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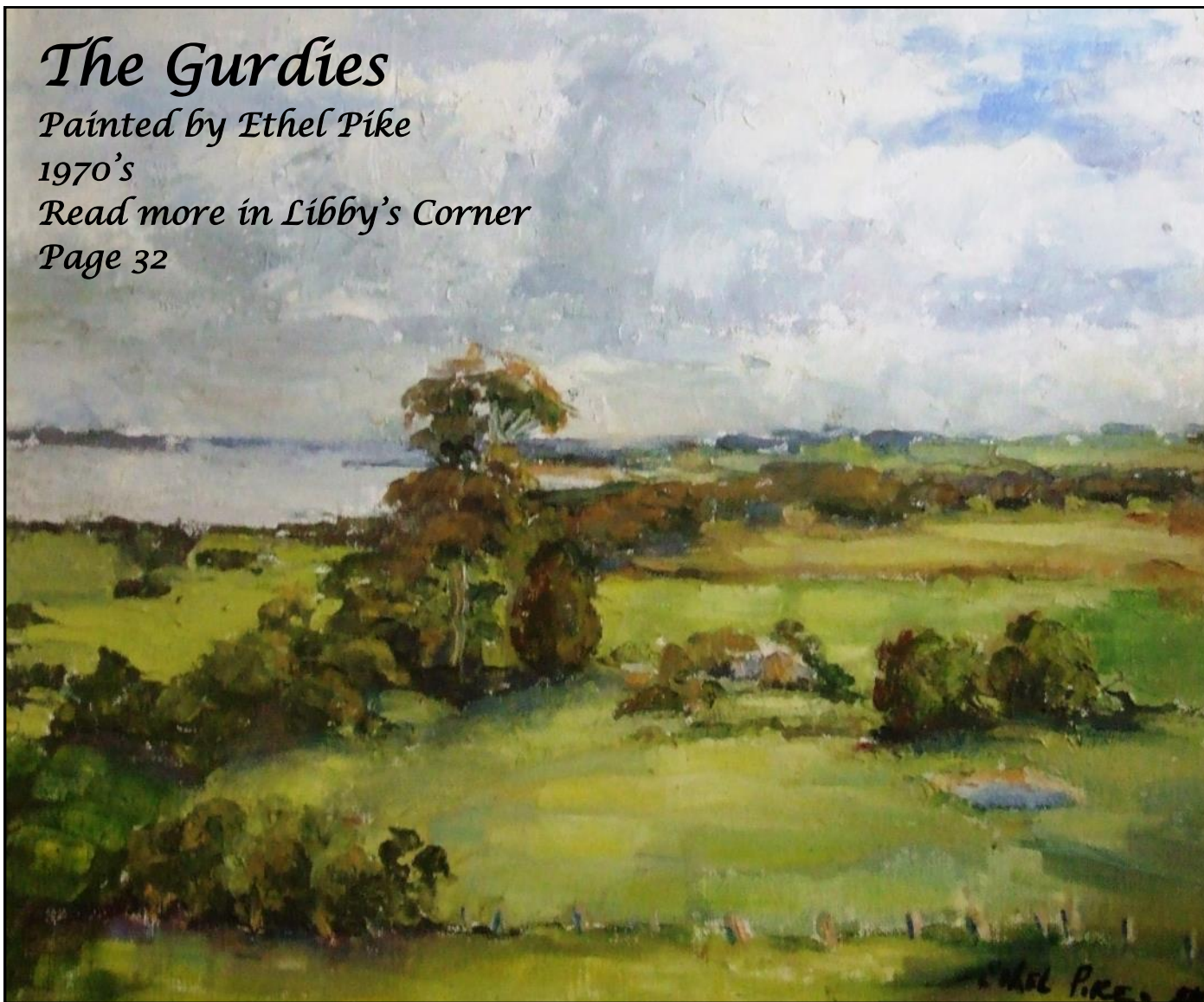
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1970's

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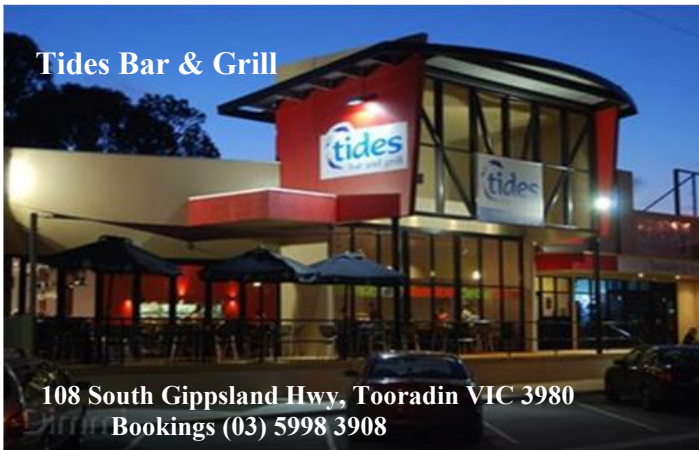
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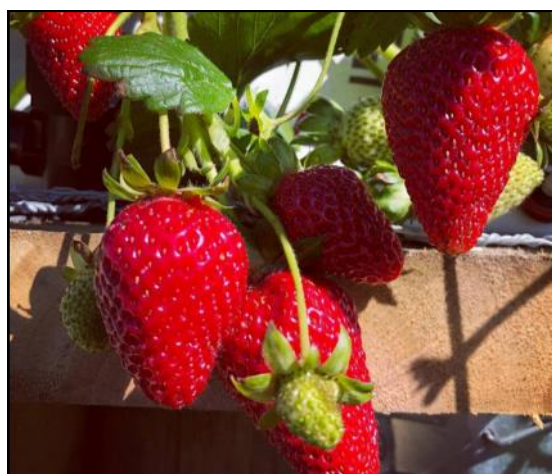


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0437 367 622**

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Community Halls for Hire



Grantville Hall

Archies Creek	
Mez Oldham	0415 445 215
Bass Valley	5678 2277
Bena Maureen	5657 2276
Corinella Paula Clarke	0448 441 046
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Kongwak Betty Anderson	5657 4317
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Loch Greig Barry	0419 358 628
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Rhyll Ring General Store,	5956 9205
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Details not right?

Let us know....

editor@waterlinenews.com.au

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

editor@waterlinenews.com.au



**Welcome to the February edition of
The Waterline News.**



As Editor of The Waterline News I was very pleased to accept this award at the Wonthaggi Rotary Club's Australia Day Awards, on behalf of all of the people who contribute, to make The Waterline News what it is. Details of the award winners, and the awards presented by the Bass Coast Shire can be found on Page 26.

Apologies to those who sent submissions for this month which we have not been able to include, we will endeavour to catch up next month.

Please Remember:

Deadline : First of every month.

Distribution : Third Wednesday of month.

We have been asked by quite a number of people if they can have the magazine posted to them and the answer is yes, the cost is \$3.00 per month, which includes postage and envelope costs etc. Email: **editor@waterlinenews.com.au** or write to **PO Box 184 Grantville 3984** People who have internet access can read the magazine on the website :

www.waterlinenews.com.au

You can also have the magazine emailed to you at no charge, just send us your email address.

The last couple of weeks have been very difficult or many people impacted by the Grantville Fires.

Not only residents and businesses in the area, but people travelling through the area as well, some unaware of just what was happening.

The fires have received saturation coverage on social media and in the local papers as well.

There was no way, given our limited space, and being a monthly magazine, that we could have done justice to the coverage of the fires.

I was however impressed by the poignant message placed on the Grantville Community facebook page, by convenor, Robyn Good, and leave you with her thoughts.

Roger Clark, Editor

Under our current circumstances, I find this a very poignant post and to consider what these amazing fire fighters and emergency services people and volunteers went through to protect our beloved Grantville and surrounds.

Whilst there were approximately 40 other fires across Victoria, those men and women fighting the Grantville fire went on for several days of fighting, clearing, watching and monitoring the fire zone.

Please remember they were away from their families and friends protecting us.

We also need to send our thoughts to those still trying to recover 10 years on.

Grantville and its surrounding community respect and are hugely grateful for everyone's support from far and wide and without doubt, the emergency services on the front line and behind the scenes.

We know your work is never over, but stay safe and THANK YOU!!

**Robyn Good
Grantville Community Group**



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Artists' Society of Phillip Island

56-58 Church Street Cowes

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

Australian Red Cross

Woodleigh Vale Branch

Contact Sheila Campbell 5678 8210

Bass Coast Community Baptist Church

Minister - Barry MacDonald 5995 3904

Bass Coast L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program

Wonthaggi
Leanne Tilley 5672 3731 or 0467 590 679

Bass Coast Strollers

Contact Liz Hart 5678 0346

Website <http://basscoaststrollers.org/>

Bass Friends of the RSL

Secretary Trish Thick 5678 1071

Mobile 0409 851 599

Bass Valley Community Group

Monday - Friday 5678 2277

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2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass 5678 2335

Cape Woolamai Coast Action

Email capewoolamaicoastaction@gmail.com

Corinella & District Probus Club

Heather Reid 0421 012 519

Corinella Boating & Angling Club

Website www.corinellafishing.com.au

Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

Balcombe Street Corinella.

Jacquie Carter 5678 0596

Corinella & District Community Centre

48 Smythe St Corinella. 5678 0777

Website www.corinellacommunitycentre.org.au

Corinella & District Men's Shed

& Woodies Group Corinella Road

Contact Ken Thomas 0427 889 191

Corinella Foreshore Committee

Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

Coronet Bay, & Surrounds Playgroup (0-4yrs)

Coronet Bay Hall

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

Contacts Catherine 0416 112 629

Coronet Bay Adult Social Club

Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall

Ann 5678 0341

Country Women's Association of Vic inc. Bass Group.

Cowes Lorraine 5952 2165

Glen Alvie Libby 5678 3280

Grantville Annie 5678 8037

Loch Val 5659 4268

Woodleigh Vale Carol 5678 8041

Cowes Table Tennis Group

Social play, coaching available.

Barbara Parrott 0425 885 834

Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary

Contact - Shelly 0417 593 497

Grantville Business & Community Association

Secretary Sandy Ridge

Email thegbca1@gmail.com

Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

Contact: Barbara Coles

Email bacoles@bigpond.net.au

Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee

Pat Van 5997 6221

Grantville Tennis Club Inc.

Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

Kernot Uniting Church

1040 Loch-Kernot Road, Kernot

Contact Secretary Judy Hogan 0422 094 903

Lang Lang Bowling Club

Ian Painter 5997 6554 M: 0419 646 040

Email langlangbowling@bigpond.com

Lang Lang Cricket Club

Secretary: Sharon May 0459 368 431

Lang Lang Playgroup

(0-Preschool) Thursdays 9.30am

Contact Bon 0439 886 843

Lions Club of Bass Valley

First Tuesday each month 6pm

Grantville Transaction Centre then third

Tuesday each month, Dinner at Bass Hotel.

Lyn Renner 0416 024 356

Nyora Youth Group

Contact Michael Felton

Email nyorahall3987@outlook.com

Phillip Island Bowls Club

Dunsmore Avenue, Cowes.

New members welcome, Free coaching

Contact George Mol 0407 851 065

Phillip Island Camera Club

Meet at the Heritage, Cowes.

Contact Susan 0408 136 717

Centre Phillip Island Community Art & Craft Gallery Inc.

Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave

All Enquiries Call Aleta 0419 525 609

Phillip Island Indoor Carpet Bowlers

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Celebration Centre 6 Lions Court, Cowes

Contact Jack 0434 944 380

Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers Inc.

The Phillip Island & District Railway

Contact Peter 5956 9513

Phillip Island Bicycle User Group

Meets Wednesdays 10am Amaze'n Things

Secretary Ruth Scott More information at

Phillipislandbicycleusergroup.com.au and Fb

Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL)

56-58 Church Street, Cowes

5952 1131

Email Linda.Morrison@pical.org.au

Phillip Island Patchworkers

Meet on a Monday night from 7.30.

Contact - Lyn Duguid 0427 593 936

Email phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com

Phillip Island-San Remo - Bass Coast Vegan Community

Find us on facebook under out title as above

Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

Phone bookings

5952 2973

Email piscc123@gmail.com

Phillip Island Squares

Square Dancing, Bass Valley Community

Hall. Bass School Rd,

Contact Carol 5952 5875

Phillip Island World Vision Club

Second Wednesday each month 1.30pm

St. Phillip's Church Cowes

Enquiries - Thelma 5678 5549

Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow Email: pbpa@bigpond.com

Probus Club of Corinella and District

First Wednesday of each month at the Bass Hotel.

Contact Heather Reid 0421 012 519

Rob Parsons 0402 852 300

Probus Club of San Remo

Second Monday of the month (except

January) 10am at the Newhaven Public Hall.

Visitors Welcome.

Enquiries Bob Andrews 0437 526 757

Rhyll Community Association.

Secretary Cheryl Overton 0427 680 483

South Coast Speakers - Toastmasters

Meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday

from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the San Remo Hotel,

145 Marine Parade, San Remo.

Contact Patricia 0412 339 795

Email info@southcoastspeakers.org.au

South Gippsland Arthritis Support Group

Contact: Adam

0408 353 785

Marg

0417 154 057

Diane

5658 1443

South Gippsland Mental Illness Carer's Group

Maggie 5658 1781 Rosemary 5662 4352

South Gippsland Parkinson's Support Group

Third Friday each month 10am for 10.30

Leongatha RSL

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Email Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com

South Gippsland Support after Suicide

Phone 9421 7640

Email southgippslandsas@gmail.com

Around the Markets & Op Shops

COMMUNITY GROUPS continued

Survivors of Suicide

Raising awareness to aid prevention
Jillian Drew 0413 056 165

St Pauls Anglican Church Bass

HC at 12.30pm every Sunday
Contact Sandy Ridge 5997 6127

St Georges Anglican Church Corinella

1st Sunday each month 11.00am
Other Sundays 9am
Free Community Lunch Corinella
Community Centre Second Friday at 12pm
Op Shop open Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri
10am - 2pm Saturday 9am - 12.30pm

Tenby Point Residents Association

President Jean Coffey 0419 500 593
Secretary David Pearce 0401 514 339

Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc.

Family History Centre, Library Complex.
Murray Street, Wonthaggi 5672 3803
Tues & Thurs 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm
secretary@wonthaggigenealogy.org.au

Woolamai Racing Club

Contact the Secretary (03) 5678 7585

MARKETS



Every Sunday

Kongwak Market

10am - 3pm

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

Enquiries: Jane 0408 619 182

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

Corinella Community Market

Contact details 0435 736 510

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- 0428 603 043

1st Sunday

Jumbunna Bush Market

Jumbunna Hall phone 5657 3253

2nd Sunday

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

Except December which is the third Sunday
Grantville Recreation Reserve
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
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
Friday 9am - 1pm Saturday 9am - noon.
Bric a brac and Cuppa and Chat Market, 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 Op Shop

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Bass Hwy, Grantville
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Saturday 9am to 12pm 5678 8357



Korumburra

Korumburra Uniting Church Op Shop

Thur-Fri 10-4 Saturday 10-12
Contact for information 5658 1884

Lang Lang

Lang Lang Community Op Shop

12 Westernport Road
Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm
Saturday 10am - 1pm

Nyora

Nyora Op Shop at the Nyora Station

Open Monday - Saturday 9am - 1pm.
Enquiries to Sylvia, Phone 5659 0089

San Remo

San Remo Op Shop

Back Beach Road.
Enquiries 5671 9200

Community Notes



**CORINELLA
RATEPAYERS AND
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

2019 Committee

President. Wayne Maschette.

Vice President. Peter Tait.

Secretary. David Laing.

Treasurer. Lyndell Parker

General Committee Member.

John Stewart and Michael Kelzke

The new year is off to a great start.

We had a fabulous Australia Day BBQ

at the Rotunda in Corinella, fantastic to

see lots of young families attending, the

kids enjoying the jumping castle, mini

golf and getting arms, legs and faces

painted a very patriotic red white and

blue whilst mum's and dad's enjoyed

the iconic Aussie music thanks

to wonderful and talented Michael

Kelzke and Robynne Clarke

People floated in and out all day enjoying

the free sausages, and (some getting their

faces painted as well) and admiring the

fabulous new gallery over the lights

entitled "Corinella Picnic" by Kerrie

Rigby. A day on the Foreshore at it's very

best! If you missed out this year, make a

note in your diary for the next, now!

Thankyou to all committee members and

partners for their dedication and hard

work making this day happen for the

community.

If you have an interest in becoming

involved with the Galleries on the Lights

at the Corinella Foreshore Rotunda phone

Lyndell Parker on 0422247490, no

experience is necessary, just a desire to

help or participate, it's an opportunity to

have some fun and make new friends.

Our next meeting will be held on

Saturday 6th of April at the Corinella

and District Community Centre,

Balcombe St entrance - 10am to 12

noon, a social cuppa and cake at the

conclusion.

All welcome.... love to see you there.

On behalf of the CRRA Committee,

Lyndell Parker.



President: Jean Coffey 0419 500 593

Secretary: David Pearce 0401 514 339

If you are a Tenby Point resident and would like to stay abreast of what is happening, you are welcome to join our association. We meet four times each year, on a Saturday morning, and membership is just \$10 per household per year."

Our next meeting will be held on

18 May- 10am at the Corinella

Community Centre.

**CORONET BAY
RATEPAYERS &
RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION**



President: David Buckingham

Vice President: Kevin Brown

Secretary: Stephanie Hartridge

Treasurer: Louise Gratton

Committee Member: Mel Gratton

Committee Member :

Mark Hanrahan

Secretary Combined Community Group,

Sue Quartermain 0408 290923 or email

susiequa@tpg.com.au



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GBCA

**Grantville Business & Community
Association Inc.**

2018-19 Committee:

Chairman: Les Ridge

Deputy Chair and Business Liaison:

Neroli Heffer

Secretary and Community Liaison:

Sandy Ridge

Treasurer Lester Harris

General Committee:

Margaret Boyer, Roger Clark

Dianne Goeman and Steve Korlaki

If you are interested in joining the

group contact:

Secretary, Sandy Ridge

the.gbca1@gmail.com

**PIONEER BAY PROGRESS
ASSOCIATION**

Contact :

Zena Benbow

pbpa@bigpond.com



Mother Nature turned on a spectacular day for the ninth annual Aussie Day Bash 2019.

Some 600 people enjoyed the afternoon's entertainment provided by Scat in the first & third set- and it would more than fair to say Flame Trees lead John Brown blew the crowd away in the second set with the Chisel/Barnes experience.

We wish to once again acknowledge our phenomenal sponsors- without which the event wouldn't be possible; Dandy Pre-Mix, Waterfront Computers, Bass Coast Shire Council, Bendigo Community Bank, Tomlins Liquid Waste, Mc Donald's, Russell Broadbent-Member for Monash & Grantville Community Market. We managed to get these businesses in front of over 10,000 people as a result of their sponsorship of this event- could your business benefit from this exposure next year?

Silent Auction contributions from Grantville Newsagency, Grantville Pharmacy, Grantville Pantry, DC Hairdressing, Mitre 10, Van Steensel Timbers, The Gurdies Winery, La Provincia, Phillip Island Clip'n'Climb & Howler's Brewery all made this day particularly successful for the fundraising efforts- remembering everything made at this event goes back into the park.

We list all these contributors so as the next time you're out shopping you support them- locals supporting locals! We can hope that by the time the 10th anniversary rocks around we may yet have our community building underway!

Zena Benbow



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Community Notes



Rhyll Community Association Inc.
C/- Rhyll Post Office
Rhyll. 3923

President : Judy Lawrence
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Secretary : Cheryl Overton
0427 680 483

Meetings are bimonthly (1st 3rd 5th 7th 9th 11th) on the 3rd Saturday of the month, and are held in the Rhyll Hall, at 10 am.

In 2019 RHYLL TENNIS CLUB will celebrate forty years since its official opening 15 December 1979. Tennis has always been an important part of the Rhyll social scene. From the early part of the nineteenth century some neighbourly residents provided space on their properties for the popular game.

In about 1928, George Dorward used a horse and scoop to build the first original tennis court where the Rhyll Hall carpark is now. The first Rhyll Tennis Club was formed in 1928 and with lots of young keen players a second court was soon built where the current top court is now. Both courts were used right up to the time the School closed in 1952.

In the late 1970's the Rhyll Progress Association approached the Shire about rebuilding the tennis courts as there were a lot of youngsters looking for something to do. At that time the land was still owned by the State Education Department.

The group of Rhyll residents were advised to form a Tennis Club to strengthen their cause and start fundraising.

The Education Department made the land available in March 1979 and the Shire provided \$3000 towards the building of one new court.

After many working bees and hard graft, the official opening was celebrated with 'tennis and a smorgasbord'.

By 1981 the club had seventy social and playing members. The current club room which had previously been used by the 'Golf Pro at the Cowes Golf Club' was brought to the Rhyll site in 1981.

At this time the one court was in high demand; with more fundraising and the Shire's help a second court was built. Even though the Club's membership is not as strong as it once was the courts are very much in use today especially during the holidays.

Court Hire is available through the Rhyll General Store.

*Reference: "Within the Palms of Paradise" Copyright Rhyll Hall and Park Committee, 1997.

What's on in Rhyll Diary:

Upmarket Garage Sale & Collectables
 Sat 13th & Sun 14th April, 2019

Come browse and buy

Doors open 10.00 am

Morning and Afternoon tea available

Light luncheon

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www.u3abassvalley.com
(PO Box 142 Grantville 3984)

The 2018 committee is:

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Deputy Chair : Geoff Guilfoyle

Secretary : Christine Holmes
 5678 0033

Treasurer : Beverly Walsh

General Committee Members:

Vicki Clark and Sue Dunbar.

U3A BASS VALLEY - 2018

ENROLMENT

If you are interested in joining your local U3A community, Bass Valley is now offering the following activities for 2019:

Art for Pleasure

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Local History

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Singing for Leisure

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Travel & History

An Annual Subscription of \$30 per person will cover as many U3A Bass Valley classes as you may wish to attend, subject to availability.

Current members of other U3A groups may join U3A Bass Valley for \$15 per annum as an associate member. Come to as many classes as you wish to attend, subject to availability.



TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

Hosted by Vicki Clark

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Phone Vicki 0403 025 634

**Other U3A Groups in the Waterline
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www.pical.org.au

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and

Wonthaggi

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Community Centres and other local news



5672 3731

Bass School Road, Bass 3991
Centre Manager: Roderick McIvor

The Bass Valley Autumn Festival is fast approaching.

So make sure you circle Saturday 2 March in your diary and come along. I hope none of you missed the massive full page, full colour advert for it in January's Waterline News, for which we are very grateful.

With a bit of good weather, this year's festival looks like it will be a lot of fun for one and all.

We are getting expressions of interest for a very wide range of market stalls this year. From wine to decoupage...

something for everyone. And the rides for the younger ones in the community look to offer as popular a variety as ever.

The bucking bull is expected to be back, giving all the aspiring rodeo riders a shot at glory, or not. Those of you who haven't attended in the past are missing out on a wonderful event.

Set in and around our heritage buildings in the grounds of the George Bass Park, it's a great morning or afternoon out. You might find a treasure in our op shop, win one of the many bottles of whiskey going off on our whiskey wheel, or just sit down under a tree to have a snag or a hamburger from our BBQ. All washed down with a drink from our bar. Sound like a good day out? And I haven't even mentioned the main attraction, the music. Again, we have a full day of country flavoured music. Some of the favourites are back such as the Kernot Boys Band and some new voices and music will be there too.

So don't miss out, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, see you there.

And just to sign off, we are running short of volunteer cooks to cook for the Friendship Club's lunches.

So if you have a Monday or Wednesday a month to give to assist us by preparing a lunch for about a dozen of our very appreciative clients, please give us a ring on 5678 2277.

Nothing fancy is called for, although if you have a special recipe, it would be very much appreciated.

We would love to hear from you.



Grantville Op Shop



The Op Shop is located at the
GRANTVILLE GARDEN CENTRE
Bass Hwy, Grantville
Monday, Wed & Friday 10am to 2pm
Saturday 9am to 12pm 5678 8357
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Monday 4 March - Friday 8 March



Treasurer needed

PICAL is a not for profit community organisation.

We are currently seeking a Treasurer to join our Committee of Management in a voluntary capacity to oversee the financial affairs of the organisation and ensure we are legal, constitutional and within accepted accounting practice.

For further information, please contact our Centre Manager, Linda Morrison
manager@pical.org.au

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T: 5952 1131

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56-58 Church St, Cowes
Centre Manager - Linda Morrison
5952 1131

Email :
admin@pical.org.au
Website:
www.pical.org.au

Community Centres and other local news



Who are we?

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

Phone Mitchell House for more information on 5672 3731.

Welcome back to The Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre (Mitchell House). Our Summer term has started and there is lots on. Have you become a member yet? Becoming a member will provide you with discounts to LearnShare Activities (LSA), a copy of The Grapevine Newsletter each term and weekly electronic updates via the 'Wonni Grapevine'. Being a member is also another way to support your Neighbourhood Centre. Come to Mitchell House to learn more!

Please book into all activities.

C.W.A Branch in Wonthaggi:

Any women interested in joining the newly formed Wonthaggi Branch of the Country Women's Association will be embraced by this forward thinking group sharing interests, hobbies and social conscience. All age groups, cultural diversities are embraced for the benefit of local women and community. This is the only night branch in Bass. Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month at Mitchell House. If you are interested call secretary Di Blair on 0409 427 304 for more info.

Music Mayhem: is on Friday 22 February 7 to 9pm. A call out to all acoustic musicians to get together and experience music-making at its finest. Learn a song then add your own improvisation and unique style and make it spectacular! Bring your instruments, singing voice and a sense of fun! Let us know if you want to teach a song. Please RSVP.

'Welcome to Our Town' Morning Tea: Wednesday 27 February at 10.30am. If you are new to this area and would like to learn about our great town and surrounding area, or been here awhile and would like to meet with other friendly people, then come along and share a cuppa and collect your free 'Welcome to our Town' DVD and pack.

(GC) This will be followed by our **Summer lunch:** 12.30 - 1.30pm. A delicious lunch with produce sourced from our community garden, plus a sweet surprise. Lots of friendly conversation. Everyone welcome. RSVP if you are coming

For Health & Wellbeing:

Seed & Veggie / Produce Swap:

Saturday 9 February from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Try new seeds for your veggie garden or swap any excess produce you may have at our monthly swap meetings at the Harvest Centre Shed.

Sing for Fun: Wednesday 27 February at 7pm. Bring your voice, a sense of fun and any songs you would like to share. It is on every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Preserving your Harvest Produce:

Wednesday 13 March 11am - 12.30pm. Come along to the Harvest Centre Shed and find out how to preserve tomatoes for your garden. Bring a jar, take home some sauce! Please book to avoid missing out.

Meditation Practise: Tuesday 10am to 1pm. Learn to relax and meditate requires gentle practise. Join Marion Bowes and be guided through meditation and visualisation to relax and quiet the mind. LSA

Art & Craft activities:

Mosaics: Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm at the the Harvest Centre Shed. Be part of a creative group and make lovely works of mosaic art. BYO apron, protective glasses, rubber gloves, mosaics, crockery and ice cream containers. Please let us know if you are coming.

New weekly activity:

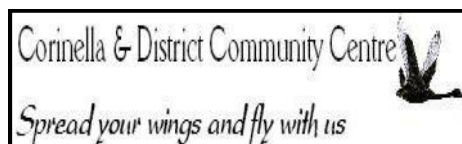
Wild Women's discussion group: Mondays, 7 to 8.30pm. Within every woman there lives a powerful force filled with good instincts, passionate creativity and ageless knowing. Please book.

Children & Families:

123 Magic & Emotion coaching: Day and evening courses start on Tuesday 19th February. Day is 1 to 3pm and evening 7 to 9pm. Learn effective and simple strategies to manage 2 to 12 year old behaviours and keep your cool and have less stress and more fun in the home. This is a 5 week program. To enrol, contact Russell at Bass Coast Health on 5671 3514. This has a special cost.

The Youth 'Pop Up' Space: Is on a new day, it's now Thursdays 4 - 6pm.

This is a fun space for young people to share games, have something to eat and just relax. Primary aged children will need signed parental consent. To check the dates available, ring 5672 3731



Corinella and District Community

Centre, 48 Smythe St Corinella, has been the hub of our community for over 30 years and we are continuously evolving to meet the needs of our community.

In term 1 we have several new programs as well as old favourites including:

Tuesday afternoon speakers 2-3pm followed by afternoon tea. Come along and hear a range of local speakers on topics as varied as history, drones, theatre or men's shed. \$4

Join our monthly social bus trip, \$20 bus only. Limited seats available. First trip for 2019 is on 13 February to Stony Creek Races, entry \$15, call us to book your seat.

Does your veggie garden have excess produce? Don't let it go to waste. Donate to our community produce table. If you are a bit short on fresh veggies at the moment call in and pick up from our produce table.

Are you currently working on an art project? Why not join our Thursday 10-12noon or Saturday 1-4pm art group. BYO painting and supplies \$4.

Crafties group every 4th Wednesday 10-2pm. All welcome BYO project and join likeminded crafty people. \$4

Our new Let's get creative group for projects like recycled art, garden art, wire art or macramé. BYO project \$4

We all know fitness is important. You can join our Strength Training group on Monday and Thursday morning 8.45-9.45am. \$5

Wednesday 6.30-7.45pm join Nikki for a weekly yoga session \$15

Looking for a home cooked meal in a social setting? We provide a community lunch on Thursday's at 12pm. For a \$4 donation you will get the chance to join other members of the community for a meal and chat.

Don't forget our Friday night Youth Drop In, 4.30-6.30pm we offer a range of activities for youth aged 12-17.

Do you or someone you know have depression or anxiety? You can join our Friday support group 2-3pm \$4

We are always happy to hear your ideas for new projects and activities to add to our program. We are also always looking for community members to volunteer in our office or garden.

Kerri Ritchie

E: Coord@cdcc.asn.au

P: 5678 0777

W: corinellacommunitycentre.org.au



CORONET BAY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Email: coronetbaynhw@gmail.com

Our group is very grateful for the continued support of Senior Constable Bruce Kent.

Police report for NOVEMBER: BASS

Theft of petrol by 2 with offenders processed for each.

Burglary at Cricket Club with offender processed.

CORINELLA

Serious assault with parties known and offender processed.

Theft of car - not recovered.

Theft of vehicle logo from car.

GRANTVILLE

Theft of trailer (not secured) trailer recovered.

Theft of timber from business.

Number plates stolen from vehicle.

Theft of petrol- offender identified.

Another theft of trailer (not secured) but gate forced.

Police report for DECEMBER: GRANTVILLE

Serious endanger conduct, offender processed.

Burglary at Petrol Station.

BASS

Drug possession, offender processed.

CORONET BAY

Fishing gear taken from holiday house.

Criminal damage to front fence, possibly chemical.

Theft of box trailer that was not secured.

Christmas Raffle winners:

1st- Pete & Vicky tkt #104 childs picnic table (this was gifted back then sold, with all funds going to raffle proceeds), 2nd- Helen #163 Xmas hamper, 3rd- Joy #177 fishing hamper, 4th- Tracey #103 napery sets. We are very grateful for the wonderful support and ticket selling help given by CORONET BAY GENERAL STORE.

MEETINGS ARE NOW QUARTERLY.

We'd love you to visit and join in. Next meeting is 7pm on 13 May at Coronet Bay Hall, Fred Gratton Reserve.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Emergencies 000 (24hrs)

Police Wonthaggi 5671 4100 (24hrs)

Police San Remo 5678 5500

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Domestic Violence 1800 015 188

(24hrs) MensLine 1800 789 978 (24h)

Text emergency 106 (24hrs) for deaf & speech & hearing impairment.

Parkinson's Support Group

Caregivers and family members are welcome!

The South Gippsland Parkinson's Support Group was formed in October 2004 and continues today.

The group meets on the third Friday of each month at the Leongatha RSL 10.00 for 10.30 start.

A short meeting is conducted, then a guest speaker to follow, lunch is also available.

We also try to have another activity each month, which could be anything from a bus trip to a luncheon at the local church. People with Parkinson's and their carers most welcome.

Inquiries:

Email: Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com



Want to lose weight?

If you are overweight and would like support and encouragement while you achieve weight loss, then TOWN could be for you?



TOWN stands for "Take Off Weight Naturally". That's exactly what we do together. TOWN is low cost and makes it affordable to all. Your nearest TOWN meeting is at the Rhyll Hall, Phillip Island. Thursdays 9am to 11am.

For more information call:
Judy Pitcon 0400 073 665

Corinella & District Men's Shed & Woodies Group Inc

Meets at 90 Corinella Rd.,
Corinella,
(Bass Valley Primary School),
10 am - 12 noon
Tuesdays



Woolamai Racing Club 2018-19 Dates - Contact - (03) 5678 7585

2018/2019 SEASON DATES

Two meeting left this season!
Remaining Dates

Sat 23 Feb
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Corinella Bowling Club Inc

Over SUMMER... Friday Barefoot Bowls at 5 pm during daylight saving time and Community/Corporate Bowls in January are the main social events.

After the game stay on for a meal at 7 pm in the licensed club house & experience the social side of this family friendly club.

Members also play pennant bowls Tuesday & Saturday and your support for the home games would be appreciated.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact:

Dave Burzacott,

Tournament Secretary 0423 593 227

or Steve Bray,

President 0418 316 912.



San Remo Bowls Club inc.

Wynne Road, San Remo

Ph: (03) 5678 5558

Website;

sanremobowlsclub.teamapp.com

Each Wednesday Social Bowls
12.30pm with a 1.00 pm start.

During Summer Time Each Friday
5.00pm Barefoot Bowls and BBQ.

All Visitors and New Members
welcome.

Contact Arthur Parker 0421 061 074
Members of other clubs or visitors to

the area can join us in the Monthly
Triples as well as the Barefoot Bowls.

Please contact Arthur on
0421 061 074 if any further
information is required about the San
Remo Bowls Club.



Probus Club of Corinella and District

The Club meets on the first

Wednesday of the month at the George Bass
Hotel, meeting, lunch and guest speaker.

For inquiries call President Sandy Ridge on
5997 6127 or Vice President
Rob Parsons 0402 852 300.



More Community News



CFA NEWS With Michele Fulwell

We don't like to whinge but with extreme temperatures throughout the south east of Australia in January, we need to address the number of calls we are receiving to burn offs or campfires. These calls take our volunteers away from the family, friends or employment just because a resident or visitor either doesn't know or has decided to ignore the rules. We are in the Declared Fire Danger Period and strict laws with severe penalties, including large fines and possible imprisonment, apply. CFA policy now means police are now notified every time we have to these calls.

During the Fire Danger Period you CAN NOT light a fire in the open air for burning off grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation unless you have a permit and follow the requirements.

You CAN NOT have a barbecue, light a campfire or light a fire for warmth or comfort unless:-

The wind is not more than 10 kph (this can be observed if leaves and small twigs are in constant motion)

The fire is lit in a properly constructed fireplace or in a trench at least 30 centimetres deep

The area within a distance of 3 metres from the outer perimeters of the fire and the uppermost point of the fire is clear of flammable material

The fire does not occupy an area in excess of 1 square metre and the size and dimensions of solid fuel used are the minimum necessary for the purpose
A person is in attendance at all times while the fire is alight and has the capacity and means to extinguish the fire
The fire is completely extinguished before the person leaves.

Stricter rules apply for TOTAL FIRE BAN days. Visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can to find out more.

Note that the CFA Act 1958 defines a properly constructed fireplace as a fireplace that is constructed of stone, metal, concrete or any other non-flammable material so as to contain the perimeter of the fire. A commercially produced barbecue would be considered a properly constructed fireplace. In addition to state regulations Bass Coast Shire by-laws prohibit burning off in residential areas at all times. For more information on shire bylaws contact Bass

Coast Shire Council.

Keep in mind that Grantville, Adams Estate and The Gurdies are all considered high risk bushfire areas and your quick clean up or fun campfire may produce devastating consequences.

Michele Fulwell



**Grantville Branch
Country Women's Association**
Meets at the Grantville Hall on the second Monday of each month at 12.30pm. Followed by afternoon tea.



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New Committee for 2019

President: Annie Graham 5678 8037

Secretary: Libby Skidmore 5678 0339

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Treasurer: Wendy Vicum /

Gwenda Swan

Membership:

Betty Young 0418 396 863

Craft: Kaye Illingsworth

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Woodleigh Vale Branch of the Country Women's Association

2018-19 Committee:-

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Assistant Secretary

Julie Dunn

Treasurer

Agnes Veldhuizen

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Craft Secretary &

Assistant

Dikki Dickenberg / Abby Cininas

Publicity Officer

Elizabeth Hickey

In 2019 the Woodleigh Vale branch is looking to the celebration of its 70th birthday. An historic milestone!!

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www.kooweeruphospital.net.au

DEMENTIA

Rachael Wonderlin

"Mom remembers dad, but she also has a new boyfriend."



Anonymous writes:
My mother has been in a memory care centre for 2-½ years.

She has recently started kissing a fellow resident even though she still recognizes my dad when he comes to visit. Most recently, she has now been found in this other man's bed twice. My dad and my sister are using humour to deal with the situation but I am heartbroken. I do realize that it is the disease and not my mom making these choices. How do you deal with these situations?

The first, and most important thing that we need to deal with is the issue of **CONSENT**. Consent is a really challenging thing to measure when people have dementia. Honestly, due to the fact that we don't know exactly what is going on in the brain of someone with dementia (does she think that he is her husband?, etc.) all we can ask ourselves is this: does she seem happy and willing to consent? Does the man in this relationship seem happy and willing to engage with this woman? **If the answer is, "Yes, both parties seem happy," then we can agree that the relationship is consensual.**

Once we get that difficult topic out of the way, we can deal with our own feelings regarding mom's relationship with a new man.

First—and, honestly, most importantly - **mom is an adult.**

Mom can do whatever she wants. We might not like it, but she has lived a full life, and she has learned a lot about herself and about relationships. If mom wants to have a relationship with someone, we have to let her do it.

Secondly, I think the "dad and sister" in this situation are handling everything really well.

They are using humour to deal with it, and I really think that this is the best way to look at mom's new relationship.

Third, we are not ever going to know exactly what is going on in mom's head.

Just because she recognizes dad, doesn't mean that she doesn't also think that this other man is dad, as well. Maybe she just likes this guy. Maybe she thinks he's another version of her husband. Who knows. The point is, we don't know for sure, but we do know that she likes this man.

While relationships in dementia can be very complicated, the only two things that we need to worry about are **consent and our response** to the relationship. That is all we can control, and all we should try to control. I have seen some truly beautiful relationships develop between adults in dementia care communities, and they blossom best when all families and parties are on board.

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Health & Lifestyle

BALANCING THE EMOTIONS WITH CHINESE MEDICINE

Emotional and mental wellbeing is an essential aspect of overall health. Stress can be considered one of the main causes of illness in the west, as our means of dealing with stressful situations is often to avoid and repress these seemingly negative emotions. Unfortunately, this functions to bury the stress deeper in the body and can lead to manifestations of disease. On the other hand, disease can cause stress, and this then becomes a cycle which is difficult to overcome. With the use of herbs and acupuncture we can help reduce stress and the psychosomatic causes of illness. There are 5 key emotions in Chinese medicine – Joy, Anger, Grief, Pensiveness and Fear. These emotions are necessary for healthy mental processing, the problem arises when emotions are held on to, not expressed or are over exaggerated. For example, fear, most of us wish to avoid this feeling, but fear in its proper expression functions to protect us from pending danger – unfortunately we commonly have deep seated fears which no longer serve to protect us, but instead hold us back from living a life in alignment with our inner aspirations. Chinese medicine uses different techniques to help our patients acknowledge and release pent up emotions which are damaging to the

body. The World Health Organisation (WHO) declared Chinese medicine to be more effective than conventional medicine in the treatment of anxiety and depression given that it is safe, non-toxic, non-addictive, cost effective and having only minor side effects.

Other common conditions which often result from underlying stress include: Insomnia, headaches, PMS, digestive issues, muscle tension, fatigue and many more.

If you or someone you know are currently suffering from anxiety, depression or another form of emotional or mental strain it may be time to explore a natural treatment option. Don't hold yourself back any longer! Contact our clinic on 5956 7011, or book online at www.safflowerclinic.com.au and one of our registered Chinese medicine practitioners will tailor a treatment to your specific needs and help you integrate and bring harmony back to your mind, body and spirit.

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Health & Lifestyle

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How does information get into my health record

Information from your GP or specialist must be sent via your clinic. To have this information included you must make an appointment at your clinic and give consent for the information you would like to have uploaded.

Patients have control over what information is included. X-ray and blood test results are uploaded 10 days after the tests are performed by registered providers. This allows time for your doctor to receive and review the results. If you or your doctor choose not to have results included you must sign on the request form to exclude them. This does not take the place of seeing your doctor to discuss your results. GP's can upload your medical history, immunisations, medications and allergies. This is handy for other doctors to access if you are traveling. It saves you having to remember everything yourself.

If you have any doubts at all, discuss it with your own GP.



New Bed for N.P Clinic The Nurse Practitioner Clinic has taken delivery of a new Hi Lo Examination bed.

The Nurse practitioner clinic was successful in obtaining an access grant through Bass Coast Shire toward the bed, and the rest of the money was kindly donated by Bass Valley Lions Club. The bed is a vast improvement on what the clinic had before. Being a Hi Lo bed, it increases access to those people with a disability to health care. The clinic is grateful for both the grant and the donation from Bass Valley Lions Club, as without their support we wouldn't have obtained such a great piece of equipment.



Nurse Practitioner, Deb Garvey, with Ray Wallis, from the Bass Valley Lions Club, with the new bed.

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Food

A cook's journal



For Wonthaggi's Jan Cheshire, good cooking starts in the garden with fresh, seasonal vegetables, herbs and fruit.

The Tropical Touch

This is what I served as an entrée on Christmas Day, but it is really suitable for any occasion.

Bert and I love this tropical salad. If you don't like prawns, you can always make this with smoked salmon.

Prawn, Mango & Avocado Salad (serves 4)



Ingredients

400 grams of cooked prawns or smoked salmon
2 mangoes cut into 2cm cubes
2 avocados cut into 2cm cubes
2 limes plus lime wedges to serve
1/3 cup coriander leaves finely chopped
1 long red chilli seeds removed, finely chopped
1 tablespoon of honey
1 tablespoon of avocado oil or virgin olive oil
1 lettuce, leaves separated

Method

Peel, devein and roughly chop half of the prawns, place in a bowl with the mango and avocado
Grate the zest of half a lime, juice both limes
Place the lime zest and juice in a small bowl with the coriander, chilli, honey and oil,
Whisk to combine and season well.
Pour over the prawn mixture and toss to combine
Divide lettuce among plates, fill with the salad, and serve with the remaining prawns and lime wedges.



Late Bloomers

OUR tomatoes have been very late this year, but they're now beginning to ripen nicely. If you're looking for something light for an evening meal or a lunch with friends, try this delicious tomato tart. It looks great too!

TOMATO & ONION TART

Serves 4



Ingredients

1/4 cup of olive oil
1 kilogram red onions, halved and thinly sliced
Pinch of salt
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 sheets of frozen puff pastry, thawed
250 grams of cherry tomatoes (I used a mixture of cherry and regular tomatoes chopped into quarters)
1 cup of halved, pitted, black olives (optional)
1/2 cup of torn basil leaves
1 log of soft goat's cheese or other soft cheese (optional).

Method

Heat oil in a frying pan over medium-low heat.

Add onions and a pinch of salt and cook, stirring occasionally, for 15 minutes or until light golden.

Add sugar and season with salt and pepper.

Cook for 5 minutes. Set aside to cool.

Preheat oven to 200°C and line two baking trays with baking paper.

Cut each puff pastry sheet in half. Layer 2 pastry halves together, pressing gently to secure them. Repeat with the remaining pastry halves.

Place pastry rectangles onto the prepared trays. With a knife, lightly score a 2cm border around pastry rectangles, but do not cut all the way through.

If using the goat's cheese, spread about half a log on to the pastry rectangles

Divide caramelised onions between pastry rectangles. Spread to the border.

Top with tomatoes, olives and basil.
Bake for 25-30 minutes, swapping trays over in oven after 15 minutes if

necessary, until pastry is crisp, puffed and golden.

Serve with a light green salad.

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Gluten Free Cooking

Nana's Almond and Banana Ice Cream Zoe Bingley-Pullin



This is a great dessert or afternoon snack for kids once they are home from school. It can be served with a spoon of homemade toasted nuts and seeds for an added crunchy element.

Ingredients

4 ripe frozen bananas, skin removed
1/4 cup almonds, crushed
1 cup almond milk
1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Method

1. Take frozen bananas out of freezer 20 minutes prior to being needed
2. Put all ingredients except almond milk in a food processor and start blending
3. Gradually add the milk whilst blending until a thick but smooth consistency is reached
4. Pour or spoon into serving bowls and decorate with extra crushed almonds

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The Marketeers



Without doubt this group will provide the audience with a great deal of fun and entertainment.

They have been around for what seems like a lifetime but like a good wine they get better as the years go by. The "Marketeers" (formerly the famous and original 'Pahran Market Jazz Band') is a very special institution in the Melbourne musical scene and was formed in 1978 by well-known jazz musician and founder of the high profile "Society Syncopators", (Chris Ludowyk). The termination of their weekly gig at the market after 24 years, owing to cost cutting, signalled the end to a record tenure for an Australian jazz group.

The band was featured on Channel 7's 'Today Tonight' program, performed at the popular "Zoo Twilights" and the Fosters Cup Marquee – for the previous sponsors of the Melbourne Cup. Two coups worth mentioning were the band's performance at the Regent Theatre opening night party of the hit musical "Showboat" and the band's photo on the front cover of the 1999 L-Z White Pages Directory, a first for any jazz band (or any band for that matter) in Australia.

Chris has assembled a fabulous group of

musicians with entertainment ability for this unique band, at home in either concert or roving situations. They appeal to the whole age spectrum with their ability to play children's songs (eg. Bananas in Pyjamas, Teddy Bear's Picnic) as well as songs and jazz from the vibrant and musical 20's and 30's that put a smile on the faces of most listeners.

Sunday 28 April - Melbourne Jazz Quartet

For more information contact:
Robin Blackman on 0432 814 407



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President Bruce Lawn - 5174 3516



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March - 8 - 11
INVERLOCH JAZZ FESTIVAL
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Jazz online



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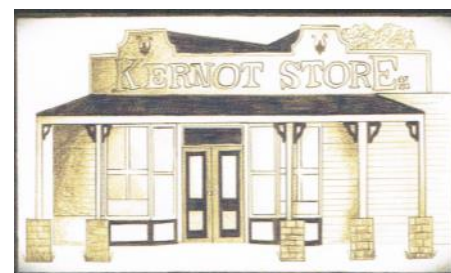
Saturday 2 March
Coronet Bay Hall
7 - 11pm
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Unplugged continues to attract good audiences every first Saturday of the month at 7pm. at the Coronet Bay Hall, Gellibrand Street.

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World Day of Prayer Service
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Lenten studies will start after 6 March
Weekday early evening, contact Secretary on 5997 6127 for details

GBCA

A general meeting of the Grantville Business & Community Association will be held in late February.

Topics will include the Mobile Library and the Request for traffic lights at the quarry junction.

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Then

Pippa Wilson and Anita Harris with the Ron Anderson All Stars



Pippa Wilson

Pippa Wilson is one of the perennial favourites of the Inverloch Jazz Festival. Welcome back Pippa.



Anita Harris

Anita Harris has been on the jazz scene for more than two decades. Once described by the English Jazz Journal as having 'a fluid contralto which she employs to produce a delightfully creamy sound Swinging ably and effortlessly.'



Ron Anderson

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Community Grand Parade
Saturday 10am

Church Service, Big Band,
Sunday 9.30am

Jazz in the Glade
Monday 11am-4pm

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FRIDAY 8 MARCH

JAZZ FESTIVAL GALA EVENING

TIME	THE HUB
7.30pm	Streton Court Big Band
9.00pm	Pippa Wilson and Anita Harris with the Ron Anderson All Stars

SATURDAY 9 MARCH

TIME	THE HUB	WARRAWEE	RSL
10.00	Community Street Parade: celebration for all	SPECIAL EVENT: What is this thing called JAZZ?	
11.00	Jake Amy & Groove Hunters	Cul de Sac	A'Beckett Street Jazz Band
12.00	Dreamboogie	Groovin' Together	Blue Tango
1.00	Animated with Annie	Rory Clark Trio	Cheap Frills Quintet
2.00	The Slipdixies	Alan Richards Quintet	Patsy & Vince Bradley Quintet
3.00	The Jassisters	Jake Amy & Groove Hunters	Jan and Tonic
4.00	Sarah MacLaine's Jazz & Champagne	Ron Anderson Trio	Jazz Notes & Rick Correnza
5.00	Merri Creek Jazz Band	Jazz Squad	Smooth As
6.00	The Slipdixies	The Jassisters	Cheap Frills Quintet
7.00	Anita Harris & Friends	Cul de Sac	Annie Smith & the Bossa Boys
8.00	Dreamboogie	Rory Clark Quartet	Jazzbiz
9.00	Pippa Wilson & Jazz Notes	Animated with Annie	Jan Jar
10.00	David Lole's Syncopaths	The Jackson Four	Bernard Soler 'Solead Q'

SUNDAY 10 MARCH

TIME	THE HUB	WARRAWEE	RSL
10.00	Combined Church Service, Salvo Big Band		
11.00	Salvo Big Band	Jan Jar	Ladies Be Good!
12.00	A'Beckett Street Jazz Band	ade ishs & eMotion Band	Blue Tango
1.00	David Lole's Syncopaths	Rory Clark Quartet	Jan & Tonic
2.00	Dr Crank & His Swingin' Ellixir	Annie Smith & Bossa Boys	David Galea Quintet
3.00	Chris Wilson & Friends	Jazz Squad	Philias Fogg Trio
4.00	Pippa Wilson & Jazz Notes	Alan Richards Quintet	Bernard Soler 'Solead Q'
5.00	Merri Creek Jazz Band	ade ishs & eMotion Band	Groovin' Together
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9.00	Sarah MacLaine's Jazz & Champagne	Ron Anderson Trio	Smooth As
10.00	Jazzbiz	Steel-Harris Duo	Jazz Notes & Rick Correnza

MONDAY 11 MARCH

TIME	THE GLADE
11.00	Westport Big Band
12.00	Royal Navy Jazz Band
01.00	Westport Big Band
02.00	Wesley College Band
03.00	Streton Court Big Band

FREE JAZZ IN THE GLADE
Monday 11am to 4pm: listen to a free jazz concert while you picnic in the beautiful Glade by the seaside, and enjoy coffee, food and wine stalls - and the Big Jazz Raffle!

Buy weekend or one-day tickets, see venues, facilities, musician bios and more:
<http://invyjazz.com>
Note: cheap Early Bird tickets end 28 February!

Western Port Ward Update

Western Port Ward Update Cr. Geoff Ellis, Clare Le Serve and Bruce Kent

February 2019



Big Win for Dalyston

TS Constructions have started to build stage 2 of the pavilion at Dalyston Recreation Reserve. This will incorporate the construction of social rooms and a commercial kitchen to compliment the new player and umpire change rooms, which are nearing completion.

TS Constructions submitted a tender price of \$910,800 (incl. GST) which is under the allocated budget of \$1 million for the project. Council will contribute \$800,000 towards the works, with the remaining \$200,000 committed by the Dalyston Recreation Reserve Committee of Management.

It is anticipated that works will be completed by late June, enabling the Dalyston Football Club and Bass Coast Breakers to access the social rooms for the second half of the 2019 football season

Headspace Wonthaggi - Update

A new headspace centre in Wonthaggi to support young people with mental illness opened its doors in late 2018.

Young people, family members and professionals can now drop in or call to find out about the services or make an appointment now the centre is fully operational.

The new centre is targeted at young people aged 12 to 25 years with, or at risk of, mild to moderate mental illness, through a comprehensive suite of early intervention mental health services. Its services are accessible, youth-friendly and integrated to provide mental health, general health, alcohol and other drug, and vocational support to young people. An additional Youth Assist Clinic will be established on Phillip Island. Young people needing assistance can

contact:

Phone: 13 11 14

Kids Helpline. Phone: 1800 55 1800

More information regarding Headspace Wonthaggi can be found at the following link: <https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/wonthaggi/>

Skate Update:

In January Western Port Ward councillor's met with a portion of the San Remo community to discuss their concerns about the location of the proposed regional skate park and the consultation process.

Councillors and council officers are working to resolve these concerns. Further consultation will take place and we will ensure that the community is aware of the dates.

Library Update:

Our provision of library collection and social connection to five towns - Grantville, Corinella, Coronet Bay, San Remo and Kilcunda - has a long and proud history that needs to be celebrated and built upon.

As we move forward with our plan to provide a comfortable Library in the Waterline area and agencies to support it we are listening to our users and locals about what they expect. We need the considered input and co-operation of the broader community to help us create an inclusive, accessible and welcoming Library service for all our small coastal and hinterland towns. Many questions have been asked of us and the answers have been collated on the WGRLC website. I'm happy to talk to anyone about this.

For sale

Expressions of Interest – Portable Building

BCSC is inviting expressions of interest (EOI) from local community groups, not for profit or social enterprises for the removal of a portable building currently located at the Civic Centre in Wonthaggi. The building is offered as a donation but the successful group will be responsible for all removal costs. Offers to purchase the portable will be considered if no submissions are received.

EOI documents can be downloaded (free

of charge) from

www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/tenders

More info – 03 5671 2240

Expression of interest period closes:
2pm 26th February 2019



The edge of Bass Coast.

The northern boundary of our ward, and shire, is Jetty Road, Lang Lang and the South Gippsland Highway. This pic shows part of the Lang Lang foreshore.

Ordinary Council Meeting

20 February 2019 5.00pm
Community Hub, Inverloch

Community Connection Session

13 March 2019 3.00pm
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

Ordinary Council Meeting

20 March 2019 5.00pm
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

Community Connection Session

10 April 2019 3.00pm
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

Ordinary Council Meeting

17 April 2019 5.00pm
Heritage Centre, Cowes

Community Connection Session

8 May 2019 3.00pm
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

Ordinary Council Meeting

15 May 2019 5.00pm
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

Community Connection Session

12 June 2019 3.00pm
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

This Update is edited on behalf of the three Western Port Ward Councillors by Cr. Geoff Ellis

This update is based on the personal views and opinions of Councillors, Clare Le Serve, Bruce Kent and Geoff Ellis and may not be indicative of BCSC policy.



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Local Business News



The following businesses are "Business Members" of the Grantville Business & Community Association.

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- Bendigo Bank Grantville
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- Connells Bakery Bass
- Corinella General Store & PO
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- Dennis Sea Accommodation
- George Bass Hotel Bass

- Grantville Pharmacy
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Congratulations, by now you are enjoying the cost savings of moving to an NBN home phone line.



You probably got mixed messages of the reliability of your new phone service during the recent bush fire emergency in our area. Unlike the old copper phone line, when the power fails you will not be able to use your home phone, but by adding a UPS (uninterruptable power supply) you can add hours of reliable phone service in spite of power failure. Most naysayers will happily point out that it is better just to rely on a mobile phone and I cannot argue with the convenience of a mobile, especially if it is smart, but mobile coverage is subject to outages and during times of stress and emergency the network can easily overload.

If you choose to purchase a UPS you can also take advantage of the fact that it can also isolate any device from the mains and iron out brown outs and surges and so protect any device, especially your modem, home phone, computer, etc. To protect a modem and phone the cost should be less than \$100. I have a UPS, when the power is lost I proceed to turn off all devices attached to it except for the modem and home phone, in a power outage you can still contact me (& vice versa).

Alternatively check with your ISP. Many allow you to reconfigure your home phone so that if you do not answer or the service is not available then the caller can leave a message, this message will then be sent to your (smart) mobile as an email as soon as they hang up. Of course this is wonderful if you are not home, people ring, leave a message and you can contact them promptly, they need not know you are away :-)

Gordon Chase



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French Island , Victoria 3921
secretaryfica@gmail.com

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

There is one fire engine stationed permanently on the island. 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: 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.

POISON INFORMATION HOTLINE



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289 Tankerton Road, French Island, 3921
(03) 5980 1209

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Secretary: Meredith Sherlock.
Phone 0438 077 329 Email: secretary@fofi.org.au

FOFI Project Days

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For more information on all Landcare activities contact filandcare@gmail.com.
Landcare Nursery



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BARGE

Spirit of French Island operate a vehicular barge from Corinella on the eastern side of Western Port to the barge landing on French Island. It accommodates two standard size cars or a larger truck.

It is advisable to book as far in advance as possible, as the barge schedule and availability is limited by times and tides. As a guide, the barge runs approximately every half hour for a few hours either side of high tide.

Foot passengers can take the barge but they should arrange transportation at either end as there are no other facilities.

For information about fees and to book the Barge, call 0428 880 729.

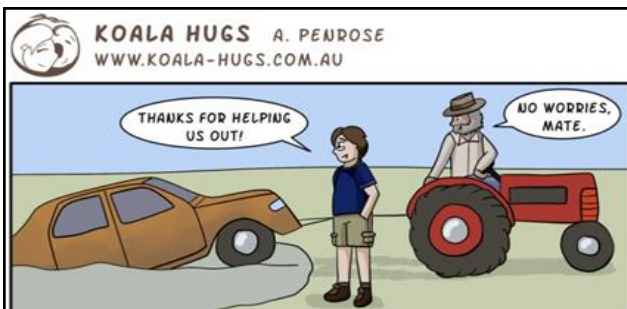
French Island Visitor's Guide

Christine Dineen's French Island Visitor's Guide is a fantastic publication we visit all too infrequently.

Detailed map included is a great reference, for visitors to the island, and anyone who has an interest in the local flora and fauna.

Available at the French Island General Store, or you can obtain a copy from the author:

Christine Dineen
dineenc@optusnet.com.au



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Notices for the French Island section of The Waterline News should be sent to: editor@waterlinenews.com.au - 1st of month.

The French Island News

A BIT OF HISTORY

French Island 1893: What To Do With It?

French Island is the largest island in Western Port Bay with its western shore facing the Mornington Peninsula and the east pointing towards Grantville and coming within two kilometres of Jam Jerrup.

Today, it is lightly settled and given over mostly to livestock raising with the northern two-thirds national park. In the 1890s the question arose of what to do with it.

On 7 September 1893, the Great Southern Advocate published an opinion piece providing an answer based on the opinions of horticulturist, G. Neilson. His conclusion was the usual, "With hard work and sacrifice for little immediate gain but long term bounty, the land can be turned into a prosperous – insert product here – region." Neilson pinpoints the reasons why fruit and vegetable production would be uneconomical only to then promptly ignore this critical consideration.

He also ignores the crippling isolation, lack of services, and struggle against the elements the settlers would – and did – endure.

VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS ON FRENCH ISLAND.

The possibility of establishing village settlements on French Island, in Western Port Bay, has engaged the attention of the Minister of Land, but before taking any decisive steps in the direction of giving practical effect to the idea, he considered it desirable to have the land and situation inspected with a view of ascertaining if they were suitable for village settlements. Accordingly he obtained the permission of his colleague, the Minister of Agriculture, to instruct Mr. G. Neilson, curator of the Royal Horticultural Gardens, to visit the island and submit a report on the subject.

That officer has done so on the following terms:

The soil varies very much, first a strong black soil, such as a portion of Mr. M'Lachlan's holding, suitable for either agricultural or horticultural products. The fruit trees planted on M'Lachlan's place have done well, considering the cultivation and treatment they have received. On leaving this holding the soil at once changes to a light-sandy peat,

similar in character to the Cheltenham, Frankston and Mordialloc districts.

I noticed no portion much inferior to any of the districts named, and forward two samples of the top soil taken from block 58, which varies from a foot to 18 inches in depth, and rests upon a subsoil, as per sample. This is general throughout the island, and with a thorough system of drainage and cultivation it is capable of producing fruit and vegetables of excellent quality.

The principal natural advantage of the island is its undulating character, which makes it easily drained. The scrub could be economically cleared and the land easily and cheaply cultivated.

Its disadvantages would be chiefly in the transit of produce to market, especially the transshipping of fruit from boat to rail. To obviate this it could be forwarded by craft direct, but in many cases this would be an uncertain and unsatisfactory way to place fruit upon the Melbourne markets, and this is really the only centre for distribution. I need hardly point out that the handling of freight is expensive, and when to this is added the damage done to perishable produce in the handling the disadvantage of utilising an island for the purpose of intense culture is obvious.

There is also the disadvantage of no local employment for the settlers outside their own holdings. This would necessitate some little capital, as the settlers could not live unless they had money to purchase actual necessities, which they would be unable, for a time at least, to produce by their own labour.

Having these disadvantages, the natural advantages are about equal to any of the districts between Cheltenham and Stony Point.

In walking some 6 or 7 miles along the western beach I observed thousands of tons of excellent manure, that during the summer months could be easily collected, and tracks made for drawing it on to the different holdings.

By heaping and mixing with one fourth soil, and allowing it to remain for a few months, turning the heap occasionally, a first class vegetable manure could be economically provided that would produce root, crops and other vegetables without expense for other manures.

The area available on the portion of the island that was visited is 571 acres, a considerable portion of which could be planted with fruit trees, and taking as an example the trees planted upon block 68, there need be no hesitation made towards orchard culture.

The trees are of the various kinds of hardy fruits, and those three or four years old, have made remarkable progress – in fact, equal to those planted in more forward portions of the colony.

There are some swampy marshes in the various blocks that, if drained and well cultivated, would prove excellent land for potatoes and other root crops, such as mangolds, beets, Swedish turnips, &c. There are also tracts where hay could be grown successfully, at least for the settlers' own horses and cattle.

In the event of occupation being decided upon, I would recommend:

1. That each settler should be allotted at least 50 acres.
2. That the salt marshes along the beach be reserved for commonage. It would be well to retain these for this purpose.
3. That belts of native timber on the west coast should be reserved for shelter, and for the supply of firewood, fencing, and building material.

The class of people this part of the island is suited for is a class possessed of a small capital, and who would enter upon the land with a fixed determination to overcome initial difficulties in making homes for themselves and families. No one afraid of hard labor for a few years to come would succeed, but by energy and perseverance the land could be made a thriving settlement.

Researched by Geoff Guilfoyle

French Island Cricket Club



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Australia Day Awards



Wonthaggi Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Wonthaggi presented its Australia Day awards at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre, on 26 January after a successful community breakfast. President, Graeme Sprague commenced the awards presentation by saying...

"Australia Day is a very appropriate time to publicly acknowledge and thank those who have made a significant contribution to the community. These are the "gems" of the community, champion people and tireless workers who have real community spirit. You will hear some great stories today of some of these people and organisations that we are so lucky to have in our midst. They are always ready to lend a hand, are passionate, dedicated and committed and who have an incredible level of energy and enthusiasm. They are happy, reliable, friendly and genuine role models who make such a positive difference to the lives of others through their wonderful volunteer work."

Citizen Of The Year

The Rotary Club is honoured to be able to present this year's Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award to Thelma Churchill a well-known and respected community member in appreciation of her life-long commitment and support of the Kilcunda, Bass and wider Bass Coast community. Thelma has an impressive record as a volunteer with so many of these fine attributes and qualities and she continues to be a strong advocate and worker today. Thelma has a strong, proud connection with the Woolamai, Bass and Kilcunda area, going back several generations. She was born in Warragul and early schooled in Dandenong before the family moved back to the family farm in Mackay Road, Woolamai. Her family were original pioneers of the District with mother Beth coming from Densley Road, Dalyston and father Alex from Woolamai. Thelma left school at the age of 14 and worked on the farm until starting work at the Bass General Store. This was the start of her incredible journey as a community volunteer and what an asset she has been. She is held in the highest esteem and continues to be a passionate advocate for the things that will make the community even better. Her contribution has been more than significant, she continues to work hard lending a hand where she can and inspiring others along the way. Thelma is a very deserving recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award and she was thanked sincerely for all she has done.



Thelma Churchill with her Rotary Club Citizen of the Year Award

Other Rotary Club Australia Day Award winners were:

Community Service Award
Ms. Kathy Everett.

Community Spirit Award
Anglican Church, and
The Salvation Army.

Community Sports Award
Rob Geyer, and
Damien Brown.

Community Recognition Award
Waterline News
(Editor Roger Clark)

Arts Award
Don Edwards

Bass Coast Shire Australia Day Award winners



2019 Bass Coast Award winners, with Mayor Brett Tessari and last year's winner Brendan Smith

Bass Coast Shire Council announced Wonthaggi's Deb Rielly as the 2019 Bass Coast Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day Awards presentation. Also on the night, Rhyll's Hayden Marshall was announced as the 2019 Bass Coast Young Citizen of the Year.

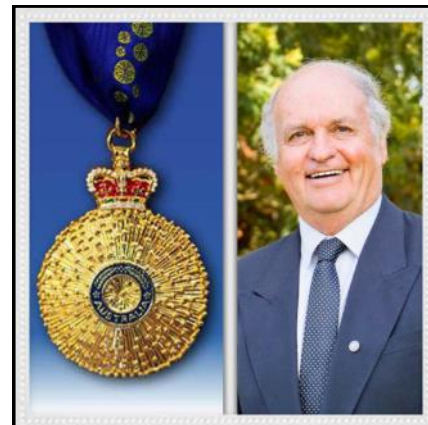
Ms Rielly was recognised for her inspirational contributions to the local community, both in her role as a paramedic and through her personal endeavours. Ms Rielly has been fighting cancer for the past 15 years, but she has never let that keep her from achieving her goals. A volunteer with countless local groups, a founding member of support group Tough Titties, and a motivational speaker, Ms Rielly's courage and selfless nature make her a worthy recipient of this Award.

The Mayor also acknowledged and congratulated all the Nominees for the Award; Maureen Alford from Wonthaggi; Chelsea Caple from Wonthaggi; Sally Conning from North Wonthaggi; Felicia Di Stefano from Glen Forbes; Catherine Garnham from Wonthaggi; Jill Grayden from Cowes; Sam Haycroft from Ventnor; Robyn Kenny and Steve Kenny from Krowera and Leigh Owens from Wonthaggi. "Selecting our Citizen of the Year Award is not an easy task, because all of our nominees are so deserving of the Award," Cr Tessari said.

2019 Bass Coast Young Citizen of the Year is Hayden Marshall.

Mr Marshall was recognised for his outstanding strength and passion, despite facing a huge life challenge. After suffering a broken neck while training for gymnastics on his trampoline, Mr Marshall has approached life with a renewed determination and continues to inspire and encourage those around him. Mr Marshall's dedication and drive make him a deserving winner of this Award.

Congratulations also to the Rotary Club's John Duschner on his OAM, awarded on Australia Day. Well done John a well deserved award for your huge contribution to our community.



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Would you like a credit card extension with that?

Catherine Watson

On a visit to her local bank, Catherine Watson discovers that she's too feckless to get a loan but still qualifies for the special offers.



Cartoon by Natasha Williams-Novak

WHEN I told the bank manager my income, she looked amazed. And not in a good way.

A bit of freelance writing. A bit of rent. It didn't amount to much. Any benefits or pensions? No. Any super? No. It didn't look good.

I'd told them that as soon as I sat down. I didn't have a job or much income. I just wanted to know in general terms whether I could extend a loan for a few months until I sold a house.

There were two of them. A nervous young woman asked the questions. A slightly older woman – the bank manager? – was sitting in.

"We'll just get a few details first." Name. Address. Occupation. I said I did a bit of freelance writing but I didn't have a regular job. I'd already told them that.

Was I still working for the employer nominated on my bank records? Clearly

not.

The young woman continued, reading from a script on her computer. What were my goals: travel? a new car? education? to build my superannuation? No, no, no, no. What were my retirement plans? Was I interested in wealth creation?

I peeked at her computer and saw there was a long way to go. I interrupted the flow. "I'm 62!" I said. "I'm already there. It's not the future, it's the present. I'm living the dream."

They exchanged a glance. It said: "Do you think she's dangerous?" The bank manager steered the interview back to safer ground.

How much was I earning as a freelance writer? Not much. I'd already told them that. What were my living expenses? Rates? Power? Phone? Obviously I was living way beyond my means, and we hadn't even got on to the booze and smokes. The manager kept wrangling the figures to see how much they could lend me and the answer kept coming back: "Zero."

She looked at me sternly. "Would you like to make an appointment with one of our financial consultants?"

They looked hurt when I laughed. The younger woman glanced at her computer and tried a different tack. This house I was going to sell ... was it insured? No, I mumbled. "I haven't got around to it yet."

"Is house insurance important to you?" she asked.

Where was this going? "A little," I said cautiously. "Not very, clearly."

"Would you like to talk to one of our consultants about house insurance?" she said triumphantly.

Ah! Thank you for your concern. No I wouldn't. I really just wanted to borrow some of your money for a few months.

I was wasting my time and theirs. "Thanks anyway," I said and got up to

leave. But they weren't letting me get away that easily.

The manager had one final suggestion: how about using my credit card to cover the shortfall until I sold the house?

"You mean it's too risky to lend me money at 5 per cent," I said, "but you'd lend me money at 18 per cent?"

"Hmmm," she mumbled. I didn't catch it. I beat it before they could sell me funeral insurance.

Catherine Watson is the Editor of the Bass Coast Post.

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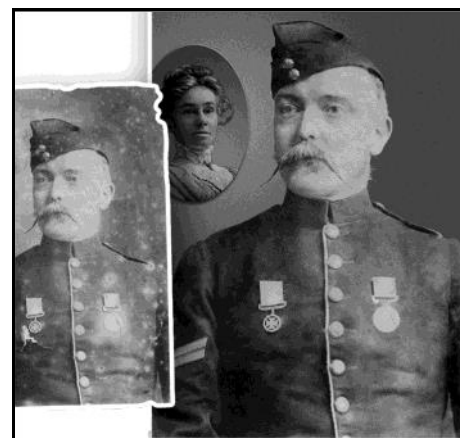


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Maru Koala & Animal Park

Grantville Conservation Reserve Fire

It's been a busy week here at Maru with some extreme weather events keeping us on our toes. The wild lightning and thunder on Wednesday the 30th of January struck power lines on the front lawn of Maru leaving us without power for nearly two days! Then on Friday the 1st of February we saw the smoke begin to drift off the bushfire that had began burning in the Grantville Conservation Reserve.

Our keepers and staff monitored the conditions closely and enacted our fire plan. Preparing to evacuate with the animals as soon as the word was given.

Thankfully we remained out of harms way but our staff remained on alert over the next few days ready to enact the next stage of our fire plan if required.

We would like to give our appreciation and a huge thank you to everyone who reached out with offers of help and well wishes during a stressful time. An especially big thanks to all the hardworking men and woman of the CFA, Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade Strike Teams, Victoria State Emergency Service, Ambulance Victoria and Police Victoria., DELWP and Parks Victoria.

Their incredible work on the ground and in the sky helped to keep us and our community safe and we are incredibly grateful to everyone involved.



Renae White—Senior Keeper

Below: Police and CFA communications at Maru - CFA members assessing the park—Air support over Maru



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NEW YEAR WITH MORE RESTRAINT

After the ball is over and the New Year has been ushered in with traditional fireworks throughout the nation and the world, I pause and ponder as always on the futility of such mindless extravagance. At the risk of sounding "Grinch-like" or a kindred spirit of Scrooge, I am convinced that New Year can begin with less expenditure on fireworks. I am appalled each year as our states compete to see who can afford (or not) to squander millions on fireworks. It is a meaningless competition to empty state coffers on fireworks, when so many urgent social issues warrant immediate financial support. I wonder how thousands of homeless, hungry people on our streets felt as they huddled in cardboard boxes and watched over four million dollars literally burning up for twelve minutes or more. If the powers that be decided that so many millions of dollars should be spent on fireworks to entertain the masses, am I just a voice in the wilderness protesting against such wanton waste of money? Such spectacles are reminiscent of ancient Rome, when rulers held extravagant events to entertain the public, so as to divert attention from their woeful government and plight of the poor. And for a few hours, the sight of gladiators hacking each other to death or ravenous lions devouring Christians, were considered gruesome entertainment for the day. Fortunately those times have changed, and I am not comparing such brutal barbaric entertainment to fireworks displays. But the wasteful expenditure is revolting. If it is mandatory that New Year must be greeted with the resounding explosion of fireworks, why not settle for a more modest budget? A couple of minutes at a fraction of the cost would be morally acceptable than millions of dollars spent each year. Some argue that this extravagant display of fireworks in our cities help to boost tourism and economy; perhaps so for the pyrotechnical group involved, and for a few extra staff employed during this

period. But it is my strong belief that so many millions squandered on this wasteful project can be utilized for more urgent and worthwhile humanitarian purposes. Our nation alone must have burnt up over twenty million dollars this New Year, given that each state spent close to four or five million dollars. Just add up the global bill, which would have gone a long way to alleviate some of the human misery in our world. What about finding a lasting solution to prevent farmers suffering another devastating drought in our country? All these millions should be spent on building dams, irrigation works, and diverting flood waters into tanks to ensure that farmers will never have to endure the terrible hardships of drought again. We are all aware that Australia is an arid continent, but Mother Nature provides ample flood waters and swollen rivers that we do not harness for our benefit. It is too distressing to watch rivers of water gushing out nowhere. If early Romans, Egyptians and even ancient kings in Ceylon had the wisdom and capability to build irrigation systems,

gigantic lakes, and dams that have lasted centuries, why are politicians not doing anything about solving this problem? Moreover, what about the air that we breathe? It is already so polluted, and we are still continuing to contaminate it with gun powder. It is pointless asking the public to save on plastic consumption when governments are not setting a good example.

I sincerely hope that the states are not planning to spend more millions next year too. Let there be an end to this absurd competition to see whose fireworks last longest and which state spends the most. How can we watch thousands of homeless refugees without food, water, heating and basic human needs enduring untold misery, and gain any pleasure from meaningless explosives that extract a few fleeting moments of "oh's" and "ah's" and leave behind only emptiness once the bright lights fade and smouldering fumes of smoke disperse in the night skies.

Razmi Wahab

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Grantville Foreshore Committee



The Committee continues to do what it can to preserve and protect the reserve from the Broome Court foreshore north of Grantville as far as Pioneer Bay.

The Committee remains concerned that there are several instances in the crown land reserve of vegetation being illegally cut back and other materials introduced. This is mostly in the Malcom Drive/Stewart St areas. Anyone who has been involved in this type of activity should be aware that the Department of Environment and the Council have been alerted and action against those responsible may well follow. Some good news a grant under the Access and Risk Program has been received by the Committee from the Department of Environment (DELWP). Whilst the project details still need to be finalised, the funding will be aimed at: making significant inroads into the removal of concrete and steel debris from the beach, repositioning rocks from the old seawall to help protect the foreshore from erosion, improvement of access and removal of some tree stumps from part of the beach.

Eric Hornsby 0417 222087

Letters to the Editor

The concept revisited

The ecosystem concept presented in The Waterline News last month, created some interest and discussion and as a result, this is the revised concept.

The Cyan Convention

Definitions

A Green Wedge is a non-urban, low-density area that lies outside of an urban growth boundary of a metropolitan region.

A Blue Wedge is a large body of water bordering land and / or land outside of an urban growth boundary – author's definition.

Bellarine Wetlands



A Cyan Wedge is land and water outside of and / or bordering an urban growth boundary – author's definition.

Proposal

That the terms Green Wedge and Blue Wedge be amalgamated and be known as the Cyan Wedge.

In so doing, we should look to Traditional Indigenous Land Management Practices for guidance, and recognise that the first nature custodians have a role to play in assisting governments adopt a holistic approach to managing the land and waters, which are interdependent and should not be treated as separate entities.

Reason

With the rapid urbanisation of lands surrounding the greater Melbourne metropolitan region and, for example, increasing recreational activities associated with Western Port and possible further industrialisation of its hinterland, it is imperative that all green and blue wedge areas be kept and sustained in a manner that will ensure their environmental integrity is safeguarded for current and future generations to enjoy and nurture.

Legislative foundation

That the State Government of Victoria adopts the Cyan Wedge principle and introduces legislation to protect the principle through an overarching concept to be known as "The Cyan Convention."

**Neil Daly
February 2019**



Coronet Bay Community Garden

A recent meeting with 20 attendees was held in the Fred Gration Community Hall at Coronet Bay.

Purpose of the meeting was to ascertain if there was an interest in establishing a Community Garden at Coronet Bay. The large number of enthusiastic attendees at the inaugural meeting to test out the feasibility of the idea, answered the question, the interest is definitely there. At the introductory segment of the meeting it was clear that not only is the idea a 'goer' but the aspects of growing and sharing food produced in the garden was a highlight. So too was the secondary bonus to such a scheme, that is the socialization which follows, new friendships formed, and an opportunity to give back to the community at large. The Community Garden concept stemmed from respective interest in such a venture by two local ladies, Mary Clarke and Sue McLeish. A letterbox drop was the most efficient means of getting news of the meeting to the hundreds of people living in and/or visiting Coronet Bay. The large number at the meeting (including four apologies) was an obvious indication of interest. A lively discussion came up with ideas and raising valuable comments to ensure a successful start. Elections were held and plans put in place for all the necessary permissions and assistance to be sought as soon as possible. More on the progress of this Garden project in future editions.

**Anyone with an interest in becoming involved in this exciting project and/or wanting to assist in any way contact
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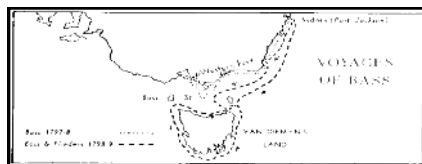
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Libby's Corner With Libby Skidmore, Historian.

Bass Valley Historical Society



Cover Photo—The Gurdies 1970's - by Ethel Pike.

The Gurdies



Have you ever thought to record your memories or those of your family? The tales the older members of your family can tell are a valuable resource for local historians but they also remain as a tribute to our pioneering ancestors. We need to archive the past.

Reminiscences of Florence Guilfoyle (nee Cole)

I was born at the Gurdies in 1897. My father, Henry Edwards Cole a surveyor who later worked on the Wonthaggi line had a property which backed on to the Hurdy Gurdy creek. I had 4 brothers, twins born in 1893 and 2 Younger brothers. My grandfather William Henry Cole from Harrow in England was a pioneer of the Hurdy Gurdy and went there in 1885. He lived in a wattle and daub hut on the bank of the creek. Over his hut he planted a grape vine which bore luscious purple grapes for many years. To get to our farm we had to leave the Bass track and walk through dense bush up through Chambers property. This would have been Peacocks Road. There were gums, wattle and scrub so thick it was almost impenetrable in places but after a fire the wild flowers were glorious. Every summer the fire came up through Chambers property with the wind behind it. My father ploughed an area around the house and when the fire was really savage my father placed me out on the ploughed patch for safety. We had an orchard and grew all our own fruit

apples, Jonathans, five crowns, wine saps, grapes and beautiful cherries and peaches as well as our own vegetables on the bank by the creek. My uncle Robert Cole was a nurseryman and owned and ran the Twyford Nursery at the Gurdies, so perhaps we also got vegetables from him. We did all our shopping at Lang Lang where my father drove in a sulky and horse, my mother rarely went, but gave him a carefully compiled list—sometimes I was allowed to go too.

I do not remember ever being ill – in fact my first visit to a Doctor was when I was 25 and having my first child. However my mother kept a good medicine.

cupboard containing belladonna aconite (for fever) mentholine for our colds and nuxvomica among other things. These she obtained from Martin and Pleasance the homeopathic people in the city.

When I was six it was time for me to go to school, St. Helier was the nearest and I remember the first day walking through the bush to our gate to wait for one of the Chambers girls who was big and nearly ready to leave school. About 12 children went to the school and it was a long walk as we had to cross the creek first. There was no bridge but my father helped me over the log on wet days when the creek was full. The school was also used for church services on Sundays once a month and the pews were stacked at the back on school days. Sometimes sitting in school we would see the bullock teams clearing the paddocks of timber and hauling it away. There were no timber mills in that area. There was a gravel reserve next door to our place but I don't remember any gravel being taken from it. The bridge on the main track had big built up sides so we couldn't fall in the deep water. We played in the Hurdy Gurdy Creek on our property and had a big mud slide to ride down the steep slopes, we swam in it in the summer and caught black fish in the deeper pools. Sometimes we went to the beach at the Gurdies down through Bonneys to a nice sandy beach. The Bonney household was a quiet one, as it was said they had not spoken for many years. Mr. Bonney eventually built himself a hut down in the lower corner of the property near the beach. He purchased a cylindrical gramophone and whenever we passed his hut on the way to or from the beach we would call in and listen to his records. Mrs Bonney was the local midwife. Other times we had big picnics out at the Red Bluff when all our family and neighbours would go off for the day.



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History

Reminiscences of Florence Guilfoyle nee Cole (continued)

But the best day of all was the Grantville show. We looked forward to it for so long and as we came along the track either walking or in the sulky we could hear the music playing in the distance and our footsteps quickened as we heard the sounds of the show. There were foot races and horse races, side shows and lots of things to eat, apart from our own hamper, it cost two shillings to go from the Gurdies to Lang Lang in the mail coach so I didn't go often. I left the Gurdies when I was seventeen and lived with an aunt in Dandenong. I was apprenticed as a milliner at Love and Lewis in Prahran but left after a year. I was lonesome for the bush and it was too far to travel to Dandenong. Other names I remember at the Gurdies were Bergmeier who changed their name during the war and Bonneys and Chambers. The property finally sold to people named Peacock after whom the road is named.

From an interview by Sheila Skidmore and Muriel Norris for the Bass Valley Historical Society.

It is stored in the archives with other papers about the history of the Gurdies area

**Libby Skidmore
Archivist
Bass Valley Historical Society**

Cover photo:

This picture painted at the Gurdies in the 70's by Ethel Pike an artist friend who attended the National Gallery School with Norman Lindsay. She was a lovely friend. I used to take her out with her paints and pencils when she could no longer drive

She died over 20 years ago but I still miss her a lot.

Libby Skidmore

The Grantville Cemetery Early History

by Jane Hendtlass Part 4



Alfred William Selman (1833-1902) Trustee of the Grantville Cemetery (1878)

Last month I explained John Dickins' personal and commercial involvement in

the evolving Grantville community and the ways this interaction influenced the Grantville cemetery. In particular, I said that John and Elizabeth Dickins built and opened a store on their Melbourne Road property and took over the post office business from Henry Schöler (1836-1888) in October 1876. However, further research has shown that John Dickins leased Crown Allotment 83 on the corner of the Jumbunna and Main Melbourne Roads on 30 January 1876 and was running the Grantville newsagency by May 1876. Therefore, it is likely that he opened his store and took over the Grantville post office at the same time. He later bought the adjoining Allotment 179 and opened the Grantville Hotel on 29 December 1877.

Unlike John Dickins, Alfred William Selman (1833-1902) was an Anglican saw mill operator, bridge and road contractor, business man and farmer who only lived in Queensferry from 1875 to 1878. He was appointed to the Grantville Cemetery Trust and attended their first meeting on 22 June 1878. Alfred Selman was the 1st of the five original Grantville Cemetery trustees to leave the district. Alfred William Selman was born on 1 December 1833 in Northampton, Massachusetts in the United States of America. He was third of at least 10 children born to John Bond Selman (1791-1870) and Jane Roberts (1796-1867). John worked as a stone mason but, in the context of transport options between 1819 and 1855, the family travelled frequently between Gloucestershire in England and Massachusetts in the United States. In 1826, 1841 and 1851, they were living in Laycock, Wiltshire but Alfred returned to Massachusetts in 1851. His parents followed by 1855 and Jane Selman died in Northampton on 7 April 1867. John Bond Selman died in Holyoke, Massachusetts in 1870.

On 26 March 1852, Alfred Selman was living in Williamsburg, Massachusetts when he married Marion Susan Saxton (1833-1922) in Brattleborough, Vermont. Alfred and Marion Selman's family included at least seven children. In 1855, Alfred and Marion Selman were back living in Northampton, Massachusetts and Alfred was working as a labourer. On 26 August 1858, Alfred and Marion Selman followed Alfred's brother, Daniel



Bond Selman (1828-1909) to Australia on the American sailing ship "John Q Adams".

In January 1861 the Selman brothers built the American Saw Mill in Ballarat but Selman & Selman quickly became insolvent, their partnership was dissolved and they were discharged from bankruptcy on 8 September 1862. Alfred Selman continued to run the Ballarat sawmill until about 1866 when he bought, owned and leased out a sawmill on the Campaspe River while he lived and bred Clydesdale horses in nearby Woodend until 1875.



Alfred Selman also invested in a partnership with a bankrupt, Joseph Samuel Lee (1839-1906), who ran a saw mill on the water-front in Queensferry (Allotment 90). Immediately after Alfred Selman withdrew from this partnership on 25 January 1875, he sold his Woodend properties and moved to live on 40 acres in Queensferry (Allotments 87 & 88). He



worked as a contractor building bridges and roads for the Phillip Island & Woolamai Shire Council and became a farmer.

In the short time he lived in Queensferry, Alfred Selman took an active role in Queensferry community events and was closely associated with another Grantville Cemetery trustee, Alexander Stewart (1831-1888). Alfred Selman would have known Alexander Stewart through their brothers when they all lived in Ballarat, he lived close to Alexander Stewart in Queensferry, he was also an experienced sawmill operator, he undertook contract work for the shire when Alexander Stewart was a councillor and he actively supported Alexander Stewart in his continuing legal dispute with William Baker Adams Brandrick (1823-1892).

History

The Grantville Cemetery Early History continued

On 11 February 1878, the Governor in Council appointed Alfred Selman as one of five Grantville Cemetery trustees and, in the absence of a separate public meeting, the same people were also appointed trustees for the Corinella Cemetery.

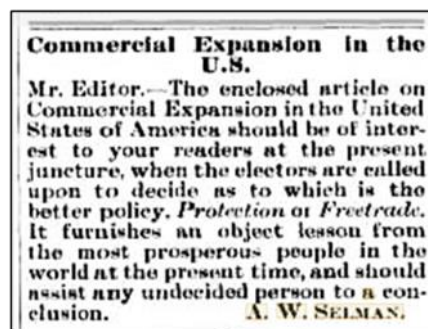
A public meeting in Corinella recommended Alfred Selman's continuing appointment to the Corinella Cemetery Trust on 18 March 1878 and, unlike his four Grantville Cemetery Trust colleagues, the Governor in Council confirmed his position on 18 April 1878. There was no other obvious reason for Alfred Selman to volunteer as a cemetery trustee in 1878 or for the Corinella community to favour him when they rejected Alexander Stewart and the other three temporary trust appointments: None of his family is buried in the Grantville or Corinella Cemeteries, he had not participated as a witness in any of the burials at the informal burial site north of the Deep Creek and he was a relative newcomer to the district. Further, Alfred Selman attended only three meetings of the Grantville Cemetery Trust before he left the district and in effect resigned from the Grantville and Corinella Cemetery Trusts. He made his most important contribution at his last meeting when he seconded John Monk's motion seeking allocation of the land north of the gazetted Grantville Cemetery comprising the informal burial site.

By 17 May 1879, Alfred Selman had abandoned Allotments 87 & 88 in Queensferry and moved to Darnum near Warragul. He established the short-lived Selman & Co saw mill which became fully operational in January 1880 and closed by the end of that year. Alfred Selman moved to Grafton in New South Wales to work again with his brother at his American Steam Saw Mill but their partnership dissolved in 1883 when Daniel sold the American Steam Saw Mill and was once more declared insolvent.

In 1884, Alfred Selman set up the first commercial poultry farm in Grafton New South Wales and quickly became a recognised breeder and judge of black and brown-breasted game ducks and brown and white leghorn hens as well as a fruit grower. Alfred Selman must have also made some money when his property was compulsorily taken up for the new railway in 1888 because he built a new two-storey house in Grafton. He was elected an Alderman of Grafton in 1899, appointed a magistrate in 1901 and echoed his early life experience when he

publicly promoted American-style commercial expansion.

On 7 June 1902, Alfred William Selman died from pneumonia in Grafton, New South Wales.



Next month I will tell you about John Monk (1829-1880) who was a Grantville Cemetery trustee for 2 ½ years from 18 April 1878 until he died on 19 October 1880.

An extended version of this story including references will be featured in the February Western Port Times.



The Bass Valley U3A's Local History Group meets monthly in Grantville.

There are a couple of vacancies in the group, which requires U3A Membership (\$30 p.a.), which also allows you access to all U3A groups, vacancies permitting. (see page 11).

We are looking for people who have a passion for the collection and preservation of the rich history of our area.

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More information about the role of cemetery trust members is available at: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/cemeteries-and-crematoria/cemetery-trust-appointments/class-b-cemetery-trust-appointments>

To register your interest please contact the Grantville Cemetery Trust by writing to The Secretary, Grantville Cemetery Trust, 1720 Bass Highway, Grantville VIC 3984 or by telephoning the Secretary on 5678 8223 within two weeks of the date of this advertisement.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that government boards and committees reflect the composition of the Victorian community. This includes appropriate representation of women, regional Victorians, Aboriginal people, young Victorians, Victoria's culturally diverse community, the LGBTI community and Victorians with a disability.

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History

What was happening in.... Bass (1900-1909)

Compiled by Geoff Guilfoyle

Great Southern Advocate, 31 March 1904, page 5: Bass Valley.

A very representative gathering took place at the Bass Valley hall on Tuesday night. The occasion was the presentation of a testimonial to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ward, who are leaving the district. From all the countryside around, friends and well-wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Ward and family attended to show the high esteem in which they held them. Mr. Downward, M.L.A. for Mornington, presided, and in presenting the testimonial, with a few well chosen remarks wish Mr. and Mrs. Ward health, wealth and prosperity in their new home. Others present also spoke in a similar strain, and referred to the sterling worth of the guests of the evening. In all moments for the welfare of the district, Mr Ward had been to the front, and to him the best thanks of the community were due. The proceedings which were very enthusiastic throughout, did not terminate till a late hour.

South Bourke and Mornington Journal, 24 July 1901: Bass.

The annual meeting of the Bass Valley Rifle Club was held on Friday night, when a large number of members attended. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Captain, Mr. A. Ward (re-elected); president, Mr. J. Morrison; secretary, Mr. Mahood. The balance sheet showed a surplus of £3, the receipts being £89, and the expenditure, £86; and the roll disclosed 54 financial members. On Wednesday a match was fired at 400 yards, for trophies valued at ten guineas, Mr. Henery scoring 32, and Mr. H. Long 31. The 500 yards competition will be fired on Saturday. A pleasant feature of the afternoon was supplied by Mesdames Ward and Colgate, who presided at the afternoon tea tables, at which over 30 rifle men were invited. This was a very

jolly affair, and the hostesses received the hearty thanks of the hungry rifle men.

South Bourke and Mornington Journal, 6 May 1903, page 2: Bass.

A social evening, says the "Times," given by the committee of the Bass Hall on the 22nd ult. was largely attended, visitors coming from all parts of the district. The evening's amusement consisted of dancing, singing, &c. The most interesting part of the programme was a waltzing competition. Miss L. Bothwick and Mr. E. Hade, Mr. and Mrs. Wm Bates, Miss M. Misson and Mr. F. Henderson, Miss West and Mr. Sloss, Mr. and Mrs. W. O'Meara taking part in it. The first-named won the prize, the lady being presented with a pair of vases, and the gentlemen with a silver-mounted pipe and case. The judges were Messrs. W. H. Weaver, T. Duff, and Williams. The music was supplied by Mr. G. H. Wheatley, of Queensferry. The floor was in excellent order, and good dancing was witnessed.

Great Southern Advocate, 17 August 1905, page 5: Bass.

The existing prettiness of Bass township has been greatly enhanced by the completion of the new Catholic Church — a building which, for architectural beauty, would be hard to beat in Gippsland. Much praise is due to the Catholics of the district for their energy, and this beautiful little church will be a standing testimony of the progressiveness and liberality of the parishioners. The cost of the building will be about £220, and, under the supervision of the Rev. Father Parker, good return has been received for the expenditure. Mr. G. Cuthbert, the contractor, must also be complimented for the splendidly-finished work. The church will be opened on Sunday next, 20th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Kelly of

Melbourne, and a large congregation of all denominations is expected.

South Bourke and Mornington Journal, 15 Dec. 1909, page 2: Bass.

A representative gathering of residents of Bass and surrounding district was held in the Bass Hall on Friday, to bid farewell to Mr. J. Tulloch, who has sold his property and will leave shortly for Queensland. The function took the form of a social evening, dancing, singing, etc. forming the greater portion of the entertainment. Cr. J. Campbell, President of the Phillip Island Council occupied the chair and during a break in the festivities, presented Mr. Tulloch with a gold watch, an illuminated address, and a purse of sovereigns. These gifts were subscribed for by people around Mr. Tulloch's home, and in a measure were a recognition of his many years' labour to push the district ahead, and especially of his hard work in connection with the new movement to establish railway communication between here and Melbourne.

The district owes a lot to Mr. Tulloch, and took this opportunity to express its acknowledgment in a small degree.

Great Southern Advocate, 7 October 1902, page 4: Transactions in property.

Messrs. Pearson, Rowe, Smith, and Co. (in conjunction with the Australian Estates and Mortgage Company Limited) report having sold by private contract, on account of the executors of George Washington Chartres, the Bass-park Estate, containing 1,140 acres and 3 rods, in the parishes of Woolamai and Corinella, county of Mornington, to Mr. Robert C. Scott, of Tinamba.



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To a rapturous
welcome.

Her smile sweet cherry red
enticing
Honey suckle breath
scented.

Modestly veiled in
cascading
robes embroidered in
fresh green.

Her curves half revealed
ripe with the
promise of future
pleasures.

Indiscriminately
sharing her
largesse and favours
with all.

Feeding all appetites
so richly
All gluttonous tastes
sated.

Until such generosity
of giving
Cloyes with sickening
surfeit.

The golden promise is
tarnished
And too much richness
repels.

Blousy, and tawdry,
the temptress
Ceases to attract
lovers.

The browning smile reeks
of rot.
The ripe abundance is
decayed

The ageing summer
ignoring
all hints her season
is gone.

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her welcome
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Writing

Another piece from regular Contributor E.E (Betty) Caldwell, with thanks to Marcee Silver.



LINDSAY'S GHOST

It was years ago. I've practically forgotten it by now but, geez, we all laughed at the time. Some lagoon it was. Lizard? No, I don't think so. Goanna? Possibly, but as I said it's a long time past. None of you blokes would've heard of it. It was scarcely a name on the map when we were there, little more than a rubbish dump, really. Probably not in anyone's register these days. A lagoon it was, certainly. Goanna sounds all right but it could just as easily have been Echidna or any other damn thing.

Get another round in, boys, while I stir up the grey matter. Anyone here remember Lindsay? Opening bat and occasional forward for the Westerners. Well, Lins had heard of someone digging up a nugget or two, not in the known fields, but out in an isolated spot with nothing else going for it. And that included the gold. I suppose there had been a strike some years back because there was a pub with a barmaid – Abby. Poor soul. Nice bright young thing as I recall, unfortunately stuck out there with the licensee. Hopeless character, steadily drinking his way through the profits, well on the path to ruin, in every sense, by the time we arrived. And no, in case you're wondering – we hadn't gone out there after women. We all had regular girlfriends at home. Last I heard of Lindsay he'd well and truly settled down with a wife, kids and a job at the steelworks. We've drifted apart over the years. Shame because we were such good mates back then.

But as I said, Lindsay heard about the gold, if it ever existed, up at Goanna's Lagoon. He'd also got wind of my brother Tom having invested in a metal detector. So! Round he comes one night and puts his proposition to us.

Easter was fast approaching and how about we hit the road on Thursday night – did I say Lindsay had a ute? We three could fit in the cabin with a few shovels and, of course, Tom's infallible, get-rich-quick contraption in the back. Over four days, we might just happen to strike it lucky and, if not, we'd have the trip anyway.

As you might imagine, by the Sunday we had nothing to show for our effort except a half a dozen bottle tops and a few old coins – total value about two bob. That night, we lined up at the bar for a couple of drinks before dinner. Tom and Lindsay decided on a game of darts before Abby appeared with plates of the lamb we'd seen turning on a spit out in the back yard. For such an out of the way spot, the food was terrific.

No sooner had we finished than Bertie, an old-timer, sidled up to ask if we'd like a hand of poker. We wouldn't but he was mighty persistent and the only way we could deter

him was to suggest we take him on at the dart board. Don't know what sort of a card player he was but he was useless at darts. You see, Tom was our local champion so he and Lindsay would win effortlessly. They teamed up and that left me with the old guy. It was promising to be a fairly average kind of night until Abby brought out a tray of drinks. She thumped it down on the table just as the hayseed was eyeing up his target. Distracted by the noise, he swung around letting his dart fly off in Lindsay's general direction. It didn't connect but by the time Bertie looked back, there was our mate clutching his heart, moaning and groaning in the agony of death throes. Abby saw the joke and raced over to shield Lindsay from the old boy's line of vision. "Good God," Tom screamed, "you've killed him, man! You've bloody killed him!"

All our years in amateur dramatics instantly kicked in and within minutes we had Lindsay laid out on the bar. Bertie was slumped on the floor, face in hands, gasping for air.

"Don't worry, mate," Tom told him. "We'll fix it."

Abby produced a rickety stretcher covered in dust and cobwebs. The corpse made no complaint as we shoved him on and high-tailed it outside. Lins jumped off and away we raced to the ute. We each grabbed a shovel and pretty soon had dug a shallow depression. Then I remembered a dead wallaby we'd seen the day before. It wasn't too far off and by the time I dragged it back the boys had a decent sized hole to bury it in.

When we were satisfied with our fairly realistic mound, we all enjoyed a good laugh. Then Lindsay had a brainwave, "Hey! You guys remember Macbeth? How about I play Banquo? You word Abby up telling her no one but Bertie can see or hear me and we'll have a bit of fun at the old man's expense." Of course we brought Bertie out to see where we'd planted the body which, we assured him, was wanted by the Police in three states and no one was likely to come looking for him.

Back inside, we suggested a hand of poker may be a good way to settle ourselves down for the night. Bertie was trembling as he pulled out a dog-eared, greasy pack which no one but a lunatic would put any money on. Tom dealt the first round as Banquo's ghost floated in, stood behind Bertie and whispered, "Sacrifice the king."

Bertie looked round and screamed. Abby came running with a life-saving brandy. As she handed it to the old chap, Lindsay reached out and snatched it. Down the hatch it went.

"Bertie," Abby cried, you shouldn't gulp it down like that." She slipped in behind him so Lindsay could escape through to the kitchen.

We all had a brandy after that and a round of poker which no one seemed to win or lose. Then it was off to bed, to ponder what devilment we could dream up for the following day.

Abby was a gem. She brought a breakfast tray in to our room so Banquo wouldn't be tempted to help himself to Macbeth's feast. Tom and I went to the dining room, sat down opposite the old guy and waited. Half-way through our meal, which we were relishing, but poor Bertie could only pick at, in came the ghost, right on cue. Bertie tried to stand up, but we never knew if his legs would have supported him as Lindsay placed his hands firmly on his shoulders and seated him squarely back on the seat. Two or three times he attempted to rise while Tom and I discussed the weather, the market for fat lambs, the price of wool and any other trivia we could think of, totally ignoring the scene being carried out in front of us. And then Abby came up with a strategy none of us had contemplated.

"All right, you lot," and she glared first at Tom, then me, and finally Bertie. "Which one of you is going to fork out for the dead man's board and lodging?"

We were literally struck dumb. Abby swung round and how she managed to ignore Lindsay's enormous grin, I'll never know. "How about you?" she asked Tom and me. We threw up our hands in horror. "Well you then?" and poor Bertie was overcome. He emptied out his pockets – a pitiful collection of bits and pieces – not enough to cover his legitimate expenses, let alone anyone else's. From behind his chair, Lindsay leaned across and deposited a small wad of bank notes. "Thank you, very much." Abby swooped on the cash.

We decided against staying for lunch. Lindsay whispered in Abby's ear to keep plying Bertie with grog until we were safely out of town. He was really jealous when it came to his ute and he didn't want anyone else to be seen driving it – certainly no phantom crawling out from Goanna's Lagoon. That's where we left Lindsay's Banquo. And who knows? Maybe he haunts the district still.

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Short Story Time

As usual, I went to my grandchildren's school end of year Christmas concert. It hardly seemed more than a few months since last year's concert and that of the year's before.

I started thinking about time.

Somewhere along the years, it has compressed and vanished with my youth, my health and my environment.

I remember when the working weeks that spaced out my weekends were endless.

Every weekend was a long golden interval to be waited and yearned for impatiently during the prolonged working days stretching from the interminable Mondays through to Fridays.

The weekends had so much time in them. Saturday mornings were long enough to play tennis, watch basketball, hockey or the local cricket match with time still left over to catch up on friends at the local milk bar.

Saturday afternoons stretched endlessly for playing more tennis, gardening, washing and ironing of clothes and washing hair.

There was always enough time left to sit in the sun and do my nails, read, listen to records and sew; to sprawl in the grass under the old apricot tree watching the billowing cloud castles drift past and dream.

Saturday nights everyone went dancing. Dancing was such a prolonged and extended pleasure that it is hard to remember that the evenings were only a few hours long.

I remember Sundays as always sunny; the hours stretching out endlessly like melted chewing gum. There was time to sleep in; time to sit in the sun and read; time for the traditional lamb roast for Sunday dinner.

In the afternoons there was time to listen to opera on the radio until lunch was digested; time to bike down to the river to swim; take a train down the beach; to read and listen to more records and always time to hang around in the long slow twilights with friends.

So what happened to the extended time of my youth? Does time sneak away because you are busy? My entire youth was active and occupied but I still had time.

During the years that I grew up, married, ran a house, raised children, returned to paid work and welcomed grandchildren into my life, time has sneaked off stealthily like a thief in the night.

Now the months slide by as if they are only days long and the Christmases are compressing together like the weekends at the end of a week. My grandchildren

are lengthening out and growing beyond me. The years hurtle me into the future like a projectile.

Everyone talks about how much time you have when you are retired, so why hasn't it happened? Time is cramping me up in an ever accelerating race at Mach 1 speed, distorting my perceptions, and deforming and compressing me in its tight grip.

Time the thief is welcome to my youth, energy and health, but not the months and years it is snitching so mercilessly from me.

I want to get off this hurtling projectile into the future. It is going so fast that I can't even experience the present before it becomes the past. I want to recapture the long golden endless extended time and space of my dreaming leisurely youth.

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Book Review

Joining Blaise van Hecke on ,
'The road to Tralfamadore'

Blaise van Hecke, Busybird Publishing, 2018



The cover photo of Blaise van Hecke's 'The road to Tralfamadore' encapsulates the content of book.

The author's mother Lin van Hecke took the photo on a warm

sunny day. It shows a young blonde girl about six or seven with long tanned legs and bare feet holding on to a maremma sheepdog in a dry creekbed. Her broad smile and that of the happy boy about four and a slightly bigger boy in the background make you feel happy just to see them, and they seem to invite you to open the book to share their adventures.

In her first line 'Will you come on a road trip with me?' van Hecke the child invites you to join her and her family on their drive to their hidden paradise up the east coast of Australia eight hours from Melbourne. To get the most out of the book, you relax and go along for the ride and enjoy the experiences of the young child as the adult van Hecke remembers them. With a child's natural candour, she observes: 'My mama was young when her first love died in a car accident. It left a large cavern in her heart and no daddy for her first baby, my big sister Sara. Of her own father she writes: My daddy was

handsome and lovable but not good daddy material. Either that or the cavern was too big to navigate. Mama's heart just wasn't in it.'

Whether in London, Belgium or Australia, where most of the book is set, life was an adventure. In Belgium their mother met Herman a Flemish painter who 'became our new daddy'. He was the father of van Hecke's brothers Billy and Couzie.

The subtitle of the book is 'Stories from a gypsy childhood', and many parts of the book share her memories of a happy childhood living in a hippy commune. Neighbours were friends and the children mixed and grew up together. On her fifth birthday van Hecke recalls: 'swimming in the clear water of the creek, turning in and out of the curls of water, playful and naughty was a platypus'. A potentially tragic incident occurred when a young friend dived head first into the commune's swimming hole and split open her head. Because of their remoteness from medical help, a neighbour was called to stitch up the wound. On another occasion the river flooded and all the families in the commune had to walk out of their bush homes before they were marooned.

Van Hecke reminiscences of her unconventional childhood will have you recalling your own childhood and how you enjoyed the outdoors, how you coped with adult issues, bullying, inappropriate adult behaviour and your first date. As van Hecke writes, 'We didn't see much of the movie, due to more "pashing"'. I decided there was no longevity in this relationship because my lips were shredded from his braces.'

A joyous book divided into short episodic chapters separated by simple black and white line drawings by Jack Howlett, 'The road to Tralfamadore is bathed in river water' is well worth a read. It is available from the publisher Busy Bird Publishing on <https://www.bushbird.com.au/books/our-books/>

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Bushfires

We are all aware of the summer threat of bushfire. To date we have had more than we had hoped for and as I write the air outside is full of the familiar smell. Many of us find our respiratory system objecting, at the very least to the unpleasant aroma.

I was watching a show the other night and a couple of the folk in this show were particularly outspoken and loud. They sounded offensive and didn't warm the hearts of the viewers – much like the effects of the smoke filling our neighbourhoods and city.

It was a bit of tell-tale sign that attitudes, words and overall feel towards others are firmly and deeply set in the past experiences of people and that these surface at every given opportunity. As I watched this show I wondered what had been the catalyst for their strong and offending aggression.

Did I have any inner wounds still bleeding all over others like these very obvious illustrations? Did my not so deeply hidden scars surface to offend and hurt others?

A wise man once said – “treat others as you want to be treated”, and another suggested that “our words bring healing and soothing...”.

We can only do these things when we forgive offence and wounding and receive and live the healing process. It's never too late to try this sometimes slow but sure cure for a wounded and bleeding heart and mind. Happy healing!

Revil

1. What is the best type of grain used in brewing beer?
2. What species of fish are also known as kippers?
3. Name the French region famed for making claret?
4. How many British monarchs have there been since 1900?
5. The Scottish Grand National is held at which racecourse?
6. Made from soya, TVP is an acronym for what?
7. Harlequin loved which pantomime character?
8. Name the pop group who reached Number One in the UK music charts in 1972 with "Son Of My Father"?
9. What is scampi made from?
10. In place of milk, what is added to Russian tea?
11. What distinctive feature does a Manx cat have?
12. Name the poet whose love was like a red, red rose?
13. The national holiday of Waitangi Day is held in which country?
14. Who employed Jeeves in the PG Wodehouse novels?
15. What type of music is Kentucky, in America, known for?
16. Who wrote "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"?
17. Which animal has the most mentions in the Bible?
18. Who wrote "Mack the Knife"?
19. Name the city previously known as Byzantium and Constantinople.
20. The vernal equinox heralds the start of which season in the northern hemisphere?

Time Quotes

"I sit beside the fire and think
Of all that I have seen
Of meadow flowers and butterflies
In summers that have been

Of yellow leaves and gossamer
In autumns that there were
With morning mist and silver sun
And wind upon my hair

I sit beside the fire and think
Of how the world will be
When winter comes without a spring
That I shall ever see

For still there are so many things
That I have never seen
In every wood in every spring
There is a different green

I sit beside the fire and think
Of people long ago
And people that will see a world
That I shall never know

But all the while I sit and think
Of times there were before
I listen for returning feet
And voices at the door"

J.R.R. Tolkien

"It has been said, 'time heals all wounds.'
I do not agree. The wounds remain. In
time, the mind, protecting its sanity,
covers them with scar tissue and the pain
lessens. But it is never gone."

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not
yet come. We have only today. Let us
begin."

Mother Theresa

Thought for the Month - January

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Barley. 2. Herring. 3. Bordeaux. 4. Six. 5. Apr.
6. Textured vegetable protein. 7. Columbine.
8. Chicory. 9. Prawns. 10. A slice of lemon.
11. It has no tail. 12. Robert Robbie Burns.
13. New Zealand. 14. Bertie Wooster.
15. Bluegrass. 16. Tennessee Williams.
17. Sheep. 18. Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht.
19. Istanbul. 20. Spring.

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In the garden February-March

10 Tips For a Water-Wise Garden This Summer

Robyn Rosenfeldt

Whether you're in the middle of a summer heat wave or are just having a dry spell, it is always smart to have a water efficient garden.

Here are our top ten tips for creating a water-wise garden.

1. Mulch, mulch, mulch. Keep the soil covered at all times. This protects your soil from drying out, supports the soil microbiology and suppresses weeds.

Use straw or other plants you can grow yourself, such as comfrey. You can also plant ground covers beneath fruit trees that will protect the soil. Remove weeds from around plants as they will compete for water. However if a bed is lying fallow, better it has weeds in it than bare soil

2. Have an efficient watering system. Drip irrigation below the mulch is the most water-efficient method.

Using a timer can help ensure you don't overwater.

3. Water in the early morning or late evening. This way the water has time to sink into the soil before the heat of the day.

4. Build up your soil. Make sure you have lots of organic matter in your soil by adding compost and manures. This allows the soil to retain the water when it rains rather than having it all run off.

5. Slow the water down. Build you beds on the contour (so that they run across the slope, not down it) so that when water does enter your garden, it seeps into the beds and doesn't run off. You can also create swales that gather water and allow it to sink into the soil.

6. Water less often but more thoroughly. This way the water goes down deep into the soil, encouraging roots to go deep too.

7. Aerate the soil. Use a broad fork or pitchfork to loosen the soil before you plant. Don't turn the soil over as this

destroys soil structure, just dig into the soil, push your fork back and forward a few times, then remove. This creates pathways into the soil for water to travel.

8. Temporary shade. In some climates the temperatures can get so high that plants get burnt by the sun. By creating shade for the plants, you can protect them on extreme weather days. This can be with polypipe and shade cloth or even an old beach umbrella.

9. Plant deciduous trees. Planting deciduous trees around the garden will create shade from the hot summer afternoon sun but wont stop the precious winter sun. Keep an eye on the tree and make sure it isn't competing with water from the plants themselves.

10. Collect water. Either install a rainwater tank or set up a greywater system, so that you can use your greywater from the house. Just be sure to use only garden friendly products in the house.



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There is a grub crawling on my kitchen bench

Razmi Wahab



By mid January, the fruits on my peach tree are looking healthy, with most of them showing a beautiful red blush, which

I take to mean almost ripe and ready for picking. They are still firm to the touch but I picked a few without a hint of blemish to give to my son to take home. Leave it on the kitchen bench, I said, and the fruits will ripen and be sweet and juicy. I notice a few of the fruits are exuding gum on the skin and I suspect there must be some unwelcomed creatures residing in the fruits, but I am

hoping the perfect ones are safe. To think that I have covered the whole tree with nets to protect the fruits from possums and birds, and all the time the enemies are within.

I manage to pick a few perfect peaches and hope my son is enjoying his, which should have ripened. Yes, he says, they are sweet and juicy and he is careful not to bite into them after finding a grub crawling on his kitchen bench. It is a disappointment to find so many of the fruits attacked by larvae but the tree is laden and though there are perfect specimens, I slice them open with a knife to make sure. Those that are affected can still be salvaged. I make jam, delicious but not expected to set firmly, so you have to sit down to eat your runny jam on toast. Some I cook with chilli paste and spices to produce a relish, which can just go with anything, especially when you are starving.

I do not use insecticide in my garden but will spray the trees with fungicide in winter to prevent leaf curl. However, the intention is there but comes spring when the buds are swollen and ready to burst I would then realise that I have missed out on spraying the trees with Bordeaux mixture. When this happens and the inevitable leaf curls occur, I counteract the disaster by feeding the trees and watering them well. My belief is that a strong tree will survive the invasion. This may be so but there is that other invasion by grubs. I can understand why some people refuse to grow fruit trees. The harvest however is worth the frustrations.

I still manage to pick enough good peaches to stew for a peach Melba and a presentable peach tart. The slightly damaged fruits I can still save for the aforesaid runny jam. Frustrations and disappointments aside, I still maintain that some imperfect fruits from your tree are far sweeter than those insipid, perfect ones from the supermarkets.

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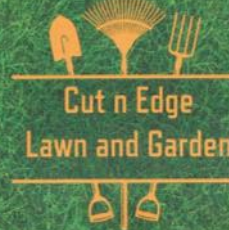
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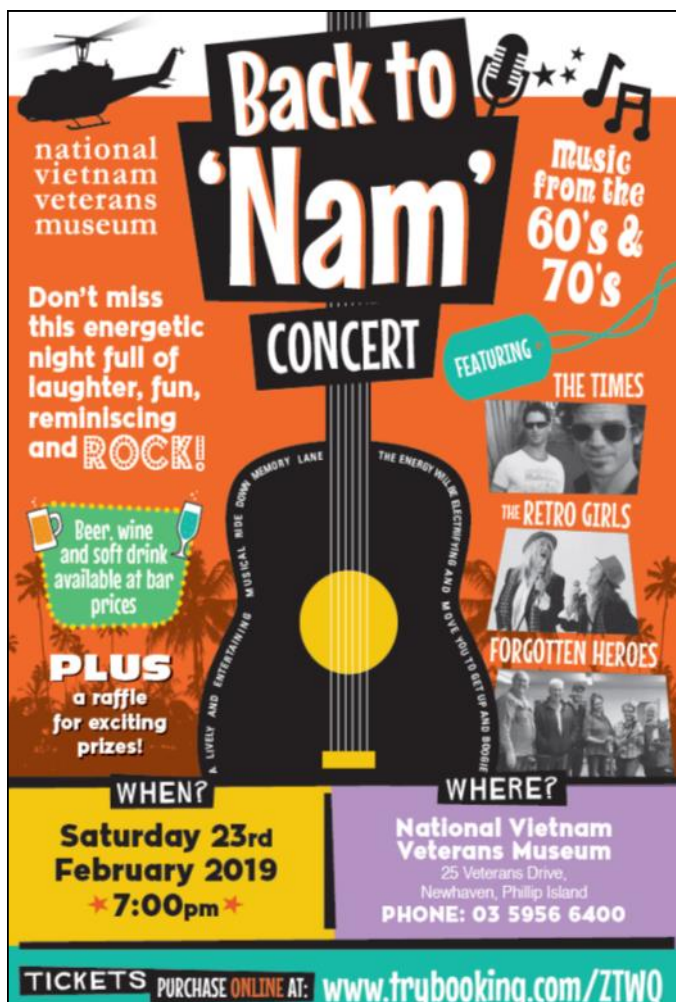
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