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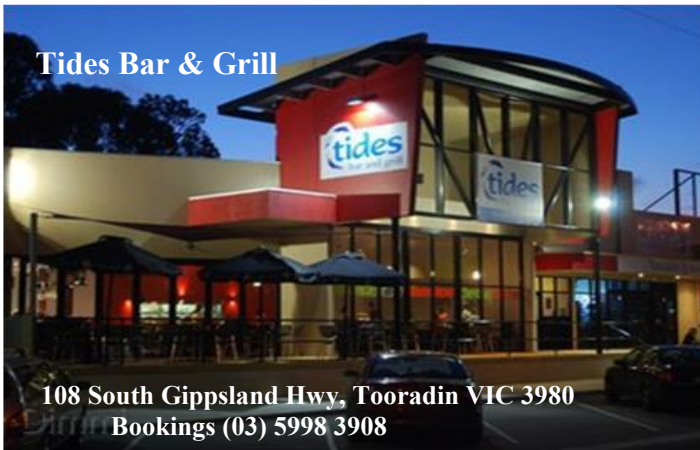
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25 July

29 August

17 October

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[www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments](http://www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments)





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#### 153 SMYTHE STREET, CORINELLA

lovely three bedroom, two bathroom brick home with water views on a huge allotment of 809 square metres only metres from the boat ramp with excellent access to some of the best fishing in Westernport Bay.

**\$650k-\$682,500**  3  2  6

### FOR SALE



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### FOR SALE



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### FOR SALE



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**Alex Scott & Staff Bass Valley**

**03 5678 8433 sales@alexscottre.com.au**





# Bass Valley Autumn Festival\*

BASS SCHOOL ROAD, BASS, VIC 3991

(approx 12km on the A120 from Grantville heading towards San Remo/Phillip Island)

## Saturday, 2nd March 2019

- Live Country Music • Food stalls
- Family fun activities  
(Jumping Castle, Mini Golf, Face Painting)
- Bucking Bull • Raffles
- Market Stalls • Devonshire Tea
- Bar

### 10am - 4pm

Entry is a Gold Coin donation



\* Festival is being organised by the Bass Valley Community Group, a not-for-profit organisation - ABN 87607683864



# Macca's Farm Store

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**0437 367 622**



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**FROM THE  
EDITOR'S DESK**  
[editor@waterlinenews.com.au](mailto:editor@waterlinenews.com.au)



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



For some, New Year's eve probably seems like a distant memory, and a lot of new year's resolutions will already have gone by the wayside. For The Waterline News, the main objective for 2019 is to try and maintain the standards we have established and to provide all community groups an outlet to communicate with residents of the Bass Coast shire and our near neighbours. This is done, not only with the double page main community directory on pages eight and nine, but also with a large number of what may look like advertisements but are actually unpaid community notices, along with the Community Centres and Group reports. Thanks to the Bass Valley U3A local history group for our Happy New Year postcard and San Remo cartoon from 1934. Take care and have a happy & safe new year 2019.

*Roger Clark, Editor*

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**or write to PO Box 184 Grantville 3984**  
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**[www.waterlinenews.com.au](http://www.waterlinenews.com.au)**

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

**Looking Back....**

**January 20th 1842**

The Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group hosts an annual a gathering to commemorate two men from Tasmania, Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner, who were captured at Cape Paterson then tried and hanged in 1842 for the murder of a whaler.

The commemoration aims to acknowledge the injustice dealt to them, and honour them in their death.

The Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation is kindly gifting us the Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and music.

The commemoration is to be held on Sunday 20th January at 11am in the park beside the Centennial Centre (Artspace/ Information Centre) on the highway in Wonthaggi.

**Geoff Ellis**

## Community Halls for Hire



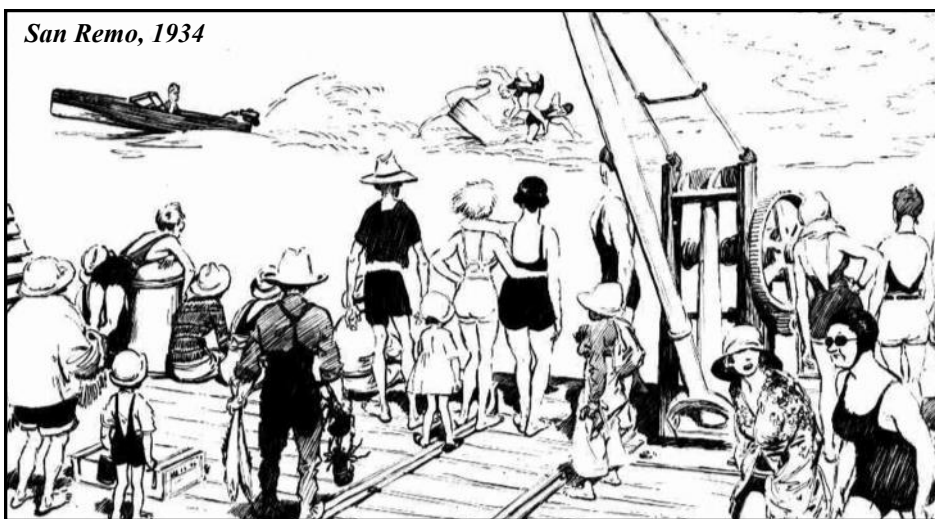
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**Details not right?**

**Let us know....**

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*San Remo, 1934*



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email: [bruce.kent@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:bruce.kent@police.vic.gov.au)



**Emergency Dial 000**  
**[www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au)**



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

# Community Directory

## Artists' Society of Phillip Island

56-58 Church Street Cowes

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

## Bass Valley Landcare

2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass 5678 2335

## Cape Woolamai Coast Action

Email [capewoolamaicoastaction@gmail.com](mailto:capewoolamaicoastaction@gmail.com)

## Corinella & District Probus Club

Heather Reid 0421 012 519

## Corinella Boating & Angling Club

Website [www.corinellafishing.com.au](http://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](http://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

Mondays 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](mailto:thegbca1@gmail.com)

## Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

Contact: Barbara Coles

Email [bacoles@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Come and join the fun. Phillip Island

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Meeting/Guest Speaker/Lunch available.

Email [Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com](mailto:Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com)

## South Gippsland Support after Suicide

Phone 9421 7640

Email [southgippslandsas@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

#### Bass Valley Lions Club Op Shop

Situated at the Grantville Garden Supplies  
Open Monday-Saturday 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  
Email: [info@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:info@basscoasthealth.org.au)

### LIONS CLUB OF BASS VALLEY

#### OP SHOP HAS RE-OPENED

The Lions Club of Bass Valley Op Shop is now open again.

The Op Shop is located at the GRANTVILLE GARDEN CENTRE

Bass Hwy., Grantville

OPENING HOURS will be:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

10am to 2pm

Also - Saturday 9am to 12pm

Ask what Lions can do for you

or what you can do to become a Lion.  
contact Lyn on 0416 024 356





# Community Notes



**CORINELLA  
RATEPAYERS AND  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

## 2018 Committee

**President.** Wayne Maschette.

**Vice President.** Peter Tait.

**Secretary.** David Laing.

**Treasurer.** Lyndell Parker

**General Committee Member.**

John Stewart and Michael Kelzke

**Lyndell Parker 0422247490**



**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."

**CORONET BAY  
RATEPAYERS &  
RESIDENTS  
ASSOCIATION**



## 2018 COMMITTEE

**President: David Buckingham**

**Vice President: Kevin Brown**

**Secretary: Stephanie Hartridge**

**Treasurer: Louise Gration**

**Committee Member: Mel Gration**

**Committee Member :**

**Mark Hanrahan**

There is a need for more helpers on those days. These events are an integral part of the community but are at risk of not happening in the future without more regular volunteers.

If you can assist please call the Secretary Combined Community Group, Sue Quartermain on 0408 290923 or email [susiequa@tpg.com.au](mailto:susiequa@tpg.com.au)

**David Buckingham, President**

**Zena Benbow**



[thegbca1@gmail.com](mailto:thegbca1@gmail.com)

**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:**

[thegbca1@gmail.com](mailto:thegbca1@gmail.com)

**PIONEER BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

**Contact :**

**Zena Benbow**

[pbpa@bigpond.com](mailto:pbpa@bigpond.com)



By the time most of you read this we'll be half way into the first month of 2019 so I hope the New Year is treating you all well. It also means that we'll be less than

10 days out from the 9th Annual Aussie Day Bash at Pioneer Bay.

We thank our generous sponsors for getting behind this family day community fundraiser for 2019, Bass Coast Shire Council, Dandy Pre-Mix, Tomlins Liquid Waste, Waterfront Computers, Grantville Community Committee, Russell Broadbent, our recently allocated Federal Parliamentary Representative for 'Monash' and McDonald's are lovin' The Bash 2019 this summer with us once again! It goes without saying that the generosity of these sponsors keep this event free for families to enjoy.

We'll hit the streets in coming weeks to find some silent auction items- so please remember to bring some extra cash with you! All money raised will continue to prop up the community share of the building fund, external design voted on at last year's event.

We're still after volunteers to assist on the day- if you can please contact us at: [pbprogressassociationinc@gmail.com](mailto:pbprogressassociationinc@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing your smiling faces & trust Mother Nature will be kind once more!



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# Community Notes



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

**President :** Judy Lawrence  
**Vice President :** Jim Kiley  
**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.

**RHYLL TWILIGHT MARKETS**  
are on again!!



**Friday January 18th , at 4pm until twilight.**  
**Come along and join the fun, live bands, face painting, lots of food trucks and plenty of interesting stalls.**

A neighbourly hero is someone taking a walk and discreetly collecting litter along the way. A neighbour pulling up weeds along the roadside. Another dragging roadkill off the road, to the verge. These are the unseen heroes in our community that quietly go about doing deeds for the benefit of others. The neighbour who picks up the paper or the milk from the local store or the one that does some baking and shares it with another up the street. Another who looks after the cat or waters the garden or puts the rubbish bins back in place when neighbours are away. The friendly smile when walking down the street. All these deeds make a

difference in such a positive way! Neighbourly Heroes help to keep our communities safe, clean and tidy. So on behalf of all Communities, we say thank you to these people.

**Bass Coast Branch of National Trust.**  
If you are interested in joining the Bass Coast Branch of NTAV, meetings and activities, contact Mary-Lu Burt for information.  
mlburt@melbpc.org.au or visit the NTAV website:  
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic>

**The Rhyll Community Association**  
**would like to wish everyone a wonderful 2019**



**[www.u3abassvalley.com](http://www.u3abassvalley.com)**  
**(PO Box 142 Grantville 3984)**

**The 2018 committee is:**  
**Chairperson :** Mark Dunbar  
**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**  
**Book Club**  
**Creative Writing**  
**Craft & Conversation**  
**Local History**  
**Movie & Theatre Appreciation**  
**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  
Held at Coronet Bay Community Hall  
Gellibrand Street  
Every Tuesday 9:30 am - 10:30 am  
Phone Vicki 0403 025 634

**Other U3A Groups in the Waterline**  
**News area are at:**  
**Cowes (Pical)**  
**[www.pical.org.au](http://www.pical.org.au)**  
**Phone 5952 1131**

**and**  
**Wonthaggi**  
**<http://www.u3awonthaggi.org.au>**  
**Ph: 03 5672 3951**



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# Community Centres and other local news



5672 3731

**Bass School Road, Bass 3991**  
**Centre Manager: Roderick McIvor**

With the festive frivolities behind us and a determination to make 2019 a productive year, the Bass Valley Community Centre has been back in operation since Monday 7 January. Our Friendship Club isn't back till Monday 21 January.

This is a week later than usual and comes about as we had our Christmas Party and Friendship Club break-up later. The party was, as per usual, a lot of fun for Friendship Club members and volunteers who support them.

This included the Hadden House Op Shop volunteers who staff the shop throughout the year.

Also included were the volunteer bus drivers, cooks and the office support. The weather wasn't too hot and all jumped into the traditional lunch.

We also drew the Christmas Raffle at the party. Although First and Third prize weren't in the room, Second prize went to Friendship Club member Tina, who was. As mentioned in our December report to the Waterline News, the planning is under way for the 2019 Bass Valley Autumn Festival. And the big improvement this year is the addition of a bar (see poster page 5).

We are hoping that having a bar will make the music mellower. We were lucky enough to get the liquor licence within days of applying for it, despite the fact that we were cautioned that it could take up to several weeks.

The Bass Valley Community Centre is a service provider for the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme). What this means is that younger people, ie adults who are less than 65 years old, can join our Friendship Club as part of their NDIS

package where it includes 'Group-based Activities'. A number of people living with disabilities are currently part of the group and very much seem to enjoy attending. So if you are (or know of someone who is) finding yourself socially isolated and unable to get out and about, give us a call. We are also able to assist people who might be needing to become part of the NDIS. People can find the procedures for signing up too complex or complicated. Give us a call on 5678 2277.

**BASS OP SHOP**

Open Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm  
Saturday 9am - 12pm  
Sunday Closed

Stop and shop to help raise community funds

**Community Op Shop**

Are you having a clean-up or thinking of cleaning out your house?  
Think recycling, not only to donate but to buy

Think Hadden House Op Shop, Bass for all your preloved quality items: Clothing, toys, bric-a-brac, furniture, books etc.

Due to Government regulations we are unable to accept second hand electrical goods

Funds raised by the Bass Op Shop assist the Bass Valley Community Centre in providing valuable community services and programs.

Bass Op Shop, just off the Bass Highway, next to the Bass Hall in Bass School Road, Bass, Victoria  
Phone: 03 5678 2277 Fax: 03 5678 2242  
admin@bvccg.org.au bvccg.org.au



**Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre**

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

Email :  
admin@pical.org.au  
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We have vacancies in our Tai Chi and Cardio exercise classes if you are interested please give us a call .

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Please call us, we open @ 9.30am M-F  
7 Westernport Rd, Lang Lang 3984  
Contact (03) 5997 5704  
llcc@langlang.net



We will be reopening on  
Wednesday 23 January 2019  
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# 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 Ritchie.

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

**The Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre (Mitchell House) is now closed for the Summer break and will reopen for First Term on: Tuesday 29 January and courses and activities will start up in the second week, starting Monday 4 February.**

This would be a good time to become a member of the WNC as it will provide you with discounts to LearnShare Activities (LSA), a copy of The Grapevine Newsletter each term and weekly electronic updates via the 'WonniGrapevine'. Being a member is also another way to support your Neighbourhood Centre. Come to Mitchell House to learn more!

## What to look forward to: To support Pre Schoolers:

Free Tuesday & Friday Supported Playgroups 10am - 12noon and are for families with a Health Care Card (or equivalent). Each week Janine, our Early Childhood Facilitator, will provide fun activities for you and your child to enjoy together.

## The Toy Library:

Mon - Thurs 10am - 2pm and Fridays 10am - 12noon. Become a member of the Wonthaggi Community Centre and choose from a large variety of toys and puzzles. You select a toy and a puzzle for two weeks, return them and select anew. For older children:

## The Youth 'Pop Up' Space:

Wednesdays 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

## For Health & Wellbeing:

Gentle Movement for Pain Management: Mondays 1.30 - 2.15pm. If you suffer from the discomfort and pain of fibromyalgia, arthritis or other osteo-

related problems this gentle movement class may be of assistance. LSA

## Life force practice:

Tuesdays 1.45 - 4pm. Is a two part class to stimulate your mind, body and soul. The first class is about Taiumba a presentation of basic exercises from Asia and South America emphasising pleasant and worthwhile exercise with fun in a spiritual environment. This leads into the second class which will be meditation. Learn to relax and meditate through guided meditation to calm and quieten the mind. Both are LSA

**Sing for Fun:** Wednesdays (2nd and 4th) at 7pm. Bring your voice, a sense of fun and any songs you would like to share.

**Tai Chi for Beginners:** Thursdays 10.30 - 11.30pm. A gentle introduction to Tai Chi with experienced practitioner Vicki Clark. Wear flat non-slip shoes and comfortable loose clothes. Please book.

## Art & Craft activities:

Traditional Sampler Quilt: Mondays 9.30am - 12.30pm. Find out how to make a beautiful 'Sampler Quilt' using basic quilting techniques - hand or machine.

## Evening Crochet/ Knitting:

Wednesdays 7 - 8pm. Have fun learning a variety of stitches and create colourful and beautiful crochet work.

**Craft & Cuppa:** Fridays 10am - 12noon. Bring along your craftwork or ideas or both!

## Taking up new skills

Friendly adult bicycle group: Mondays 9:30 - 10:30am. Come along and learn (or brush up on) this enjoyable skill.

**Fortnightly digital camera evening** classes: James Lower is keen to share his knowledge on how you can get the most out of your digital camera. The sessions are held fortnightly and alternate between inside theory and outdoor practical sessions. LSA

## Social cards group:

Wednesdays 1 - 3pm. Like playing cards? Why not come along and have some fun and keep your mind alert joining in new card games. They are starting off with '500' and 'May I' but other games can also be introduced.

## One offs:

'Welcome to our Town' Morning Tea: Are you new to Wonthaggi and would like to know about the area, town and WNC? Come along and share a cuppa and pick up your FREE 'Welcome to Our Town' DVD and pack.

**'Pop Up' Lunches:** Are once a term and are a delicious lunch (featuring some produce from our community garden) and lots of friendly conversation.

Everyone welcome!



48 Smythe Street, Corinella,

t: 03 5678 0777 e: coord@cdcc.asn.au

w: corinellacommunitycentre.org.au  
@CorinellaCommunityCentre

The Corinella & District Community Centre (CDCC) has been the central hub for people of the Waterline region of Bass Coast for more than 30 years, providing a venue for training, support and other community services. These include:

- Offering Creative, Wellbeing and Lifestyle programs such as a range of Art & Craft classes; Guitar lessons; Yoga; Walking Club; and Strength Training, just to name a few!
- Lifelong Learning and Accredited and Pre-Accredited Training courses including Landcare and Farm Management; Digital Media; Computers; and Tutoring Services for primary school students.
- A meeting venue and community noticeboard for Mutual Interest/ Support Groups such as The Corinella Foreshore Committee; The Golden Girls; Probus; Men's Shed; and a Cancer Support Group, among others. Find a group that suits you or start one of your own...
- A wide range of Health and Allied Health Services; Counselling; Nurse Practitioner Clinic; Massage Therapy; and a Community Food Pantry is offered for those in need. Providing helpful Office and Admin services to the general public such as cheap Printing; Copying; Faxing; Laminating; Binding; and Internet Access.

**Don't forget, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers from the community who feel they might like to help with the running of the centre, share the skills you already have, or indeed maybe even learn some new ones.**

**There is so much more to CDCC so why not give us a call and find out what we can do for you?**

Kerrie Ritchie  
5678 0777



# More Community News



**CORONET BAY  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
WATCH**  
coronetbaynhw@gmail.com

**Every crime prevented means one less victim.  
See something, know something, say something.**

**For POLICE attendance call 000**

Our group is very grateful for the continued support and crime reports from Police Senior Constable Bruce Kent.  
Police report for October is as follows.  
Tenby Point  
Burglary of mower from garage  
Burglary of garden tools at holiday house  
Burglary of power tools from shed  
Grantville  
Burglary of household goods  
Corinella  
Theft of boat from jetty while owner getting car  
Local male processed for drug trafficking  
The Gurdies  
Theft from unlocked motor vehicle parked in front yard of house  
Almurta  
Theft from shed  
Coronet Bay  
Attempted theft of trailer  
Theft of bag that was left on the shore while owner was out in kayak including mobile phone

**Meetings are now quarterly**

**Next Meeting: 11 February**

**Coronet Bay Hall, Fred Gration Reserve. We would love to see you there.**

**Further meetings: May 13, Aug 12**

## HOUSE SECURITY TIPS:

Thieves look for easy targets so if your home will be unattended for a while make it look like you are still home by:  
Leaving some washing on the line  
Ask a neighbour to collect your mail  
Set timers for lamps & radio to turn on  
Arrange to have lawns mowed  
Ensure everything is locked away safe

## 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 (24hrs)  
\*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

**Remaining Dates**

**Sat 19 Jan  
Sat 09 Feb - Cup Day  
Sat 23 Feb  
Sun 17 Mar**

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## CORINELLA BOWLING CLUB INC.

22 Balcombe Street,  
Corinella  
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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**

## Welcome to 2019!!

We hope your Christmas and New Year period was a safe and happy one. Local brigades were busy with community engagement activities over the holiday period. Both Kernot-Grantville and Corinella Fire Brigades made arrangements to host Santa before Christmas with the assistance of our volunteer elves. The smiling faces of young and old alike make this one of our best activities of the year and the brigades thank their communities for their support.

The funds raised from the Santa Run's go towards equipment maintenance and purchase.

Kernot-Grantville then hosted the areas annual Fire Ready Victoria meeting at the Grantville Hall on Friday 28th December 2018. With over 400 houses in the Grantville area now being listed as at high risk of bushfire threat on the Bushfire risk register this meeting was a vital chance for residents to be informed of expected conditions as we head into summer. With a different day and earlier in the season the meeting went well with approximately 25 residents in attendance.

The need to understand your own circumstances and have a plan was emphasised. Have a 'go bag', know your trigger to leave and where you will go. Make sure you download the VicEmergency app or bookmark the website, so you can keep track of Fire Danger Ratings and incidents in the area. If you missed the meeting information can be obtained by contacting your local brigade or calling in to Grantville Fire Station on a Sunday morning. Don't forget we are now into the fire season. All your planning and preparation should be complete. Make sure your go bag is kept handy at all times, check the fire danger rating daily so you can plan appropriately and keep up to date with the circumstances of neighbours, friends and family in case they need a hand.

If you are planning on being away remember to check what fire district you are heading to (and through!) and keep up to date on weather, fire dangers and any total fire bans.

Most importantly make sure you have the VicEmergency App downloaded to your mobile device, so you can stay alert to developing situations wherever you are in the state.

**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.



## For FRIENDSHIP, SHARING, CARING

Enjoy the company of ladies of all ages, who have similar interests.

Craft and chat meet 4th Monday of month at 10 am.

Learn new craft skills, exchanging recipes and cooking tips.

Social days out, theatre, lunches, shopping trips etc.

Learn new crafts or join us with your current project - Shared lunch

**Country Women's Association of Victoria is currently celebrating 90 years of service to women and children.**

**Any info you're welcome to call Betty on 0418 396 863 anytime**



## Woodleigh Vale Branch of the Country Women's Association



Recently, our branch held their Annual General Meeting which was attended by the Bass Group President, Lorraine Roy, and members. With congratulations, the following persons were elected as office bearers for 2018-19:-

**President** Lyn Edden

**Vice Presidents**

Belinda Smart / Katherine Moss

**Secretary**

Carol Young

**Assistant Secretary**

Julie Dunn

**Treasurer**

Agnes Veldhuizen

**International Officer**

Belinda Smart

**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!!

We extend best wishes to all CWA members, and the wider community, for a safe and happy festive season.

Woodleigh Vale Branch is one of six active branches within Bass Group (regional area).

**Ring Carol on 03-5678 8041 if you'd like to know more.**

**Woodleigh Vale Publicity Officer**  
**Liz Hickey**



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## Cottage Respite Available

Respite support is when carers can take a short break, while care is provided by others.

It provides carers time to energise and balance their other responsibilities and commitments.

Respite can be planned throughout the year to allow occasional or regular breaks.

Respite can also be provided when it is unplanned, at short notice, or in an emergency, such as if the carer has to go to hospital.

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**235 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup**  
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**gregorys@krhs.net.au**



# Health & Lifestyle

## DEMENTIA

Rachael Wonderlin

### How one woman got her husband to agree to attend adult day care



She knew that she'd have a hard time getting her husband, Ben, into adult day care. Ben loved working, and now that he was retired and had dementia, he still liked to find projects to do.

**Convincing him that he could benefit from adult day care certainly wasn't going to work (and doing this with anyone with dementia is not advisable.)** Instead of arguing with him, she spent a couple weeks getting Ben excited about the opportunity.

Each morning at breakfast, she'd begin talking about the adult day program, but reframing it.

**"There's this new program," she told him. "They need more people to work there, but it's really tough to get in."**

A couple weeks into repeating this idea, she finally announced to him that she'd gotten good news. "It turns out they have an opening!" she told Ben.

Ben was excited: he'd gotten into this new program. At first, Ben just went a couple days a week. He seemed as though

he enjoyed "working" there, but didn't really want to take on more days. "Here's the thing," she told him. "They love your work and they want you to put in a few more hours...do you think you're up for the task?"

**Of course, he was up for the task. Ben was thrilled to be needed like this.**

"When will I see my pay check?" Ben asked his wife.

"Well, you see, it goes right back into the program, that's how their non-profit status works," she explained.

Ben goes to day care every weekday now. Both of them are very happy with how it's worked out.

By **embracing his reality**, she was able to make this new arrangement work for both of them.

[www.dementia-by-day.com](http://www.dementia-by-day.com)

Corinella and District Community Centre Inc.  
Spread your wings and fly with us

### DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY SELF-HELP SUPPORT GROUP

**Beat the Blues & Jitters!**

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**facebook: Kernot Food and Wine Store**



# Health & Lifestyle

**Make 2019 Your Happiest, Healthiest Year Yet.**



Although some people view the new year as 'just another day,' it does signify the end of one chapter and the start of the next. A time to set goals, plan to reach milestones and put into action everything we wish to achieve in the coming year.

In Chinese medicine, vision, planning and tactical execution are part of the wood element. The wood element encompasses the organs of the liver and gallbladder. This element thrives the most when 'things' move throughout our bodies. This includes energy, fluids, blood and emotions.

The liver also represents the 'general in the army' or the CEO of a business. It sees (the liver organ opens into the eyes) the bigger picture and has the capacity to plan strategically. Due to the strong impact of stress in our

busy lives we have lost our calm to exactly do that: stop & think. The result is frustration and sometimes repressed anger which can cause pain, discomfort and unease.

In partnership with the liver, the gallbladder works out the details and is responsible for tactical decisions. The gallbladder carries the 'fire' of the emperor with the vision of the liver to all parts of our bodies. It is said that if the gallbladder is weak, we are unable to make even the simplest decisions.

Allowing all our other goals and plans for the year ahead to fall into place, we need to create space and calm, allowing time for ourselves daily to tap into our vision and aspirations so we can plan to achieve it.

Listen to your body & mind, if something feels off do something about it. Stop and think before you rush anywhere. If you need a New Year 'tune up' or a 'tune in', we are more than happy to help you in any way we can.

**May your 2019 be rich in love, laughter, success and HEALTH**

**Call 5956 7011, or book online at [www.safflowerclinic.com.au](http://www.safflowerclinic.com.au).**



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## Dr Carol Head is now practising at Safflower clinic in Newhaven as an integrative GP.

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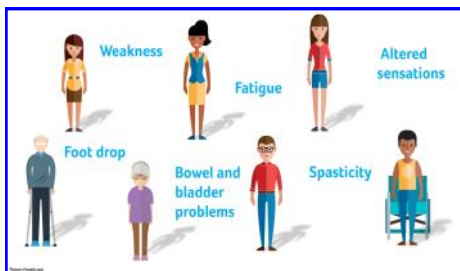
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# Health & Lifestyle

## Good one day, wonky the next Tony Hughes



### You are host to one of, if not the most sophisticated defence system that ever evolved or was created.

Every living creature and plant has one, they range from basic to very sophisticated. As long as a billion years ago, primordial organisms developed immune systems to protect themselves from predators.

Over time, these magnificent defence systems including our own, have and continue to, learn how to outmanoeuvre, neutralise and keep us disease free from multiple pathogens that would just love to destroy us. Not to be outdone or outgunned, pathogens constantly look for ways to best or evade our clever immune systems and wreak havoc. So far, the battle score card is, Humans 1, Predators 0, over 7.2 billion people and climbing is clear evidence of that. Only time will tell who wins the war.

First recorded by Thucydides in 430 BC Greece when he observed that "people who had recovered from a previous bout (a plague in Athens) of the disease could nurse the sick without contracting the illness a second time". Real progress was made in the 19th and 20th centuries in understanding both the structure and function of our immune systems. These studies combined with recent research and modern technology are revealing long held secrets to the silent, magical workings of our immune defence and surveillance systems.

The immune system has two major components, innate immunity and

adaptive immunity.

Innate immunity is the more primitive element, having evolved to find and destroy the enemy quickly without much precision. As the first line of defence, it starts the inflammatory response we know as swelling to surround and destroy the enemy.

Adaptive immunity which evolved later, recognises both foreign invaders and damage to the body's own tissues. Your body responds to these threats or changes in a number of ways. It is the adaptive immunity response that gets out of control in some people and attacks healthy tissues, causing autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis, arthritis and certain forms of diabetes, among many others.

Until recently, doctors and researchers believed that the blood-brain barrier stopped the immune system from extending into the brain, anatomy textbooks taught for decades that the two most complicated systems in the body, the brain and the immune system were almost completely isolated from each other by the blood brain barrier. Not so it seems, mounting evidence suggests the brain and immune systems work together to keep us healthy. The immune system also helps us cope with stress, learning and social behaviour. How the immune system and the brain communicate across the blood-brain barrier remains uncertain.

Tysabri, one of the best treatments for multiple sclerosis (MS) patients and more recently, Ocrevus, try to stop the adaptive immune systems destructive work in the brain.

Sunshine it seems also influences our immune system, childhood sunshine reduces the risk of MS and relapses decrease as sunshine Vitamin D increases, Vitamin D in the form of tablets doesn't seem to help much. People regularly exposed to sunshine live longer and have fewer diseases.

Researchers don't know how all this

works, but they all agree the benefits of sunshine must be gained without getting sunburnt, excessive ultraviolet on a fair skinned person is bad without protection. A little ray of sunshine does wonders it seems!

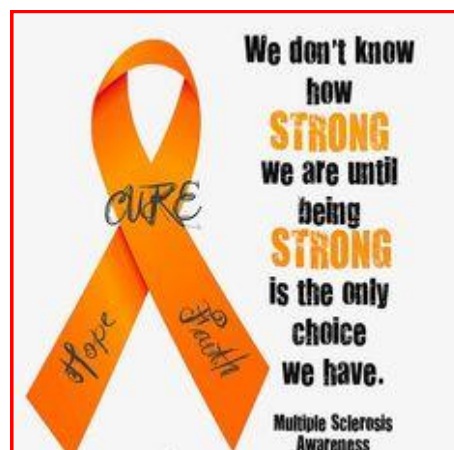
Women, far more than men, bear the burden of autoimmune disease. In Australia, mainly healthy young vibrant women with everything to look forward to are all too often, brutally struck with the reality of MS!

May all researchers soon get a deeper understanding of our immune systems and help guide them to the day where damage can be repaired and overactive immune systems tamed.

The wonky people, their families and friends wish them every success.



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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.**

### Salad with a splash.

**RECENTLY, I was wracking my brain to find a different but easy salad to take with me to the Woolamai Picnic Races.**

I am not sure how this one cropped up, but I thought I had better try it out on Bert first. Hooray, it was a great success! I don't usually like salads with noodles, but this one is particularly tasty and, of course, very easy to make.

### CHILLI CHICKEN NOODLE SALAD



#### Ingredients

500 grams of chicken thighs  
1 jar of chilli jam, from supermarkets  
1 packet of cellophane noodles (from the Asian section)  
1 packet of bean sprouts from the vegie section  
Coriander, parsley, and other herbs if you have them  
1 Lebanese cucumber thinly sliced  
Thai style salad dressing or make your own with olive oil, red wine vinegar, a splash or two of soy sauce and a small chilli, de-seeded (optional)

#### Method

Cut the chicken thighs into manageable pieces.  
Pierce them with a metal skewer.  
Marinate them in the chilli jam, preferably overnight or for a few hours.  
Heat the olive oil and char grill or pan fry the chicken turning often until cooked.  
Plunge the noodles into boiling water for 2 minutes, drain and cool.  
Wash the bean sprouts, herbs and any other salad items.

Mix all the salad ingredients into a bowl.  
Add the cooled noodles and cooked chicken pieces and toss well.  
To serve, pour over the Thai style dressing.  
Garnish with coriander.

### LEMON POTATO SALAD



#### Ingredients

750 grams of potatoes, thickly sliced (kipfler or chat are good)  
1 teaspoon of salt, or to your liking  
80ml of olive oil  
125ml (½ cup) of lemon juice  
1 teaspoon of sumac (available from supermarkets), optional  
Salt and pepper to season  
1 small green capsicum, diced  
2 red chillies diced and de-seeded (optional)  
A handful of chopped mint  
Parsley  
6 spring onions, finely sliced

#### Method

Cook the potatoes for 10 minutes or until just cooked.  
Place oil, lemon juice and sumac in a bowl and stir to mix, then season.  
Pour half of the dressing over the hot potatoes and stir well.  
Cool the potato mixture.  
Add the capsicum, chilli, spring onions and herbs and the remainder of the dressing



Jan Cheshire

[www.basscoastpost.com](http://www.basscoastpost.com)



### Gluten Free Cooking Recipe from Good Food magazine, October 2015 Gluten-free fishcakes

#### Ingredients

2 large potatoes  
(about 550g/1lb 4oz),  
cut into small chunks  
2 x 120g cans of tuna  
in spring water, drained  
1 lemon, ½ juiced, ½ cut into wedges  
½ small pack chives, snipped  
1 egg beaten  
4 spring onions, chopped  
4 tbsp gluten-free mayonnaise  
2 tbsp gluten-free flour  
for dusting  
2 tbsp olive oil  
mixed leaves, to serve

#### Method

Put the potatoes in a saucepan, cover in cold, salted water and bring to the boil. Once boiling reduce to a simmer and cook for about 8 mins until tender. Drain and leave to steam-dry for 2 mins. Mash the potatoes in a large bowl. Add the tuna and combine, breaking it up with a fork, then add the lemon juice and chives. Season well, add the egg and use your hands to bring everything together. Divide the mixture into 6 and shape into fishcakes.  
Chill for 10 mins to firm up. Meanwhile, mix the spring onions with the mayonnaise and chill until ready to serve. To cook the fishcakes, heat half the oil in a large non-stick pan and lightly dust the fishcakes with flour. Cook half for 3-4 mins each side until golden and warmed through, then repeat with the rest of the fishcakes.



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**PHILLIP ISLAND JAZZ CLUB**  
Bass Room - Ramada Resort Cowes

**Sunday 20 January 2pm**  
Andy Scott Quintet

**Sunday 17 February - Jake Amy and the Groove Hunters**



Jake Amy & The Groove Hunters will be performing at the Phillip Island Jazz Club on Sunday 20th January from 2pm to 4.30pm in the Bass Room at Ramada Resort, 2128 Phillip Island Rd, Cowes.

Jake is an Australian-born musician, who draws inspiration from both the classical and jazz realms. His compositions focus on specific improvisational techniques, harmonic dissonance, and digital manipulation with live electronics, to create an organic, (and sometimes esoteric) sound. Jake's connection with Australian nature influences much of his score writing, with compositions often featuring illustrations, colours, and poems. He has worked in recording and sound engineering, teaching, stage management, fine art, artistic direction and is a session musician for (currently) over thirty bands. Jake has studied and performed in

New York, and is currently learning from Barney McAll.

It is interesting to note that Jake and his vocalist Emma Volard were winners of the Phillip Island Jazz Encouragement Awards whilst students at Newhaven College.

For more information contact:  
Robin Blackman on 0432 814 407



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President Bruce Lawn - 5174 3516



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**Inverloch Jazz Club**  
**2pm Inverloch RSL**  
**Resumes Sunday 10 February**  
**With a local band**

**Contact Neville Drummond 5674 2166**

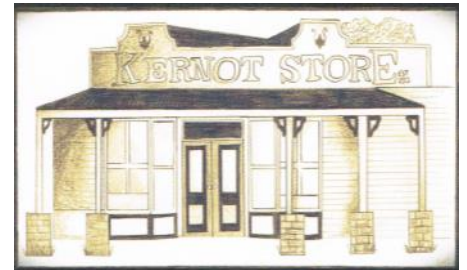
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## PHILLIP ISLAND JAZZ FESTIVAL Student Encouragement Awards

Phillip Island Jazz congratulates the following students on receiving their 2018 "Encouragement Awards" and wishes them well in the future.

### Newhaven College Encouragement Awards



**Martin Peters**  
Year 9 Student

Martin has been a member of the college since 2014 and learns Saxophone and Piano.

He is a valued member of the College's Intermediate Concert Band and Newhaven College Band - Parallel Parking. He has shown exceptional commitment and wants to be the best he can at his music.



**Byron Scothern**  
Year 11 Student

Byron has been a member of the College since 2012 and has been a participant in the Instrumental Music Program and Major School

Productions since joining the college. He is also a inaugural member of the

Boys Vocal Group and a member of the Newhaven College Band - Parallel Parking. He has shown wonderful leadership skills and sets a good example for all students which has earned him the joint Cabinet position of Music Captain for 2019.

### Wonthaggi College Encouragement Awards



**Jake Dennerley**  
Year 7 Student

Jake began playing flute this year when Joined the Wonthaggi Secondary College as a year 7 student.

He is a member of the Junior Concert Band and has taken part in many performances during the year. Jake is a keen sportsman, playing cricket, football and basketball. He is still exploring possibilities for a future career.



**Chloe Bramley**  
Year 10 Student

Chloe completed year 10 at Wonthaggi Secondary College in 2018.

She began learning the Saxophone at primary school and joined the Secondary College's Intermediate Band in Year 7. She has been a valued member of the school's Senior concert band for the

past three years, taking on many solo roles in the Big Band. Chloe enjoys playing sport in her spare time, particularly basketball and hopes to have a career in the area of allied health.

**The Phillip Island Jazz Club awards four encouragement awards at it's festival each year.**

Jill Boyce

### Vale Ron Sandlilands



Drummer 'extraordinaire' Ron Sandlilands passed away on 13 December after a long battle with asbestosis.

He was on oxygen 24 hours a day and went to hospital on 9 December and was to have come home on 12 December but it was not to be.

A gentleman, a man of integrity, an amazing and tasteful drummer. Respected by everyone, as he was always available to offer advice and encouragement and share his knowledge and humour.

Brian Kemp

**It is interesting to note that Jake Amy and his vocalist Emma Volard were winners of the Phillip Island Jazz Encouragement Awards whilst students at Newhaven College. They are appearing at Phillip Island Jazz Club on 17 Feb**

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# Western Port Ward Update

**Western Port Ward Update**  
Crs Geoff Ellis, Clare Le Serve and  
Bruce Kent

**December 2018**



**Welcome to 2019! Here's a few updates**

**New CEO to commence in February 2019**



**Bass Coast Shire Council new CEO Ali Wastie and Mayor Cr Brett Tessari**

At its Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday, 19 December Bass Coast Shire Council appointed Ali Wastie to serve as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Ms Wastie joins Bass Coast with over ten years of executive leadership experience across State and Local Government. Most recently as Director, City Communities at the City of Melbourne and also Director of Social and Economic Development at Yarra Ranges Shire Council since 2012.

Previously, Ms Wastie held leadership roles within the Victorian Department for Transport, Treasury and Finance and State Services Authority.

Council's current Chief Executive Officer, Paul Buckley PSM is semi-retiring from local government after serving in the role for five years.

His contract ends on 16 February 2019.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari, was delighted to announce the appointment. He said that there had been an extensive recruiting campaign, that attracted strong interest from high calibre applicants.

"The calibre of applicants was outstanding with over 30 people applying for the position; however, Ms Wastie stood out due to her approachable and progressive leadership style and focus on improvement and innovation to achieve outstanding outcomes for the community," Cr Tessari said.

In addition to Ms Wastie's Local Government experience, she has held numerous board positions in tourism, libraries and health. Her tertiary qualifications include a Master of Diplomacy and Trade, Graduate Diploma in Secondary Education and a Bachelor of Arts. Ms Wastie is an accredited Organisational Coach, a qualified mediator and an alumnus of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

## **Three Bin System.**

Since the introduction of the three bin system in September 2017, the Bass Coast community has diverted over 70 per cent of kerbside waste from landfill. Every bit of recycling or re-using that we do helps and the diversion of organic materials to Dutson Downs, where it is turned into compost, is having a great impact. Long term this will have a financial benefit, as well as a social one, as we can extend the life of our landfill cells and reduce the levies imposed by the EPA. - Congratulations Bass Coast residents, your diligence is paying dividends.

## **What's on at The Union? (WUCAC – Wonthaggi)**

There is a full programme of movies, including highlights such as Bohemian Rhapsody and the latest retelling of the Robin Hood legend, showing at The Union from now into February. Full details of all the movies, screen times and bookings can be found at [www.trybooking.com/eventlist/wucac](http://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/wucac)

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.

## **Lost and found pets:**

This time of year it's easy for our beloved domestic animals to abscond. If you are looking for your pet OR if someone else's has wandered into your life, please contact our Local Laws Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211. Lost pets that have come into the care of BCSC are posted on Council's ubiquitous Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BassCoastShire>

## **Swimming:**

Rip currents in Bass Coast are dangerous; knowing how to spot one and how to survive one is essential. Please remember to always swim between the flags and look out for others at the beach. And if you haven't already, download the Beachsafe App - it's the best place to stay up to date on conditions and learn more about rip currents:

<https://beachsafe.org.au/apps>

## **Driving:**

Many of our roads are narrow. There are many bends and this time of year animals and birds can wander into the path of cars. Hay cutting means there a lot of tractors on the road.

You never know what's around the corner. Take care. Concerns about the condition of our roads should be passed onto BCSC, 1300 226 278, or at [basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au)

**We look forward to catching up with you all in 2019.**

**Cr Geoff Ellis on behalf of the Western Port Ward councillors, BCSC**

## **Community Connection Session**

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

## **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**



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## Communications

**Not yet using the NBN?**



The Telstra monopoly is being dismantled.

In April the phone lines and ADSL connections will go quiet for most of you. Those wishing to connect to the internet 3, 4 or 5 years ago with ADSL had to hope you were close enough to the exchange to get a connection, you also had to hope that there were available "slots" in the exchange. First come, first served and if they ran out neither heaven nor earth could move Telstra to add more hardware. Before the advent of the NBN the choices for many were dial-up or mobile data (at exorbitant rates dictated mostly by Telstra). Even your phone line required a rental payment and then more costs for every phone call you made. If your friends or relatives were connected by STD then the hip pocket nerve could be sent into spasm.

The NBN is available to everyone and even if it is difficult "they" must find a way to connect you. Through some providers the offers are very cheap for entry level internet with free phone line and for a small additional cost, unlimited calls, even to mobiles. Changing over will save you money! The previous articles in the Waterline News attempt to explain how easy it is to make the change but if you are still confused or concerned please do not hesitate to call me, advise is always free.

Please make arrangements now if you have not done so already, this is intended to be the last in this series of articles so there may be no further reminders that when it comes to your home phone you could soon be listening to the sounds of silence.

**Gordon Chase**

## Grantville Laundromat Opening Soon.

Work is progressing well and the Laundromat is expected to be open mid to late January. Updates will be posted when available on our facebook page Grantville Laundromat



**Powlett Lodge No. 611** Meets at the Wonthaggi Masonic Centre 17 Edgar Street Wonthaggi  
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3rd Tuesday each month 10.am. except June July August & September

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**Membership & visitor enquiries - Glen Richards 0419518351**

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# The French Island News

## The French Island News

### FRENCH ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Tankerton PO

French Island, Victoria 3921

[secretaryfica@gmail.com](mailto: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



131126



### French Island General Store & Café

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Visit [www.figsfrenchisland.com.au](http://www.figsfrenchisland.com.au) or Facebook/figsfrenchisland for more information.

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

### FRIENDS OF FRENCH ISLAND NATIONAL PARK (FOFI)

Secretary: Meredith Sherlock.

Phone 0438 077 329 Email: [secretary@fofi.org.au](mailto:secretary@fofi.org.au)

### FOFI Project Days

Third Saturday each month

Membership enquiries and

More details - [www.fofi.org.au](http://www.fofi.org.au)

### French Island Landcare

For more information on all Landcare activities contact

[filandcare@gmail.com](mailto:filandcare@gmail.com).

Landcare Nursery



Volunteers are always welcome at the nursery on Wednesdays from 10am to noon.

Contact - Glenys 0437 914 663  
or Judith 0412 178 617



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<http://westernportferries.com.au/>

### 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.

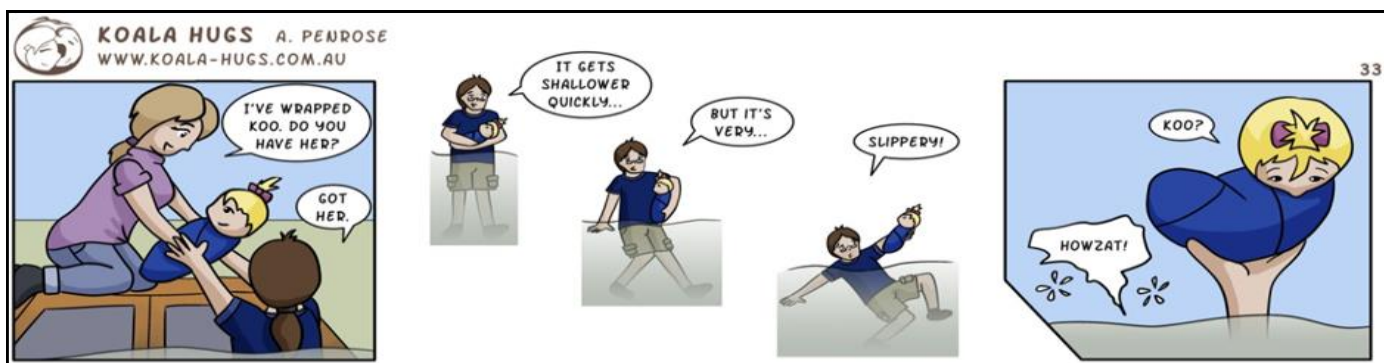
### French Island Visitor's Guide

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](mailto:dineenc@optusnet.com.au)



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

# The French Island News

## FRENCH ISLAND GETS FUEL



The French Island community received access to a permanent supply of fuel in December, as the French Island General Store added fuel to meet the Island's needs. "

Convenience for locals and an on-the-Island supply they can rely on moving forward - which customers can access any time they like" said Tanya, the Store's Manager, adding "Normally the Island waits anywhere up to 4 - 5 weeks for the fuel truck to come over, not any more... now

locals can pull up and fill up 24/7! That's day/night, year-round, 7-days a week because we went with a self-service pre-pay at the pump set up for the community".

Evans Petroleum Gippsland, locally owned and operating since 1970, who have been delivering for decades, supported the store while it put in the relevant infrastructure; and together the two are supplying French Islanders with this on-the-Island permanent fuel purchasing solution - being now just a one stop drop for Evans, who travel over by barge to the Island, and an add-on to the list of convenience based services provided by the General Store to the community on the Island.

The French Island General Store is also a Cafe, with an extensive dine-in menu, barista style coffee, cakes, hot food, milkshakes, handmade ice creams and more, offers bike hire, a free courtesy bus for customers on weekends to and from the Jetty, is a post office and provides accommodation. Those wishing to visit the Island can gain more information by going to Facebook/figsfrenchisland or [www.figsfrenchisland.com.au](http://www.figsfrenchisland.com.au) or by calling the Store on 5980 1209. Visitors can dine-in and enjoy great food, can cycle around looking at Koalas and can enjoy a relaxing day on the Island. To get there catch the ferry from Cowes (Phillip Island) or from Stony Point

(visit [westernportferries.com.au](http://westernportferries.com.au) for more information - the service is free on weekends and public holidays for over 60's) or travel by Barge from Corinella (by calling 0428 880 729) where you can take a car across and drive to the Store for lunch. The Store is open 9-5pm on weekends and 8.30am - 5pm weekdays.

## Fairy Terns

## FOFI



Fairy Tern nest on Rams Island, 25 November 2016  
Chris Chandler

### Fairy Terns are listed as a threatened species in Victoria.

They typically nest between November and January and prefer a nest substrate of fresh shell grit that is free of ants and not too dry.

These small terns have bred successfully on Rams Island in the past, but over the past decade there has been a significant decline. Increased human traffic, visitation by feral cats and uncontrolled dogs, and weed ingress may be largely to blame.

A metal sign will soon be erected on the causeway by Parks Victoria and Bird Life Australia advising that Rams Island is not accessible to the public between 1 November and 1 March to minimise disturbance of nesting terns. Corflute signs will be affixed to the gate and stile. A surveillance camera will also be set up on the island. While we would have preferred Long Point Beach to be closed as well, we are pleased that this long-overdue initiative is in place at last. In addition, Andrew Browne, on behalf of FOFI, has designed and printed an information leaflet on Fairy Terns to be distributed widely to island residents and visitors. The leaflets have been placed in a new weather-proof holder on the stile as well as in the box outside our FOFI "office" at Tankerton. Information on the Fairy Terns has also been posted on Facebook's French Island Ecology page (1 November). Well done, Andrew! FOFI members will be monitoring Rams Island regularly over the summer months.



## AN HONOUR FOR MARTIN O'BRIEN



Martin O'Brien & Kaye Trainor Walter Mitchell

Martin's retirement, after 21 years with the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act Scientific Advisory Committee, was marked with a farewell luncheon at the Royal Society to celebrate his achievements.

As a mark of appreciation for his dedication to conservation, Martin was accorded the honour of having a plant named after him by SAC member and botanist Dr Michele Casanova: *Nitella martinii* sp. nov. *Nitella* are submerged plants that grow in a variety of wetland and estuarine habitats.

Congratulations, Martin!

Although officially retired, Martin is already back at DELWP as a contractor, undertaking conservation assessments for the International Union for Conservation of Nature. And, of course, continuing his valuable monitoring and recording of French Island's threatened species.

## PARKS VICTORIA ACT 2018

On 12 September 2018 Parks Victoria was declared an independent statutory authority in new legislation that replaces the Parks Victoria Act 1998.

The majority of land management powers previously held by DELWP will now be the direct responsibility of Parks Victoria.

PV will receive most of its funding from the State Government and report to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change.

[www.fofi.org.au](http://www.fofi.org.au)





# Philosophy, Trivia & Quiz,



"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."  
**Robert Frost**

"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all."  
**Oscar Wilde**

"Insanity is doing the same thing, over and over again, but expecting different results."  
**Narcotics Anonymous**

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."  
**Albert Einstein**

1. Which Disney film included the song "Chim Chim Cheree".
2. Britain, France, Australia & New Zealand declared war on Germany on September 3rd of what year?
3. American, Ted Turner is giant in what business field? Auto manufacture, Hotels, The Internet or Media?
4. In the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' what did 'my true love' send on the 7th day of Christmas?
5. Who was the host of the 2003-2008 ABC television show 'Enough Rope'?
6. The anniversary of the death of what magician is recognized as National Magic Day?
7. In the TV show "The Simpsons", who has the largest collection of Malibu Stacy dolls?
8. What is the unit of currency in India?
9. A Chiweenie is what 2 dog breeds crossed?
10. What is the main team sport played at Hogwarts in the Harry Potter series?
11. How many eyes do most spiders have?
12. What is the name of the Game of Thrones character who is sometimes called the Spider, or the Master of Whisperers?
13. Which two continents does Istanbul straddle?
14. What does DC stand for in Superman/Batman comics?
15. What is the name of Tyler Durden's love affair in the movie Fight Club?
16. What is the common name given in English-speaking countries to the French National Day, which is celebrated on the 14th of July each year?
17. Alecia Beth Moore is the real name of which pop-rock singer?

18. Approximately, how many bytes are in a kilobyte?
19. In Which Australian state would you find the Gibson Desert?
20. What is the largest country in South America?



**Thought for the Month - January**  
Summer, and the air is full of sights, sounds and smells that please our senses. I was cutting back on spent blooms on a stunning tree full of colour. Some branches had up to seven blooms on it but some had died off so to encourage more blooms to form I set about the task. All was going well with the lower branches but as I reached to the higher ones I had to bend the stem very slightly to reach the spent flowers and found that the branch simply broke off and I was left holding the entire branch of still blooming flowers. I didn't realise this branch was so fragile and took mental note for any future work on it. So it can be with the branches around us – people – family, loved ones, friends.... I felt an immediate sense of warning : take care with how we treat others because the most well meaning words or actions can cause much more damage than we intended. Lesson – Let us bring positive meaning and gentleness to our relationships and interactions. Blessings for a New Year and a new beginning.

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## Life Quotes

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

Dr. Seuss

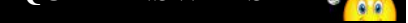
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**Where:** Harry's, 17 The Esplanade, Cowes  
**When:** 12:30 for 1:00 First Friday of the Month  
**Cost:** \$35 (includes lunch)  
**Booking:** gurdies@australiaonline.net.au  
**Contact:** Ian 0407 24 00 24 John 0402 442 284 (Places limited – book early)

## QUIZ ANSWERS



1. Mary Poppins. 2. 1939. 3. Media (founder of CNN). 4. Seven Swans a Swimming. 5. Andrew Denton. 6. Harry Houdini. 7. Mr. Smithers. 8. Rupree. 9. Chitwan and Dachshund. 10. Quiditch. 11. Eight. 12. Lord Varys. 13. Europe and Asia. 14. Detective Comics. 15. Maria Singer. 16. Bastille Day. 17. Pink. 18. 1,000. 19. Western Australia. 20. Brazil.

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### Beasts of Burden

**One of the last pieces written by Bob Middleton who sadly passed away recently.**

*Bob Middleton mourns the loss of Australia's last great dairy farmers' co-operative.*



FRED Hollows, the New Zealand/Australian ophthalmologist famous for his work in restoring eyesight to thousands of people around the world, and especially to the indigenous people of Australia, was a fan of the author Michael Ondaatje. I recall reading a newspaper article about how angry Fred was when his life was ending and he realised he would not be afforded the time to finish reading *The English Patient*, Ondaatje's most famous novel.

The news item has stayed with me, not just because of my admiration for Fred Hollows but also because of Ondaatje, my favourite writer. His novel *In the Skin of a Lion*, written five years earlier, is at the top of my list. Part of the reason is that, as one reviewer put it, "... it is a poem to workers and lovers".

Ondaatje took the title for his book from a passage in *The Epic of Gilgamesh*: "The joyful will stoop with sorrow, and when you have gone to the earth I will let my hair grow long for your sake, I will wander through the wilderness in the skin of a lion."

Very early in the book Ondaatje tells about a young farm boy watching in the faint dawn light as thirty itinerant loggers carrying lanterns move to the side of the road in hushed politeness to let cows move from pasture to barn for milking. "Sometimes the men put their hands on the warm flanks of these animals and receive their heat as they pass by."

I, too, know that feeling. In my early years I had to rouse cows in the morning darkness, gathering and herding them in their silent protest towards the cow shed. I was assigned the ones that had to be hand milked and was grateful for their warmth on those cold mornings as I rested my head on their flank and enticed them to let down their milk.

Now, after a life time spent elsewhere, I find myself settled down in country inhabited by herds of dairy cows, fields dotted with bales of silage wrapped in plastic coats the colours of the rainbow, disused butter factories or their ruins as I pass through places like Archie's Creek, Kongwak and, on a first recent visit, Glengarry.

I know this is a bit of a stretch but what has prompted these thoughts and memories of my fleeting affair with the dairy industry is the sad news that the once all-powerful Murray Goulburn Co-operative Company is teetering on the edge of oblivion. Due to cut-throat competition, milk prices, commercial performance and other complex issues beyond my ken it now has a binding agreement to sell out to Saputo, the Canadian dairy giant. We are saying goodbye to a company that is 100 per cent controlled by its dairy farmer suppliers and that operates under co-operative principles.

The co-operative commissioned Catherine Watson to research and record their history and her book *Just a Bunch of Cow Cockies* was published in 2000. The title was inspired by one of the 100 plus interviews she conducted during her research. Jim Gemmell, the founding chairman, said "You know, we were as rough as guts when we started out. We were just a bunch of cow cockies

who did our best. But look at what we have now!"

Catherine relates a story from their formative days of a meeting held at the Cobram factory. A delegation from the Kraft head office in Melbourne had travelled down to remind the Murray Valley company (as it was known then) that it was set up as a cheese factory and should not be supplying whole milk. After discussing the matter, the Murray Valley directors told them they would adhere to their city milk contracts. That didn't go down well with the men from Kraft, and their spokesman replied "We're very sorry that's your decision, but I have to tell you we'll break you if we can."

It used to be said that the co-operative was bound to succeed because the directors were too pig-headed to know when they were licked.

Ordinary men and women representing ordinary farmers, sticking together.

The cover of the book pictures a lone milkman hand milking in an old lean-to shed. And I think hey! that looks like me.

### R.I.P Bob Middleton

**Just a couple of the dozens of tributes paid to Bob after Catherine Watson's tribute last month.**

A lovely and loving tribute to Bob and I have no doubt that Bob would be very pleased with your tribute Catherine and acknowledgement of his skills as a wordsmith. I have been fortunate over the years to read Bob's articles and my favourite would have to be the article written at the Wonthaggi show showcasing the chicken entrants and their owners. Just loved it. Thank you, Bob, for sharing your stories .... I loved them all. Feeling the pain and the loss that Gill and Charlie are going through at the moment and thinking of you at this saddest of times. xx

**Joy Button**

What a wonderful farewell to a lovely man. Like others, I was in awe of Bob's talents with words. His articles in the Post will be an amazing legacy. Thank you, Catherine, for sharing some of his emails to you. How fitting that the final one was about walking a dog! Bob is sorely missed ...

**Anne Heath Mennell**



# Maru Koala & Animal Park

## **"Fang Island" now open at Maru.**

After many months of planning and hard work we can finally invite you all to our new reptile exhibit, Fang Island.

Fang Island is now home to our current collection of reptiles, who you may have already met, plus some new additions to the park. All are native Australians who inhabit a wide range of habitats from the arid desert to the lush rainforest.

Our Centralian Carpet Python, Amelia, is a species of snake found only in the Northern Territory in a small area around Alice Springs. They are a large python of up to two and a half meters in length and help to keep rodent and rabbit populations in control. While currently listed as Least Concern in terms of conservation, they only inhabit a very small area and habitat loss is pushing this species towards endangerment.

Our Inland Carpet Python, Murray, is a species who is already considered endangered due to clearing and habitat loss, removal of old logs used for breeding and being killed by predators such as cats and foxes. These are the only Victorian species known to guard their eggs. These dark coloured pythons are found in the trees of the Mallee floodplains and woodlands.

By displaying these often misunderstood creatures we are hoping to change attitudes towards our snakes as they play such an important role in our natural ecosystems. Teaching guests about these special reptiles can help not only keep them safe but help to increase snake safety and awareness in the community.

But it's not just about the snakes, there's frogs, monitors and lizards too. With the new additions of five Green Tree Frogs, two Lace Monitors and a Green Tree Python! Find Fang Island at the end of the open range Kangaroo paddock, next to Kimberly the crocodile.



*Renae White - Senior Park Keeper*



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# Greg Hunt MP



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As we quickly embrace 2019, I would like to take a moment to say I hope you all had a safe and joyful Christmas and New Year period.

It is a great opportunity for all of us to enjoy some time with our families and in my case, it will mean countless hours of backyard cricket with my kids and time spent in my electorate.

As some of you may know, in 2018 the Australian Electoral Commission went through a process of redistributing the federal electorates. As a result, I will not be the federal member for the Waterline community at the 2019 election.

We have achieved great things together during my time as your local member, as well as in my ministerial portfolios of environment, industry and health. From the construction and opening of the Phillip Island Health Hub, to the listing of vital medication on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, to my 500km Walks around Flinders, which have raised over \$250,000 for local autism and juvenile diabetes support groups.

It gives me great solace to know that the Waterline community will have a very strong and capable local member in 2019, with my parliamentary colleague Russell Broadbent representing Waterline as part of the renamed seat of Monash.

Russell has had an extensive career, spanning over 19 years in the Federal Parliament. If you wish to speak to him on any local issues, he can be contacted by any of the following options:  
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On a personal note, it has been a tremendous honour and privilege to serve the local community for the last seventeen years. I want to thank all the people who reached out to contact me during my time as your local member. Your passion for your causes is inspiring and has been the driving force for great change in the waterline community.

I wish you a very Happy New Year and every success for the future.

*Greg Hunt*

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## ‘Back to Nam’

(See Flyer Page 44)

Saturday evening 23 February 2019 7pm at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum. Prepare to go back in time to the 1960s and ‘70s for a lively and entertaining musical ride down memory lane. The energy will be electrifying and move you to tap your feet or get up and boogie. You will laugh, you may cry, but you will certainly have a memorable Night at the Museum.

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The Times, with Dave Manning and Mark Howard, popular, vibrant Phillip Island local band who will rock you to the rafters with a charged, energetic performance.

The Grand Finale will include all 3 bands on the stage to a rousing and inspiring performance which will leave you on an emotional high!

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# Gardening & Outdoors



## In the garden February and Looking ahead

**There is basically one word which sums up the key focus for gardening in February: water.**

In cold and temperate regions this is because you likely haven't had enough of it.

After a long, dry summer, or even patches of hot summer in these regions, plants that have lacked a good water supply are more susceptible to disease and worse, death.

February can be a good time for the application of a good soil wetting agent. If you are not a fan of soil wetting agents, use a pitchfork to aerate the soil.

This is something that would be useful across the board and will be necessary for large, grassed areas.

### FEBRUARY

Mulch all garden beds to conserve precious moisture. It's best to use organic material like old manure, lucerne hay or mushroom compost.

Apply Hortico ready-to-use Rose Spray regularly to control pest and disease problems on roses.

Keep white fly numbers under control by regularly spraying with pyrethrum.

Check citrus trees for scale and leaf miner. Spray with PestOil.

Buy spring bulbs while the greatest choice is available.

Azalea leaf discolouration is most often caused by azalea lace bug. Control with Confidor.

Replace mulch that's been washed away by heavy summer rains. Hortico Termite resistant mulch smothers weeds and retains moisture.

Feed citrus trees with citrus food or Hortico Organic Fertiliser.

Put tulip and hyacinth bulbs into the crisper section of the fridge for a pre-planting chill.

Lawns can suffer badly from fungal diseases at this time of year. Regular fertilising with Hortico Lawn Fertiliser will improve grass vigour.

Re-pot container plants into fresh Hortico Premium Potting Mix.

SEEDS TO SOW: Snapdragon, Pansy, Primula, Leeks, Silverbeet, Celery, Lettuce.

### MARCH

Autumn is the best time of the year for planting trees and shrubs. They have time to establish before the cold weather really hits.

Check cherry, pear and hawthorn trees for the slimy black caterpillars called pear and cherry slugs. Spray with Success or dust with wood ash.

In areas with acid soil, prepare sweet pea beds with lime or dolomite.

Pick pumpkins (leaving a small amount of stalk attached) after stalk browns, then store in a cool, shady, dry place.

Prune hydrangeas either this month, or wait until mid-winter.

Oversow lawns with Hortico Tough & Hardy Lawn Seed.

Dollar spot is a fungal disease that leaves small, even, round (fifty cent coin) patches. Treat with Bayleton.

Plant aquilegias, cinerarias, cyclamen, polyanthus, primulas, pansies and violas in semi shaded garden spots. Choose freesias, babianas, ixias, Spanish bluebells and ornithogalums for gardens in warmer areas.

SEEDS TO SOW: Cineraria, Nemesia, Sweet Peas, Virginian Stock, Peas, Carrots, Broccoli, Beetroot, Lettuce, Turnips

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## Special Feature - New Year Resolutions for my garden

On the last day of 2018 I decide the turning over of the calendar from one year to another is no great event really. The calendar after all is only a marker of time, indifferent to what we do within the days and months that roll by without fail with the rising and setting of the sun. With such thoughts I have no need to make a fuss of the ending of one year and certainly no need to make resolutions as if day one is a new beginning.

However, as I look at my garden, bright with the summer colours and expectant with fruits waiting to ripen, I know I have to make some sort of acknowledgement that our universe is undergoing changes and I have to think of some new-year resolutions for my garden at least. We can no longer garden with certainty, as the weather is getting more and more unpredictable. There will always be that fear of water shortage and rising temperature. Climate change is here to stay and I must resolve to manage my garden in ways that will allow me to keep growing the flowers and vegetables that can only thrive on sufficient water

and protection from searing heat. Much as I enjoy growing succulents, I definitely will not make them the only species to cultivate. I still want to grow tomatoes and Asian greens in summer, and await the blooming of bulbs in spring. My resolution for the garden would have to be to garden with a higher degree of discipline than I am used to. I am a gardener who would sow seeds and stick cuttings in the ground without too much thought. Most of the annuals and perennials in my garden self sow and I rely on them to perpetuate without too much help from me. I can be sure of kales and chards springing up at random and it does not surprise me to see bedding begonia filling in spaces I have not had time to attend to. All I need to do is enrich the soil and keep it moist. I may not be able to be so free and easy with my gardening method if the temperature is to rise even more and the occurrence of drought more often and lengthy.

Is my new-year resolution for my garden going to be the curtailing of the kind of plants I can grow, bringing to mind my favourite water loving hydrangeas, with their jolly masses of pink and blue flowers? I cover the bushes when there is a threat of extreme heat and a bucket of water will quickly revive a wilting bush.

I do not think I can give up the eclectic nature of my garden just so I do not have to face the challenges of climate change. Do I really need some resolutions for my garden or shall I continue to do what I love doing, which is to look forward to growth after putting in the hard work of nurturing. The new calendar will not be the instigator of changes in my garden. That will come as I learn to cope with the changes that come with an ever turbulent universe.

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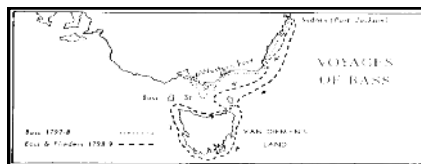
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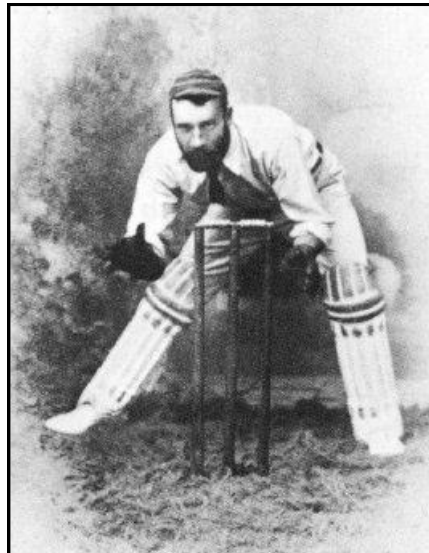
The society meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd  
 Thursday of the month at the museum.

## **Libby's Corner With Libby Skidmore, Historian.**

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## **CRICKET AT GRANTVILLE**



It would be difficult to determine whether cricket or horse racing had the greater popularity in the social life of the early district pioneers. Both sports were very popular, each sport had its followers and each also contributed in easing the hard life of the pioneers. However the first record of organized cricket matches being played in the Grantville district is found in the South Bourke and Mornington Journal of December 20th 1882 where mention is made of a match to be played at Grantville between the Grantville team and a team from Woolamai. The local team members came from all around the district, Peattie from Woodleigh, Middlebrook and Nowell from Fernhill were the most distant, J Grant was captain with T Smith, M Monk, C White, J Gray, J Read, A Sloss and J Brown to make up the team. The result was a win for Grantville with a score of 59 runs against 31 runs. Other club's mentioned as having played against Grantville were from the Bass Valley Sawmills, Queensferry, The Mountaineers, and a trip was made by boat to Hastings. Others mentioned as having played for Grantville in this year were J.T. Paul, Cuthbert, A Stewart Snr, A Stewart Jr, S Lindsay and S Uprichard. As other towns emerged after the

railways went through greater scope was afforded the club until the 90's cricket enjoyed its traditional popularity, cricket clubs sprang up in outlying districts and most of the young men of the district became adept at the game. All through the 90's until 1904 the club held a strong position among the surrounding towns where cricket clubs were famed. As early as 1891 a Loch team visited Grantville and played a match, names recorded as the best players were for Loch, Watt, Bigelow, Laver, and Greening, and for Grantville JWE and JB Grout, Young and White. The clubs share of premierships were won. One association formed in 1901 was known as the Bass Valley Cricket Association, the member clubs were Grantville, Bass Valley Krowera, Loch, Glen Alvie. The distances to travel never deterred the players. Another association in 1906 was the Western Port Association with Wonthaggi, Cowes, Rhyll and Grantville as its members. The Grantville cricket ground was on private property at the rear of the hotel.

## **THE YACHT CLUB**

1896 saw the formation of a Yacht Club at Grantville. For some obscure reason very little details are



given of this clubs activities in the press but it is known that this popular sport had quite a number of followers in the town. Misses Payne, Lang and Williams as partners bought a yacht which they raced with some success at regattas at The Bluff, Queensferry and San Remo on Western Port Bay.. Another resident Neil McKinnon was a yachting enthusiast and was the owner of a yacht named Mountain Daisy. Others were McGowan, Blackhurst, Jackson and White.

By 1899 the club seemed to go out of existence. In this year a yacht was advertised for sale in the columns of the Western Port Times, the description given read 26ft in length, beam 9'4, draught 3'6, Price 45 pounds cost over 100 pounds.

**Notes by Sheila Skidmore for a survey of sports in the Bass Valley From the archives of the BVHS**

**Libby Skidmore  
 Archivist**

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# History

## The Grantville Cemetery Early History

by Jane Hendtlass Part 3



### The Grantville Cemetery John Dickins (1843-1883) Honorary Secretary of the Grantville Cemetery Trust (1878-1883) and Treasurer (1879-1883)

John Dickins (1843-1883) was a farmer, storekeeper and publican who lived in Grantville from 1876 until he died in 1883. At their first meeting on 22 June 1878, the Grantville Cemetery trustees appointed him as their first Honorary Secretary. In June 1879, he also took over the treasurer's position when George Francis Monks (1837-1910) left the district.

John Dickins was the eldest of 14 children born to John Dickins snr (1812-1899) and Catherine Moloney (1816-1891).



John Dickins snr



Catherine Dickins née  
Moloney

John Dickins snr completed his apprenticeship as a butcher in Northamptonshire, England but he arrived in Port Phillip on 2 May 1840 as a 27 year-old single, Protestant, shepherd on the Government immigrant ship "China". He reverted to his trade to become the first master slaughterman in Melbourne and established the first abattoir at Batman's Swamp on the saltwater flats near the mouth of the Yarra River. In 1850, he was granted one of the first three slaughter house licences in Melbourne.

Catherine Moloney arrived in Melbourne as a 20yo, Roman Catholic dressmaker from Galway, Ireland on 13 December 1839 on the Government immigrant ship "Westminster". On 6 June 1848, John Dickins snr and Catherine Moloney were married at St Francis Roman Catholic Church in Melbourne.

John Dickins jnr was born on 19 January 1843 at Batman's Swamp and baptised on 13 March 1843 in the St Francis Church in Melbourne. By 1853 the

family had moved to a 629-acre dairy farm in Phillips Town (Brunswick) and his parents lived there for the rest of their lives. In about 1869, John Dickins snr also bought 195 acres on Phillip Island but there is no evidence that he ever lived there.

In 1871, John Dickins jnr was growing barley and oats on his father's land, "Swanvale", on Phillip Island when he married Elizabeth Ann Smith (1852-1899) in Lancefield. On 10 January 1872, their only child, Amelia Ellen (Millie) Dickins (1872-1947), was born in Phillip Island and John was elected to the Phillip Island District Road Board on 13 August 1873. In 1876, John and Elizabeth Dickins moved to Grantville and bought 20 acres of land (Allotment 179) from William Baker Adams Brandrick (1823-1892). This property was south east of the corner of the Melbourne and Jumbunna Roads in Grantville and was registered in Elizabeth Dickins' name.



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. Dickins' Store became the terminus for the first commercial coach from Dandenong to Grantville in December 1876 before they extended the house and shop to become a 14-room weatherboard hotel with part iron and part wooden roof financed with a £400 mortgage. John Dickins was granted a publican's license for the Grantville Hotel on 29 December 1877.



By 1879, the Grantville Hotel included the attached store and post office, a large billiard room and the coach terminus.

In 1876, John Dickins also bought William Brandrick's 23-acre Crown lease east of Grantville (Allotment 95).



In March 1877, John Dickins joined with John Monk (1829-1880) and Frederick Augustus Nowell (1829-1910) to commission a road through their land to Macdonald's Track which linked Lang Lang and East Gippsland. They advertised land with good roads within ten miles of Grantville jetty and it was true that it was accessible to horse and wagon. However, there was little interest in their land or the Grantville township and Grantville coaches continued to travel direct from Lang Lang to Grantville even when the rivers were in flood.

John Dickins attended seven meetings as secretary of the Grantville Cemetery Trust. He was responsible for planning, administration, communication with the Crown Lands office in relation to funding and supervising John Monk's brother, Matthew Monk (1826-1918) who was contracted to clear and fence the cemetery.



Matthew Monk (1826-1918)

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## Matthew Monk (1826-1918)

In 1879 and 1880, George Francis Monks (1837-1910) and Alfred William Selman (1833-1902) left the district, John Monks died and Alexander Stewart (1831-1888) was distracted by his work as a police magistrate, Justice of the Peace and Shire Councillor as well as recovering from the destructive 1878 fire at his Bass River Saw Mill in Queensferry. John Dickins was the only active trustee remaining and he also took on the role of treasurer when George Monks left but there were no Trust meetings between 21 June 1879 and 6 November 1880. Meanwhile, he was also elected councillor for the Shire of Phillip Island & Woolamai on 24 September 1879. On 4 January 1882, he was charged with allowing dancing on his licensed premises although there were still no houses in Grantville, just two hotels and the blacksmith.

Although Matthew Monk continued to maintain the cemetery, John Dickins did not witness any of at least 12 burials that took place during his tenure as secretary, he did not keep formal records of any of these interments, and he did not organise nomination of three replacement trustees until 4 December 1880. He managed the workload and caused long-term complications for the trustees by using the Grantville Hotel account system for the receipt, payment and recording of Trust finances.

John Dickins attended only one Trust meeting in 1881 before he died intestate at the Grantville Hotel on 31 January 1883 from effusion of the brain and congestion of the lungs. On 1 February 1883, he was buried in the Grantville Cemetery in a ceremony led by an Anglican lay reader.



Elizabeth Dickins shared John Dickins' assets with their daughter, Amelia Ellen Dickins, so she sold the store and post office components of the business to John Paul in 1884 and the Grantville Hotel and 20 acres of land to William Denis

Coghlan (1863-1901) in 1885. On 5 May 1886, Elizabeth Dickins married a widowed undertaker, Samuel Joseph Sleight (1854-1900), in East St Kilda. She died on 13 January 1899 was buried in the St Kilda Cemetery.

On 16 June 1883, the Grantville Cemetery trustees nominated John Thomas Paul (1859-1931) to replace John Dickins as trustee and treasurer but none of them was prepared to accept the role of honorary secretary. The Trust operated without a secretary or an effective Chairman for another year until they employed the new boot-maker, Robert Matthew Bartlett (1857-1934), to perform their administrative work including supervision of contractors. Matthew Monk's contract to maintain the cemetery continued until 1909.

Before she disposed of the hotel, Elizabeth Dickins and the trustees tried but were unable to separate the Grantville Cemetery financial records from the Grantville Hotel accounts and they remained enmeshed until 2 December 1887 when the trustees appointed the telegraph operator (who was employed by John Paul) to audit their books. The Grantville Hotel lessee and licensee, Mary Corbett (1827-1917), refused to cooperate and, on 7 March 1888, the trustees had to 'insist' that she hand over the cemetery books and funds to John Paul.

By 4 April 1888, Mary Corbett had left the district and William Coghlan's sister, Margaret Maria Coghlan (1867-1957), took over the Grantville Hotel. John Paul gained control of the Grantville Cemetery Trust accounts so that the trustees could fulfil their statutory reporting obligations and show £8/8/2 in their account on 1 January 1889.

**Next month I will tell you a relatively short story about Alfred William Selman who was a trustee from 18 April 1878 until he left the district at the end of 1879.**

**An extended version of this story including references will be featured in the January edition of The Western Port Times.**

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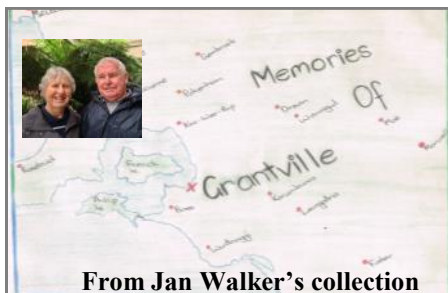
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From Jan Walker's collection

## The Grantville Drive-in

The Grantville Drive in opened in the early 1970's and closed in 1984.



Shrouded by trees, the screen is one of the last visible remnants of Grantville's "picture-paddock", which had room for 150 cars when it opened to the public in the early 1970's.

Some say, this is another story of "they built a drive-in and nobody came". It would have traded OK in Summer for about eight weeks, but once the holiday-makers left the resorts that were still miles away, I don't know who would have attended this place.

It is difficult to imagine today, but at one time there were 60 drive-in sites scattered around Victoria, with 40 of those in regional areas. Nowadays only three remain in operation.

The Grantville Drive-in screen has gone almost completely unnoticed where it has sat for more than 40 years and is recognised as one of the last of its kind. Locals who knew operators, Wally and Margaret Beer, now sadly passed on, say they were told the framework is part of an old State Electricity Commission (SEC) transmission Tower.



The Drive-in's projection room, sat sadly neglected after the closure in 1984.

The better brick home where the original owners, Wally and Margaret Beer lived still stands amongst the new homes in the developed estate.

Local historian, Bass Valley Historical Society Secretary and U3A Local History Group member, vividly remembers the Drive-in, albeit if only as a "paddock with posts"

Libby remembers going one night to watch Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh light up the screen in *Gone With The Wind*, but says the venue didn't leave a lasting impression in her mind.

Looking back she says, "It wasn't all that flash - kind of scruffy actually. The sound was terrible and the colour on the screen was also strange".

She also said "The Drive-in always exuded a temporary, make shift vibe".



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An example of Drive-in Snack bar prices around Melbourne in the 1960's.

The Grantville Drive-in screen was actually advertised on ebay in 2015 for \$500, buyer to pick up.

The then Grantville & District Ratepayers and Residents Association looked at the cost of dismantling the screen, storing it and re-assembling it at the Recreation Reserve as an outdoor theatre, it permits could be arranged, but the cost of close to \$100,000 put the project beyond the realms of possibility.

The ebay listing said "The mammoth structure which still stands at the edge of the housing estate would make a great billboard".

The ebay auction failed to attract a buyer and the screen still stands, its future still to be determined.

Some say it is unfortunate that heritage registers fail to recognise the social significance of the state's beloved drive-in theatres, especially to those that grew up between the 1950's and 70's.

Roger Clark and Jan Walker



Drive-in theatre speakers



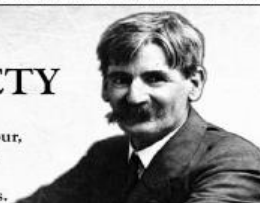
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## Poet's Corner

**Submissions always welcome for this segment which encourages all local poets and writers to contribute.**

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### WHY I LOVE WHERE I LIVE



They all said “you’re mad!”, “what the heck are you thinking”  
Quite possibly they thought – I bet she’s been drinking!

After 30 plus years in a small weatherboard home  
She’s all of a sudden decided to roam.

Not to a smaller place, close to family and friends  
But to a place some thought, was near the earth’s end  
She’d never been there, on holiday or drive through  
What was she thinking, they hadn’t a clue!

So I left my suburban home and to Kilcunda I drove  
To a beautiful home, in a small treasure trove  
A coastline quite rugged, what beauty abounds  
In this Bass Coast community with such scenic surrounds.

It’s been just a year in this small coastal town  
Where I’ve found only warmth and goodwill, not once a frown!  
My health has improved with all this clean ocean air  
There’s no stress in my life ‘cos I haven’t a care.

Now fresh farm produce has become my mainstay  
No more processed food is eaten each day  
Off to the farmers’ markets I go most weekends  
And already I feel, I’ve made some good friends.

There’s so many great spots in the hills up behind  
Like Kernot and Loch, now that’s a great find  
It’s a very short drive to San Remo or Wonnie  
Or Inverloch beach, where I go with my doggie.

There’s a great general store, and the old Killy pub  
They are both local meeting places, and the pub has good grub  
The surf crashes my dreams, but I sleep like a log  
As the bulls bellow their yearnings, in the sea’s misty fog.

So Kilcunda for me is a life’s dream now come true  
A gorgeous new home with an amazing sea view  
So thankyou Kilcunda for sharing your beautiful shores  
Your invigorating sea winds, your surf and lots more.

These are just a few lines on why I love where I live  
It’s been a big change, but such beauty it gives  
Kilcunda, your peaceful vibe heals my soul  
I hope to live here till the end, well that sure is my goal!

**Robyn (Kilcunda)**

### Fowl Play

**Jan C. Morris**



**Moving from Chelsea (Melbourne) to Korumburra (East Gippsland) early in 2018 was to become a rewarding journey.**

Being an animal-lover, never owned chooks, the owner hinted that the black rooster and three hens came with the house, an old coal-miners cottage. So when the fluffy orange coloured hen that she called Karin being the rooster’s wife, sat on my lap and allowed me to pat her, the owner was delighted, to her I was indeed the right person to buy her house, and be mother to her brood.

Settling into this new town; in a house, with its backyard and chooks, was a totally brand new experience. Upon hearing the dreaded word ‘foxes’ and how they loved ‘chicken sandwiches’, put the wind up me! Then to be told; ‘roosters are banned in the town.’ Luckily the rooster named ‘Bella’, a beautiful

black and flashy-blue Australorp, as the previous owner thought he was a she, only crowed softly about 8-00 a.m. The other two white hens, I named ‘Freda’ and ‘Florence’, as they didn’t seem to have names.

Their wooden chook-house was old and surrounded at the base by bricks to prevent the ‘enemy/fox’, getting their digging-paws under, so that they could squeeze their furry-tails through, ready to pounce on their terrified prey. One chap in the local pub ‘the Middle’ told me of an evil remedy to kill the entire fox-family with a dreadful bait recipe, and I believed him being a gullible ‘Townie’.

Observing my new family, I grew to enjoy their ‘Chookie activities’ as it was a pleasure to watch poultry playing and scratching around, from my glass door, sun filled kitchen. It appeared a miracle to pick-up a beautiful warm egg, from the hay filled nesting boxes in the hen house. The chooks hid amongst the elephant ear plants, frolicked amongst the rocks, pecked in the grass, and really got ‘stuck into’ the corn-cobs I generously brought them, they were also fond of whole grain bread.

These new creatures in my life were spoilt; Karin was a mischievous ring-leader, many times, she would lead the rest of her fowl-mates, through the side-gate and into front garden, Karin so daring and an adventurous thrill-seeker, not realizing the danger of the nearby road and its traffic, with me frantically waving my arms in the air and yelling, as they headed back to where they had escaped from. One time Karin ‘went missing’ at 6-00 p.m. as ‘marching-time’ came for the chookie’s to be locked-up in their house, she was nowhere to be seen or heard, so like a mother with a wayward daughter, my deep concern was that a ‘fox had got her!’ and spent a restless night worrying, as she was gone all night! At 8.00 am. the next morning and feeling somewhat gloomy, on opening the door, I let the other three out, flapping their wings and strutting to their breakfast. All of a sudden, like a ‘heavy wind’ out flew from under the house, Karin! Well you could have knocked me down with a feather!

I was overjoyed, later on looking under the house, especially for her escape-route, I was perplexed to discover her very own nest with ‘fifteen eggs’ stacked so lovingly next to each other.

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## Fowl Play

By Jan C Morris (continued)

These fowls had character and a personality, enjoying every day as it came, Battery-hens, have no freedom, just a cruel money-making factory, with no sun, and their claws never touch soil or grass, just thinking of the comparison, really saddens me.

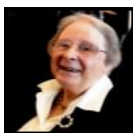
At Korumburra having to run home to lock the chookie's up before dark, as well as letting them out each morning, always aware of 'foxy's appetite', this practice became stressful actually controlling my life, as asking neighbours didn't seem right, being a new person in the town. For with my own eyes I did see the most talked about 'villain', with the bushy-tail, slinking away in the early morning light, in my own backyard, so there are foxes!

I now have found a nearby farm to give them a great home with freedom and security, and I'm able to visit them anytime, my first re-union, they recognised my 'chook-chookie-chook' call, and came to me like long lost friends.

**My memories of; 'chook life' has so enriched me. The fact is now I can't eat any form of chicken or poultry food, but with wonderment look at the 'miracle eggs' we buy.**

## Writing

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



## YARNING AWAY



They're all away now, the previous generation while the ranks are thinning of those who've inherited their mantle. With the passage of time it's becoming more and more difficult to recall the wealth of sayings that peppered their everyday speech. But it's up to us who follow to set down the few gems that can be garnered from the curious stories and phrases peculiar to those special people. Mother's "Nine o'clock all over dock, the ships have put to sea;" or "Nine o'clock and not a bone in the cart;" "Out of my way, it's Billo they say walking out with his fair dinkum tart;" "He who will not

stoop for a pin will never be worth a pound;" "Bite bigger Billy, bigger yet, you're welcome that you know;" "Waste not, want not. Oh how I wish I had that crust which once I threw away," and of course, "If a job's worth doing it's worth doing well" while "Laziness is not worth a pin unless it's well carried out." Her recollection of the couple who set up their work tools outside the shops in the local street, he in deep droning tones begging for "any old pots or pans to mend," with his wife chiming in with, "He's the man who can do it." And the woman dragged from the depths of alcoholic degradation by the Salvation Army in giving thanks, public and ecstatic, for her redemption rejoicing with, "I'm happy, I'm – I'm so happy I could put my foot through the bloody drum." And her father's quotes, though I doubt Mother knew their classical origins, "Is it a boy or a child;" and "Barkis is willing." Then her grandmother when exasperated would say, "It's enough to make you rise up and sit down again;" while theft brought forth, "A liar is worser than a thief;" criticism of the Royal Family, no matter how mild, resulted in, "Ssh, treason!" For one born in the mid-1830s this was a distinct possibility.

Her view of the medical profession was summed up in the words, "While the doctors differ the patient dies," and she delighted in singing a popular song from her girlhood, "Dance with the Dolly with a hole in her stocking," which found its way into our hit parade some fifty years after the old lady's death. My brother-in-law frequently revived the old time expression, "It's a caution" and referred to his stomach in the Aboriginal term "Bingie" which is reflected in some of Australia's place names. Living by the Victorian border, he constantly pronounced Echuca's riverside neighbour "Moama" with the soft A despite gentrification having set in with the harder A. Now with a dash of political correctness it has reverted to the native sound. Eaglehawk seems to have been a constant source of expressions confined to the area. Revelling in the construction of the new Town Hall, a proud citizen asked one of the Borough's numerous Cousin Jacks what he thought of its magnificence. After a minute's consideration he pronounced, "Ay, it's a fine building all right but it's got a lean towards Pascoe's."

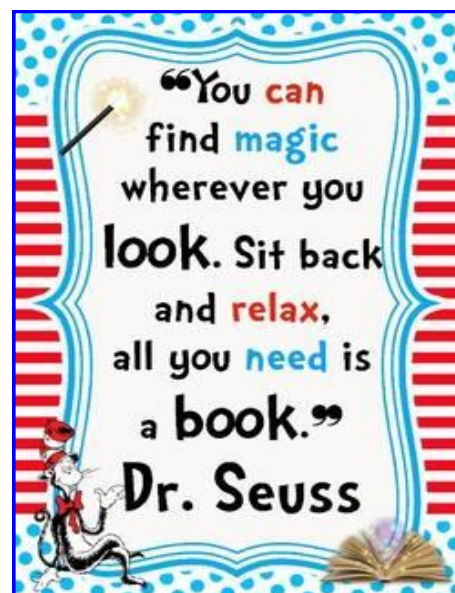
Another Cornishman when pestered by the young fry to umpire their cricket match declined with, "No. go get someone else to go umpire." They persisted until he agreed. "How's that?"

was the scream from an eager young bowler. "What do you mean, how's that?" "Out – leg before wicket." "Bowl 'em out, lad, bowl 'em out. None of this leg afore business." And the husband's irritation as his wife lingered hopefully outside a shop window, urging her to "Come along, Mary Jane; half a crown's a lot of money to give for a hat." Another identity religiously locked and unlocked his front gate despite there being no surrounding fence. When he presented at the insurance office claiming his house had burnt down swift investigation revealed the place was still standing. Unfortunately, the candle flame trusted to ignite the property was extinguished by the draught as the front door slammed. Not to be denied, he returned home to make a proper job of it. Back to town he went to collect on his policy emphatically declaring, "It's burnt down this time!"

The Sunday School teacher in telling his class the biblical story asked, "What did Samson use to slay one thousand Philistines?" No one knew so he supplied his own version of the answer. "He killed them with the bone of a horse's arsehole."

Dad's was a wealth of local stories and his excellent memory revived the words of a few old musical numbers. One that springs to mind is: "Mother put a card in the window, lodging for a nice young man. With bacon and eggs for breakfast and a hug and a kiss no doubt. Mother put a card in the window; Father took it out." His pet phrases included, "Eat what you can and can what you can't!" "Eat your crusts and your hair will grow curly;" "A certain five is better than a doubtful six;" "The difference makes the odds;" "Do not fight outside your weight," and most importantly, "You go when your number is up."

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## LIFE - BE IN IT!



"This is where our years of working and doing without pays off." George lifted his glass of wine and toasted their retirement. However, their much planned for retirement got off to a bad start. They postponed their world trip because of Wendy's fibrositis, and then again because of George's bronchitis.

"I mean," George wheezed as he sat huddled over their heater. "What was the use of us scrimping and saving all our working life to contribute to a big super for a fun retirement when we're too sick to enjoy ourselves?"

"Wish we could trade ourselves in on younger models," Wendy mourned as she rubbed into her joints the cream the alternative medicine shop assured her would work. "We needed this money when we were both young and in good health. Life just isn't fair."

"Life isn't fair," George agreed.

"There was a show on telly about a new breakthrough in cellular regeneration," Wendy mentioned one day.

"Won't be on the market in time to help us," George grumbled. His bronchitis had turned to asthma and he was feeling negative.

"They are looking for people willing to be used as guinea pigs," Wendy said a few days later. She stared at her swollen, misshapen fingers.

"Would we get it for free?" George asked.

Wendy rang and checked. Despite the fact that they were prepared to offer themselves as guinea pigs, the new treatment cost, and how!

"It would take every penny of our super that we have both spent all our lives working for and then some," George said in dismay.

"What good is all our money if we both are too ill to enjoy our retirement?" Wendy pointed out.

"And we would have to go to Switzerland to have the treatment," George said.

"Still..." He pulled a sheet of paper over and started scribbling out figures. "If we got a good price for the house, we could put it with our super payout. We would then be eligible for a pension."

They got a very good price for the house, which made up the gap for the cellular regeneration treatment. However, they could only afford a tenancy in a caravan

park up North. By booking economy airfares, there was even enough over for a small dinghy.

The economy air travel caused them great discomfort. George had asthma all the way over, and Wendy's fibrositis was so bad the airhostess had to get a wheelchair for her to use when they reached their destination.

They spent a month at the clinic, having injections, and having blood tests done to see how their bodies were reacting. Every day made a difference. Their backs straightened up. George's wispy greying sandy hair thickened and deepened to ginger again and his eyesight improved. The roots of Wendy's hair grew an agreeable brown, so she chopped off all the dyed brown orange ends. Under the short-cropped hair her face filled out, smoothing away the wrinkles and her skin flushed pink with good health. She sneaked admiring glances at her hands, which had regained shape, slenderness and mobility.

It wasn't quite the fountain of youth, the clinic kept assuring them. There was no real miracle to regain youth, but they both looked and felt like healthy and vigorous forty-year-olds, not young, but a long way from old age. The trip back was much more pleasant. They sat together in a bemused haze, holding hands. With only a last five hundred dollars between them, they applied for their old age pension and settled to enjoy their retirement.

They came back from one of their pleasant boating trips to find an investigator from the Department of Security waiting for them. The Department's interest he said was in what they had done with their large superannuation payout, plus the amount they had received when they had sold their house?

"We had to use all our super and the extra money from the house on medical expenses. We have both worked long and hard all our lives, and our health had suffered," George explained.

"The Department would like all details of your medical expenditure before assessing your eligibility," the investigator said. He gave them an accusing glare. "The Department will wish to satisfy itself there has been no fraudulent concealment."

"There are no problems," George assured him. "We have nothing to hide, and I can produce receipts for every cent."

The investigator seemed mollified and left with the receipts, promising them they would be contacted about their eligibility in due course.

Their five hundred dollars dwindled to

nothing. Fortunately, Wendy had a thriving little veggie garden, and they ate fish and rabbits caught by George.

George sold enough fish at the small market to cover their electricity bills, but he started to worry. He rang daily to find out what was happening about their pensions.

They were both playing a hard game of tennis when a resident of the Caravan Park yelled they had been summoned to their Social Security Department interview.

The person behind the desk rustled their file. "I'm sorry for the delay. We had to contact the Swiss clinic to verify your medical expenses."

"I gave you accurate receipts and figures," George said.

"Yes. The Swiss Clinic confirmed your expenses and that the treatment was successful."

"Wonderfully so," Wendy agreed.

"They also confirmed legally that your biological ages are now forty."

"And we feel wonderful," George agreed.

"So you are no longer entitled to an age pension."

"What!" George exclaimed. "How are we supposed to survive?"

"With your respective qualifications, accountant and computer programmer, there should be no problems in finding suitable work."

"Work!" George repeated.

"You will be eligible for unemployment benefits if the Department can't find you both work," the woman across the desk assured them.

"Unemployment benefits?" George echoed.

"Work," Wendy said, her voice rose in an hysterical screech. "I've already worked fifty years, from the age of fifteen until sixty-five."

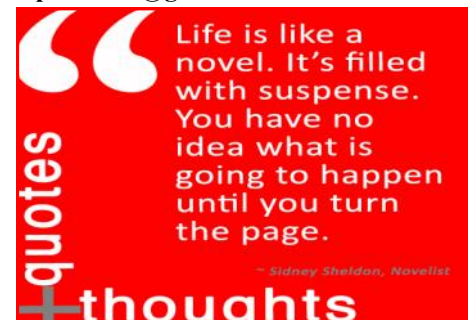
"Biologically and legally you are both forty years in age, so therefore you are not eligible for any sort of pension.

Please report to our Employment centre."

"Do you think we should invest in another super scheme when we get back to work?" the stunned Wendy asked.

George's reply was unprintable

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## **Letter from Tim & Laura Ealey (formerly of Coronet Bay).**



**Gracious me? We are  
receiving Christmas  
Cards!  
How very odd!  
Are they very early or  
maybe very late?**

Christmas was only six months ago!!! We  
are sure of it. However rather than appear  
unfriendly we will follow suit.

Perhaps Father Time is part of climate  
change? With extremes of weather perhaps  
the world must spin faster than before,  
hence Christmas comes more quickly.

It could account for the strong winds and  
cyclones, couldn't it? Not to be outdone;  
floods and fires are speeding up too. So we  
expect some clever researchers will let us  
know 'why is this so? We could hope for  
extensive writings on the topic, then be  
blinded with new science and ideas.  
If only politicians would follow these  
observations, industriousness and  
foresight; and open their frazzled eyes and  
deaf ears. We do realize that they have to  
use a great deal of hot air and energetic  
insults to earn their keep.  
Perhaps the hot air could be channelled  
into the electricity grid. What do you  
think?

That reminds me. Many of our friends and  
family are telling us of the scholastic and  
career successes. We congratulate all of  
you most heartily for your diligence and  
look forward to your future advancements.  
Not to be overshadowed, we are also  
gaining new status. Tim is now on Level  
Four Home Care and has received a  
significant package with it. Laura, not to  
be outdone, has become a Qualified Carer,  
with a small salary. So far we have not  
received our diplomas, but doubtless they  
will arrive soon. Once the Xmas rush is  
over and posties recover from their  
overtime.

It requires a great deal of time and travel  
As well to gain these distinctions.  
To date, we have had 224 related medical  
appointments for the year, with five more  
for the rest of the year. Tim loves giving  
the hospital nurses opportunity to learn  
more from him as they fuss around. He has  
enjoyed his stays over the last five live-in  
periods. He loves the food at the hospitals  
too and recommends the chefs at  
Noarlunga and Flinders hospital.  
Laura only managed one short visit in  
hospital as she is too busy driving Tim to  
go more often. We have not forgotten the  
specialists, pathologists, and radiographers  
etc we have met this year. It must cost  
them such a lot for their elite cars etc. so

we try to do our bit for their financial  
welfare and also help the wider economy.  
Not to be outdone, Tim is practising on his  
mobility machines with his usual panache.  
At least he has done his learner plates, soon  
to be P's.

All this running has kept us busy. Over  
the last year we have taken many fitness  
classes. For some reason they are not as  
effective as they used to be (Climate  
change may cause this problem too?)

Laura has dabbled in the real estate market  
recently. She has found a wonderful spot  
for her next home. Beautiful views, plenty  
of residents around, and above all the gum  
trees and birds she has longed for and  
missed recently. So her next address will  
be Lot 10, at Willunga Parish Cemetery, in  
the "natural" suburb section. She expects to  
produce fertiliser and many healthy worms  
to feed the native birds overhead who will  
provide concerts every day. What more can  
a lady want? It is a wonderful place for a  
picnic so we held a very happy family  
party there recently. They all thought it a  
marvellous spot. Should you wish, you too  
may share my housewarming party? Sorry  
I can't give you a date just yet.

Laura has also been busy raising flowers,  
herbs and vegetables. All carefully potted,  
visited every day for chats and drinkies.  
The flowers are blooming their little hearts  
out. So far we have had a bumper crop of  
herbs, tomatoes, spinach and beetroot,  
whilst the zucchinis are producing a forest  
and may encroach on this village.  
Would they be called culinary triflids? The  
pity is that we do not like them much.

(She now hopes to get her tongue out of  
her cheek! So far she not been committed  
for being nuts.)

Signing off with hopes for all of you to  
have a safe, healthy and fulfilling year  
ahead.

*Love and very best wishes,*  
**Tim and Laura Ealey**  
*(Formerly of Coronet Bay).*

### **Looking back at Tim**



**Dr Mangrove (Tim Ealey) holds a tray of  
mangrove seedlings grown by the children at  
Bass Valley Primary School.**



# Our Environment

## Grantville Foreshore Committee



**The Committee continues to do what it can to preserve and protect the foreshore reserve**

**north of Grantville as far as Pioneer Bay. The foreshore reserve managed by the Committee has been buffeted by high tides and winds in recent weeks resulting in some tree damage. Funding is being pursued so that an arborist can deal with problem trees.**

**Eric Hornsby 0417 222087**

## Letters

### It's a puzzlement ...

In the January 2018 edition of *The Waterline News*, in a Letter to the Editor titled: *It was nearly Christmas 2017*,

I made a wish that by Christmas 2018 "Western Port will be preserved and The Plan is under the Christmas tree." Well perhaps I do believe in Santa, for when I looked under the community Christmas tree last year, there it was, inscribed with "Have fun with The Coastal Management Act", wow, just what I needed!

I set up the card table (which I must return one day) and tipped the present onto it - it was a jigsaw.

Buoyed on by its many coloured pieces, I started trying to piece them together; now let's see:

- the Western Port Ramsar Management Plan Summary – hmm okay
- a picture of the new member for Bass – a late substitute, but where does this fit?
- the New Marine and Coastal Act 2018 – ah, that must be the centre piece
- a new Coastal Protection Plan for Grantville (some 22 years in the making), it has to fit somewhere ...
- the Distinctive Area & Landscape Act 2018 – wait a minute, I think that's the land bit
- acronyms of the many stakeholders – they're some of the outside bits – okay
- Victoria's Marine and Coastal Reforms – Final Transition Plan – now that must go with the Coastal

Act – I think?

- a Nature-based Coastal Defences plan – right, that probably fits with the new Grantville Plan
- some key environmental messages – what do I do with these?
- Bass Coast Shire Council's Environment Plan – that might go with the Grantville Plan, but then again it's separate from that until you get to Tenby Point – right – so what goes in between?
- the \$2.5 million Future Foreshores project – ah looking good, but only centred round Flinders to Crib Point – hmm
- "Agencies combine to beat Inverloch erosion" – hello, this must be in the wrong box
- AGL Crib Point Floating Storage and Regasification Unit Project in Western Port – this is interesting – not sure if this is ever going to fit a message from Greg Hunt MP – The Federal Minister for the Environment – that's done it, we need a new piece
- a new organisation called the National Centre for Coast and Climate – right, this is more like it – it's the bottom left hand corner bit – good
- and, so it went on!

As I sifted through the various pieces, with increasing frustration, I thought it's time I looked at 'the picture', but you've guessed it, there wasn't one – now what do I do – for that matter, does anyone know what to do?

I managed to join up some pieces including the Grantville Foreshore Plan and The University of Melbourne's plan to grow mangroves in purpose-designed pods at Grantville and some of the outside bits too, but that's it. I'm sure there are still pieces missing ...

So, the much-awaited present will probably end up at the Op Shop. Perhaps one day a State politician on holidays this way may find it, and realise there is a need to come up with the missing pieces and 'the picture'; I'm sure Santa wouldn't like to let me down again!

I'll look under the community Christmas tree this year and hopefully, this time, all the pieces of the "puzzle" will be there.

**Neil Daly**

## AN ECOSYSTEM CONCEPT

### The Cyan Convention

#### What is it?

The *Cyan Convention* is a formal agreement put in place by the Parliament of Victoria to protect the Green Wedge and the Blue Wedge areas associated with the Mornington Peninsula Shire, the city of Casey and the Cardinia Shire Council.

It will incorporate the designated Green Wedge and the Blue Wedge known as Western Port.

#### Definition

A green Wedge is land outside an urban growth boundary.

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

#### Proposal

That the State Government of Victoria adopts the *Cyan Convention* principle and that it take immediate steps to formulate and introduce legislation to the Parliament of Victoria.

#### Reason

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

It is thought the time has come to take a holistic approach to managing our land and water, given they are environmentally interdependent and can no longer be treated as separate entities. With this in mind, it is suggested it is time to take up Traditional Indigenous Land Management Practices for guidance and recognise that the first custodians of this land and waters have a role to play.

#### How

Through the *Cyan Movement* (people who see merit in the *Cyan Convention*), discuss the concept and develop an action strategy to bring the matter to the attention of the Government.

**Proposed and prepared by Neil J. Daly  
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