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Merry Christmas





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Cover Story: Merry Christmas indeed. Every year farmers across the region add some surprise and Christmas cheer.

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is January 22,
2023***

Folks,

2022 was a heck of a year. We published 3 print editions as well as 13 on-line editions. I can't thank the WN team enough for their massive effort as we kept pace with both a Federal and a State election and kept our readers informed about local developments and initiatives.



Those three print editions were funded by advertising from the candidates who put their hands up to be our elected representative.

The plan for 2023 is to publish eleven monthly, on-line editions and the cut off point for each edition is the 22nd of the previous month.

Please feel free to provide feedback or send contributions via return email.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Waterline News Team. Salutations, Geoff Ellis, Editor/Publisher

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BVCG

Bass Valley Community Group Inc.

- **Genealogy** Fri 12:30pm-2:30pm
- **Home & Community Care** (HACC Friendship Group) Mon & Wed 10am-2pm
- **Men's Social Group** Tue 10:30am-2:30m (in recess)
- **Op Shop** Mon to Fri 9am-3pm
- **Scope Cooking Classes** (for Scope clients) Tue 10:00am-1:00pm

03 5678 2277

Weekly Shopping Trips to Wonthaggi Tue 10:30am-1:30pm

The Bass Valley Community Centre and the Hadden House Op Shop wish all our volunteers, customers and clients all the best for the Festive Season and hope that all have a happy New Year.

The Centre and Op Shop have had a better year this year than the previous years of the pandemic and are now back to operations that are very close to the pre-pandemic 'normal.'

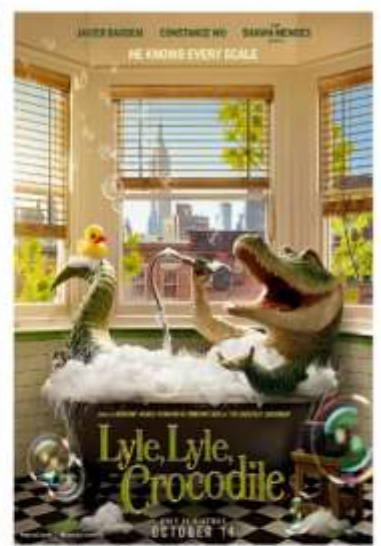
We are very appreciative of the support from the community for our efforts.

We have been very fortunate in having remarkably loyal volunteers and wonderful customers keeping us going by supporting the Op Shop.

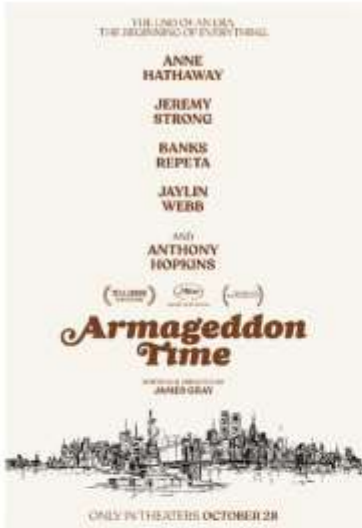
All the best and Thank You.

- *Roderick*





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Wed 21 Dec - Sun 29 Jan

\$10 Child/Concession \$15 Adult

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Edible Gardens weekend

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 February 2023



Bass Coast
Adult Learning



Save the Date: Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 February 2023

In February 2022 Bass Coast Adult Learning organised the first Edible Gardens event, opening 15 fabulous food gardens across Bass Coast Shire. The event was incredibly popular, with visitors very keen to learn more about growing their own vegetables and herbs, pruning fruit trees, and approaches to water management and composting.

So, on 4-5 February 2023, we are going to do it all again! “Some of your favourite gardens will be returning, but there will also be some inspiring new private and community gardens”, said Sharon Willcox, Events Coordinator.

The Waterline and Hinterland communities will again be well-represented, including Coronet Bay Community Garden (a crowd favourite) and some new private gardens. ‘We heard from many Wonthaggi people how much they enjoyed visiting the Coronet Bay gardens, so we are delighted to include even more of them in 2023’, said Sharon.

Further information, including how to buy tickets, will be released soon at:

[https://
www.basscoastediblegardens.com](https://www.basscoastediblegardens.com)





Weeds

Weeds are working their way across our landscapes.

Springtime sees weeds emerging on our properties, roadsides and gardens. With so much rainfall this year, combined with the 'sunny' days of summer that early growth has become prolific.

Many people aren't aware that as well as planting tens of thousands of native indigenous plants each year, the Bass Coast Landcare Network also controls hundreds of hectares of weeds which invade farmland, take over creeks and bushland, and harbour pests such as foxes and rabbits.

Landcare targets all invasive weeds but the big focus each year is on blackberries, which, without proper control, can become a massive problem, creating layer upon layer of thorny canes, creating a fire danger when the summer heat arrives. Blackberries spread vigorously and it is always best practice to hit them early before they grow out of control and turn into an impenetrable thicket, which will then require multiple seasons of spraying to control.

Common weeds along roadsides and on private land also include ragwort, thistle, bridal creeper, wandering trad, broom, watsonia and various other weeds. Woody weeds that can be controlled by using cut and paint or drill and fill methods include pittosporum, willows, pines, hawthorn and boxthorn.

Council's 'Common Weeds of Gippsland' brochure, which is downloadable from its website, has lots of information and descriptions of local weed species and their appropriate control methods. You might be surprised to see that some of the weeds in this brochure are common garden escapees!

If you have weeds on your property (and who doesn't?) which you would like help to get under control, contact Bass Coast Landcare Network on (03) 5678 2335.





Merry Christmas

From the Manager
Kerryn Ladell
and all the volunteers
at
Corinella & District
Community Centre



Community Lunch Volunteer

We
need
you



Can you lend a hand once a fortnight or once a month to help with Community Lunch?





It's a wrap! CDCC closes on December 22, and re-opens on January 9. As we near our break it's a great time for reflection.

We can be kind to each other and be grateful for all the good in the world. We have weathered both natural and unnatural disasters and we wouldn't blame anybody for wanting to shut their doors, but there have been many positives on which to focus.

Have you been through our doors lately? Do you know what we offer these days?

For a start, everyone is welcome at CDCC.

We advocate for change, we promote lifelong learning, we deliver quality affordable classes where you can indulge your passions or try something you have never done before. We value our volunteers who give of their time and their heart to their work. We help provide new skills for anyone keen to find work. We offer rooms for hire.

We feed those in need. We promote inclusion and social connection. Those who come through our doors come to feel connected to their community.

We are vibrant and fun-loving. We listen and support. We can help you keep your body fit and your mind healthy.

We have public use internet and membership bonuses.

We foster creativity. We connect with other community groups for better outcomes for all. You can drop in for a cuppa and a chat or become digitally savvy to keep in touch, or maybe you just need help filling out forms.

From mums and bubs playtime to seniors' high tea and everything in between there is something to look forward to in 2023.

Keep your eyes open for our events too, our Waste Not Want Not Festival will be geared towards helping the environment and our gardening group are working on food insecurity and sustainability.

You can join our programs which change with the seasons. There is always something new.

You can check out our summer program on our CDCC Facebook page. Meet new friends or catch up with old ones.

The choices are always yours.

What a wonderful way to launch the partnership between Corinella and District Community Centre (CDCC) and Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL)

Students recently enjoyed pedicures, manicures, massages, hair styling and beauty tips as a part of the first week of the Wellness Workshops. Participants also discussed pathways to further study in these areas.

Need more information?

Pop into CDCC or ring (03) 5678 0777



New Year's Eve

Fireworks on the foreshore

Coronet Bay

FREE family friendly event 6PM-10PM

Live Entertainment

Fireworks at 9.30 PM

Gather your family and friends

Bring a picnic and chairs or a rug to sit on

Variety of yummy food available for purchase

Beach end of Cutty Sark Road



Brought to you by Bass Coast Shire Council and Coronet Bay Combined Community Group

**Test your musicality or
test your memory.
Our very special
Waterline News
Christmas quiz first
appeared five years ago.**

Answers on page 28



1. In the 1970s, who wished it could be Christmas every day?
2. Originally recorded by Harry Belafonte in 1956, which group covered the song "Mary's Boy Child" in 1976?
3. Little Drummer Boy / Peace on Earth was recorded by the unlikely duo of Bing Crosby and who?
4. Destiny's Child had a Christmas hit with which song?
5. 'Simply having a ' complete the title of this Paul McCartney hit.
6. In 1998 and 2007 Chris Rea made the charts with this song?
7. This 1984 Christmas hit was at number 1 for 5 weeks.
8. John Lennon and Yoko Ono wrote this Christmas hit as an anti Vietnam War song.
9. Which record by Queen reached number 1 in the charts in 1975 and 1991?
10. Elvis had a Christmas number 1 in 1963 which described his repeated efforts to have what delivered?
11. What is the next line of this 1966 Tom Jones number 1:- The old town looks the same, As I step down from the train, And there to meet me
12. Who was 'Lonely this Christmas' in 1974?
13. Whitney Houston had a number one hit for 10 weeks including Christmas 1992. What was the name of the song? with which song?
14. Who had a No.1 in 1983 with a cover of Yazoo's "Only you"?
15. Shakin' Stevens had a a Christmas No.1 in 1985 with "Merry Christmas Everyone", but what was his birth name?
16. Since 1952, which song topped the charts at Christmas on 3 separate occasions?
17. Which group had a monopoly of Christmas no.1s from 1962 to 1964?
18. Sung by Dickie Valentine in 1955, this was the first chart topper at Christmas that was actually about Christmas. What was the title?
19. In 1957 "Mary's Boy Child" reached no.1 for which American singer famous for "The Banana Boat Song"?
20. In 1949 Gene Autry recorded a song about a famous reindeer. What is the name of this song?



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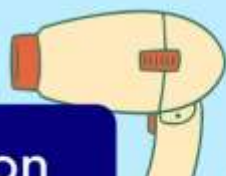
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Guy Road Shared Pathway

A walking and cycling pathway along Guy Road has been in the hearts and minds of Corinella and Tenby Point residents for at least two decades. After much consultation, the initial design was completed in 2015 but no funding was allocated.

This meant that the initiative was parked near the top of Council's 2016 Aspirational Pathways Plan until 2021 when the State Government came to the party with 50% of the funding. This enabled the project to go ahead and the design upgraded to include boardwalks over some of the natural drainage paths.

Construction started in August 2021. Work was suspended between October 2021 and June 2022 while complex Cultural Heritage assessments were undertaken. Construction recommenced after a Heritage Induction in July 2022. Council currently estimates that the path will be officially opened in March 2023.

Although the boardwalk areas were created to protect the ephemeral wetlands and fragile ecosystems that edge the path, local residents have expressed strong concern that the natural water flows and some of the wetlands appear to have been filled in during construction. The Council asserts that this is not the case and contractors will ensure that this does not happen.

Another concern is weeds growing through the boardwalks. Council plans to spray them on a regular basis. Locals worry that this spray will further affect the wetlands and the fauna that already struggles to survive along this increasingly busy thoroughfare.

People are also concerned about the number of driveways that cross this path. The Australian Standard does not mandate warning signs except at intersections with roads. Users will need to be vigilant.

Once completed, the pathway will be mostly gravel with concrete sections at Corinella and Tenby Point. The gravel sections will be of the same standard as the pathway that links the Children's Centre with the Bass Highway.

Council has supplied engineering diagrams of the concrete sections and these will be available on the Waterline News and Information Facebook page.





Daniel Church

Our featured Indigenous artist
over the summer season

Daniel has art works exhibited in the
National Gallery of Victoria.

This a wonderful opportunity to purchase some of Daniel's
beautiful Indigenous art at ArtSpace Gallery

Daniel offering **25% discount** on his paintings and carvings
exhibited at ArtSpace Gallery over the Christmas period



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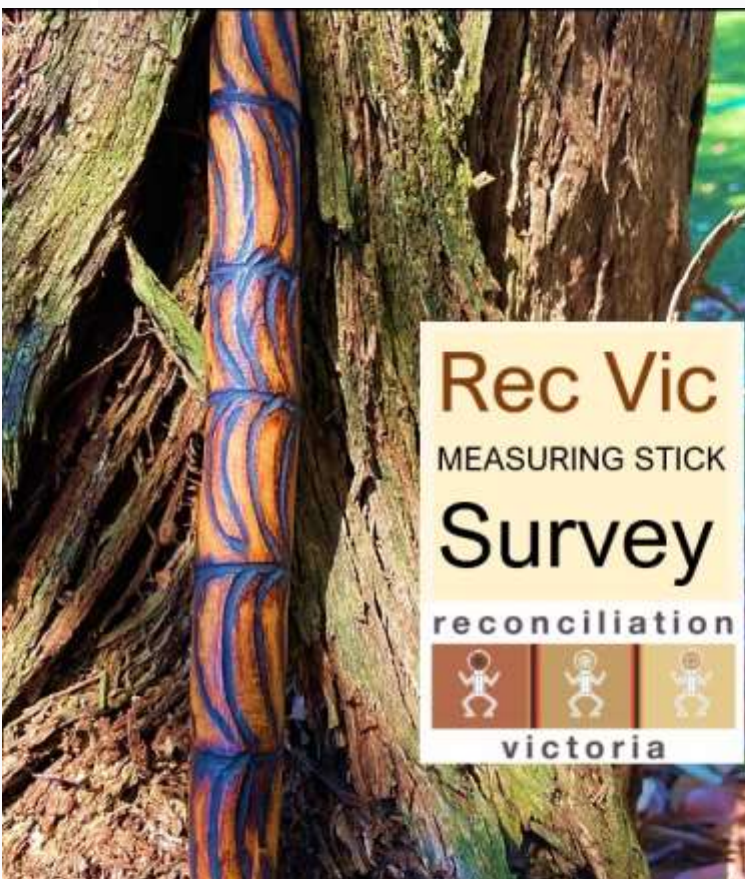
A stunning exhibition from
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16 December to 23 January 2023

Make time for yourself, family and friends to visit our
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Rec Vic
MEASURING STICK
Survey
reconciliation
victoria

The Rec Vic Measuring Stick survey is a state-wide survey to help us understand community attitudes towards reconciliation in Victoria.

Your responses are completely anonymous and there are no right or wrong answers. Rec Vic are simply interested in your opinions and attitudes on matters relating to reconciliation.

This will support development of Reconciliation Victoria's next Strategic Plan (2024-2029) and inform the way we work to progress reconciliation in Victoria.

This research project is a proud partnership between Reconciliation Victoria, Blue Horizon Research, Swinburne University and Federation University.

To have your say go to : <https://www.facebook.com/ReconciliationVictoria/posts/>

Jessica Harrison: HOUSING MATTERS



Over 24,000 Victorians and 116,000 Australians are without a home on any given night. There are at least ten people sleeping in cars in Cowes tonight.

No one knows how many homeless people there are in Bass Coast, but the numbers are growing with support agencies already stretched to their limits.

Food and financial donations are flowing in but need is increasing at a greater rate.

Food banks across the shire are supporting record numbers of people. Providers of community meals are doing their utmost to ensure no one needs to go hungry. Last week volunteers at Mitchell House packed 40 hampers for distribution to people in the lead up to Christmas.

As a co-founder of 'Housing Matters' (HM), Jessica Harrison is all too aware of the collective need and individual misery.

She has provided the Waterline News with an update about the activities of this group and their plans for 2023.

Jessica reports that Housing Matters (HM) has kept the Council accountable and updated via meetings with Jodi Kennedy and other council reps and liaising with Shires such as Cardinia about 'best practice'.

Outreach. HM used brainstorming sessions to devise presentations (in various formats) on the causes of homelessness. Members then presented to Wonthaggi Probus, Wonthaggi and Phillip Island View Clubs and the Uniting Church in Wonthaggi.

Winter Shelter: HM is proposing to start a project like the Lilydale Project where churches provide dinner, shelter at night and breakfast during winter. Discussions with local churches continue.

A Community noticeboard at Mitchell House (MH) is also being discussed. This would enable people with accommodation offers to connect with people in need.

HM has provided practical support such as assisting with food distribution at Mitchell House, helping people with wet tents and supplying tarps to people living in buses.

HM has run Renters Rights sessions at MH with lawyers from Gippsland community legal service.

In 2023 the group plans to set up a formal reference group to meet with Council (BCSC) four times per year and prompt BCSC to have website pages dedicated to information on how to access emergency and permanent housing solutions.

They also aim to regularly liaise with the Salvation Army and re-contact the joint churches group to follow up the Winter Shelter proposal. HM will facilitate six renter's rights sessions at MH in first half of 2023.

The group will organise a Homeless week (6-13 August 2023) event to ensure that as many people as possible can assist people who need a hand during these desperate times.

Mitchell house is located at 6 Murray St, Wonthaggi Phone: 03 5672 3731, Email: manager@Wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com

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Family Violence

If you are concerned for the immediate safety of yourself or someone else, please call 000 for emergency assistance.

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who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and families who need extra support with the care of children.

safe steps ☎ 1800 015 188
For women and children who are victims of family violence. 🌐 www.safesteps.org.au

WATERLINE CHURCHES

St Paul's Anglican Church,
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12.30 Every Sunday
Enjoy a share lunch after the service.
Rev Jo White
5952 2608 or 0490 831 299
revjobpi@gmail.com

St Joseph's Catholic Church,
20 Bass Road, **Bass.**
Sunday Mass 11.00am
5952 5418

St George's Anglican Church,
24 Smythe Street, **Corinella.**
1st Sunday each month 11.00 am
Other Sundays 9.00am
5997 5440

Kernot Uniting Church,
1040 Loch Kernot Road, **Kernot.**
Church currently closed.
Secretary Judy Hogan
0422 094 903

St Augustine's Anglican Church,
111 Marine Parade, **San Remo.**
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2nd & 4th Sundays Holy Communion.
5th Sunday Holy Communion.
Rev Jo White
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Our Lady Star of The Sea,
Catholic Church,
43 Phillip Island Road, **San Remo.**
6pm Every Saturday Mass
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Bible Study Group
Tuesdays at 5.30pm.
Members Homes
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WATERLINE LIBRARY UPDATE

Waterline Community Library
1504-1510 Bass Hwy,
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03 5672 1875

Library staff are available on
Tuesday 3:00pm – 6:00pm
Thursday 10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am – 12:00pm

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3:00pm - 6:00pm
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8:30am - 4:30pm
Thursday
8:30am - 10:00am
10:00am - 1:00pm
1:00 - 4:30pm
Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm
Saturday



Jordan Crugnale Member for Bass Re-elected (via facebook www.facebook.com/JordanCrugnaleMP)



It was always going to be close, with or without the redistribution and I have never once taken anything for granted. It's been a privilege and honour to work for and with our community and together we have achieved so much. Always more to do let's get cracking!

To be re-elected for another term is beyond amazing, humbling and am streaming with tears of gratitude. I will apply that same determination, grit and fight, be that constant (loud) voice at our government table and build on the momentum we have already started and keep at it – we need and deserve a whole heap more.

A big thank you to the VEC staff who have worked so hard over many weeks and been super meticulous in all the rechecks and counts. Admiration always of candidates who put their hand up for what is the biggest interview panel ever, with over 45,000 community members having their say. It was wonderful to spend time with many of you over the two weeks at prepoll and gain insight into what drives and energises you.

To all our volunteers, colleagues, friends, supporters and my office team extra ordinaries who have held me and my family these last four years – more tears of gratitude flow here too.

♥ Love Bass – Community at Heart ♥ - *Jordan Crugnale, Member for Bass District*

STOP PRESS: (via www.kapitales.com.au)

Maas Group Holdings Limited (ASX:MGH) has announced that it has entered into a contract to buy Dandy Premix, including its five concrete plants, sand quarry and hard rock quarry. The total purchase price is AU\$85 million, including AU\$76.5 million in cash and AU\$8.5 million of shares in Maas.

STOP PRESS: (via a combined press release from federal, state and local governments)

15,000 square kilometres of Bass Strait, off the Gippsland coast, has been officially declared Australia's first off-shore wind zone. The area extends eastward from Wilson's Prom to Lakes Entrance. The area WEST of Wilson's Prom to Phillip Island will be considered by the Victorian and Commonwealth governments which have committed to working together over the coming year. They will consult further with Traditional Owners and local communities, taking account of community feedback and the environmental risks involved.



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Buy a calendar.

Better still, buy five or ten.

Solve all your Christmas presents at once!

The 2023 Western Port Woodlands calendar depicts the extraordinary fauna of the woodlands, and shows the wonders of nature at our doorstep.

Calendars are \$20 with all proceeds going to the campaign.

They are on sale at:

Corinella Store
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The Pantry (Grantville)
Aunty's Place (Lang Lang)
Kilcunda Store
Hicksborough Store (Wonthaggi)
State Coal Mine, Wonthaggi
Wanderlust Chefs



Make a donation.

Direct bank transfer to:

Account name: South Gippsland Conservation Society Inc.

BSB: 633 000

Act: 159 668 722.

Reference: SWPW and your name.

Post a cheque to Save Western Port Woodlands, 4 Bell Lane, Wonthaggi, VIC 3995.

Please make out cheques to the South Gippsland Conservation Society.

Dear woodland warriors

Many of you have registered to present at the planning panel for the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscape (DAL) project.

Given the lack of political will to address the problem of sand mining in the Western Port Woodlands, this is our best chance to achieve significant change.

Submitters have an opportunity to present to a neutral umpire – a standing advisory committee that will make a final recommendation to the Planning Minister on the Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy. This will be the over-arching policy document for this shire for the next 50 years.

Save Western Port Woodlands is joining forces with the South Gippsland Conservation Society and Victorian National Parks Association. We are hiring a lawyer to present our case, as well as planning and other expert witnesses who can prove the value of these woodlands as habitat for a suite of native species, some rare and endangered.

We need to raise \$20,000 for our share of the costs. After the election campaign, we've got about \$9000 left in our war chest so we need at least another \$11,000 by the end of January.

Our members and supporters have been incredibly generous in the past and we're asking for your support again.

Save Western Port Woodlands is auspiced by South Gippsland Conservation Society,

Fast Fiction: Man Bites Dog by Margaret Pearce

The gardener was walking in his garden when he spotted his fallen tomato plants. He also spotted the back legs of the intruder still digging the deep hole.

"Out," he roared waving his hands. The intruder turned and snarled, baring white sharp teeth. Burying bones kept them safe, but this thief had found his nice deep hole.

His teeth bit down hard on a waving hand. "Ouch!" the gardener yelled.

The dog let go the hand. Bright red blood dripped down into the hole. Ripe tomatoes on the dug up tomato plants exactly matched the colour of the blood dripping down.

The dog picked up the very large bone he had dropped and snarled again, determined to protect his bone from theft.

"Digging holes in my garden," the gardener yelled. His white handkerchief acquired bright red spots as he wound it around his hand.

"Look at my prize tomatoes." The dog understood the threat in the yelled tones. He fled, dragging his large bone further.

into the shelter of the tomatoes, leaving a trail of knocked over plants.

The gardener's face was now as red as his blood spotted handkerchief. He glared at his knocked down, dug up plants.

He started breathing more heavily. If he had been a steam engine there would have been steam coming from his nose.

"My tomatoes. My prize tomatoes," he howled. "Ruined, all ruined."

He chased the dog through the tomato plants, weaving erratically past still staked plants. His heavy, mud laden boot swung forward in a kick. The dog dropped to the ground.

The man missed the dog and overbalanced.

He fell, flattening even more of his precious tomato plants. His arms flung out and his hand grabbed the dog. The dog dropped his bone and turned, mouth open in a snarl.

The gardener swung his other hand over and clamped the dog's muzzle shut. He pulled the dog's head closer.

"Bite me, would you?" he shouted as he shook the dog's head. "How do you like being bitten?"

Because the gardener was on the ground their two heads were on the same level.

The gardener chomped his large teeth on the flopping ear of the dog and bit down, hard.

The dog howled in pain and tried to pull away, but the man's teeth were too firmly attached.

The dog whined and stopped struggling.

He had been disciplined with sharp nips for misbehaviour by older dogs but humans did not bite dogs.

Maybe it wasn't a human? It was on all fours like a dog, barking at him and shaking its head as it chomped his ear.

Maybe it was just a transformed bigger madder dog. He was beaten.

The gardener opened his mouth and spat out dog hair and blood. "Now get out of my garden and stay out," he snarled as he released the dog.

The dog fled, ears flattened, tail between his legs.

"And take your bone with you," the gardener yelled as he hurled the bone toward him.

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Motoring



Leyland is pleased to announce that every P76 owner is now officially driving the car of the year.



Last week I had a quick flick through my Force 7V Owner's manual. A truckload of memories came back . . .

In a suburb where it was mostly Fords or Holdens rusting on the nature strips, my Dad's cars were 'quirky'. At some stage we became a BMC family with two Morris 1500s defiantly staining the concrete between our house and the rotten paling fence.

Dad's Morrie was a sedan. I had the Nomad version. They were good cars, roomy, sharp to drive and fast enough.

But they were unreliable. Luckily I could walk to the pub but every weekend seemed to be consumed with fettling the things for the next drive. Things got so bad that I often caught the train to work and rang around for parts during my lunch breaks.

The supply of spare parts started to dry up when the 1500s were superseded by Marinas as BMC became Leyland and the P76 hit the showrooms.

The 'anything but average' P76 sent Leyland broke after 18 months and the neon lights flickered out at dealerships all over the city.

I purchased a battered Falcon to travel to increasingly far flung parts warehouses. I had that car for a year before I had to look under the bonnet. Just to check the oil.



That was the moment I realised that my Nomad had become a garden ornament. Leyland was a lost cause.

A series of unlovable cars took Leyland to the edge and the Force 7, effectively a P76 with fewer doors, pushed the car maker over. A pilot run produced 10 unregistered cars that went to auction as the factory doors slammed shut behind them.

On my final expedition to the endangered dealer, I found a box of Force 7 V owners manuals. I grabbed one for a mascot of all those wasted days and dollars.

Las week that manual made me think about the effort we waste in dead ends and quixotic crusades. I wondered what it was all worth in the long run.

Given the small tally of cars that Leyland actually sold, each one of those manuals probably cost them half a million dollars.

I paid \$2.50 for mine. The last time I checked eBay it was worth around \$40.

Geoff Ellis

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On This Day in History

December 17th 1967
Prime Minister Harold Holt disappeared at Cheviot Beach.



December 24/25 1974
Cyclone Tracey
smashed Darwin



5 January 1975, Hobart. The bulk carrier Lake Illawarra, travelling up the Derwent River, collided with several pylons of the Tasman Bridge and caused a large section of the bridge deck to collapse onto the ship and into the river below. Twelve people were killed, including seven crew on board Lake Illawarra, and the five occupants of four cars which fell 45m. (150 feet) after driving off the bridge.





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- ☐ Low back pain

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- ☐ Shirodhara – pouring medicated oil on the forehead
- ☐ Marma point massage

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For more details please check my website:

santhosa.com.au

Or contact Shirani (Ayurvedic Lifestyle Consultant) directly on **042 574 8907**

PHOTO QUIZ:

There were pictures of these people all over the place before the last election.

Two points for each name and three points if you can state their party or independent status. Answers on page 28





**PICAL has reopened at 16 Warley Ave, Cowes
Drop in to view our amazing new premises!**

- **Reception: open each weekday 9am-3pm**
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email: reception@pical.org.au**

**We wish all of our community
a merry Christmas
and a happy, safe new year!**

Photo Quiz Answers

Meg Edwards –independent

Aaron Brown—Liberal

Brett Tessari—National

Quiz Answers

1. Wizzard., 2. Boney M. 3. David Bowie. 4. 8 Days of Christmas 5. Wonderful Christmas Time'. 6. Driving Home for Christmas. 7. Do they know it's Christmas. 8. Merry Christmas (War is Over).9. Bohemian Rhapsody 10. A letter, in the song 'Return to Sender' 11. 'is my Mama and papa'. 12. Mud. 13. I will always love you. 14. The Flying Pickets. 15. Michael Barratt. 16. Do They Know It's Christmas?" 17. Beatles 18. Christmas Alphabet 19. Harry Belafonte. 20. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.



Inside the Philosophers Zone

**“I'd like to see it become
unacceptable to be comfortably off and
do nothing for the world's poor.”**

- PETER SINGER



This
Xmas,
I would
like to put
up a tree in my
heart, and instead
of hanging presents,
I would like to put the
names of all my friends.
Close friends and not so close
friends. The old friends the new
friends. Those that I see every day
and the ones that I rarely see. The ones
that I always remember and the ones that
I sometimes forget. The ones that are always
there and the ones that seldom are. The friends of
difficult times and the ones of happy times. Friends
who, without meaning to, I have hurt, or, without meaning
to have hurt me. Those that I know well and those I only know
by name. Those that owe me little and those that I owe so much.
My humble friends and my important friends. The names of all those
that have passed through my life no matter how fleetingly. A tree with
very deep roots and very long
and strong branches so that
their names may never be
plucked from my heart. So
that new names from all
over may join the existing ones. A tree with a very
pleasant shade so that our friendship may take a
moment of rest from the battles of life. **"May the
happy moments of Xmas brighten every day of
the new year"**. These are my sincere wishes.

Welcome to the Bass Valley Lions Club

We provide a unique service club membership and we have a few, interesting projects on the go right now. In keeping with the club ethics they are humanitarian, community spirited, fun and manageable.

Our members are dedicated to making our community a better place to live, work and grow. We would love for you to join us. If you have a little spare time, have an interest in helping your community, and philanthropy, we'd love to hear from you.

Lions of Bass Valley Meetings are held on First Tuesday of each month at Bass Coast Shire Transaction Centre, Grantville

Contact us if you would like to come along. **Ray: 0438 788 357 Lyn: 0416 024 356**



**Our Op Shop is located on the
Bass Highway, Grantville.**
**Watch for our sign on the roadside and
drop in for our December/January
bargain sale.**

Merry Christmas from
Cr Le Serve and Cr Halstead



Christmas is such a lovely time to come together in festive spirit with family and friends.

Wherever and whomever you choose to share yours with, I hope it brings lots of laughs and memories to share.

My best wishes go especially to those who might be alone, grieving a loved one or struggling with something in life.

May the year ahead bring joy, peace and love to all.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Cr Rochelle Halstead.

POLITICS with Cr Clare Le Serve

Cr Le Serve has run in three Council elections and two State elections, so she knows how much effort and resilience it takes once you throw your hat in the bullring. When the long days of counting and recounting were over in the State election she offered this comment:

“I congratulate all the candidates for standing in the State election for the Seat of Bass.

Campaigning is all-consuming and incredibly hard work; at times it is an exhausting thing to do, for themselves, their friends and family.

It's a very expensive process for non-party candidates and comes at great personal cost. However they have given democracy a real good go and raised important issues on behalf of the community.

This election reflected marginality and proved that the Seat of Bass matters and should never be taken for granted by any political party or politician.” -

Cr Clare Le Serve

NDIS SUCCESS STORY: Kate Harmon, Photographer

Kate Harmon's journey to becoming a published photographer started when she, her Mum and her brother Scott moved from Hervey Bay (Qld) to Wonthaggi in 2015. It took her around two years settle into life in Wonthaggi and as she tells it, "Once I got my feet on the ground, well I haven't stopped moving."



"Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that I would be a published photographer and a damn good one, to say the least. Who would have thought that, at almost 50 years old, I could reinvent myself?"

"After I started at Bass Coast Adult Learning, Geoff, my tutor and mentor planted the thought of creating a book and the idea took off from there. The end result is a book that is beyond my expectations."

Behind the Lens, Kate's first book has just about sold out and she is considering a second print run due to requests for more copies. Kate has already started work on her next book. The working title is *Oddities* and Kate plans to publish it next year during Disability week.

If you are interested in buying a copy of *Behind the Lens* or talking to Kate about photographic assignments or commissions, contact Kate via email to knh73@bigpond.com or by ringing 0438 730 119

Kate has also exhibited and sold many of her distinctive artworks and has had several articles about living with Autism published in the Bass Coast Post.

Enjoy a fire safe barbecue



Been a while since you last used your gas barbecue?
Follow these **three steps** to be sure it's safe.

- 1. Check to see if the cylinder is damaged**
Don't try to refill a damaged cylinder – exchange it a reputable supplier.
- 2. Check the hose to make sure it hasn't deteriorated**
Spray the hose and regulator connections with soapy water – if soap bubbles appear, you'll know that gas is escaping. This means you'll need to either correct the connections or replace your hose.
- 3. Check that your barbecue is clean**
Excess fat or residue can cause a fire.

If a fire does start from a gas leak, don't try to extinguish the flames.
Turn off the gas at the cylinder, but only if it's safe to do so.

More safety tips

Keep plenty of clear space between your barbecue and anything flammable.



Be aware that if wind blows the flame out, unburnt gas can build up to dangerous levels. If this happens, turn off the gas at the cylinder, and wait a few minutes before you light the barbecue again.

Using a barbecue indoors is illegal.

Update from Coronet Bay: Linda Nichols



We recently installed three signs along the coast track at Coronet Bay. One depicts local birds , one highlights a fauna habitat and one acknowledges Country. We worked with Patrice Mahoney (OAM) on that last sign.

The signs were instigated by a sub-committee that successfully sourced a grant from Bass Coast Shire Council in 2021. This Grant also included finding a name for the “un- named lake”. The lake was historically a freshwater spring and is mentioned on maps from 1826 when Corinella was a settlement for a short time. This spring was the important source of water but was 1.5 miles (2.4 kilometres) away!

“Wang toolome parnung” is the name that has been given by the Bunurong Elders. “Duck water-hole” is the translation. The newly installed signs have been received positively by community members . There has been the sharing of sightings of birds as both locals and visitors walk the track. The interactive QR code on the signs will be an opportunity to access links to items of interest, local school environmental projects and much more.

Linda Nicholls and Angela Christa are members of the sub-Committee and both agree the vision for the signs is to highlight the importance of the habitat that exists for native animals and birds along this coastal Banksia wetland track. The signs also showcase the importance of preservation and enhancement of this significant vegetation.

An important discovery in the Fauna Survey was the habitat around the lake for the “vulnerable to extinction” species the Swamp Antechinus. The male Swamp Antechinus’ live for only a year. The males are involved in a significant amount of breeding activity before they die. The females only live for two years.

The grass tunnels and branches resting beside the water form essential habitat for the antechinus as well as for other native animals. The prickly sweet bursaries trees and coast Banksia provide places for small birds to hide and food for the barsatas, the yellow tailed black cockatoo respectively.

It is wonderful to see the hard work of all the volunteers who made this happen . Locals and visitors to the area can become more aware of the treasure that is our coastline. The signs will help to continue to raise the environmental significance of the whole area.

A Naming Day for the newly named lake will be held from 11am, Sunday March 12, 2023. It will include a Smoking Ceremony and the opportunity for everyone to participate in an indigenous planting.

The Last Word: Meryl Tobin Brown



Villanelle: Grass Trees Under Fire

In Grantville Grass Tree Forest
hundreds of grass trees bloomed en masse
maybe a once-in-a-lifetime sight

In the spring following summer bushfires
the host of creamy flower spikes attracted bees,
in Grantville Grass Tree Forest.

Some blackened trunks sprouted
multiple spikes as thick as a woman's arm—
maybe a once-in-a-lifetime sight.

To burned remnant native bush
native orchids, wallabies, birds returned—
in Grantville Grass Tree Forest.

Hundreds of grass trees stand
like skirted hunters, spears aloft—
maybe a once-in-a-lifetime sight.

Sand miners now expand their pits
and grass trees are set to fall,
in Grantville Grass Tree Forest.
Indeed a once-in-a-lifetime sight?

Poem by Meryl Brown Tobin
Photo by Hartley Tobin



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