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# The Waterline News - November

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



### November Waterline News

Hard to believe it's November already and as I sent this edition off to the printer, work had already started on our bumper 32 page December holiday special.

There were so many interesting stories that had to be held over this month there will be no problem filling the extra four pages. Interest in The Waterline News in general has increased quite a bit over recent months, so much so that we are now delivering an extra 100 hard copies each month, plus extra copies are also being emailed.

Unlike a lot of community magazines we will be again publishing our normal edition in January.

We have had some interesting feedback over the last couple of months on our content, which most people seem to be happy with.

Although we think we have a good idea of what people enjoy reading, we are always looking for additional feedback on the type of information and stories you would like to see in The Waterline News.

It is a community magazine in which we try to provide all the relevant information on community groups, with their contact details etc.

There is obviously a limit to how much we can cover and we sometimes leave out things we know have been covered in other publications, while understanding not everyone reads all the other magazines. We can also only print details of what is sent to us so if you've got something happening let us know.

### Distribution Area:

We distribute 1250 copies each month through Lang Lang, Nyora, Loch, Kernot, Grantville, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Bass, San Remo, Cowes and French Island. We also send out almost 200 copies by email and all editions are available on our website

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**Assistant Secretary.** Wayne Maschette.

**Treasurer.** Michael Kelzke.

**General Committee Members.** Brian Lloyd, Faye Paddon, Jackie Tait, Jenny Bartlett, and Mark Rutherford.

It has been a wonderful month in Corinella with the return of the black swans and the other bird life gracing our shores for the warmer weather. Gardens are blooming, birds are nesting and it is a glorious time to be out enjoying the walking trail around Corinella's foreshore, or putting the boat in for a day's fishing, as the fishing season swings into full gear. Weekends have been flat chat with boats having to queue to both launch and retrieve at peak times. Patience, tolerance and courtesy to other boaters and residents is urged, as waiting can sometimes be frustrating.

On Saturday October 3, we had a lovely social "meet and greet" with your new committee. Delicious homemade goodies including sausage rolls, mini quiches, lamington, scones jam and cream, were enjoyed by all. New friendships were made, and lots of good suggestions were put forward as to how community members would like to see the town developing in the future, it is important for us to know what community needs, hopes and aspirations are.... there are grants available for projects big and small, and we are keen to apply for them, and be in the running to bring these resources to our town.

The Corinella Community Centre is running some terrific courses - if you have never checked it out you don't know what you are missing! We went to a wonderful wine and cheese "tasting night" a couple of Friday ago- and it was a great night.... lots of people having a good time and raising some money for the Centre at the same time.

Our Vice President Peter Tait is working with the Bus group to save our bus service. The group are working very hard and doing a wonderful job making very encouraging progress .... Each and every one of them is to be commended for their commitment to our community.

We are actively seeking new members. Let's all be involved in guiding Corinella's future as a town. Membership is \$10 a family....supply your email address and we can keep you up to date on all the latest news and developments, whether you get to

meetings or not, and you can also find us on Facebook ( just joined) Hoping to hear from you, your President Lyndell Parker. 0422 247 490

## LOCAL POLICE NETWORK



**San Remo Police, Station Commander Bruce Kent.**

**Aggravated burglary (person home) About 6 pm on 31/10/2015.**

A female victim was staying at a holiday house at Robert Drive, Cowes with friends. Her friends left the house for a time and she fell asleep on the couch. About an hour later Victim woke up to find glass sliding door wide open. She had shut the door previously as the others were all out of the house. The victim went to find some clothing and noticed it missing. A further search of the house revealed assorted clothing missing. A search of the house and neighbouring houses failed to locate any of the items stolen. It appears that an offender/s had entered the house while she was asleep and stolen the items.

**This is a reminder of the necessity to lock doors at all times when asleep.**

Glenn BIRT | Acting Senior Sergeant  
31580 | Wonthaggi Police Station

Emergency Dial 000

[www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au)



## GRANTVILLE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

### 2015 Committee

President	Kylie Slink
Vice President	Kat Cox
Secretary	Kathleen Hopkins
Treasurer	Sylvia Harris
General Committee Members	Chris Cox, Ilse Smidt, and Julie Bartolo

## Grantville Christmas in the Park

6<sup>th</sup> December

5pm - 8 pm

Featuring:

Kernot Country Boys Band

Christmas Carols

Market Stalls

Jumping Castle / Face Painting

Children's games

Santa!

# Community Diary & Notes



If any group you are associated with has an event coming up don't forget to let us know. Deadline for all notices is the **first of each month**. The Waterline News is distributed and available online approximately the 15th of each month. [editor@waterlinenews.com.au](mailto:editor@waterlinenews.com.au)

## Trivia Night

Saturday November 21st

### Corinella Public Hall

Smythe Street, Corinella

7pm for a 7.30 start

Quiz Master – Dennis McRae

\$5 entry per person

Door Prize, Lucky Voucher Dip Games and Silent Auction  
Lots of prizes to be won!

BYO drinks, glasses & snacks. Tea and Coffee provided.

Table bookings of x8 welcome as well as individual bookings.

Which is the Brainiest Town? Represent Your Town, register to play for a town & you could win!

Bookings essential - to RSVP call Tanya 0431 937 514 or email [fundraising@bvcc.org.au](mailto:fundraising@bvcc.org.au) to reserve your seats!

Come along and have some fun while supporting children aged 0-12 years and their families and the

Bass Valley Children's Centre Inc.



**MUSIC on the GRASS 2015**

**Sunday 15th November**  
**12.00 - 4.30pm**

Live Music, Market Stalls,  
BBQ, Children's Activities,  
Treats, Tea & Coffee,  
Local Entertainment,  
Local Primary & Secondary School Bands

**Free Event**

Koo Wee Rup Community Garden  
215 Rossiter Road,  
Contact: Brian Harlow 5967 9687

KOO WEE RUP  
CARDINIA

## South Gippsland Arthritis Support Group

Coffee & Chat 1st Monday of Month 6-8pm, Leongatha RSL OR 1st Tuesday of Month 2-4pm, Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre

Cost: Gold Coin Donation. For more information please contact:

**Adam: 0408353785**

[phomdin2@bigpond.com](mailto:phomdin2@bigpond.com)

**Marg: 0417 154 057**

**Diane: 5658 1443**



## South Gippsland Mental Illness Carer's Group

If you are caring for someone with a mental illness it can be a stressful, lonely and difficult experience.

This Support group assures people who are caring for someone with a mental illness, that they are not alone and in the company of other carers they can find support, friendship and at times a laugh! This particular group commenced about 18 years ago and mainly meet at Inverloch once a month at the Bass Coast Community Health building, next door to the supermarket in Reilly St, at 10am on the second Monday of each month (Except January & June), and a couple of 'odd' Mondays when we meet in the bakery on a Wednesday.

We are affiliated with other carer groups and through the Mental Illness Fellowship try to have a voice for carers and to maintain a career focus in the community and with Government.

This is a friendly and supportive group for carers of a family member or friend suffering a mental illness.

If you would like to join the group or get more information: Phone now -

**Maggie 5658 1781**

**Rosemary 5662 4352**



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RACV

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It's time to get organised with friends and family or bring a bus with your club for a great social outing.

For bookings contact Mental Health Foundation Australia

**03 9826 1422**

[admin@mhfa.org.au](mailto:admin@mhfa.org.au)

**Nurse Practitioner**  
**DG Nurse Practitioner**

**Grantville Transaction Centre**  
**Cnr Bass Hwy & Pier Rd**  
**Grantville, 3984**

**Hours**  
Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30

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**0467 841 782**  
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Wound Care	Women's health
Dressings*	Ear syringing*
Lesion removal*	Suturing*
Treatment minor illnesses / infections	

# Community Directory



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

## Australian Red Cross

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

## Bass Coast Community Baptist Church

Meets Sundays 4.30pm at the Op Shop.  
**OP SHOP** open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm,  
Saturday 10am-1pm  
Contact for service details.  
Pastor Ilse McDonald 0402 065 852

## Bass Coast L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program

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

## Bass Valley Community Centre

Mon-Thur 9am -3.30 pm  
Friday 9am-3pm  
Op Shop open 6 days Monday - Saturday

## Bass Valley Friends of the RSL

Secretary Janet Welch 0411 446 129

## Bass Valley Landcare

2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass 5678 2335

## Bass Valley Lions Club Op Shop

Situated at the Grantville Garden Supplies  
Open 5 days Monday-Saturday 5678 8357

## Corinella & District Probus Club

1st Wednesday each month except January  
Bert Allison 0407 339 243

## Corinella Bowling Club Inc.

Saturday Triples May until August  
Wednesday Coaching and roll up at 10am.  
BYO Lunch  
Patti Scammell 5678 0191

## Corinella & District Elderly Citizens Club

Monday & Thursdays at 1.00pm  
Corinella Hall  
Margaret 5678 0716

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

## Corinella & District Men's Shed & Woodies Group

Located in Corinella Road between Bass  
Valley Primary School & JLM Pre School.  
Contact Secretary: Jim 5678 0930

## Corinella Foreshore Committee

Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

## Corinella Playgroup

**Now at the Coronet Bay Hall**  
0-4 year olds Friday 10.00am -11.30am  
Free play, activity centres, story & song  
time, sensory & art activities.  
\$3 per family plus a piece of fruit to share.  
All children MUST be accompanied by their  
parent or carer.  
Christine Keeble 0413 837 597

## Coronet Bay Playgroup

children 0 - preschool - Coronet Bay Hall  
Mondays 10am - 1pm \$2 per family  
Please bring a piece of fruit per child to  
share at morning tea, coffee & tea supplied  
for parents.  
Craft Toys Playdough  
Sandpit Songs Friends  
Contact: Ann 5678 0341

## Coronet Bay Adult Social Club

Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall  
Ann 5678 0341

## Country Women's Association of Vic inc.

**Bass Group.**  
**Coronet Bay** Margot 0409 559 043  
**Cowes** Lorraine 5952 2165  
**Glen Alvie** Libby 5678 3280  
**Grantville** Annie 5678 8037  
**Lang Lang** Aleeta 0419 525 609  
**Loch** Val 5659 4268  
**Woodleigh Vale** Carol 5678 8041

## Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary

Contacts - Anthea Chester 0407 457 642  
or Jane Hendtlass 0409 386 152

## Grantville & District Business & Tourism Association

President Neroli Heffer 5678 8548

## Grantville & District Ratepayers & Residents Association

Secretary Kathleen Hopkins 5678 8327

## Grantville & District Foreshore Committee

Roger Hayhurst 0416 061 400

## Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee

Neville Goodwin 5657 7245

## Grantville Tennis Club Inc.

Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

## Pioneer Bay Progress Association

Zena Benbow pbpa@bigpond.com

## St Pauls Anglican Church Bass

HC at 12.30pm every Sunday followed by a  
shared lunch  
Rev Greg Magee 5952 2608

## St Georges Anglican Church Corinella

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

## The Probus Club of San Remo

Second Monday of the month (except  
January) 10am at the Newhaven Public  
Hall. Visitors Welcome.  
Enquiries: 5656 6581

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GRANTVILLE TRANSACTION CENTRE  
Heather White 5997 6323  
(PO Box 142 Grantville 3984)

## U3A TAI CHI

Why not give the U3A Tai Chi for Arthritis  
a try? Coronet Bay Hall 9.30am Tuesday  
Gentle exercise, good company and a cuppa.  
Further information:  
Laura 5678 0884 -or- Vicki 5678 8734



# Around the Markets & Op Shops

## MARKETS



### Every Sunday

**Kongwak Market** 10am - 3pm

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

Enquiries: Jane 0408 619 182

### 1st Saturday

**Archies Creek Indoor Market**

Community Hall

Enquiries: info@archiescreek.com

### 2nd Saturday

**Coal Creek Farmers' Market**

Coal Creek Community Park 8am - 12.30pm

50+ stalls

coalcreekfm@hotmail.com

Contact for information 0459 629 000

### Cowes Island Craft Market

102 Thompson Avenue, 9am - 2pm

In the grounds of St Phillips Church

60+ stalls Make, bake and grown goods and produce.

Contact for further details 0412 710 276

### 4th Saturday

**Churchill Island Farmers' Market**

40+ stalls. 8am - 1pm

peter@rfm.net.au

Further Information 0439 364 760

### Cowes Market on Chapel

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

Further information-contact 0428 603 043

### 1st Sunday

**Jumbunna Bush Market**

Jumbunna Hall

Further information, phone 5657 3253

### Koowe Community Market

Cochrane Park, Rossiter Rd 8am - 1.30pm

Indoor/outdoor Phone 0418 289 847

Email: info@kooweemarket.com.au

### 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

Or Garry Sherrick 5672 5812

### 2nd Sunday continued

**Loch Lions Village Market**

May - Sept Loch Public Hall

Oct - April Loch Railway Station Park

70 + stalls

Information from Noel Gregg 5627 5576

or Market day phone 0418 500 520

### 3rd Sunday

**Inverloch Farmers' Market**

The Glade, Esplanade, 8am - 1pm

50+ stalls

Information: peter@rfm.net.au

Or 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

**Grantville Variety Market**

Grantville Recreation Reserve

Bass Highway, Ample parking.

Weather permitting, Except December

which is the third Sunday.



8am—2pm 100+ stalls

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

Contact for further details 5997 6221

### Last Sunday of each month

**Inverloch Community Farmers' Market**

The Glade, Esplanade, 50+ stalls

Fresh produce grown and made in Gippsland.

Email:

info@inverlochfarmersmarket.com.au

or Phone 0417 370 488

### 2nd Friday and Saturday each month

**San Remo Cuppa and Chat Market**

St. Augustine's Church

Marine Parade San Remo

Hosts a Cuppa and Chat

Market every month on a

Friday and Saturday.

Friday 9am - 1pm

Saturday 9am - 12noon

10+ stalls

Bric a brac, cakes, & jams Friday, plus a

sausage sizzle on Saturdays.

Further Information: 5678 5386



## OP SHOPS

### Bass

**Bass Valley Community Group**

Hadden House Op Shop

Next to Bass Hall, Bass School Road

Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm

Saturday 10am - 2pm

Phone Enquiries 5678 2277

### Corinella

St George's Anglican Church Op Shop

Smythe Street Corinella, next to Church

Monday, Thursday, Friday 10am - 2.00pm

Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

### Grantville

#### BASS COAST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OP SHOP



Open:  
Mon-Fri 10am-4pm  
Saturday 10am-1pm

**Bass Highway, Grantville**

Phone

5678 8625

Contact for Church & service details

Pastor Ilse McDonald

0402 065 852

### Lang Lang

Lang Lang Community Op Shop

12 Westernport Road

Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

### San Remo

Bass Coast Community Health Op Shop

Back Beach Road.

Opening times and all enquiries to Bass

Coast Health on 5671 9200 or Email:

info@basscoasthealth.org.au

### Community Halls for Hire

Archies Creek, Mez Oldham 0415 445 215

Bass Valley Community Hall 5678 2277

Corinella, Paula Clarke 0418 441 046

Coronet Bay, Des Burgess 5678 0154

Dalyston, Dorothy Slade 5678 7334

Grantville Hall, Pat Van 5997 6221

Kernot Hall, Barrie Stewart 5657 7336

Loch Public Hall, Grieg Barry 0419 358 628

Kilcunda Hall, Marion 0404 135 434

Newhaven Hall, Noel Street, 5956 6122

Rhyll Hall, Ring Gen Store, 5956 9205

Woodleigh, Marilyn Hayes, 5657 7293

**Lang Lang Primary School Twilight Market**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 5-8pm

Over 50+ Plus stalls

Coffee vans, Phoenix Trader, Hot Food stall & grill, Place of Haveny, CWA of Lang Lang, Jamonn Nail wraps, Giant Slide, Metal Art Sculptures

Sausage & Hamburgers, Friends of the Razzing Swimming Pool, Salt Lamps, Kymmy's Corner, Mobile Farm Animals, Dunsley, Tea & coffee, The Naughty Table

3 prints for \$10

Come & have your photo taken with Santa

3 prints for \$10

At the back of the school near the oval, follow the balloons!

\*\*\*\*\*WEATHER PERMITTING\*\*\*\*\*

**BASS VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**FAMILY FETE / DUCK LOTTO**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015

5pm to 8pm

Grade Stalls, Games, BBQ, Silent Auction, Spinning Wheel, Jumping Castle, Go Carts, Mini Golf & More

Sno Cones, Fairy Floss and Popcorn

Hot Food & Cold Drinks

CFA from Bass & Corinella

Duck Lotto Drawn Approx 7.30pm

Cash Prizes \$300, \$100 & 2x\$50



EVERYONE WELCOME

## BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP Inc.

Bass School Road Bass  
Centre Manager  
Roderick McIvor  
Phone 5678 2277



Community centres present opportunities to be a lot of things to a lot of people. And from the point of view of making the biggest and best impact in the community, community centres need to embrace every opportunity that comes their way to involve the community. At the Bass Valley Community Centre we involve ourselves in a wide range of activities. That having been said, we nonetheless do have a focus in what we do which is on our programs for older persons and younger persons living with disabilities. And we have our occasional child care. What we don't have is a youth program. Working with youth we tend to leave to others, such as the wonderful work undertaken at the Corinella and District Community Centre.

In recent weeks we have been contacted by people wanting to involve us in a range of activities. Two very exciting ones are the possibility for us to host pottery classes and art classes. In fact we have already had one week of the art classes in the Hall. Pottery classes will require some equipment so if there is anyone who knows where there might be a pottery wheel it would be wonderful to hear from you on 5678 2277.

We have interesting groups meeting in our facility. The group ADAM, for instance is an example. ADAM stands for Ability Dignity Access Management and they are a group supporting people living with disabilities. We welcome their use of our hall for meetings. We also work closely with our neighbours, Landcare. They use the Hall for their Staff meetings as well as for forums that they hold periodically with their clients.

Other activities in the Hall include square-dancing and line-dancing. And there is a range of parties that people hire the Hall for. The Bass Coast Council has recently undertaken a study of halls in the municipality. The study illustrates the enormous wealth of community infrastructure that is represented by the halls. The activities that halls cater for represent the diversity and vibrancy of community activity and community life.

And again, if you have a need for a venue for your group or activity, please give us a thought. We have a wonderful hall and can also include whiteboard and data projectors in the rental, along with a hundred chairs and a dozen tables. All at very reasonable cost.

### New Committee of Governance at BVCG Inc: 2015 - 2016



President:	Vince Allen
Vice-President:	Glenda Chivers
Secretary:	Barry May
Treasurer:	Jayne Fullarton
General Member:	Greg MacDonald
General Member:	Mia Wooley
General Member:	Vikki Hughes

## Corinella & District Community Centre

Spread your wings and fly with us



### Adult and Community Education Neighbour House

- Computer Classes
- Art and Craft Classes
- Communication Classes
- Strength Training for Seniors
- Support for Community Groups
- Public Internet Access
- Community Food Pantry
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- Venue for Hire
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www.corinellacommunitycentre.org.au

Call: 5678 0777 E: coord@cdcc.asn.au

48 Smythe Street, Corinella

Office Hours: 10am - 4pm (Monday to Friday)

## LANG LANG COMMUNITY CENTRE

Public Internet Access to all members.

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Lifestyle classes including: Yoga, Pilates, Cardio, Walking group and Line Dancing.

Playgroup and Hey Dee Ho for the littlies.

A variety of Patchwork groups.

Men's Shed Group.

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Book Exchange

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Centrelink Agent with dedicated computer.

Medicare Claim Service

Please call us, we open @ 9.30am five days a week.

7 Westport Rd, Lang Lang 3984

Contact Coordinators Michelle or Marg

(03) 5997 5704

llcc@langlang.net

Phillip Island  
Community and Learning  
Centre



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

Email: manager@pical.org.au

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## MEET GEOFF ELLIS

Growing up in the Western Suburbs of Sydney in the 1960s gave Geoff an appreciation of the importance of industry and employment in a healthy society. It also taught him that nature needs to be protected as unrestrained manufacturing had turned the Parramatta River into a lifeless industrial sewer that was too toxic for swimming.

A career in logistics provided infrequent opportunities to dabble in writing though involvement in O.H.&S. created opportunities to spread the written word about safety in the workplace.

Moving to Bass Coast around 2011 provided more time to indulge his hobby and the plight of farmers, rural workers, threats to the environment, politics, local history and local personalities provided Geoff with plenty of things to write about. Diagnosis of an Hereditary blood disorder, Haemochromatosis, reinforced research into family history which led to an interest in individuals caught up in global circumstances beyond their control, such as World War One. Working on a family owned and operated dairy for a couple of years gave him a particular insight into rural issues.

Geoff has kindly agreed to contribute regular articles to The Waterline News and we present his first, a biographical recount of his recent battles with illness.

Editor

## Old habits die hard

My Grandfather lies buried deep inside my memory. Slowly dying in a hospice, one armed and bedridden, his spectre merged with my shadow for a moment. Years after he passed away I could feel myself becoming him. My latest blood test results showed that my addiction to comfort food was leading to an early grave.

My Doctor shook his head. Nearer sixty than fifty, I laughed. I'd heard it all before. Well fed and under active, my clothes mark the journey into obesity; more and more shirts exiled to the "too tight" region of my wardrobe. No problem, there are still plenty of larger sizes to expand into.

Sitting back in our chairs, discussion ensued and figures paraded. My blood sugar had crossed the demarcation beyond pre- diabetes. Apparently packets of corn chips and blocks of chocolate aren't healthy meal substitutes. I need more exercise than just hunting the remote? No smiles from Doc. The prospect of medication discussed and discarded. This family doesn't take tablets and is afraid of needles. What about exercise?

Days later I'm with the Chronic Disease Management nurse, taking an inventory of genetic gifts from my family: from Mum's side, type two diabetes, a bad liver and a propensity to dementia. From Dad's side: bowel cancer and a foul temper. Haemochromatosis from both; thanks folks.

So let's talk about diabetes medication. No. The alternative is diet and exercise. Now I'm not smiling. The Nurse has heard it all before, she's not smiling. We agree to give it three months. I rise from the chair awkwardly and take two steps, the second of which verges on a fall.

"You're starting an exercise programme with a knee like that?" She speaks with concern trapped in her throat. "I know what I'm doing." I scoff as I hobble to the door. "We'll check on you in three months." And there it is, her words are forged by my evident self-delusion. I am becoming a person who needs to be looked after.

My knee aches as I drive home. She has a point but I've done this before. I used to run City to Surfs, nothing flash but one year I did the fourteen k's in sixty-seven minutes. That was only two decades ago.

By the time I park at our clothesline I am angry. Scared; Worried. The look on the Nurse's face defined me. I pretend that I'm not that person as I teeter toward the house. I walk like this every time I sit down for a while, nothing wrong here, all part of aging. Exercise or.....or what? There's that old man in my head, two years in the Home Of Peace preparing for the Necropolis. I stood in that hallway; went to that grave. He's nothing but dust and sullen memory.

Dawn heralds day one of Project 90. In the spare room our treadmill cringes like a

mongrel dog, willing me to leave it alone. Cautiously I flick on the power. It clunks more than I remember but the tread starts turning. S-l-o-w-l-y. I hop on. S-l-o-w-l-y. Five minutes later I hop off. That's the start of getting down to 90 kilo's from 104. Time for leg stretches. Then onto the balance disc. I love the balance disc. I contemplate the exercise bike before clambering aboard. The thing nearly topples over as my weight overwhelms the centre of gravity. Steady on. I gain control and place my feet in the toe clips. I start pedalling but that knee hurts. Oddly, there's no pain when I pedal backwards. A few turns then I reverse direction and something has shifted. I pedal for 10 minutes. No data, thanks to a dead battery.

More stretches that the dogs don't understand. They think that I am pointing at something. Back to the balance disc then its over. I try to revive the data read out but the thing's so neglected that the batteries have leaked and destroyed the terminals. I spend the rest of the day crafting new contacts from an old Coke can. Diet Coke, of course.



## No more chips

Day one is the day that the chips and the chocolate aren't replenished. Rationed, they last two days then they are gone. Along with the ice cream. At least until Christmas. Every day I return to the treadmill and bike. Each session is a bit longer than the last. By the end of Day 14 its 50 minutes on the treadmill and 30 on the exercise bike with stretches in between.

To maintain momentum I dig out the iPod and create a soundtrack for sweating away the hours. I keep a spread sheet of the minutes and the kilometres. New batteries go into the scales. My knee improves as my leg muscles are strengthened. In two weeks I drop three kilos and some shirts return from exile. Not limping now.

The sun rises on Day 16 with Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now" rattling in my head and my feet treading the endless belt. Fifty minutes provides time to consider the benefits of these lifestyle choices.

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# & Lifestyle

Giving up the chips and chocolate is like giving up alcohol. Suddenly TV is dull and boring. The papers are read from end to end. I spend more time on the balance disc than the lounge. Gardening is actually happening and the dogs are getting more attention, though they are confronted by that odd body language.



Shopping is quicker and cheaper. Whole aisles are now avoided. No more potato cakes to reward the effort of getting out of the car. I never realised that our dogs bark so much. There are so many things that make me angry. Really angry. Worried about sustaining the effort, I create a higher power, a Facebook page. I post photos of my meals and the data from the treadmill, a 21st century food diary. Anyone, friends, family or medical folk can see how I'm doing. In real time, as they say nowadays. Day 26 dawns to find me 6 kg lighter. The dogs know I'm not pointing at things, the older one tries to give me the canine equivalent of a hug during stretches. Last week the Podiatrist gave my feet the tickle test to check blood flow and sensitivity. They passed but many in my situation carry undetected injuries that can cause problems if left unattended. The optometrist checked my eyes. I have reading glasses on order. Squinting for long periods of time can cause damage to

people's eyes. He also checked the condition of the veins in my eyes and found no sign of glaucoma, which can be an issue for people with diabetes. The Optometrist tells me about older people who are slowly going blind due to the effects of untreated diabetes. Related issues can be lessened through early intervention. It took the dietician a while to convince me of the merits of regularly testing my blood sugar levels. Today's equipment makes the process so simple, and virtually painless, its hard to argue against it. So far the numbers are OK, so that's more reassurance for the future. She also explained that, though not inevitable, many people need to go onto tablets later in life. Today's medication has very few side effects. Time will tell if I've dodged the need for injections. That old man can be re-interred, for a while.

**Geoff Ellis**

## Celebrating all abilities

Social Inclusion Week and International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) are being celebrated with a variety of activities once again in Bass Coast.

Social Inclusion Week is celebrated from 21 to 29 November, while IDPwD is celebrated on 3 December.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Kimberley Brown, said these two annual events help ensure all Australians feel included and valued, giving everyone the opportunity to participate fully in society. "It's about connecting local communities, workmates, family and friends in order to build and strengthen relationships and networks, addressing isolation and exclusion by supporting people who may be unable to help themselves," Cr Brown said. "These events also aim to increase public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability and celebrate the special events being held in Bass Coast and South Gippsland."

## South Coast Access Alliance Come and Try Event

The South Coast Access Alliance creates sustainable opportunities for people with a

disability to get involved in local sport, recreation and community activities in South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

It helps to raise community awareness of the need for, and benefits of, including people with a disability in recreation and leisure activities.

In line with this, and to celebrate Social Inclusion Week and International Day of People with Disabilities, the South Coast Access Alliance is running a 'Come and Try' event which is open to everyone.

There will be activities such as judo, mini golf, kite making, yoga, personal training, craft, karate, photo booth and more! It is a great opportunity to try something new and get involved with your local organisations. The event is on Wednesday, 25 November from 10.00am to 2.00pm and will be held at SPLASH Leisure Centre, Roughead Street, Leongatha.

Come along for a great day out. All you need is a sense of adventure and willingness to try new things!

Please RSVP by calling Kris on 5674 6407 or emailing [admin@southcoastpcp.org.au](mailto:admin@southcoastpcp.org.au). Interchange Gippsland's Young Adult Service (YAS) provides supported access to activities in the Bass Coast region.

The YAS aims to assist and encourage individuals with a disability to achieve meaningful and realistic life goals.

YAS would like to invite everyone to attend an afternoon of gaming and to come and try PC, Xbox, board games and more.

The event is on Thursday, 26 November from 12.00pm until 3.00pm at the Bass Coast Principal Library in Murray Street, Wonthaggi.

**For more information, contact Sarah Cantwell from Interchange Gippsland on 1300 736 765. in Leongatha.**



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## GIPPSLAND JAZZ

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Contact Robin Blackman on 0432 814 407 if you are interested, or want to go on the waiting list for Saturday or Sunday tickets.



**Friday November 27 7.30pm Moe RSL**  
 Moe-Latrobe Jazz Club presents on of Victoria's top Jazz bands, the Hot B' Hines. Great meals available at the RSL before the Jazz begins.

There is no Jazz function at Moe in December and they kick off 2016 with the Sugarfoot Ramblers, on Friday Jan 29.

Enquiries: Bruce Lawn 5174 3516

### Saturday December 5

Coronet Bay Hall 7 - 11pm  
 Coronet Bay UNPLUGGED continues to attract good audiences every 1st. Saturday of the month at 7pm. at the Coronet Bay Hall, Gellibrand street. No matter what style of music you like there will be something to your taste. You can bounce along to rock or shed a tear with heart rending folk, or just have the troubles of the day flow away with beautiful classical music and poetry. Truly the best value entertainment around, it's just a gold coin to enter and supper is provided.

### Sunday December 13

Inverloch RSL 2pm.

The South Gippsland Soc.  
 Inverloch Jazz Club is having their Christmas break up party.

Meals available in the RSL before the Jazz. Enquiries:

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Congratulations to Carol Freeman from Wheelers Hill who is our October CD winner. Your CD is in the mail

The Jazz Club - 12-2pm Saturdays.



## VALE NEVILL SHERBURN



It is with much sadness that we learned of the passing of Nevill who had been battling poor health for some time.

Nevill was the man behind Swaggie Records and a wonderful supporter of Australian Jazz.

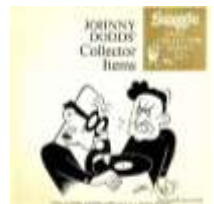
I had the good fortune to spend time with Nevill a couple of months ago. We discussed all things jazz. It was a great opportunity to share his knowledge of the local and international jazz scenes. It is a meeting I will cherish forever.

Robin Blackman , Phillip Island Jazz

### Nevill [Nev] Louis Sherburn:

(b. Melbourne, Vic. 24 December 1930) piano/banjo/bandleader/record collector and producer.

Nevill took piano lessons as a child, discovered jazz in the mid 1940s and while studying at the Melbourne Institute of Technology led the Swing Wing of its Music Society. He had additional tuition from Graeme Bell in 1948-49, attended Jazz Conventions in Melbourne in 1948 and 1949, joined the Southern Jazz Society and the local jazz community. He purchased the Swaggie record label from the Graeme Bell band co-operative in September 1954 and began issuing limited edition EPs and 10" LPs of Australian jazz. In 1960, following negotiations with overseas record companies, he commenced releasing 12" LPs and a 7" LP Jazz Collector series of classic jazz reissues. Nevill formed his Rhythm Kings in 1950-57 that became the nucleus for the Jazz Convention Melbourne committee in December 1956. He retired from playing to concentrate on his day job, family, local jazz, Swaggie and recording sessions of Australian jazz. He also revived and edited the Jazz Notes magazine in July 1960 and published ten issues up to December 1962. From 1954 to 2014 Swaggie released the following records: 78s (8); 10" LPs (11); 7" EPs (36); 7" LPs Jazz Collector Series (125); LPs (219); 12" LPs Vintage Jazz Archive series (52); 12" LPs (7) Louis Armstrong; 12" (8) Jelly Roll Morton Library of Congress sessions and over 20 CDs. Nevill currently collaborates with Bill Armstrong (qv.) releasing Australian jazz material on Swaggie and The Bill Armstrong Collection CDs. Without Nevill Sherburn there would have been very little recorded Australian jazz during the 1960s-1980s.  
**RIP Nevill**



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# & Lifestyle

## NOTED MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA VISITS PHILLIP ISLAND

I wonder how many people really know what a Mandolin Orchestra is? In fact, I wonder how many people know what a mandolin is? not to mention an octave mandolin, a mandola, a mandocello or a mandobass.

It is also probably not generally known that there are three such ensembles in

Melbourne, which perform regularly in the metropolitan area and throughout the state of Victoria.

The residents of Philip Island and surrounding areas are in for a treat on the 29th November when the Concordia Mandolin and Guitar Ensemble will give a concert at St. Philip's Anglican Church (Cnr Thompson Ave & Church St, Cowes) at 2.30 pm.

Concordia was founded in 1978, and has, over the years, performed overseas in Rome, Assisi, Milan, Brescia and Florence; in Australia in Perth, Sydney and Brisbane; and in several townships in Victoria.

The current ensemble has up to 20 members, and the instruments they play are mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos and double bass. Their repertoire includes classical, contemporary and popular music. The orchestra has produced four successful CD's, which have been aired on ABC and 3MBS radio programs.

The orchestra is usually joined by instrumental or vocal soloists, and on the 29th November, our featured soloist is Juliette Maxwell, playing two works on piano accordion.

Other items will include pieces by Bitelli, Elgar & Faure. Also featured are two recent works by a well-known local composer, Michelle Nelson.

This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity for listeners to experience the unique sound of a plucked string orchestra.

**Admission: Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Children U16 free.**

**(Refreshments included)**

**For Bookings and Enquiries, ring 0438 016 130 or 9872 3862**

**Tickets will also be on sale at the door, but be early!**

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The mandolin is the high soprano voice of the mandolin family of instruments. The family includes the mandola, octave mandolin, mandocello, and mandobass. The mandolin evolved from the lute in Italy during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and has a long and rich history. It became a popular instrument among European aristocracy in the eighteenth century. Many celebrated composers, such as Beethoven, Hummel, Mozart, and Vivaldi, wrote original works for the mandolin.

The late nineteenth century to early twentieth century is known as the "golden era" of mandolin. This era gave us great mandolin virtuosi and composers such as Raffaele Calace, Carlo Munier, Giuseppe Pettine, Sam Siegel, Valentine Abt, and many others too numerous to list. A vast body of musical literature for mandolin solo and ensemble was created in this era and is still played to this day.



**Two of our favourite local musicians, Judy John and Carol Robinson will be performing in the Concordia Mandolin and Guitar Ensemble at St Phillips Church (Cnr Thompson Ave & Church Street Cowes, on Sunday November 29 at 2.30pm.**

### Phillip Island App Radio

A community based radio App is now available to download in Google play and the App Store, or visit their webpage:

**[www.phillipislandappradio.com](http://www.phillipislandappradio.com)**

\*Hear Phillip Island Jazz Club President Robin Blackman's live Jazz Program Wednesday nights 6.30 - 8.30pm



## RSL LIFE MEMBERSHIP HONOUR FOR LOCAL WW11 VETERAN

Small rural towns are notorious for many things, one is that it is virtually impossible to keep a secret about anybody or an event that is to be held more than two days after it has been decided to have one. Lang Lang RSL sub-branch had such a problem as it is only a small traditional sub-branch. The function they wanted had to be moved to the Palace Hotel as it was the only place in town that could comfortably cater for seventy people and had to be booked early due to the organizer forgetting about the Melbourne Cup activities. To compound the problem three special guests were invited who also came from rural areas as did other guests who came from far and wide.

On November 1, 2015 12.30pm seventy people including Mr. "Hyrarn" Ristrom (immediate past President of the Kanimbla Association), Mr. Steve Cunningham and Mr. Nevin Phillips, welcomed Mr. Keith Brown (President of Lang Lang RSL sub-branch through the doors of the Palace; who said small towns cannot keep a secret, Keith thought he was to attend another function at Inverloch.



President of Lang Lang RSL sub-branch Mr. Keith Brown being presented his Life Membership of the Returned & Services League of Australia Certificate by Councillor Graeme Moore of Cardinia Shire Council.

**We will have the full story in a special feature on Keith Brown in December.**



Two drunks were in a bar partying like fools.

They were drinking boiler makers, buying rounds like there was no tomorrow.

They were dancing, calling each other "professor," and generally causing quite a stir.

When asked why such a celebration, they boasted that they just finished a jigsaw puzzle & it only took them 2 months!

"TWO MONTHS?!" cried the bartender. "That's ridiculous. It shouldn't take that long!!"

Oh yeah?" says one drunk. "The box said 2-4 YEARS!"

# Food

## RECIPES

### Caramelised Onion And Cheese Tart

Alexandra Houle



Sweet, hardy and filling, this caramelised onion and cheese tart will be your new favourite dinner recipe.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 package of short crust pastry
- 500g of onions
- 3 tablespoons of olive oil
- Thyme leaves to taste
- Pepper to taste
- 2 eggs
- 200mL of milk
- 150g of cheddar cheese

#### Method:

1. On a floured surface, roll out pastry. Place in pie dish and chill for 10 minutes.
2. Line pastry with baking paper and fill with baking beans, pie weights, or uncooked rice. At 190°C, bake pastry for 10 minutes.
3. In a saucepan over medium heat, cook onions, olive oil and thyme for about 15 minutes or until onions are soft and brown. Season with pepper to taste.
4. In a bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, and half the cheddar cheese. Pour into unlined pastry.
5. Add onions and sprinkle the rest of the cheddar on top.
6. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until top begins to brown.

### Carrot Cake Slice

Starts at Sixty Writers



Who can resist the charms of a simple, well-made carrot slice? This recipe is among our top picks for flavour, moisture and straight-up home-baked charm.

#### Ingredients

- 1 large carrot (or 2 small), grated
- 3 lightly beaten eggs
- 180ml of sunflower oil
- 100g sultanas
- Zest of 1 orange, grated
- 1/2 teaspoon of nutmeg, grated
- 1/2 cup of raw sugar
- 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon of bicarbonate soda
- 180g of self-raising flour
- 1/3 cup of icing sugar (optional)
- Walnuts (to taste)

#### Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grease and line the base and sides of a large, thin slice pan. Place the oil, lightly beaten eggs and raw sugar into a large bowl and stir gently. Mix in the carrot, zest and sultanas.

Add all spices, bicarb soda and flour. Stir further to combine.

Pour into the pan and bake for up to 25 minutes (or until a knife sliced into the middle comes out clean). Leave it out until the tray cools, then turn it over onto a tea towel to cool down further.

For the icing, simply stir the icing sugar in a bowl with two teaspoons of warm water until a smooth mixture forms. Drizzle over the top to taste – thick or thin. Add walnuts if desired.

(Want something a little less rich? Simply dust 1-2 tablespoons of icing sugar over the top.)



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# French Island News



## The French Island News



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### EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

There is one fire engine stationed permanently on the island, next to the Community Hall on Tankerton Rd. CFA volunteers are able to respond to any kind of emergency.

Calling 000 is always the best option in an emergency.

### NURSE ON CALL

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

Nurse On Call 1300 60 60 24

### AMBULANCE SERVICES

Ambulance Membership

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

### FIRE PLANS

All bushland residents should have a personal fire plan.

The French Island CFA hosts annual information sessions which give concrete advice on this topic.

The CFA is also happy to visit individual properties to further aid in the development of fire plans.

As for all of Victoria, fire bans and other instructions issued by the CFA should be followed.

### POISON INFORMATION HOTLINE 131126

### French Island General Store and Post Office

From bread and milk to plumbing supplies, the store provides so many goods and services, we can't name them all here (though we plan to try at a future date). In the meantime, whether its distilled water for batteries or a fuel filter for the car, ring to find out what's in stock. Newspapers can also be ordered from the store with at least 24 hours notice. 03 5980 1209



### CFA Training Summer schedule

First and third Sundays of the month  
10am - 12 noon at the FI Fire Station

All members should come to learn how to use the new tanker.

\* \* \* \* \*

The official French Island CFA Station Opening has been postponed till April 2016. More details to come.

### FOFI Project Days Third Saturday of every month



10.00am ferry from Stony Point. Meet in Tankerton jetty carpark at 10.15am. On-island transport provided. BYO binoculars, water, hat, sunscreen & mozzie repellent. No experience necessary! Contact Murray Bouchier on 9876 1410 at least one week prior to confirm participation.

### French Island Cricket Club Xmas Party



Tentatively booked for Saturday December 5. The committee is awaiting a reply from Santa to make sure he can make it. They may also have a small sing-a-long of Christmas carols. So get those vocal chords warmed up!



### French Island Landcare

#### Landcare Nursery

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

Contact: Terri on 0413 088 527 or [filandcarenursery@gmail.com](mailto:filandcarenursery@gmail.com)



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# French Island Feature

## FRENCH ISLAND CRICKET – IT'S A THOMPSON STORY



French Island Cricket Club members preparing the local ground for the start of the cricket season in October 2015

### KEEN CRICKETERS

French Islanders have always been keen cricketers and the first game we have a record of was played against Bass at Corinella in 1899. Bass won with just 31 runs, the islanders scored 24 runs, and the top score was only eight! The low scores were blamed on the rough nature of the pitch. (Ruth Gooch, 'Frontier French Island', page 135.)

### FOUR GENERATIONS OF THOMPSONS

The Thompson family came to French Island in 1894 as part of the Victorian government 'Village Settlement' scheme, which was intended to settle unemployed families in the country. Joseph H Thompson and family pioneered at Industrial Settlement on Bayview Road, but soon the other five families at Industrial had abandoned the settlement, and only the Thompsons remained. The oldest son Joseph Edmund ('Ed') was 11 when the family moved to the island, he went on to marry there and became the father of eleven children. Many of his grandchildren still live on the island. Ed Thompson and his brother Bill were keen cricketers. Scant records remain, but snippets can be gleaned from newspaper reports in the 'Mornington Standard'. Bill was often one of the top scoring batsmen, while Ed was usually the best bowler. For example, in November 1905, Ed bowled 4 for 38, while in January 1906 he bowled 8 for 24! Both games were against Hastings. The next report I have been able to uncover is from November 1911, when Ed bowled 4 for 28 against Hastings.

Ed and Margaret Thompson had 11 children, six of them boys. All were keen cricketers and some went on to a distinguished cricketing career. French Island won the premiership in the 1963-64 season. The winning French Island team included all the six Thompson brothers.

Robert ('Bob') Thompson was a great wicket keeper, who was selected to play for the Mornington Peninsula side in Country Week in the 1951/52 season. He went on to play at least ten seasons of Country Week with the Mornington Peninsula team, including three times at the MCG. Later, he was manager of the Mornington Peninsula Country Week team for about 20 years. In 1982, his son Robbie was also selected to play for Mornington Peninsula in the Country Week, but the competition was cancelled because of drought. However Robbie played in the competition the following year, for Mornington Peninsula, which reached the premiership. History was made, as Robbie and his father 'Bob' were the first father and son to have both played in premiership matches for Country Week. Bob played for the French Island team until he was 63, and Robbie also... Robbie's sister Dianne (Spark) began scoring for cricket matches when she was 12 years old and has been the club Secretary for almost 40 years! Her son Matthew Spark is from the next generation of Thompsons to play. He is the current French Island Cricket Club captain. Dianne's cousin Noel Thompson still plays (aged 61) and sometimes Noel's nephew, Vaughan. Four generations of Thompson cricketers and their enthusiasm for the game remains

### French Island Cricket Club Fixtures—2015

Nov 14/21 v Mt Eliza at home

Nov 28/Dec 5 v Delacombe Park at Home

Dec 12/19 v Mornington, away at Wilson Reserve, Mornington

### FRENCH ISLAND CRICKET CLUB - PREMIERS 1963-64



Back L to R: Eric Easy, Len King, Percy Thompson, Merve Curran, Ernest Thompson, Henry Thompson.

Front L to R: Cyril Thompson, Arnold Thompson, Robert Thompson (Capt), Cecil Duscher, Arthur Tulk.

Six brothers from the Thompson family, their nephew Eric Easy (married to Ethel Thompson) and Cecil Duscher, who was brother-in-law to both Percy and Robert.

**Thursday December 31**

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### ABOUT KOALA HUGS

Koala Hugs follows the adventures of a flat, koala teddy bear and his family on a small island where there are hundreds of real koalas. Koala Hugs is written and illustrated by Amanda Penrose, an Australian artist, storyteller, and web designer. Send her an email. She'd love to hear from you! [amanda@dd.com.au](mailto:amanda@dd.com.au)



## the sea

WORDS PAULA SEYMOUR



When I feel incomplete,  
And parts of me are at war,  
And the children and heat  
Get too much for me,  
Then I lock up our door  
And on our bikes we do ride  
Down to the sea.  
There we partake of God's bounty –  
All of it free –  
The sun, the sand, the surf,  
The seagulls, the spray from the sea  
Listening to the crash of the waves  
I let my spirit roam free  
And feel insignificant and small  
Like one of many grains of sand,  
And yet I know I am part of it all,  
Harmoniously at one with my fellow man –  
A part of the universe as God planned;  
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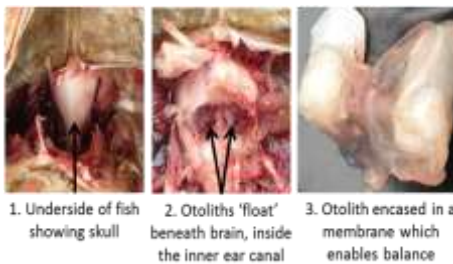
# Special Feature

## MULLOWAY RESEARCH PROJECT

Dr. Lauren Veale



frames to the research or by filling out an Angler Diary. With each filleted fish frame, we record the total length, sex and reproductive condition of each mulloway and extract the ear bones or 'jewels' from their skull and use these to determine the age of the fish.



Preliminary age data collected through citizen science indicate the majority of mulloway currently caught by anglers in Victorian estuaries are juveniles aged between 3-4 years, highlighting the importance of these estuaries during early life stages. Since the project began in August 2014, over 50 anglers have been involved in the research and so far, we have received over 150 donated fish frames. For a full description of the preliminary research findings, download the Research Angler Newsletter from the Nature Glenelg Trust website ([www.natureglenelg.org.au](http://www.natureglenelg.org.au)).

Mulloway display very different life history traits across temperate Australia. For example, mulloway along the east coast mature at 3-4 years and live for around 24 years, whereas those in South East South Australia (SA) do not mature until 6-7 years and live for as long as 41 years of age. These differences reflect recent research, which defines four genetically distinct subpopulations or breeding groups of mulloway in Australia: Western Australia (1), Western South Australia or 'Yalata' (2), South East South Australia including the Coorong (3); and southern Queensland and New South Wales (4). Unfortunately, fish do not conform to state boundaries and it is unknown whether Victorian mulloway constitute their own breeding group or whether they form part of adjacent subpopulations. The current research project is well underway to collecting the necessary genetic information to clarify these stock boundaries and determine the degree of dependency of Victorian stocks on recruitment from interstate waters- information that is critical to species management.

We encourage any angler with a passion for catching mulloway to get involved in the project by becoming a citizen scientist. We are particularly keen to speak to anglers who fish estuaries and marine waters around Port Phillip and Western Port Bay. You can join our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/groups/mullowaycitizenscience](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mullowaycitizenscience)

[mullowaycitizenscience](http://mullowaycitizenscience) for more information about the project and a list of drop-off points where you can donate your frames. Alternatively, contact Lauren Veale at the Trust directly by email ([lauren.veale@natureglenelg.org.au](mailto:lauren.veale@natureglenelg.org.au)) or phone (0439 034 390).

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## THE WRITINGS OF E.E CALDWELL BLESSINGS

We were promised an asteroid at the start of the month but the contrary article changed its mind - missed us by the merest whisker. Didn't even box New Zealand's ears, though it had declared its intentions.



Oh well, talking of blessings, recently I had an extra light switch installed in my passageway.

No big deal! But what an improvement in my day to day life. Similarly with the automatic garage door. Beneficial though not greatly in demand now that I no longer have a car.

So many things are taken for granted, such as CDs, DVDs, mobile phones, internet, email. Portable entertainment now at our fingertips. These modern contraptions are unquestionably accepted by the junior brigade as their as-of-right inheritance. For me to consider my blessings, I must be thankful for a good, strong ancestry, parents who observed a fine moral code, a harmonious family atmosphere in which to develop freely. I am fortunate to have been untouched by war and to live in a country with a life-expectancy in the mid-eighties. Clean air, pure water and fresh produce make it a simple matter to adhere to a sensible diet. Good medical, optical and dental practices are widely available. Yes, certainly I am blessed.

Pity, though, my footy team didn't make the finals this year.

E.E Caldwell 2012

Next month we will have the last in this special series by Betty Caldwell (End).

## BOOK REVIEW

**This month's book review comes from one of my many lost hours trolling for treasure on the internet and e-bay.**

The radio has been part of home entertainment for over 75 years and generations of listeners have enjoyed their favourite music or programmes, or sat enthralled as an historic event unfolded through the radio's loudspeakers. This book explores the development of the radio from the late Victorian era until the late 1960s, including photographs of rare and unusual styles. A surprising number of early radios have survived to this day, some of which were made before broadcasting was introduced in the early 1920s, and the author discusses these old sets as well as the different and improving models over the years.

**Before Broadcasting**

The 1920s

The 1930s

The 1940s

The 1950s

The 1960s

The 1970s

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48 pages; ISBN:

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## Spring Report.

The swans and ibis are no longer in the pea paddocks. The grass is reaching out, swamping the remaining waters in Guy's creek though the billabongs are still full of water. The paddocks beyond are dotted with plastic wrapped bales of silage. The old farmers say that October is usually our wettest month but so far this October has been drier and warmer than usual.

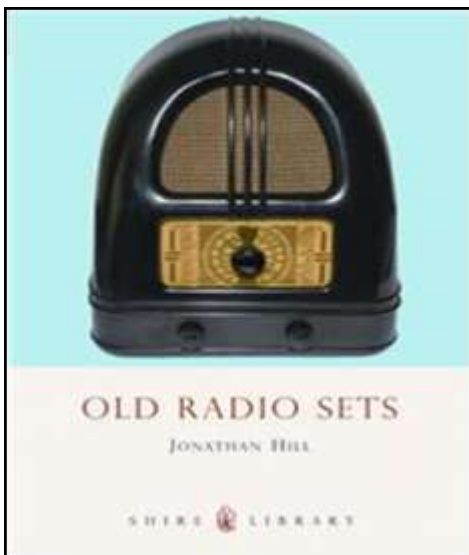
Nature has a way of utilising man's intrusions into its domain. In recent years those responsible for roads have decided to keep us safer (or was it to reduce insurance premiums) have put up roadside barriers. I noticed that some are made of cables, commonly known as "cheese cutters". However if you look especially earlier in the day when the sun is low in the sky and there is dew about, you will find that spiders have colonised these cheese cutters & have utilised them to gain the advantage of trapping insects higher than other grass dwellers.

This bright sunny morning. Two magpies carolling to the morning. Speaking of magpies, yesterday on my bike ride there were a couple of magpies who took umbrage to my presence in their patch, consequently they circled round behind me screaming abuse at the temerity of a mere human having the audacity to enter their sacred space.

I am reminded of a time when I was cutting firewood ( a church fundraiser) on a farm near Poowong North. I had been beavering away steadily, but had stopped to stand and stretch my back, and wipe the sweat from my face when I noticed a couple bush flies hanging around. I thought "I know what you're looking for. You're looking for a drink." That thought set off a train of thought which ended up in a poem which I titled "Nature's Future."

Kelvin Wilson

(See the Poem in Poet's Corner on page 19.)



# Writing

## POET'S CORNER



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### Moments of Communion

On wild windswept beach  
slim heron steps out  
of mangrove fringe.  
A lone walker stares  
at white-faced grey bird  
up close.  
Like a kite starting to rise  
but keeping three metres ahead  
the bird flies low.  
The two share space  
for half a dozen steps.  
Abruptly the bird rises, veers left  
lands on mud  
focuses on feeding.  
The walker walks on.

Meryl Brown Tobin

### Nature's Future

A bush fly hovering 'round my eye  
Seeking for a drink  
How can you say that nature  
is teetering on the brink  
For they were here before us  
Will survive us too I think  
When no man ever trod this sod  
And when we are extinct  
Will nature then survive us  
When we have done our worst?  
Through multiple pollutions  
Town infrastructure burst  
Like those twin towers sinking  
When metal turn to rust  
The insects will be feeding  
When we are eating dust  
'Tis humans in the balance  
Yes we'll be weighed and tried  
For years of fiscal folly  
When politicians lied  
When sentence has been given  
And all our deeds decried  
Will the verdict be extinction  
The jury will decide  
So who will be the jury?  
Who will be our judge?  
And who are our accusers?  
Who bring the fatal charge?  
The insects we have vilified  
We kill them every day  
These insects will all rise up  
And feast on our decay

### Meditation while cutting firewood

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This poem is from Kelvin's book  
"If You Could See."

For details on how to get a copy, email  
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## NEW PAINTING



Pictured here is Federal MP for Bass  
Brian Paynter unveiling artist Dr Tim  
Ealey's painting at the recent Coronet  
Bay Ratepayers and Residents  
Association meeting.

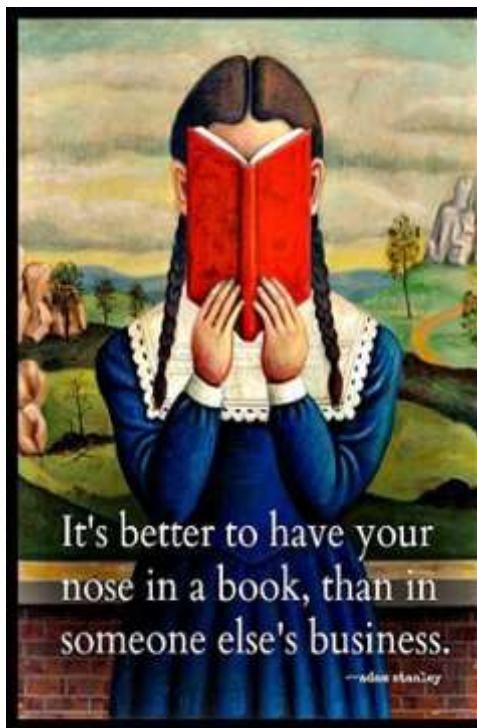
Tim says "I hate painting. It is such a  
worry"!!

"I have only painted one little one in the last  
17 years, for Johnny Reeve when he retired  
from the boat ramp committee. Then my  
wife wanted one of the boat ramp so while I  
had my gear out I did one for the hall.  
When I used to exhibit I would have sold it  
for about \$2,000. Great to get to know  
Brian. He has smiling eyes!

It is a causeway not a ramp and has worked  
well for 40 years for 300 boaties who  
maintained it. Especially easy for us oldies.  
Had a great safety record. We boaties could  
look after it again if we could access it. The  
lease should go to the Shire and maybe we  
could build a different access."

Well done Tim, such a great contribution to  
the community.

Editor



## WHAT'S ON

Briagolong & Surrounds Arts-Trail and  
Open Studios  
November 21 & 22

Fourteen artists will open their studios to the  
public. The artists work across a variety of  
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region and experience the work of these  
great artists. The artists will be on site to  
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see plenty of demonstrations on your tour  
around the studios. There is a directory of  
the studios available online:

[www.openstudioswestgippsland.com.au](http://www.openstudioswestgippsland.com.au)

Contributions to What's on in Art, Books &  
Leisure should be sent by the 1st of the  
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### Bush Dance

Kongwak Bush Dance will be held on  
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See Nola's ad on Page 26

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an important place in the history of European settlement in Victoria. There are also lovely gardens, ancient Moonah trees, wetlands, a visitor's centre and a licensed café.

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### How to get here

Drive 90 minutes from Melbourne, take public transport or visit Churchill Island as part of a tour from Melbourne.

Whatever your choice, we are sure you will have an amazing time on our wildlife island.

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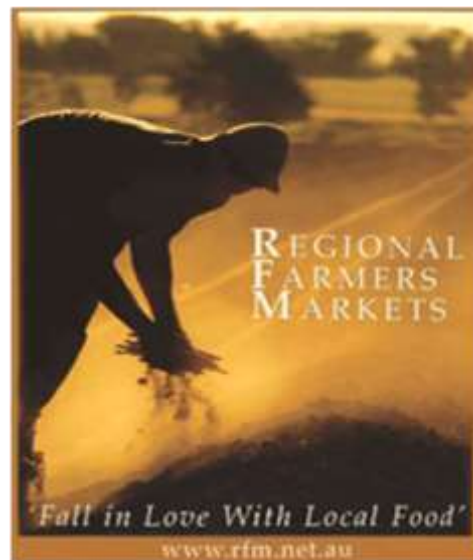
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- What is the first name of Hillary Clinton's daughter?
- Which Scottish castle was the birthplace of Princess Margaret in 1930?
- Who, in 1961 became the first American to travel in space?
- If you have otalgia, what are you suffering from?
- What was the first name of the Kray Twins' mother?
- Agliophobia, is the fear of what?
- What was Walt Disney's middle name?
- Bacchus was the Roman god of what?
- What word is the exact opposite of nocturnal?
- As of 2015 what is the minimum age you have to be to open a facebook account?
- Name the metabolic process that converts sugar to acids or alcohol?
- Who was the husband of actress Valeria Hobson?
- In English, what do the initials of the car manufacturer BMW stand for?
- What is Harry Ramsden's famous for?
- What colour is the Welsh word 'coch'?
- Which weekly magazine of humour and satire was established in 1841 and ceased production in 2002?
- Who is by far the most famous creation of Michael Bond?
- In the popular children's nursery rhyme, what is Wednesday's child full of?
- Who became Italian prime minister in 1922?

## ANSWERS

1. The Cutty Sark 2. Chelsea 3. Glamis Castle 4. Wine 5. Earache 6. Violet 7. Pain 8. Elias 9. Alan Shepard 10. Dismal 11. Thirteen 12. Fermentation 13. John Profumo 14. Bavarian Motor Works 15. Fish and chips 16. Red 17. Punch 18. Paddington Bear 19. Woe 20. Mussolini



## Old Knee



An eighty-year-old man went to his doctor to complain about pain in one knee. The doctor examined it gently and said, "Well, you know that knee is eighty years old. You can't expect too much." "That's true," the man agreed; "but Doc, so is the other one and it's not bothering me like this one!"



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# Self Sufficiency



## FROM WASTE TO WANT

Part 6 is the final of the Self Sufficiency series. 70 ways to recycle unwanted kitchen waste.

### Decorative Glass Cutting



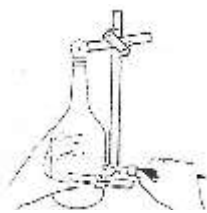
Discarded bottles (of various colours, shapes and sizes) can be transformed into interesting items such as ashtrays, vases, storage jars, plant holders and drinking vessels. (However care must be taken to ensure there are no rough edges or chips of glass if using cut glass for food and drink).

#### The Bottle or Jar

The shape of the bottle will no doubt dictate the size and shape of the end-product. Beer stubbies with tops removed make ideal storage bottles when sealed with a suitably sized cork. The bottoms of large bottles make interesting glass serving bowls. Small bottles make dip or sweets dishes. Some glass bottles are of very good sturdy quality - more so than the type of glass used in cheaper-type modern day glassware! All bottles once collected should be cleaned thoroughly and labels removed. If just starting out in the art of bottle-cutting begin with a few old practice bottles first, saving the more interesting for when proficiency has developed. Square or oval bottles are a little more difficult to cut, so start with round bottles first. It is more difficult to produce a perfect horizontal cut with odd-shaped bottles - the outcome is of a more curved cut (which, in itself, can be quite attractive).

#### The Cutting Method

The quickest and most efficient way to cut glass is to use a 'bottle-cutter' specially manufactured for the purpose of cutting tops off bottles. Bottle-cutters may be available from some retail outlets - such as craft shops. However they might be difficult to obtain - they were quite popular some years ago - but with the advent of kerb-side recycling glass cutting seems to have waned in popularity. There are different brands, each having a different method for cutting the bottle or jar. Make sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions in the kit. A bottle-cutter, like all glass cutters (such as that used by professional sheet-glass cutters), does not actually cut the glass, but marks a score line along the glass to weaken it. When pressure is applied (by bending, tapping or



applying temperature change) the glass fractures along the stress line. Bottle-cutters for amateur use (of the type illustrated above) usually consist of a type of sharp steel wheel which requires occasional replacement when blunt. (Professional glass-cutters use industrial diamonds which do not usually require replacement). You can buy simple glass-cutting devices from hardware stores and industrial supply shops but they work best on flat straight pieces of glass. It is quite possible (for the enterprising individual) to rig up a home-made bottle-cutter by attaching a simple glass-cutting device secured to a base or stand. When cutting the glass, it is crucial that the glass be held securely in place (hence, the use of a special bottle-cutter) so that the cut is as smooth and as steady as possible. This will ensure a clean break when the glass is later separated. Don't press the cutter too hard - just guide it gently around the bottle to thinly mark the glass with a very fine line. Movements should be as long and continuous as possible to, again, ensure an even line. Do not go over the score line more than once.

#### Separating the Glass

The glass is next pressured by gently tapping or applying hot and cold water (sudden temperature change). The tapping technique involves simply inserting a small hammer or similar object into the bottle and gently tapping along the cutting line. Tapping is continued around the bottle until the glass has broken in a complete circle. Special hammers for tapping are sold with bottle-cutting kits. These hammers are positioned at the top of the bottle so that the hammer taps exactly along the score line - if it does not then irregular and uneven cracking may result and hence, a jagged edge will appear when the top is removed. The hot and cold water technique involves filling the bottle with hot, but not boiling, water. While



holding the bottle at its top and bottom ends rotate it under cold running water. The water will run along the score line. A crack should slowly form along this line. Add more hot water to the bottle and repeat the process until the bottle breaks entirely along the score line. After a few practise runs you will become familiar with the technique. The water method, although a little more difficult will produce a cleaner break and suits all types of bottle shapes. Whereas sometimes the tapping method is not particularly suited to large or oval bottle shapes.

#### Bushman's Method

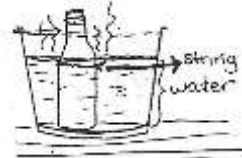
During more frugal times in the past it was common practice to acquire 'new glassware' from old bottles and jars:

**Method 1.** A piece of kerosene soaked string was wrapped around the bottle. The string was set alight and allowed to completely burn. The bottle was then submerged in a bucket of cold water - making sure that the water comes to only just above the string line. The bottle is supposed to then neatly break along the string line.

**Method 2.** Wrap a piece of cord two or three times around the outside of the bottle just below the chosen dividing line. Place drops of alcohol over the cord until it is saturated. Ignite with a match - when the flame has completely gone pour on a cold water over the area. The two sections should immediately separate.

#### Finishing

The rough edge of the resulting glass container is smoothed by rubbing it with silicon sand paper (available from hardware stores - also called silicon carbide paper). It's a very durable sand paper that can be used in both dry and wet form to smooth rough edges (particularly important if using the 'water method' for glass cutting). All grains of glass should be removed and carefully discarded.



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## GROWING GREAT CARROTS

Ben Squires



Bugs Bunny isn't the only person with aspirations to create his own personal supply of tasty carrots. Follow this simple guide to help you grow carrots and start creating delicious salads, soups and cakes with carrots you've grown in your own backyard.

### 1. Double digging

No matter what type of carrot you're cultivating this is an essential part of the process. What you're after here with carrots is loose, rock-free soil so make sure you double dig your planting area or if you've got the time build up to a raised bed. Be sure to add mature compost for heavy soil.

### 2. Seed sowing technique

Plant your carrot seeds in rows for easy weeding or simply broadcast the seeds, whatever best suits your garden space. Seeds will take up to three weeks to sprout, so it might be an idea to mix in some quick-growing radish seeds to provide a visual indication as to where your carrots might pop up.

### 3. Potential problems

Australia is pretty lucky when it comes to pests that may scupper the growth of your carrot crop, but keep your eye out for forking roots, splitting roots, tough cores

and small carrots that aren't actually growing. Also keep your eye on seedlings that are sown too thick which is an easy mistake to make.

### 4. Happy harvesting

One of the great things about carrots is you can harvest them at different stages, depending on what you ultimately intend to use them for. Harvest your carrots early while they're smaller if you want to cook them with a roast or later if you're looking to slice your carrots and serve them in a salad.

### 5. Mulch and grass clippings

Another handy tip is to use a mulch or dry grass clipping spread where you've sown your carrots. Spread these over your garden as a handy way to keep the weeds down and prevent the soil from drying out. The seeds should also be able to push through this without too much difficulty.

### 6. Watering and fertiliser

It's a good idea to water your carrots and keep the garden bed damp, but don't go too far because you'll run the risk of your garden bed becoming water logged. Additional fertiliser is rarely required, but may be necessary, particularly if your carrots are taking a while to start growing. So there you have it, those are six tips to keep in mind as you're growing your delicious carrots. Prepare to enhance your roasts, salads, carrot cakes and more tantalising dishes with carrots you've raised in your own backyard.

## THE ONLY 8 TOOLS EVERY GARDENER NEEDS

With so many gardening tools out there it's hard to know which ones are essential and

the ones that are just going to be money wasted. Here are the eight tools you actually need.

### 1. Spade

For digging planting holes, removing sod, edging garden beds, and moving soil or amendments.

### 2. Hand trowel

For planting small annuals, veggies and herbs; digging out weeds; mixing potting soil and planting container gardens.

### 3. Digging fork

For lifting and dividing perennials, loosening soil and turning compost piles.

### 4. Hoe

For veggie gardeners a standard or stirrup hoe is a must to weed between rows. For flower gardeners, a thinner model will be required.

### 5. Rake

For raking leaves, mulching and cleaning out beds. Flip it over to move soil and compost.

### 6. Scissors

For deadheading flowers, snipping herbs, harvesting small veggies and opening bags and packets. There's no need to go fancy, plain old household scissor will do the trick.

### 7. Weeders

For digging out weeds with ease. A much loved one is the "dandelion digger."

### 8. Pruning shears

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## DECEMBER GARDENING TIPS



**December is here and this marks the start of summer in Australia.**

What the garden looks like this month really depends on how well you have prepared for summer. If you mulch your garden, fertilise it, and take the steps I recommended throughout spring, then summer shouldn't really be too bad. However, if your soil is bare, you haven't given it a dose of wetta soil or fertiliser then you still have a bit of work to do.

During summer you need to make sure that your plants are well watered. As I have said, mulch helps to hold moisture, so if your garden is well mulched, then you can, most likely, get away with watering once every day to three days.

Vegetable gardens need a little more frequent watering. I water mine once a day and twice if the temperature



hits 35°+. I personally like to water early in the morning (before 9 am), especially for garden beds that don't have the morning sun, however watering at night is also fine. Make sure you check if there are any water restrictions in your area. Many places limit or do not allow reticulation during summer and require hand watering. Some places, in extreme droughts, even limit the use of hand watering. Check with your local water authority to find out about your situation. Some of your plants may wilt a bit more in summer than they do other months. If you have garden beds that either receive full sun or the afternoon sun, perhaps consider adding some shade in the form of shade sails or shade cloth.

During summer it is very important that you look after your grass.

Water restrictions are often tough, so it is important to make sure you can make the most use of every drop possible. It is imperative that you have applied wetta soil to your grass or have aerated it with a fork. It is also important that when you mow during summer, you raise the blades a little higher than normal. Longer grass helps protect the root system, keeping it cooler, which helps it to survive and stay as green as possible.

During summer it is a good idea to give your plants, at the very least, a monthly feed with a good fertiliser. All-purpose fertilisers are fine, but if there is a specialist fertiliser, like rose or native fertiliser, use that. It wouldn't hurt to do this fortnightly or even weekly, as long as the fertiliser you choose doesn't say otherwise. If this sounds like too much work, choose a good slow release fertiliser which will usually last a month or so. Again, the container you buy it in will have the correct dosage and frequency.

Keep an eye on your flowering plants. Summer is a regular flowering season for many plants. Once they have finished flowering, give them a light trim either early in the morning or very late in the afternoon or evening. Afternoon or evening is preferred because this gives your plants a night to get used to their new shape.

If you have prepared your garden well, it should handle summer and provide you with a great backdrop for all the summer BBQ's you are going to host. Just keep an eye on everything when watering or walking through the garden. If you notice plants struggling, either increase watering, add mulch where it isn't sufficient, or add some form of shade. Established plants should cope quite well, but younger plants might need a little extra tender loving care.

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# Pets and Pet Care

## VETS ALARMED BY SPATE OF DEADLY SNAKE ATTACKS



Lort Smith Animal Hospital has seen a record number of snake bite cases in October with more than 20 cat and dog victims in the first three weeks of the month.

Dr Andrew Kapsis, Head Veterinarian, Inpatients at Lort Smith Animal Hospital said the unseasonably hot October had drawn venomous snakes out in suburbs across Melbourne, and urged pet owners to be vigilant.

“The unusually warm weather this month has stimulated a lot of snake activity,” he said. “Lort Smith Animal Hospital has had more than 20 snake bite cases this month already, which is the highest I’ve ever seen in my two decades as a vet.”

Lort Smith Animal Hospital is warning people to be alert when walking their dogs, with both tiger snakes and brown snakes out in force along the Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers, Merri Creek, and beaches such as Williamstown. Two tiger snakes were removed from St Kilda beach this week.

Pets have also been bitten in backyards in several suburbs, including Altona, Melton, Point Cook, Wyndham Vale, Romsey, Werribee, Williamstown and Sunshine.

“Snake bites can be fatal,” said Dr Kapsis. “If you believe your pet has been bitten, it is critical that you seek veterinary advice as soon as possible.”

“You need to be aware of the typical signs of a snake bite as you may not see your cat or dog get bitten- these include vomiting, salivation, dilated pupils and sudden weakness followed by collapse.”

Dr Kapsis warned pet owners against taking on the snake: “Under no circumstance should you attempt to kill or bring the snake into the clinic, as you may get bitten. We have tests to confirm snake bites.”

Dr Kapsis said people could reduce the chance of their pet being bitten by: Tidying up the backyard and reducing the number of places where snakes may hide, such as in long grass or underneath metal and timber scraps  
Controlling vermin such as rats or mice that may attract snakes

Keeping dogs on leads during walks, particularly near long grass or bushland or creeks.

Lort Smith always has anti-venom on hand, and although it is an expensive remedy, it is most effective if administered soon after the bite occurs. With early detection of a snake bite, intense treatment and monitoring there is a good chance that your pet will survive a snake bite. However treatment is intensive and there is a high cost associated with the antivenom.

### TIPS TO AVOID SNAKES

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning encourages residents to clean up their properties and be careful walking off track in parks to reduce the chance of unexpected encounters with snakes.

In Victoria, south of the Great Dividing Range, nearly all snakes longer than about 40cm are likely to be dangerous to humans and most cases of snakebite occur when people try to catch or kill snakes.



### Around the home

1. Keep grass very short, remove rubbish, piles of wood and other cover, such as sheets of iron. Snakes are sneaky.
2. If you intend creating habitat for frogs, make sure this is away from buildings to minimise the chance of unexpected encounters with snakes. Snakes like frogs a lot.
3. Get a dog or geese to warn of the presence of snakes (among other things).
4. Be alert during warm weather when snakes are likely to be active. They are scared of you but might lash out if you startle them.
5. If you do see a snake near your house, keep an eye on it to see where it goes, then call a licensed snake catcher, if necessary.



### Remember the rules

Snakes are protected in Victoria under the Wildlife Act 1975.

There are several licensed wildlife controllers who specialise in snake removal and who may be able to assist with the capture and removal of snakes.

### Found a snake?

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This photo is of the Staff at the State Coal Mines Office – Wonthaggi

The only named photo is of back row no. 6 – Nicholas John Darcy

all other staff are un-named. But I did receive names last year of

John Horricks, Beau Sleeman, Maurice McMahon & Archie Opie, but we

need to place these names on this photo, otherwise all are UN-NAMED.

The Wonthaggi State Coal Mine's Family History Resource Centre has a treasure trove of miners' photos and memorabilia, some named and many unnamed, many in a very delicate condition. These photos could relate to your Grandfather, Father or Uncle, so if you could please have a look when you can and help us name our miners it would be most appreciated.

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO SHERWOOD?

Following last month's feature story on Queensferry - The South Gippsland town that vanished.

Regular reader and former Bass Coast resident, Beryl Craig, contacted us regarding another South Gippsland Town that also disappeared, the town, or settlement, or Sherwood.

We've already started digging and have found out a little, but hope to have more for you in our December edition, and even, maybe, a photo of the Sherwood Hotel.

Where was Sherwood?, if you don't know you'll have to wait until next month.

If you do know, and/or have any information you could pass on to us we would be most grateful.

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## LEADBEATER'S POSSUM



This snippet on the Leadbeater's possum appeared in the Herald Sun a couple of weeks ago.

We hope to have an update on the story in our December edition.

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