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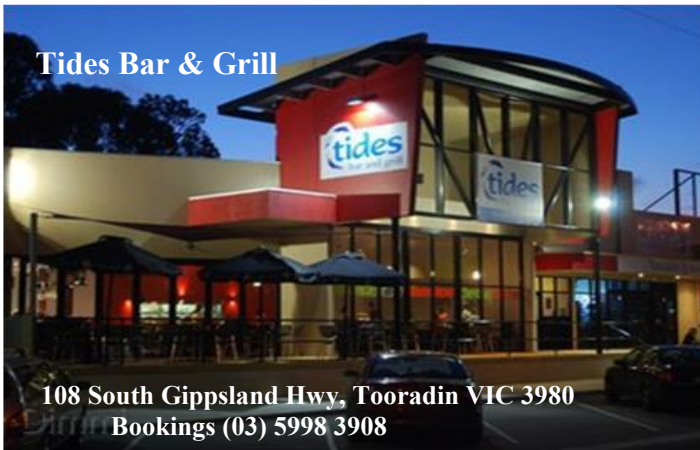
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Jenny Lind - *Emma Conroy*

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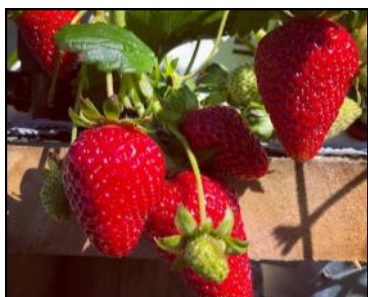


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Changes to Aged and Disability Services



Community Drop-in Sessions

We're holding drop-in sessions to answer your questions about Council's decision to cease being the provider of Aged and Disability Services in December 2019. This is an opportunity for you to ask specific questions about what the decision will mean for you or the community.

No need to book – just pop into any of the following sessions:

Wonthaggi

Monday, 25 March
9.30am - 10.30am
Civic Centre
Council Chamber
Baillieu St East

Grantville

Monday, 25 March
1.00pm - 2.00pm
Grantville
Transaction Centre
1504 – 1510 Bass Highway

Inverloch

Wednesday, 27 March
9.30am - 10.30am
Large meeting room
Inverloch Community Hub
16 A'Beckett St

Cowes

Wednesday, 27 March
1.00pm - 2.00pm
Meeting Room 1
Cowes Cultural Centre
91-97 Thompson Avenue

For more information on these drop-in sessions, please contact Mary-Anne Hunt on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or m.hunt@basscoast.vic.gov.au

GRANTVILLE ACTIVATION PROJECT 2018-20



UPDATE

Thanks to the awesome perserverance of Council's Project Co-ordinator Ella Angarene, it looks like the Grantville Activation Project will come to fruition. The additional project partners who have pledged to assist at this stage are Tennis Victoria and Bendigo Community Bank. More project partners are being sought right now!

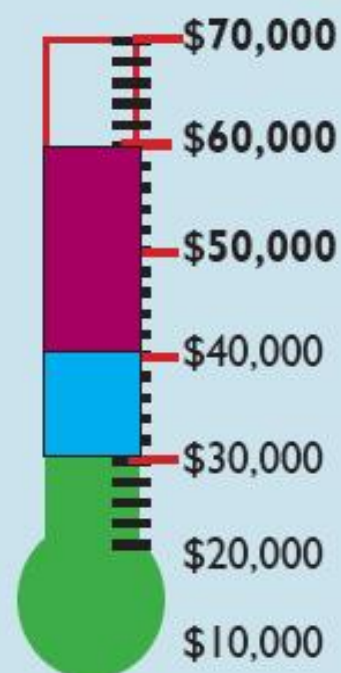
The State Government pledged their funding for the project shortly after the November election.

As you can see from the fundraising graph we're nudging the 'bare minimum' \$70K community contribution- but more is required! Did you know that additional funds can be allocated to more playground equipment? Did you know that additional funding can be allocated to increase beyond stage one of the skate park project? In short, additional funding = more community facilities here!

Want to pledge your support? Contact us at grantvillehall@gmail.com.

Let's work together to get Grantville the infrastucture it needs!

Community Fundraising



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Community Halls for Hire



Grantville Hall

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Mez Oldham	0415 445 215
Bass Valley	5678 2277
Bena Maureen	5657 2276
Corinella Paula Clarke	0448 441 046
Coronet Bay Peter Thick	0429 851 004
Dalyston Dorothy Slade	5678 7334
Grantville Pat Van	5997 6221
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Kongwak Betty Anderson	5657 4317
Lang Lang Cynthia Gane	5997 5510
Loch Greig Barry	0419 358 628
Kilcunda Andrea	0400 065 253
Nyora Nikki	0421 992 106
Newhaven Noel Street,	5956 6122
Rhyll Ring General Store,	5956 9205
Woodleigh Evan Jones	5 657 7275

Details not right?

Let us know....

editor@waterlinenews.com.au

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

editor@waterlinenews.com.au



Welcome to the March edition of The Waterline News.

Almost the end of summer so we won't have to spend so much time in the garden watering.

Can't believe how with 48 pages now, there are still things that have to be held over every month.

We have a recent influx of new writers and poets contributing material, which is great.

One of the objectives of The Waterline News when we first started five years ago, was to provide a platform for anyone who wanted to make a contribution, of their own work, or report on activities of community groups they belong to.

We now feature more than ten pages of community notices every month, plus a number of what may look like advertisements, but are actually unpaid. On average we have more than \$500 in unpaid advertisements each month, which is part of our contribution to the community.

We are also contributing by way of sponsorship to the Bass Valley U3A, through their Local History Group, and Tai Chi Classes, at Grantville. The Waterline news is extremely proud of the contribution we have made to the community over the first five years and take this opportunity to thank all of our regular advertisers, and contributors.

Please Remember:

Deadline : First of every month.

Distribution : Third Wednesday of month.

We have been asked by quite a number of people if they can have the magazine

posted to them and the answer is yes, the cost is \$3.00 per month, which includes postage and envelope costs etc.

Email:

editor@waterlinenews.com.au or write to PO Box 184 Grantville 3984

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Roger Clark, Editor

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Shelley did some contract work for Mick, in April - June, when work was quiet and found the business had similar values to hers.

Mick wanted to retire and she thought it would be a good fit, Mick will transition out of the business over the next two years.

Good Luck Shelley

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www.police.vic.gov.au



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

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

Boomerang Bags Phillip Island & San Remo

- Wednesdays 10am - 4pm.

Contact kylie@boomerangbagspistr.org

Cape Woolamai Coast Action

Email capewoolamaicoastaction@gmail.com

Corinella & District Probus Club

Heather Reid 0421 012 519

Corinella Boating & Angling Club

Website www.corinellafishing.com.au

Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

Balcombe Street Corinella.

Jacque Carter 5678 0596

Corinella & District Community Centre

48 Smythe St Corinella. 5678 0777

Website www.corinellacomunitycentre.org.au

Corinella & District Men's Shed

& Woodies Group Corinella Road

Contact Ken Thomas 0427 889 191

Corinella Foreshore Committee

Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

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

Coronet Bay Hall

Wednesdays 10am - 12noon

Contacts Catherine 0416 112 629

Coronet Bay Adult Social Club

Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall

Ann 5678 0341

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

Cowes Lorraine 5952 2165

Glen Alvie Libby 5678 3280

Grantville Annie 5678 8037

Loch Val 5659 4268
Woodleigh Vale Carol 5678 8041

Cowes Table Tennis Group

Social play, coaching available.

Barbara Parrott 0425 885 834

Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary

Contact - Shelly 0417 593 497

Grantville Business & Community Association

Secretary Sandy Ridge

Email thegbca1@gmail.com

Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

Contact: Barbara Coles

Email bacoles@bigpond.net.au

Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee

Pat Van 5997 6221

Grantville Tennis Club Inc.

Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

Kernot Uniting Church

1040 Loch-Kernot Road, Kernot

Contact Secretary Judy Hogan 0422 094 903

Lang Lang Bowling Club

Ian Painter 5997 6554 M: 0419 646 040

Email langlangbowling@bigpond.com

Lang Lang Cricket Club

Secretary: Sharon May 0459 368 431

Lang Lang Playgroup

(0-Preschool) Thursdays 9.30am

Contact: Leah Dyll 0418 463 963

Amanda Gray 0458 195 258

Lions Club of Bass Valley

First Tuesday each month 6pm

Grantville Transaction Centre then third

Tuesday each month, Dinner at Bass Hotel.

Lyn Renner 0416 024 356

Nyora Youth Group

Contact Michael Felton

Email nyorahall3987@outlook.com

Phillip Island Bowls Club

Dunsmore Avenue, Cowes.

New members welcome, Free coaching

Contact George Mol 0407 851 065

Phillip Island Camera Club

Meet at the Heritage, Cowes.

Contact Susan 0408 136 717

Phillip Island Community Art & Craft Gallery Inc.

Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave

All Enquiries Call Aleta 0419 525 609

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Celebration Centre 6 Lions Court, Cowes

Contact Jack 0434 944 380

Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers Inc.

The Phillip Island & District Railway

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Phillip Island Bicycle User Group

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Secretary Ruth Scott More information at

Phillipislandbicycleusergroup.com.au and Fb

Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL)

56-58 Church Street, Cowes 5952 1131

Email Linda.Morrison_manager@pical.org.au

Phillip Island Patchworkers

Meet on a Monday night from 7.30.

Contact - Lyn Duguid 0427 593 936

Email phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com

Phillip Island-San Remo - Bass Coast

Vegan Community

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Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

Phone bookings 5952 2973

Email piscc123@gmail.com

Phillip Island World Vision Club

Second Wednesday each month 1.30pm

St. Phillip's Church Cowes

Enquiries - Thelma 5678 5549

Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow Email: pbpa@bigpond.com

Probus Club of Corinella and District

First Wednesday of each month at the Bass

Hotel.

Contact Heather Reid 0421 012 519

Rob Parsons 0402 852 300

Probus Club of San Remo

Second Monday of the month (except

January) 10am at the Newhaven Public Hall.

Visitors Welcome.

Enquiries Bob Andrews 0437 526 757

Rhyll Community Association.

Secretary Cheryl Overton 0427 680 483

South Coast Speakers - Toastmasters

Meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday

from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the San Remo Hotel,

145 Marine Parade, San Remo.

Contact Patricia 0412 339 795

Email info@southcoastspeakers.org.au

South Gippsland Arthritis Support Group

Contact: Adam 0408 353 785

Marg 0417 154 057

Diane 5658 1443

South Gippsland Mental Illness Carer's Group

Maggie 5658 1781 Rosemary 5662 4352

South Gippsland Parkinson's Support Group

Third Friday each month 10am for 10.30

Leongatha RSL

Meeting/Guest Speaker/Lunch available.

Email Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com

South Gippsland Support after Suicide

Phone 9421 7640

Email southgippslandsas@gmail.com

Around the Markets & Op Shops

COMMUNITY GROUPS continued

Survivors of Suicide

Raising awareness to aid prevention
Jillian Drew 0413 056 165

St Pauls Anglican Church Bass

HC at 12.30pm every Sunday
Contact Sandy Ridge 5997 6127

St Georges Anglican Church Corinella

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

Tenby Point Residents Association

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

Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc.

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

Woolamai Racing Club

Contact the Secretary (03) 5678 7585

MARKETS



Every Sunday

Kongwak Market

10am - 3pm

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

Enquiries: Jane 0408 619 182

2nd Saturday

Coal Creek Farmers' Market

Coal Creek Community Park
8am - 12.30pm 50+ stalls
coalcreekfm@hotmail.com
Contact for information 0459 629 000

Cowes Island Craft Market

102 Thompson Avenue, 9am - 2pm
In the grounds of St Phillips Church
60+ stalls Make, bake and grown goods and produce.
Contact for further details 0412 710 276

Corinella Community Market

Contact details 0435 736 510

4th Saturday

Churchill Island Farmers' Market

40+ stalls. 8am - 1pm
peter@rfm.net.au
Further Information 0439 364 760

Cowes Market on Chapel

Chapel Street. 8.30am - 2pm, 30+ stalls
Further information- 0428 603 043

1st Sunday

Jumbunna Bush Market

Jumbunna Hall phone 5657 3253

2nd Sunday

Rotary Club Market Wonthaggi

Apex Park 8am - 1pm, 50+ stalls
Walk to nearby Make it - Bake it Market
Contact: Neville Goodwin 5672 7245
Garry Sherrick 5672 5812

Loch Lions Village Market

May - Sept Loch Public Hall
Oct - April Loch Railway Station Park
70 + stalls
Information from Noel Gregg 5627 5576
Market day phone 0418 500 520

3rd Sunday

Inverloch Farmers Market

The Glade, Esplanade, 8am - 1pm
50+ stalls Information: peter@rfm.net.au
Phone 0439 364 760

Tooradin Sunday Market

9am - 1pm
Stallholders wanted, \$20 includes 1 sausage & bread breakfast per stall.
All Market Enquiries: 0429 188 280

4th Sunday

(Weather Permitting)



Grantville Variety Market

Except December which is the third Sunday
Grantville Recreation Reserve
8am - 2pm 100+ stalls
BBQ & Sausage sizzle, Coffee Cart, indoor and outdoor, cake stalls plus plenty of home made goodies.
Contact for further details 5997 6221

Last Sunday of each month

Inverloch Community Farmers' Market

The Glade, Esplanade, 50+ stalls
Email: info@inverlochfarmersmarket.com.au
Phone 0417 370 488

2nd Friday and Saturday each month

San Remo Cuppa and Chat Market

St. Augustine's Church
Marine Parade San Remo
Friday 9am - 1pm Saturday 9am - noon.
Bric a brac and Cuppa and Chat Market, cakes, & jams Friday, plus a sausage sizzle on Saturdays.
Further Information: 5678 5386

OP SHOPS

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Bass Valley Community Group

Hadden House Op Shop

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Saturday 10am - 2pm
Phone Enquiries 5678 2277

Corinella

St George's Anglican Church Op Shop

Smythe Street Corinella, next to Church
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
10am - 2.00pm
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Grantville Op Shop

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



Korumburra

Korumburra Uniting Church Op Shop

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

Lang Lang

Lang Lang Community Op Shop

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

Nyora

Nyora Op Shop at the Nyora Station

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

San Remo

San Remo Op Shop

Back Beach Road.
Enquiries 5671 9200

Community Notes



**CORINELLA
RATEPAYERS AND
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

2019 Committee

President. Wayne Maschette.

Vice President. Peter Tait.

Secretary. David Laing.

Treasurer. Lyndell Parker

General Committee Member.

John Stewart and Michael Kelzke

As I write it is already Autumn, and as usual the year is flying! We, as a Committee have had a very busy start to the year with Australia Day celebrated and "Clean up Australia" organised and participated in on the 3 March, as well as a very successful general meeting in February with Kat Cox from the Chemist in Grantville giving a very interesting and highly informative talk on several subjects including "how to read your prescriptions" we were all amazed at how much was involved but felt very enlightened....thank you Kat!

Our next major event may be the "Cent Night" in October when we partner with the Community Centre for fundraising, but we are always open to projects from the community and members.

We will be assisting St George's Anglican Church Corinella in mounting an exhibition for "Luminous Galleries" on the Corinella Foreshore for Easter which is entitled "the Story of the Easter Egg", which will be up around the 26th of March. Volunteers are welcome to help in any of the forthcoming exhibitions..... please call Lyndell Parker on 0422247490 if you wish to be involved.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Saturday the 6th of April 10am to 12 noon at the Corinella community Centre, Balcombe Road entrance, all welcome. New members especially welcome, we always finish the meeting with a social cuppa and homemade cake, a good opportunity to meet new people in town! Hope to see you there.

**On behalf of the CRRA Committee,
Lyndell Parker.**



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

"At our first meeting for the year we agreed to support the retention of the mobile library service for the Waterline towns. There was a clear majority in favour of this although some members believed the proposed alternative would provide a better service.

"After considerable lobbying by our Association, Bass Coast Council has agreed in principle to allocate one of the Council-owned blocks in Tenby Point to some form of public open space. We are one of the few communities in the shire without this facility. The Council is now undertaking community consultations about what facilities can be provided on the block.

"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."

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

**CORONET BAY
RATEPAYERS &
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ASSOCIATION**



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Mark Hanrahan

Secretary Combined Community Group,
Sue Quartermain 0408 290923 or email
susiequa@tpg.com.au

PIONEER BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Contact :

Zena Benbow

pbpa@bigpond.com



A massive 12 years have passed since we first discussed roads at Pioneer Bay with the Shire- all systems are now 'go'. In a rather bizarre chronology of events, residents received a letter from Melbourne Water announcing their commencement of upgrades, followed by a letter from the Shire announcing the VCAT activities had been withdrawn, followed by another letter from the Shire indicating SR Excavations are to commence preliminary works within the last month. We look forward to the scheme addressing the myriad of issues which have affected residents over the years.

We also were happy to provide support for the mobile library campaign. It would appear investigation of this situation by the wider community has raised more questions than answers regarding the cessation of this service. We trust the decision made 'in camera' will be reconsidered in due course, and that pivotal questions raised are answered. Charles W. Eliot once wrote "Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers." So in townships already constantly addressing social isolation as a primary issue- surely the Mobile Library Service is a worthy aspect of the complete solution.

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Simplifying retirement

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.

Upcoming Events

Rhyll Mechanics Institute more commonly known as the Rhyll Hall in Lock Road Rhyll, has always been the centre of community life. Built by the Rhyll community in 1891, the Hall has served as a school, a church, a meeting place for local community groups and for milestone celebrations.

In more recent times the current Hall & Park Committee have opened the doors to several cultural events tantalising the locals and visitors alike.

The next great event at the Hall will be the Upmarket Garage & Collectables Sale, to be held on the weekend of April 13th and 14th. The doors will open at 10am; Devonshire Teas and light refreshments will be available as well as a variety of interesting and quality items to browse and buy.

The Stalls are already booked but there is room for one or two more. For more details please find, like and share the Rhyll Mechanics Hall and Park Facebook page. Stall Holder enquiries can ring Marion on 0408 891 836.

Bass Coast Branch of National Trust.

The National Trust of Australia's Heritage Festival "Connecting People, Places and the Past", will celebrate heritage with exciting events across the nation. Bass Coast Branch always participates and this year invites you to join us for a one day

bus tour "Hidden Treasures of Inverloch". We'll be guided along the Bunurong Marine Coastal Park, visit historic sites and hear about the mystique of the area – from dinosaurs, hidden gold treasures and tales from early life as a port town and later as a seaside resort. Enjoy guest speakers and lunch in Inverloch. Cost \$45. Bookings will open soon on the: Visit Bass Coast website (<http://visitbasscoast.com.au>)

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>**



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

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**For more information call:
 Judy Pitcon 0400 073 665**



www.u3abassvalley.com
bassvalleyu3aoffice@gmail.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, Sue Dunbar, Steve Edge and Christine Kent.

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
Digital Photography
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



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Gellibrand Street
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Grantville Hall, Wednesdays 10.30-11/30
[Phone Vicki 0403 025 634](tel:0403025634)

Other U3A Groups in the Waterline

News area are at:
Cowes (Pical)

www.pical.org.au
Phone 5952 1131

and
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Community Centres and other local news



5672 3731

Bass School Road, Bass 3991
Centre Manager: Roderick McIvor

The Bass Valley Autumn Festival has now been and gone. Saturday 2 March saw a wonderful live line-up of local and other country-flavoured music. A number of product stalls sold a very wide range of items.

There were numerous opportunities for the children attending, including a big slide and mini golf. The bucking bull was also a feature again this year and many of the kids heroically hung on by their fingernails as it twirled and bucked. There were two significant additions to the Festival this year. For the first time we had a bar, selling beer and wine. And our other new event was a snake handler who set up with his reptiles in the old school room. It was a very hot day so we are very grateful to all those who attended and also to all of those who supported the Festival through helping on the day or giving a hand with the preparations.

The Bass Valley Community Centre has engaged in some advocacy recently. We have sought to pass along some of the community's concern around the Bass Coast Council's decision to discontinue its services supporting older persons and those living with disability. We sent a fairly lengthy letter to the Mayor and included copies to the Sentinel Times (printed in their letters' section on February 26) and a range of State and Federal ministers and politicians as well as our local members. The current campaign to support the South Coast mobile library seems to have sapped some of the community spirit needed to meet such challenges and the ending of the Council's social services doesn't seem to be causing much of a stir in the community.

The Bass Valley Community Centre, on the other hand, intends to keep on running its support for older persons and people living with disabilities. Our social support services pick up people from their homes on Mondays and Wednesdays and bring them to the Centre for a day's social engagement. This includes catching up with the others in the group or joining in group activities, such as telling jokes, going for a walk or playing games such as carpet bowls. A lunch is served at the Centre before the bus takes people back home. So, if you or anyone you know might benefit from joining our Friendship Club (as we call it), don't

hesitate to give us a ring on 5678 2277. We know there are many out there who could benefit and all it takes to get the ball rolling is a phone call.

Roderick McIvor

Grantville Op Shop



The Op Shop is located at the
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Bass Op Shop, just off the Bass Highway, next to the Bass Hall in Bass School Road, Bass, Victoria
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www.pical.org.au

Community Centres and other local news



Who are we?

Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre incorporating Mitchell House and the Harvest Centre is run by a community based Committee of Management. We aim to provide a positive, welcoming environment where you can meet new friends, learn or share skills, ideas and information. If you're interested in being more involved in your Neighbourhood Centre call in and have a chat to the Coordinator Iain Richie. Phone Mitchell House for more information on 5672 3731.

There is lots happening at The WNC. A major event is Harmony Day on 23rd March, with the theme 'Everybody belongs.' Have you become a member yet? Becoming a member will provide you with discounts to LearnShare Activities (LSA), a copy of The Grapevine Newsletter each term and weekly electronic updates via the 'WonniGrapevine'. Being a member is also another way to support your Neighbourhood Centre. Come to Mitchell House to learn more! Please book into all activities.

Special Activities:

LGBTI Social / Support Group: Is on Monday 15 April, 7 to 8.30pm. Meet in an informal safe and relaxed space to share experiences, friendship, and good conversation. All new people are most welcome to come along on the night. For more information call Sally on 0409 691 771. GC

There is also an expression of interest for a LGBTI Teen social / support group. We're interested in providing a safe and relaxed space for young LGBTI people to meet, share experiences and support. We are also interested in ways we can help parents who are supporting their children on their journey. If you are interested call our centre manager, Iain.

New Wave Gippsland: Is on Thursday 21st March and 4th April, 9.30am to 12noon. This is a self advocacy group run by people with and intellectual disability or acquired brain injury. The group work together to make sure people with a disability have the same rights, choices and opportunities as anyone else in the community. Call Ms Glenda Smith, the project worker on 0417 034 798 for more information.

Harmony Day: is on Saturday 23 March, here is some info on the day. It all starts at 10am at the Wishart Reserve where

there will be a Footy Clinic put on by the Wonthaggi Power FC, followed by the Wonthaggi Citizens Band. Then it's on to the Town Hall at 11am for a 'Welcome To Country', traditional songs and music, dances and storytelling, talks on the history of the town and multicultural food tastings. Come along in traditional dress or wear something orange. Ring the WNC for more information. See you there.

Unemployed Workers Union: Will meet on Monday 1st April from 12noon to 2pm at the Harvest Centre Shed. The AUWU is run by unemployed people working for the rights and dignity of unemployed people. GC

For Health & Wellbeing:

Seed & Veggie / Produce Swap: Is on Saturday 13th April, 10.00am to 1.00pm. Try new seeds for your veggie garden or swap any excess produce you may have at our monthly swap meetings at the Harvest Centre Shed.

Sing for Fun: Wednesdays 27th March and 10th April at 7pm. Bring your voice, a sense of fun and any songs you would like to share. It is on every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Tai Chi for beginners: Is on Thursdays from 10.30am to 11.30am. Learn gentle Tai Chi Steps which can help to improve muscle & joint strength, balance, coordination and enhance mental health. LSA

Art & Craft activities:

Social cards group: Is on Wednesday from 1 to 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.

Evening Crochet: Is on Wednesday, 7 to 8pm. Enjoy a hot cuppa whilst sharing your love of crochet and knitting with a friendly group of people. LSA

Craft & Cuppa Group: Is on Fridays 7 to 8pm. Learn a new craft skill, share a skill you have or work on your own project while a cuppa in this welcoming weekly group.

Children & Families:

Free Tuesday & Friday Supported Playgroups: From 10am to 12noon. These groups are for families with a Health Care Card (or equivalent) and will provide early childhood fun activities for you and your child to enjoy together. Call Cath on 0427 729 695 to enrol.

The Youth 'Pop Up' Space: Is on Thursdays 4 - 6pm. This is a fun space for young people to share games, have something to eat and just relax.

Primary aged children will need signed parental consent. To check the dates

available, ring 5672 3731

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

CORINELLA BOWLING CLUB INC.

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Corinella

Ph. 5678 0497

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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.

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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 Centres and other local news



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CBNW Secretary, Sue Linley.

Email: coronethaynhw@gmail.com

Our group is always grateful for the continued support of San Remo Police Senior Constable Bruce Kent.

Police report for January:

GRANTVILLE

Theft of diesel from grader at landfill tip.

Cannabis possession.

Burglary of chainsaw, whipper-snipper and other small tools from farm shed.

Theft from business by ex worker.

Theft of fuel from petrol station.

CORINELLA

Theft of cash from outside table at caravan park.

POLICE TIP:

6x4 trailers are notoriously easy to steal. They do not require registration so store these securely and/or in a locked position.

RAFFLE:

A big thank you again to Coronet Bay General Store for their generous support in once again selling our raffle tickets.

Great prizes, only \$1 per ticket.

Our group's AGM is coming up and we need new volunteers for committee. Are you interested in joining our group to ensure the group's continuation? We try to improve community awareness and participation in monitoring and reporting incidents. We also advise how to deter criminal or unsafe behaviour while also encouraging a strengthening of our partnership with Police. Our future Police reports will now include Coronet Bay, Corinella, Tenby Point, Grantville, Bass, Pioneer Bay and The Gurdies. Meetings are now quarterly. We'd love you to come and join us at our NEW VENUE at CORINELLA CFA, 8A Barker Street Corinella 7pm May 13

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.



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

We run a community pantry for those who are having a tough time. We can provide a bag of food to get you through the next 24 hours and information on other services that can assist.

We hold a community lunch on Thursday's at 12pm. This is for those who would like to share a cooked meal with other community members or who for various reasons do not always have access to a home cooked meal.

Our produce table has a range of fruit and vegetables, donated by our local gardeners. On days when not much comes in we top this up with other items so there is always something to try.

We have a community bus for hire or can organise bus trips for groups of 8 with one of our volunteer drivers.

Term 1 for 2019 is almost over, can you believe that? The following activities will continue:

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

BYO painting and supplies \$4

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

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

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

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

Don't forget our Friday night Youth Drop In, 4.30-6.30pm we offer a range of activities for youth aged 12-16. This will change from April to a new format at the same time.

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

We are starting to work on our Term 2 program which runs from 23 April to 28 June. If there are activities you would like us to investigate, let us know. We are thinking of one day activities like Bees wax wraps, soap making, jam making. If there is interest we may introduce a weekly Kids and carers drop

in session for pre school age. We have had some interest in activities for Primary School aged children and are looking at whether there is anything we can provide. If you have skills you would like to share or courses you would like to run give us a call. If you would like to volunteer your time have a chat with us.

Kerri Ritchie

E: Coord@cdcc.asn.au

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**Woodleigh Vale Branch
Country Women's Association**



Woodleigh Vale Branch of the Country Women's Association

2018-19 Committee:-

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Elizabeth Hickey

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

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.



More Community News



CFA NEWS With Michele Fulwell

As I write this column it is exactly four weeks since the Waterline brigades were paged to a fire, started by a lightning strike, in the Grantville Nature Conservation Reserve. Our local volunteers worked 12 hour or longer shifts, many over 5 days and some while their homes were under threat. Many took unpaid leave. The dedication of these people to their community and their service is phenomenal. Whether firefighting or in a support role everyone gave their best.

Hundreds of fire fighters and support personnel, aerial support and appliances from Forest Fire Management Victoria, CFA brigades on the Mornington Peninsula, and Melbourne suburbs including MFB came to support our local volunteers. Police, Ambulance Victoria, SES, Bass Coast Shire and Rapid Relief Team supported our efforts. All coming together to prove We Work As One. The local community rallied to support each other and after it was over used that feeling to stage two thank-you events – one in Grantville and one in Kernot. Both were also fundraisers and the money raised will go towards equipment that will enhance the safety of our volunteers and our communities. The support we have all received has been wonderful.

The lessons to be learned from this event can be summed up in the messages we reiterate every year. Plan – have a fire plan, discuss your fire plan with neighbours, family, friends and implement your fire plan. Have a back up plan in case a fire is close enough to impact in a short time. Take note of Fire Danger Ratings. Have the VicEmergency App on your phone and tablet. Know your local Emergency Broadcaster. Be aware of your environment.

If you receive a message from VicEmergency – take the time to read it carefully. There is a big difference between Leave Now and Shelter in Place. Follow the directions as given. A shelter in place message may be given because aerial fire support is operating or roads to the area have been cut off by fire. If aerial support is operating, you need to take shelter as the amount of water being released can be dangerous to those on the ground. If roads are cut off your best chance of survival is to shelter in place. There were still people expecting a knock on the door or a fire truck in their drive

way, but this is not physically possible. Fire trucks are placed where they can affect the greatest impact in the safest manner and that is not usually parked in someone's driveway. Police and SES will often have other necessary roles so please don't factor a knock on the door to tell you to leave into your fire plan. During the fire it became increasingly obvious that many people do not have access to the technology that allows notification or to transport. Please check on elderly or mobility limited neighbours, friends and family during high danger days. Please sit and plan with them how they can get the alerts – TV and radio will issue alerts if they don't have a smart phone for VicEmergency. Help them put their own fire plan into place and help them enact it.

Those of us who live in Grantville or The Gurdies live in an area known to be at VERY HIGH or EXTREME risk of bushfire. We are surrounded by forest, grassland and foreshore scrub. As Incident Controller Paul Carigg said at a community meeting "We dodged a bullet". No property was lost. No lives were lost. There were no major injuries. If you belong to a community or other group in the Waterline area and would like a speaker to visit, please contact us at kernotgrantville@outlook.com or via the Kernot Grantville Fire Brigade Facebook page.

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



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New Committee for 2019

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We are currently looking for volunteers and people supporting someone living with dementia to participate in this project.

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DEMENTIA

Rachael Wonderlin

Questions about assisted living



I am often asked, "What questions do I need to ask before moving my loved one into an assisted living community?"

Here is a pretty comprehensive list, but bear in mind, you are going to want to find most of these out through observation! Don't show up and fire a million questions at the marketing director.

I'm sure you can probably think of more questions as you go through this list.

1. What activities are offered?
2. Are there activities for people living with dementia, specifically?
3. What about downtime? How much downtime is there for residents?
4. What precautions do you have in place for people living with dementia in terms of safety? Locked doors? Alarms?
5. Is this community designed

- specifically for people living with dementia?
6. What time is breakfast? Lunch? Dinner?
7. Are the other residents here about where my loved one is with regards to their cognitive ability?
8. What time do residents wake up? What time do they go to sleep?
9. Are there snacks offered throughout the day?
10. How is the food?
11. What is the staff-to-resident ratio? What about on third shift?
12. Are there RNs and LPNs on staff, or just CNAs/caregivers?
13. About how long do residents live here? Until they pass away?
14. What hospice companies do you normally use?
15. Do you provide towels, toilet paper, soap, shampoo? What do we need to provide?
16. What furniture is in each resident's room?
17. Are your staff members trained in dementia care? (If you ask this, they will say yes, even if it isn't truly TRUE. Observe for yourself to find out.)
18. If I need to reach a staff member via phone, who would I call? What if it's the middle of the night?
19. How many times per week do residents receive assistance in the shower?
20. Are there many families who visit regularly?

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Health & Lifestyle

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHECKING PULSE AND TONGUE

Those of you that are familiar with Chinese medicine know that we always check the tongue and pulse, but do you know why? Tongue and pulse are two of the most important diagnostic tools used in Chinese medicine. Whereas in western medicine the heart rate is checked through the pulse, in Chinese medicine pulse taking is an advanced art form that is used to assess the health of all the major organs in the body. We not only check heart rate, but also the quality of the pulse including its strength and width. Variances in these qualities allow us to determine whether the patient is in a state of excess or deficiency and which organ systems may be compromised. Pulse taking is far more intricate and specific than looking at the tongue. The tongue will show the body's overall condition and is less changeable than the pulse. We assess the shape, colour, coat and any veins or cracks that may be present on the tongue. Different parts of the tongue

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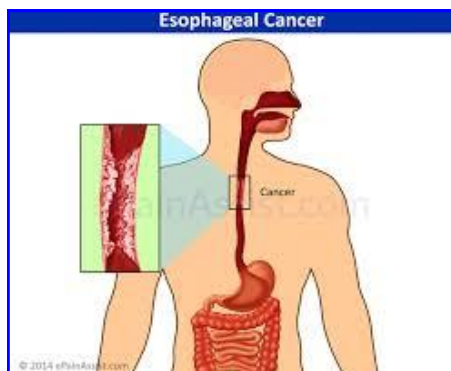


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10 Symptoms of Esophageal Cancer



Esophageal cancer is diagnosed by its symptoms rather than a regular medical checkup.

Unfortunately, in its early stages, esophageal cancer does not show any symptoms, so it only comes to a doctor's attention when it has reached an advanced state; this makes its effective treatment much more challenging. The fact that when symptoms do appear, they can easily be confused with other minor complaints exacerbates the problem. Patients often do not realize they have any reason for particular concern.

1. Difficulties Swallowing Food

Problems swallowing are a key sign that must be taken very seriously. Usually, the issues begin with solid foods and afterward, they start to appear while drinking liquids. Doctors record that initially, patients tell them that it has become hard for them to eat bread or meat. This happens when the tumour in the esophagus has reached a size where it starts to block this passageway. If someone finds themselves in this situation, they need to consult a gastroenterologist. If they suspect that this is a serious problem they will carry out an endoscopy.

2. Continued Heartburn

Heartburn or GERD is such a common phenomenon that most people understandably prefer to ignore it. They might take some anti-heartburn medications and meanwhile, put up with the discomfort. As a rule, they have nothing much to worry about, but in rare situations, persistent heartburn could be an esophageal cancer symptom. If abstaining from eating foods that seem to set off heartburn attacks does not make any

difference it is definitely a sensible precaution to bring this issue up in a medical consultation. Let your doctor decide if there is any need for further investigation.

3. Unexpected Weight Loss

Given the emphasis in western societies on keeping weigh down, it is easy to forget that weight loss is not invariably a welcome development. The fact that so many people do regularly check their weight today is certainly something to be applauded. While typically they want to make sure they have not put on too many extra pounds they also need to keep an eye open for unanticipated weight loss.

Unless a person is on a diet or recovering from some illness, losing weight does not usually happen. So if you notice a significant fall in weight and cannot think of a reason, get a check up!

4. Loss of Appetite

Closely connected with the weight loss is the loss of appetite issue. Every parent knows that if a child is not interested in their favourite foods it is a sign of illness and it is the same case in adults. Each person knows their normal appetite, and if they experience a sudden change, they need to find out if this is linked to a health problem. In light of the threat, this disease poses it is always recommended to be extra-cautious with all its possible symptoms even though the chance that it is the cause of the problem may be very slim.

5. Breathing Difficulties

Most people will start to feel worried if they start to have breathing difficulties. Many possible causes need not give them any particular concerns. Quite often this might be an asthmatic condition, or it could be connected to the natural aging process. However, since medical records show that this might also be a sign of this dreaded disease no doctor would criticize a patient who wants to speak to them about a breathing problem.

6. Choking Once Too Often

Choking might happen if someone is foolish enough to stuff too much food into their mouths, but it definitely should not be a repeat phenomenon. Anyone who finds themselves often choking, or even with a feeling that food keeps getting stuck in their throat, must bring the matter to their doctor. It cannot be sufficiently stressed that nobody can be over-cautious with any symptom that might conceivably be associated with esophageal

cancer.

7. Reach for Those Indigestion Tablets

Indigestion tablets are usually a good choice to treat this common and very minor complaint. Only the most hypochondriac of people is likely to run to their doctor to complain about persistent indigestion. This is perfectly understandable, but it also leads to another possible symptom of this deadly disease getting overlooked. Obviously, a sense of balance is needed. Nobody wants to waste a doctor's time but on the other hand, who wants to risk ignoring what might be a sign of a major health threat.

8. Hoarse in the Throat

It is quite common for people to suffer from hoarseness. They might tell you they have a "frog in the throat" and think no more of it. What if the usual medicine or home remedies fail to bring them any comfort?

It's more likely than not they are going to assume it some viral problem that has to work itself out of their system. They are going to be correct in almost every case, but they also need to be aware of the small number of cases where their hoarseness might be a symptom of this disease. It is always better to "waste time" going for a checkup rather than being sorry not acting sooner.

9. Hiccups

It is going to be hard to find any other symptom of this disease more likely to be ignored than hiccups. Who has not experienced hiccups? It is just something that naturally happens and goes away in a few minutes. Who would ever imagine it might be the sign of a life-threatening illness? Although it may be hard to believe hiccups is an esophageal cancer symptom. The doctors are not saying that anyone who has an attack of hiccups needs to get checked up but someone who gets hiccups a little more often than usual needs to be aware it might not be so innocent.

10. Exhaustion

The generality of this complaint makes a precise diagnosis much more challenging. Lifestyle, aging, stress at work are all examples of common causes of fatigue. There is no particular reason why the fatigued individual would suspect something is seriously wrong with them. To be certain though possibility cannot be entirely ruled out without an examination.

Don't wait until it's too late!

See a doctor now if you have symptoms.



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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.

Swede Dreams



WHEN I was growing up in London we had school dinners. In the winter we would often have a stew which included potatoes and invariably swede as well.

I quite liked swede and still do. We now have quite a few in the vegie garden and as usual it is a challenge to use them up. I was quite impressed with this recipe. It's enjoyable and very easy to make, and potato bake is always a family favourite. If you don't like swede just use potatoes. By the way, mashed potato and swede mixed together is very nice too.

Potato and Swede Bake

Ingredients

500 grams of potatoes, peeled
500 grams of swedes, peeled
4 garlic cloves thinly sliced
1/4 cup rosemary leaves or parsley
40 grams of butter melted
1/2 cup (125ml) of chicken stock
1/4 cup (20g) of finely grated parmesan
Rosemary or parsley, plus extra to serve

Method

Turn the oven to 220°C.
Lightly grease a shallow 6-cup (1.5 litre) ovenproof dish.
Use a sharp knife or mandolin to carefully cut potatoes and swedes crossways into 3mm-thick slices.
Line the base of the prepared dish with a single layer of potato and swede slices, overlapping slightly.
Sprinkle with one-quarter of the garlic and rosemary or parsley.
Brush with a little of the melted butter.

Continue layering with remaining potato/swede slices, garlic, rosemary or parsley and butter.
Drizzle with stock.
Cover dish tightly with foil. Bake for 25 minutes.
Reduce oven to 180°C.
Remove the foil. Bake, uncovered, for 30-35 minutes or until swede and potato is tender and top is golden and crisp.
Serve sprinkled with parmesan and extra rosemary or parsley.

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Gluten Free Cooking



Gluten and Egg Free Chicken Parmigiana



Ingredients

1/2 cup olive oil
3 garlic cloves, crushed
1kg vine-ripened tomatoes, chopped
3/4 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped
6 slices (250g) gluten-free bread, torn
1/2 cup gluten-free plain flour
1/2 cup reduced-fat plain yoghurt
4 (500g) chicken schnitzels (uncrumbed)
100g mozzarella cheese, grated
baby spinach, to serve

Method

Step 1

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add two-thirds garlic. Cook for 30 seconds or until fragrant. Increase heat to high. Add tomato. Season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until tomatoes have just collapsed. Stir in 1/2 cup basil.

Step 2

Meanwhile, process bread and 2 tablespoons flour until fine crumbs form. Add remaining basil. Process until finely chopped. Transfer mixture to a large plate. Place remaining flour on a plate. Season with salt and pepper. Whisk yoghurt, remaining garlic and 2 tablespoons cold water together in a shallow bowl.

Step 3

Coat 1 schnitzel lightly in flour, shaking off excess. Dip in yoghurt mixture, shaking off excess. Coat in bread mixture. Place on a plate. Repeat with remaining schnitzels, flour, yoghurt mixture and bread mixture.

Step 4

Heat remaining oil in a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Cook chicken, in batches, for 2 to 3 minutes each side or until golden and just cooked through, adding more oil if needed. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towel.

Step 5

Preheat grill on medium-high heat. Arrange chicken, in a single layer, on a large baking tray. Spoon over tomato mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Grill for 3 to 4 minutes or until cheese is golden. Serve with spinach.



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Sunday 28th April will see the return of husband and wife duo Jon and Wendy Wade and it would be difficult to imagine listening to a more talented group than the Wades And the Insiders. Please note this jazz afternoon is the fourth Sunday in April.

One of Australia's most talented musicians, in his youth Jon worked extensively throughout England, Europe and Australia, including Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club and the Savoy Hotel in London and the Casino in Monte Carlo. He also worked for many years at the BBC radio and television stations in the UK.

Wendy a prior student of Classical Singing and member of many theatre productions and vocal groups, has found her niche in jazz and has developed her own style. Her soulful and passionate renditions of Jazz Standards capture the imagination of audiences of all ages.

There will be solo's, duets and group spots with three of the finest support musicians in their particular disciplines, namely Ron Anderson - reeds, Geoff Kluge on bass with the drummer to be advised Without doubt this is a stellar group just be there between 2 - 4.30PM for a most entertaining afternoon.

As usual the performance will be in the Bass Room at Ramada Resort Phillip Island, 2128 Phillip Island Rd, COWES.

For more information contact Robin Blackman on 0432 814 407.



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The Club holds regular monthly functions, usually on the 2nd Sunday afternoon of each month, at the R.S.L. in Inverloch. Drinks are at RSL prices and BYO nibbles etc. These club functions run from 2pm - 4.30pm.

Cost is \$12.50 for members and \$15 for Non Members. There is ample room for dancing to the variety of bands that appear and visitors are most welcome to attend.

Posters showing details of the function are displayed in most of the shopping centres around Inverloch. A monthly newsletter is posted to all members to keep them informed of the Club's activities.

South Gippsland Jazz Society is run by a voluntary committee which is elected each year, and all members are eligible to serve. The annual membership fee is \$15 for a single or \$30 for a Family membership (membership being from Jan 1st to Dec 31st).

New Members Welcome
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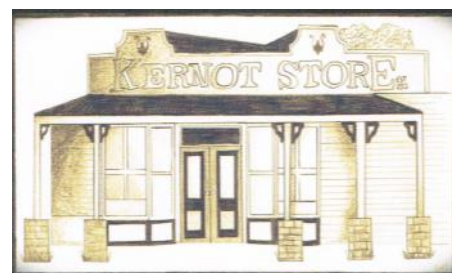
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Western Port Ward Update

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

March 2019



Welcome to our March edition.



Story Time has returned to Bass Valley Children's Centre. WGRLC Board member Mark Brady is pictured next to Cr Clare Le Serve, Cr Geoff Ellis (WGRLC Chairperson) and Cr Bruce Kent at the launch.

Story Time is a much loved program in all our libraries. These sessions at BVCC are a great example of how West Gippsland Libraries is extending and enhancing library services across Bass Coast and Western Port Ward.

Bass Highway, Anderson to Leongatha upgrade

\$500,000 of State funding has been allocated to examine potential upgrades along the Bass Highway between Anderson and Leongatha to boost traffic flow, local road access and safety. Council and VicRoads have worked to identify key priorities along the network and Investment Logic Mapping (ILM) has been undertaken to prioritise these actions. VicRoads has now commenced community consultation. Kernot Bridge replacement over Bass River Council has advanced this project to the point where funding submissions can be made. This project will require multiple funding sources. Further local community consultation will be undertaken in the future as funding opportunities become available.

Wonthaggi Alternative Heavy Vehicle Route.

Bass Coast Shire Council has commenced preparing a Precinct Structure Plan for Wonthaggi North East development area. The plan will identify a road network including an alternative heavy vehicle route and other infrastructure.

Fixing Country Roads

BCSC will apply for funding to undertake major renewal along a section of Loch Wonthaggi Road at West Creek. This road provides an important link for dairy, agriculture and extractive industry. The pavement needs be raised by 300mm in order to minimise the impact of flooding in the Powlett River Catchment. Road closures, which occur most years due to heavy rainfall, pose a significant risk for emergency services accessing the farming communities in the Bass Hills. It is anticipated that this project will cost in the order of \$1.5M. Bass Coast Shire Council will also apply for a second project along Grantville Glen Alvie Road.

This link is a main access road for natural gravel and sand deposits. Currently the bottom section of this road is a gazetted B-Double route and the remaining sections are intended to be considered for gazettal once all the linkages are complete.

PIONEER BAY

VCAT has advised us that the application for review of Council's decision to declare a special charge scheme has been withdrawn. This means that the Pioneer Bay Road and Drainage project can now proceed.

Over the following months Council officers will continue to gather the necessary information to finalise construction drawings, prepare tenders and appoint a contractor. This work is essential and will inform us when construction can commence. Council will write residents and owners when more information about the timing of the works is available. Pioneer Bay residents are not required to pay their estimated charge at this time. They will not receive an invoice until after construction commences.

However, if you need any general information you can contact the Asset Management Team or have questions about payments or your ability to pay the charge please contact Council's Finance team on 1300BCOAST (226 278).

Library update:

A petition containing more than 2000 signatures was presented to BCSC at the February meeting. The petition seeks continuation of the Mobile Library in Bass Coast. It was tabled on behalf of the Save Our Mobile Library group. As per our local law procedures it will lie 'on the table' for consideration at the March meeting when officer reports will be received regarding this matter.

Skate update:

A meeting of stakeholders was held in San Remo on Feb 21st.

The purpose was to map out a consultation process that is acceptable to the community. Dates for further consultation will be circulated as soon as they are available.



Community Connection Session

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

Ordinary Council Meeting

17 April 2019 5.00pm
Heritage Centre, Cowes

Community Connection Session

8 May 2019 3.00pm
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Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Community Connection Session

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

Ordinary Council Meeting

19 June 2019 5.00pm
Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Wonthaggi

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

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



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In the last weeks of February over a 3 day period 4 or 5 different people from around Grantville rang me to ask for assistance in fixing their internet connection, there was nothing I could do except ask them to wait.

All ADSL connections in Grantville had failed or were failing. If each of these people had taken my advice over the past 6 months they would not have had an issue. Only one person had actively tried to connect to the NBN over the past 3 months and in their case there was an issue with the phone lines leading to the house which (temporarily) precluded connection to the NBN.

What concerns me is that the others just wanted the internet back on, they had no wish nor any intention of asking their provider to move them to NBN. Next month the disconnection becomes permanent! Very few people like change. If their phone line and/or internet connection works then they are happy to let sleeping dogs lie. This is very foolish, especially when you take into consideration that potentially there is money to be saved every month. A recent moment of weakness left me questioning the amount I pay every month, it came as a bit of a shock to find that Telstra now has plans and pricing that are quite reasonable and I find myself occasionally recommending them. So now you can take the easy route, ring Telstra and tell them you want to move to the NBN if you haven't already. Just don't let them talk you into bundling mobile, foxtel or other services. I have found such plans to be little more than smoke and mirrors to extract more from your pocket and increase the difficulty when you are tempted to cut ties and move to another provider.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

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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:

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

The French Island News



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PROJECT DAYS

The ferry departs from Stony Point at 10.00 am on Saturdays and Sundays and returns at 4.00 pm.

In summer we may catch a later ferry back and in winter an earlier one.

If you plan to come on a project day, please contact the Secretary well in advance to give us time to organise transport on the island.

Ferry tickets.

FOFI has a number of tickets to help pay for members under 60, generously provided by Parks Victoria. Seniors Card holders travel for free on weekends.

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Rams Island Working Bee

Present: Andrew Browne, Geoff Lacey, Meg Macmillan, Bette Mitchell, Kirk Moore, Meredith Sherlock, Jarryn van Dyk, and Scott Coutts.

It was a somewhat windy day for our working bee on Rams Island, where we created two small trial plots as potential nesting sites for Fairy Terns.

Fresh shell grit was collected in buckets at Long Point Beach and carried out to the selected areas. Andrew worked on a site on the south-west slope a little below the rim of the island (site 1). He first loosened the compacted Shell grit adjacent to the Hemichroa along a seven metre contour strip, and afterwards spread a layer of fresh shell grit along the strip.

Meanwhile, Scott weeded a two-metre-diameter patch on top of the rim nearby (site 2), and then spread shellgrit there. Dry seagrass and coarse sticks were placed at the two locations to provide cover for the nesting birds and the chicks.



Site 1 completed, Photo - Geoff Lacey



Scott admiring his landscaping skills! (Site 2) Photo - Geoff Lacey

Spring Wildflower Walk

Present: Geoff Lacey, Richard Millar, Bette Mitchell, Walter Mitchell, Martin O'Brien, David Paonetti, Glenys Ralph, Ron Ricketts, Alan Selby, Barbara Selby, Heather Selby, Meredith Sherlock, Kaye Trainor, and Scott Coutts.

We needed plenty of mosquito repellent (or "French Island aftershave", as Scott calls it!) for our visits to the start of the Ridge Track, McLeod Corner and the northern end of Mt Wellington Road.

The dry winter had caused some species to finish earlier than last year, but several Small and Plain-lip Spider-orchids, Cinnamon Bells, Tall Leek-orchids, Onion-orchids, Copper Beard-orchids, and a Twisted Sun-orchid waiting for a sunny day were noted. Colourful Button Everlastings and Spear-grasses carpeted the cleared edges of the tracks, while Screw Ferns, native violets, Cranberry Heath, Milkmaids and much more rewarded those prepared to get closer to the ground.

The highlight was undoubtedly the three French Island Spider-orchids (*Caladenia insularis*) at our last stop. This species is "highly variable in colour and size" (Kuiter), and a striking example of this variation was the pale form of one plant that was with the other two which shared the more common pink form.



French Island Spider-orchid (pale form) Photo - Ron Ricketts.



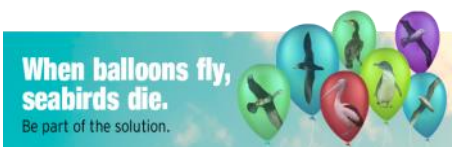
French Island Spider-orchid (pink form) Photo - Walter Mitchell

ORCHID BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY

FOFI has recently bought two copies of *Orchids of Western Port & Surround* by Rudie Kuiter (3rd edition, 2013), an excellent field guide with hundreds of photos, and we encourage members to borrow these or use them on day visits to the island. Rudie also generously gave us a copy of his *Orchid Pollinators of Victoria*, supplement (2015), with its fascinating observations of the vital role played by wasps, bees and flies in orchid pollination.



A snake in the grass! Ph-Bette Mitchell



Bass Coast Shire Council News

New look for Dalyston Recreation Reserve



Stage 1 of the works at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve is complete, with Stage 2 well underway.

New football change rooms for players and umpires are complete at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve.

Stage 1 of the change and social room facility renewal is now complete. The upgrades include new home and away players and umpires change facilities, catering for male and female participants.

Stage 2 of construction includes new social, kitchen and canteen areas and is well underway. This stage is expected to be completed prior to the completion of the 2019 football and netball season.

Both stages are being delivered by TS Constructions and are funded through Bass Coast Shire Council's building renewal program.

The Dalyston Recreation Reserve Committee of Management has also contributed \$200,000 to the project. Committee member Kelvin Simpson has been long awaiting the new facilities at the Reserve.

"We are so proud of the efforts of volunteers before us and the work we are currently undertaking to make this a reality," Mr Simpson said.

"I wish to thank everyone who has helped make the Reserve what it is today.

It has been a 15 year plus project and I would like to thank the Bass Coast Shire for their much needed support in this wonderful new era for the Reserve.

The new facilities will provide all user groups and the broader community a major boost by providing fantastic rooms and areas for them to enjoy.

Importantly, our valued members and visitors will have a great vantage point away from the south-west weather, now that the facilities are built on the western side of the oval."

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari, has kept a close eye on the

project's progress.

"We would like to thank local builders, TS Construction and their many wonderful trades, the Recreation Reserve Committee and local sporting clubs for their input into this game changing project for the Dalyston community," Cr Tessari said.

"We see this major upgrade of the Reserve as another example of Council's commitment to improve community facilities and in this case a major Recreation Reserve in Bass Coast."

The overall cost for both stages of this project is in excess of \$1.7 million.

The project was identified in Council's Sport and Active Recreation Needs Assessment and the Dalyston Recreation Reserve Master Plan.

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Depot land purchased

Bass Coast Shire Council has purchased the land at 7-9 Loughran Drive in Wonthaggi for the continuation of its Depot operations.

As a result of the property being placed on the market by the owner, Council made the decision to purchase the land at its closed meeting on 20 February 2019.

Council's Property Strategy has a principle that 'Council will own land where that land will contribute directly to the current service delivery outcomes of Council'.

Council has had a long term lease on 7-9 Loughran Drive, however as the Depot is a key service of Council, it was appropriate to consider the purchase of this site.

Council will use unallocated funds from 2017/18 budget surplus to purchase the property for \$629,000.

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BCSC has a new CEO – Ali Wastie

During the lead up to her first BCS Council Meeting, Ali Wastie took time out to answer some questions:

What were you doing prior to this?

I was Director: City Communities at City of Melbourne. My portfolio included Social Investment, Arts Melbourne,

Homelessness, Reconciliation, Libraries and Recreation, Community Services and Health and Wellbeing.

I also oversaw several capital works projects worth over a \$100 million. And before that?

I was Director of Social and Economic Development at Yarra Ranges. There, I was in charge of Statutory and Strategic Planning, Local laws, Community Services, Tourism and Economic Development.

Prior to that I worked for the State Government in senior economic and social policy roles.



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

Keep recycling, Bass Coast!

Bass Coast Shire Council is not affected by the recent closures of SKM Recycling's facilities and is urging residents to continue recycling as normal. All kerbside recycling collected from Bass Coast is being processed as normal and is not going to landfill. Bass Coast's kerbside recycling is processed by Visy, which is not affected by the shutdown of the SKM Recycling facilities.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said the most important message for the community is that Bass Coast's recycling does not go to landfill.

"Everyone should continue the great work they are already doing and continue to sort their recyclables as normal," Cr Tessari said.

"Since the introduction of our three-bin system in September 2017 we've diverted over 21,000 tonnes of kerbside waste from landfill, that's an incredible 76 per cent."



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Online news, articles, columns, photos by and for Bass Coast residents.

The Web of Life

A garden is more than its plants. It's also a refuge for birds, mammals, amphibians, insects, bats, plants, fungi and even bacteria.

By Anne Heath Mennell



Honeyeater in hakea.

Photo: Catherine Watson

THOSE of us in Bass Coast lucky enough to have a garden are probably full of plans for planting, tending and developing our plots before the onslaught of summer. Research is demonstrating the many ways that gardens and gardening can improve our physical and psychological health. In National Gardening Week, (13-19 October 2019) spare a thought for those who have no gardens at all, or only a tiny courtyard or balcony, and who miss out on the benefits.

While we're at it, spare a thought for all the other natural life-forms. Native birds, mammals, amphibians, insects, bats, plants, fungi, bacteria – many of them are struggling to survive due to loss of habitat. This is where our gardens can play a role. With a little bit of thought, they can be refuge islands for a variety of species. For some of them, your garden might be the difference between surviving or not.

You don't need to give over the whole of your garden to wildlife as long as you have a space which can be protected from dogs, cats, foxes and similar predators. You can still plant non-indigenous and exotic plants but a variety of native species will be necessary to support some animals and insects.

A first step is to provide a few permanent, safe water sources which are not on the ground. If some of them are shallow, they will protect insects like bees from drowning. If you are worried about mosquitos, remember insects of all kinds have a role to play in a healthy system, even mozzies. They will be food for some birds, lizards and other predatory insects such as spiders.

If you can avoid or minimise the use of chemicals, you will help to keep things safe that you can't even see, like bacteria, fungi and protozoa in the soil and water. Amphibians such as frogs are very vulnerable as their natural wetland habitats are drained and developed. Chemical sprays can disrupt the complex connections both above and underground which we are only beginning to understand. Once the balance has been disturbed it may be difficult or impossible to restore, especially in the short term.

As well as water, all living things need food and shelter. Some species have flexible requirements but others have very specific needs, which is where we can help. A diversity of plants providing seeds, nectar (sugar) and pollen (protein) will support birds and useful pollinators. Some native plants have developed to attract or deter certain insects. Conversely, some birds and insects are attracted by certain colours or have developed beaks or mouths which match with certain flower shapes. Cultivars, hybrids and exotic species may lack the flower shapes, colour frequencies and nectar, pollen or scent cues which attract those pollinators. Food sources are needed all year round so think about flowering and fruiting times when preparing new plantings.

Shelter requirements are as varied as the critters you want to attract. If you have mature trees in your garden, especially if they have hollows, then celebrate them! Even dead trees can provide homes and food for insects, mosses and fungi. They can also provide perches for hunting birds like kookaburras which need to have some height in order to spot

prey on the ground. A paddock without trees is a green desert for these birds. In my garden I have a palm, planted by a previous owner. I'm not a great fan of palms but, at this time of year, I often see a bird, upside down on the fibrous trunk, picking away at the fibres to carry away and build a new home. It can take ages to prise one from its hold and I watch in awe, admiring their tenacity.

If you lack trees and have the room, plant some, especially varieties which will form hollows eventually. In the meantime, put up a variety of boxes to suit a variety of potential occupants including birds, mammals, reptiles and bats and perhaps build an 'insect hotel' which will provide homes for a variety of insects. Plant in layers, both horizontal and vertical, using dense, clumping and thorny plants to provide varying levels of shade and protection for smaller birds. Add in some sunny spots on rocks, crevices and mulch (for basking amphibians), logs and dead wood (for insects and bacteria), clay and muddy areas for burrowing in (frogs and certain bees) and dusty areas for birds to bathe in. Dust baths are vital for healthy feathers and a lack can affect birds' flight abilities.

There are benefits for us gardeners in this process. Do you, like me, have spider webs around your windows and under the veranda or carport roofs? If you do, stop worrying about them or making plans to spring clean. Apart from their primary use of catching insects, many native species use webs in nest-building so leave them be, at least through spring.

We gardeners can also get away with less maintenance in the form of spraying (avoid), pruning (leave as long as possible), mowing (many species are seed eaters), weeding (some butterflies will use stinging nettles as larval food sources and the local Meadow Argos will use capeweed) and tidying (leaf litter can be home to many insects and invertebrates).

In return, we can enjoy seeing and hearing a multitude of visitors and helpers in terms of eating harmful insects, moulds and bacteria and pollinating our useful and edible plants. They will help to keep a healthy balance in your garden and to keep intact the vital connections in the web of life we humans are still learning about. As the saying goes, "Build it and they will come".

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Maru Koala & Animal Park

Wildlife after Fire.

Victoria has seen a busy end to Summer with many bushfires over the last several weeks, more locally the Grantville Nature Conservation Reserve and Bunyip State Park fire. Both fires caused substantial loss of habitat for local wildlife. With more than 15,000 Hectares lost between both fires. Bushfires can have a devastating effect on wildlife and one big question we get asked is how can we help? While many of us would like to head out and help rescue injured wildlife directly, it is best left to those trained to do so. The bushfire affected area can remain dangerous for weeks after a fire due to falling branches and hot spots. Specially trained volunteers work closely with the CFA to safely remove animals from the fire grounds. These animals are then taken in by local wildlife carers who assess and care for the animals as long as needed before their eventual release back into the wild. Some animals may require long term care and veterinary care due to injuries before they are released.

There's still plenty everyone can do to help out wildlife after a bushfire, you can help out by:

- * Leave out bowls of water for animals and birds escaping fires, use shallow bowls with a few sticks or stones on one side to allow smaller animals to escape if they fall in.
- * If you rescue an animal that has been burnt, do not attempt to feed it, wrap it loosely, ideally in 100% cotton fabric, place it in a ventilated box with a lid and keep it in a dark, quiet place whilst waiting for a rescuer or for transport to the nearest vet.
- * If you can safely take injured animals to your nearest vet please do so, as injured animals will require urgent vet assessment.
- * Donate to local wildlife shelters and carers. Donations of clean blankets, pillow cases and sheets are always helpful.
- * Due to injuries and reduced food and shelter, native wildlife is particularly vulnerable following a bushfire. Securely confine domestic animals, such as cats and dogs, which are likely to prey on, or harass native wildlife.

Renae White - Senior Keeper

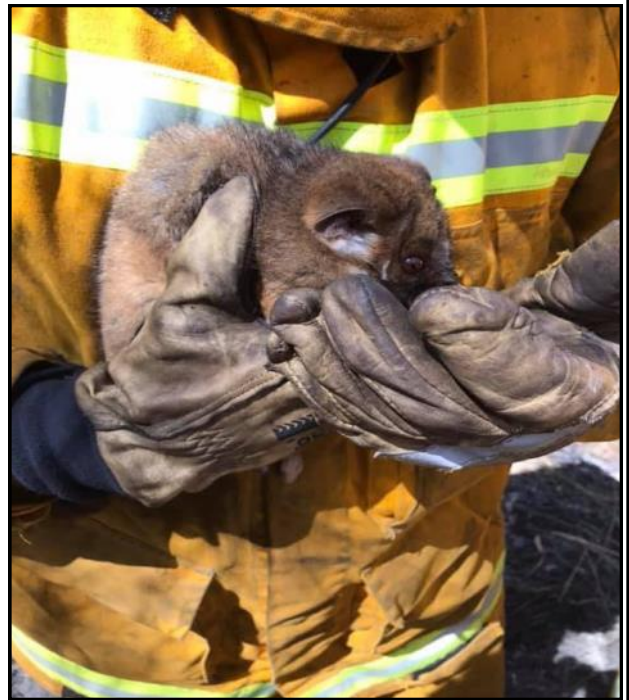


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Letter to the Editor

Dear Roger,
I am hoping you can find room for my letter. I am one of the Committee members for our local Corinella Community Market. This involves a large commitment of work monthly in setting up the market which we all enjoy; we have local stallholders and others who travel some distances to make our Market possible, and they all agree that it is a wonderful atmosphere and true Community spirit, with live music, great coffee and a large variety of stalls including fresh produce, free range eggs and vegetables.

Part of our group has started up breakfast, with hot pork rolls and Devonshire teas. All monies raised by these wonderful people are part of improving our Community Centre. At this time these dedicated people are raising money to put Automatic Doors on our Community Centre to enable disabled visitors to use the facilities more often.

I cannot begin to tell you just how grateful our local residents were after our recent Bushfire incident. No homes were lost and there was no harm to any stock due to the continuous dedication and long hours put in by these volunteers, these unpaid Committee Members have a "Sausage Sizzle" and cold drink stall at our monthly market. They are currently raising funds to build an annexe adjoining the Fire Station. We sincerely thank them for all that they have done for us here in the Community. Our market has been able to make donations to several local organisations. I would like to urge all local residents to come along and visit our local market, your support and attendance is warmly welcomed, Our park is beautifully maintained, folks are friendly, it's a great way to catch up with neighbours or make a new friend.

Bert Weitering, Tenby Point.

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Gremlins

Last month we had an attack of gremlinitis, and an apology is needed.



On Page 29 we ran a great article, named, "New Year with more restraint" We told you the article was written by Razmi Wahab! However it was actually written by Nalini de Sielvie.

I can't even think of a reasonable excuse, so can only apologise to both Razmi, and Nalini, who are both regular contributors to The Waterline News



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- rediscover the lost art of thoughtful conversation
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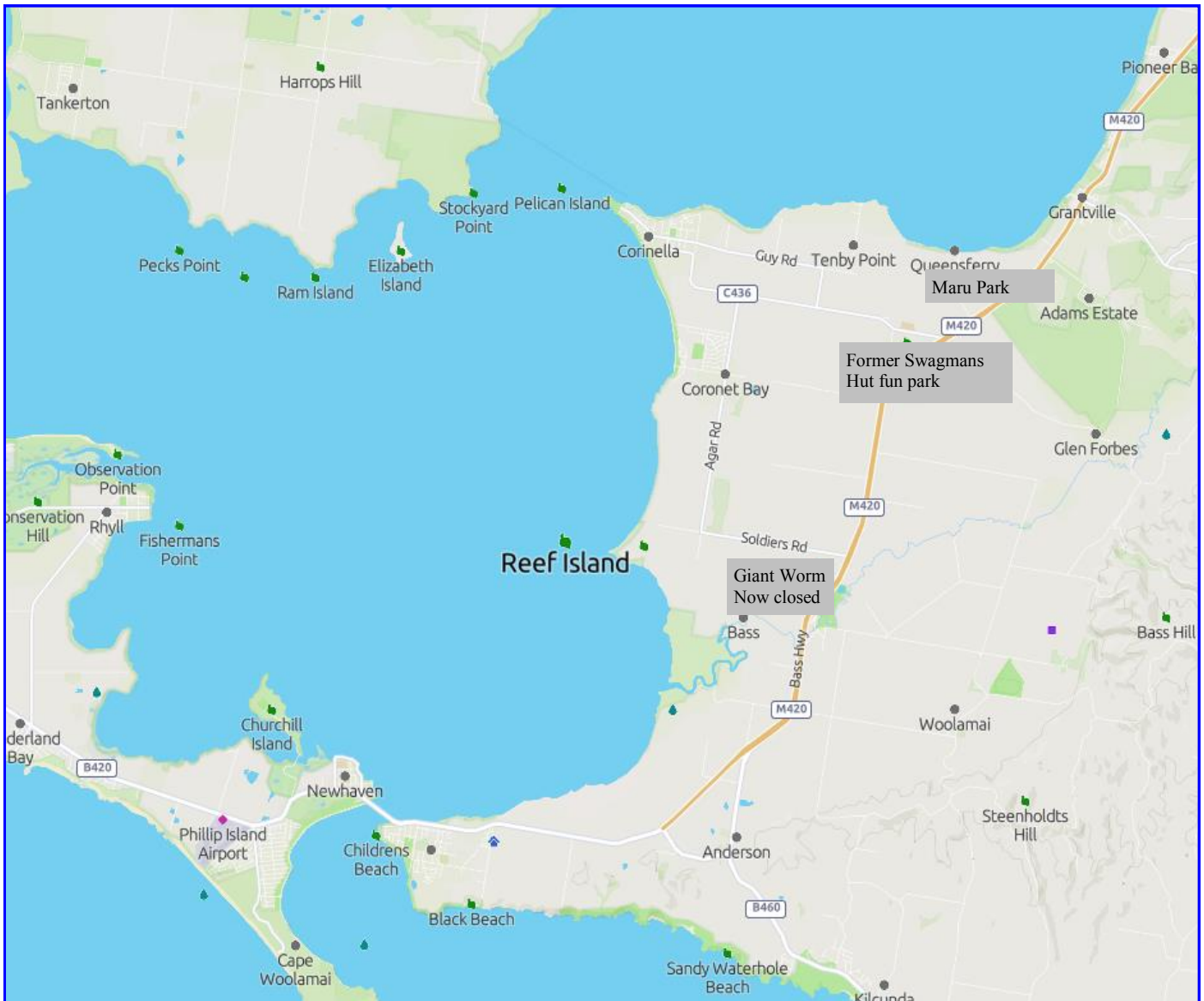
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Our Environment

Where is Reef Island?

Reef Island and Bass River Mouth Nature Conservation Reserve



Wonder how many readers knew where Reef Island was, before looking at the map? Or for that matter, Pelican Island, Elizabeth Island, or Ram Island.

How many also know that French Island is larger than Phillip Island in size.

Our cover photo this month shows mangroves at Reef Island. Noted Author, Graham Patterson, who walked the coastline from Queenscliff right around to Rhyll, said in one of his books, Coastal Guide to Nature and History, 2 volumes, that the only places he encountered on his

walks where there was no visible signs of erosion, was where there was mangroves.

Graham's books are available at www.historyvictoria.org.au




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Grantville Foreshore Committee



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

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

Eric Hornsby 0417 222087

And so the research goes on ..., but is the answer in the tea leaves?

At the Western Port Environment Research Forum held last month at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, it was evident that the community is fortunate to have a dedicated and expert team of environmental scientists and researchers studying Western Port's environment and producing world-class research papers – but how much longer must this research go on before our politicians take notice? At least two local councils were represented at the Forum, perhaps indicating that at a grass roots level somebody is listening. If the response to one questioner is anything to go by, the community is now looking for somebody to come up with a Western Port



Western Port Mangroves

Management Plan based on a practical application of the research now in place, and move on from the current haphazard management of possibly Victoria's most important "blue wedge".

But how this can be achieved is still a problem, for it would seem that unless governments can see an 'economic or political return' for taking an interest in a subject, matters drag on ... But has the last speaker at the Forum found the answer?

In listening to Associate Professor Peter Macreadie's talk about the Blue Carbon Lab based at Deakin University that "specialises in capitalising on 'blue carbon', which refers to the powerful ability of coastal vegetated ecosystems to sequester carbon, and thereby help mitigate climate change", it would seem Western Port has a role to play in implementing this program and it's imperative that its saltmarshes, mangroves and seagrass meadows continue to be nurtured and expanded. To illustrate this point, a recent ABC TV 7:30 Report: "Push to protect blue carbon sites" is worth watching. It can be accessed via this link: <https://www.abc.net.au/7.30/push-to-protect-blue-carbon-sites/10737850>

From an economic perspective, Western Port could become an important part of the global carbon capture market, said to be worth ninety billion dollars or more. For while vegetated coastal ecosystems "occupy less than 1% of the sea floor, these ecosystems hold onto around half the ocean's carbon – and they can capture and store it up to 40 times faster than tropical rainforests."

Professor Macreadie also pointed out that "Even better for the long-term climate change game, blue carbon ecosystems can trap carbon in a watery grave for thousands of years – far longer than trees can manage. Australia has more blue carbon ecosystems than anywhere else in the world."

To the best of my knowledge, no state or federal parliamentarian attended the Forum – what a pity for they too may have come to realise there is an economic benefit of delivering an environmental Management Plan for Western Port. For in addition to isolating carbon, "blue carbon ecosystems provide other important ecosystem services: they enhance biodiversity, support fisheries, and protect our shorelines against extreme weather events" – this must be worth something!

So it is hoped that each time our politicians 'have a cuppa', they come to realise they're actually holding the world's future in their hands, for the humble teabag is being used "as a cheap, standardised way of measuring the rate of carbon breakdown in soil" – some are already buried in Western Port, just waiting to reveal their message.

By Neil Daly



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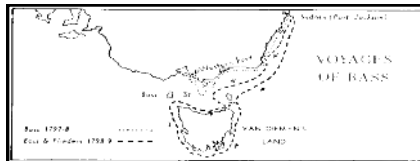


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THE HURDY GURDY MAN

Many people allude to the "The Gurdies" without knowing what the name implies.

The inquisitive press man however wants to know all about it, the why and the wherefore.

It appears according to an old story some sailors who deserted to go to the diggings wended their way along the densely scrubbed coast of Western Port not knowing wither they were going.

When they arrived at the particular spot which now bears the name they saw some kangaroos at a short distance for the first time.

The kangaroos were hopping away from the sailors and one exclaimed, a sailor not a kangaroo, "See the Italian organ grinders with the hurdy gurdies"

To the excited imagination of the mariner those 'roos looked just "lika da organ grinda man" with his pack on.

The creek which skirts the farm lands of Mr Bonney has borne the name "The Gurdies" to this day.

On the Government maps however it is called "The Hurdy Gurdy". And that's the legend of how it came to be named, which is just as reasonable or as feasible as most legends.

If anybody else knows of any other origin they are invited to promptly trot it out. For the present however a sailor man holds the floor.



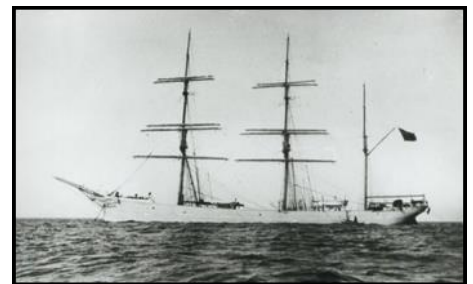
The Grantville Cemetery Early History
Part 5

By Jane Hendtlass



Last month I talked about Alfred William Selman (1833-1902) who was Anglican saw mill operator, bridge and road contractor, business man and farmer and lived in Queensferry from 1875 to 1878. This month reviews the contribution made by John Monk (1829-1880) who was an Anglican selector and butcher in Grantville from 1873 until he died in 1880. He was appointed to the Grantville Cemetery Trust on 11 February 1878 and attended four meetings. John Monk is buried in the Grantville Cemetery.

John Monk was baptised on 4 January 1829 in Market Harborough, Leicestershire, England. He was the 7th child of 14 children born to Joseph Monk (1786-1866) and Ann Conquest (1799-1859). On 15 July 1852, John Monk was working as a labourer when he married Maria Spriggs (1832-1880) in Market Harborough. They had no children. On 13 September 1856, John and Maria Monk arrived in Melbourne as assisted immigrants on the sailing ship "Almora".



"Almora" at anchor

John immediately established himself as a self-employed bootmaker near the Bush Inn in Prahran.



Current view of Bush Inn

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History

Grantville Cemetery History continued

On 7 May 1870, John Monk also became the licensee for the Sherwood Hotel in Tooradin. He maintained his link for some years because his horse named Sherwood continued to run in the Sherwood and Cranbourne Annual Races.



Sherwood Hotel 1907

In about March 1873, John and Maria Monk moved to Grantville and John Monk set about establishing himself in the community:

On 20 February 1873, he bought two three-acre allotments facing what is now Colbert Creek (Grantville Town Allotments 1 & 2 of Allotment 93) and the Crown lease for the other seven lots or 12 acres of Crown land in Allotment 93. Allotment 93 comprised all the land on the northern boundary of the Town of Grantville facing the west side of the Melbourne Road. By February 1876, George Brazier (1828-1877) and Frederick John Dowel (1833-1907) occupied the southern sections fronting on to the Government Road.

By 1875, he had bought 30 acres (Allotment 174) south of the Deep Creek on the Westaway run from William Baker Adams Brandrick (1823-1892) and selected 16 ½ acres of Crown land (Allotment 8) which, contrary to my previous report, was near Corinella Township.

On 25 July 1876, he held the three-year business licence to occupy 7 ½ acres facing the main Melbourne Road south of Grantville close to the north western corner with Queensferry Jetty Road (Allotment 92B).

On 21 September 1877, he selected another 11 acres (Allotment 175) facing the main Melbourne Road north of the Deep Creek and adjacent to the land already reserved for the Grantville Cemetery (Allotment 175A) including the informal burial ground on Allotment 175B and a further four acres (Allotment 175C). He had been living on this land since at least 9 February 1876 when he celebrated the arrival of the first coach from Dandenong to Grantville by riding with it for the last mile to Dickins' Store.



However, most of the later indicators suggest that John Monk failed to fulfil his hopes of financial success in Grantville and was not "the big 'un who seeks to rule our small community" alleged by his detractors:

Although the Crown advertised the lease for Allotment 92B in 1876 and 1877, he remained in occupation, his slaughtering licence was renewed on 11 December 1877 indicating his butcher's business was still a functioning unit and he still held the licence to occupy Allotment 92B.

On 23 February 1878, his application to buy a further 60 acres was declared abandoned through non-payment of survey fees.

On 23 March 1878, he was successfully sued in the Supreme Court for £18/3/3d for failing to pay for animals and meat.

On 27 March 1878, he was required to prove that he was in lawful possession of Crown land (probably Allotment 175).

In July 1878, he successfully sued three defendants for unpaid money.

On 19 June 1879, he still designated his occupation as butcher and he retained the licence to occupy Allotment 92B but he lost the Crown Lease for Allotment 92B.

By 1 October 1879 he owed Robert Malloy (1835-1909) £55 he had borrowed to pay the Crown lease and licence fees on his butcher's shop but the cheque to repay this money had been dishonoured. Maybe coincidentally, on 15 December 1879 John Monk advertised for return of a lost cheque on which he had stopped payment.

Further, he was elected unopposed to fill an extraordinary vacancy for councillor for Shire of Phillip Island & Woolamai on 20 June 1877 but his reputation for "an overbearing manner and pugnacity" may have influenced his losing subsequent elections to represent the Corinella Riding on 14 August 1879 and 12 August 1880.

John Monk's circumstances in 1878 fully explain his interest in the Grantville Cemetery: He and Alexander Stewart (1832-1888) were Shire councillors, he lived next to the cemetery, he grazed his cattle on the informal burial ground and

he had already witnessed four burials.

John Monk and Alexander Stewart called for a public meeting to nominate trustees for the Grantville Cemetery and Governor-in-Council appointed John Monk as one of the first five trustees on 11 February 1878. John Monk's appointment to the Corinella Cemetery Trust was revoked after a separate public meeting in Corinella.

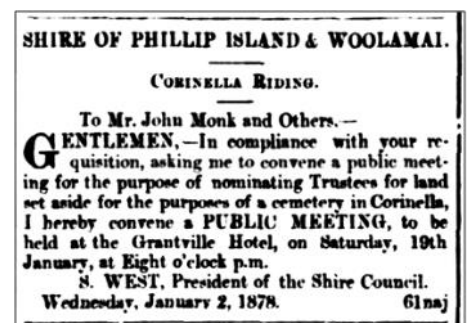
John Monk was absent from the first meeting of the Grantville Cemetery Trust on 22 June 1878 but he attended four meetings between 24 August 1878 and 21 June 1879. As predicted by a disgruntled neighbour, he used the trustees' third meeting to secure an extra 40 metres of land to include the informal burial ground (Allotment 175B) in the formal Grantville Cemetery. This land was part of his Crown lease and would have entitled him to compensation. At his last meeting on 4 May 1879, he also seconded the letting of a contract to his brother, Matthew Monk (1839-1918). On 19 November 1880, John Monk died after a two-month history of inflammation of the lungs. He is buried in an unmarked grave in the Grantville Cemetery.

On 1 December 1884, Maria Monk was living in Corinella when she married a widowed hairdresser and musician, William Mathews (1821-1913), in Grantville. William Mathews was also known as Thomas William Mathews and Thomas Mathews. His second wife, Eliza Gates (1844-1930), was still alive but she seems to have condoned his bigamous marriage to Maria Monk. Maria Mathews aka Monk née Spriggs died on 20 January 1908 in Maldon.

Next month is about Alexander Stewart (1832-1888) who was the last of the first five Grantville Cemetery trustees to die or leave the district.

An extended version of this story including Matthew Monk's contribution and references will be featured in the March edition of The Western Port Times.

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

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

The group has a website:

and has also launched a free subscription e-newsletter. The Western Port Times, which is available for download from the website, or emailed direct to you each month.

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History

Grantville Memorial Park



Become a friend of Grantville Park
Expressions of Interest are being sought from community members to establish a Friends of Grantville and District Memorial Park group. The community committee responsible for maintaining the Park dissolved in 2015.

The Park is now managed by Bass Coast Shire Council, providing an important open space for the Grantville community. A new Friends of Grantville and District Memorial Park group is being established to ensure the thoughts of the community for the Park are being shared with Council.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari commented that a less formal group will provide an important link between the community and Council with lower demands on volunteers.

"We understand the demands of being part of a committee can be high, so establishing a friends group for the Park is a positive way of balancing the needs of the community within their volunteer capacity," Cr Tessari said.

"Should there be enough community interest, a group will be formed after the EOI process."

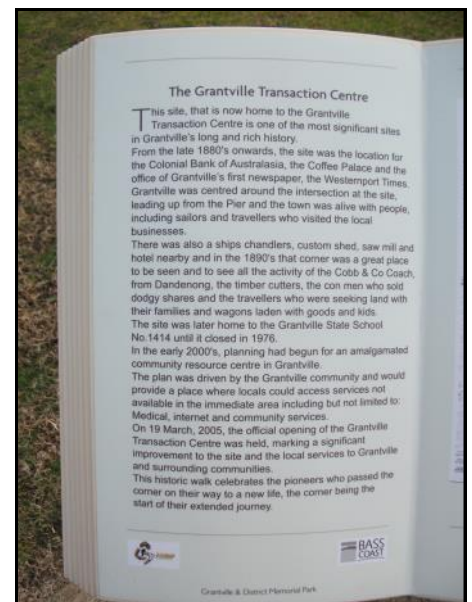
The Park contains a war memorial, playspace, exercise equipment, history telling signage, barbecues, public art and public toilets. It is also home to the Grantville Memorial Wall Mural Project. The Friends of Bass RSL, with lead artist Janice Orchard, have been working on the Mural Project since September 2018. The incredible artwork, which involves many local volunteers, is commemorating the involvement of Australian Armed Forces in World War 1 and the Centenary of Armistice Day. Installation is well underway, with the completion of the Project planned for mid-April 2019.

To register your Expression of Interest for the Friends of Grantville and District Memorial Park group, email mark.lindsay@basscoast.vic.gov.au with your details by Friday, 29 March



The Grantville Memorial Park is one of the most significant sites in Grantville's long and rich history.

As we discovered, not all that long ago, the Grantville Memorial Park and Transaction Centre, was the site of the original Western Port Times, which was printed there from 1898-1910, when the building was destroyed by fire.



The significance of the site in these terms was reflected in the Bass Coast Shire Council installing a new board in the History Walk last year.

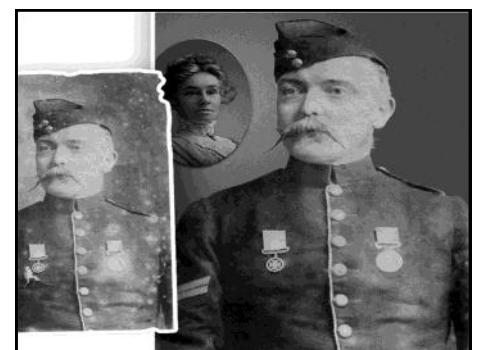


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History

What was happening in..... Krowera (1930's and 1940's)

Compiled by Geoff

The Argus, 14 March 1935, page 3. Stamp Exchange Club

Stamp collectors should be interested in the activities of the Lyre Bird Philatelic Exchange, the objects of which are explained by the director (Mr. J. White, jun., Krowera P.O., Victoria) as follows: "In all countries of the world there are stamp collectors. It is the aim of the Lyre Bird Philatelic Exchange to bring the philatelists into touch with each other, so that they may exchange stamps and increase their collections for the cost of postage only. By having correspondents in different countries a stamp collector is able to get the new issue of stamps as they are issued. The Lyre Bird Philatelic Exchange has members in Japan, Manchoukuo, Jamaica, United States, Canada, British Guiana, Mauritius, Java, Egypt, and in many other lands. Wants and wishes of members are printed in the Exchange quarterly magazine, which is sent free to all members. The exchange controls an efficient sales circuit, through which members can sell their duplicate stamps. Collectors wishing to join can obtain application forms from the director."

Weekly Times, Saturday 22 October 1938, page 54.

Quick Glenalvie Scoring

This time last year Krowera cricket team figured in a record scoring afternoon for the Glenalvie Association, making 129 to Burndale's 166 in a little over three hours.

On Saturday, Krowera broke that record, and as well figured on the winning list, with a score of 3/235 against 124 by Kernot - a total of 359 runs in 3 hours 50 minutes. Jones 102 n.o. and Uren 69 (ret.) hit hard for the winners. Glen Alvie, with 134 (Cam Berry 45, J.

Orchard 27 n.o., A. Noble 25), defeated Burndale 57, Orchard completing the collapse with 5/26 - a good day for himself and team.

Woodleigh defeated Loch, while Blackwood had the call over Colts. In the Outtrim Association, Moyarra who made 129 (O'Sullivan 54, Williams 41), are in a good position against Korumburra South 1/14.

The Argus, 23 July 1940, page 7:Country News.

LEAVING KROWERA - LOCH.

Mr. John McKenzie, after nearly 60 years in the Krowera district, who is retiring to Korumburra, and his daughter, Miss Isla McKenzie, were entertained and presented with gifts. At the same function, Miss Jean Barlow, who is shortly to be married to Mr. D. D. McKenzie, son of Mr. John McKenzie, was entertained at a kitchen tea, and was given many presents.

The Argus, 20 July 1946, page 9.

REARING HEIFER CALVES

Sir: I read with dismay of the Labour Government's offer to dairy farmers to rear 350,000 heifer calves at £5 per head, set for 1946. If it thinks that this offer is going to stimulate production of the number required it is due for a fall. Does the Government realise that the dairy farmer, his wife, or family, feed these calves twice daily, seven days a week, four weeks in a month, and at least four months to make any kind of a job of them? Does it put their labour down at slave rules? If millions of pounds are wanted for shot and shell, this Labour Government can get it without delay, but if the man on the land requires money it is always cut to the backbone and he is left to plod on as best he can. If the

Government wants to get anywhere with its appeal it should make the offer more attractive - say £10 per head.-BOB WILSON JNR (Krowera).

The Argus, 1 March 1939, page10 Clique Satin Gown.

The wedding was celebrated recently at Krowera Presbyterian Church, South Gippsland, of Annette Cunningham, eldest daughter of R. J. Wilson and the late Mrs. Wilson, of Clover Hill, Krowera, and Mr. John Laver Shipp, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Shipp, Bena, South Gippsland.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a slim-fitting gown of dull figured cloque satin. Her tulle veil, lent by her sister-in-law, was caught by a coronet of orange blossom and lilies. The bridesmaid, Miss Fanny Maddox, of Sydney, wore a frock of apricot georgette. Mr Jack Mackie, of Korumburra, was best man. A hundred guests were entertained at a reception at Clover Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Shipp will live at Geelong.

Weekly Times, 9 October 1937, page 72:Quick Scoring.

Nearly 300 runs in a trifle over three hours rewarded the enterprise of Burndale and Krowera batsmen in Glenalvie Association opening round of one-day matches. Burndale's 166 was aided most by H. Yann's 76, and G. Jenner's 51. J. Uren was Krowera's best bowler with four for 21. Krowera made 129, J. Richie 41 and L. James 31 being top scorers. G. Smith, who was presented with the Hewson fielding trophy, obtained four for 8.



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Poet's Corner

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

Herpetophobics

South Gippsland Geriatric centre
daring snake did venture
wanting an afternoon nap
slithered on Rosie's lap

She woke, wasn't her cat
nearly had a heart-attack
discovered unwanted guest
became extremely stressed

She screamed out-loud!
did her lungs proud
visitor fell to the floor
Rosie headed to open-door

Residents ran around in panic
some turning quite manic
Manager armed with garden-rake
this intruder he'll overtake

He's ready for action, as wife
stood by with long-knife
poor reptile, had a slight stroke
was sick of these mad-folk

No more Oldie's abode
I'll just hit the road
back to nature for a while
Humans are much too volatile.

Jan C. Morris©Korumburra.

Come Alive – At Kilcunda:

As crashing-surf lulls one to sleep
roaring-winds, ocean leap

here perched high, without a care
spray of salt upon the air

sun and surf, on this man's Earth
relentless-waves pound, enjoy the sound

here on the Bunurong Coastal drive
where you will come alive

rabbits hop joyfully, nearby, b.b.q. and
lavatory
foraging at dawn, nibbles, munches on
lawn

rugged, rolling coastal-waves
exposed reef, it pounds and paves

horizon bright, at first-light
shipping? Nothing in sight

with Tassie, just across the way

Art, Books & Writing

Bass coastline, here we'll stay
that break we all search for
Nature's call, forever more

bird on the wing, Hark! Hear wildlife
sing
chirps and tweets, no noise of streets

picnic-tables in the sun
bring along Dad and Mum

fifty-five wooden steps
with landings to rest

takes one too long enclosed, sandy-bay
Oh! What fun! To skip, laugh and play

horseshoe curved, rugged-rocks complete
coarse golden-sands, beneath your feet

cuttle-fish, scattered far and wide
shells and kelp, left by receding-tide

here amongst, salt, wind and spray
sponges and seaweed, in the sun lay

artists endeavour, to capture the scene
of tall rugged-cliffs, nature's dream

Oceanview, units and cabins, way up
high
facing seawards do we spy

western-end of beach, pathway easily
reach
escalating softly-curved, cabins of eight,
we observe

here vans, units in streeted-rows
even a place to wash your clothes

on long sweeping-grasses, children
happily play
playgrounds, promising, many a happy
day

recreation-lounge, kitchen, tennis-court
books, videos, sun-deck, sport

pathways meander over cliff-tops
returns too car-park, above rugged-rocks

Southern-coastline stretches
as far as eye can see

Bourne creek's trestle-railway, Powlett's
coal,
once Melbourne bound, Today? No
whistle sound

Wonthaggi's wind turbines, westerly
perched high above, misty-sea

Post Office and store, across the way
milk and brekkie, papers at eight, any day

here's the rub, beer and great grub
right next-door, The Killy local's pub

nearby, well-worn and loved rail-trail
walking, cycling will never fail

stands beside drinking-fountain
"Dogs must be on a leash", sign is
spoutin'

V-Line coaches, Melbourne or
Dandenong, with reservation
come, stay, gets all to this destination

so down the road, soon to arrive
sharing nature's gifts, we all come alive.

Tony Lambides-Turner, 11/02/2019.

Autumn

The sunlight glints across the grass
Touched by frost to a white old age
Of sober tints that will not last.
Soon the mist and shadows will slowly
fade
And winter's cloak will drop again
For one last glimpse of summer's glory
At the beginning of an autumn morning.

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Art, Books & Writing

The Toy Shoppe



I spied a little toy shop
In a little country town
Colourful and alive with joy,
Where the dreams of girls and boys
Were displayed as wonderful toys

Rocky the rocking horse, Spat the cat,
Games galore and dolls to dress
Quack the duck and a carousel,
All to tempt any young soul
To explore the shop, that's the goal

Steamy the train, Betsy the bear,
All were there. To bring joy to the kids
As I stared through the window, to
witness this
Dolls' eyes were moving, animals
rocking
All seemed alive, and almost mocking

The whole shop was abuzz, toys on the
move,
Only I could see the grand display,
All moving to a musical beat,
Played by Quack and Spat on guitar
I saw the dolls dancing, from afar

As sudden as it began, as sudden it
stopped,
The show was over, leaving me agog,
This story I keep, to myself alone,
For the toys are now stilled,
Forever and forever, but how I was
thrilled!

Ian Terry 2016

Welcome Ian Terry

Ian retired to Cowes two years ago, after having worked for the previous 15 years in the disability employment sector.

He also spent many years in the Army Reserve and the Victorian Public Service.

Ian's first email said "I have a few poems to submit for your perusal and possible selection, thank you for considering them worthy enough?"

I certainly think they are, Ian, and I am sure our readers will too.
Welcome to The Waterline News team

Short Story

It was a dark and stormy night

In a marina far far away, it was a dark and stormy night. The Weather Bureau said nothing about it raining cats and dogs, but it can be accepted that it was raining – heavily, and that it was cold and dark and miserable.

The yacht, safely tucked up out of the water to have various things attended was inhabited by our heroine. It was 11.30 p.m. and she needed to pay a visit before settling down for the night.

To arrive at the toilet shower block all she had to do was head down the steep and slippery steps, keep walking through the blackness and rain until she reached the security gate, open it with her card, and keep trudging until she reached her destination; which seemed an awfully long way away.

She looked longingly at her convenient shower toilet ensuite off the cosy bedroom. She was aware of the notices reminding yacht people all over about not putting their toilet downloads into the toilet and of course you cannot use a yacht toilet when it is up on blocks.

Then again, if she did use her most convenient and strictly barred yacht toilet, she could rush down the steps with a bucket and collect the overflow. It wouldn't be that illegal, especially if no one found out. This would be so much faster and more efficient than trudging the distance across to the toilet block in the pitch blackness and pouring rain.

So she did the unforgivable, used her yacht toilet, opened up the cocks, grabbed the bucket, hurtled down the steep slippery wet steps and stood hopefully in the right spot in the blackness under the hull holding the bucket up to catch the overflow. It might be mentioned that nowhere in this tale was a torch mentioned. Maybe even the most well run yachts don't have them on hand when needed.

It was unfortunate but the outlet she held the bucket under appeared to be not working. In the next instant she understood why as the contents of her toilet poured down on top of her. In the darkness she seemed to have misjudged exactly where the outlet pipe was.

She tried to move away and hastily held up the bucket to collect what else was coming out, although in the blackness she

found it hard to site the bucket in the correct spot for a few unfortunate seconds.

The remainder of the outpouring only filled half a bucket. Then there was the awkward matter of how to illegally dispose of the illegal contents so that no authority ever found out.

Not that far away was overgrown swamp, paddock or disused land. What the area had going for it was that it seemed a long way from all habitation. Also it being such a dark wet late night there was no one around. The bucket holder headed cautiously in the general direction of the overgrown area and tipped the contents of the bucket out.

It was safe. No one would ever find out about this dreadful illegal thing that had been committed. All the owner of the bucket had to do was find her quiet way back to the yacht, clean up, and shut up. She tiptoed across the blackness with the empty bucket, when suddenly at her feet a large bird erupted to challenge her. It raised itself to waist high, flapping wings and sounding very upset.
"Squark, squark, squark," it screeched.

It was loud enough to wake not only the dead but also the authorities and whoever else might be within hearing distance. It was a very large and very upset bird. Maybe it wasn't used to intruders trudging across its nesting site in the middle of the night.

"Hush, hush, hush," ordered the illegal emptier of the bucket.
"Squark, squark, squark," screeched the bird back.

"Hush, hush, hush," repeated the illegal emptier, trying to calm the upset bird down, and checking around that no accusing lights were going on to see what the racket was all about.

The bird wasn't going to calm down. Its "squark, squark, squarks" became louder and more threatening.

The rain came down even heavier. The illegal emptier edged around the indignant bird and fled back up the steep slippery steps to the security and safety of her yacht.

She really needed a shower, as if any person with suspicious tendencies smelled her they might reach some bad conclusions as to why she stank so much.

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It was a dark and stormy night continued

It was still raining and she was saturated with rain as well – at least not as evil smelling. She thought about the effort required to climb down the slippery steps again, trudge over to the safety gates, open them, and trudge further along to the shower block, (would the water still be hot?) shower and change.

It was now the witching hour of midnight. The executive decision was made that it all wasn't worth it. The stinking clothes were pulled off and she crawled into bed, wondering how she ended up in these sorts of situations.

And all this dreadful illegality wouldn't have happened if it hadn't been such a dark and stormy night.

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Whimsy...

When you need to walk on a road where there are no footpaths where do you walk?

Common sense dictates that you walk on the right hand side towards oncoming traffic.

This is because you will likely see an oncoming vehicle and can easily step closer to the verge to avoid that traffic. Now let's pretend you are on a bicycle. The law says that you have as much right to use the road as someone who pays for that right and you must abide by the road rules by travelling in the left hand lane. I ride a bike but I find it very unnerving that I do not know a vehicle is approaching me until they are passing. I've often thought that it would be a great idea if it was required that vehicles provide an audible warning within 100 metres so that I could ease to the left to allow as much passing room as possible. I am also acutely aware that when I am passing a vehicle parked on the left hand side of the road the occupant generally does not know I am there until I have passed leaving me liable to a "dooring" incident.

Imagine if it was legal (or required) that bicycles must travel in the right hand lane towards oncoming traffic on public roads except where a purpose built bikepath or shared path exists that is not part of the carriageway. Now the rider will always see traffic that is about to pass them and unless they have a death wish, will probably ease closer to the side of the

road, dooring incidents will be a thing of the past because the rider can see the parked vehicle and can see if there is an occupant, similarly the occupant can readily see the approaching bicycle in front of them.

If I could make such a change to the road rules it would have the following features:-

Bicycles on a public road must travel in the right hand lane or bike lane as near as is reasonably possible to the right hand edge of the pavement or formed road surface.

Bicycle riders must form a single file when traffic approaches.

Motorised vehicles must indicate their approaching presence by flashing their headlights and reducing speed, if oncoming traffic precludes safely passing the bicycle the car must reduce speed to a maximum of 40kph to allow the bicycle to pass on the verge.

The minimum distance between a bicycle and motorist must never be less than 1.5 metres at any speeds in excess of 40kph.

On purpose built bike paths and shared pathways bicycles must keep left.

When purpose built bike paths or shared pathways exist running near parallel with the road, the bicycles are not permitted on the road.

Gordon Chase

Book Review



The book launch. While it is an exciting step along the writing journey, for rural writers like myself, it is a bit like living alone in a cave in the wilderness for several years and then being thrust into the spotlight of media and promotion. This can be jarring to the writer who has become, dare I say, a little too comfortable in the company of her manuscript and paint brushes. I am blessed with an art/writing studio in the spare room, overlooking a bush setting which is frequently visited by the local wildlife. Working full time in welfare, caring for children and families with mental health issues and disabilities, my creative space is a welcome sanctuary at the end of a long day. The silence, punctuated only by birdsong, provides balance and an opportunity to follow my passion.

Like an accomplished cook, with pots bubbling away here and there, I always have several projects on the go. A book cover painting set up on the easel, character sketches and notes strewn about

the place, drafts clipped and ready for review and final artwork drying. I love the autonomy of arriving home and allowing myself to be drawn to whatever I am excited to get back to. Sometimes, the ideas, which have been brewing in my head over the day, spill out on the page in a frenzy of typing. At other times, I lose myself in the meditative qualities of painting, seeing characters which I have known well in my mind, slowly come alive on the canvas.

I wrote Black Dog, Brown Dog in 2011 and it has been one of the pots on the stove, gently bubbling away, a little tweak here, a punctuation change there, until it's success in competitions told me it was word perfect. The illustrations have taken the best part of a year to complete, using print making, collage and painting to successfully capture the energy of the story. I completed the graphic design over the Christmas holidays and sent my precious files off to the printer.

But the sense of accomplishment is always short lived. Promotion! Ahhh! Stepping out into the world and trying to look 'professional' is fraught with stress. All other projects are put on the back burner as I navigate writing social and print media content, planning launch events, posters, flyers, bookmarks, generating interest from my readership and horror of all horrors, arranging promotional photos. What do I wear! Casual? Professional? Silly costume? Should I get a new hair cut? Should I wax, pluck or dye my eyebrows? Maybe I could get a stand in, you know, like a stunt double. Someone who looks more like a children's author than I do. But inevitably, the launch date arrives and all the stress is replaced by the sheer joy of sharing my work and seeing the delight on children's faces when they hear my words and see my illustrations. Their laughter is priceless and the cave dweller in me is lost in all the excitement. I chat exuberantly with children, parents and grandparents and am reminded of the power of a great story.

As I write this, I am deep in the 'ahhh' phase of organising the launch of Black Dog, Brown Dog. But on April 6th, at exactly 9.00 am, you will find me at the Lang Lang Post Office, revelling in the excitement of seeing years of work, finally launched out into the eager hands of new readers. I invite you to come along and be part of my writing journey.

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Philosophy, Trivia & Quiz,



1. Who invented the telephone?
2. Which nail grows fastest?
3. What temperature does water boil at?
4. Who discovered penicillin?
5. What Spanish artist said he would eat his wife when she died?
6. Who wrote Julius Caesar, Macbeth and Hamlet?
7. Who wrote Lazarillo de Tormes?
8. What did the crocodile swallow in Peter Pan?
9. Where was Lope de Vega born?
10. Who did Lady Diana Spencer marry?
11. Where is Mulhacen?
12. How many states are there in the United States of America?
13. Which river passes through Madrid?
14. Which German city is famous for the perfume it produces?
15. Who did Prince Rainier of Monaco marry?
16. What year did the Spanish Civil War end?
17. When did the First World War start?
18. What did Joseph Priesley discover in 1774?
19. Where is the smallest bone in the body?
20. Which is the only mammal that can't jump?

Got any quiz questions you would like included?

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

I'm visiting my family in Cape Town at present and looking at the iconic Table Mountain from my window – except from the back.

Our home base is in one of the most put down places in the Cape.

As we drove to the address our GPS was guiding us to, I did wonder about the safety aspect of the area. BUT this is the New South Africa and what I found was the most lovely and friendly couple. Home was very humble but the atmosphere was more than I could have asked for.

I guess its like looking at the worn and torn cover of an old well read book.

Old sayings like don't judge the book by its cover is exactly what our experiences are proving.

Streets lined with poorly dressed folk, beggars at the traffic lights and groups of laughing rough looking men have shown me that they are not always what we think they are.

The trick is not to look on outside, at the obvious but to be open and friendly and the surprises keep popping to the surface. Everyone changes as we try to be a deeply listening and interested communicator.

Are there folk we have not really gotten to know before passing judgement?

Do we follow the stories of gossip and create endings with our own destructive imagination?

We've all done this but I hope this little real life illustration will serve to remind us – we all stand naked and in the same place before the all loving and forgiving Cross of Christ. Change is always an option – yes even for you J.



"When I woke up in the morning the Sun was already up but hiding behind the clouds. The trees were swaying in the breeze. The clouds were floating as small boats in the sky. A strange fragrance caught me by surprise. I felt a rapturous frenzy inhaling it. The breeze drifted from the South and made me nostalgic. And life went on charting its own course. Life will paint you a masterpiece if you have the patience to see it!"

Avijeet Das

"Everyone is driven by the need to fill their life with meaning. Sometimes this need is articulated clearly and then a purpose emerges and that leads to a sense of direction and a sense of mission. Most times it is not. So the void is filled with action. People have kids, gets mortgages, raise families, pay bills, go to work each day without asking why and then, some day, they die. Some times all this is enough. Many times it's not. Action fills the void nicely. Makes each day feel tiring. But without a sense of purpose. Without a sense of vision, it leads to a pattern of behavior that doesn't lead anywhere. Most times we die before we realize this of course."

David Amerland

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In the garden April

April Gardening Tips

By April the summer heat should be over and it is time to prepare for winter.

In cooler and temperate climates this hopefully means a lot of rain is on its way.

It can actually be around now that gardeners make the biggest mistakes because you start to think 'well we've survived summer, now we'll just sit back, relax, and let winter take care of our garden by itself'.

Wrong! What you do now over the next month or two will directly affect how well your garden survives the next summer!

Autumn is a fantastic time to be out and about in your garden.

Usually, in most parts of Australia, the weather starts to become milder but there still remain a significant number of sunny days. April is also a great month for planting spring bulbs, such as daffodils. This will give them plenty of time to get set and grow, ready for a beautiful showing come September. It can also be a good time to spread a light organic fertiliser around your shrubs and trees. Though they'll receive winter rains in cold and temperate zones, and won't be growing as much, they still require nutrients to survive the cooler winter. Autumn, and in particular April, can be a great time for planting trees because trees really do require good amounts of water to take root.

In tropical zones your gardens should be filled with moisture and cold/temperate gardens will soon receive the rain needed. Planting now will give them a month or two of good, sunny weather while still receiving some good rain, and then lapping up the rain from winter. The milder weather will also help because the trees won't experience sun damage as easily before they have the root system to cope with it.

From a vegetable growing perspective, vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and your leafy Asian-style veggies really need to go



in now if you want to get the best out of them throughout winter.

Use the next few months to really sow into your garden.

As the rain starts to fall in cooler and temperate climates you won't have to spend as much time worrying about, and making sure, your garden has water, so really work on other tasks, such as preparing garden beds for spring and summer annuals, fertilising, and the like. Take the sunny days provided to you to do the most you can for your garden so that when spring and summer comes again your job will be easier!

Transplanting



Many beginner gardeners get quite scared at the prospect of trying to transplant a plant from one place to another. This does not have to be the case.

Transplanting is a pivotal skill in a gardeners arsenal and, when you go about it the right way, it does not have to be scary.

While it is true that there are some plants which don't cope well with transplanting, it is not, in my experience, true of most plants. I work under the assumption that a plant is able to be transplanted and this has served me very well. If you are looking to transplant and are really concerned about possible plant death, Google the plant species and you will quickly discover if it is a must not transplant variety. As I said though, for 26 years I have worked under the assumption that something can be transplanted and I have experienced very few plant losses.

Having said all that, even if your plant is a candidate for transplanting and you do everything right, or in line with various hints and tips, plant death is a risk of transplanting. I haven't experienced a lot of plant death from transplanting, but it still has happened and it has generally

been when I least expected it.

Tips for a successful transplant process

A successful transplant is all about minimising the stress that your plant has to go through in the process. If you can make the transition as smooth as possible you will have more likelihood of experiencing a successful transplant.

Here are some tips to follow.

1. Prepare the soil that you are going to move the plant to first. Make sure it has plenty of organic matter and manures mixed throughout the soil. Try not to just dump the fertiliser or other organic matter on top, dig it and mix it in.
2. When you dig the hole, try and make it 10% bigger than what you will need. Though you will want to pack the new plant in tightly to provide it support, this also allows for some of the soil around the roots to be a bit more loose so it is easier for the roots to grow into.
3. Add some slow release fertiliser to the bottom of the hole so make sure there is ample nutrients supplied directly to the roots.
4. Apply a wetting agent to the soil before you plant. This will help to make sure the soil will have good drainage down to the roots once planted. If your plant cannot get enough water in the first few days after being moved, it will die.
5. Along with this, before you place the new plant in the hole, fill the hole with water. This will make sure there is water down near the roots right from the outset. Again, water is pivotal for the first few days.



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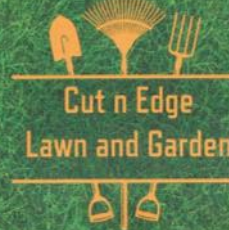
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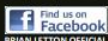
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