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*Postcards
from the edge.*



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So you've been scammed?

Before the internet 'tradespeople' could knock on your door and tell you the roof was about to cave in. BUT they could fix it NOW if you handed over 200 cash. 'I'll just need to duck down to'

In a state of panic you'd make a bad a decision and never hear from them or your money again.

That's the mind frame that hackers and scammers try to create as your screen explodes in alarms and shouts 'CALL THIS NUMBER NOW!'

Incredibly, last year 90 million scam text messages were sent to Australians and at least \$3 billion was reportedly scammed from Australians.

So we're not alone.

My personal Facebook page has been cloned and 'someone' at a university in the Philippines is using that to send emails to people from my contact list.

Even I am getting emails, from that fake Geoff Ellis, discussing photos that could be shared.



The screenshot to the left is the clone. I can see how people would get sucked in. The best advice I have received is don't provide information unless you are *absolutely* certain.

Post Cards from the edge. Between Jam Jerrup and San Remo the Western Port shoreline is divided into 10 separate management precincts. Starting this month we visit a few of the hotspots.

Printed editions of the Waterline News included a column headed 'Bass Coast Post in Print'. I highly recommend this article as part of the coverage The Post has provided of the DAL

www.basscoastpost.com/catherine-watson/thats-a-wrap

I'd also like to point out this article that considers the challenges of foreshore management:
www.basscoastpost.com/catherine-watson/trees-versus-views

Letters to the editor are welcome and will be published where space permits and may be edited accordingly. We endeavour to fairly present all sides of any discussion.

**Salutations, Geoff Ellis, Editor/Publisher,
Waterline News**

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.



LEST WE FORGET.

As dawn broke in Bass, lone piper, Rob Horsborough crossed the Bridge to the sound of "Amazing Grace" to herald the start of the ANZAC Dawn Service.

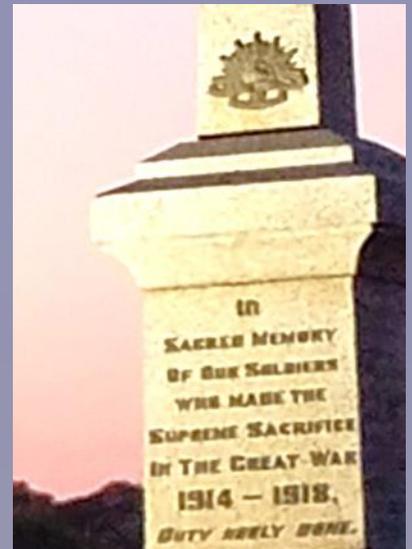
The service was led by the President of Bass Valley Friends of the RSL Mr Terry Salmon who then introduced the Hon. Russell Broadbent MP, Deputy Mayor of Westernport Ms Rochelle Halstead, Cr Clare Le Serve and Father Manny.

Russell spoke about the apology he was to give the Vietnam Vets later in the day about the way they were treated 50 years ago on their return to Australia. Guest Speaker Mr Damian Sumner, a member of Bass Valley Friends, then spoke about his experience in Timor. Damian had served 20 years in the army and obtained the rank of Sergeant.

Father Manny led the prayers and Colin McKenzie (aka Tex) played the Last post.

It was a well attended service with over 300 people including school children from Bass Valley Primary School and Bass Valley Children's Centre who laid wreaths, as did many of the organizations in the area.

We will remember them.



2023 CORONET BAY MARKET A HALL STALL

9AM-2PM

Every 3rd
Sunday of the
month right
through winter

Gather with other
community members
to ..See an array of
stalls in a nice warm
hall and be apart of
our winter market

Hot food to
warm your
bones
Coffee &
tea
cold drinks
plus a mixed
market

Make it a priority

MAY 21st

A HALL STALL
FRED GRATION RESERVE
HALL
GELLIBRAND ST
CORONET BAY

Lets take
our
market
to
another
level



That sinking feeling in Grantville.

Bailey Logan, a 10 year old who attends Bass Valley Childrens Centre, was walking along the Grantville foreshore with his grandfather when he discovered a fracture in the sea wall. Council has been very prompt with a response and Derek Hibbert, BCSC spokesperson provided this update on May 2nd:

'As a result of this site assessment Council has made arrangements with a contractor to repair the hole in the seawall and fill the eroded cavity behind the seawall with a combination of materials at various levels, including rock spalls, sand and soil.

Additional rock will also be placed on the beach in front of the seawall. The site will be planted with indigenous plants to enable quicker rehabilitation. It is expected that these works will be completed this week. Council staff will continue to monitor the site to see if additional works are required'.

Derek supplied this photo of the fractured wall. The hole was letting sea water swirl under the wall and seepage occurred over the top of the wall during high tides/ storms. Residents are very concerned about the sink hole as it doubled in size overnight after it was discovered. Thank heavens that Bailey noticed it when he did!



Empowering people to adapt



This year's Bass Coast Sustainability Festival kicks off at 10am on May 21st at the River Garden in Bass.

A gold coin entry for the day will keep adults and kids entertained as the clock winds down to the 3pm close of proceedings.

The River Garden and the heritage listed Bass Community Hall provide exciting spaces for the Festival, with swales of vegetables, herbs and fruit trees, a nuttery and orchard, all surrounded by the beautiful Bass River.

Activities confirmed so far include a Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony with the Bunurong Land Council, hands-on no-dig and wicking bed gardening demonstrations with Permaculture guru Ric Coleman, environmentally themed drop-in style Kids activities and crafts with Sue from Phillip Island Eco-Tours, and a free screening of the new documentary film 'Greenhouse' by Joost in the Bass Hall.

Bookings will open soon for limited space special workshops from the Eco Arts 'For our Future' Project to be held in the Hall. These will include an 'Eel Dreaming listening circle' with Uncle Steve Ulula Parker and a 'Celebrating Waterways with art, storytelling, and science' workshop with local children's book author and Climate change and Environment advisor at Westernport Water, Meg Humphrys.

Also, from the Eco Arts Project we will see lunchtime Community Concert on the main stage, led by Laura Brearley featuring a collection of 'Songs of the Living World' recently published by Community Music Victoria. Sponsors Bass Coast Community foundation will be supporting speakers with short presentations on the main stage throughout the day, discussing Sustainable agriculture and organic growing.

The main stage will also see presentations by Sustainability Victoria on the latest rebates to save you money.

New sponsor this year Ecoliv, will be opening up their Display Centre at The Gurdies to the public on the day from 10am-12 noon.

Festival visitors can drop by to see a selection of sustainably designed and built modular homes that minimise negative environmental impacts, while maximising comfort, beauty, utility, and wellbeing.

You will be able to connect with various community groups at the Festival including the Energy Innovation Cooperative, Totally Renewable Phillip Island/Tenby Point, the Fixit Café, South Gippsland Beekeepers and Landcare.

You can check out the latest electric cars and bikes, buy some great quality garden tools from Gardenacious, beeswax wraps from Little Bumble Wraps, the Enjo fibre based cleaning range, eat some delicious Paella from the Melbourne Paella company, or grab a coffee, while enjoying the many more speakers, activities, and vendors to be announced in coming weeks.

Pop the date in your diary or calendar and look out for the full program to be published in early May at the Festival website.

There is still space for more stallholders and food vendors, so if you have a product, service or group related to Sustainability, or sell delicious food, registration forms are also open at the festival website.

This event is brought to you by the Bass Coast Landcare Network with support from Bass Coast Shire Council, Westernport Water, Bass Coast Community Foundation, Western Port Biosphere, and Ecoliv.

For general information, registration forms and program details head to <https://www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/sustainabilityfestival2023.html> or contact Lisa at lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au

BASS VALLEY LANDCARE GROUP

- YEAR FORMED: 1989
- MEMBERSHIP: 70+
- PLANTS IN GROUND IN 2022: 77,500
- PRESIDENT: LEW POTTER
- SECRETARY: MEZ DLOHAM



Bass Valley Landcare Group Tree Planting Schedule. 2023.



When: Saturday 3rd June*
Time: 10am to 2pm.
Landholder: Angela Christa.
Where: 5 O'Connor Road, Corinella.
Plants: 1500.
Lunch: Will be provided by host landholder.
Note: Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Council attendance.

When: Saturday 24th June*
Time: 10am to 2pm.
Landholder: Ric Oldham.
Where: 160 Archies Creek Road, Archies Creek.
Plants: 1500.
Lunch: Will be provided by host landholder.

When: Saturday 15th July*
Time: 10am to 2pm.
Landholder: John Carney.
Where: 1800 Bass Highway, Grantville.
Plants: 1500.
Lunch: Will be provided by host landholder.



Note: **BYO Water, Gum Boots and Wet Weather Gear.**

* Dates are dependant on plants being ready and could change.

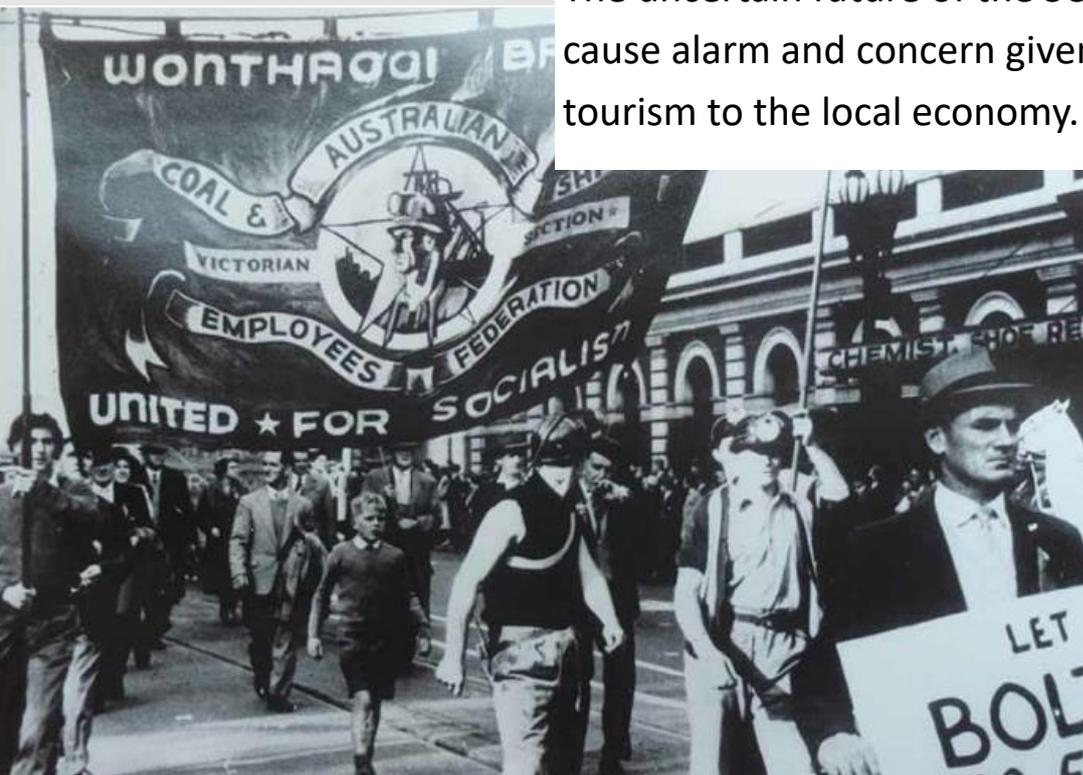
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MAYDAY in Wonthaggi.

Socialist traditions are strong in Wonthaggi and a large and passionate crowd gathered under the slender shadow of the State Coal Mine (SCM) Whistle at 11am on May 1st to continue the discussion about affordable housing, a living wage, meaningful work, homelessness, NDIS funding and gender equity.

The uncertain future of the SCM itself continues to cause alarm and concern given the vital importance of tourism to the local economy.





The Corinella and District Community Centre Art Show will be held over the Kings Birthday holiday weekend in June so it is time to get creating!



Corinella and District Community Centre Art Show

Traditional and Contemporary Modern Art and Photography Show

The Committee of Management of the Corinella and District Community Centre is proud to present the 2023 Art Show and Sale on the long weekend in June.

Artists of all styles and mediums, and photographers with flair are invited to enter their work in what will be the largest art show in Corinella's recent history.

Extending into the "Blue Room", an expanded space in what was the former computer room, the art show committee is pleased to have ample room for paintings and photography to vie for prize money and to catch the eye of eager buyers.

To celebrate the first King's Birthday holiday weekend, the opening night on Friday 9th June at 7.30pm will have a touch of class with patrons encouraged to dress to impress. Crowns and tiaras are optional and will add a bit of fun on the night. Tickets will be \$15 per person and include a catered supper and drinks.



The Committee of Management
is proud to present the
Corinella & District Community Centre



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Traditional & Contemporary Art & Photography

June 10th - 12th

King's Birthday Weekend
Dress to impress (tiaras optional)



Opening Night Friday 9th at 7.30pm

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OF EACH MONTH**

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Bloom where you are planted.

WATERLINE LIVING LIBRARY April event was a wonderful journey down memory lane for Greg Noakes photographer to the stars. This was an eye-opening experience for the audience who saw over 80 photographs of some of the world's best-known people. You can follow Greg Noakes on Facebook to view his weekly contribution of another of his famous pics.
<https://www.facebook.com/greg.noakes>

Mary Clarke is the co-founder of Coronet Bay Community Garden Group and we learned from Mary about how the garden came about; land acquired, how a paddock was transformed into a life giving, food-sharing labour of love for many garden members and workers around the district.

Coronet Bay Community Garden Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/323579438512487> meet on Thursdays to work on garden projects and enjoy morning tea together

Thank you to both speakers and to everyone who attended for making it a very enjoyable, community, Sunday afternoon. We'll get together again on Sun 21 May and I am currently scouting for talent.

I would love to hear from an inspiring young local person and I am thinking of approaching a Councillor to see if they would like to make a semi/regular appearance and update us on their activities.
—Jen Rutherford

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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.

03 5678 2277



**Phillip Island Community and
PICAL Learning Centre Inc.**

PICAL's Big Trivia Night

is being held on

Friday 26th May 2023

at the Phillip Island Golf Club at 6pm.

**This is a great way to have fun
with your friends and to support
a wonderful charity and the work
it does for the local community.**

**Don't miss out!
We will sell out.
Only \$20 per head.**

**Call (03) 5952 1131
or drop into PICAL
and buy your tickets now.**

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The Voice and Your Vote

This is the first in a series of articles from The Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group about the Referendum for a Voice to Parliament.

'I believe we are greatly blessed by our First Nations Peoples who offer all of us a peaceful, truthful and truly wise way.'

Russell Broadbent, MP
Member for Monash.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is about love and hope. It was developed as a consensus document in 2017 after a lengthy broad-based consultation with and by First Nations people. It is the last in a long line of claims and requests, since the nineteenth century, to listen to the voices of First Nations people. This time their appeal is directly to the people of Australia, not to Government or politicians, inviting us to walk with them. **This is our decision to make.**

The three components of the Uluru Statement: Voice, Treaty and Truth, have been ordered to prioritize Voice, as it underpins the other two. Implementing a Voice to Parliament requires a change to the Australian Constitution in order for it to be above politics and not be removed at the whim of government, which has happened to key First Nations consultative committees several times before.

Our Constitution was written in a very different Australia.

We still considered ourselves to be British. Queen Victoria was on the throne. Edmund Barton, the first Prime Minister of the new Federation, believed that the doctrine of equality was not meant to include racial equality. Senator Pat Dodson surmised that the Constitution was written in the 'spirit of terra nullius'. In other words, our Aboriginal history did not exist, and the only culture to be considered was British.

John Howard supported constitutional recognition of First Nations people in 2007.

Russell Broadbent MLA, our local Federal Member, has always supported recognition, and is a fervent supporter of the Uluru Statement and the Voice.

Mr Broadbent argues that our settler fathers broke the Commandments of 'you must not steal, murder, or testify falsely against your neighbour'.

Current policies to close the gap aren't working.

Self-determination, or decision-making by those effected, when it has been allowed to work, has always led to improved outcomes.

The Voice will empower First Nations community representatives, urban, rural and remote, to reflect the needs and priorities from the grassroots.

The Voice will provide better quality information about First Nations communities, leading to better quality laws and policies, better targeted investments, and better outcomes for First Nations people.

It will have no capacity to veto legislation. But the ability of Voice members to make representations to the executive (public servants and ministers) will allow their views to be considered from the start of new legislative considerations, rather than at the implementation.

Australia has been handed a precious gift of 60,000 years of history and culture to be proud of. We have an opportunity for a historical unifying moment that will be nation-building. Noel Pearson, well-known First Nations spokesperson, says this country doesn't make sense without this recognition. It completes the picture of the longest surviving culture in the world, enriched by British institutions and 'the adorning gift of multiculturalism'.

The Uluru Statement is asking the Australian people for a Voice, first and foremost so that the lives of First Nations People can be improved. This is the first step, with Treaty and Truth-telling to follow.

In the June Waterline News, the BCSGRG will discuss how the referendum works and how the Voice will work, as much as is known.

Waterline News welcomes all views, opinions and discussion about these important issues and will publish contributions it receives, where space permits. Email

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Or text

0403917746

Or Facebook

Waterline News and Information

More information: yes23.com.au/



WONTHAGGI LIBRARY ETHICS DISCUSSION GROUP UPCOMING TOPICS

Sat 6th May - Ethics of Climate Action (Ken Blackman)

Sat 3rd June - Ethics of Being Woke (Debra Peck)

Sat 1st July - The RBA vs. The Greater Good (Genevieve Murphy)

Sat 5th August - Ethics of Community Based Decision Making (Geoff Ellis)



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.

OUR VISION
is for connected, inclusive and resilient communities that are supported to grow and thrive.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES IS OUR MISSION. WE HELP PEOPLE:

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we are responsive and bring people together
- Belong**
we are inclusive and work with you
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- Relationships**
We build relationships with our stakeholders, communities and each other.
- Excellence**
We will deliver excellence in everything we do.
- Bravery**
We anticipate and bravely adapt with the changing needs of our communities.

Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscape Standing Advisory Committee (DAL SAC)

www.basscoastpost.com/catherine-watson/thats-a-wrap

As mentioned on page two, this is the link to the Bass Coast Post's summary of its coverage of the DAL SAC submissions. Here are some excerpts from submissions made by two regular Waterline News contributors:

Lauren Burns.



Lauren Burns and her daughter in the Western Port Woodlands

What the Woodlands means to me.

I'd like to end on a personal note and share with the Committee that the Western Port Woodlands is of immense personal value to me and my family.

Walking in the Woodlands sustained me, and gave me a sense of connection and uplift through the stresses of the past years of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

I like to take my daughter, who turns two next week, walking in these natural spaces where she loves exploring. And yet the vast majority of this forest is currently earmarked as an Extractive Industry Interest Area, and faces an existential threat from sand quarrying. If the Bass Coast SPP does not recognise and protect these Woodlands, they will no longer exist by the time my daughter grows up. This is what motivated me to write this submission, to avert this tragedy and leave a positive legacy for the future.

Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscape Standing Advisory Committee (continued)

I was shocked and devastated to read the Updated Response to Council's Submissions document, dated 21 April. On pp 29-31, Council's proposed strategies to address that 'direct conflict' between the Woodlands and sand mining were summarily dismissed. The response was explained thus:

'The proposed strategies cannot be included as their inclusion conflicts with existing planning and regulatory mechanisms governing the extractive industry'.

These are the 'mechanisms' which have already allowed the destruction of large parts of biodiverse woodlands, which permit expansion of existing mines and the development of new sites.

The current planning framework is irredeemably flawed in terms of effectively protecting the environment. The 'economy' beats the 'environment' every time.

It is telling that no representatives of the industry engaged with the community during the DAL process. No attempt made to explain their views, discuss options, express willingness to compromise or negotiate. Perhaps they knew right from the start that they need not waste their time.

Unlike members of the community, who thought the DAL process would be an opportunity to re-think what has been happening in the light of challenges such as climate change, loss of biodiversity etc.

I was not the only submitter to suggest a moratorium on any further expansion or new mine developments. We thought this would allow for some dialogue with the government and industry to find better ways of effectively dealing with this recognised conflict.

I may have missed it but I haven't seen any mention of a moratorium in the circulated documents I have read. If the 'existing planning and regulatory mechanisms' are set in stone and not open for amendment, what was the point?

Surely circumstances have changed dramatically in the last twenty to thirty years and most things become outdated at some point. The DAL was an opportunity to rethink and re-set in the light of new knowledge and a rapidly changing world.

That one sentence, quoted above, negates everything we have been fighting for and ensures the failure of the DAL designation, certainly in regard to our environment. It will be a colossal waste of time and money and, as one submitter put it, 'a cruel hoax'.

I am grateful to the committee for conducting the hearings but saddened that all their time and attention will come to naught.

Anne Heath Mennell



Exploring Art

At the Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre

With Kate, Kawa, Narda, Vanessa, Fiona, Shelley, Carly, Kim, Hannah, Erin, Karen



Earth is Watching

Kate Harmon

Looking out over the Earth
There is Heart and Music
Colour, Movement and Depth

The Soul of the Earth
Soul of the people
Connected

Underneath it all
is the Earth
Earth is watching

The Beach

Aunty Elizabeth Dalton

Beauty of the land

Love of the ocean

Simple

Breathtaking

Extraordinary





INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA & BIPHOBIA

A Worldwide Celebration of
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MAY 17



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Open Mic
at**



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Next to Dan Murphy's, easy
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**Sunday 14th MAY
1 to 4pm**

For musicians and listeners alike to enjoy an
afternoon of solos, duos, small bands, singing
and/or instrumental live music.

All Welcome

BYO drinks and nibbles

This event is FREE
but a gold coin is appreciated.

Second Sunday Every Month (market day)

BassCoast Artists' Society:
Supporting the Arts and Community

POSTCARDS from Jam Jerrup



INSIDE THE PHILOSOPHERS ZONE

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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**



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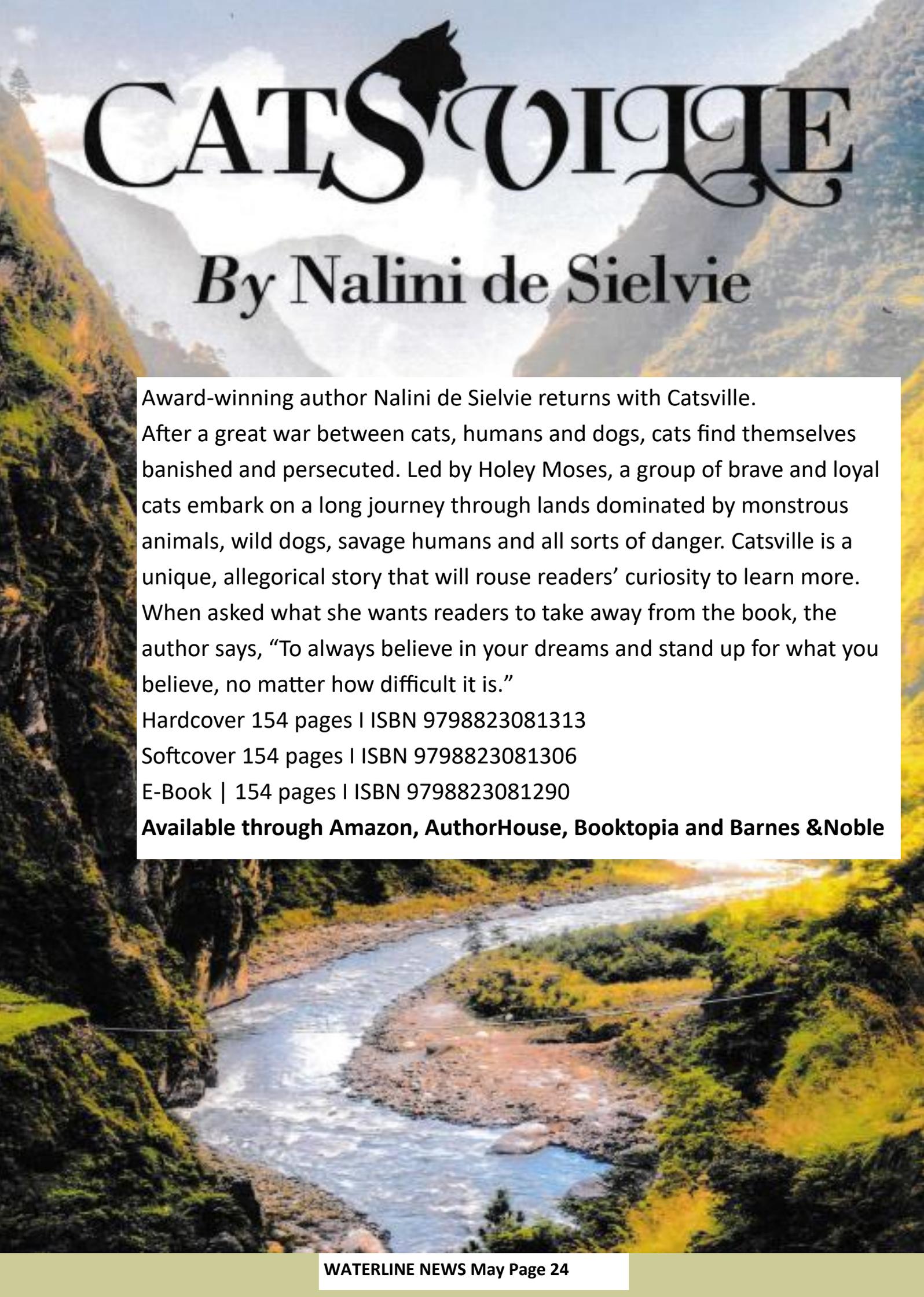
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Family Violence

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

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



CATSVILLE

By Nalini de Sielvie

Award-winning author Nalini de Sielvie returns with Catsville. After a great war between cats, humans and dogs, cats find themselves banished and persecuted. Led by Holey Moses, a group of brave and loyal cats embark on a long journey through lands dominated by monstrous animals, wild dogs, savage humans and all sorts of danger. Catsville is a unique, allegorical story that will rouse readers' curiosity to learn more. When asked what she wants readers to take away from the book, the author says, "To always believe in your dreams and stand up for what you believe, no matter how difficult it is."

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Woodleigh Hall.

The Woodleigh Hall is now available to take bookings.

Suitable for Weddings, Club Meetings, Social Groups, Gatherings, Suppers, Teas and Other Events.

The Hall has been renovated with new internal toilets, upgraded kitchen, heating and cooling and polished floors and seats up to 50 people.

There is plenty of car parking available.

Rental of Hall starts from \$20 depending on the hours required and conditional upon the event.
(See separate Conditions of Hall Hire.)

Kitchen includes, fridge, stove, tea making facilities, cups, glasses and cutlery.
An external BBQ is also available if required at cost.

Loan of Tables and Chairs \$20 to \$50 depending on number and time loaned out.
There are 10 trestle tables and 50 chairs in the hall.

Contact details:

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WINNERS of the recent WOODLEIGH Hall firewood raffle were Graham and Helen Damon of Nyora.
Congratulations to the recipients for their recent delivery.....and many many thanks to those who bought tickets, sold tickets, cut firewood and delivered firewood.
Watch out for some more renovations at the Woodleigh Hall soon. The Western wall is having a makeover and access to the back door and the toilets will be started.
The HALL is available for hire.
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The Woodleigh Hall Committee has done a great job.

Woodleigh Hall received a grant in 2019 that has transformed not only the look of the hall, but its function as well. It is incredible what a difference the grant has made.

Inside the hall there is a new, fully functioning kitchen with a new hot water system installed, a new split heating and cooling system, a lighting upgrade, polished floors, and an external gas BBQ is available for outside functions.

The Hall has been extended to include two new internal toilets and storage space. To have all this is an enormous benefit to the community. Tables and chairs have already been hired out externally and there have been a number of functions held inside the Hall. Table Tennis is played every Tuesday at 7pm.

Theses photos, supplied by Rob Parsons, show how much the Hall has to offer as well as some of the committee working on the west wing.

See Kernot Community Facebook Page for further updates.

The Waterline News received the following letter to the editor in response to last month's letter to the editor expressing concerns about the Corinella Foreshore.

"Citizens of Corinella See-through to the Truth of the Corinella Foreshore."

1. The authors mentioning many are "recent arrivals" displays they are likely ill-informed or lack the true history of the last two decades of significant vegetation change in the thin strips of the Corinella foreshore. Supporting this letter are objective records, videos and photos of the Crown land of the foreshore, also factual measures of canopy (10%) and low ground cover and species in the hierarchical Vegetation Code of the Victorian Government, EVC 161 or EVC 155. EVC measures predate foreshore committees.

Concerned citizens living here over the last two decades or more, witnessed and photographed over-planting in front of all developments, of thousands of She Oaks (Casuarina), Boobialla, Goodina obata, prickly Hedge Wattle (Acacia Paradoxa) and numbers of Blackwoods, all of which are contra-indicated to the area and not in EVC 161 or EVC 155. (2008 compared with 2018).

A form of vandalism is often given to this anthropogenic planting error, against ecological best practice and the EVCs. This creates a weakened ecosystem, lacking food plant diversity which is an important determinant of avian frugivore richness. (Ref)

Sadly, an action by a few managing the foreshore, which creates a dense forest. Obviously, they were not cognisant of the allopathic nature of Casuarina needles, reducing the undergrowth of low shrubs and true natives and contributing to cliff erosion. (Ref).

Dominance of a single species is known to reduce fauna and flora (Ref), the 90% canopy aids pests and predators, such as foxes and feral cats, contributing to the loss of birdlife over fifteen years as well squatters, increasing risks of fires. (Bal rating of 29).

2. The location of Corinella is coastal as stated by Bass Coast, meaning respecting the value of "sea views from the village" as well "village views" from the water. The authors have totally misread or did not understand the DEECA feedback from the community.

Firstly, 75-80% of respondents wanted water views from the tracks and houses. This was not mentioned in their letter. Secondly, the majority of respondents, we agree, wanted flora and fauna protected but this is not to be confused with not wanting views! The protection of flora and fauna is about biodiversity and restoring EVC 161 or 155 as they were before the 1970s.

Allowing low growth, open spaces and reducing predators in dense bush improves species diversity. (Ref). We don't see a "community divide". That comment is fueled by few, because of personal likes, prejudice or other reasons. What's required in our village is not listening to myths but to have an understanding of biodiversity and using recent ecological evidence. For example "reducing trees in managed forests have shown an overall increase in avian species" and "it's not all about planting trees". (Ref)

3. In regards to gender balance. In appointing government committees, the aim is to have the best qualified and experienced to fill the vacancies and not just to balance gender. Having a member not residing in Corinella, with certain skills, can add extra value, reduce bias and allow fresh ideas or criticism. For the last two decades, the committee had a gender balance of more women to men (80 to 70%). This was also when the "vandalism" of overplanting occurred.

4. Why are views in a coastal town a term of muted aesthetic quality? The blue space is needed for wellbeing, (Ref), and coastal views on walks are more therapeutic than bush walks. (Ref). Coastal blue space is associated with positive mental health effects. Individuals with the most sea view visibility have lower depression. (Ref)

5. The newly appointed foreshore committee, we support, has a huge job to correct past errors and restore biodiversity, crucial for global warming, as carbon losses are significantly smaller with higher vegetation species variation and richness. (Ref)

Name and address of correspondent has been withheld from publication by request. **References available on Waterline News Facebook**

To The Editor,
Waterline News

As the Chair of the Corinella Foreshore Committee (CoM) I feel it is incumbent on me to respond on behalf of the CoM to the recent correspondence relating the CoM and a forthcoming Landscape Plan which is designed to guide management of that foreshore.

It is generally acknowledged that the local community wishes to preserve the natural beauty and rich habitat of the foreshore. There is, however, disagreement about how this should be best achieved in the setting of vegetation growth and death, replanting, and the maintenance of amenity with respect to sea views and fire risk. There are differing views in the community about how this is best achieved and this needs to be addressed in a rational, non-confrontational way to find a reasonable compromise within the community. There have been allegations of harassment and accusations of selective, advantageous clearing by some on both sides of the debate which has created conflict that needs to be tempered.

The previous CoM was unable to agree on a path forward, so the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA – formerly DELWP) commissioned an independent party to create a Landscape Plan to guide the management of the foreshore and has worked with them on various incarnations of the Plan. DEECA released a draft for public comment and received substantial feedback, which was relatively balanced between those who most valued the retention of vegetation, and those who most valued sea views in this coastal township. Protection of the native fauna remains a priority for all. It is anticipated that the Plan will be finalised and released relatively soon.

Criticism of the composition of the recently appointed CoM and some implications that the CoM has been “stacked” by people intent on wholesale clearing of trees and destroying the habitat is both unfair and untrue. The current committee, appointed by DEECA presumably in accordance with government guidelines, is composed of people with a wide range of skills and expertise who have a genuine interest in trying to balance “the environmental, social, cultural and economic values” across the precincts, in accordance with DEECA guidelines.

We hope that the community will support the CoM and DEECA in implementing what we expect will be a well-considered and balanced Landscape Plan.

Regards,

John
Dr John Lippmann
Chairman
on behalf of the
Corinella Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN



Acknowledgement for all.

Our Deputy Mayor, Councillor Rochelle Halstead opened the Bass Coast Shire International Women's Day Lunch with the following words:

I'd like to start by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land of Bass Coast, The Bunurong. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging and we would like to thank them for the love and care they have taken of country for many thousands of years and for their willingness to share their stories and practices.

I would also like to acknowledge all Australians. Those who were born here and those who have come from all parts of the world to call Australia home. May we all move into the future together appreciating, respecting and celebrating our differences. May we continue to learn and grow in this great country, we call our home, Australia.

In an email to my partner Janice Orchard she wrote:

I find it more inclusive and appreciative of the sacrifices of all Australians. Happy for you to mention where you got the acknowledgment wording from. It is my hope to have the opportunity to say it again and I hope that it gains legs and is used everywhere. If we are truly committed to reconciliation and inclusivity, then we need to start walking the walk.

In response Janice replied:

While I am happy to show respect to our indigenous people, it worries me that the other 97% of Australians are not given the same chance to shine.

In this country where we enjoy so many freedoms, it is important to acknowledge that we come in all shapes and sizes, colour and creeds. We are a melting pot of cultures, and we can work towards the dream of inclusion for all. But I feel we are putting far too much focus on one group, and it is causing dissent among others. I am sure this was not the intention of the original Acknowledgement which seems to have lost its way in a political tug of war.

I am a migrant who, like so many, came to Australia with my family in the late 1950s. My father got a job building the power station at Yallourn and worked hard to give mum and six kids opportunities not available in post war Britain. After some time in an immigration camp in NSW, we moved to Newborough, a small town near Yallourn build specifically to house the migrants brought over to work in the power station.

Those who lived there came from Scotland, Ireland, England, the Netherlands, Malta, Italy, Greece, Poland and Ukraine. We all spoke different languages but we kids all played together in the streets after school.

We didn't know what discrimination was. Our mothers shared recipes for their national dishes. As we were thousands of miles away from our families, our neighbours, no matter what language they spoke, became our family.

All married ladies were called "aunty", all kids were cousins. And if we ever did anything wrong, we knew any adult who caught us had the right to chastise and would parent us with advice or admonishment.

Our fathers joined the service clubs and were always available to help neighbours in need of a hand. They were all hard workers. The first Community Savings Bank was started by these workers in the back room of the local fish and chip shop in Newborough, and every Saturday morning the dads would line up with their pay packets to make deposits on their future.

So why shouldn't these Australians receive acknowledgement and recognition they so rightly deserve. We are one country, one government, one people, one Australia with fairness for all.

And Rochelle responded:

Oh, Janice what a beautiful story! I remember too the days when any adult could call you out if you were doing the wrong thing... how times have changed in this "politically correct" world.

I gave it a great deal of thought before I sat to write my own acknowledgement. I did not want to take away from acknowledging our indigenous community (who I support) but I wanted to bring some balance back to what I too believe has been a political bouncing ball!

The sooner we all acknowledge that our strengths lie in our differences not our similarities and we work together for the benefit of all Australians the better our country will be.

My heart breaks for the loss of the freedom I feel we have lost over the years, for the carefree country we used to be... its very sad to not be able to share that with our children as social engineering continues to be pushed around in what has become political correctness gone wild!

I would like to thank both Janice Orchard and Deputy Mayor Rochelle Halstead for their permission to reproduce their words above.

Rob Parsons

RUSSELL BROADBENT MP

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