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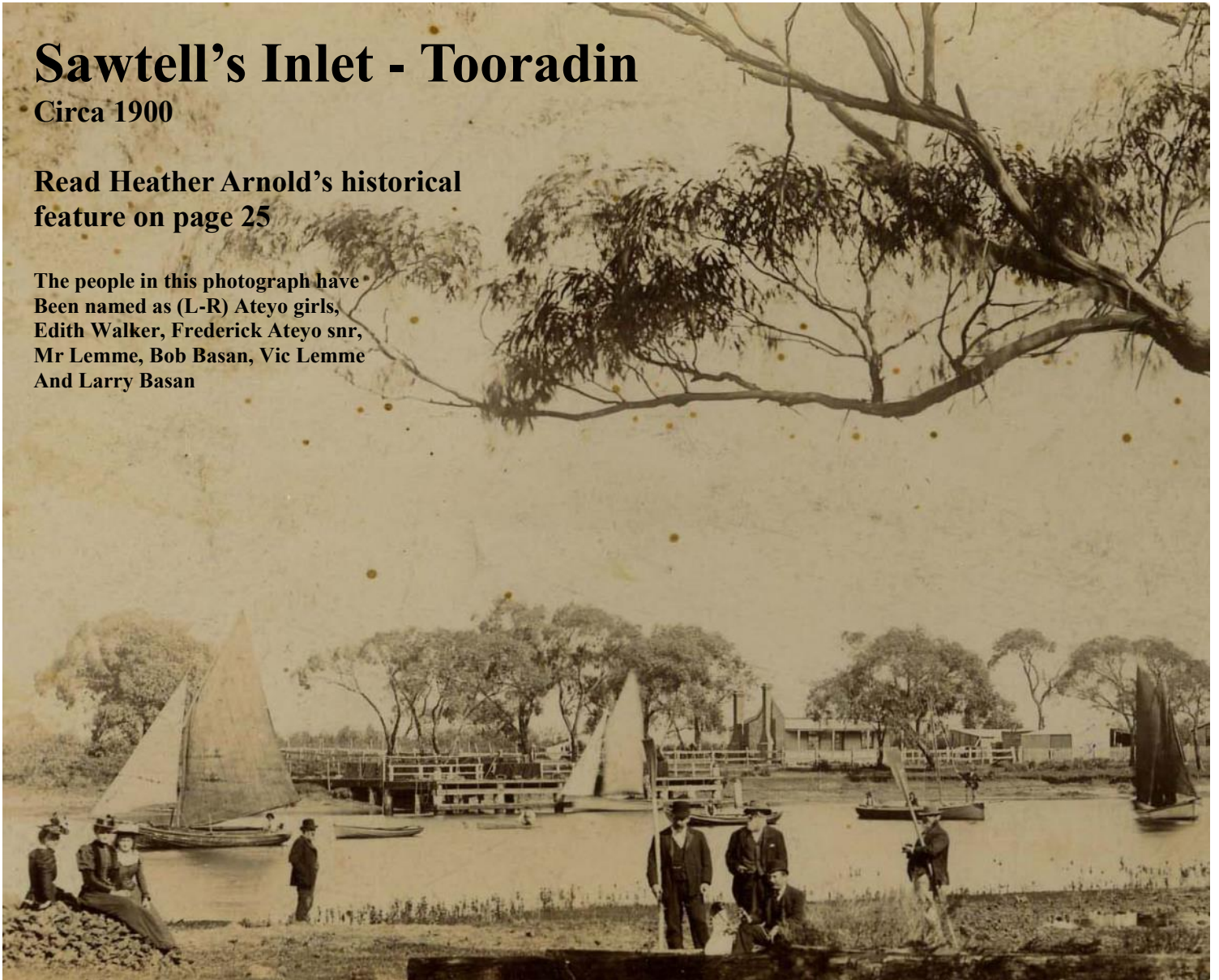
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Sawtell's Inlet - Tooradin

Circa 1900

Read Heather Arnold's historical feature on page 25

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President. Lyndell Parker.

Vice President. Peter Tait.

Secretary. David Laing.

Assistant Secretary. Wayne Maschette.

Treasurer. Michael Kelzke.

General Committee Members.

Brian Lloyd and Jackie Tait.

The year has raced away, yet again..... And Christmas is approaching swiftly! Of course to Corinella that means the Black Swans are back with us, as well as a myriad of other bird life who grace our shores for the warmer months, and lots of visitors and boaters coming to enjoy, and share in our wonderful small town.

The CRRA is coming into a very busy time of year, with lots of activities happening for the community to share in and enjoy. If you like singing Christmas Carols, we are again holding a very traditional! Family "CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT"

At the Rotunda on the Foreshore, if you ask anyone who attended last year, they will tell you it was a fabulous, fun, magical night..... and we can promise you it will be even better this year. Father Christmas will be paying us a call, and there will be glow candles to purchase for the kids. So put Friday the 16th of December, on your calendarbring your own food, drinks, blanket, chairs etc . Singing will commence at 8pm til late (last year no one wanted to go home!!!!)

TWILIGHT CAR BOOT SALE

Bigger and better than last year, we will be having colour LED signs out on the highway advertising the event to ensure we

get a really good crowd through, to make it good for both sellers and buyers, part of the proceeds will be going to support the Bass Valley Children's Centre....again get out the Calender and put in Wednesday, January 18, 5pm til 8pm. Sausage sizzle and drinks will be available at great prices!

Venue....Harold Hughes Park. Corinella. **AUSTRALIA DAY FUN** at the Rotunda, again we will be having a fabulous day with free Jumping Castle etc for the kids, free sausage sizzle, bring your own drinks and chairs and be prepared to have a great day celebrating this wonderful country we live in, and call home. Lots of good old fashioned Aussie music to get the mood happening, it is such a fantastic time to celebrate all things Australian. Thursday the 26th of January from 11 am. Our last Special General Meeting for the year will be held on Saturday the 3rd of December, at the Community Centre, Balcombe Street entrance. New members and visitors are very welcome, it is a great opportunity to make new acquaintances, especially if you are new in town. 10 am to 12 noon, followed by tea, coffee and Christmas Cake.

Hope to see you there,

Lyndell Parker. President.

Welcome to the November edition, our second last edition for 2016. Distribution of the December edition is scheduled for the third Thursday as usual, which is December 15.

So get your thinking caps on about dates and timing of any community events that you are involved with and make sure we have the details by December 1, at the latest.

I noticed three or four community events happening over the last month, details of which had not been sent to us for publication and had another three, at least where details were sent a week before the event, in between editions.

The Waterline News will be published in January 2017, as in the last two years, with distribution planned for Thursday, January 19, with the deadline, December 30.

Once again space has been my perennial enemy and a number of contributions have been held over until December.

Congratulations, in particular to our growing band of writers and poets, your recent contributions have been outstanding.

Roger Clark, Editor.

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CORONET BAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



2016 Committee:

President Kevin Brown
Secretary Stephanie Hartridge
Treasurer Mel Gratton
General Committee Members

No Report this month

PIONEER BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION



Contact

Zena Benbow
pbpa@bigpond.com

The new executive has brought all outstanding governance matters back 'in check. Three designs being drawn at the moment to take back to the community for consultation re 'fit for purpose' community space, including toilet block.

Request for business sponsors have been emailed out for Australia Day 2017. Meetings back to monthly (with the warmer nights) - November 22nd is the next one. 58 Sonia Cres Pioneer Bay 7.30pm ALL WELCOME

Zena Benbow

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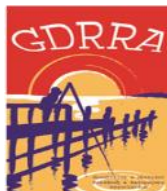
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Area Supervisor Levinus Van Der Nuet
Fund Raising Bianca Peters.

No report this month

2016 Committee

President (acting) Helen Zervopoulos

Vice President Kat Cox

Secretary Kathy Hopkins

Treasurer Sylvia Harris

General Members Chris Cox,

Membership Fees: \$10 single - \$20 family

Our next General Meeting will be on Friday

November 25, at 7.30pm. Jessica Wilson

and Jeannie Haughton will be attending

meeting to give an update on the Art Project

'The Edge of Us'. Come along 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.

Kathy Hopkins, Secretary 0439 000 148



President: Jean Coffey 0419 500 593

Secretary: David Pearce 0401 514 339

All Tenby Point residents are welcome to join. We meet quarterly on Saturday mornings.

Our final meeting for 2016 will be a Christmas lunch on Saturday November 26,

All Tenby Point residents, including non-

members, are very welcome. Details will

be in the next newsletter which will be

distributed shortly.

David Pearce



**Grantville & District
Foreshore Committee of Management**

Contact: Kat Cox 0422 172 994

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

No report this month



Coronet Bay Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact: Ivan Bradshaw -


5678 0663 - 0414345754

Chairperson. Dan Leskie.

Vice Chairperson Julie Cameron.

Secretary Pauline Hiscock.

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.



Send us your details
Deadline - 1st of each month.
Distribute 3rd Thursday
To ensure your message gets out there, make sure you get in before the deadline.

PITBA SAN REMO/PHILLIP ISLAND ART TRAIL JUNE 2017

The Art Trail Committee, comprising members of PITBA and ASPI are already planning next year's event which will take place from Queen's Birthday weekend through to the following weekend. To assist with forward planning, the Committee is calling for preliminary expressions of interest from local artists who would like to have their work displayed in local business venues.

The Committee would also like to hear from an artist who would be generous enough to donate an original artwork as a prize to be awarded to a member of the public who follows the art trail. This year's prize was donated by the local sculptor DAK.

Please forward all expressions of interest as soon as you can to Maxine Sando:

msando@pirsl.com.au

Winner of the Winter Arts Trail June 2016.

The sculpture was created and donated by DAK and is called 'A Frame Peak'.



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website: www.kooweeruphospital.net.au

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Saturday 19th October, 10am - 1pm,
Topic: **Garden Sustainability**
Create wicking beds, rain and vertical gardens, improve your soil, keep chooks
Bookings essential: Brian 5997 9687
Hewitt Eco House, 215 Rossiter Road.



Last month KRHS celebrated 'Aged Care Week' with treats for everyone.

THE HUB

The Hub is a free, informal and confidential health service available to all young people aged 10 to 25. Helping youth to take an active role in the care of their health.

Phone Brian 5997 9687

Every Wednesday 12.00 - 4.30pm
215 Rossiter Road, KWR

KRHS Volunteer program

is expanding to take in a variety of volunteering opportunities, you can apply to assist in the following areas: Administration, Auditing, Consumer Advisory Committee involvement and gardening. Please feel free to call Maria to discuss further on 5997 9792 (Wed & Thurs).



Community Notes

BASS COAST STROLLERS
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Bass Coast region of Victoria.

Bass Coast



Strollers
Contact
Liz Hart
5678 0346

<http://basscoaststrollers.org/>

**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
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South Gippsland Support After Suicide is a new initiative
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Our monthly support group meetings
will be held on Thursday mornings at the
Grantville Transaction Centre
Corner Bass Highway and Pier Road, Grantville

Dates
18 August 15 September
20 October 17 November
15 December 19 January
from 10am-12pm

These meetings will be hosted by trained volunteers who have
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Friday 25th Nov 5-8pm

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Contact Janine on 0457 834 960

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12.00 - 4.30pm

Live Music, Market Stalls,
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Local Primary &
Secondary School Bands

Free Event

Koo Wee Rup Community Garden
215 Rossiter Road, KWR
Contact: Maria Canty 5997 9792



Send us your Community Group
Notices by **1st each month**
editor@waterlinenews.com.au

Community Directory

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

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

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

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

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

Bass Friends of the RSL
Secretary Janet Welch 0411 446 129

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

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

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

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

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

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

Corinella Foreshore Committee
Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

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

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

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

Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary
Contact - Shelly 0417 593 497

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

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

Grantville & District Foreshore Committee
Roger Hayhurst 0416 061 400

Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee
Pat Van 5997 6221

Grantville Tennis Club Inc.
Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

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

Lang Lang Playgroup
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Lang Lang Community Centre \$2 per child
Contact Crystal 0473 077 125

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

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

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

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

Pioneer Bay Progress Association
Zena Benbow pbpa@bigpond.com

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

St Pauls Anglican Church Bass
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Rev Greg Magee 5952 2608

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1st Sunday each month 11.00am
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Saturday 9am- 12.30pm

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

The Probus Club of San Remo
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Vicki 5678 8734



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30+ stalls

Enquiries: Jane 0408 619 182



1st Saturday

Archies Creek Indoor Market

Community Hall

Enquiries: info@archiescreek.com

2nd Saturday

Coal Creek Farmers' Market

Coal Creek Community Park 8am - 12.30pm

50+ stalls
coalcreekfm@hotmail.com

Contact for information 0459 629 000

Cowes Island Craft Market

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

Contact for further details 0412 710 276

4th Saturday

Churchill Island Farmers' Market

40+ stalls. 8am - 1pm

peter@rfm.net.au

Further Information 0439 364 760

Cowes Market on Chapel

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

Further information-contact 0428 603 043

1st Sunday

Jumbunna Bush Market

Jumbunna Hall

Further information, phone 5657 3253

2nd Sunday

Koowe Community Market

Cochrane Park, Rossiter Rd 8am - 1.30pm

Indoor/outdoor Phone 0418 289 847

Email: info@kooweemarket.com.au

Rotary Club Market Wonthaggi

Apex Park 8am - 1pm, 50+ stalls

Walk to nearby Make it - Bake it Market

Contact: Neville Goodwin 5672 7245

Garry Sherrick 5672 5812

Loch Lions Village Market

May - Sept Loch Public Hall

Oct - April Loch Railway Station Park

70 + stalls

Information from Noel Gregg 5627 5576

Market day phone 0418 500 520

3rd Sunday

Inverloch Farmers Market

The Glade, Esplanade, 8am - 1pm

50+ stalls

Information: peter@rfm.net.au

Phone 0439 364 760

Tooradin Sunday Market

9am - 1pm

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

All Market Enquiries: 0429 188 280

4th Sunday (Weather Permitting)

Grantville Variety Market

Grantville Recreation Reserve

Bass Highway, Ample parking.

Weather permitting, Except December which is the third Sunday.

8am - 2pm 100+ stalls

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

Contact for further details 5997 6221

Last Sunday of each month

Inverloch Community Farmers' Market

The Glade, Esplanade, 50+ stalls

Fresh produce grown and made in Gippsland.

Email:

info@inverlochfarmersmarket.com.au

Phone 0417 370 488

2nd Friday and Saturday each month

San Remo Cuppa and Chat Market

St. Augustine's Church

Marine Parade San Remo

Hosts a Cuppa and Chat Market every

month on a Friday and Saturday.

Friday 9am - 1pm

Saturday 9am - 12noon

10+ stalls

Bric a brac, cakes, & jams Friday, plus a sausage sizzle on Saturdays.

Further Information: 5678 5386

OP SHOPS

Bass

Bass Valley Community Group

Hadden House Op Shop

Next to Bass Hall, Bass School Road

Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm

Saturday 10am - 2pm

Phone Enquiries 5678 2277

Corinella

St George's Anglican Church Op Shop

Smythe Street Corinella, next to Church

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

10am - 2.00pm

Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Grantville

Bass Coast Community Baptist Church Op Shop

Bass Highway, Grantville

Open Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm

Saturday 10am - 1.30pm

Phone 5678 8625

Lang Lang

Lang Lang Community Op Shop

12 Westernport Road

Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

Nyora

At the Nyora Station

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Enquiries to Sylvia, Phone 5659 0089

San Remo

Bass Coast Community Health Op Shop

Back Beach Road.

Opening times and all enquiries to Bass

Coast Health on 5671 9200 or Email:

info@basscoasthealth.org.au

Community Halls for Hire

Archies Creek

Mez Oldham

0415 445 215

Bass Valley

5678 2277

Corinella Paula Clarke 0418 441 046

Coronet Bay Peter Thick 0429 851 004

Dalyston Dorothy Slade 5678 7334

Grantville Pat Van 5997 6221

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THE GROW LIGHTLY FOOD HUB

We also have a Food Hub just on the outskirts of the Korumburra Coal Creek Heritage Park. We are open Friday (10 to 4) Saturday (10 to 3), Sunday (10 to 1) and you can buy fresh produce and a large range of other local produced goods, including bread, milk, cream, honey, bulk olive oil, frozen berries, jams and preserves.

HOW GROW LIGHTLY IS ORGANISED

Grow Lightly is run by volunteers and is managed as a not-for-profit company. We are proud to serve only produce that is grown within 50kms of Korumburra. You can enjoy a cup of coffee or a specialty tea whenever the shop is open.

If you have surplus produce from your garden or farm which is grown organically you could sell to Grow Lightly.

If you would like to help out at the Food Hub as a volunteer let us know.



GETTING IN TOUCH

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More Community News



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Spring
Summer 2016

Who are we?

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

What we've got instore for the next two months:

Understanding Gender Diversity:

12.30 -2.00pm Thursday 17th November. Community Lunch with Guest Speaker. The world is changing and sometimes it's hard to keep up with or understand new terms relating to the human condition. Join Sally Conning, educator and advocate as she takes you on the journey of her own transition and share insights on the complex world of gender diversity. Light lunch provided. Please book.

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Tai Chi:

We have two groups, one for beginners on Thursday's, 10.30 – 11.30am and an Arthritis group on Tuesday's 1.30 – 2.15pm, we also have Meditation Practice on Tuesday's 12.30 – 1.15. If you're interested come along or for more information call the 'House' 5672 3731.

Spring Summer Pop Up Lunch:

12.30 – 1.30pm 30/11. Join us for a delicious light lunch (using some produce from our Community Garden) and friendly conversation.

Harvest Garden:

If you're interested in growing your own fresh healthy food and sharing gardening ideas and skills with others, then join the garden group's weekly get together, Wednesday's 10.00am – 12.00pm.

We also have a seed and Veggie produce swap, 9.30 – 11.30, 12th Nov and 10th Dec.

Christmas Card making projects:

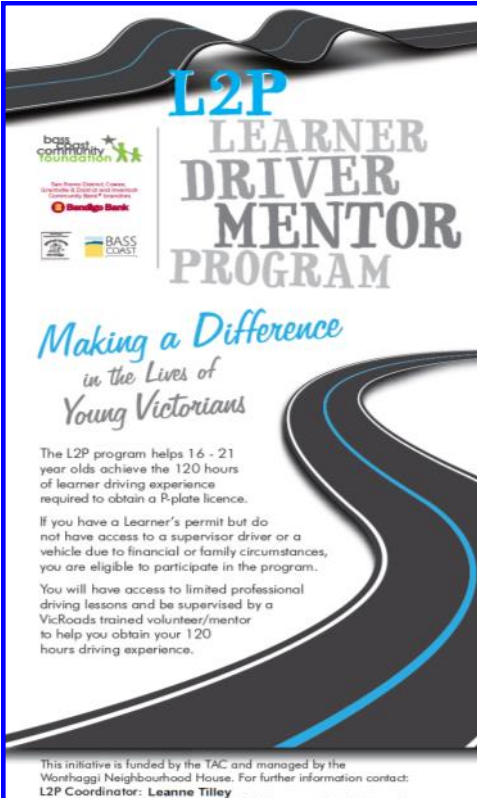
Tuesday Evening 8th Nov, 6.30 – 9.30pm and Tuesday, 15th Nov, 12.30 – 3.30pm.

Some other activities are:

Canasta Club, On Trak Men's Social Group, Not Dead Yet Club, Home Schooling Club and many more.

On December 16 before we break up for the School holiday's on the 20th we have our Christmas Celebrations Party. We'd love to share some delicious mince pies, mulled wine and Happy Christmas Cheer with you! Drop in between 11am and 12noon.

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CFA NEWS
With
Michele Fulwell

It's been a busy few weeks in our area with brigades assisting at the Coronet Bay Fun Run, the Grantville Market and still to come Dream Night at the Zoo at Maru Craft. This time of year is also busy as we prepare for the summer months. Kernot-Grantville Brigade is busy with extra training to make the most of our Big Fill that allows us to fill multiple tankers at once and the focus is more on bushfire.

PREPARING FOR SUMMER

After last year's fires I'm sure most people in our area are aware Grantville is assessed as having a VERY HIGH bushfire risk while The Gurdies is assessed as having an EXTREME bushfire risk. For residents this means you should already be working on your summer preparation and your fire plans. Even if you aren't in these areas you should be tidying your property and preparing a fire plan.

Use CFA's Vegetation Clearing Tool (<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/vegetation-clearing-tool/>) to see if your area is covered by the 10/30 or 10/50 rule and check with the shire before clearing. Then maintain the minimum clear area around your home. This includes making sure things like wood for your wood heater are stored well away from the house.

If all this tidying up leaves you with a pile of green waste remember you can take it along to the tip for free until 14th December!!!

Preparation for summer isn't limited to tidying the block. Most of us enjoy a BBQ as the weather warms up and it's essential before firing up the barbie for summer that the gas bottle is inspected for rust and replaced if rust is present, that the hose is checked to make sure it is intact and the connections are tight. If the bottle has not been officially checked for 10 years it should be replaced.

COMING UP

With Christmas not far away many brigades including Kernot-Grantville and Corinella having been speaking with Santa's Elves about the possibility of a visit and ride on the fire trucks this year. So far it is looking good so keep a look out for Facebook Posts and Flyers to see when Santa will be riding a fire truck in your area!!!!

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LETTERS - HEALTH NEWS



I have a charity called Australia Healthy Mission and I am passionate about the health of the people.

I am a natural health researcher and my aim is to educate the people in preventative health as far too many of us are succumbing to ill health, especially our children.

I have over 25 years of knowledge to share in the field of natural medicine.

One in two people in this country will fall victim to cancer this year with the forecast looking grimmer.

I truly believe that education is the key to good health as the people have the right to choice. I liaise with the good doctors and scientists through out the world and bring the most advanced knowledge to whom ever wants to listen.

I would welcome an editorial on the work I do and I am actively seeking a venue to give my talks.

One's Health is one's Wealth.

We have moved into Corinella only 3 months ago. Took us 2 years to find this gem of a place in the beautiful Bass coast.

Good health.

Ella Hayes.

If you are a member of a community group and are interested in assisting Ella with a venue to give her talks, why not give her a call.

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Thefts from motor cars were markedly down last month – due mainly to owners heeding our constant reminders about locking their vehicles.

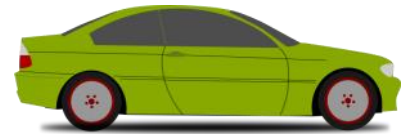
Recently however, an owner left her vehicle in Wentworth Avenue during daylight hours.

An offender removed the numberplates from the vehicle.

Those plates were later used in a theft of petrol from Liberty Service Station in Wonthaggi.

A reminder that 'anti-theft number plate screws' are still available at the Wonthaggi Police Station.

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Community Centre News

BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP Inc.

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



Readers of news from the Bass Valley Community Centre in the Waterline News would be acquainted with the Bass Valley Community Centre's Friendship Club. We are always on the lookout for new members. We recently visited the French View Caravan Park in Grantville to encourage people there who might be interested in joining. The Friendship Club operates with the support of the Commonwealth Government's Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP). Anyone who is interested can look on the Federal Government's MyAgedCare website and see contacts for our service. The CHSP is one of the changes being made by the Australian Government to the aged care system to help older people stay independent and in their homes and communities for longer. The CHSP is one consolidated programme providing entry-level home support for older people who need assistance to keep living independently. The CHSP also sets the standards for the operation of the Friendship Club. It sets measures like the ratio of staff to clients and establishes the amount of hours of service to be delivered, related to the amount of funding supporting the service.

And now we are about to have an audit from them of our service, on 22nd November. Every three years we have to demonstrate that we are doing everything properly. Can we show that all the staff and volunteers have Police Checks? Do we have appropriate policies set by our Committee to respond to matters such as OH&S or expected conduct of staff and volunteers? Do we have well-displayed plans of how to leave the buildings in case of emergency? Do we have a process whereby complaints about the service can be made? What do we do if there's an accident? And a lot of other matters besides.

It can sometimes seem that there is a lot of bureaucratic process that we have to go through. However when we look at some of the horrific things that can happen to vulnerable people who are depending on others for support, it can also seem that there can never be enough regulations. We'll let you know how we go with the audit. As always, if you know of someone who might benefit from our services, please give us a ring on 5678 2277.



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

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...so they need lots of helpers ☺☺☺☺☺☺

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

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Bass Valley Children's Centre
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Corinella and District Community Centre



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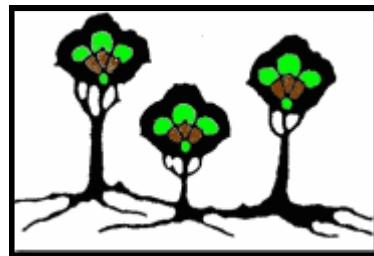
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COELIAC DISEASE AND GLUTEN SENSITIVITY

Summary

- Correct diagnosis can only be made by gastroscopy.
- Coeliac disease is an autoimmune disease where the immune system reacts abnormally to gluten.
- For people with coeliac disease, even small amounts of gluten can damage the lining of the small intestine (bowel), which prevents the proper absorption of food nutrients.
- Damage can occur to the small intestine even when there are no symptoms.
- There is no cure, but coeliac disease can be managed by a lifelong gluten free diet.
- A person with coeliac disease can still have a nutritious, balanced and varied diet.

Coeliac disease (pronounced SEE-lee-ak) is a significant medical condition that can cause serious problems if it is not diagnosed and treated properly. It affects the small intestine – the part of the digestive system responsible for absorbing nutrients. In a person with coeliac disease, the lining of the small intestine is damaged by gluten, which is a protein in wheat, rye, barley, triticale (a hybrid of rye and wheat) and oats. It also causes inflammation in other parts of the body.

Malnutrition, osteoporosis, depression, infertility and a small (but real) increased risk of certain forms of cancer, such as lymphoma of the small bowel, are just some of the problems that can develop if coeliac disease is left untreated.

Coeliac disease affects approximately one in 70 Australians.

Even small amounts of gluten can cause harm to someone with coeliac disease. The only treatment is to avoid all gluten-containing foods. This allows the bowel lining to recover. This strict attention to diet must be lifelong.

Damage to the small intestine from coeliac disease

The normal lining of the small intestine (also called the small bowel) is covered with tiny, finger-like projections called villi.

The cells on villi break down and absorb nutrients in food. In a person with coeliac disease, the mucosa (lining) of the small intestine is damaged. This causes inflammation of the villi, referred to as villous atrophy.

The surface area, which enables the

absorption of nutrients and minerals, is seriously reduced and this can lead to nutritional deficiencies.

Symptoms of coeliac disease

The symptoms of coeliac disease can range from severe to minor or atypical, and may even go undetected. Some symptoms can be wrongly confused with irritable bowel syndrome or a sensitivity to wheat or other food, while other symptoms may be put down to stress or getting older.

The most common symptoms in adults include:

- anaemia
- bloating and flatulence
- diarrhoea or constipation
- fatigue, weakness and lethargy
- nausea and vomiting
- stomach cramps
- weight loss – although weight gain is possible.

The most common symptoms in children include:

- abdominal pain, bloating and flatulence
- bulky, foul-smelling bowel motions
- chronic anaemia
- diarrhoea or constipation
- nausea and vomiting
- weight loss or weight gain in older children
- delayed growth or delayed puberty
- tiredness
- irritability.

Risk factors for coeliac disease

People are born with a genetic predisposition to develop coeliac disease. They inherit a particular genetic make-up (HLA type), with the genes DQ2 and DQ8 being identified as the 'coeliac genes'. One in 40 people with one or both of these genes will develop coeliac disease (many people who carry the genes will never get coeliac disease). Other genes and environmental factors also play a role.

In many cases, the condition will not have been diagnosed in other generations.

However, a first-degree relative (brother, sister, parent or child) of a person with coeliac disease has about a 10 per cent chance of also having the condition.

Diagnosis of coeliac disease

Since the symptoms of other conditions can closely mimic coeliac disease, correct diagnosis can only be made by showing that the lining of the person's bowel is damaged. Doctors will do special blood tests (coeliac serology and IgA) for an initial screening. If the results are positive, your doctor will refer you to a gastroenterologist. This specialist

will confirm the diagnosis by performing a gastroscopy – a procedure that allows tiny samples (biopsies) to be taken from your small intestine. This procedure occurs while you are under sedation and involves a slender instrument (an endoscope) being passed through your mouth into your small intestine.

Do not try to self-diagnose coeliac disease. If the blood tests and endoscopy are to be accurate, you must not put yourself on a gluten free diet beforehand. These tests are dependent on a normal gluten intake.

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Coeliac disease report, continued A gluten free diet and coeliac disease

The component of gluten that causes problems for people with coeliac disease is the prolamin fraction. The type of prolamin fraction depends on the grain, for instance:

- gliadin in wheat
- secalin in rye
- hordein in barley
- avenin in oats

A person with coeliac disease should avoid all foods that contain gluten. It is important to read the labels of all packaged or prepared foods.

Obvious foods that contain gluten include:

- bread
- breakfast cereals
- cakes
- biscuits
- pizza
- pasta
- foods crumbed or battered with wheaten breadcrumbs or batter
- pastry

But there is also a whole range of ingredients in prepared and commercial foods that can come from a gluten source. A person with coeliac disease must become 'ingredient aware'. A dietitian can give valuable guidance to suit your needs. The challenge for many people newly diagnosed with coeliac disease is to find tasty substitutes for all the foods they can no longer eat. The list of forbidden foods may seem very long, but a person with coeliac disease can still enjoy a nutritious, balanced diet with a wide range of foods by experimenting with alternative grains.

Food labelling and gluten

All packaged foods have an ingredient list printed on the label. There are four main types of suitable gluten free foods, which include:

- foods that are naturally gluten free, such as fresh fruit and vegetables and fresh, unprocessed meats
- foods carrying the Coeliac Australia Endorsement logo
- foods labelled 'gluten free'
- foods made for the general market that are gluten free by ingredient.

The product ingredient label may not list 'gluten' as a component. However, under mandatory labelling standards, all ingredients and food additives derived from wheat, rye, barley, triticale or oats must be declared on food labels.

Processing aids must also be declared if they are present in the final product.

There is an Australian Food Standard for foods labelled 'gluten free'. When foods are tested using the prescribed test, there must be 'no detectable gluten'. Currently, this test is sensitive to 0.0003 per cent (three parts per million).

Where to get help

- Your doctor
- Gastroenterologist
- Dietitians Association of Australia

Phone: 1800 812 942

Coeliac Australia Phone: 1300 458 836

Things to remember

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Sunday December 18 2pm - 5pm



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

So get along and enjoy some Christmas cheer with your fellow members and close the 2016 jazz calendar with a bang.

As usual this event will be held in the Bass Room at Ramada Resort. Entertainment is from 2 – 5pm followed by the BBQ.

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

South Gippsland Jazz Soc.
Inverloch Jazz Club



Sunday December 11

The South Gippsland Jazz Society Christmas break up. Starting at 5pm Bring your BBQ meat and salad to share Music by various groups of members

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Saturday December 3

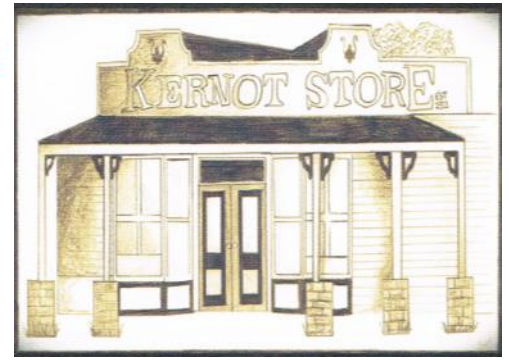
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VALE ERIC HOLROYD Part 2 Jazz Hotshot 1938-2016



Billy Paul (d), Eric Holroyd (t), Cliff Parsons (bj).

We left Eric Holroyd's story last month in April-May 1978, when he was on tour with Tom Baker's San Francisco Jazz Band.

Eric Holroyd's Triangle Jazz Band was formed in 1982 and held residencies for several years including the Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, was featured at the Sydney Opera House Boardwalk concerts and played numerous one nighters, jazz clubs and private functions.

Around this time he was also chosen to back many visiting bands, including Kenny Ball's Jazzmen, US singers Carol Leigh and Pat Yankee, cornet player Ernie Carlson and the Swedish Jazz Kings.

He also worked regularly with local groups including the Ocean City Jazz Band, the Southern Jazzmen, Graeme Bell's All Stars and the Melbourne based Society Syncopators.

He was an annual regular at the Australian Jazz Convention and won its Original Tune competition in 1988, with 'Wistful' and with 'Noalimba Breakout', in 1992.

He also provided computerised musical notation, setting the word processing for The Winners of The Australian Jazz Convention 1946 - 1998, Original Tunes Competitions!, published in 1999 by the Convention Trustees from handwritten manuscripts, compiled by cornet player, Bob Pattie, from the scrappy Competition lead sheets.

Eric compiled and self published a jazz chord book in 1980 and his revised and

updated two-volume edition is still used widely in Australia and overseas. In the early 1980's Eric left his sales day-job and became a professional musician. In November 1989 Eric and his wife Jean, became Australian citizens and during the early 1990's formed his successful Rhythm Machine group, featuring a mixture of Jazz, swing and mainstream music. For three years from late 1994 he played with Trevor Rippingale's New Wolverine Jazz Orchestra, which played tribute to the music of Bix Beiderbecke, Red Nichols, Paul Whiteman, Jean Goldkette and other jazz greats of the classic Jazz Era. He toured the American Midwest with NWJO, with acclaimed appearances in Davenport, Iowa, La Crosse, Wisconsin, Milwaukee and Chicago. He left the band in January 1998 to concentrate on his own Holroyd Hotshotz band in Sydney and worked with the Melbourne-based, Steve Waddell's Creole Bells, at Jazz Clubs, concerts and travelled with them for US tours in 1993, 1996 and 1997.

In the late 1990's he was also a guest musician with several American Festival bands, including the Devil Mountain Jazz Band.

When Jean became seriously ill in 2006, Eric devoted himself to her care and, sadly she died in January 2008.

His own health was deteriorating and he scaled down his own musical activities, busking occasionally at local markets, as a bugler at RSL events, and playing in Nursing Homes.

After four years in care, Eric died in April.



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EMERGENCY SERVICES

There is no regular police presence or ambulance service on the island. French Island has a Country Fire Authority (CFA). There is one fire engine stationed permanently on the island, next to the Community Hall on Tankerton Rd. CFA volunteers are able to respond to any kind of emergency. Calling 000 is always the best option in an emergency.

NURSE ON CALL

For non urgent health issues islanders may utilise the Department of Health's Nurse on Call service:
Nurse On Call 1300 60 60 24

AMBULANCE SERVICES

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

FIRE 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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Notices for the French Island section of The Waterline News should be sent to:
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FRIENDS OF FRENCH ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

Secretary: Meredith Sherlock. Phone 0438 077329,
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FOFI Project Days

Saturday 19 November – Tortoise Head walk
10 am ferry from Stony Point. On-island transport provided. Bring hat, water, lunch and mozzie repellent! Contact Meredith to confirm your transport.

Saturday 3 December – Western Port Wader Survey
Volunteers needed to count shorebirds, we split into 3 teams to count French Island wader roosts.

More details on: www.fofi.org.au

FRENCH ISLAND FERRY

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

The ferry departs from:

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

Fares:

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

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

The following fares apply:

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FRENCH ISLAND CRICKET CLUB - 2016 Fixtures

Date: November 12 and 19

Place: Mornington

Date: December 10 and 17

Place: French Island



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KOALA CONTROL PROGRAM Chris Chandler



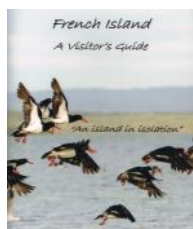
Koalas are a major attraction for visitors to French Island, however although ‘cute’, island Koalas multiply rapidly to the point of destroying the trees they depend on for food. In the past, Koala over-population was relieved by removing some from the island to other parts of Victoria; over 8800 have been taken off the island since 1923!

“French Island’s koalas are currently in good health but, without intervention, their over-abundance will affect their welfare, ruin trees and destroy native habitat,” Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) regional director Kelly Crosthwaite said. “One koala per hectare is the ideal ratio for healthy koalas, yet the island’s density is estimated at up to eight koalas a hectare, leading to severe over-browsing and loss of habitat.”

Since 2007, Parks Victoria and DELWP have been attempting to control the French Island Koala population by treating females with a fertility control insert; about 160 females have been treated each year. However, this has been insufficient to control the burgeoning population and once again, many trees are severely damaged, or have been killed by Koalas.

Recently, Parks Victoria and DELWP began a 7-week Koala control program on the island, with the aim to treat 400 female Koalas with fertility control implants. This is planned to be followed by removing several hundred animals from the island next year to a mainland site that is being trialled with 30 animals which are tracked by radio collars to monitor their health. In addition, next October another 400 females will be treated with fertility control inserts. It is hoped that these measure will reduce the population growth of Koalas on the island to a manageable level.

REFERENCE: <http://mpnews.com.au/?s=koalas+french+island&submit=Search>



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Landcare Spring Wildflower Walk Sunday 30 October



The French Island LandCare Group held its annual wildflower walk on 30 October in the forests at the north-east of the island, including The Ridge.

The day blew up windy, with threats of rain and gale force winds. It seemed likely that there would be ferry cancellations in the afternoon, so several people from the mainland decided to not to come for the walk, including the botanical guide! Never-the-less, ten islanders pressed on, eager to see what we could discover. Most of the group had never visited this part of the island before.

Our first stop on Causeway Road was to look at Mother Shield Ferns. As soon as we stepped out of the cars, we realised that we were surrounded by a colourful show of Sun-orchids flowering. This seemed curious, as it was quite overcast, although humid. So it seems that it’s not just sunshine that causes Sun-orchids to open their flowers! The next stop was at the ‘fern gully’, a remnant tree fern area under tall paperbarks. Most in the group had no idea that tree ferns grew on the island, including one over 3m tall!

The sun came out but mosquitos were particularly aggressive, so we sought a place in the breeze to stop for lunch. A suitable place was found on the track up to The Ridge, with a great view across the bay to Tooradin and Warneet. A careful look around for snakes and bull ants (none were found) revealed some magnificent Purple Beard-orchids, much to the delight of the group, many of whom had not seen one before.



LandCare members stop for lunch in a windy spot with no mosquitos!

Great splashes of purple on the firebreaks marked colonies of Flag Iris, bunches of creamy-white were Milkmaids and deep blues revealed Blue Stars. A closer look revealed smaller but no less impressive flowers of Leafless Globe-peas, Sundews, Milkworts, and Fringe Lilies. As we entered the forest, the flowers changed... more Sun-orchids, but different species now, Hop Bitter-peas were in full flower of golden yellow, patches of bright yellow Button Everlastings accompanied the track, delicate Bottle Daisies and Pink Finger Orchids required getting down on our knees with a magnifying glass, etc. We could go on! But you get the idea...

we enjoyed exploring a beautiful area, saw masses of flowers, got bitten by millions of mosquitos, but all agreed that it was an excellent walk



Pink Finger Orchid (Caladenia sp.)

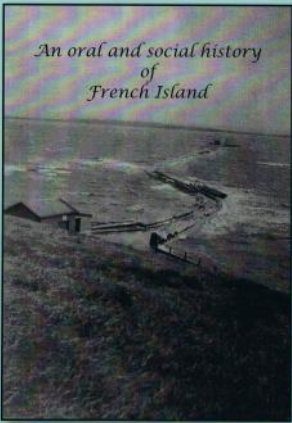
Chris Chandler.

The French Island News

BOOK REVIEW

The Forgotten Island

The Forgotten Island



Angela Borelli

The French Island community has always been hard-working, resourceful and fiercely independent. They have managed their own affairs in their own way for over 120 years, in the absence of a shire council and government services. When governments have at various times attempted to increase control over island affairs, that 'interference' has been resented and resisted.

Angela Borelli has compiled a fascinating social history of French Island, based on

interviews with 30 French Islanders (and one former prison warden from McLeod Prison on the island). Angela lets the locals tell their story, which she narrates expertly, but her voice is not heard. Her skills as a researcher and documentary film maker (for ABC and SBS) show through, as she has hunted down newspaper articles, correspondence and community documents to substantiate the oral story. There are different points-of-view and controversy, but these all form part of the rich tapestry of the modern French Island story. Angela has not shied away from controversial topics, such as the 'ferry wars' of 1980s, the conflict over Parks Victoria taking control over government land and restricting islander hunting and access, or the arrival of a new type of resident, with different ideas and ways of doing things. Reading this book, I learnt some new things about French Island history. It is well researched, an excellent read... I recommend it!

Chris Chandler

An Oral and Social History of French Island. French Island resident Angela Borelli has just published this excellent collection of memoirs and photographs, totalling almost 200 pages.

Details from Angela:

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history@waterfront.net.au

The book is also available at:

The French Island General Store

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FRENCH ISLAND POET'S CORNER

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RAIN POINT

I gasped at the wonder
That met my eyes
Had secret artist
Left calling card
Of stunning surprise?
Swirls of pinks and reds greys and blues -
Rocks painted in circular,
Amazing hues
Backlit by russet headland
Was this buried treasure
Oft hidden under
Yellow sand -
Now uncovered by
Winter storms
Revealing hand.



Paula Seymour

Smile It Looks



Good On You!

Kid Jokes

A little boy came home with his parents from church one Sunday. He seemed a little depressed, so his mother asked him if something happened in Sunday school class that he would like to talk about. He told his mother "Well, we were singing songs and the teacher made us sing about a poor bear named Gladly that needed glasses and I can't stop thinking about him. She said he was cross-eyed and I feel bad for him.

The mother couldn't understand why the teacher would teach such a song in Sunday school, so she decided to call her. To the woman's amazement, the teacher said she only taught hymns that morning. Then the teacher began laughing out loud and said to the mother, "I know what Jeffrey's talking about! We learned the hymn 'Gladly The Cross I'd Bear'".

Police Jokes

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Food

Barbecue chicken, corn and baby cos salad with ranch dressing

Neil Perry, Over 60



Delicious barbecued chook is the star of this substantial salad, complemented by homemade ranch dressing.

Instead of a whole chicken, you can do the same with butterflied spatchcocks, serving one per person. Just reduce the cooking time by about half, until the juices run clear.

Ingredients:

2kg free range chicken
extra virgin olive oil
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 corn cobs, husks and silks removed
1 avocado, cut into wedges
½ punnet cherry tomatoes, cut in half
1 baby cos lettuce, cut into wedges

For the dressing

½ tsp onion salt
½ bunch fresh chives, finely chopped
2 tbsp finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
1 tbsp finely chopped oregano
2 small cloves garlic, minced
½ cup buttermilk
½ cup mayonnaise

Method:

Take chicken from fridge 2 hours before cooking and pat dry. Cut off the neck and wing tips and remove the wishbone. Turn the chicken around and remove the parson's nose. Stand chicken up with its bottom facing you and, using a large sharp knife or kitchen scissors, cut down each side of the backbone and remove it. Flatten the chicken out on the board and season the skin with salt.

Preheat the barbecue to medium. Rub the chicken with oil and place skin side down on barbecue. Cook for about 15 minutes until skin is browning. Turn chicken over and cook for another 15 minutes. Reduce heat to lowest setting and place lid on barbecue, or cover with an upturned roasting tray. Cook for a further 15 minutes

approximately, until the juices run clear. Remove from the barbecue, cover with foil and two tea towels to help retain heat, and rest for about 15 minutes.

Cook the corn on the barbecue for 10 minutes until charred and softened. For the dressing, place all the ingredients in a bowl and gently mix together until combined. Check seasoning.

Place chicken on a chopping board and cut off the legs, then cut each leg in half at the joint where the thigh and drumstick meet. Cut the breast in half down the middle, where it looks like the meat distribution will be even. (This means the thicker part of the breast will be shorter in length to get the same amount of meat.)

Cut the grilled kernels off the corn cobs. Place in a bowl with chopped cos leaves, diced avocado and cherry tomato halves. Drizzle with ranch dressing and serve with the chicken.

TIP: If you don't want to butterfly the chicken yourself, ask your butcher to do it for you.

Shortbread

Heather Self, Over 60



Heather Self says of her recipe, "I have fond memories of cooking with my mum (who is now deceased) as a child and her favourite recipe was shortbread. I remember her letting me mix the ingredients with my little hands. It was so lovely to come home from school and smell the homemade goodies. This shortbread is so delicious and my mum had a special order once she had grandchildren because they wanted it for their school lunchboxes. I am now a nana and make it for my grandchildren. I am thankful to my mum for teaching me to cook."

For a limited time you can get 23 per cent off the Over60 cookbook, The Way Mum Made It. To order your copy and get this

recipe. <http://www.oversixty.com.au/>
Serves: 10

Ingredients:

115 g unsalted butter, at room temperature
55 g caster sugar
2 drops vanilla extract
175 g plain flour

Method:

Preheat the oven to 150°C. Grease a 20 cm round or square tin.

Combine the butter, sugar and vanilla in a bowl and beat until soft.

Mix in the flour and fold to combine.

Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and smooth the surface.

Prick all over with a fork and make 10 score lines around the shortbread. Place in the oven and bake for 1 hour, or until pale golden in colour and firm to the touch.

Place on a wire rack to cool.



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History

ROADSIDE SIGNS



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Captain John Murray in command of the "Lady Nelson" sailed into Western Port in December 1801

He anchored near Churchill Island and hurried to the gardens that had been planted six months before.

He wrote that the growth of the corn and wheat was quite remarkable and a bushel was harvested for three pairs of captured swans. He expected to see indications of the developing seal industry at Western Port but there were no signs of further habitation. While they were anchored at Elizabeth Cove (near the present site of Ventnor) two soldiers made the exciting discovery of a new source of water there by overcoming the drudgery of negotiating the narrow channels and mudflats to the Freshwater Creek at Bass. They had discovered a series of springs. Murray was enthusiastic about the water and wood supplies of the cove but he described the trees as "very small and invariable decayed" and he believed the area "would poorly pay a settler"

With haste the party levelled a pathway to roll the water butts from the spring which was not fifty yards from the seaside. Victoria's first road sign was erected there on December 19 1801! Murray wrote in his journal "I got a large board hung up at the entrance of the road to fresh well or spring on which painted in oil colours directions for any stranger how to get to where the watering place was"

Meanwhile they feasted on the bounty found in this new place. Nine large swans of 8 or 9 pounds each lots of fish, large quantities of oysters, mussels and other shell fish. The New Year "was ushered in

by splicing the main brace and three cheers"

From the archives of the Bass Valley Historical Society

Libby Skidmore, archivist

The next Dinner-meeting of the Bass Valley Historical Society will be held on Friday December 2 at 6.30pm.

New members always welcome, bookings and information from Libby Skidmore eskidmore@dcsi.net.au

Place names and their meanings

Heather Arnold

Bayles

Named after Frederick Bayles (1884-1915), the first member of the Railway Construction Branch to be killed in World War One. Frederick arrived in Melbourne in August 1913, enlisted on August 20th, 1914 and was Killed in Action at Gallipoli on May 8th, 1915. Bayles was the station on the Strzelecki line (opened June 29, 1922) for the Yallock Village settlement.

The Bayles Railway Station closed February 1959.

Blind Bight

Named because it is "blind" or hard to spot from the sea. First settlement in the town took place in 1974.

Bunyip

The Buneep Buneep cattle run was taken up by Henry Jennings in the early 1850s. The Bunyip, according to Aboriginal legend, was the "monstrous, swamp-dwelling creature with the harsh call"

Caldermeade

Calder is Gaelic for "wood by stream" and mead is a "meadow". The town was named after Archibald McMillan's property Caldermeade. The area and the railway station, which opened in February 1890, were originally known as Mac's Lane (from McMillan's Lane).

Cannons Creek

There are two suggested origins for the name of Cannon Creek, firstly that it was named for the Cannon family, early European settlers. They owned land around

current day Glenalva Parade in Cannons Creek. Blake suggests that the town may have been named after one of "several public officers of this name during the 1860s" The first permanent resident of the town was Bert Watson in 1940.

More Place names and their meanings next month

Lang Lang & District Historical Society



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

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

Fisherman's Cottage Museum Tooradin



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How sweet it is

Terri Allen July 30, 2016



Sweet bursaria. Photo: Chris Lindorff

THE summer sound of jingling in the bush heralds seed time for bursaria. Bursaria spinosa, an attractive dark green shrub to eight-metre tree, goes by a variety of names: sweet bursaria, blackthorn, native box, kurwan, Tupy or Christmas tree (the Tasmanian name as it flowers profusely on dry rocky hills at Christmas time).

Named from the Latin 'bursa', which means purse (think bursary and bursar), in reference to the seedcase shape, the seeds rattle like coins jingling in a purse.

With leaves alternate and highly variable in size (we have both large and small leaved varieties locally), spring juvenile branches and pyramids of creamy white flowers which are delicately fragrant in

spring and summer, Bursaria spinosa is widespread in Victoria and found in Tasmania, NSW, Queensland and SA. Although there are only a few isolated plants in the Heathlands, it is plentiful along the Bunurong, Inverloch foreshore and the Tarwin Lower Road.

Bursaria is in the Pittosporaceae family, along with Common appleberry, white marianth and the two local weed species, sweet pittosporum and sollya.

As well as being a beautiful plant in the garden, it is invaluable as a food source in the bush for spiders, butterflies and other insects. Its worth in shelterbelts and tree plantings is immeasurable for it attracts and feeds native wasps in summer, which then lay their eggs in nearby Christmas beetle larvae, thus preventing defoliation of neighbouring trees.

To grow from seed, refrigerate the dry seed at 2-4 degrees centigrade for three to four weeks before sowing a few to a pot in June/July (temperature 5-10 degrees) as the seed needs cold conditions to germinate.

So the next time you hear coins jingling in the bush ...

That's one smart tomato A tomato does its own thing.

Linda Gordon



IF YOU are in the habit of singing to your plants, you'd better make sure you're in tune.

It turns out they can hear you and they are more than somewhat sensitive.

Researchers at universities in Europe and the US have been testing plants' hearing,

using recordings of a caterpillar chomping leaves and the sound of water running through a pipe.

A chemical ecologist at the University of Missouri noted that the sound of a bug chomping a leaf set off a defensive, chemical reaction in the untouched plant that was "hearing" the sound.

At the International Laboratory of Plant Neurobiology in Italy, researchers discovered plants would seek out a buried pipe, through which water was flowing, even if the outside of the pipe was bone dry. Conclusion: plants could hear the water flowing in the pipe.

Some plant neurobiologists are pretty excited about recent discoveries, which point to plants behaving as if they had a "brain", while others see plants' sophisticated interactions with their environment as clever ways to compensate for being rooted to the spot.

Either way, it's a wonderful notion for a gardener to entertain: my garden plants are much smarter and more independent and resourceful than I could have imagined.

Armed with this information, I conducted a small-scale experiment in my Wonthaggi backyard, over summer.

I let a clutch of self-sown, tall tomatoes have their way. No support, no fuss, do what you like, chaps.

For organisms rooted to the ground, they sure moved. Up and over a trellis they happened across that was resting against the fence, up an apricot tree and two sturdy amaranth stalks, around the feijoa and, cleverly, they buddied up with a baby blood orange, getting plenty of water through February.

Where I would once have looked at this lot and thought I'd been a neglectful gardener, I now look with awe and respect at the tomatoes' determination to use everything in their environment to ensure they thrive. It's comforting to know that if we all disappear from our gardens tomorrow (or in the not-too-distant future), the plants will not only survive but they will be around to teach the next lot.

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On the road - places to go

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Historical Feature

A SHORT HISTORY OF TOORADIN

Heather Arnold

Some of the earliest Europeans who passed through Tooradin were Samuel Rawson and Robert Jamieson. They took up the Yallock Run, at the northern end of Western Port, in November 1839. They over landed their cattle and goods to Tooradin from Melbourne where they were then blocked by the undrained Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp, so used Sawtell's Inlet at Tooradin as their port and continued on by boat. For the same reason, other land owners from further around Western Port Bay at Red Bluff, Grantville, Queensferry and Corinella also used Tooradin until the Western Port Road was built, I believe around 1860. There is a plaque on a picnic shelter on the South Gippsland Highway between Koo-Wee-Rup and Monomeith that marks the location of the Yallock site.

The Tooradin area was part of the Toorodan Run of 16,000 acres (6,475 hectares) taken up by Frederick and Charles Manton in 1840. Edwin Sawtell, a Melbourne merchant, had an interest in this run before the Manton Brothers took it over. He is the source of the name of Sawtell's Inlet. Sawtell died at the age of 95 in 1892. The town took its name from Manton's Toorodan run and is an Aboriginal word for "swamp monster" or "bunyip". 1851 saw the arrival of Mickle, Bakewell and Lyall in the area. John Mickle (1814-1885) and John Bakewell (1807-1888) were business partners in Melbourne from 1847 and they were soon joined by William Lyall (1821-1888) whose sister Margaret was married to John Mickle. They had numerous runs in the Western district and in 1851, they acquired the leases of the Yallock and Tobin Yallock and Red Bluff Stations; in 1852 Manton's Toorodan run and in 1854 they acquired the Great Swamp run, all in all about 27,000 acres, which they collectively called their Western Port runs.

After the partnership split up the land was divided between the three partners with Lyall receiving part of Yallock Station. Lyall and his wife, Annabella, built Harewood house, just out of Tooradin, on this property. The construction of Harewood started around 1857 and the property remained in the Lyall family until 1968. Mickle, Bakewell and Lyall and their descendants are remembered in Tooradin, Cranbourne and Koo-Wee-Rup where streets were named in their honour.

The Tooradin township was laid out in 1854, and this included a reserve for a bridge and wharf. Early land sales took place in 1869, but it wasn't until the 1870s that the township took off. In January 1870, John Steer applied for a Beer Licence for his Bridge Inn. John Steer died in May

1876 and the Hotel was taken over by Matthew Evans in 1877. Later publicans included Larry Basan who took over the licence in 1888 and rebuilt the hotel in 1895. The hotel was demolished in 2016. The other Tooradin Hotel, the Sherwood Hotel, which was closer towards Cranbourne, had opened in 1869.

A tender to construct the Tooradin State School was accepted in October 1874 and the School officially opened on April 12, 1875 with Mrs Adelaide Dredge as the teacher. John Woodfield Thrupp opened a store around 1875. The Post Office and a store operated by Mr F.M. Woolley opened in August 1877. He only lasted a year and the Store was taken over by Mr G. Walker and in 1898 by Frederick Atyeo. Two years later, his son George Ateyo took over and added a coffee palace. To meet the spiritual needs of the residents, Anglican Church services were held from 1875, most likely in the School, and from 1883 in the Hall until the Christ Church was built in 1900. The Catholic Church, St Peters, was built in 1922, services also having been previously held in the Mechanics' Institute. The Church is now part of St Peters College at Cranbourne.

The Tooradin Mechanics' Institute had officially opened on Boxing Day, 1882. The current Hall was built in 1938, having replaced the original hall, which burnt down the previous year. Another boost to Tooradin was the construction of the Great Southern Railway, which reached Tooradin in October 1888. It was extended from Tooradin to Loch in November 1890. The Station was a few kilometres north of the town and the source of the road name Tooradin Station Road.

As the town developed community groups were established – in the 1920s a Country Women's Association; the Fire Brigade started in 1945; the Infant Welfare Centre opened in 1949 and ten years later the Kindergarten; the Scout Group was established in 1964. The Tooradin Dalmore Football Club started in 1919 and the Netball Club in 1954. The Avenue of Honour to commemorate the World War One soldiers was planted in 1922; unusually it consists of flowering gums.

A fleet of fishing boats were also based at Tooradin and some of the earliest settlers were fishermen. Local Historian, David Mickle, lists George Casey as the first fisherman and settler, followed by Jimmy Miles and then in 1876 Henry and Elizabeth Kernot came over from Hastings. They had eleven children including Isabella Poole. Isabella owned the Fishermans Cottage from 1910 to 1949. This building is now the home of the Cranbourne Shire Historical Society. The Cottage is one of the few remaining examples of the

fishermen's houses that originally dotted both sides of Sawtell's Inlet in the nineteenth century and early twentieth century. The last of the professional fishermen, Henry Kernot and Arthur Johnstone (whose mother was a Kernot), surrendered their licence in 1999.

Tooradin attracted not only the professional fisherman but the sports fisherman as well and Tooradin is still a home to recreational boating. The fishing, plus quail shooting on Quail Island, deer shooting, cycling club and other typical pursuits of the time gave Tooradin a reputation as a 'Sportsman's Paradise'. This reputation was fostered by the publication of the booklet, *Around Tooradin: the Sportsman's Paradise* by Hawkeye. It was published, in serial form, in late 1888 and early 1889 to promote the sale of land in the area. When I was growing up at Cora Lynn (in the 1960s and 70s) we always went to Tooradin to the beach - my parents used to water ski and we'd have a swim or just go over and get fish and chips and eat them on the beach. In fact, Tooradin fish and chips seem to be fondly remembered by many people.

One last interesting fact about Tooradin - it can claim to be the birth place of the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV). Susan Priestley, in her book *The Crown of the road: the story of the RACV*, tells us of the formation of the RACV.

On a fine weekend late in September 1903, a dozen of Melbourne's more prominent wheelmen, who were also proud owners of the new motorized cycles, took their machines on a very pleasant outing to the flat reaches of Tooradin on Westernport Bay... The outing was reported in the *Australian Cyclist*... and the next issue of the journal featured a prominent article on the very singular lack of a motor club in Melbourne.

The writer of the article was probably Sidney Day described by Mrs Priestley as a printer by trade but a cyclist and cycling writer at heart. Mrs Priestley says and that he was one of the three like-minded friends who claimed to have hatched plans for a motoring club while on that trip to Tooradin. The other members of the trio were James Coleman (manager of a Cycle business) and Henry (Harry) Barton James, advertising manager of Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company.

In 1903 there were about 30 cars in Melbourne and at least twice as many motor cycles. The Automobile Club of Victoria was established at a meeting, attended by 55 men, at the Bridge Hotel in Mordialloc on December 6, 1903.

**On behalf of the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society.
Cover Photo - Page 1**



POET'S CORNER

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The Beachwalk

Will we walk from Corinella
 on the track to Coronet Bay?
 Will we walk from Bay to jetty?
 Which way is it today?
 Should we take the bush track quiet,
 she-oak needles 'neath our feet,
 check out wetlands, birds and banksias,
 maybe hear some new bird peep?
 Should we go down steps to beach walk?
 Does it all depend on tide?
 Photograph a crumbling cliff face,
 koorie pallette patterns bright,
 water-smoothed glass fragments
 'neath clear water glinting there?
 Will a kangaroo surprise us,
 wallaby, or p'rhaps a hare?'

This day we choose beachwalk
 as so often we would do;
 to Coronet Bay we drive in sunshine
 not too hot, and sky so blue.
 There we pull our hats on, set off,
 wander to the water's edge.
 'Off you go,' you say, and send me
 fast walking to far creek edge,
 while you trail there so much slower,
 happy watching seagulls hover,
 happy wand'ring wet or dry sand,
 crunching shells crushed 'fore the tide.
 Tracking horse hooves, crabs and myst'ries,
 pausing now to gaze seaward,
 watch a child run, splashing, laughing,
 maybe castle moat you ford,
 greet a dog chasing a stick,
 smile as it your hand then licks,
 pass the time of day with owner.
 Now you stroll abreast with wagtail
 reaping insects you've disturbed.
 Happily you soak the day in,
 finding pebbles, shells to keep.
 I am but a distant shape when
 you turn to wander back.

I turn back from distant creek bed,
 see your bright cap from afar.
 While I trace my own fresh footprints,
 you are heading to the car.
 I, too, gaze at sand before me
 seaward, bushward, sun on clouds,
 dreaming always, pacing steady,
 miles away, as thought years pass.
 Suddenly here is a new thing,
 one that wasn't there before!
 There upon the sand before me
 something makes me stand in awe.
 Great heart-shape drawn oh so clearly.
 How do I know 'tis for me?
 There within the heart you left me,
 there for the world to see,

this heart bears our two names proudly,
 gift of love from you to me.

Joan Holmes

**Joan is a former Grantville resident, who
 is now living in Pakenham.**

PHILLIP ISLAND INTERLUDE

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

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

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

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

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

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Joan Webster OAM
 Author, poet, freelance journalist,
 bushfire safety advisor.
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Basho Haiku Contest Winne



Prizewinning writer
 of haiku, Janet Howie
 recently won another
 international haiku
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Janet Howie's prizewinning haiku:

**between two bridges-
 stretched out on the river
 the full moon**

**Congratulations, Janet.
 Submitted by 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.

俳句

haiku

Questioning

spring, earth's flowering time
 and goodwill the heart's flowering
 where does wisdom flower?

monday washing day
 making pure that outer skin
 what day cleanse within

caged birds still singing
 still sounds the same as its kin
 who knows its meaning

tomcat calls female
 with momentary mating urge;
 what makes humans call?

**Rebecca Maxwell
 Haiku Group
 Society of Women Writers, Victoria**



Writing

The writings of E.E (Betty) Caldwell.

Continuing our series of writings by E.E (Betty) Caldwell, with special thanks to Maree Silver, who does all of Betty's typing for her.



FALLEN WOMAN

It was one of those wartime documentaries that are occasionally screened on television, one I wish I could see again. I can't recall the girl's nationality but she was a European from one of the German occupied territories. The war had ended and so too had her servitude as plaything of the authorities.

She was walking home and my brief glimpse of that poor dispirited creature has haunted me for years. One could expect that she would be overjoyed at being free but her shame was too profound.

Homecoming was simply one more thing to be endured. God alone would have known what she was coming back to as she dragged herself along the path, dishonoured, stripped of every vestige of pride, without hope, without love, a shattered scrap salvaged from the rubble of the battlefield.

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Contributions are always welcome for this segment of The Waterline News. We are not always able to print everything as soon as we get it but attempt to print everything we receive in time.

Great to see so many contributions from so many talented writers.



The Good Samaritan

The Good Samaritan was driving along a country road when she spotted the two Rottweilers bounding along. Everyone knows that it is dangerous and illegal for dogs to be running free without their owners around.



She got out of the car. The two Rottweilers snarled in a very threatening manner. She got back into the car and tried herding them from the car on to the footpath. This actually worked. At last one of them headed down a driveway. The other followed. Ah! They knew the way home. She got out of the car, unbolted the heavy gate to the back yard and the two of them bounded in.

She re bolted the gate and with a virtuous heart knocked on the front door. A lady opened it.

Did she own Rottweilers?

Yes, she had two.

The Good Samaritan explained she had just returned them. There were mutual exchanges of gratitude and modest no problems and the Good Samaritan left. She noticed as she got back into her car that the two Rottweilers were snarling at her through the front window. So unhygienic to have such large animals in the house. She also noticed an extra two Rottweilers were snarling at her through the bars of the heavy gate to the back yard. Feeling it was unnecessary to further complicate her life she drove off.

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MOTHER

This is what happens when your mum is your best friend. And then your best friend dies.

Watching someone who watched you breathe your first breath, breathe their last, is one of the hardest things you will ever face. And you are never ready for it even if you are prepared. Because I was not and am still not ready to live without her. I wanted her to watch me step down the aisle into married life. I wanted her to be there for the birth of my first born, so she could love and cuddle him, as only a Nanny can. And after she would have grown to live a ripe old age, I would still never be ready to say goodbye. I wish for her more now than ever before.

For every day she isn't with me, for every heartache, story, crying spell, sleepless night, milestone, happy and sad, I wish to talk to her. I wish for one more hug. To climb on her bed and have never ending conversations of nonsense and words of wisdom about the world.

I wish for her to answer when I ring the phone, to tell me it's all going to be okay, to laugh at all my silliness, and to talk the day away.

For those of you who are fortunate to have your mum here, I wish for you to call them, to talk to them, to thank them, to hug them and to love them. Because one last time is never enough. One last time will never be enough.

Mum, I miss you more than all the worlds poetry can express, even as life goes on, I'll be wishing you were here to share the next milestone, the next day, the next everything."

Elizabeth Gilmore



BOOK REVIEWS

We have had to hold over our Book Reviews until next month due to lack of space.



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PICNIC RACING TIME



2016-17 Calendar

Saturday November 26

Monday January 2

Saturday January 21

Saturday February 4 (Cup)

Saturday February 25

Saturday March 18

come in you have a routine to pack the boat up as if you are not going to use it for some time. Food like packets of biscuits, chips and similar is the most important to make sure it is all taken out or sealed in plastic containers. The other is dry berley because this time of the year as it warms up is when the mice and rats lo to nest and once they get in its amazing the damage they can do in a very short time. While you might think that your boat is in a shed or covered and nothing leaning against it so no way the rats can get in forget it because they find a way as 5 of my customers have found out this year with one having to pay just under \$4,000 to repair the wiring and upholstery damage.

We have seen more snapper caught land based this year than we have for many years and it is continuing.

Boating snapper reports have all come from the sheltered parts of the bay, close to Rhyll, observation point and in Cleeland bight due mostly to the strong west north west winds we have had making these areas the only spot to be able to fish. The snapper caught in Cleeland bight have been a bit smaller than those at Rhyll with 55cm the biggest we were told about and a couple around the 5kg mark at Rhyll. The condition of the whiting over the last 5 or 6 years just seems to be getting better and better with mid 30cm ones almost round and well worth taking home.

Those fishing in Cleeland bight were also telling me of plenty of draughtboard sharks still and sting rays or various types. Those fishing towards Rhyll were saying that if cod were keepers they would have bagged out and been home ½ an hour after getting there. With only 6 weekends till Christmas plenty of customers have been in to organise their present shopping and taking advantage of our lay-by. If you are trying to buy for a friend or partner, we can help with advising you what to buy but also do so with an exchange service if the item you purchase is not exactly what they want. We have kits for beginners and can set up the whole family for a very reasonable price. If you are local or shop local keep your eyes open for the San Remo traders December Christmas calendar of specials which will be delivered soon or available to pick up in participating businesses and with \$500 of prizes to be won its worth taking advantage.



FISHING with Craig Edmonds

Again, another couple of weeks of little opportunity with only very small periods of fine weather which several locals have taken advantage of but for those who live a distance away the cobwebs are still on the boats. With the ordinary boating weather, there are a lot more people fishing from the land and the reports this year have been extremely good, especially catches of snapper. Being unable to get the boats out many have been back chasing calamari off the land. When we have very few chances to get the boat out like we have now I often get customers telling me they had left a bit of food in the boat or maybe the rods and reels weren't cleaned properly because the plan was to go out more often than conditions have allowed. Then when the weather does fine up the rats have been for a chew or their gear isn't working all that well and they miss the good weather window. That's why it's important every time you

SNAP INTO SUMMER



Residents of Westernport Bay, Corinella, Temby Point, French Island, Grantville, and further afield in such places like Kilcunda and Wonthaggi are privileged to enjoy a stunning setting in one of the most spectacular areas in Victoria. The Corinella Boating and Angling Club has been a part of this community for over 35 years and is one of the oldest established successful fishing clubs in the area.

The club boasts a very busy competition season every year with no less than 15 fishing competitions spread through-out the year as well as various social events. All the events cater for individuals and families whether you are a novice or experienced fisher.

Recently club members brought back a booty of snapper caught near Corinella. Proof the snapper are coming into the bay and surrounding areas.

Late November boasts the Major Snapper Competition with generous prizes for 1st and 2nd.

It's not too late to join the club as from December to April there is no less than ten events being held, including different species events and the annual social cruise and lunch at the Yaringa Marina.

The Corinella Boating and Angling Club are always looking for new members, either individual or family.

You don't have to be an expert at fishing, just willing to give it a go and you don't need a boat to win the competitions. The Open Species competition for example can easily be won with land based fishing, and there are a few members who only land base fish vying for the prize. 2017 will be an exciting time for the club with new clubrooms in the pipeline as well as fishing information sessions being held to learn the tricks of the sport.

Free social BBQ's, families welcome held at Corinella through-out the summer and spring.

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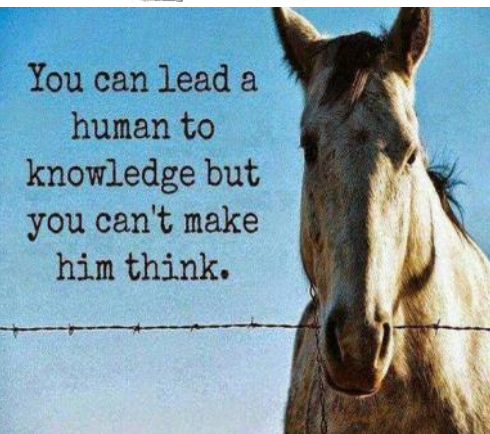
Make up simple snail bait by mixing bran with pyrethrum (a natural insecticide available from garden centres or hard ware stores) and a little molasses (or treacle) to form a paste. Place small amounts in problem areas.

Another simple snail and slug bait involves mixing together equal parts lime, soot and bran. Sprinkle around the edges of the garden beds.

Chopped onion tops, placed around the garden will deter slugs.

Sharp or prickly leaves or branches scattered around areas frequented by snails will discourage their presence. They detest crawling over sharp objects or obstacles. Ducks in the garden will eat insects, slugs and snails without damaging the plants. (Council approval is required in some areas) Centipedes and lizards all enjoy eating snails!

Remove earwigs from the garden by placing pieces of corrugated cardboard or crumpled newspaper in problem areas. The earwigs will crawl underneath overnight and can easily be disposed of in the morning



Attract other useful insects to the garden (so that they control unwanted insects - such as aphids) by placing small amounts of the following mixture around the garden: one part honey and one-part brewers yeast with three parts water.

Encourage natural fauna that eat garden insects by establishing a birdbath or offering birdseed.

Blackbirds, for example, are always keen to try something different in their diet. They eat all kinds of insects - however, they also like ripe fruit, so protect fruit trees with netting (old curtain netting will do). Take care: if your cat is a known wild-life predator - do not encourage birds to places where they are vulnerable to attack.

Discourage dogs and cats from the garden by sprinkling naphthalene around the garden or spraying with a mixture of 1 part citronella oil with 20 parts water.

Aphids

Control aphids by planting garlic amongst plants prone to aphid infestation. Encourage ladybirds into the garden - they love eating aphids!

Discourage crawling insects from trees (fruit trees) by smearing axle grease around the base of the tree.

Another technique is to create a barrier around the trunk of the tree by attaching a 'collar' of cardboard or hessian. The insects will gather around the 'collar' and can therefore be removed after a week or two. Re-apply as necessary.

Companion planting is also a natural, simple insect and disease control technique. Garlic, for example discourages aphids. And nasturtiums in the vegetable garden will help control all types of insects. Ants have an aversion to pennyroyal and mint. Chives keep aphids and black spot disease from roses. Peppermint discourages the white butterfly and it's caterpillar. Pyrethrum will also eradicate numerous types of insects.



Natural Sprays



Homemade sprays are chemical free, cheap to make and very environmentally responsible. There is an array of common household ingredients that can be used to make garden sprays. Here are some examples:

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Disease prevention sprays • Bicarbonate soda & water • Seaweed spray • Onion spray.

Nourishment Sprays • Milk spray • Chamomile • Compost 'tea'.

(Full recipes and more suggestions for homemade garden sprays in Booklet No.21 'Safe and Organic Sprays for Home & Garden')

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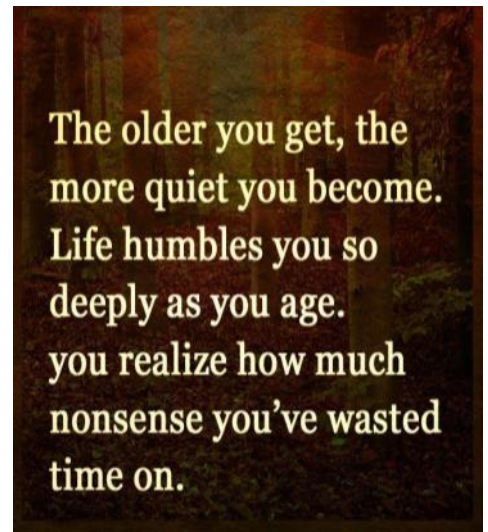
QUIZ?

1. What is the most widely-played card game in the world?
2. Who was the editor of The Daily Planet?
3. Which Australian state is Mount Baw Baw in?
4. Which Australian painter lost the sight in his right eye, then later needed an operation to save the other?
5. What ability has the silkworm moth lost through domestication?
6. What age must racehorses be to run in the Derbies and Oaks?
7. How did Samuel Butler get the title for his novel Erewhon?
8. What is the oldest known vegetable?
9. What does a spemologer collect?
10. Which singing group felt glad all over?
11. What country lifted a ban on Aristotle, Shakespeare and Dickens on February 11, 1978?
12. Which flightless bird is the best swimmer?
13. What does the Latin ante mortem mean?
14. What zodiacal sign is represented by

15. the balance of scales?
16. Which Australian golfer won the British Open in 1960?
17. What South Australian town gets its name from a 190 metre-high extinct volcano?
18. Who created private detective Philip Marlow?
19. What is the square root on one-quarter?
20. How many days will it be before a clock, losing 30 minutes a day, shows the right time again?
21. Who painted The Night Watcher?

ANSWERS

1. Solitaire, or patience. 2. Perry White. 3. Victoria. 4. Russell Drysdale. 5. Figth. 6. Three. 7. By spelling. 8. Nowhere, backwards. 9. The Pea. 10. The Dave Clark Five. 11. China. 12. The Penguin. 13. Before death. 14. Libra. 15. Kel Nagle. 16. Mount Gambier. 17. Raymond Chandler. 18. One-half. 19. Twenty Four. 20. Rembrandt.



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Firstly, I'd like to send my congratulations to the Cub Scouts, who are commemorating a centenary. This is a momentous occasion and a testament to the wonderful team leaders who have kept Cub Scouts going all these years.

Scout groups are special organisations that help many children find their place in the world while also teaching them life skills and resilience they will use throughout their lives. It is terrific that the Lang Lang Cub Scout group used this opportunity to visit Uluru – it is truly a magnificent place. I am pleased that 37,790 premises in the electorate including Lang Lang are a step closer to getting access to the National Broadband Network, with construction of the fixed line network now underway. The nbn will open up a range of new

opportunities for businesses, students and residents, allowing people to carry out their daily activities and stay in touch with family and friends.

In coming weeks local residents will see nbn subcontractors connecting Lang Lang to the new high-speed broadband technology.

We have also been successful in passing legislation that will protect our emergency services volunteers.

The law we have passed invalidates terms in enterprise agreements that undermine the capacity of firefighting or state emergency service bodies to properly manage their volunteer operations.

This is a victory for men and women who have fought to defend the CFA and the role of its volunteers.

I was thrilled to have more than 170 people from the community attend a Facebook business breakfast I ran recently. We received some very positive feedback from the event and will look to hold more of these events in the future across the electorate. I will keep businesses informed of future events.

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Part 8

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Improving the Water Situation in Your Soil



Living in Australia or any other country with hot, dry summers (in cold and temperate climates), it is pivotal to pay particular attention to water

retention and absorption in soils.

Though I say this is for hot, dry summers it can also be very relevant for tropical zones because you need to make sure your garden can absorb the summer rains.

There is so much more to watering your garden than just applying water.

There are three key questions to ask to ensure your garden best utilises the water you apply.

1) Can the water break through the top soil and reach your plants roots or does it just run off the top?

2) Can water drain freely through your soil so that your plants don't 'drown'?

3) Does your garden retain enough water, after draining, for your plants to have access to water when required?

What tends to happen throughout summer in Australia is the top soil forms a crust which limits the ability of water to penetrate through to the roots.

This is caused by various minerals knitting together under the baking summer sun.

Even when this problem is dealt with, water may still not provide relief for your plants if it is either not retained in your soil or if too much is retained.

Sandy soils tend to drain a lot of water, which can deprive plants of required moisture

Soils with a high clay content can maintain too much water, not allowing it to drain and effectively can cause your plants to drown as roots don't like to be completely

surrounded by water; they need access to the minerals and fertiliser in the soil.

So how do you ensure that your garden is best able to utilise the water that you apply?

Well, there are 4 simple things that you can do to help, and they are:

1. Use a fork to aerate the soil

This allows more air to get down into the soil which also allows for the soil to deal more efficiently with water. This also helps break down the crust that forms on the top soil. This is great for large grassed areas. Simply take your garden fork and systematically work your way around your gardens and lawn areas. Stick your fork in the ground, wiggle it around a bit, pull it out and then repeat on a new section.

2. Apply a soil wetting agent

Regularly applying a soil wetting agent helps to completely break down the crust on the top layer of soil. Once a month or once every six weeks throughout summer is a good idea. Wetta soil is my wetting agent of choice, but there are many good ones. To my knowledge there aren't any that cause any issues in your garden as the chemicals used are garden friendly, but always read the label to make sure. Sometimes you need to refrain from eating garden produce for a period of time after applying various chemicals to your garden.

3. Bury gel water crystals around the roots of your plants

Gel water crystals absorb water and slowly release it into the soil as the soil dries. This will significantly boost your soil's water retention without causing the roots of your plants to be surrounded by water. Win, Win!

4. Mulch, mulch, mulch

The single best investment you could make for your garden is to mulch it. As mulch is generally light and organic, it locks in a lot of water below the mulch and in the soil, keeping more moisture available for your plants. It also limits

evaporation, due to the fact it is loose. Top soil is notorious for allowing the sun to steal its water; mulch minimises this loss. These four simple steps will significantly boost water drainage in your garden while also increasing your soil's ability to retain water in the right ways. If you manage your garden well, there is no reason why it cannot survive an Australia summer or any other hot, dry climate, even under strict sprinkler restrictions like we tend to have all over Australia.

The Last Word on Understanding Your Soil

As soil varies so much around Australia there is no 'one size fits all' approach to improving your soil. Even differences between the coast and inland parts of your own state may mean a slightly different approach. However, this is just one reason to consider growing plants endemic to your area. Briefly though, if a plant is endemic to your area it means it naturally occurs there, or at least has in the past.

This means it is likely best suited to your local soil and will therefore require less on your part in terms of soil preparation.

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