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Waterline News May Update

Folks,

A while back I asked you for advice about the future of our Waterline News. There was plenty of constructive advice about our technology. One of the issues we are trying to overcome is that 'Bigpond' tags our bulk emails as 'spam' under the headline of 'too much spam from Gmail'. We may have to go to mailchimp to overcome this issue.

Another very valid point was the number of articles that aren't specifically or directly relevant to the Waterline.

One of the problems from the pandemic was the number of cancelled events and the ongoing threat of lockdowns which made it hard for groups to send us updates and flyers. It was also a risk for people to attend meetings and consultations and the relocation of our office to Harmers Haven added to the challenge of visiting groups across the Waterline. We welcome contributions from everyone across the Waterline.

On the 7th of May the Waterline attended the Corinella and District Community Centre AGM. That coverage marks a return to local news with stories about people and places in the Waterline, Hinterland and small coastal townships such as Jam Jerrup and San Remo.

Sure, we'll still cover the big picture and that includes coverage of the current Federal Election campaign and the State Election which is only six months away.

And that's the reason for this Update which has additional information for the May 21st election as well as updates on developments around the Waterline.

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What now?" for the Corinella and District Community Centre.



On Saturday 7th May the Corinella and District Community Centre welcomed members and guests to the Annual General Meeting. The presentation of the Annual Report for the 2021 year was well received with it noted that, after coming through yet another year impacted by Covid restrictions and lock downs, CDCC is in a sound financial position.

Speaking for the Committee of Management, (COM) President Janice Orchard said that "good governance is the primary function of the COM, and in June 2021 we took part in a Law Governance Review for Not-for-Profit organisations and were pleased to get a good report card".

The Law Governance Review final report stated that "CDCC demonstrates a high level of governance in respect of financial reporting and how AGMs are run".

In her report, centre manager Kerri Ritchie said "I started off last year's 2020 report by saying "2020 didn't really go to plan", well 2021 didn't either. We ended 2020 with a feeling things were returning to normal. We didn't have to wear masks, didn't have density limits and could hold indoor activities, and we had hopes and plans for getting the centre back on track in 2021.

Then it all changed, again. By the time we opened up after the Christmas break we were once again asking "What now?" and getting our head around new rules. 2021 was a year where planning was nearly impossible.

We were impacted by lockdowns in February, May-June, July, August-October. Of course along with lockdowns there were changes to restrictions.

Not once did we come out of lockdown with the same restrictions as in the past, each week our volunteers asked "What now?".

We all know the impact Covid has had on our lives, our families, our friends and our plans.

How do you actually run a community centre in the midst of all that? You do it with the support of your committee, the strength of your volunteers, the trust of your regular groups and with a focus on the needs of your community. In a world where you can barely plan tomorrow you look at the long term picture.

Until we could run activities and fundraising, we couldn't really focus on income so we focused on grants and handouts that would help us address the short term needs of our community along with the long term aims of the centre.

We received funding for outdoor settings to move activities outside.

We received free goods to make up Christmas parcels for children, we continued to provide personal items to women in need, we provided masks and hand sanitiser to anyone who needed it. All sourced free from a range of partners, Food-Bank waived costs for food relief orders for most of 2021, Good 360 provided free and low cost sanitiser, facemasks, lego, and goodie bags for seniors.

All of which has helped the centre to give back to the community, improve how we work and achieve a surplus budget in a year we expected to be a deficit.

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We worked on improving existing, or building new, partnerships to meet the needs of our community.

We developed a partnership with Gippsland Community Legal Service to bring a community lawyer into the centre on a fortnightly basis.

We worked with Bass Coast Community Foundation to run six months of budgeting workshops with the Money Go Round program.

We cautiously brought back those programs and activities we could, often with a lot of new restrictions and changes.

Thank you to all our volunteers.

Our reception, gardening and maintenance volunteers continued to support us and deal with the "What Now?" moments of changing rules, changing needs, sometimes stressed and anxious community members who were facing new challenges and needing our support for the first time. We cannot thank them enough for making it possible to get to the end of 2021 still able to support our community, still able to offer our services and able to meet all the rules and requirements that were now mandatory.



My final thank you must be to our committee of management. It hasn't been an easy time to be on the Committee of Management of a community centre but our committee have focused on the future, assessed their own governance skills, identified improvements and looked at succession planning as well as strategic planning.

I believe the governance of the centre, along with the financial stability is the best it has been for many years.

After the reports were presented, the committee stood down and David Laing took the chair for the election of office bearers. The new Committee of Management are President Janice Orchard, re-elected, Vice President Di Goeman ongoing, Secretary Jenny Date and Treasurer Katherine Bykovec elected, committee members Coral Smith and Andrea Hamilton re-elected, Libby Skidmore and Richard Button ongoing.

President Janice Orchard resumed the chair and invited the members and visitors to view and comment on the Strategic Plan 2021-2023 while enjoying a delicious morning tea with the new committee and management.

Janice Orchard

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IDAHOBIT with Ali Wastie, BCSC CEO

IDAHOBIT – MAY 17

The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) is observed on May 17 and aims to coordinate international events that raise awareness of LGBT rights violations and stimulate interest in LGBT rights work worldwide. Locally May 17 is a day to go rainbow and show our pride and support for our LGBTIQIA+ community, whether you're a part of the community or an Ally.



And that's exactly what we are planning on doing at Bass Coast Shire Council. May 17 is a day when we can all stand together against discrimination. Even in 2022, this is so important as we are still not all treated equally.

Our Council Plan "Our Bass Coast, Our Future" outlines Council's role in developing inclusive communities where everyone is equally valued and diversity is celebrated.

IDAHOBIT is our opportunity to show our pride and support for the LGBTIQIA+ community. It is also an opportunity to keep the lived experience of the LGBTIQIA+ community in the public eye.

This is achieved by creating an environment where people feel comfortable and safe to be themselves.

As a leader, I think about the culture I am creating in the workplace and community. I reflect on how I can lead by example and champion inclusivity.

For me this takes many forms – formal workplace policies, calling out discrimination when I see it or hear it, and requesting through the Mayor and Councillors to fly the Rainbow Flag at Council Offices not only on IDAHOBIT day but other days of the year.

Having the word "Ally" in rainbow dotted throughout our Council offices generates conversation.

I no longer have an office as I prefer to sit amongst my colleagues. When I did the CEO office door had a large "Ally" sticker on it. Some people remarked "I thought Ali spelled her name "Ali" not "Ally".

I used this confusion as an ice breaker and engaged in conversation about why I consider myself an Ally.

I am mindful that as an Ally it is important I don't speak for the people I am standing up for. My role is to create opportunities for people's own voices to be heard and to step aside for the LGBTIQIA+ voices to be heard.

On May 17 we will be lighting up Council offices in rainbow and the lights in the trees in McBride Avenue Wonthaggi will be turned to rainbow. It's going to be a day where we celebrate and acknowledge LGBTIQIA+ people. We also acknowledge that homophobia, biphobia and transphobia still exist. It is our opportunity to publicly stand up against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia.

I love how each year we are becoming more visual in our support the LGBTIQIA+ community.



I would love to hear from Waterline readers if there are other actions that Council could be taking to create a more inclusive community.

Please feel free to drop me a line at ali.wastie@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Three and Four Year Old Child Care

Registrations for three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten are now open.

Families can complete an online registration form and view all participating kindergartens via Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/kinder.

Waterline families can get more information by contacting:



Bass Valley Children's Centre - Corinella

60 Corinella Road, Corinella 3984

p: 5613 8000

e: bassvalleycc@bestchance.org.au

w: www.bestchance.org.au/kindergartens/corinella/bass-valley-childrens-centre/

Hard copy registration forms are also available from Council's Customer Service Centres, Bass Coast kindergartens, local Maternal and Child Health services and supported Playgroups.

The first round of registrations closes on Thursday, 30 June and offers will be made to families in the first week of August. You can still register for kindergarten after 30 June, but these registrations will be allocated after first round offers have been made.

Three-year-old children in Bass Coast Shire will have access to at least five hours a week in a part-funded kindergarten program. Funded kindergarten refers to the government subsidy that will reduce kindergarten fees.

The five hours of kindergarten will progressively scale up to reach a 15-hour-a-week program by 2029.

For more information on kindergarten or to register your child go to www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/kinder

or contact the Kindergarten Registration Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or 03 5671 2211, or by email to kinder@basscoast.vic.gov.au.



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Dandy Premix decision

Save Western Port Woodlands is dismayed by the Planning Minister's decision to approve expansion of a Grantville sand mine despite more than 70 objections.

Richard Wynne's approval permits Dandy Premix to clear 13 hectares of the Western Port Woodlands for a new pit, to massively expand its pit, including digging below the water table, and to wash sand on site.

Bass Coast Shire Council has also condemned the extension. It's great to see our council backing the community in this way. We all want the same thing: to ensure permanent protection of Bass Coast's last significant forest.

It's vital that the Andrews Labor Government is aware of how our community feels about this decision. Please contact:

Jordan Crugnale, Labor MP for Bass, Phone. (03) 5672 4755, Jordan.Crugnale@parliament.vic.gov.au

Richard Wynne, Planning Minister, (03) 9415 8901, richard.wynne@parliament.vic.gov.au

Lily D'Ambrosio, Environment Minister, (03) 9637 9504, lily.dambrosio@parliament.vic.gov.au

Daniel Andrews, Premier, (03) 9651 5000, daniel.andrews@parliament.vic.gov.au

And write to newspapers and phone talkback radio. We need to get the message across that clearing rare coastal woodland to extract sand is no longer acceptable.

DAL submissions

It was a massive effort but we did it. We're confident that upwards of 800 submissions were made to the Bass Coast Distinctive Area and Landscape project asking for permanent protection of the Western Port Woodlands.

SWPW's submission calls for the woodlands to be recognised as an entity and an area of Outstanding Environmental Significance, with sand mining to be phased out.

The sand miners have the money but we've got the brains and the passion!

More information

Website: www.savewesternportwoodlands.org/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Save-Western-Port-Woodlands-101246181838119

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/swpwoodlands/>



Cape Woolamai Foreshore Update

“Council does not tolerate deliberate damage to precious foreshore reserves.” said Cr Michael Whelan, Mayor of Bass Coast Shire, in response to foreshore damage that was reported in the Waterline News last edition.

Bass Coast Shire Council is rehabilitating deliberately damaged sections of the Cape Woolamai foreshore. Recent activity, including creation of BMX and motorbike tracks, resulted in extensive damage to native vegetation and has greatly increased the risk of erosion. Community ire is palpable.

“Our officers will be monitoring the site for further activity, and taking all necessary action to prevent this from happening again,” Cr Whelan said. “These public reserves belong to everyone. They provide essential habitat for local wildlife, and play a vital role in protecting our coastlines, homes and community assets from storms and erosion.” the draft Strategy and provide their feedback and comments.

“We all want to see people getting active and enjoying our beautiful outdoors in Bass Coast, and we’ve got plenty of room for bike tracks. Our precious conservation reserves are not the place for that sort of activity,” Cr Whelan concluded.



Cape Woolamai Coast Action (CWCA) Responds

Reply to the article by Mikhaela Barlow:

In respect to the article “Cape Woolamai troubles in the trees” by Mikhaela Barlow in the May edition of waterline News I would like to respond to some statements that are both incorrect and misleading.

Firstly, Mikhaela claims that she had not been able to ‘reach us for comment’ prior to her article being printed. Contact details for the Cape Woolamai Coast Action group is publically available on the BCSC community register and I can assure Mikhaela that if she had tried to contact either myself or our Vice President (as spokespeople for this issue) we would have been prepared to meet or discuss the situation with her, which may have prevented some of the incorrect assumptions she later expressed.

Secondly, CWCA acts as a caretaker body under the guidance and control of the BCSC in order to preserve and protect the area of foreshore between Cleeland track and Broadwater Ave along Cleeland Bight. In undertaking this revegetation we carry out monthly, not annual, working bees.

BCSC is in turn the manager of this land, which is Crown Land and is also subject to a Cultural Heritage Overlay across the entire area of coastline and foreshore.

Thirdly, any plans or negotiations to change the usage of this area is subject to submitting a Cultural Heritage Management Plan to the Bunurong Land Council and also by seeking a permit from DEWLP.

Mikhaela also talks about the development of BMX tracks in various State Parks, which I s undoubtedly true, but there is a vast difference between a larger State Park and a small Foreshore Reserve both in terms of the size and impact such activities have on the environment. (In this case an environment that has seen considerable erosion and loss of trees over the past few years due to weather events and tides).

Fourthly, it is not a matter of the proponents and developers of this track sitting down with members of CWCA to discuss outcomes. They need to sit down with representatives of the Bunurong Land Council and the BCSC to discuss their plans.

CWCA, as I have stated, work sunder direction of the BCSC and, if following submissions by the proponents of this track, both the Bunurong Land Council and DEWLP approve such development, we would work within the new guidelines.

In the meantime ,we will continue to call out any illegal and damaging activity that occurs along the foreshore as we are currently required to do.

Peter Demurgue
President, CWCA

Bass Coast Adult Learning Inc
is pleased to invite you to its
Annual General Meeting,
to be held on
Monday, 16 May at 3:30 pm.

The venue is **BCAL's Jean Melzer Campus** at
239 White Rd, Wonthaggi



We are delighted to have Ali Wastie, the Bass Coast Council CEO, as our guest speaker.

Ali is keen to have a dialogue on the day, especially about how the council can work with us to ensure BCAL is delivering education and training that meets the needs of our community.

If you have particular questions you'd like Ali to address, you can forward them to BCAL at: info@bcal.vic.edu.au Ali is also happy to take questions on the day.

To attend, please RSVP to info@bcal.vic.edu.au

We'd love to see you there. If you are interested in joining our Board or volunteering in any capacity, please email our Secretary, Graeme at: graemeicharles@gmail.com



Welcome to our Community Gem series. At the end of last year I put a call out to you, the people of Bass District, to let me know about an exquisite someone who had shown their true community colours and made your heart sing. The overwhelming response was lots of beautiful stories about remarkable people.

Meet Libby Skidmore + Coral Smith. Long time volunteers and committee members, their work at Corinella & District Community Centre, with its Art Show, Food Bank and so much more abounds with generosity of spirit, care and selflessness.

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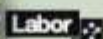


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The Battle for Monash

Whoever our elected leaders are, they should all be working towards improving the future of ordinary Australians. Everyone knows that climate-change is already challenging the lives of many ordinary Australians and we haven't exceeded 1.5°C increase in average atmospheric temperature yet, but its getting close. Future generations of Australians will face vastly worse challenges, but hey, "Its not a race".

Any government that actively pursues the ongoing exploitation of coal, gas and oil is engaged in an act of environmental sabotage and also an act of bastardry towards its people.

People that I speak to want honest and responsible representation in parliament but some people feel that this may be an impossible goal. The first step in attempting to achieve responsible representation is to set up a federal ICAC, [Independent Commission Against Corruption]. An ICAC with retrospective teeth will claw back some of the waste and deceit of the past three years in spite of a hollow promise by Morrison to set up an ICAC, at the last federal election. If governments spend taxpayers money on projects or grants that are not supported by independent evidence for the safety and benefit of the Australian people, then the Australian people deserve to have their hard won tax-dollars returned to the budget. If the basic process of governance can be constrained by an ICAC, then more responsible governance should become the norm.

If you look carefully at the candidates presenting for Monash on May 21, 2022, there are at least two candidates that support a retrospective ICAC, but Russell Broadbent is not one of them.

In a recent pamphlet titled Delivering for Monash, Russell Broadbent stated: "The pandemic has been tough on everyone. By working together we are getting through it".... Is this your memory of Russell's actions during the past few years? I can recall Russell criticizing nearly every action recommended by the professional medical community and then pandering to crack-pot, non-evidenced based treatments like ingesting Ivermectin, a drench to suppress worm burdens in the guts of common livestock.

When it comes to education, Russell's record is no better. On his website, Russell records handing over a cheque for \$1.75 million to a catholic primary school in Warragul on 17th November, 2021. In this speech he stated: "we are ensuring that every child gets a quality education no matter where they go to school". Unfortunately, that is a sad misconception because the LNP Morrison government is not supporting public education in comparison to its funding of private religious schools. For every dollar given to private religious schools the Commonwealth has contributed 77cents; and for every dollar our public schools get, the Commonwealth contributed 21cents based on 2019/2020 published figures.

The Morrison LNP government has continued to renege on the aims and goals of the original Gonski Review, (2011) into Australian Education.

Our public schools continue to be underfunded and the majority of children enrolled in our state schools are suffering the consequences.

This country cannot afford to squander all that potential talent. Every Australian child needs the opportunity to fully develop his or her talents so that they are equipped to make a worthwhile contribution to society. The future of this nation depends on an educated and skilled workforce. Russell and his cronies in the LNP are only interested in maximizing opportunities for a chosen few and it should be no surprise that they do not consider that they owe a duty of care towards to all Australian children, let alone the environment.

The challenge of climate-change requires more than just bolting a few solar collectors onto your roof. We urgently need renewable energy on an industrial scale and we need to use it to value-add to our mineral resources, including iron, aluminium, lithium and rare-earth elements. We need to leave fossil fuels in the ground where they can do no more harm and we need to develop technologies to recycle and reuse the huge volume of spent products that we currently consign to waste. This will require research and development and a well-educated, skilled population. These are things that are not happening under the Morrison LNP government.

On the issue of Action on Climate Change, since 2010 when he voted to block the Emissions Trading Scheme, Russell Broadbent has done next to nothing to promote renewable energy uptake in Gippsland. If the Morrison government proceeds with its Gas Recovery Program, then Western Port may become a hub for the storage and transport of liquefied natural gas. This will have enormous implications for the environment throughout Westernport. We should be concerned with Broadbent's voting history in parliament. Since 2006, The Open Australia Foundation has recorded and analysed the votes of our elected representatives in Parliament. Some of Russell's voting history is summarised below:

- Voted consistently against a carbon price on energy.
- Voted consistently against the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme
- Voted consistently against protection of Australia's fresh water.
- Voted consistently against increasing marine conservation.
- Voted consistently against increasing political transparency.
- Voted consistently against increasing funding for vocational education.
- Voted consistently against increased investment in renewable energy.
- Voted consistently against increasing diversity of media ownership.
- Voted consistently against treating government action on climate change as a matter of urgency.
- Voted consistently against restricting donations to political parties.
- Voted consistently against a federal anti-corruption commission.
- Voted consistently for unconventional gas mining, (which includes fracking).

If you care for the future of this country then put the LNP candidate Russell Broadbent last on your ballot and put any United Australia Party candidate down at the bottom next to him.

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12th April, 2022

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The History of “The History” by Rob Parsons, The Gurdies.

When I arrived in The Gurdies in 2012 I really wanted to become part of the local community. Woodleigh was literally just over the road running past our house and we have wonderful views of the Woodleigh Valley.

While Kernot is slightly further down and Grantville was over the other fence line. We also overlooked The Gurdies Forest and could see French Island, Phillip Island and the lights of Tooradin at night. I loved the Kernot Food and Wine store and often had lunch there when I was travelling between Melbourne and our holiday house in Inverloch from 1999 to 2012.

I like to think that I have been strongly involved in the local community since I have been here. In 2017 I decided to write the History of Kernot. There had already been a book written about the area called Three Stops on the Line, and while it had been well researched it had missed out on the history of some of the local families and there was more history to be uncovered since it was written in 2003.

Towards the end of the year a friend gave me a copy of a school essay written by John Sgarioto about the History of Woodleigh and so this was added and expanded in the book. Then another friend gave me details of Almurta and Glen Forbes, so this too had to be added.

With more and more locals telling me their family stories it soon became evident that the history was not just about Kernot but flowed onto the surrounding areas.

Social occasions like dances at the local halls, sporting matches such as tennis and football saw friendships and relationships formed and so families from all the surrounding areas were joined through marriages.

Before too long the book had become too large so I had to split it into four. After some five years of writing the books were published in 2022.

Book One is The History of Kernot: 440 pages packed full of stories as told by the descendants of the first settlers in the area of Kernot as well as those who followed. In the book you can read about the clearing of the land for farming, historic events such as the coming and later the dismantling of the Nyora to Wonthaggi railway line, sporting clubs and events that brought the community together. Bush fires, floods and world wars that tore families apart, including how the Desalination Pipeline effected the local Farmers.

Book Two The History of Woodleigh: 260 pages about the pioneering families, historic events and iconic buildings that brought together and formed the strong bonds of community, from early settlement to present day. This book also includes a chapter on The Gurdies and St Helier and the iconic Hurdy Gurdy run.

Book Three The History of Almurta: 172 pages about the early settlers who crossed the swamps at Koo Wee Rup and travelled in harsh conditions to the area now known as Almurta, they faced hardship and deprivation as they cleared the land for farming and built their early communities for support. The descendants of these early pioneers fought bushfires in difficult terrain and battled floods to survive and prosper. They built sale yards and a butter factory, a school, church, post office and sports grounds. The book also includes the building of the Candowie Reservoir.

Book Four The History of Glen Forbes: 182 pages about the hinterland region known as Glen Forbes that sits at the base of the Bass Hills. Read about the pioneering families, historic events and iconic buildings that brought together and formed the strong bonds of community, from early settlement to present day. Marvel at the exploits of escapees, the hardships of early saw milling, the building of The Gorge Road, the floods and deprivations suffered by early settlers.

This is a series of 4 books:

A History of Kernot Book I is priced at \$40

A History of Woodleigh Book II is priced at \$30

A History of Almurta Book III is priced at \$25

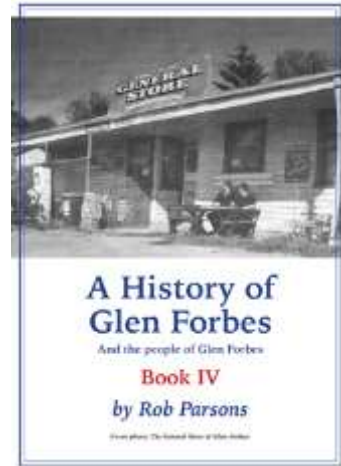
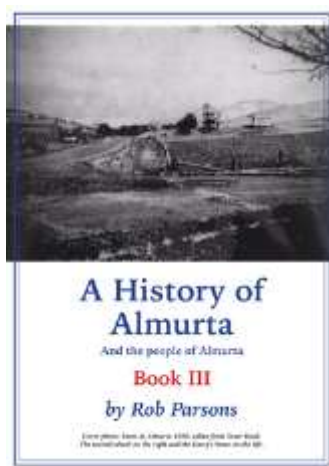
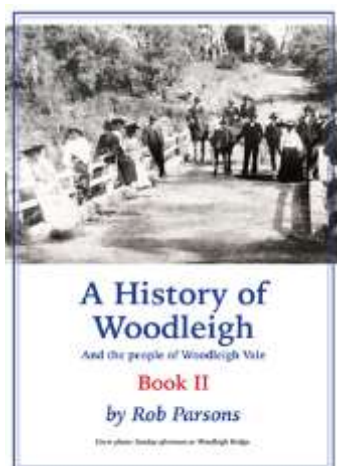
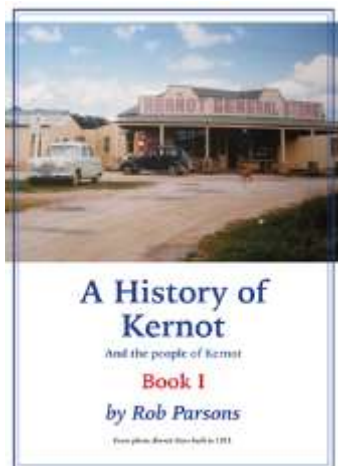
A History of Glen Forbes Book IV is priced at \$25

Purchase the books individually or purchase the set of 4 books (over 1053 pages with over 600 photos) for a reduced price of \$100 (\$20 off the individual price).

Books at the moment can be purchased or ordered from (1) Rob Parsons.

Email rob.parsons@westnet.com.au Phone 0402 852 300 or PM Rob on Facebook Messenger.

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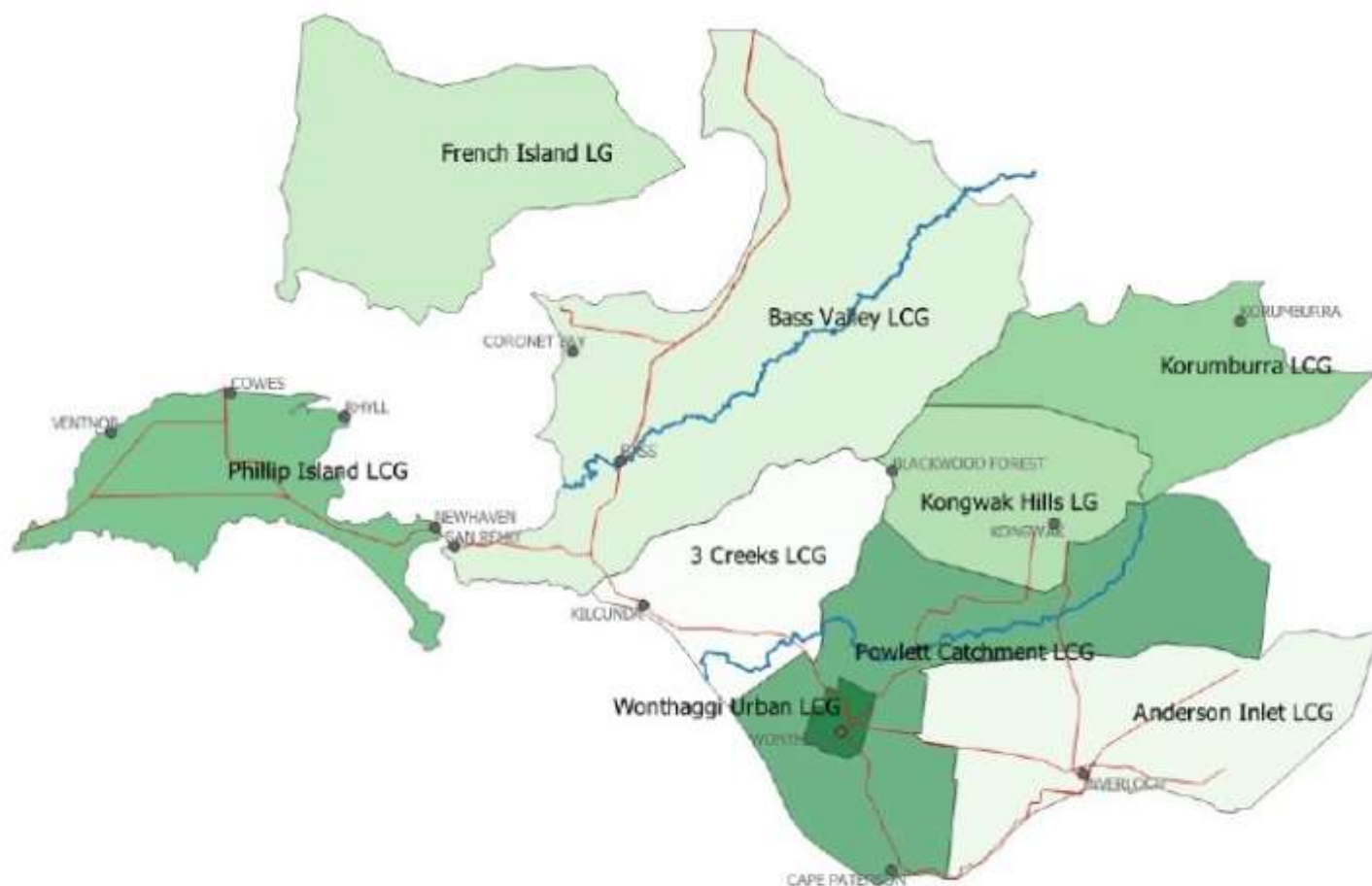


Bass Valley Landcare Group Inc. In the Waterline Area.

The Bass Valley Landcare Group (BVLGC) has recently created a new Facebook Page for its members for and those that may be interested in joining Landcare.

The Facebook page can be found by looking up and “Liking” Bass Valley Landcare Group Inc.

Below you will find a map of the Bass Coast Landcare Network’s nine



Landcare groups.

HOPE IN THE DARK

Dandy Premix has been permitted to expand its sand mine.

We still have the Woodlands on our side with many beautiful and wise people walking with us.

The campaign to protect the Western Port Woodlands is a grass-roots community campaign. It's a living example of active hope or radical hope. Some people call this kind of action 'hope in the dark', less like hope and more akin to grit, determination and resolve.

Terry Melvin has just finished his third film about the Woodlands campaign. It's called 'Sign Up for the Woodlands'. <https://youtu.be/LfGtjBRsVvA>

The film tells the story of the second generation of signs that were created and erected along the Bass Highway adjacent to the sand mines and the Woodlands.

The first generation of signs went up early on Boxing Day and the second on Good Friday, when the flow of holiday traffic was strong. On both occasions, the signs were quickly taken down or destroyed by supporters of the sand mines.

It's a lot of work to make these signs and it is distressing to see them disappear so quickly.

This, however, is exactly where hope in the dark springs from. It's a sure sign that the campaign is a threat to the sand-miners.

The signs are gone, but the film is now being shared far and wide and is providing a lasting legacy of the action.

We're in this together and the number of people involved in the Woodlands campaign continues to grow.

Our commitment to preserving the Woodlands becomes ever deeper.

We're doing it because we must.

Along the way we are learning that our actions are both ephemeral and enduring, playful and deadly serious.

The time we've been spending together on the campaign and on our walks in the Woodlands has created a strong sense of connection with each other and with the Woodlands themselves. We are increasingly aware of the strength of our networks and the need for mutual support to keep continuing the work.

It's this, as Rebecca Huntley says, that will help us cope with what is to come.

We're gonna need every bit of grit, determination and resolve that we can muster.

Hope in the dark indeed.

If you've missed the first two films in the Woodlands Trilogy, here are the links ...

'The Cost of Sand'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YATfgXvdtJM&t=4s>

'Walking in the Woodlands'.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6z3qCynUaWE&t=10s>

For more information about the Save Western Port Woodlands campaign ...
[http://](http://www.savewesternportwoodlands.org/)

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