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The Grantville Fires.
February 2019.



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Welcome to the February Waterline News, our first edition for 2023.

When I was researching our 'This Day in History' column I was surprised to realise that it has been four years since the Grantville Bushfires.



For most of us that fire, which was officially named the 'June Street' fire, started as a distant column of grey black smoke that soon took hold of the Grantville Conservation Reserve.

Over the next week our Emergency Services were put to the severest test possible and dozens, then hundreds, of volunteers selflessly put their bodies between us, our homes and the quickly spreading flames.

As the situation worsened, CFA units came from across the region as water bombing air craft flew countless sorties into the clouds of dense smoke at the edge of the flames.

The Waterline News is produced on the lands of the Bunurong, Boon-wurrung, members of the Kulin Nation who have lived here for thousands of years. We offer our respect to Elders and all First Nations People.

Conditions worsened, the fire spread. An emergency control centre was set up in and around the Grantville Hall. It was many days before the fires were beaten and the recovery could begin.



Lower image taken by 3rd Lieutenant Alan Kerr and published courtesy of Kernot-Grantville Fire Brigade

This is one of many alerts that were issued to keep the community up to date about the shifting fire front.

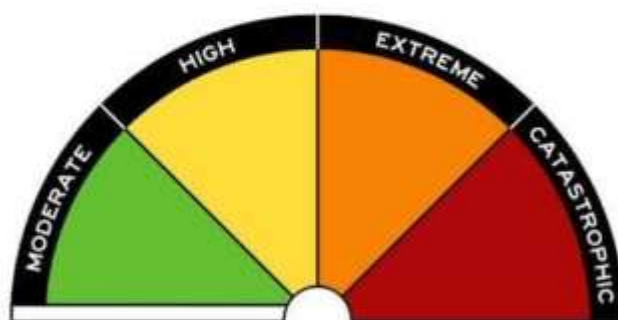
The highlighted areas show the extent of the fires.

If you live in a rural area it's essential to have the emergency services app on your phone.

It could save your life.



Australia's Fire Danger Rating System is changing



Catastrophic

For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas

Extreme

Take action now to protect your life and property

High

Be ready to act

Moderate

Plan and prepare



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

February 16 1937: Wonthaggi State Coalmine (excerpts from The Age)

Heartrending scenes were witnessed at the pit mouth, where women stood all day long hoping that the tragic reports of the rescue parties would prove unfounded, while several hundred men who had left home in the morning to attend a strike meeting, crowded around the mine shaft begging to be allowed to make the hazardous descent in search of their entombed companions.

The victims of the disaster were all oversmen, deputies or special tradesmen, who were not involved in the strike that kept the mine idle for the past week.

Practically all hope for their safety was shattered during the afternoon when the general manager (Mr J McLeish) and a small party obtained entrance to the drive, in which the explosion had taken place and found it badly fouled by carbon monoxide.

The shock of the disaster paralysed all business activities in the town of Wonthaggi, and many of the shops and offices closed as soon as the tragic news became known. Tonight, a meeting of the municipal council and the picture show were cancelled and there is a silent pilgrimage from the township to the mine.



BVCG

Bass Valley Community Group Inc.

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

Weekly Shopping Trips to Wonthaggi

Tue 10:30am-1:30pm

03 5678 2277

NDIS in the Bass Valley

As an accredited NDIS service provider, the Bass Valley Community Centre offers group-based activities to people who are supported by the National Disability Insurance scheme. This also includes persons eligible for service under the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP) scheme.

If you are an adult NDIS client and are socially isolated (i.e. you have difficulty getting out and about) and reside in the Waterline area (Bass, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Grantville, Pioneer Bay, Tenby Point, Woolamai, or close to any of these locations) then come and join our Monday and/or Wednesday group which also includes round trip transport from your home in our comfy community bus, if required.

Enquiries: 03 5678 2277

Contemporary Aboriginal Art

Daniel Church John

Darug Yellow Mundie (storyteller)

"This Is My Story"

Exhibition 24 January – 5 March

Official Opening – Saturday 28 Jan 1-3pm

All Welcome



Visions of beauty, song lines and storytelling from Daniel's ancestral family connection to the ocean and country.

These creative expressions and stories are revealed in highly skilled paintings and wood carvings.

Daniel shares his art as a necessary form of cultural continuation for First Nations People.

With artworks exhibited in the National Gallery of Victoria, this is an opportunity to purchase original and unique paintings and wood carvings by Daniel Church.

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GALLERY

Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) presents

Bass Coast Edible Gardens Weekend

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 February 2023
10am to 4pm each day



A weekend of beauty and inspiration showcasing
edible gardens across Bass Coast

Chat with expert gardeners and learn
how to grow your own food



Grow Food. Eat Well.



**Bass Coast
Adult Learning**

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Bass Coast Edible Gardens Weekend

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 February 2023, 10am to 4pm

1. Rooks Little Farm 457 Ventnor Road, Ventnor

A 5-acre permaculture paradise with alpacas, chickens and bees
Press button to open gate.

2. Chill House Mini Farm 8 Watchorn Road, Cowes

An art-filled, tropical permaculture vibe

3. Phillip Island Community Orchard Corner Hoad Street & Hallway Drive, Wimbledon Heights

Using recycled water to grow a bountiful harvest including heirloom fruits

4. Mary and John's Garden 15 Keam Crescent, San Remo

Mosaics, hydroponics and a dense planted urban food forest

Please park in Genista Court – visit with mobility issues are welcome to park in Keam Crescent.

5. Greg's Garden 39 Champs Elysee Boulevard, Coronet Bay

An aromatic edible garden with so interesting native edible plants

6. Coronet Bay Community Garden Bantering Bay Road (end of the road), Coronet Bay

Warm welcomes and wicking beds... this water-wise community garden

7. Kon's Garden 8 Bass Horizon Promenade, Coronet Bay

A Greek market garden with many Mediterranean vegetables and herbs

8. Peter and Lyn's Farm 85 Eden Road, Glen Forbes

Two vegetable patches, a large orchard and rambling ornamental gardens

9. Wonthaggi Community Garden 239 White Road, Wonthaggi

An intergenerational community garden for people of all ages and abilities

10. Harvest Centre 6 Murray Street Wonthaggi

A community garden growing food, friendships and gardening skills

11. Jane and Jonathan's Garden 4 Rodney Court, Wonthaggi

A prepper garden supporting a sustainable lifestyle through providing year-round food

12. Glenda's Garden 3 Parkes Street, Wonthaggi

A powerhouse of growing and preserving food, driven by composting and recycling

13. Cape Farm Sunlight Boulevard, Cape Paterson

An urban farm with market and community gardens using a waterwise approach to growing food

14. Paul and Fran's Garden 5 Seaberry Circuit, Cape Paterson

A small-space, highly productive garden that feeds the body, the heart and the soul

Enter back garden from Seaward Drive, please park on Seaward Drive.

15. June and Winton's Garden 82 Meanderri Drive, Inverloch

A fruit-filled arbour and quirky driftwood teepees



Grow Food. Eat Well.

Tickets

\$25 for all gardens or \$5 per garden (children under 16 free)



Book your tickets online:
trybooking.com/CENJF

Tickets can also be purchased on the weekend at
garden gates with cash only sales

Some gardens will have additional items for sale over the weekend.
This may include vegetable seedlings and plants,
gardening-related products and refreshments.

Please bring some cash for these garden surprises!

Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers for 3 hour shifts (10–1 or 1–4, on 4 and 5 February).
Your role will be to assist gardeners with visitor check-ins.

All volunteers will receive a free admission ticket to the other open food gardens.

More information

See our website at:

basscoastediblegardens.com

facebook.com/BassCoastEdibleGardens

instagram.com/basscoastediblegardens

Contact BCAL on 03 5672 3115 or email: bceg@bcal.vic.edu.au

**Learn more about aspects of gardening in BCAL workshops
on composting, pruning, preserving and more**



Bass Coast Adult Learning

Learn More.



Bass Coast Edible Gardens Raffle

Win a garden cart filled with products to help you grow you own garden!

Thanks to Bunnings Wonthaggi for donating the goods for this raffle.

Sherlock steel garden cart
Dynamic lifter, 17.5kg bag
Osmocote premium seed raising mix, 10l
Mr Fothergills dwarf bean seeds
Country Value snow pea seeds
Mr Fothergills broccoli seeds
Watering can, plastic, 9l
Mr Fothergills Bee and Insect House
Manutec liquid pH test kit
Saxon garden gloves, 6 pairs, Large
Cyclone timber handle hand fork
Cyclone timber handle hand weeder
Cyclone timber handle bulb trowel
Watch me Grow pet plant for children – Project Hairy Head
Saxon Children's Shovel (blue)
Cyclone Kids Patch gardening tools – fork, trowel, rake

Plus edible seedling to be picked just before the raffle is drawn

Tickets are \$2 each, or 3 tickets for \$5

Winner notified by phone on 6 February 2023

Australia Day needs a re-think ...

Alison Normanton

I was born in England. I migrated from Britain when I was 9 years old, with my family. We were known as the 'ten pound poms'.

I received most of my education in Australia. Our school history classes always started with Captain Cook in 1770 and then the First Fleet arriving in Sydney Cove in 1788.

I have no recollection of learning the historical accounts of Australia's indigenous people. I have now lived in Australia many more years than in my country of birth. Australia feels like my home.

I have travelled for lengthy periods around this beautiful country. There is much to celebrate – its vastness, diversity of people, culture and land, the unique biodiversity, flora and fauna, and a country that has the oldest living indigenous culture in the world.

So I understand cause for celebration of this rich and vast country, but I do not support the tradition of celebrating this on Australia Day, which marks and honours the establishment of the first permanent European settlement at Sydney Cove on January 26th 1788, and what subsequently followed in pursuit of British possession of indigenous land.

Why would it not feel like a celebration for indigenous people? European settlement in Australia disrupted a significantly important way of life, connected to land, waters and culture.

White colonisation was a process of taking land by stealth, and dispossessing first nations people of their place of belonging, which had existed for more than 40,000 years. Brutal frontier wars raged for over a 100 years, in efforts of indigenous people to preserve their connection to the land, against the Crown who wanted it all at whatever cost.

It is estimated that during these wars, around 78,000 indigenous people (men, women and children, entire families, whole tribes) were killed, many from Government sanctioned massacres.

Those who survived were forced off their land, corralled into specified camps, dispersed into other areas of the country. Many died from displacement, starvation, white man's diseases.

By 1900, it is estimated that the aboriginal population had reduced by 90%.

Most lost connection, not only with their tribal lands, but also with their mob, their families, their children, their parents.

They were not allowed to practice culture, forbidden to speak their language, unable to travel their song lines, curtailed in performing important ceremonies, and white man's law superseded their own previously effective community laws. Until the late 60s, they were denied the right to raise their own children, through forced removals by Governments in an effort to eliminate the indigenous race entirely.

The fallout of this tragedy still reverberates today, where the gap between white Australians and indigenous people is seen in areas such as, over-representation of indigenous youth in the justice system, higher rates of certain diseases, higher rates of indigenous women experiencing family violence, lower rates of employment, lower life expectancy, and third world housing conditions in remote Indigenous communities.

Does this sound like cause for celebration?

On the contrary, it is a day of deep mourning for our first nations people who suffered greatly, and continue to do so more than 200 years later.

On Australia Day I would rather respectfully stand with our indigenous people, and as a white Australian, acknowledge our history, know the truth, hear their grief, honour their pain.

We have much to celebrate as a country, but not on this day. Out of respect, not on the 26th January.



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Bravery

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The Bass Coast Poetry Wall

With Tim Gesell, Library Customer Service and Programs Officer

basspoems@wgrlc.vic.gov.au

Poets, we need your poems. Just send your poems to **basspoems@wgrlc.vic.gov.au** and in the first week of each month we will add the new offerings to the wall.

Everyone is welcome to contribute.

Occasionally we will have a theme or a special challenge but for most of the year it's very open ended. It would be great to get more community members from across Bass Coast and The Waterline writing for the wall.



Kilcunda on a rainy day

(another self-portrait) by Bob Wheeler

You could

Stare out that window all day

Draining mugs of coffee, gaining strength.

reading notes into the tempest

There is

So much rusted blood

piled inside your head.

words wreck another page

You know

All that clotted thought *must* flow

from where the water meets your eye.

let the waves wreck another day

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERTA JANE IVES

1960 - 2018

Rendered homeless

through eviction,
walked away from her home.

Three weeks later, was found,
dead, in the Corinella Foreshore.

Not Forgotten.

Five years later, nothing has
changed for our homeless.



Pauline O'Brien

103 years old, Pauline passed peacefully at Banfields Aged Care, Cowes.

She was a caring happy lady, always ready with a joke or two.

She came to Tenby Point with husband Les over 50 years ago.



Her family spanned five generations. This photo shows her with three of her six great grand children. She also leaves two Great Great grand-children. **"I will miss her so much, she was one very strong, good woman. Mum, rest in peace now with Dad & Tom"** Coral O'Brien Smith .

PHOTO QUIZ

UPPER IMAGE:

1/ This is the entranceway to which Waterline boat ramp?

2/ What is the name of the land mass on the horizon?

MIDDLE IMAGE:

3/ Is this boat ramp in Tooradin or Inverloch?

LOWER IMAGE

4/ This decaying jetty is on the foreshore of which Waterline town?

5/ What is the land mass on the horizon?

Answers page 27



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 at 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.



What to do in your Garden in Late Summer . . .

Well, the Silly Season is over. That Public Holiday is gone, the back to school sales have started, the Summer Visitors to Bass Coast have gone back to 'wherever' and the summer heat has consigned all that rain to history.

Between making batches of passata, tomato sauce and relish, it is time to plant seeds for autumn planting of winter crops. As you harvest and remove the spent summer plants to the compost, you need to prepare for your autumn planting.

Weed and do **maintenance** on your garden beds, paths, netting and fences. **Remove any spent summer crop plants** especially dead leaves which can carry disease before lightly digging over to **loosen the soil**.

Water to ensure the upper soil layers are moist. Soils can turn hydrophobic over summer. If your soil is very dry, use a soil wetting agent so the water will *actually* penetrate. You can use commercial wetting agents, or use a small squirt of an environmentally friendly dishwashing liquid in a watering can of water. Or you can lightly water as you dig the soil and "massage the water" in to the soil. This works too but takes a heap of effort.

If soil wetting agents are added, leave them to soak in for a short period of time and then water them well in. Repeat applications are often needed.

Spread compost/manure/cane mulch/chook poo pellets over the surface and fork over to mix them into the top 20cm or so of the soil. You can then **mulch** with straw or more cane mulch (worms just love it) to keep in the moisture, warmth and to suppress the weeds. **Leave fallow** until planting your winter crops in February, March, April and or May.

Then plant seedlings in a small hole in the mulch, water in, leaving the mulch back a bit from the plant so snail pellets can be lightly sprinkled on the soil. Sowing direct, pull back the mulch from the row, plant your seeds and leave the mulch as "windbreaks" for the emerging seedlings. The mulch can be pushed back when the crop is big enough. Snail pellets may be needed to protect the tiny seedlings.

Grow vegetable seeds into **seedlings** in February/ March for **transplantation** in April/May.

Gardening with Glenda

What to do in your Garden in Late Summer *continued*

More about growing vegetables from seeds...

I group mine according to similar germination rates.

Brassicas: cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, kale, kohlrabi, Brussel sprouts.

Alliums: Onions and leeks.

The following should be direct sown until April.

Later sowings may bolt in spring before they are harvestable.

Umbellifers: carrots and parsnips, Crucifers: rocket, turnips and swedes,

Chenopods: silver/rainbow beet, beetroot, English spinach,

Legumes: peas and broad beans.

And for the flower garden: Try zuzzing up your garden with some old fashioned flowers like: Canterbury Bells, Candytuft, Cornflowers, Delphiniums (snail pellets needed!!!) Everlasting daisies, Lobelia, Nemesia, Pansies, Snapdragons, Stocks, Flocks, Sweet Peas

The flower seeds I have suggested are all easy to grow, like this climate and provide what my Mum used to call “a good show”.



They are best raised as seedlings to be transplanted out later. You can fill your flower beds/pots with colour very cheaply if you grow from seeds. A flower seed packet with up to 500 seeds can set you back as little as \$1.25 online. I enjoy a hot afternoon spent online choosing flower seeds. Be warned – once you start, it can be addictive as there are some flowers that you just have to try.

Last year I sowed *Canterbury Bells “Cup and Saucer” Mixed* in March, planted out in May, minimal care over winter just quietly grew, started to take off in August (after I stuck pointy twigs around them to discourage snacking by Elvis our resident Brushy who won’t leave the building!), started to flower in October and put on a fine show until New Year. The Bells were outrageous size and in shades of purple, blue, pink and white. I sowed a third of a \$1.25 packet. The seed raising mix was probably 20c worth of a 20 litre bag and the effort was not much but was enjoyable. And I still have plenty of seeds for this year! The plants flop a bit as I find stakes a bit ugly but they do suppress the weeds. They were bigger in the ground but did fine in pots.



WHAT'S NEW AT THE CORINELLA AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR SUMMER 2023



Cartonnage journal cover

10:00am-1:00pm

March 18

\$30 includes all materials.

Cartonnage is the French craft of making fabric covers. No sewing involved. Book through www.trybooking.com/CEUJZ



Budding earth angels

11:00am-1:00pm

Fortnightly - Free

Starting January 10

Gardening, growing, and planting, trading table, permaculture workshop, guest speakers.



Mums & bubs Storytime

2:00pm-3:00pm

Weekly - Free

Starts January 31

For young mums to socialise and engage with their children.



Coffee and chat

10:30-11:30am

Weekly

Starts January 18

Come along and enjoy a cuppa on us, chat with others and share your stories.

Meditation and the blossoming of consciousness

10:00am-11:00am

Gold coin donation

February 14

Learn to access the deeper levels of consciousness. Helping us reclaim the peace in our lives.

Intro to aromatherapy

1:00pm-2:30pm

February 2

\$15pp

Create your own blend and make yourself an essential oil roller. All materials supplied.

You are always welcome to join our regular classes:

Come along to Leadbeater lifters, Meditation, Book Club, Yoga, Pilates, Community Lunch, Crafties, Living Library and Art Group.

Suggestions for new activities are always welcome or maybe you know someone who would like to teach their skill set. Just contact us on 5678 0777.

QUIZ

Answers on page 26

1. Which animal did Bart Simpson take to Australia?
2. Based on total tonnes per year, which three countries produce the most milk?
3. For which two films did David Lean win the Oscar for Best Director?
4. The names of three of the four busiest international airports in the world start with the letter 'H'. Can you name them?
5. The first UN peace keeping mission in 1948 was sent to keep the peace between which two countries?
6. A founding member of The United Nations, which island country lost its UN membership in 1971?
7. Which North American Indian word for a string of white beads, starting with the letter 'W', was used in many a Hollywood western?
8. If you're on a boat called "Maid of the Mist" you're looking at which of natural spectacle?
9. The flags of which three countries consist of a solid background with a single circle on it?
10. Which two Germans have been voted Footballer of the year in England?
11. What was the most lucrative export, quite literally an end product, for many west coast South American countries in the 19th century?
12. George Mallory, who some claim may have been the first man to conquer Mt Everest, is credited with which famous three word reply?
13. Who was the first woman to hit the charts with the song 'Bang Bang (My Baby Shot Me Down)'?
14. Which island country is the most westerly part of Africa?
15. Which epic movie, based on a real historical character, was the only film to have won the Oscar for Best Picture without a single female speaking role?
16. The registration plate for which famous vehicle reads "SCV 1"?
17. Nicknamed the "Eighth Wonder of the World", what was the name of the famous room or chamber in the Catherine Palace near Saint Petersburg which mysteriously disappeared during World War Two?
18. What were the names of the Titanic's two sister ships which ended with the letters 'ic'?
19. Liberty 1 was the name of the ill-fated space ship in which popular 1968 science fiction film?
20. Ukrainian Sergey Bubka is best known for record setting in which sporting field?



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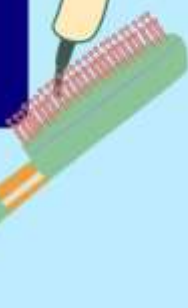


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The Wonthaggi Fixit Café will be open at the Wonthaggi Harvest Centre on Feb 19.

The Wonthaggi Fixit Café is a joint initiative of Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and The Mens' Shed program.

You'll need to book and it's a great place to have a cuppa while volunteer experts use their skills to give a new lease of life to broken household items.

For details ring **(03) 5672 3731**



Remembering Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner



“The tragic hanging of Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner on January 20, 1842 is a horrific part of our history, and we need to acknowledge this.” said Uncle Anthony Egan, Traditional Owner, Bunurong / Trawlwoolway

On January 20th The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network (BCRN) facilitated a commemoration of the public execution of these two Tasmanian Aboriginal men.

They had been convicted of the murder of two whale-hunters and were the first people hanged in Melbourne. At the time they were labelled ‘blood thirsty outlaws’ but are now recognised as resistance fighters.

The lethal encounter with the whalers happened at Coal Point (now part of Harmers Haven) and the men evaded capture for several weeks before being captured around dawn on the outskirts of what is now Wonthaggi.

The Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group (BCSGRG) is affiliated with the BCRN and initiated the commemoration of Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner some years ago by writing a dramatized narrative of the trial and performing it annually in Wonthaggi from 2018 to 2021 to raise awareness of the injustice.

BCSGRG member, Mary Mutsaers says that “We need to recognise our history and bring people together, move forward with greater understanding of our shared humanity and committing to working collaboratively for equality and social justice.”



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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. 📞 000

The Orange Door in Inner Gippsland 📞 1800 319 354
For adults, children and young people 🌐 www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au
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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.

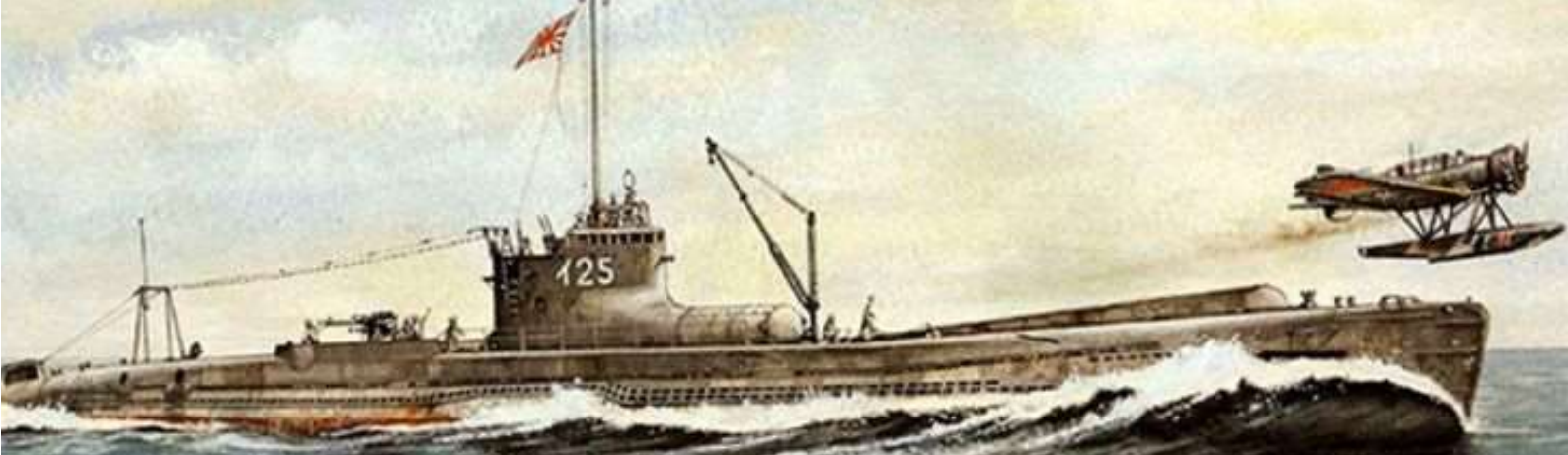
Given the lack of political will to address the problem of sand mining in the Western Port Woodlands, this is our best chance to achieve significant change.

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](#).

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



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

February 26 1942:

Before dawn on February 26th 1942 Japanese submarine I-25 surfaced off the northern tip of King Island in Bass Strait. The crew quickly assembled a small reconnaissance plane that was stored in a watertight compartment in front of the conning tower.

With two crew snug in the tiny plane it flew off along a ramp on the sub's deck. The sub submerged and the pilot and observer headed for Melbourne.

They flew north using lighthouses as landmarks and followed the coastline to emerge from heavy cloud over the Laverton RAAF base at 6:45am.

Several planes were scrambled but the plane disappeared back into the clouds.

The plane then flew over Port Melbourne then St Kilda, Brighton and Sandringham. The crew used Cape Schanck lighthouse as marker to set course for Sale.

After crossing Gippsland and Bass Strait it landed next to the sub and a crane hoisted the plane on deck for disassembly and storage as per the above painting.

Though army reserve units mobilised and troops were sent to Wilsons Prom, reports of a Japanese plane flying over Glen Alvie and San Remo were suppressed until after the war ended.

Media release



Victorian Electoral Commission

Throughout 2023–24, 39 Victorian local councils will undergo electoral structure reviews, with round one reviews for 12 rural shire councils starting in early Feb. Bass Coast will be reviewed later in the year though the actual timing hasn't been released yet.

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) introduced several changes, including that all small and large rural shire councils must now have electoral structures that are either unsubdivided, subdivided with single-councillor wards, or multi-councillor wards with an equal number of councillors per ward.

The reviews will be conducted by independent electoral representation advisory panels. Under the Act, the Electoral Commissioner (or delegate) must be a member of a panel.

'The panels will consider if councils have an appropriate number of councillors and whether they should be one large unsubdivided area or subdivided into wards,' Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately said. 'If the council will be subdivided, the panel will look at how many wards the council should have, the number of councillors in each ward, ward boundaries and ward names.'



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- ☐ Skin diseases
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- ☐ Marma point massage

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QUIZ Answers: 1. A bullfrog. 2. India, USA, China. 3. The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957) and Lawrence of Arabia (1962). 4. Hartsfield (Arizona), Heathrow (London) and Haneda (Tokyo). 5. Israel and Palestine. 6. Taiwan (Formosa or Republic of China). 7. Wampum. 8. Niagra Falls. 9. Bangladesh, Japan and Palau. 10. Bert Trautmann and Jurgen Klinsmann. 11. Guana or bird droppings. 12. “Because it’s there” in reply to the question “Why do you want to climb Mt. Everest?” 13. Cher. 14. Cape Verde. 15. Lawrence of Arabia. 16. The ‘Popemobile’. 17. The Amber Room (or Amber Chamber). 18. Britannic and Olympic. 19. Planet of the Apes. 20. Pole Vault.



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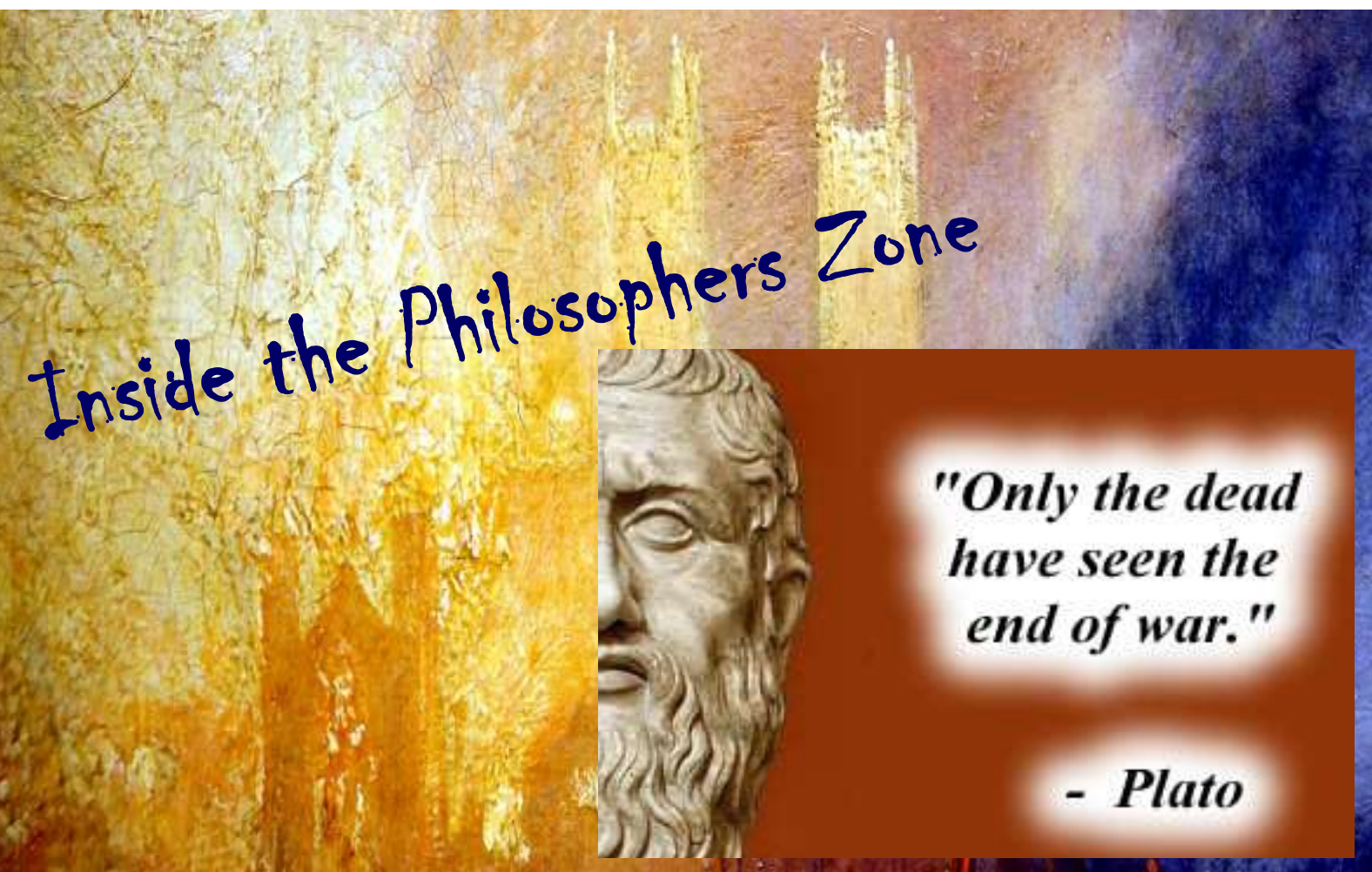
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Photo Quiz Answers

- 1/ Corinella
- 2/ French Island
- 3/ Inverloch
- 4/ Tenby Point
- 5/ French Island



The Café at the State Coalmine in Wonthaggi has closed. No details are available about a new tenant.





Rotary Club
of Wonthaggi



Wonthaggi Rotary Club hosted their annual
Community Service Award Ceremony at the

Union Theatre on January 26th. Many worthy recipients were celebrated. Inspiring guest speakers made stirring speeches and great entertainment and food added to the experience. Rotary does a huge amount of community work and, as their messages on 3mfm say, they are always looking for more members to do more work. Email via <https://www.rotaryclubwonthaggi.org.au/>

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

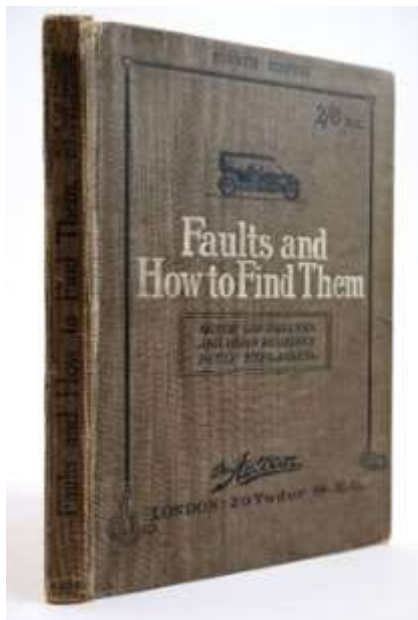
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FAULTS AND HOW TO FIND THEM

Passengers thrown from their seats when travelling over rough roads ... Remedy? Apply shock absorbers.

Christmas Day 2022. Wrapped, it looked like just another DVD though the aroma of old paper hinted at something special, something tasty. Unwrapped I was delighted to hold a relic from the age of crank handles and running boards.

Written in 1915 by J S V Bickford, BA, this book gave “automobilists” a systematic method to fix their malfunctioning vehicle.

Starting with ‘Car stops on road’ Bickford identified 180 faults and nearly 1200 symptoms with remedial actions.

There are pages of gritty advice though some of the analysis, such as ‘with the motor running remove a spark plug’, now reads more like a recipe for reckless self-harm than car repair.

Over the yule break I had plenty of time to read through the remedies. I was surprised that many of them are still relevant to single cylinder engines such as lawn mowers. The last few pages carried period advertising. On offer were many essential ‘add ons’ such as mud guards, speedometers and Burberry weather proof Motor Coats.

Above an advert for the Autocar (*The Leading Motor Paper- available on thin paper for a penny or art paper for thruppence*) I spotted an ad for BEDFORD CARS with “exclusive, dainty and practical designs available in 50 styles”. They proudly advised that the Bedford office had four telephone lines, could be contacted by telegram and was also the HQ of General Motors (Europe).

Bedford trucks are rightly famous as strong and reliable workhorses that have been manufactured by Vauxhall, the British arm of GM, since 1931. But a Bedford car? in 1915? Mmm, that doesn’t make sense.

Over the next few days, I went down a delightful google rabbit warren and discovered that nearly a thousand Buick chassis had been built in Canada from American parts. These were exported to England where locally built bodies were fitted and sold as Bedford-Buicks.

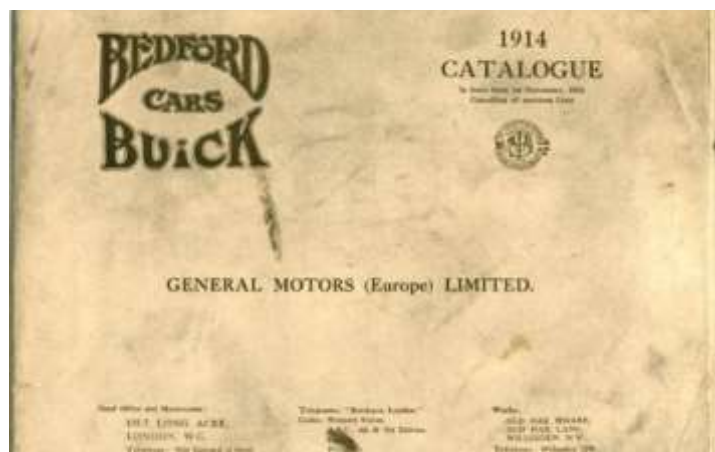
The Canadian connection avoided the import duties imposed on American vehicles entering Britain.

The chassis was a great base for ambulances which were in high demand as the war in Europe escalated. Most of the ambulances used by British forces were Bedford Buicks. After the war many were donated to ambulance services across the United Kingdom. A few made it to Australia and served the civilian population well into the late 1920s, such was the stamina built into these vehicles.

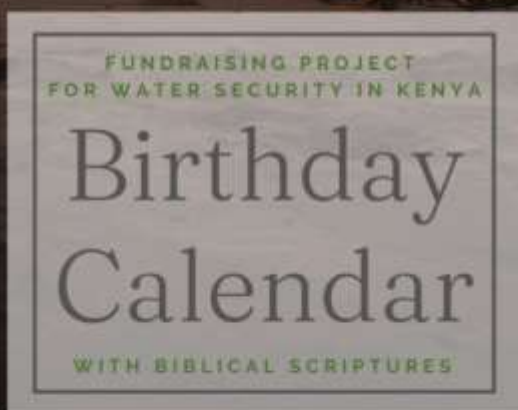
‘FAULTS AND HOW TO FIND THEM’ certainly is the gift that keeps on giving.

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IMAGES OF BASS COAST



No one wants to forget important anniversaries and birthdays. Grace Chapel at Archies Creek have come up with a great way to keep track and contribute to the welfare of people in a desperate situation.

This calendar can be used for entering significant dates to remember from year to year. It shows the dates and not the days of the week so you can use it for many years. It only costs **\$25 plus postage** and all profit will assist in building a water bore.

Grace Chapel has spent tens of thousands of dollars feeding the most vulnerable people in Kenya since the pandemic started and is now drilling a water bore to supply clean water for drinking and growing crops for thousands of families for years, perhaps decades, to come.

People may choose to donate more to the cause, Grace Chapel is accepting donations while the drill is turning.

To order your calendar or donate, phone or text 0432 189 911 or

email: calendar@gracechapel.org.au



<https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/urban-forest>
HAVE YOUR SAY . . .

Bass Coast Shire Council is developing its first Draft Urban Forest Strategy to plan how we will continue to grow and look after our urban forest. The urban forest comprises all of the trees and other vegetation in our urban area. It includes street and park trees but also trees and vegetation in backyards, **along waterways**, in industrial areas, and in **conservation areas**.

Its easy and you have till February 20 to have your voice heard. Just cut and paste the link or google 'Bass Coast Shire Urban Forest.

<https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/urban-forest>

UNIVERSAL SOLDIER

By Buffy Sainte Marie. Written five decades ago in 1963.

He's five foot-two and he's six feet-four
He fights with missiles and with spears
He's all of 31 and he's only 17
Been a soldier for a thousand years
He's a Catholic, a Hindu, an Atheist, a Jain
A Buddhist, and a Baptist, and a Jew
And he knows he shouldn't kill
And he knows he always will
Kill you for me, my friend, and me for you
And he's fighting for Canada
He's fighting for France
He's fighting for the USA
And he's fighting for the Russians
And he's fighting for Japan
And he thinks we'll put an end to war this way
And he's fighting for Democracy
He's fighting for the Reds
He says it's for the peace of all
He's the one who must decide
Who's to live and who's to die
And he never sees the writing on the wall
But without him
How would Hitler have condemned them at Labau?
Without him Caesar would have stood alone
He's the one who gives his body as a weapon of the war
And without him all this killing can't go on
He's the Universal Soldier and he really is to blame
His orders come from far away no more
They come from here and there and you and me
And brothers, can't you see?
This is not the way we put the end to war

