and it is characterized by the author's compassion for those she meets on the journey.

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The Hub will provide a range of new health and medical services in a state-of-the-art building. More importantly, it will become part of the Wonthaggi Hospital network and will expand as the demand for health services on Phillip Island increases.

I congratulate the Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group for their tireless commitment to improving access to health facilities on the Island.

I will continue to work with the community and the Victorian Government to deliver additional services to the Bass Coast region. In the Health Portfolio, we have had a busy month. We have announced subsidised access to new ovarian and lung cancer drugs, Olaparib and Ceritinib.

These drugs, which would otherwise cost more than \$100,000 per course of treatment, are now available for just \$6.30 for concessional patients and \$38.80 for general patients.

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It was a pleasure to compete in the 32nd annual San Remo Channel Challenge. The community spirit of this event is incredible and keeps competitors coming back year after year. Once again, I failed to win either the run or the swim leg of the race but it's the participation that counts.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the event and thank you to the organisers and volunteers for putting on another fabulous race.

I am delighted to see the new Phillip Island Health and Medical Hub taking shape, with the tender process now underway.

At the completion of this process, the final \$2 million Federal Government contribution will be transferred to Victoria for the development of the Hub at Cowes.

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FISHING with Craig Edmonds



Fishing has been all over the place again over the last couple of weeks. Inconsistency has been the reports from those who had fished several days last week. One customer told me he bagged out on whiting one morning, two fish the next day then nothing in 2 trips then not quite bagging out but a good bag of fish the next time, all in the same area.

The best of the whiting reports last week have come from the Cowes side of the bay, especially from the kayaks off Ventnor. Those fishing Cleeland Bight for whiting fished early and had better luck as the tide change got closer to daylight. They said the fish were good size but everyone both in Cleeland Bight and Dickies Bay said they managed a good feed but not huge numbers. Pinkies were swimming in the whiting areas this week with almost everyone reporting whiting catching a handful of pinkies as well. The pinkies with the whiting were small and plenty of undersized ones and only the odd one worth taking home. There were some good pinkies reported last week with the best reports coming from people visiting and fishing middle of the day or tides, not when you would expect to get them.

The best of the catches came from the channel edges or places you would normally target bigger snapper, Elizabeth island and the deeper water off Rhyll. Those who fished on the corals found a few smaller pinkies but were kept busy with undersized flathead and gummies. We had several reported around the 40cm mark and customers said they thought they almost looked like new fish. Maybe a second run of snapper which after the reports from this season wouldn't surprise me. If you are after the bigger pinkies from the reports this week target your deeper snapper areas and channel edges.

Gummies are always a by-product of snapper or it can be the other way around but it's not unusual to land both in one session.

Gummies last week followed the pinkies and the better ones came from the deeper areas with plenty of very small ones from the corals and shallow areas.

We saw some good gummies from Cowes and Rhyll jetties as well last week but before you get too excited, they were caught at the end of all night sessions so time and patients in needed.

To continue with the unusual reports last week, one of the best spots for calamari has been off the Rhyll jetty, maybe why the gummies have been there. For some reason San Remo jetty has gone very quiet, even when things are considered perfect for catching them with tide and light. The boats are a little better but no one is catching their bag and it's been hard work in all the usual bay spots.

Offshore was a little better it was just the problem of getting through the cove to get to anything else.



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(Right) Keith Smith is remembered by many as a keen whiting fisherman.



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Buying Gardening Tools - Part 4



Garden trowel

What is a garden trowel you might ask? Isn't that a picture of a hand shovel? Well, it all depends! I actually had a hard time naming this tool because if there is a garden tool that has many names then what I've grown up calling a little shovel is it! Hand shovel, trowel, little shovel, little spade, digger— these are just a few of the various names.

However what they all have in common is that they refer to one of the most important tools in a gardeners shed.

Whether it be digging up weeds or planting new plants, you won't get too far without using a hand shovel.

The garden trowel pictured is clearly quite old. Whoever bought it, chose well and looks to have gotten many good years use out of it.

What to look for in a garden trowel

What makes a good garden trowel? What should you be looking for when you go down to your local gardening tools shop to purchase a hand shovel?

Does it really matter which one you buy?

There are basically only two parts to a hand shovel, the handle and the blade and both are very important considerations when looking to buy a trowel. Many people go out and buy a cheap garden trowel, take it home, start digging, and find that the blade is as malleable as the soil they are digging in. Though a garden trowel with a warped blade can usually still do the job, it isn't nearly as efficient.

To ensure a long lasting trowel blade make sure you buy a trowel with a blade made of metal, not plastic. Steel blades are the best, but I have had some success with blades made of an aluminium alloy. This all depends on the composition of aluminium to alloy. What I do to test them is: I place a little force on the blade to see how strong it feels. Be careful obviously because you don't want it to actually bend in the store; you can usually get a feel for the strength of the blade without actually damaging it.

Of course, if it does feel like the blade would bend easily from the small force you are placing on it, imagine what some tough soil or a root could do?

When it comes to the handle it is all about comfort. You will likely spend many an hour in the garden with your trusty garden trowel in hand; you want it to be comfortable. This also takes into account why you shouldn't buy a trowel with a plastic handle. It isn't very strong and they don't tend to be high on the comfort stakes. A good rubber coated metal handle is what I find to be best, though there are a few other coverings to metal handles you might find and they are normally ok as well. Try and find a trowel that has grooves in place for your fingers and check that the grooves match your hand. Having said this, some people prefer a handle without grooves. The key here is choosing one that feels comfortable to you.

Cost of a garden trowel

As far as cost goes, the best trowel I have ever had actually only cost \$10. Trowels are one tool that many people have had luck with at cheap prices. As per usual though, spending more around that \$30-\$50 price range will increase your chances of your chosen garden trowel lasting your lifetime, but if you find a cheap trowel that passes all the above tests, buy it!

What exactly is a spade?

A spade generally has a relatively flat blade. Spades usually have straight edges and also usually have shorter handles than shovels. Spades are better suited to moving things like soil, sand, and mulch than they are to digging. This sometimes seems counter-intuitive because a spade's blade is generally smaller than a shovel and you would think bigger blade equals better moving capacity. The problem with this is sometimes moving bigger piles means more strain. Small handles and a smaller blade allow for more efficient moving, causing you to tire slower and lessen the risk of injury. Spades are also good for defining edges given that most spades have a straight blade.

What exactly is a shovel?

A shovel usually has a longer handle, though short handle varieties are available. Shovels usually have a rounded or pointed blade, though the square blade shovel is growing in popularity. Shovel blades are generally wider than a spade and are capable of moving more soil in one go, but, as mentioned before, this isn't necessarily always good. Shovels are the tool of choice for digging deep holes, hence the long handles. This is also the main reason behind having a larger blade.

Which one to buy first?

Different gardeners will recommend different things but my recommendation is to buy a spade first. Spades tend to be more versatile than shovels and are easier to use in tight spaces. Also, unless you plan to dig holes a metre or deeper, a spade will do the job for you. Shovels are more specialised tools, spades more general.

Cost of spades and shovels

If there is one tool that I recommend you splurge a bit on, it is when you buy a spade and/or a shovel. This is one tool that you really want to be purchasing for life. I grew up using the same spade that my Dad bought at a young age. He still owns and uses that spade today. Spades and shovels are one of the most commonly used tools and the jobs they are used for are almost always heavy duty. It is for this reason you want a solid spade or shovel without even the smallest bit of plastic.

When shopping, look for good quality steel or carbon fibre-strengthened spades and shovels. Check anywhere there is a joint. Try flexing the handle and ascertaining where you think weak spots might be and how weak they appear under just a small amount of strain.

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