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The Waterline News - December

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Welcome to the December edition of The Waterline News, our fourth and the final edition for the year.

The good news is that we will be having a January edition which is expected to be out around the 16th and we will be expanding to 20 pages with a number of new features.

This month is jam packed with news from everywhere and again there are a number of things which have been held over until January when we have more space.

A number of people have mentioned functions and events which have been on and not appeared in The Waterline News so far, to which the answer is that we have included details of all events that have been forwarded to us, we can only print what we receive.

We are very pleased with the level of community involvement we have received over the first four months and which continues to increase each issue.

If you are a member of a group and your contact details are not included yet get onto your Committee to send us the details for inclusion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone associated with the launch of The Waterline News, my loyal proof readers, advertisers who have supported our first four editions, and our readers and contributors who have given us such a positive reception Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year to all, back in January.



Roger Clark Editor

STOP PRESS

The Grantville Christmas in the Park, washed out by rain on December 7 has been re-scheduled to Sunday DECEMBER 21 at 5.00pm

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Vice President - Kat Cox
Secretary - Kath Hopkins
Treasurer - Sylvia Harris

General Committee members:

Christopher Nagle, Chris Cox, Barbara Loach and Thien Tran.

Membership is \$10 per annum and can be paid to Treasurer Sylvia Harris at the Grantville Post Office.

New members are always welcome and tea and coffee is served at the conclusion of the meeting.

The next meeting of the Grantville & District Ratepayers & Residents Association will be held on Friday January 30, 2015 at 7pm in the Grantville Hall.

This will be the Annual General Meeting, more details in our January issue.

CORONET BAY NEWS

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Down on the foreshore on New Year's Eve, we will once again have our annual fireworks show. There will be rides for the kids and fun items to purchase, and in addition to our very own sausage sizzle, food stalls selling pizza, paella, donuts and coffee, not to mention sno cones and Italian gelato.

The feature of the night will be, by popular demand, local band ROCKHOUSE. Things kick off around 6pm and culminate with the fireworks at around 9.30pm.

A gold coin donation is suggested on arrival.

CORONET BAY MARKET

The last Coronet Bay Market did not go quite as planned due to the very heavy rain on the Saturday before the Melbourne Cup. Most of the stallholders who arrived chose not to stay but a few were able to set up in the Coronet Bay hall. As the weather started to clear people began to arrive and a very pleasant, rather intimate morning followed. The Bay Café was open albeit with a limited menu and everyone enjoyed listening to "No Strings Attached". The CWA sold out of cakes and the other stall holders went away quite happy. The next Coronet Bay Market will be held on the first Saturday in January - the 3rd, from 9am to 1pm. There will be lots of stalls including "the shed" (which wasn't open last time) where you can often pick up a great bargain. The sausage sizzle will be on as usual as well as the spinning wheel with prizes of fantastic meat trays.

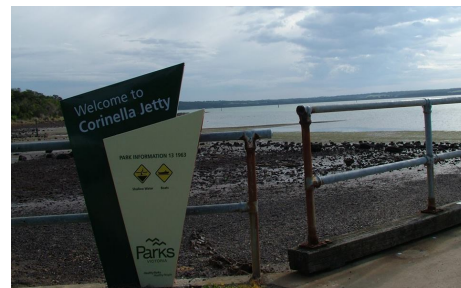
And of course the Bay Café if you want to have a nice morning tea or lunch. This is located inside the hall and serves all sorts of delicacies such as scones or cookies, a pulled pork and coleslaw roll or falafel wraps, not to mention some of the old but great standards, like egg and bacon sandwiches with free range eggs. Come in and check out the

menu—it is all freshly prepared. Copious Coffee will be coming too .

The fabulous local duo "No Strings Attached" who never fail to captivate, will be there for your enjoyment while enjoying a delicious morning tea.

CORINELLA NEWS

The building that holds the heart of all small towns "The Local Hall"



Communities worked tirelessly not only to build but to maintain the part of the town that all residents have something in common with. The good times and remembering functions at the local hall are held dearly in community member's hearts.

It may have been a notable birthday, a wedding of a friend, a dance or a community fundraiser for one cause or another. It was the basis of the social society throughout the past decades. Today the Corinella Hall supports local organisations and groups such as seniors, dance, karate and church groups.

Originally situated on Barker Street Corinella the hall burnt down in 1965. The township was lost without its meeting place. The community worked tirelessly from that point to raise money to have it rebuilt, conducting fundraising functions at resident's homes such as card nights and progressive dinners.

In the early 1970's a new site was chosen on the Harold Hughes Reserve.

In 1974 the Shire Council convened a meeting at the Corinella primary school to elect a Committee of Management with the official opening held on January 24th 1975

Corinella Hall continues to be run by a volunteer Committee of Management. The Committee this year has completed the kitchen upgrade with a new oven, dishwasher and cabinetry and a beautiful new kitchen floor. This will provide the community with up to date kitchen facilities with over 5 weddings already booked in. Corinella Hall is used regularly by many groups including Seniors, Church, Karate, Dance, Historical Society, Zumba and Probus.

Again we will be holding our very successful Twilight Market and CarBoot Sale on Friday January 2nd in the Harold Hughes reserve. Bookings essential as space will be limited. \$10 per car space plus a limited number of tables available at \$10. Sausage sizzles, produce stall and a jumping castle will be there and the rest is up to you.

Contact Paula to book your space at the Corinella General Store on: 5678 0245.

Barbara Oates (President)

Health



By John Turner

Christmas Should be a Time of Joy and Peace - Don't let it become a time of tragedy

Christmas is a time for families but it is also one of the most dangerous times of the year. Most notable is the increase in traffic accidents, a fact which is well publicised every year. What is not so well appreciated are the risks that arise from the cocktail of excitement, stress, tiredness and alcohol which creates unexpected hazards in the home at Christmas. Alarming, there is a significant increase in

- Accidental poisonings
- Accidents and falls in the home
- Choking incidents and the accidental swallowing of dangerous items
- Home fires
- Alcohol poisoning and drug overdoses
- Depression and Suicides
- Homicides and assaults

So here are some tips to avoid a trip to the Hospital A & E Department this Christmas

Kitchen Accidents

Keep others out of the kitchen, especially children. Do not drink alcohol while cooking and wipe up any spills as soon as they occur so that people do not slip.

The Christmas tree and Fairy Lights

Use a small step ladder if necessary to attach the decorations and do not buy a tree so large that you have to cut it. You would be surprised how many people get injured lopping off a part of a Christmas tree. Test lights before putting them up and don't overload electric sockets. Turn off the fairy lights at night to avoid potential fire risks. Keep fairy lights out of reach of young children and do not leave any loose bulbs around for the children to pick up.

Decorations and Candles

It is mostly children who are at risk from broken glass decorations, novelty decorations that do not comply with toy safety regulations and candles or tea lights.

Keep glass and other breakable decorations and novelty items out of reach of children. Always place candles or tea lights inside an appropriate container and never put them on a Christmas tree.

Presents

It is surprising how many people stab themselves with scissors or knives either opening presents carelessly or trying to assemble a toy with them when they should have been using a screwdriver. Tripping over toys and electric cables while enthusiastically trying out a new computer or other appliance is also a common occurrence.

Take your time, be prepared with a screwdriver or other tools and clear away packaging immediately after opening (and recycle!).

Poisoning

At Christmas you may have children or grandchildren present who do not visit often. Make sure toxic substances are not accessible by children, if necessary, fit child proof locks on cupboards and draws.

Salmonella food poisoning is more frequent at Christmas and poultry is generally the cause. Don't wash the Turkey, it is not necessary, cook it well and do not keep it beyond 2 days after cooking.

If you buy Christmas plants check with the garden centre whether they are toxic and if they are, keep them away from children.

Alcohol & Stress

Stressful situations and alcohol can be a deadly combination. Lack of sleep and the stress of a house full of guests can simply be too much for some people.

Try to get some 'time out' when you can relax. If a situation becomes unbearable or you find yourself getting angry try to remove yourself from the immediate situation, if possible talk to a trusted third party. If you are feeling totally overwhelmed there are organizations such as Lifeline that can assist.

Alcohol reduces your awareness of risks so don't consume alcohol in situations where the risks are significant. - **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.**

Final Word

Finally, if you do not have a safety first kit at home it is good advice to get one for those minor accidents. Make sure you are familiar with using the kit, especially how to treat burns and cuts and abrasions. If you do not know basic CPR find out if there are family members or nearby friends who do know, it could be the difference between life and death of someone dear to you.

Christmas is a time of family reunion, celebration and for some, religious contemplation. Keep it safe and have an enjoyable time. Don't allow your Christmas to be ruined by accidents and destructive emotions that are avoidable by taking a few simple preventative steps.



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GRANTVILLE AMBULANCE AUXILIARY

The Grantville Ambulance Auxiliary are moving forward again with fundraising to provide the Grantville Ambulance Station with operational and training equipment above and beyond what is provided by the government.

The recent AGM has seen a change in the committee. We welcome Anthea Chester as President, and Peter Shearer and Jane Hendtlass as Vice Presidents. Vicki Clark and Barrie Stewart remain in their positions as Treasurer and Secretary.

You will notice our volunteers around during the New Year, working to raise funds by holding raffles, manning BBQs, shaking collection tins just to name a few things.

2015 is planned to be our biggest fundraising year ever.

Join in and help us make your local Grantville Ambulance Station and Paramedics amongst the best equipped and trained in Victoria.

For enquiries about becoming a Grantville Ambulance Auxiliary member contact Barrie Stewart on 0417 336 979

Anthea Chester - President



Community Notes



Send us your Community Group Notices by 1st each month

BASS COAST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH 0402 065 852
1493 Bass Highway Grantville
Meets Sundays 4.30pm then dinner.
Op Shop open Mon-Fri 10am -4pm,
Saturday 10am -1pm
Contact for service details and op shop
Pastor Isle Schmidt

BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Mon-Thur 9am -3.30 pm
Friday 9am-3pm
Op Shop open 6 days Monday - Saturday
Check Hours 5678 2277

BASS COAST COMMUNITY HEALTH Cancer Support Group
Corinella Community Centre
2nd Tuesday each month 10am-12noon
\$2 Entry
Contact Peter Bekers
5678 1150 or 0417 157 144

BASS VALLEY LIONS CLUB
Op Shop situated at the Grantville Garden Supplies
Open 5 days Monday-Saturday
Phone 5678 8357

CORINELLA BOWLING CLUB Inc.
Friday Twilight Bowls
Register by 5pm with games commencing at 5.30pm,
Members, beginners and families welcome.

Food & drinks available.
Contact Patti Scammell 5678 0191

CORINELLA & DISTRICT ELDERLY CITIZENS CLUB
Monday & Thursdays 1.00pm Corinella Hall
Contact Margaret 5678 0716

CORINELLA & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB
1st Wednesday each month except January
Contact Trish Thick 5678 1071

CORINELLA PLAYGROUP
0-4 year olds Friday mornings 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.
Contact Christine Keeble 0413 837 597

CORONET BAY ADULT SOCIAL CLUB Tuesday nights
7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall
Contact Ann 5678 0341

CORONET BAY PLAYGROUP
For 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

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Coronet Bay Meets at Corinella Community Centre
1pm Third Monday of each month
Contact Faye 5678 8366
Rosemary 5997 5827

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Grantville Meets at the Grantville Hall 12-3pm
Second Monday each month
Contact Judy 5678 8553 or
Gwenda 5997 6372

GRANTVILLE & DISTRICT AMBULANCE AUXILIARY
Contact Secretary
Barrie Stewart 5657 7336

GRANTVILLE & DISTRICT BUSINESS & TOURISM ASSOCIATION
President Lucy Cirona 0418 504 537

GRANTVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP
1st and 3rd Mondays
Grantville Hall 12noon-2.30pm
Contact Secretary - Diane on 5678 8828

GRANTVILLE & DISTRICT RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Contact Secretary Kathleen Hopkins 5678 8327

GRANTVILLE & DISTRICT FORESHORE COMMITTEE
Contact Roger Hayhurst 0416 061 400

GRANTVILLE RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE
Contact Neville Goodwin 5657 7245

ST PAULS ANGLICAN CHURCH Bass
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Rev Greg Magee 5952 2608

ST GEORGES ANGLICAN CHURCH
Corinella
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Saturday 9am- 12.30pm

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Bruce Campbell on 5678 8210

Around the Community Centres & Markets

Corinella & District Community Centre
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Office Hours 10am-4pm Mon-Fri

BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP Inc.

Bass School Road Bass 3991
Centre Manager
Roderick McIvor
Phone 5678 2277



The Bass Valley Community Centre is getting ready to wind down for the year. We won't be closed for long over the festive season, but we are taking time off from 19th December and coming back on Monday 5th January.

The first Community Bus Service for 2015 is on Tuesday Jan 6.

Geneology Club resumes on Monday Jan 12.

HACC Friendship Club resumes Monday Jan 12.

Occasional Child Care resumes Tuesday Jan 27.

The Hadden House Opportunity Shop will be open right through, with the exception of Sundays and public holidays. High up on the list of our aspirations for the New Year is to get more members for our HACC Friendship Club. If you are, or you know of, someone who finds themselves needing to get out and about give us a call on 5678 2277. We cater for older persons and younger people living with disabilities. You may know of someone or have a relative who finds that they can't get around to seeing other people socially any more. Our bus will come and pick them up on Monday or Wednesday morning and bring them to Bass. When they arrive we will greet them with a snack and a morning cuppa. We have a range of activities from guessing games/quizzes, light exercise and a wide selection of excursions throughout the year. We also have lunch each time prepared in our kitchen by our wonderful volunteer cooks. So give us a call, we'd be happy to hear from you. And talking of next year, keep Sunday 22 February 2015 clear in your diaries. We are planning our Bass Country Music day for that day. Keep your eyes peeled for further information closer to the time. We wish all in the community a very happy and relaxed festive season and look forward to catching up with everyone again in the New Year for a great year in 2015.



MARKETS



Every Sunday Kongwak Market
Retro stalls, food, vegetables, curries, Coffee.

Enquiries Jane 0417 142 478

1st Saturday

Sth Gippsland Farmer's Market
Koonwarra 0408 619 182

Archies Creek Indoor Market

Community Hall

Enquiries info@archiescreek.com

2nd Saturday

Coal Creek Farmer's Market

coalcreekfm@hotmail.com

Phone Contact 0459 629 000

3rd Saturday

Prom Country Farmer's Market

Foster Contact 0407 543 371

4th Saturday

Churchill Island Farmer's Market

information contact: 5664 0096

1st Sunday

Jumbunna Bush Market

Jumbunna Hall Enquiries 5657 32533

Koowee Community Market

Indoor/outdoor 0418 289 847

Email: info@kooweemarket.com.au

2nd Sunday

Rotary Market Wonthaggi

Apex Park 8am - 1pm

Contact Neville Goodwin 5672 7245

or Garry Sherrick 5672 5812

3rd Sunday

Inverloch Farmers Market 5664 0096

4th Sunday

Grantville Market

(Weather permitting)

Contact for details 5997 6221

**Your market not here?
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the month
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LANG LANG COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Would like to wish everyone a
safe and happy Christmas**

The Community Centre closes over the
Christmas/New Year.

Last day for 2014: Friday December
19th and reopens for business on

Thursday January 22 2015.

Classes and activities will commence in
February.

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Contact Coordinators Michelle or Marg
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Community Diary

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Sunday December 21

Phillip Island Jazz Club
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The South Gippsland Jazz
Society—Inverloch Jazz
Club is in recess until
February.

Details of their February gig will be in the
January edition of The Waterline News

Wednesday December 31

New Years Eve on the Foreshore at Coronet
Bay. Local band Rockhouse get things
going from 6pm. Fireworks aprox 9.30pm
Gold coin donation requested on arrival

Friday January 2

Corinella Twilight Market & Car Boot Sale
4pm-8pm. \$10 per car space, more for
larger area. Limited tables for hire. Please
contact Paula to book a site: 5678 0245

WOOLAMAI RACING CLUB 2014 - 2015 CALENDAR



Thursday January 1
Saturday January 17
Saturday February 7
(Cup)
Saturday February 21
Saturday March 14

Saturday January 3

Coronet Bay Market at the Coronet Bay
Reserve 9am - 1pm
Big variety of stalls, bargain shed will be
open, sausage sizzle, spinning wheel and
much more.

Enjoy a great brunch at the Bay Café too

Saturday January 3

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
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to enter and supper is provided.
The first UNPLUGGED of the year is
always very popular so get there early!

Monday January 26

Pioneer Bay Aussie BBQ Bash
Daisy Avenue Reserve 12noon - 2pm
FREE Live Music
Celebrating 5 years of Free Live Oz Rock

Friday January 30

Moe-Latrobe Jazz Club—Moe RSL
8-11pm. Will feature 'Rampart Street'
led by Dave Drummond.
Enquiries Bruce Lawn 5174 3516

JAZZ RADIO 24/7



Jazzology Radio founder Peter Cowden

The idea for an internet Traditional Jazz/
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A very successful businessman had a meeting
with his new son-in-law. I welcome you into the
family," said the man. "To show you how much
we care for you, I am making you a 50-50 partner
in my business. All you have to do is go to the
factory everyday and learn the operation." The
son-in-law interrupted. "I hate factories. I
can't stand the noise." "I see." replied the father-
in-law, "Well, then you'll work in the office and
take charge of some of the operations." "I hate
office work," said the son-in-law. "I can't stand
being stuck behind a desk." "Wait a minute," said
the father-in-law. "I just made you half owner of
a money-making industry, but you don't like
factories, and won't work in an office. What am I
going to do with you?" "Easy," said the son-in-
law. "Buy me out."

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Out and About

LEST WE FORGET



Terry Salmon, Roderick McIvor, Isle Schmidt, Ernie Lacey, Matt (from HMAS Cerberus) and Cr. Clare Le Serve .

As the bugler (Mathew from H.M.A.S. Cerberus) sounded the Last Post at Grantville it brought to the conclusion of another successful Remembrance Day Service.

The Service was attended by 70 people and was led by Terry Salmon, President of Bass Valley Friends of the R.S.L. Cr Clare Le Serve gave a short speech followed by Roderick McIvor who also gave a speech and some anecdotes from his Grandfather's diary. The prayer was led by Pastor Isle Schmidt and people were then invited to take part in light refreshments in the Transaction Centre

If you would like to join the Bass Valley Friends of the R.S.L. please contact Terry Salmon on 0418179890

We are also seeking information about the names on the Cenotaph; if anyone has any photo we could copy or memorabilia we could also photograph or copy for the ANZAC Centenary please contact Trish Thick on 0409851599.

CORONET BAY

Only a handful of people stayed on after Tai Chi and Garden Club at Coronet Bay on Remembrance Day to see the flag lowering ceremony but it was an important part of their day and their local community.



NEW MARU EXHIBIT OPEN



The new dinosaur playroom area opened recently at Maru Park includes large indoor play equipment, a new alfresco deck area and interactive display panels.

The displays provide information in four languages about dinosaurs and other fossils found locally in the Bass Coast area and about the Dinosaur Dreaming project which has carried out many annual fossil digs locally.

This project would not have been possible without the support of the T-Qual Grants Program that funded high quality projects which develop innovative and strategic tourism products and experiences through joint investment. In July 2013 Minister Assisting for Tourism, Senator Don Farrell announced 89 successful applicants Australia wide under the \$8.5 million 2013 round of T-QUAL grants program, of which Maru was one. Maru invested over \$180,000 into this project which included the T-Qual grant of \$67,810.

"This is only the first stage completed" said Project Manager Neroli Heffer "and next year we hope to further enhance the experience with large dinosaur figures and interactive and computer style games inside the playroom area. It was important to us to educate our visitors about the dinosaur and other fossils found right here in Bass Coast that many have never heard about," she said.

BASS COAST STROLLERS

Bass Coast Strollers, a local walking group, is calling all those interested in enjoying our beautiful surrounds whilst improving our health, both physically and mentally. Our weekly walks held within the Bass Coast region and are between 8kms – 12 kms over varying terrain.

Bass Coast Strollers celebrating Cup Day at Woolamai Walking Track



Bass Coast Strollers caters for people of different abilities, by offering a short option of around 4 kms, as well as the longer option. We meet around 8.45am on Mondays, and usually finish around lunchtime. Throughout the year, camps are offered for those members wishing to experience walks in a different area, and are usually 3 – 4 night stays. The group, not only enjoys the outdoors but many other social functions as well. If this is for you, please call Jan on 0419990313.

GIVE A DOG A HOME



Ever thought of sharing your home with a retired greyhound?

Many people in the Bass Coast shire, and in fact right across Australia, have done so for the first time over the last couple of years and are wondering why they waited so long.

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PROWLER PROOF

Personality of the Month

NATASHA WILLIAMS - NOVAK

By Catherine Watson



NATASHA Williams-Novak's friends treasure the cards she sends for celebrations and other occasions: the simplest of line drawings that perfectly capture the essence of a seagull, a person or a scene.

It's a hard-won simplicity, refined from decades of practising and thinking about art. It also reflects her personality: one part a flamboyant wild child of the 1960s; three parts deeply serious and analytical about her art.

She's been creating art all of her life. Growing up in Liberec, Czechoslovakia, she started making Christmas cards and the habit has continued. She went to a special art school to learn to design costume jewellery (Gablonz, in Bohemia, is world famous for its costume jewellery) and metal engraving. However, she soon tired of the fiddliness of engraving and started working as a window dresser. On the side, she was also doing cartoons for the local newspaper.

What she really wanted was to go to the art academy but that was impossible in the Communist state of Czechoslovakia because her mother was an escapee to the west, living in Melbourne, and her father, to whom she was very close, had been jailed for political dissidence. "He was in jail for two years then had to do another two years' manual labour. It almost killed him. When he came out, he couldn't hold anything, his hands shook so much."

Her life must have been harrowing, but she speaks of it with equanimity. The state was oppressive but her own life revolved around art, friends and having fun. And it was at a nightclub one night that she met a man who promised he could get her a passport so she could leave Czechoslovakia.

The passport duly arrived and in 1965, aged 22, Natasha arrived in Melbourne. She lived with her mother in East Brighton and got a job making labels on a pantograph for a small engraving firm in the city. "Because I couldn't speak English, I used to make mistakes. All the rejects went into this apron. I was like a pregnant kangaroo at the end of the day.

"When you do a menial job like that all day, it affects your thinking. I used to go by bus from Brighton and go back by bus. I was exhausted. I was pretty much alone in Australia and without the language.

"It was a very hard time, not because of Australia but because of my mother. I was thinking sometimes it was would be easier to swim out into the sea."

She went away for Easter and when she came back there was someone more suited to operating a pantograph machine. It proved to be a happy sacking: she went to the Immigration Office and they got her a new job at the PMG (Post Master General, forerunner of Australia Post and Telecom) as a retoucher in the photographic section.

And there her real life began again. "I had an eagle eye. Everyone was awfully nice to me. I made some good friends."

An English sculptor called Jim Rowe, who worked in her office, used to take her to visit his family in Ferntree Gully at the weekends. She joined the Ferntree Gully Art Society and it was to play an important role in her artistic career. She later held many exhibitions there and became the society's president.

In 1966 she joined the Victorian Artists Society and befriended Noel Counihan and Jock Frater. By then she was living in East Melbourne and working in Spring Street. She had mastered English by reading newspapers and translating them. Later she obtained her degree at the Phillip Institute, a predecessor of RMIT.

The only time she stopped creating art was when she had her three children in rapid succession, but she took it up again after about eight years. "I needed art," Natasha says. "I need to do it constantly."

Later, the family started coming down to Phillip island, and she discovered a new love: boogie boarding, which she continues to this day. For years the family camped on a friends' farm at Ventnor until nine years ago she decided she really didn't need to live in the city any more and shifted down full time.

To tell you the truth, she confides, the kind of art she likes isn't being made much any more, so she doesn't mind being out of the Melbourne mainstream. She names some of her favourite artists: Ian Fairweather, Colin McCahon, Tony Tuckson, Joy Hester, John Olsen, Alan Mittleman, Rover Thomas and Emily Kame Kngwarreye.

Since moving to the island, she's also been thrilled to discover some local artists whose work she likes very much, including John Adams and Peter Walker.

"I was listening to the radio the other day and they were talking about a new stream of music called slow music, like slow food.

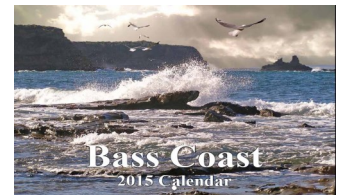
What happens in music usually happens in art. I hope there will be some slow art happening, art that doesn't happen overnight, or by a lucky accident, but comes after many years of working and thinking and analysing and evaluating."

Away from the city, she's doing lots of painting and print making. "When I have a block in painting, I go to my graphic work. I can always make prints and free myself up that way."

Life on the island is good. She's joined the local chess club ("lots of really bright, funny old guys. I love it"), the boogie boarding season is fast approaching and she's agreed to be the Bass Coast Post's cartoonist.

Catherine Watson is the founder and editor of the Bass Coast Post online and is also an extremely talented writer.

Look for more of Catherine's stories and Natasha's cartoons at: www.basscoastpost.com



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Why I live in Tenby Point

A Poem



The morning breaks as I look out onto the morning sky.

The windmill is still but the birds are starting to wake.

Everything is silent and still before the start of the day, such a magical time.

The blackbird starts to make himself heard along with the Indian miners and rooster far away.

Looks to be a warm day as I rise to prepare for the day.

Cup of tea to start before the dog is fed and walked.

No one is around as we walk to the gate all is quiet, such a precious time of day.

Rabbits quickly dart around trying to hide themselves from possible chase.

The song of birds starts to arise as we make our way up our road.

Roses are starting to bud, bulbs are now finished and await another year.

Mint bushes are in full bloom and look quite splendid in their royal blue as do the flowering gums adding a canopy to the bracken and grasses beneath.

Such a mixture of gardens to be enjoyed as we continue to our beach.

We could be out in the bush with the indigenous and natives or maybe up in the Dandenong's with the foxgloves and irises and then there is the cottage garden with its lavender and deep blue irises.

We have our ponds that attract the ducks, such a delight when families appear and frogs are not alone in the low lying areas nearby, they have their own home in Frogs Gully

The dead trees attract a great perch for the birds along with the power lines for the kookaburras and other birds on which to perch.

Doves can be heard cooing through the bush and bronze wings sighted thru the trees.

Down we walk to our beach, the tide is half out giving us space to walk and enjoy the view over to French Island and beyond to Grantville and Pioneer Bay.

The water is calm and tranquil as we walk down to cave rock, a fisherman casts his line "nothing biting this morning" as we pass by and continue our way up thru the bush and follow the track along the farmers fence back from where we came.

There he goes! The wombat scurries along the paddock past the water hole looking for food and home as I tell my dog to hold on back lest he gets stuck down a mighty hole!

The path meanders thru the bush along the fence whilst the odd rabbit quickly scurries into the bracken.

This dog is too slow to catch but sniff he can!

Now we have a downhill walk back to our haven by the sea

This hamlet has lots to offer if you take the time to stop and enjoy.

We turn into our home, to be greeted by the screech of the morning cockatoos perched in the tall messmate trees.

I walk thru the house to the back veranda with my morning coffee and sit to enjoy the view a little longer.

The parrots are starting to appear in the coastal banksia and sometimes I get ibis picking thru the grass and rainbow lorikeets.

And there they sit, the cows and calves, chewing the cud in the morning glow!

Sally Donaldson

Read more about Sally on the next page.

If you would like to tell us why you live where you live we would love to hear from you.

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Poetry & Writing

POET'S CORNER

Contributions to Poet's Corner are welcome and should be sent by the first of each month to: waterlinenews@gmail.com



THE WORLD IS MINE

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman and wished I were as beautiful. When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle. She had one leg and used a crutch. But as she passed, she passed a smile. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm. I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm. And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind. It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind." Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I

saw a child I knew. He stood and watched the others play, but he did not know what to do. I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them dear?" He looked ahead without a word. I realised, he couldn't hear. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go.. With eyes to see the sunset's glow. With ears to hear what I would know. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

Author Unknown

MEET SALLY DONALDSON

Sally Donaldson recently responded to our request for someone to write a piece for Why I Live Where I Live.

Her story is on Page 9 in this edition, and if you are as impressed as I was with her writing you will understand why I asked Sally if she would like to write more articles for us, which she has agreed to do, so look for more of her work in coming issues.

I asked her to tell us a bit about herself

and this is her story. "I came out to Oz with my parents in 1967, arriving at Station Pier. We lived in Camberwell before moving to Lower Templestowe, the family home. After finishing high school I went out to work and travelled overseas before getting married and having children. I now have 4 grandchildren and they all live in the western district of Victoria. I have had a varied life enjoying such things as cycle touring, running, backpacking, an arts background, secretarial career, retail and hospitality also. I moved down here as I wanted to live by the sea, my children were finally settled having flown the family nest and i could move on. So here I am living in the hamlet of Tenby Point with my view of the water and hills, cows at the fence and friends at the door."



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LOCAL HISTORY



OUR planned introduction of a History page each month has been put back until we move to 20 pages in January.

Following on from last month we have had several enquiries regarding our mention of the racecourse at Queensferry.

My information is that around 1888 a local resident determined to revive the interest after local sports which had been held at Corinella since 1980 and included a few pony races, were abandoned.

A site was chosen for the racecourse at what was known as the Queensferry Reserve, between the Bass Highway and Queensferry.

Later information puts the site situated on the heath near the Artesian well.

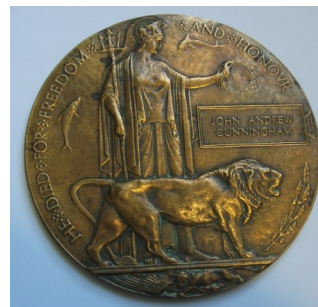
The Committee of the Western Port Racing Club with a Mr. H. Misson as secretary, cleared a track fit for racing, erected a judge's box and other necessary buildings and advertised a program for a race meeting on what was believed to be St. Patricks Day in 1889.

At the first meeting a seven race program was conducted with prize money amounting to 50 pounds being distributed.

We would like to get more information on the racetrack at Queensferry to include in forthcoming issues and will be taking a look at what we know about the

Grantville racetrack as well.

HISTORY MYSTERY



NEXT month as part of our new History page we have a mystery for you to solve.

Pictured here we have a Next of Kin Memorial Plaque, sometimes referred to as a Dead Man's Penny.

The plaque is 12cm in diameter, aproximatly 7.5mm thick and weighs 400 grams.

Presentation of the medal dates back to the early 1920's and medals were presented to the next of kin of all Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the first world war.

The medal we have turned up in a box in an old farm shed in Grantville some years ago and we are anxious to try and track down a living relative of the dead soldier.

Having been found in a shed here the medal could have some connection with a relative who lived in the area at some stage.

We have a little more research to do on the story to have it ready for our January issue then you can all go to work and help us solve the mystery.

Don't forget, if you are interested in taking part in the formation of the proposed Grantville & District Historical Society register your interest now by emailing waterlinenews@gmail.com

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Here's some non-chemical suggestions for your pet:

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Grate quarter of a bar of soap* - about 25g - into a saucepan - add one litre water and one dessertspoon washing soda (sodium carbonate - available from supermarkets). Gently heat the mixture to dissolve soap and blend. Turn off heat and leave to cool to a thick opaque jelly. Note: The mixture may be runny at first, but will thicken as it cools. When cool add a further 2 litres warm water to the mix and blend well to soften the jelly. Add 50ml grape-seed or almond oil and 5 drops eucalyptus oil.

Pour into suitable dispenser (squeeze bottle or pump action container) ready for use. (If the mixture is too thick, blend in extra water). Wash your pet in the usual way - making sure to remove all soap residue from the fur.

*Any soap will do - unscented soap is best - choose one that has the least amount of chemicals in it.

Handy hint: Natural flea repellent: Fleas hate garlic! Add the contents of 2-3 garlic oil capsules to the shampoo mix to help deter fleas.

Next month we will continue our look at Chemical free pet care with a recipe for a Dry pet shampoo.

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2. What is the largest species of shark?
3. Which Australian swimmer died in a car crash in 1957 after setting 28 world records?
4. How many throws make up each turn in a game of darts?
5. Which Irish city is known for its crystal?
6. Which vitamin is formed by the human body in the presence of sunshine?
7. Who, with Matthew Flinders, proved Tasmania was an island by sailing between it and the mainland?
8. Which British king was a famous stamp collector?
9. Who was 'The Sweater Girl'?
10. Which Peanuts character clings to a security blanket?
11. Who invented the mercury thermometer?
12. What musical instrument did Don Bradman play on a record he once made?
13. What is the world's largest dog?
14. Which Australian swimmer once held every world freestyle record?

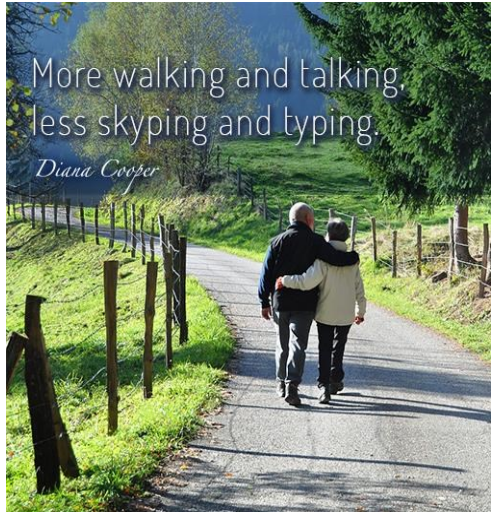
15. Who played J.J. Gittes in 'Chinatown'?
16. How many pints in a quart?
17. What sport would you hear the term 'Jack High' in?
18. Who played Lois Lane in the 1978 movie 'Superman'?
19. Which literary figure kept the most famous diary in the English language?
20. What is the most frequently broken bone in the human body?

ANSWERS

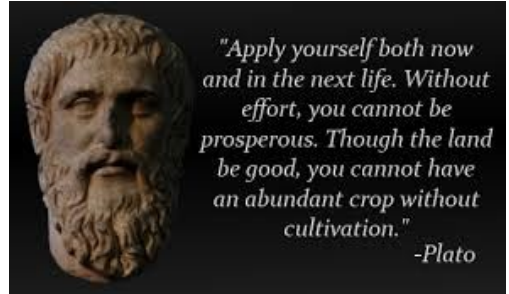
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Gardening

JANUARY GARDENING TIPS



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January is a good month to take cuttings from your favourite shrubs in cold climates.

As long as you have kept the watering up, and therefore kept your shrubs healthy, cuttings should take well in January with the sun and heat.

Obviously cuttings require a bit of attention, and a lot of water to make sure they survive.

In temperate climates, perhaps hold off for another month or so, until March or April, because cuttings may well wilt if faced with really hot weather right from the beginning.

Prepare to take cuttings.

Water the plant in the evening., next morning, trim the cuttings to approx. 20cm, cut the stems again where they bend but aren't too soft, making the cuts under a node, the point on the stem from where the leaves grow.

Scrape and strip stems, using a small stick make a 4cm hole in the potting mix, dip the base of the cutting in hormone powder and position it in the hole and firmly press the mix against the cutting.

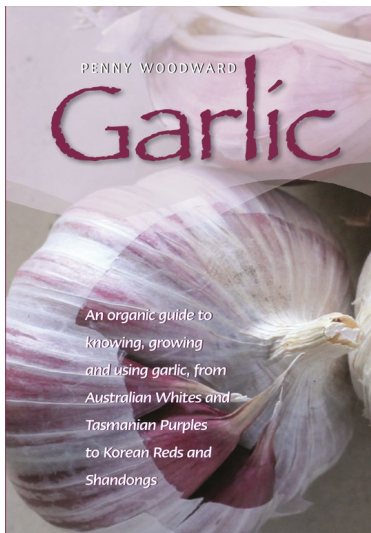
Water then cut the base from plastic drink bottles and cover each pot to conserve moisture. Position the pots in the shade and water each day.

After six weeks tug the cuttings gently. If they feel firm they are ready to repot with a quality potting mix and slow release fertiliser.



Jim @ Aussie Green Thumb
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BOOK REVIEW



Garlic

By Penny Woodward

Published by Hyland House

Soft cover, full colour, 217 pages. \$29.95 and available from earthgarden.com.au

Garlic must be one of the most influential plants in the history of humanity. It's been used for thousands of years by people all over the world for flavouring, medicinal, and spiritual purposes. This book opens the treasure chest and sheds light on a complex and mystical plant.

Garlic isn't just garlic. Use this book to discover over 50 Australian cultivars. Learn all you need to know to grow garlic in your climate. The book includes profiles on a number of Australian growers as well as

heaps of recipes and preserving ideas. A book on garlic wouldn't be complete without a good look at medicinal uses. This book has the lot.

It's a great guide for the home gardener or any aspiring commercial grower. It pays attention to the finer details, such as variations in flavour between cultivars, matching cultivar to climate and, of course, diseases.

Ever heard of black garlic? This is made from standard garlic bulbs that are kept at a steady, low heat for 30 to 40 days until the cloves become black and almost treacly.

The flavour is like balsamic vinegar, sweet and syrupy, or even like tamarind. This is a technique that dates back thousands of years. Try it on a pizza.

Garlic is beautifully photographed and jam-packed with Penny's wisdom and experience. It's written in an easy, accessible style. With such a positive outlook it's a must have. I want to grow fields of garlic!

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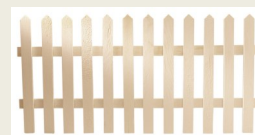
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Special Event

SERENADE AT SUNSET

The Bass Valley Music Festival committee will host the 2015 Serenade at Sunset event on Saturday the 28th of February at the Grantville Reserve starting at 5.30 pm. Committee members are confident that the new central location will encourage more people to attend.

'Serenade at Sunset' has become a well respected annual event with a loyal following. There are many perceived benefits in bringing the production to the central township of the Waterline Communities.

Committee president and musical director Kirk Skinner, believes the continued high standard of the event and the quality of the performers and the central location will help to attract a bigger audience.

'The Grantville Reserve has certain advantages as far as the logistics are concerned which I think will make it much easier to execute an event of this magnitude', President Kirk Skinner said.

'It is not just an attractive rural location, it offers ease of access, has a full commercial kitchen, toilets and three phase power. These are important infrastructure items to have for an event of this scale.'

The headline act will showcase a number of seasoned and versatile performers and will be produced by the highly regarded David Rogers-Smith who also has a wealth of experience in performing both classical & operatic roles as well as musical theatre.

The ever popular 'Rising Stars' will include the versatile singer / actor, Tom

Green who starred as Jesus in the Wonthaggi production of Jesus Christ Superstar directed by Bass Valley Music Festival committee member Wayne Malone.

Wayne understands the importance of giving young people the opportunity to perform with leading professionals in the music industry as it encourages them to continue their engagement with the performing arts.

'The Rising Stars' segment of the program is keenly anticipated by the locals as they have followed the progress of these young performers with great interest over the years,' Wayne said.

Local students Cameron Sanders and Mungo Trumble were recently invited to become committee members. Cameron is studying computer science and software engineering and has set up the Serenade at Sunset website as well as a facebook page.

Mungo Trumble, a student at Wonthaggi High will work on the production side of the event and is eager to expand his stage management skills.

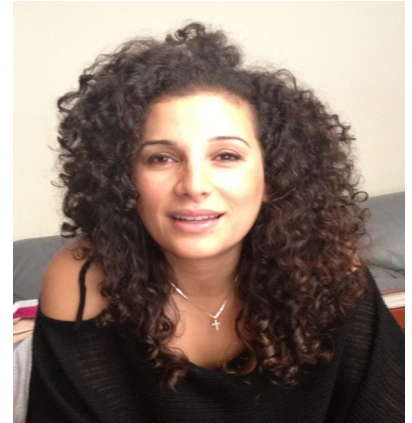
'We are all for engaging young people at every level of production and performance as it is a great way for them to improve their skills with hands on experience. We will continue improving the production each year and our aim is to make Serenade at Sunset an affordable, iconic, regional event that will attract audiences from far and wide,' Kirk Skinner said.

The evening will be well catered for with fine food, coffee and specialty wines from local wineries.

Tickets will be available on line. For all other booking enquiries contact Wayne Maloney on: 0402 727 364 or visit the www.serenadeatsunset.com.au



Young Rising Stars: Natasha Eastman Nagle and Tom Green will be teaming up for a couple of duets at Serenade at Sunset.



Back by popular Demand. Lucy Najm will also be appearing at Serenade at Sunset.

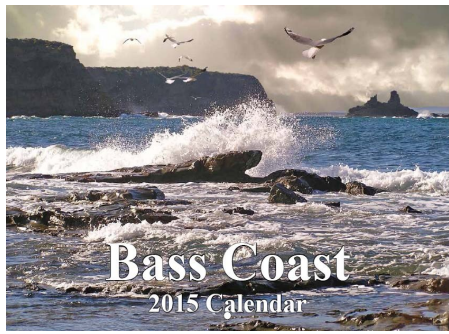


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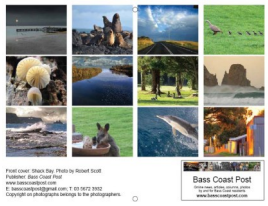
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