CORINELLA TO FRENCH ISLAND FERRY BARGE
The French Island Barge Company operates a vehicular ferry from Corinella on the eastern side of Western Port to the barge landing on French Island. It accommodates two standard size cars or a larger truck.
A minimum 24 hours notice is required for bookings. However, it is advisable to book as far in advance as possible, as the barge schedule and availability is limited by times and tides. As a guide, the barge runs approximately every half hour for a few hours either side of high tide. Foot passengers can take the barge but they should arrange transportation at either end as there are no other facilities.

For information about fees and to book the Barge, call 0428 880 729.

Corinella is approximately a 90 minute drive from Melbourne or about 40 minutes south from Cranbourne.
A pleasant and easy drive along the South Gippsland Highway, then continuing along the dual lane Bass Highway towards Phillip Island will bring you to a right turn into Corinella Road, at the intersection with Glen Forbes Road, with Van Steensel Timber and Hardware on the left hand corner.
This is a turn that many travellers have never even noticed as they drive onward to Phillip Island or actually even realised what a jewel lay at the end of that road, or that they have just driven past and missed one of the prettiest seaside towns in Victoria.

This is why Corinella has remained a hidden treasure and is one of Victoria’s best kept secrets.
Read this month’s feature story on the Corinella to French Island Barge Ferry, by Geoffrey Ellis, on Page 16.
* Small loads to bulk loads
* Discounts may apply on bulk loads
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  And much more.

COME IN AND HAVE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF
Welcome to the March edition of The Waterline News.

A busy month for the area, with the March long weekend just gone, as we were going to print and Easter coming up at the end of the month which provides the area with one of the most important tourist weekends of the year.

Tourism is such an important part of living in a coastal area, and planning of events around peak times is important, and getting the message to the people just as important. That’s where publications like us, with our online presence as well come into planning, as does our wide distribution network for hard copies. This picks up the sector of the market that do not have computers, email, or social media and who do not read local newspapers which they have to pay for.

Widespread interest in The Waterline news has almost doubled over the last three months, with the three weeks after delivery of the February edition generating almost 100 emails from readers, community groups, and advertisers.

You will note several new advertisers in this edition and we urge you to give them your support in return.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a safe and happy Easter.

Take care on the roads, we want you all back for our April edition.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, maybe sponsor a page or a segment, or become a listed sponsor, send us an email: editor@waterlinenews.com.au

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Community Notes

Our Annual General Meeting was held on the 26th February 2016 and the new Committee is:

**PRESIDENT:** Roger Clark
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Kat Cox
**SECRETARY:** Kathy Hopkins
**TREASURER:** Sylvia Harris

**GENERAL MEMBERS:** Chris Cox, Helen Zervopoulos and Vicki Clark

**Membership Fees:** $10 single - $20 family

Fees can be paid at the Grantville Newsagency see Sylvia Harris

**Op Shop** reduced hours are 10am-3pm Monday to Friday & 10.30am-1.30pm Saturdays to further notice.

**Dates to remember:** Mangrove Planting Day -Saturday March 19, 10.30am at Malcolm Drive.

Kathy Hopkins (Secretary)

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South Gippsland Arthritis Support Group

It's been an interesting start to my law degree.

**Double challenge:** Mum taking a bit of time for herself (albeit long term benefit to the family as a whole). Time management issues with kids readers, spelling words etc. Then there's the ole financial dilemma... my school bag's zipper is broken I need a new bag... my shirts are too small I need new ones... and Mum needed text books to start-how do you prioritise that?

On the flip side the degree itself. All of a sudden the Council's, requirements, that appeared before, to often require ridiculous safety precautions at the Park now make more sense as I learn the Laws of Torts. At the same time I can't help but wonder ,when did we (as a society) start to rely on Council's to have to think in such a ridiculous litigious manner to prove they've minimised any chance of neglect, simultaneously ceasing to be responsible for our own welfare in a public place? What have we lost as a consequence as a society? What's wrong with a scraped knee? I know my husband has been screamed at for asking kids to get out of a tree at the park- only because as a committee member he knows he has a legal responsibility to do so, not because he actually agrees kids shouldn't climb trees because he did it himself as a 5yo. Kids should be allowed to explore, just as I am, as an adult, exploring this new world.

More to ponder! Zena Benbow

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A LOAD OF GARBAGE

A Play about the meaning of Easter.

Saturday
March 19
6.00pm

At the Anglican Parish Hall.
Cnr Church Street & Thompson Ave
COWES.

Entry by $5 program

Please bring a main or dessert to share.

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South Gippsland Mental Illness Carer’s Group

If you would like to join the group or get more information: Phone now - Maggie 5658 1781

Rosemary 5662 4352

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DG Nurse Practitioner

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

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

**Bulk Billing**
All consultations bulk billed
May have fees for some procedures*

For appointments phone 5616 2222
or 0467 841 782

Same day appointments available

Some of the services available

- Fluvax
- Immunisations
- Men's Health
- Prescriptions
- Referrals
- Skin Checks
- Wound Care
- Women’s health
- Dressings*
- Ear syringing*
- Lesion removal*
- Suturing*
- Treatment minor illnesses / infections
Community Directory

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

Bass Coast Community Baptist Church
Meets Sundays 4.30pm at the Op Shop.
OP SHOP open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-1pm
Contact for service details.
Reverend Ilse McDonald 0402 065 852

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

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

Bass Valley Friends of the RSL
Secretary Janet Welch 0411 446 129

Bass Valley Landcare
2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass 5678 2335

Bass Valley Lions Club Op Shop
Situated at the Grantville Garden Supplies
Open 5 days Monday-Saturday 5678 8357

Corinella & District Probus Club
1st Wednesday each month except January
Coral Smith 5678 0396

Corinella Bowling Club Inc.
Balcombe Street Corinella.
Patti Scammell 5678 0191

Corinella & District Elderly Citizens Club
Monday & Thursdays at 1.00pm
Corinella Hall
Margaret 5678 0716

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

Corinella & District Men’s Shed & Woodies Group
Corinella Road
Visitors and new members welcome.
Project requests undertaken if possible.
Contact Secretary: Graeme 5678 0345

Corinella Foreshore Committee
Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

Coronet Bay, Corinella & Surrounds Playgroup (0-4yrs)
Come and enjoy the fun at Coronet Bay Hall
39a Gellibrand St Coronet Bay
Mondays and Fridays 10am—12noon
Monday Session - Free Play
Friday Session - Free Play & Activities
(Sing Songs, Story Time, Sensory & Art Play and more)
Please bring $2 per family and a piece of fruit.
NB: $5 Annual Membership per family, and ALL children are to be accompanied by their parent or carer.
Contacts: Franciska 0400 465 377 Ann 5678 0341

Coronet Bay Adult Social Club
Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall
Ann 5678 0341

Country Women’s Association of Vic inc.
Bass Group.
Coronet Bay Margot 0409 559 047
Cowes Lorraine 5952 2165
Glen Alvie Libby 5678 3280
Grantville Annie 5678 8037
Lang Lang Aleta 0419 525 609
Loch Val 5659 4268
Woodleigh Vale Carol 5678 8041

Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary
Contact - Shelly 0417 593 497

Grantville & District Business & Tourism Association
President Neroli Heffer 5678 8548

Grantville & District Ratepayers & Residents Association
Secretary Kathleen Hopkins 5678 8327

Grantville & District Foreshore Committee
Roger Hayhurst 0416 061 400

Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee
Pat Van 5997 6221

Grantville Tennis Club Inc.
Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

Lang Lang Playgroup
(0-Preschool) Thursdays 9.30am
Lang Lang Community Centre $2 per child
Fruit platter for snacks. Fun activities and outings.
Contact Crystal 0473 077 125

Phillip Island Community Art & Craft Gallery Inc.
Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave
Open every day 10am—4pm
All Enquiries Call Aleta 0419 525 609

Phillip Island Squares
Square Dancing, Bass Valley Community Hall.
Bass School Rd, Bass 7.30 - 10.00pm
Thursday nights
Contact: Carol 5952 5875

Pioneer Bay Progress Association
Zena Benbow pbpa@bigpond.com

St Pauls Anglican Church Bass
HC at 12.30pm every Sunday followed by a shared lunch
Rev Greg Magee 5952 2608

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

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

U3A Bass Valley
Courses offered:
Book Club, Bush Painting, Creative Writing, Gardening, Get Creative, Movies & Theatre Appreciation, Stretching to Improve Flexibility, Tai Chi for Arthritis and Welding.
www.u3abassvalley.com
Heather White 5997 6323
(P.O Box 142 Grantville 3984)

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

March 2016 Detail not right? Let us know... Email: Editor@waterlinenews.com.au
MARKETS

Every Sunday
Kongwak Market
10am - 3pm
Retro stalls, food, vegetables, coffee, curries
30+ stalls
Enquiries: Jane 0408 619 182

1st Saturday
Archies Creek Indoor Market
Community Hall
Enquiries: info@archiescreek.com

2nd Saturday
Coal Creek Farmers’ Market
Coal Creek Community Park 8am – 12.30pm
50+ stalls
coalcreekfm@hotmail.com
Contact for information 0459 629 000

Koowee Community Market
Cochrane Park, Rossiter Rd 8am - 1.30pm
Indoor/outdoor  Phone 0418 289 847
Email: info@kooweemarket.com.au

2nd Sunday
Koowee Community Market
Cochrane Park, Rossiter Rd 8am - 1.30pm
Indoor/outdoor  Phone 0418 289 847
Email: info@kooweemarket.com.au

3rd Sunday
Inverloch Farmers’ Market
The Glade, Esplanade, 8am - 1pm
50+ stalls
Information: peter@rfm.net.au
Phone 0439 364 760

Tooradin Sunday Market
9am - 1pm
Stallholders wanted, $20 includes 1 sausage & bread breakfast per stall.
All Market Enquiries: 0429 188 280

4th Sunday
Grantville Variety Market
Grantville Recreation Reserve
Bass Highway, Ample parking.
Weather permitting, Except December
which is the third Sunday.

8am—2pm 100+ stalls
BBQ & Sausage sizzle, Coffee Cart, indoor and outdoor, cake stalls plus plenty of home made goodies.
Contact for further details 5997 6221

Last Sunday of each month
Inverloch Community Farmers’ Market
The Glade, Esplanade, 50+ stalls
Fresh produce grown and made in Gippsland.
Email: info@inverlochfarmersmarket.com.au
Phone 0417 370 488

Grantville

BASS COAST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OP SHOP

Open: Mon-Fri 10am-3pm
Saturday 10am-1.30pm
Bass Highway, Grantville
Phone 5678 8625

Lang Lang
Lang Lang Community Op Shop
12 Westernport Road
Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm
Saturday 10am - 1pm

San Remo
Bass Coast Community Health Op Shop
Back Beach Road.
Opening times and all enquiries to Bass Coast Health on 5671 9200 or Email: info@basscoasthealth.org.au

OP SHOPS
Bass
Bass Valley Community Group
Haddon House Op Shop
Next to Bass Hall, Bass School Road
Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm
Phone Enquiries 5678 2277

Corinella
St George’s Anglican Church Op Shop
Smythe Street Corinella, next to Church
Monday, Thursday, Friday 10am - 2.00pm
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Jumbunna Hall
Jumbunna Bush Market
Jumbunna Hall
Further information, phone 5657 3253

1st Sunday
Jumbunna Bush Market
Jumbunna Hall
Further information, phone 5657 3253

2nd Sunday
Churchill Island Farmers’ Market
Churchill Island, 40+ stalls. 8am -1pm
Peter@rfm.net.au
Further Information 0439 364 760

Cows Island Craft Market
102 Thompson Avenue, 9am - 2pm
In the grounds of St Phillips Church
60+ stalls Make, bake and grown goods and produce.
Contact for further details 0412 710 276

Cows Market on Chapel
Chapel Street. 8.30am - 2pm, 30+ stalls
Further information-contact 0428 603 043

1st Sunday
Jumbunna Bush Market
Jumbunna Hall
Further information, phone 5657 3253

2nd Sunday
Koowee Community Market
Cochrane Park, Rossiter Rd 8am - 1.30pm
Indoor/outdoor  Phone 0418 289 847
Email: info@kooweemarket.com.au

2nd Friday and Saturday each month
San Remo Cuppa and Chat Market
St. Augustine’s Church
Marine Parade San Remo
Hosts a Cuppa and Chat Market every month on a Friday and Saturday.
Friday 9am - 1pm
Saturday 9am - 12noon
10+ stalls
Bric a brac , cakes, & jams Friday, plus a sausage sizzle on Saturdays.
Further Information: 5678 5386

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LANG LANG COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Public Internet Access to all members.
- IPad Tuition.
- Lifestyle classes including: Yoga, Pilates, Cardio, Walking group and Line Dancing.
- Playgroup and Hey Dee Ho for the littlies.
- A variety of Patchwork groups.
- Men’s Shed Group.
- Secretarial Support Services including: Photocopying, typing and scanning.
- Book Exchange
- Small offices for hire
- Centrelink Agent with dedicated computer.
- Medicare Claim Service

Most Term one activities have concluded now.
Keep an eye out for the term 2 Program which will be in the mail towards the end of March.

Closed over Easter
Open all School Holidays

Please call us, we open @ 9.30am five days a week.
7 Westernport Rd, Lang Lang 3984
Contact Coordinators
Michelle or Marg
(03) 5997 5704
llcc@langlang.net

Volunteer with the Bass Valley Children’s Centre Inc.

Have some fun with us!
We need helpers to organise:
Raffle Prizes and Cent Night Prizes

Can you spare a couple of hours for a really great cause?
The Bass Valley Children’s Centre needs you!
Email fundraising@bvcvc.org.au to pledge your help or call 0431 937 514 (Tanya) or send us a message via the Bass Valley Children’s Centre Facebook page: bassvalleychildcare

The Bass Valley Children’s Centre is coming!!!
...so they need to raise lots of $$$$$$ 
...so they need lots of helpers !!!!!!!

Contact us if you can help pledge some time to a great cause.
‘Like’ us on Facebook/bassvalleychildcare
Bass Valley Children’s Centre
Coming to 60 Cornelia Road, Cornella

0473 077 125

Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre

56-58 Church St, Cowes
Centre Manager - Linda Morrison
5952 1131
Email : manager@pical.org.au
www.pical.org.au

The line for the BBQ at the Bass Valley Autumn Festival

On Saturday 5 March we held our Bass Valley Autumn Festival. As a first-time event over the whole site (including George Bass Park) it was a wonderful success. A big contributor to people knowing about it and coming along on the day was the publicity we got through last month’s Waterline News.

On the day, perfect weather (not too hot, no rain, not too sunny) brought in the crowds. And there was definitely something for everyone. The children’s activities were well patronised with mini-golf, a princess castle and a giant slide, supplemented with face painting for all. The Hadden House Opportunity Shop did a roaring trade with everything in the shop going for half price. And speaking of roaring trade, there were almost twenty stalls selling everything from candles and tea to sculptures of assorted animals made of old car mufflers to amazing tasting sweets.

The Bass Community Centre buildings were also well used, with Devonshire Teas available in the old school room and a fascinating exhibition of Bass memorabilia in the Bass Hall. The latter owes a debt of thanks to Libby Skidmore and Tanya Hughes. The day also featured a visit from the Iwi Riders Motorcycle Club, who helped out in a number of ways.

And of course there was the music, which played from a central point in the Park and set the tone for the whole day.
And why am I telling everyone about something that has already passed? Because it will be bigger and better next year and we hope to see ALL of the Waterline News readers there then.

BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP Inc.
Bass School Road Bass Centre Manager Roderick McIvor Phone 5678 2277

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Call: 5687 0777; E: coord@cdc.asn.au
48 Smythe Street, Corinella
Office Hours: 9am - 4pm (Monday to Friday)
GRANTVILLE MEDICAL CENTRE EXTENSION OPEN SOON

Work is well underway for the extension to the Grantville Medical Centre and the building should be completed by the third week of March. It is expected that shortly afterwards a new pathology collection service will start, operating three times a week from the new premises. The service will be provided by Gippsland Pathology which is part of Dorevitch Pathology Services and which also provides pathology services to the Bass Coast Health Hospital in Wonthaggi. The new facility also provides a room for Allied Health services and nursing services such as diabetes education and chronic disease management.

It is over two years since Wonthaggi Medical group started its service at Grantville and today we can boast that we have provided more than 20,000 medical services in that time. The clinic has both a male and female doctor as its permanent doctors; they are Dr George Mariajoseph (5 days a week) and Dr Neda Beikaee (2 days a week). We hope that by the end of this year there will be two doctors at the clinic at all times.

It is also our intention to establish a regular monthly obstetrics and women’s health clinic in the near future.

When Grantville Medical Centre was opened, our practice made a commitment that the services would be sustained and grow over time. Today, with the clinic extension and the increasing doctor's consultation hours we are keeping our promise to the local Waterline communities.

John Turner
Business Manager
Wonthaggi Medical Group

WRONG NUMBER
Phillip Island Reiki practitioner Gayle Mattson has been advertising for the last couple of months in The Waterline News with the wrong phone number in the ad. Please note her correct number is 0499 373 643

GRANTVILLE AND DISTRICT AMBULANCE AUXILIARY

Cardiac arrest

What is a Heart Attack?
A heart attack is when the blood flow to the heart is reduced, causing a lack of oxygen to the heart muscle. The patient may present with chest tightness, shortness of breath, nausea or vomiting.

What is a Cardiac Arrest?
A Cardiac Arrest on the other hand is when an artery to the heart becomes blocked, causing the heart muscle to die and stop working. It is trigged usually by an electrical malfunction in the heart that causes an irregular heart beat (arrhythmia). With the pumping action disrupted the heart cannot pump blood to the brain, lungs and other organs. The patient then loses consciousness and has no pulse.

What is CPR?
Cardio Pulmonary Circulation (CPR)
All the cells in your body require oxygen to survive. They also require a good supply of nutrients and the rapid removal of waste products. Oxygen and nutrients are carried around the body in your blood, which is pumped by your heart. The purpose of CPR is to keep oxygenated blood flowing around the body to keep the vital organs alive.

How can I help someone who has collapsed?
You can use the mnemonic DR ABC

DANGERS To yourself, bystanders and the patient?
RESPONSE Does the patient respond to your commands?
AIRWAY Is the air way clear OR blocked?
BREATHING Is the patient breathing?
CIRCULATION Does the patient have a pulse? Once you’ve found someone isn't breathing, you should call an ambulance and start CPR by administering 30 compressions, interlock your hands and place them in the middle of the persons chest and push down, continue at a rate of 100 compressions per minute, after 2 minutes check for a pulse in the neck (Carotid) and any return in breathing. If not continue both compressions and breathing at 30 compressions to 2 breaths until an ambulance arrives.

Listen to the Ambulance call taker, they will assist you whilst an ambulance is on the way. Anyone can do CPR, Paramedics would rather you have had a go, than not.

NEXT MONTH WE WILL LOOK AT DIABETES - HYPOGLYCAEMIA
EXPANDED SERVICES
Black Fish Medical clinic (See page 32) is very pleased to welcome Dr Donna Swedosh to their consulting rooms in Koo Wee Rup.
Dr. Donna Swedosh Clinical Psychologist BA(Hons)/Psych, DPsych (Clinical)

Dr. Swedosh has advanced training and experience in clinical care, having previously worked in both public and private mental health settings. She has a special focus on trauma-informed therapy with evidence-based somatic techniques, and promotion of wellbeing. In her therapy Dr Swedosh uses Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Interpersonal Therapy, Mindfulness and Sensorimotor Psychotherapy, to tailor therapy to suit individual client needs. With her clinical background, sessions with clients usually comprise of assessment, and subsequently treatment of concerns and diagnosable disorders, such as adjustment to life changes, grief/loss; depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, personality disorders. Donna is a Medicare service provider, and welcomes new referrals, working closely with general practitioners and psychiatrists. She is also registered with the Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) program, which offers extended care provisions for those who qualify. Dr. Swedosh is passionate about the equitable delivery of psychological services, and strives to keep treatment accessible to all her clients.
Donna is available for appointments at Black Fish Medical Clinic every Thursdays from 18th February 2016.

LANG LANG COMMUNITY FAMILY MEDICINE
BULK BILLING (TO ALL ELIGIBLE MEDICARE CARD HOLDERS)
SAME DAY APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
5 Whitstable St, Lang Lang
Phone: 5997 5799
“Caring Family Medicine”
Easter Hours:
Sunday
March 27 &
Monday
March 28
8.30am - 1.30pm
Patients can book in advance or on the day.

Cardiac Arrest Ambulance Victoria run both FIRST AID courses and 4 Steps for Life programs for the community, if you are interested please call their Community Relations Department, or the Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary.
Secretary: Shelly 0417 593 497

REMEMBER FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE CALL 000
Peter Shearer 39241| Paramedic Educator Grantville Ambulance Victoria/Gippsland Region Ph: 5678 8671 | Mobile 0437 172 177 Fax: 5678 8987 Email: peter.shearer@ambulance.vic.gov.au
Phillip Island Jazz Club
Sunday March 20
Bass Room
Ramada Resort, Cowes.
2pm - 5pm

The New Orleans Swamp Dogs, is a recently formed Traditional/Dixieland Jazz Band. Although originally a ‘spin off’ from the New Orleans Connection Jazz Band, it has now claimed its own right in successfully playing at jazz clubs, festivals and venues across Melbourne and Regional Victoria.

This ‘entertainment focused’ group of musicians are attracting an ever increasing following wherever they perform, which has resulted in great reviews from both dedicated jazz fans and audiences who just want a good night of happy jazz.

With a vibrant jazz line-up of: Ian Hellings - trumpet, Paul Ingle - trombone, Leonid Grigoryan clarinet/saxophone, Clint Smith - banjo, and Simon Vancam - string bass, individually these experienced musicians are certainly no strangers to the jazz world but collectively they provide a new sound and ‘great base for some mighty fine Dixieland and Traditional style jazz’.

The band’s recent successes have included being appointed as ‘resident’ band at Café Vita located at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery, where they regularly perform at their Sunday Jazz Sessions and other corporate and private functions.

Enquiries: Robin Blackman 0432 814 407

South Gippsland Jazz Soc.
Inverloch Jazz Club
Neville Drummond 5674 2166

Moe-Latrobe Jazz Club
Friday April 8 8pm 11pm
Le Hot Jazz
Les Fithall, Lindsay Flint, John Hawes, Will Purcell, Steve Riley and Robert Woods
An outstanding night of hot trad jazz. Dinner before the show at Banjos on Albert. Bookings for dinner 5127 1007

Enquiries: Bruce Lawn 5174 3516

Saturday April 6
Coronet Bay Hall 7 - 11pm
Coronet Bay UNPLUGGED continues to attract good audiences every 1st. Saturday of the month at 7pm, at the Coronet Bay Hall, Gellibrand street. No matter what style of music you like there will be something to your taste. You can bounce along to rock or shed a tear with heart rending folk, or just have the troubles of the day flow away with beautiful classical music and poetry. Truly the best value entertainment around, it’s just a gold coin to enter and supper is provided.

KERNOT FOOD & WINE STORE

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Call Julie on 5678 8555

WIN A CD
For your chance to win a fabulous Australian Jazz CD simply send your name and address on the back of an envelope to PO Box 184 Grantville, 3984, or you can email: Win A CD to editor@waterlinenews.com.au

Congratulations to our February CD winner, Imelda Styles, from Edithvale,

Yarra Yarra Jazz Band – At the Ricky Tick Club – (Cat # YAR 658)
Maurie Garbutt (trumpet), Roger Janes (trombone), Paul Martin (clarinet/tenor sax), Paul Finnerty (guitar), Don Heap (bass) and Lynn Wallis (drums).
Tracks: Bourbon Street Parade, I Can't Begin to Tell You, Everywhere You Go, Fidgety Feet, I'm Just a Gigolo, My Gal Sal, Victory Bounce, Memories, In Spain They Say Si Si, One More Chance, Five Foot Two, Pallet On The Floor, Prairie Moon, Silver Bells, Mamma Don't Allow.

Top of Form
Price: $25.00 plus postage

I would like to thank Ken Farmer for providing these special memories. I don't even remember the Ricky Tick Club, but it was 34 years ago. There are not many recordings of the Yarra's from 1973 to 1976. Later in 1976 the whole band minus Morrie moved to Sydney.

After listening to the music again I'm glad to have been part of it. It will never happen again, imagine being paid enough to live off it full time?

Paul Finnerty
Available now from the Australian Jazz Museum shop.....
www.ajm.org.au

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& Lifestyle

LOOK WHO’S COMING TO GRANTVILLE

This story begins with a family holiday to Vietnam and Cambodia for The Bickham family of Grantville.

Taking our girls to a third world country was something we wanted them to experience, we had travelled to Vietnam 5 years prior.

This trip we also travelled to Cambodia.

In Sapa, near the Vietnam/Chinese border we met a fellow traveller, Bill.

In conversation he told us that he had been offered a 17 year old village girl to bring home to Australia for a slave for $400 US by her mother.

The shocking revelation of this statement just cemented our thought and desire to help somehow and someway. The girls were saddened to hear what we already knew went on in these countries. Human trafficking is a part of every day life!!

In Cambodia you can by a construction worker for $700 use him or her to build your house then just sell them.

Girls in these countries do not have a chance of bettering themselves unless their families can pay bribes for them to get employment.

My husband, Lee was having a conversation with our guide about the sad plight of girls in his country.

Panah gave Lee the example of his own sister.

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Even a low level certificate here would help her chances in Cambodia.

Lee Bickham with Chanthy (Jonty) in Cambodia

If we can make a difference in her life and show our children how easy it is to help someone not as fortunate as us in our beautiful country we will be pleased.

Hopefully Chanthy will be here soon, please say hello to her.

Sally Bickham, Grantville

EASTER MARKET – EASTER SATURDAY March 26 9am. to 1pm.

Easter Saturday is the Coronet Bay market and it is always a popular with lots of stalls that now include a new fresh food section including breads, oils, wine etc.

There is “the shed” where many quality unwanted items becomes someone else’s treasure. You don’t need to have breakfast before you come because the Bay Café is still producing the best bacon and egg sandwiches and Copious Coffee will be there for that essential shot. For morning tea there are scones, cookies and more, then at lunch time, delicious healthy wraps or sausage rolls, dim sims and chips. Not forgetting the community sausage sizzle.

All of this goes on to the beautiful strains of mandolin and guitar from “No Strings Attached”. And don’t forget the good old fashioned spinning wheel with the traditional meat tray prizes – they really are fantastic value. There is a great raffle on the go that is going to be drawn the following day at the Beach Fair, with terrific prizes.

As usual at our Easter market, there will be Laughing Clowns that are particularly popular with the kids.

BEACH FAIR - EASTER SUNDAY March 27 10am – 3pm

The ever popular Coronet Bay Easter Beach Fair is on again - thirteen years of its traditional rural quality and family activities. FREE animal farm, races for kids and family, Sand Castle competition, pony rides and Best Dressed Dog competition and how can you have Easter without a Bonnet Parade? The ever popular Futsal will be on again, so come along and give the World Game a go.

Of course the kids will want some more contemporary amusements with such things as a Bouncy Castle, Go Karts, a Giant Slide, Laughing Clowns and Shooting Gallery etc.

If art is your thing, there will be an outdoor Art Show in which local artists exhibit and sell their work.

Although not related to Easter, anyone who hasn’t been to Coronet Bay for some time may like to see our sculpture trail that depicts the township’s story from its earliest origins. These sculptures are small and installed on seats and tables and there is a children’s section set within rocks all designed and beautifully crafted by David Murphy and funded by the Shire of Bass Coast.

And you can’t have a good old fashioned rural fair without stalls so a great range will be on offer. For wine lovers there will be quality wine from Purple Hen wines. All wines can be purchased by the glass or bottle to accompany your lunch.

Also of course there will be a good range of food available as well as a coffee cart. To supplement the local community sausage sizzle, pizza, paella, donuts and more.

The Jazz Club - 12-2pm Saturdays.

Phillip Island App Radio

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

www.phillipislandappradio.com
RECIPE

Gluten-free pizza with cauliflower base

This gluten and dairy-free pizza lets you enjoy all of the taste of regular pizza with none of the carbs. Plus, it’s not hard to make at all.

Makes: 8 slices

Ingredients:
- 1 medium cauliflower head
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 free range eggs
- 3 tbsp coconut flour (not to be confused with desiccated coconut)
- Salt and pepper
- Tomato paste
- Grated mozzarella (omit for dairy-free option)
- Cherry tomatoes
- Kalamata olives
- Sliced mushrooms
- Fresh parsley, chopped

Method:
1. Preheat the oven to 200°C.
2. In a food processor, whiz the cauliflower until it becomes similar to bread crumbs. Transfer the cauliflower to a frying pan with the olive oil and cook for about 10 minutes on a medium heat, stirring constantly. When cooked and mushy-like, take off the heat and transfer into a big bowl.
3. Add the eggs, coconut flour and salt and pepper to the cooked cauliflower and mix well.
4. Tip the entire cauliflower mixture onto a lined oven tray. Using your hands, form a pizza base (round or square is up to you) about 1cm thick. Bake in the oven for about 10 minutes, or until golden.
5. Remove from the oven, spread the base with tomato paste then top with the mozzarella, cherry tomatoes, olives and mushrooms. Bake in the oven for a further 10-15 minutes, but keep an eye on it so it doesn’t burn.
6. To finish, top with fresh parsley and enjoy with a glass of your favourite wine.

Written by Anisa Kazemi. First appeared on Stuff.co.nz.

Have you ordered your copy of the Over60 cookbook, The Way Mum Made It, yet? Featuring 178 delicious tried-and-true recipes from you, the Over60 community, and your favourites that have appeared on the Over60 website, head to the abishop.com.au to order your copy now.

Frozen Mars Bars Mouse

Ingredients:
- Vegetable oil spray
- 6 x 60g Mars bars
- 600ml thickened cream
- 3 eggs, separated
- 50g dark chocolate, melted, to drizzle

Method:
1. Spray a 1-litre terrine mould with oil. Line with plastic wrap, leaving long sides overhanging. Roughly chop 4 bars and place in a heatproof bowl with 300ml cream over a pan of simmering water (don’t let bowl touch water) until melted, then stir to combine. Cool slightly, then whisk in remaining cream and egg yolks.
2. In a separate bowl, beat eggwhites with electric beaters until stiff peaks form. Fold into chocolate mixture. Pour into terrine, folding in wrap. Freeze overnight until firm. To serve, dip mould briefly in warm water, then invert onto a platter. Chop remaining bars, scatter over terrine and drizzle with melted chocolate.

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questions we were asked following the fires in January was “What do I do with my animals?” Our animals are part of our family we all want to make sure they are safe in the event of a fire. In order to help in these circumstances CFA has partnered with an Australian-first project that aims to provide better protection of horses and other companion animals during bushfires. The National Equine Database (NED) has been developed by CFA volunteer Jenna Kelley, founder of the Walking Forward Disaster Relief Team and works by linking equine owners with property owners who have the capacity to temporarily house animals during bushfires and other emergencies.

By networking through the database pet owners in bushfire prone areas can establish plans to move their animals to a nominated safe place on days of predicted peak fire danger. NED can also store animal identification details and other records to help prove ownership. The database launched in mid-February and can be accessed at www.tepscon.community.

SCAM ALERT
There have been reports throughout the state of community members receiving phone calls asking for donations for their local fire brigade. The callers are reportedly requesting credit card details. This is a hoax and is not in any way authorised by either the brigades or the CFA. If you have had a call requesting a donation to a brigade please report it to your local police station.

4X4 & UTE SHOW’N’SHINE
Kernot-Grantville Fire Brigade are currently organising their third 4x4 & Ute Show’n’Shine on Sunday 17th April 10am – 2 pm. This is our major fundraiser and is looking to be bigger and better than ever this year with trade stalls, food stalls and a kidzone. As well as the raffle we will have an auction with some fantastic items up for grabs including a two day 4WD driving course, UHF radio’s and a two day MX5 car hire!!! Entry is only $10 per vehicle and a gold coin donation for spectators.

You don’t need a flash show car with trophies for roughest 4x4, feral ute and best work/trade ute so come along, have fun and help us raise some money to go towards new equipment and infrastructure!!!

You can find more details at: https://www.facebook.com/kernotcfa/

LOCAL POLICE NETWORK
San Remo Police, Station Commander Bruce Kent.

Friday 4/3/2016: Wonthaggi Police executed a Drug warrant at an address in Campbell Street, Wonthaggi. A large amount of Cannabis Plants and a Hydroponic growing system was seized. A 45 year old Wonthaggi man was released pending a court appearance.

Unlawful Assault: Thompson Ave, Cowes Sunday 6/3/16: (2) x males were assaulted via a group of up to (5) unknown males after leaving a local Licensed Premises. Cowes Police are Investigating.

Aggravated Burglary - Saturday 5/3/2016 – Lynnes Rd, Jumbunna. An unknown male attended a Jumbunna address and entered uninvited and assaulted (2) occupants being a 49 yr old male and 45 yr old female. No one was injured in the assault and Bass Coast detectives are Investigating.

Andy O’BRIEN
Senior Sergeant 31580
Wonthaggi Police Station
Emergency Dial 000
www.police.vic.gov.au
THE FIRST VICTORIAN SHIP BUILDERS

The men who were the first shipbuilders in Victoria were James Clark Smith and his son Marmaduke who, together with three crewmen rebuilt their vessel the Caledonia in Western Port during 1835.

James was born in England about 1775 and became an officer in the British Navy. By 1812 James had left the navy, married and fathered six children. He became a merchant and carried goods to Cape Town. He experienced severe commercial and legal difficulties which were to follow him for the next twelve years, Court cases and judgements for and against him dominated his life. He avoided Cape Town and travelled from England to Australia. In 1823 he purchased a third share in the brig Brutus and left England with his son Marmaduke as his first officer. They reached Hobart in August 1823 and sought cargo for the return trip to London, again avoiding creditors. Smith set off for Sydney where the Brutus was impounded. James and Marmaduke got away with most of the cargo despite the ship being under guard in port. They sold their third share in the Brutus and returned to Hobart.

In Hobart in 1824 James gained knowledge of sealing, the Bass Strait islands and the land around Western Port from conversations with the sealing captains. He bought a seven ton sloop, the Caledonia, fitted her out, stocked her with a large quantity of stores and bought a whale boat. The Caledonia was registered in the name of Marmaduke Smith in January 1825 and set sail almost immediately. The vessel sailed north and entered Western Port. James stated that the ship was “so crank and infirm as to be in danger of sinking” and it was necessary to seek shelter in Western Port and effect repairs. They chose not to repair the ship but to rebuild and enlarge it. They selected a spot where the beach was sandy and clear of the mud which would make the job difficult. The site of the camp is not known but it is probable that the beach near Rhyll where there was a well made by sinking a barrel into the sand was chosen. The site was well known to the sealers of the area and James would have been told of it. The stores were unloaded and a camp site set up, local timbers were felled and the work commenced. It took nine months for the Caledonia to be cut in half and rebuilt. The Caledonia was now 45 feet long, 22 tons and two masted, a mighty change from the seven ton sloop that had left Hobart Town. A puzzle for James’ creditors!

The ship builders were happy with their choice of Western Port as the site of their activities. They stated that “it was one unvaried scene of verdure and fertility, equal in beauty to an English park, finely watered and abounding in game of all descriptions” James Smith said that he was “induced by that heavenly climate to sojourn there during the winter for the sake of his health”. The first Victorian ship builders lived well on kangaroo, swan eggs “fish of the highest perfection” and a “most excellent beverage” made from tea-tree leaves.

Libby Skidmore
From a paper written by Dr Ken Morris
Bass Valley Historical Society
Editor’s Note: Libby tells me there is plenty more to this story so look for more next month.

OUR HISTORY

by Noeline Lyons

INVERLOCH PIONEER CEMETERY

The Inverloch Cemetery Trust have located all the burials and names of each un-marked grave (no headstones) and the Cemetery Trust would like to try and locate the descendants of each un-marked grave and is offering them the availability to place a small plaque on each concrete paver which marks these graves.

If you have a family member that you know / think is buried in Inverloch Pioneer Cemetery please contact Noeline (Trustee).

Phone 56724739
email noelene@dcsi.net.au
French Island News

Notices for the French Island section of The Waterline News should be sent to: editor@waterlinenews.com.au by the 1st of each month.

FRENCH ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
French Island Community Association
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French Island
Victoria 3921
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EMERGENCY SERVICES
There is no regular police presence or ambulance service on the island. French Island has a Country Fire Authority (CFA). There is one fire engine stationed permanently on the island, next to the Community Hall on Tankerton Rd. CFA volunteers are able to respond to any kind of emergency. Calling 000 is always the best option in an emergency.

NURSE ON CALL
For non-urgent health issues islanders may utilise the Department of Health’s Nurse on Call service:
Nurse On Call 1300 60 60 24

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

FIRE PLANS
All bushland residents should have a personal fire plan. The French Island CFA hosts annual information sessions which give concrete advice on this topic. The CFA is also happy to visit individual properties to further aid in the development of fire plans. As for all of Victoria, fire bans and other instructions issued by the CFA should be followed.

POISON INFORMATION HOTLINE 131126

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

CFA Training
Sundays March 20
April 3 and 17

FRIENDS OF FRENCH ISLAND
President Chris Chandler
Secretary: Meredith Sherlock
Phone 9770 5229
Email: secretary@fofi.org.au
www.fofi.org.au

FOFI Project Days
March 19
April 16
10am ferry from Stony Point, meet in Tankerton
On-island transport provided. BYO binoculars, water, hat, sunscreen & mozzie repellent.
No Experience necessary.
Contact 1 week prior to confirm.
Meredith Sherlock Phone 9770 5229
Email: secretary@fofi.org.au

French Island Visitor’s Guide Book Launch
Saturday March 19 at 1.00pm
French Island Eco Inn
Finger food provided, drinks at bar prices.
RSVP by March 12 to dineenc@optusnet.com.au
Phone 0418 147 687

French Island Easter Market
Sunday March 27, 10am to 2pm
Inside FI Community Hall
Stall holders: Please contact Glenys at the FI General Store to book your space for only $5.
Lots to see and do.

French Island Community Tip
Working Bee When: Tuesday March 22 Time: 10am - noon
Contact: Linda on 0413 919 607 Come along and help keep this essential service tidy and safe. Everyone welcome. BYO water, gloves, hat, and sunscreen.

Landcare Nursery
Volunteers are always welcome at the nursery on Wednesdays and Thursdays
From 10am - 12 noon.
Contact Terry on 0413 088 527
filandcare@gmail.com

March 2016
CORINELLA TO FRENCH ISLAND FERRY
BARGE

Geoffrey Ellis

They didn’t stay for a second winter; on December 12, 1826, a party of soldiers and convicts arrived on the edge of present day Corinella. A few convict made bricks are all that remains. A small cairn memorialises their fifteen month settlement.

The Pier in Corinella nearly went the same way. After the decline of the professional fishing fleet it deteriorated to the point where Parks Victoria was allocated money to remove the lower landing. This galvanised the community into action. Extra funds were raised for restoration.

On a cloudless day I lean on the Pier railing and watch a large jelly fish meander along the shoreline. The sea grass here was almost wiped out when truckloads were removed to insulate houses in Melbourne. From the fifties through to the mid seventies all the dry sea grass was harvested from the beach. This removed nature’s buffer and the sand was swept away by the tide; fish numbers in the bay were cut through loss of breeding grounds.

At the Corinella General Store, Barbara Oates, the owner, finds time to talk about Corinella. The store is a short walk to the Community Centre and the History Trail; together they form a hub for the community. The store provides information, hot food, coffee, fuel and the thousand things people forget to bring on holiday. A short drive away, The Pier is now a fine place from which to view Western Port Bay and consider the history of the area.

Barbara, a lifelong resident, is doing everything that she can to protect the heritage of Corinella. She provided the basis of the interpretive signage at the History Trail and is custodian of much that has become history.

Amongst her many roles Barb handles daily enquiries for The Barge, a vehicular ferry that takes trucks or cars from the sands of Corinella to the sands of French Island. And return. Sounds simple but there’s a lot more to it than that. We flick through the photos that tell the story…..

“Ken Gartside launched the first punt or barge from Tooradin in 1946. Before then residents of French island would use their own boats to come across. Everything that was needed to build the Prison Farm on French Island needed to be loaded into boxes then loaded onto the Hinemoa, a gentleman named Bob Palmer owned that…..”

When we come to the present day barge, Barb puts me in touch with Roy Cox. He’s a busy man who graciously relates some of his experiences of the Barge.

Raised on his parent’s French Island farm, Roy took charge of The Barge when the loading point was changed from Tooradin to Corinella. This shortened the route to two miles (from eight) enabling many more trips per day. Roy was 16 years old but dairymaid and beef farming had taught him to handle responsibility. Ken Gartside proved Roy’s nautical competency by informing the T.R.B. that he had a car licence. Roy’s first day on the Job was November 10 1969.

Endlessly crossing the waters between Corinella and French Island might seem like an ideal career but there’s plenty of work involved. “The vessel can do up to eight return trips a day. Even if you only do 5 there’s always something going on.” Roy operated The Barge 7 days a week for 33 years, solo at first but with another fellow eventually rostered on to provide some respite “…..you started in the dark and finished in the dark. Before mobile phones they’d be ringing you at ten o’clock at night…..at least now they can make bookings while you’re operating,” he laughs. In the middle of those 33 years Roy took some months off to go shark fishing; a change rather than a holiday.

Roy started on Pegasus 3 which sank in 1988. “It was hard to keep going. It leaked so bad that the Fire Truck had to come and pump it out. It ended its days when it slowly sank at the Prison Jetty. It was taken away for scrap when the Jetty was removed. It could be part of your car,” Roy jokes, “…and its replacement was christened Mosquito Creek.”

Roy Cox hasn’t actually stopped operating The Barge. He is part owner with four other people. To meet their responsibility to fellow Islanders and give the current crew time away, he fills in when there isn’t another person available. “You can’t just tie it up,” Roy explains. “If there was no barge everything would stop; you couldn’t get a car or truck to the Island, let alone fuel ……..” The biggest hurdle to finding replacement crew are the two main job requirements: live on French Island or in Corinella and have an M5 Master’s Licence “which requires more time to get than a Jumbo Jet licence,” Roy is only half joking. Hundreds of four hour days are required to M5 certification which qualifies the holder to take a vessel into the treacherous waters of Bass Strait.

Government regulation mandates M5 certification to operate The Barge even though the vessel isn’t licenced to leave Western Port Bay.

Increasing the difficulty of finding a replacement operator is the lack of government funding for this essential service to French Islanders.

Loads are many and varied. “Fuel, fertilizer, cattle, building material, everything for the shop and always on the back of a truck.” Quite a few Koalas leave the disease free sanctuary on French Island via The Barge. Roy keeps the passenger list confidential but, when Bob and Lynne Minogue owned a farm on French Island their daughters often travelled on The Barge. “They were nice people”.

Roy talks about the many trips it took to get the equipment and people across for Confest, the Dr Jim Cairns lead festival that promoted alternative lifestyles, including nudism. Another memorable cargo was the equipment for the film Summerfield that was shot on Churchill Island starring Nick Tate and Bud Tingwell.

As you read this, The Barge is likely to be somewhere between Corinella and French Island, keeping the Island connected to the mainland.
So how do you get on board The Barge?

The website tells you to book as far in advance as possible but at least 24 hours notice is required to get a spot. When I ring, Michelle Bass is helping people disembark as she answers the phone. Michelle has been deckhand on the Barge for around a year. Crew duties include keeping track of the bookings. The most unusual cargo that she has encountered was a half built house. The Barge runs six days a week (Seven at peak times). - Thursday is maintenance day - and it can only operate “when there is enough water under it” so the work stops three hours before low tide. The day I spoke to Michelle, 11.30 am was the cut off point but they had already done a full day’s work. As well as Michelle and four other deckhands there are two captains. Tony Groombridge is in charge the day that I make my enquiries.

How much does it cost?
Michelle runs me through charges for the return trip: "A car is $200, Trucks? That varies, a twenty foot tray top starts at around $440. Motorbikes aren't allowed on the Island but if a farmer took an ag-bike across that would cost $50.” In the year she's worked on the Barge there have only been a couple of pushbikes and walk on passengers pay $10, which is cheaper than the Ferry. Michelle warns me that walk on spots are limited as the vessel is licenced to carry 12; two cars with passengers could leave no spots.

The number to ring is: 0428 880 729.

TRIBUTE TO MURRAY BOUCHIER
(February 1933–December 2015)

I first met Murray in the mid 1990s on the Western Port wader surveys. He soon joined FOFI (Friends of French Island) as well and some years later became our very capable activities coordinator.

Murray’s interest in nature, and birds in particular, began when he was a boy. In fact he told me that when he was about 14 he and a friend used to ride their bikes from Hughesdale, where he lived, to Sherbrooke Forest in the Dandenongs where they camped in the bush. Murray and Wilma were married in 1960 and they built their own house at Park Orchards. This is adjacent to a patch of unexplored saltmarsh.

We would find the Striated Fieldwren on French Island and Murray was a very good at recognising all the bird calls. He was also an excellent photographer, and his work includes a number of photos of birds on nests.

I worked very closely with Murray after he joined FOFI and we usually travelled in his car from Ringwood, always stopping for a cup of coffee at Hastings. He was easy to work with, being adventurous, down to earth, and always ready to see the funny side of things. When setting up photo points, he once asserted that I had him hammering the stake into the ground while I did the easy work of taking the photos and notes. On another occasion, I was interviewing a local resident and taking notes while Murray was busy spotting a new bird for the island - the Weebill. He was a renowned optimist. He was even convinced that one day we would find the Striated Fieldwren on French Island - in some patch of unexplored saltmarsh.

I went with Murray, and often other FOFI members, to a number of Friends Network and Field Naturalists conferences. We particularly enjoyed the field trips.

At the funeral service on 5th January at St Gerard’s Church, Warrandyte, Phillip Bourchier noted that his father ‘did not use technology a lot, always meaning to learn. The fact was, he was too busy living his life, in seeking the first hand experience and exciting others about it. He lived life to the full.’

Geoff Lacey

FRENCH ISLAND FERRY

The French Island Ferry is a ferry service which runs between Stony Point in Mornington Peninsula and Cowes on Phillip Island, via French Island.

The ferry departs from:
Stony Point Jetty on the Mornington Peninsula (Stony Point Station is a short walk from the jetty)
Tankerton Jetty on French Island
Cowes Jetty on Phillip Island

Fares
Tickets are available at the Stony Point kiosk, and also on board the ferry.

Please note: the French Island Ferry is not a myki ticketed service.

The following fares apply:
Adult: one way - $13.00, return $26.00
Child*: one way - $6.00, return $12.00
Pensioner/concession: one way - $8.00, return - $16.00
Bicycle (additional cost): one way - $4.00, return - $8.00
*Children aged under 4 years travel free.
*Child fares are available for children aged from 4 to 12 years old.

For more information, see the French Island Ferries website http://interislandferries.com.au/fi_costs.php

Paula Seymour

FRENCH ISLAND POET’S CORNER

Contributions are welcome, not only for Poet’s Corner, but we also welcome short stories, general information stories, photos, in fact anything you want to tell us about life on French Island. Since the closure of “The Pinnacle” The Waterline News has provided the space for French Island to have its own section.

Wherever
Wherever you go
My heart with you
Will go.
Whenever your soul
Tries to reach mine
My soul will reach across
And touch yours.
Through space and time
And your heart will be
At one with mine.
As my body will know
I am one with you
Wherever you go.

Paula Seymour

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Letters

Say ‘NO’ to RAZ at The Gurdies

I don’t usually take an active part in protests of any sort – I am one of the silent majority. But the Council’s proposed rezoning of The Gurdies under Amendment C140 has roused the sleeping dragon in me. I make my objection to the Council’s proposed rezoning of The Gurdies on the basis of three points.

The first is the very real threat to the natural beauty and solitude of The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve (NCR). The Council’s proposal to rezone The Gurdies from ‘farming’ to ‘tourist activity’ would in the council’s words provide an opportunity for tourism development that maximises its exposure to visitors passing through the precinct en-route to Philip Island and beyond. The proposed rezoning would permit development of such things as high quality boutique accommodation, restaurants, cafes linked to cellar doors, trail rides, golf courses and more. Of course, the Council has made assurances that tourist development would not detract from the landscape, would nestle into the landscape, be subservient to the landscape. But just how this would be achieved when areas of bushland may need to be removed to make way for the development has not been addressed.

Council has also stated that any future tourism development would be of modest scale, relevant to land size and surrounding uses. Does this mean that if a developer was able to purchase a large enough area of land, the size of the development might also be increased from ‘modest?’ It’s imperative that The Gurdies not be turned into a mini-version of Philip Island with its tourist noise, rubbish, traffic congestion and tourist activities like mini golf courses, caravan parks, adventure parks, etc. Our Gurdies should be protected against such development because the first tourist activity to plant its feet in the Gurdies bush will be the start of its destruction – and once development has started can never be undone.

The second reason for my objection to the proposed rezoning is the certain decline in the wonderful variety of native animals, birds and reptiles that an increase in tourist activity would mean. The Gurdies NCR is home to 18 species of mammals, 130 species of birds, 15 reptile species and 340 identified plants, including 54 types of orchids. There is a critical ‘wildlife corridor’ which passes between The Gurdies NCR and the Hurdy Gurdy Creek NCR. Already the lives of many of our native animals and reptiles are destroyed every day by the mindless speedsters that use the Gurdies – St. Heliers Road. If the Council’s proposed rezoning goes ahead, the animal road kill must increase substantially with the increased traffic, not to mention the increase in traffic accidents that would occur on our very narrow roads. And my third reason is in relation to Council’s response to the more than 50% of The Gurdies residents who have written objecting to the proposed rezoning – not to the general concept of the C140 amendment - but to the application of the amendment as it applies specifically to The Gurdies -but as we are few, our voices appear to have gone unheeded.

So although the Council’s proposed rezoning of The Gurdies may directly affect only a handful of residents, The Gurdies NCR is a magical area and is there to be enjoyed by all Bass Coast residents. A small group of residents has united to form the ‘Say NO to RAZ at The Gurdies’ group. We would welcome your support, so please join us to persuade our Council of the need to exclude The Gurdies from their rezoning plans.

You may contact Nola Kim on 5997 6414 or Liz McDonald on 5997 6130.

Nola Kim
260 Gurdies – St. Heliers Road, The Gurdies

THE PRICE IS NOT RIGHT

I recently drove to Cranbourne and back in a morning.
Wonthaggi ULP 115.9 Cpl
Bass ULP 96.9 Cpl (34km away from Wattle Bank by the shortest route)
Tooradin 91.9 Cpl (e10)
19km up the road from Tooradin ULP was 90.9 Cpl with a voucher.
A medium sized tanker holds around 30,000 litres. Assuming everything else is equal, it either costs over $160 per Km to get a tanker from Bass to Inverloch. Maybe the driver goes into overtime?

My car has a 42 litre tank and gets 10km to the litre. If I could get to Bass on the last drop I would save $7.98 per tankful but spend 6.78 to save it. Every litre left in the tank would deprive me of 19c in savings. So it isn’t worth an hours drive.

I wonder if somebody in a green office building does the same calculation before they ring their outlets each morning. Bizarrely, at the Petrol Station next to Cranbourne Shopping centre ULP was 124.9 Cpl, while the Petrol Station 3km distant at Thompsons Road was 94.9 Cpl (less 4c with voucher). I think some one in Cranbourne wanted a quiet day.

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Corinella Bowling Club Inc.
2015/16 Season
22 Balcombe St
Corinella. T: 5678 0497.

Friday Twilight Fun at five
All Ages Welcome! Junior Bowls/Activities too
Neat casual dress, bare feet, thongs or flat soled shoes required. Coaching and bowls provided. Food and drinks available.
Contact: Phil Wright - 5678 0813
Cliff Scammell - 5678 0191
We invite you to visit our club on Tuesdays or Saturday to view the pennant matches from our veranda with a view.
Follow & Like us on our Facebook page Corinella Bowling Club on Westernport or search for www.facebook.com/CBC.Westernport

Bass Coast Strollers
The Bass Coast Strollers Club was formed in May 1998, for retired and middle aged persons interested in participating in walks around the Bass Coast region of Victoria. Members ages range from 50’s to mid 80’s who are fit and healthy.
The club was formed with the aim of bringing together people who enjoy recreational walking, to organise walks at various locations and of varying duration as well as some social activities, and to make friends and encourage and support each other.
The club is NOT for the “hard core” bushwalker, with weekly walks ranging from The Gurdies on Westernport, to Inverloch.
Walks are held each Monday and commence at varying locations, with two walks offered, a short option of around 4kms and a longer option of at least 8 kms for those wishing to extend themselves.
Camps outside the region are offered during the year for interested members.
Long serving U3A Histories of the World presenter David Holmes has just taken over as co-ordinator for the group and he can be contacted for all details on 5678 0033.
Email: dhapl@bigpond.com

Woolamai Picnic Races
Put the dates on your calendar now
Saturday March 19
Saturday April 9
The Sports and Leisure page is being reformatted next month. If your club would like to be included, contact the editor now. Contact details below.....

Group Bookings are available for all meetings.
Contact Secretary Bev Carmichael 5678 7585
A message to our community from Maru Koala Animal Park

Last month a video went around social media showing a close-up of one of our wombats incorrectly stating that she was kept confined in a cage and the author encouraged viewers to not visit Maru, to try to get us shut down and to post poor reviews.

As a carer of animals if I saw the 30 second video I might initially be distressed too, but my response would be to find out more and ask questions. Sadly this was not the response of most and many did post poor reviews on TripAdvisor and Facebook in response to this video and only a handful contacted us directly by email, which did not include the person who originally posted the video.

So how did this confusion come about? The wombat in question has a raised sleeping den that has a wire front for visitors to view her through and a concrete floor to allow for thorough cleaning. This wombat is affectionately known to us as ‘MaMa’ and is one of the original animals at Maru, around in the days when Ruth and George Heffer were still running the business and is around 25 years old. The video only shows a small portion of the wombats inside den and sleeping area which does have a wire front for visitors to view the animal, but allegations that this wombat is kept in a cage and banging her head against the wall are incorrect.

This wombat can freely come and go from her sleeping den into her outside enclosure which is dirt based and does allow for digging, foraging and natural behaviours, but the video does not show this. This much loved wombat has been with us over 25 years and does on occasion display a stereotypic behaviour learned before she arrived at Maru, where she goes through the motions of digging but in the air, despite having access to dig in dirt outside, she does not hit her head against the wall.

We have made numerous attempts in many different ways to cease this behaviour but none have been successful. It is the opinion of veterinarians who have examined her that this behaviour is not doing her any harm and her general health, wellbeing and condition are very good, despite her very old age.

Maru also operates a separate Wildlife Hospital and Shelter and we have rescued, hand-reared, rehabilitated and returned to the wild countless animals ourselves including orphaned wombat joeys. None of this work is seen by the public as those animals are kept separate from our Maru animals in a secure quarantine area. As a family run business that has been operating for 30 years it is heartbreaking that some people who are not fully informed would think that we have anything but the welfare of our animals and conservation of wild animals through education of visitors at heart. Maru is a way of life for us more than a business and we are passionate about the care of our animals.

Ian Heffer (owner/director) and wife Neroli Heffer (manager).

OVER 25 YEARS AND DOES ON OCCASION DISPLAY THIS MUCH LOVED WOMBAT HAS BEEN WITH US BUT THE VIDEO DOES NOT SHOW THIS.

LOOKING FOR SOLAR POWER?

Sunscape Electrical are a local company who provide the Bass Coast region with high quality solar power systems, at an affordable price. Sam and Melanie Leighton have been working in the solar industry for over eight years, and moved to Lang Lang four years ago to raise their children on a farm, and to be closer to the beach so Sam can go surfing after work. They are both passionate about the renewable energy sector and want to provide affordable options for home and business owners to help us reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. They are very professionally run for a small business, and believe in good old fashioned customer service and hard work. You can be sure you will not be getting a shonky system, as Sam is a member of the Master Electricians (with 20 years in the trade) and he is the one who installs the system directly.

They also have a wide range of experience, having installed over 1000 systems around Victoria. These range from small start up 0.5kW systems, to large 100kW for commercial factories. They also install off-grid standalone systems, and battery storage for hybrid systems, which appears to be the way of the future!

See their ad on page 31 then for more details visit their website www.sunscapeelectrical.com.au

WELCOME ANN MARIE

Ann Marie O’Brien has lived in Grantville for 3 years and has just started her own business.

She has had 15 years experience in aged care and one year in home care and has had ten years experience as a cleaner.

Having settled nicely in the area she has now decided to start out on her own so she can have a more direct contact with her clients and establish a wider client base.

After growing up in Seaford she has travelled around Australia a fair bit and lived in various Coastal towns, but is now glad to call Grantville home. Have a look at her ad on page 30 and give her Ann Marie a call. 0405 723 120

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Our promise to you is a great product at the right price backed by personal service and know-how that will allow you to have the highest confidence every time you purchase a product bearing the iO logo.

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**LOOK WHAT’S BACK**

“Snakes hate Phenyle”

So says the old wives tale from Grandma’s days and I have tried it with some success in recent years. The trouble has been though, that it has been almost impossible to buy Phenyle anywhere. It was marketed as Wheelie Bin Cleaner for a few years but that’s now gone too I believe.

So with a snake in the Waterline News office while this edition was being prepared I was pleased to find good old fashioned Phenyle back on the shelf at Grantville Mitre 10, a range of different sizes. Get some and a spray bottle and spray around the perimeter of your property once a week at this time of the year and it could keep you snake free. Also if you do have one and lose sight of it, spray where you think it went, doesn’t smell wonderful, but Grandma says it will leave pretty quick. Good luck.

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**PIRATE FESTIVAL BACK**

Dust off your costumes as the Pirate Festival is back again and planning is underway. More games, rides, koalas and animals, entertainment and piratin’ fun to be had. Mark Sat the 23rd April in your calendars

Full details in the April edition of The Waterline News and we will post any updates on our facebook page during the month.

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The Gurdies Fire
42 degree day
South Gippsland a tinderbox
fire races through grass
at northeast corner of 240 hectare
Gurdies Nature Reserve.
Owners of house next door
ring fire brigade, grub out spot fires.
Within three minutes
like New Year Eve fireworks’ display
trees near their house blaze
spurt out embers, start more spot fires.

Fire engines, big CFA utes scream in
from up and down the highway
twenty-eight in all.
Hoses spray fire
pumps take water from dam
swimming pool. Overhead two
waterbomber helicopters and spotter
fly over canopy of green
St Heliers Rd hidden beneath.
One helicopter, hose dangling
heads to nearby farm.
Like greedy octopus
it sucks water up from dam.

Homes in fire’s path are evacuated
villages close by put on alert
to watch and act.

Meryl Brown Tobin

Tribute and thankyou to CFA volunteers
who put themselves
at risk to protect lives and property at

A Prayer for the Children

We pray for the children
who put chocolate fingers everywhere,
who like to be tickled,
who stomp in puddles and ruin their new
pants,
who sneak Popsicles before supper,
who erase holes in math workbooks,
who can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those
who stare at photographers from behind
barbed wire,
who’ve never squeaked across the floor in
new sneakers,
who never had crayons to count,
who are born in places we wouldn’t be
captured dead,
who never go to the circus,
who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children
who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of
dandelions,
who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,
who give hugs in a hurry and forget their
lunch money,
who cover themselves with Band-Aids and
sing off-key,
who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink,
who slurp their soup.

And we pray for those
who never get dessert,
who watch their parents watch them die,
who have no safe blanket to drag behind,
who can’t find any bread to steal,
who don’t have any rooms to clean up,
whose pictures aren’t on anybody’s dresser,
whose monsters are real.

We pray for children
who spend all their allowance before
Tuesday,
who throw tantrums in the grocery store and
pick at their food,
who throw tantrums in the phone,
who squirm in church or temple or mosque
school,
who don’t like to be kissed in front of the
ring fire brigade, grub out spot fires.

And we pray for those
whose nightmares come in the daytime,
who will eat anything,
who aren't spoiled by anybody,
who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to
sleep,
who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children who want to be
carried,
and for those who must.
For those we never give up on,
and for those who never get a chance.
And we pray for those
whose smiles can make us cry.

Ina J. Hughes

HAIKU
Thoughts in miniature
A haiku is untitled and
unrhymed.
A seasonal word or reference
associated with nature should
appear in the haiku, and
contrasting images may be used. Usually the
first line stands alone while the second and
third connect to give an aspect of that image.

Beauty
After summer rain
the dripping leaves of eucalypts
fresher humid air
Softly falling snow
in warm red glow of firelight
girl plays cello

Daybreak in autumn
rays of sun gild falling leaves
crackling gold pathway
Across the still lake
reflections of autumn leaves
Colour cold grey dawn

Dorothea Trafford Lavery

Haiku Group
Society of
Women Writers,
Victoria

BOOK REVIEW
By Gail Foster

The Question Space
is an excellent resource
for the difficult but
unfortunately common
issue of bullying. The
blend of personal
stories, practical
strategies and well-researched information
makes this book a valuable addition to your
toolkit to aid recovery and resilience.
There is something for everyone in this
book. Whether you are feeling unsure about
the way others are treating you, or if you
have suffered years of bullying and have felt
helpless to do anything about it. The think
and grow spots throughout these pages,
coupled with the suggested activities, and
contacts help to reinforce and remind us that
we all have a built-in ability to cope. Even
when we may think that ability has long left
us!
We reviewed one of Gail’s earlier books, in
January .
The book is available in soft cover and as an
e-book.
For details on how to purchase the book,
contact the author, Gail Foster .
http://www.gailfostertasmania.com/

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THE WRITINGS OF E.E. (Betty) Caldwell.

We have been lucky enough to secure the rights to some more of the writings of E.E. (Betty) Caldwell with special thanks to Maree Silver who has done all Betty’s typing for her.

AMUSEMENTS

Always we had radio. No, not the crystal sets people speak of so lovingly. I’ve never even seen one. Ours was in two parts – a speaker, about the size of an early television which Dad used to carry into his bedroom during the late hours of the night through to early morning to hear the cricket broadcast from England in Bradman’s heyday. The main contraption sat in the lounge room in all its glory with a pleated pink satin insert covering its electrical workings. This still exists minus the fabric some 80 odd years later in my niece’s home as a piece of furniture housing the Lord only knows what. And then there were books, my main delight.

My brother had something called Tinker Toy – wooden rods and wheels to construct vehicles and buildings. Did him no good whatsoever. He later studied accountancy.

Monopoly found its way to our house in those pre-war days and, of course there were cards. Crib, euchre, 500, Strip Jack Naked taught me by Grandpa’s brother Bill. But best of these was Chook Chook played with an especially produced pack. Being the youngest family member, I didn’t often get into the game but the howls of laughter accompanying shrieks of “Chook chook, I want a Rhode Island Red,” kept everyone entertained.

Naturally, it has gone the way of all such ephemera but memories of someone being stuck with the dreaded Dead Hen persist after all these years.

There were frequent gatherings for songs around the piano – I suppose everyone experienced those episodes. Good days they were – innocent times, soon to be shattered with the country’s youth headed for that infernal carnage overseas. I was 10 years old then. I’d grown up before it finished. But it’s nice, isn’t it, to go back and reflect on our harmless amusements. Long may they continue to live on in our recollections. A leisurely life, an earlier era, a happy childhood.

E. E. Caldwell © 2016

The 2016 Mental Health Week Art Competition is open!!

Mental Health Week (MHW) is a program of the Mental Health Foundation of Australia (Victoria). The aim of MHW is to promote mental health and wellbeing, prevent mental illness and remove the stigma associated with mental illness. The art competition supports community involvement of people living with mental illness. Entrants may submit up to two artworks. Artworks may be paintings, drawings, mosaics, photos, computerised images and other art mediums. Artworks must be suitable for photographic reproduction on a poster and must be capable of being hung for exhibition. The judges will favour works with a positive message about mental health.

- Entry Opens: February 16, 2016
- Entry Closes: May 20, 2016
- Exhibition Opening Night: July 14, 2016
- Exhibition Ends: July 28, 2016
- Artwork to be picked up by: October 29, 2016

GIPPSLAND COUNTRY LIFE

At Paint and Sip Coroebay, our fun, relaxing and inspirational art classes are a great way to express your creativity and have a fun filled day. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced artist, we have the perfect class for you. Our classes are designed to be relaxing and enjoyable, allowing you to explore your artistic side in a fun and stimulating environment. Our classes are taught by experienced artists, who will guide you through the stages of creating a beautiful painting. Our studio is located in a beautiful Coastal setting, with views of the ocean and surrounding landscapes. Our studio is well-equipped with all the necessary materials and tools, so all you need to bring is yourself and your creativity. Our classes are available for individuals, couples, or small groups, and cater to all levels of experience. We offer a range of classes, including acrylic painting, watercolor painting, and beginner classes. Our classes are taught in a relaxed and informal environment, allowing you to explore your artistic side at your own pace. Whether you are looking to learn a new skill, express your creativity, or simply have a fun filled day, our classes are the perfect choice. Our classes are held at Paint and Sip Coroebay, a studio located in a beautiful Coastal setting, with views of the ocean and surrounding landscapes. Our studio is well-equipped with all the necessary materials and tools, so all you need to bring is yourself and your creativity. Our classes are available for individuals, couples, or small groups, and cater to all levels of experience. We offer a range of classes, including acrylic painting, watercolor painting, and beginner classes. Our classes are taught in a relaxed and informal environment, allowing you to explore your artistic side at your own pace. Whether you are looking to learn a new skill, express your creativity, or simply have a fun filled day, our classes are the perfect choice.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March 1 - March 31
The Red Tree Gallery has Irene McConville, a talented watercolour painter from Inverloch, with her varied and impressive recent watercolour paintings. In all these shows Laurie’s small sculptures will be present and ever changing.

Red Tree Gallery
420 Main Jindivick Road
Jindivick
Website: www.lauriecollins.com.au

April 9-10
Loch Public Hall
CWA Creative Arts Exhibition

The CWA Bass Group is holding its annual Creative Arts Exhibition in Loch once more. This year’s 62nd Annual Exhibition will again be held in the Public Hall at 11 Smith Street Loch. Mark the weekend of the 9th and 10th of April on your calendar and look forward to a wonderful display and some exciting activities. Displays include members’ cooking, preserves, needlework, knitting, crochet, flora and photography.

With cooking and craft demonstrations, raffles and trading table there is something for all the family even those who just want to sit and eat our famous scones with jam and cream.

Craft demonstrations include rug making, beading, lace making, crochet, spinning, felting and a variety of others. More information will be available on Facebook, or from Craft Convenor Annie Graham on 5678 8037.

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 4pm Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th of April. Admission is $3 adults, children with adults free. Morning/afternoon teas and light lunches available. There is a lot to see and do in Historic Loch Village in addition to the exhibition so it is well worth a trip.

Hope to see you there.
The frustrating days of fishing continued this month and what made them worse was when you got back to the ramp and the boat that was fishing a few hundred metres up from you is there cleaning plenty of fish at the table. It’s always a dilemma when you are fishing and not seeing any action for long periods of time, do you stay or do you move. It’s a question impossible to answer and a decision you just need to make and stand by, there is no right or wrong.

Whiting was a perfect example of that this month with both decisions paying off at times and for no real reason either way. We saw some very good bags of whiting this month all with the same trend that the fish have got smaller. We did find that many were caught in the time of the day you wouldn’t really say was ideal, middle of the afternoon tide changes and not the very early morning or late evening as has been over the last few months.

Plenty of small pinkies continued however we did see several around the 40cm mark from during the month. The corals area the best with several coming from the western channel.

It is possible to catch Calamari anywhere in the bay all you have to do is actually fish for them. If you are fishing in some of the deeper areas for Calamari you will need to change your method slightly and the best, I find is a paternoster rig with a very heavy sinker a bright coloured jig or jigs then drop it over and wait. You can use the same rig anywhere you fish in the bay and especially offshore then every 15mins or so give the reel a wind till you find the depth they are in. good catches are still being reported from Woolamai and Ventnor.

The best of the gummies have either come from offshore or from the lower end of the western channel. Most of those caught on the corals or around Elizabeth have been small. Plenty of flathead offshore once you find them as the patches are small but concentrated and about 50% tigers. Some quality rock flathead is being caught around the bay as well with the area around the top light in the Newhaven channel and the Maggie shoal peg.

To keep up to date with fishing reports like us on Facebook Jims Bait and Tackle.

Surprising Superfoods you should be feeding your dog Part 2

5. Bananas
Packed with potassium for a happy mind, along with Vitamins C and B6 the tasty banana can do wonders for the health of your dog. This fruit actually aids function in the red blood cells allowing the blood to carry more oxygen to the muscles and organs in the dog’s body. The banana through its plentiful vitamin C also helps to rebuild any damaged cartilage and prevents further damage to cells in the body. Peeled and frozen whole the fruit can also be used as a teething aid for sore mouthed puppies to gnaw, under supervision of course!

6. Sweet Potatoes
This is the only vegetable that will need to be lightly steamed for optimum digestion. The others can be fed raw. Sweet potato is really good for the heart and also oxygenates the blood cells leading to better oxygen circulation within the body. It’s also a high fibre veggie and contains hugely healthy amounts of potassium, magnesium and iron for an all-round happy and healthy hound.

7. Celery
A stick of raw celery is a wonderful toothbrush. Avoiding dental disease is vital in dogs because the build-up of plaque and infection can have severely detrimental effects on the life and even lifespan of your dog. Along with being perfect dental floss for dog celery has plentiful vitamins A, B and C and can even help the dog’s heart to stay healthy and lower blood pressure. All of the above fruits and vegetables will have a good effect on your dog’s health. There are many more, blueberries for instance are full of healthy antioxidants whilst watermelon is refreshing and perfect clean food for a summery day.

8. Kangaroo meat (Bonus)
Kangaroo meat dog treats are the best thing you can feed any dog because they are 100% safe, they cure boredom, clean teeth, and best of all are highly nutritional.

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STUDENTS AT RISK AS UNIVERSITIES REOPEN

University students are at greater risk on the roads as universities reopen, according to new data from RACV. Five years of claims data analysed by RACV Insurance shows that March and May have the highest number of vehicle collisions.

The municipalities that host Victoria’s largest universities also rank in the top 15 regions for crash claims. RACV Insurance has urged students to be alert on the roads and to ensure their vehicles are adequately insured as they head back to university during a peak car collision period.

Paul Northey, RACV general manager insurance, said that Melbourne, Boroondara, Monash, Banyule, Greater Geelong and Whitehorse have been consistently among the most collision-prone municipalities over the past five years.

RACV claims figures show that most accidents happen after noon, with a peak between 4pm and 5pm.

“Young drivers are most at risk as soon as they obtain a probationary licence,” Mr Northey said.

“In addition to taking precautions behind the wheel, it’s a good idea for motorists to take out comprehensive insurance cover,” he said.

RACV car collision insurance claims Top 15 municipalities

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On average, RACV processes more than 75,000 collision claims each year. The value of claims has been steadily rising and in 2015 repairs or replacements cost almost $370 million, 15 per cent higher than in 2011.

The Melbourne City Council area recorded the highest number of collisions last year with 4885 claims, followed by Brimbank City Council (4163 claims) and Monash City Council (3482 claims).

Mr Northey said uninsured motorists involved in an accident potentially faced costly repairs to their vehicle and liability for any damage caused to other vehicles or property.

“New Speed Limits
Bass Coast Shire Council has obtained approval from Vicroads to reduce the speed limit to 60km/h on Agar Road, Coronet Bay and is arranging installation of signs. Bass Coast Shire Council’s Manager of Infrastructure and Asset Management, Jamie Sutherland responded to concerned residents on Mar 1, advising them of the decision.

In relation to road safety along Agar Road and the number of casualty crashes experienced, Council submitted a proposal to Vicroads for consideration in the 2016/17 National Blackspot Program. The application was lodged in July 2015 and they should hear if they have been successful in July 2017.

Corinella Road is another area of concern, and this too is controlled by Vicroads. Council’s Asset Officer Traffic and Lighting will contact Vicroads and lodge a request to move the existing 70kph speed limit sign east by approximately 500metres.

Residents with any concerns regarding road safety, or any other matter should always take their concerns to council, and the best place to start is with your local ward councillor. For details of your councillor...

WAYS WITH FRUIT Part 3

Conserve, Jellies, Marmalade, Fruit curds, butter & cheeses.

Making Conserve
Pectin is not as important in conserve making as it is to jams - because the whole fruit or fruit pieces maintain the 'body' and texture of the end product without the need for a thickening or binding agent (like pectin). For this reason low-pectin fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries, etc. are well suited to conserve making. However to ensure the fruit remains whole during the cooking process, conserves are cooked for a lesser time than jams, but require more sugar per kilogram of fruit. The reduced cooking time also means that conserves will not last as long in storage.

Making Jellies: Very high pectin fruits (such as crab-apples, plums, red currants, citrus fruits, etc.) are best suited to jelly-making. Jellies are similar to jams in cooking time and storage duration.

Making Marmalades: Marmalades are similar to jams except marmalade is cooked for a much longer period of time. Citrus require a longer cooking time to soften the tough skin. The tartness of citrus also requires that marmalades have a high ratio of sugar to fruit.

Orange Marmalade
Wash and thinly slice 2 oranges and 1 lemon. Remove pips. Add 5 cups water stand for 2 days. Pour into saucepan – boil one hour. Add 1 1/2 kilograms sugar, dissolve over low heat. Then bring to boil and boil rapidly for 40-50 minutes. Test and pour into jars and seal. (as last month)

Fruit curds, butter & cheeses

Fruit curds
Often called 'butters' fruit curds are a tantalizing mixture of fruit, butter, eggs and sugar combined to make a spread. Lemon 'butter' is the most commonly known, however, oranges, tangerines and other fruits can also be made into fruit curds. Fruit curd, because of its egg and butter content, has a limited storage life. It must be consumed within a week or two of making if you have an oversupply of lemons, oranges or other citrus turning them into fruit curd is an alternative method for transforming plain fruit into a delicious spread.

Lemon Butter
225g butter, 225g sugar (add more or less according to taste), 3 beaten eggs, grated rind and juice of 2 lemons. Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the sugar, lemon rind and juice. Slowly add beaten eggs, stirring frequently. Simmer until thick, stirring occasionally. When cool store in sterile container in the refrigerator. (Use within one week.)

Fruit butters and cheeses
Not to be confused with lemon 'butter' - fruit cheeses are a type of thick jam made from pureed fruit usually without added sugar. The puree is boiled for a lengthy period of time in order to extract as much moisture as possible. A soft 'fruit puree' is called a 'fruit butter'. A 'harder' and drier puree (that has been cooked for longer) is called 'fruit cheese'. Fruit cheeses are formed into blocks (like cheese) and stored in much the same way as cheese. Fruit butter is spooned into clean, sterile storage jars and stored as for jams – however due to the absence of sugar in the mixture its keeping time is limited and should be stored in the refrigerator. Only high pectin fruits are suited to making fruit butters and cheeses. Because of their drier content fruit cheeses will keep much longer – and in fact are known to mature in flavour over the months (and years) – much like cheese - which is what makes fruit cheeses so appealing to the connoisseur.

Cranberry-lemon cheese
(The cranberries can be substituted with another berry-type fruit more to your preference).

Place one kilogram of cranberries, sliced rind of two lemons, 2 tablespoons of lemon juice and 1.3 litres of water in a large saucepan. Bring slowly to the boil, cranberries cover and simmer until soft (about 30 minutes). Allow to cool slightly, then press through a fine sieve. Discard the residue in the sieve and place the remaining pulp back into the saucepan. Add 375 grams sugar per 600ml pulp. Gently bring to the boil (making sure all the sugar has dissolved before it reaches boiling point). Continue boiling for 30 minutes, stirring frequently. By this time the mixture should be a very thick consistency, that is, the spoon, when scraped across the bottom of the saucepan, leaves a clear line. If not, continue boiling until the mixture reaches the required consistency. Spoon into sterilized jars - filling to the rim. Seal with airtight lids. Store for at least 2 weeks in a cool dark environment before using.

Damson Cheese
Place one kilogram damsons* (washed) and 300ml water in a large saucepan. Bring to boil - simmer 30 minutes to form a thick pulp. Push the fruit mix through a sieve to remove stones and skins. Measure the amount of puree - add sugar at 500g per 600ml puree. Place the puree and sugar back into saucepan. Re-heat to dissolve sugar. Simmer 30-40 minutes (or longer) - stirring frequently. Test by scraping the spoon across the bottom of the pan - if it leaves a clear line it is ready. If not, continue boiling until the mixture reaches the required consistency and 'dryness'. Spoon into lightly oiled sterilized pots. Seal with cling wrap. When cool remove from pots and wrap loosely in baking or greaseproof paper. Store (wrapped) for 6-8 weeks in a cool dark environment before using.

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**Trivia and Lifestyle**

18. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
19. Who was the writer of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland?
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**1. Which metal is heavier, silver or gold?**

2. How many legs do butterflies have?

3. Which is the country with the most people?

4. Which state is the biggest in the US?

5. Which country has the largest area of land?

6. Which indoor sport is the most popular in the US?

7. What is Aurora Borealis commonly known as?

8. Which is the non contagious disease that is the most common in the world?

9. Which was the album the Beatles recorded the last time together?

10. Which instrument did Miles Davis, the jazz musician, play?

11. What is the sport in which you could get into a headlock?

12. In which country was golf first played?

13. When did baseball originate in the US?

14. Which is the sport wherein you would use a "sand iron"?

15. What is the largest mammal in the world?

16. Which is the country where reggae music originated?

17. Who was the creator of Jeeves and Wooster?

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Fried Chicken

Our teacher asked what my favourite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favourite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class, my teacher asked me what my favourite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders."

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It is a pleasure to contribute to another edition of the Waterline News and there is certainly plenty happening in the electorate. I am delighted that grants of between $5,000 and $20,000 are available through Round Two of the Coalition Government’s Stronger Communities Program, which opened this week.

Grants will be made available to not-for-profit organisations for small, capital projects across the electorate, covering 50 per cent of the project cost. I encourage local groups to contact my office or complete an initial project proposal form through my website greghunt.com.au. Initial project proposal forms must be fully submitted to my office by March 17.

For more information on the program, visit infrastructure.gov.au/SCP

I have had some terrific feedback about the Positive Ageing Expo on Phillip Island, which was organised by Phillip Island RSL in conjunction with Phillip Island Community Adult Learning. This was an opportunity for our senior residents to learn more about the range of services and activities available to them.

Many of our older citizens contribute an inordinate amount to the community through a variety of volunteer roles and I want to honour these people by inviting nominations for the Phillip Island and Bass Coast Seniors Awards. The awards recognise the significant contribution our older residents make to the community, whether it is through working at an op-shop, reading at a local school, carrying out environmental work or helping with organisations such as meals on wheels. I would encourage anyone who knows a deserving recipient to contact my office to obtain a nomination form for the awards. The closing date for nominations is Saturday, April 30.

We will also soon be inviting organisations to apply for large-scale projects under round five of the Green Army. Organisations will be invited to submit multi-project proposals showing how they could use between three and 15 Green Army teams over a period of two to three years from July 2016. This encourages organisations to think about the broad range of works Green Army teams could carry out over a longer period of time to maximise environmental outcomes for the region.


If I can be of assistance to you in any way please feel free to contact me:

Greg Hunt

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Step Two- Sign up NOW

If you have any questions about the Water Challenge we would love to hear from you. Please email events@wateraid.org.au.

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From the outset I want to make it very clear that no question, when it comes to gardening, is a dumb question. One of the most common questions I get asked is: does the shape and size of my garden beds matter? Well, the answer to this question is mostly no with the occasional yes. It is mostly no in that you can make any garden shape and size work. No garden bed is too big or too small for a garden; it is a concern only when you have extremely specific plans for what you want that you need to consider garden shape and size. What you need to ask yourself is: which of two camps do you fall into? 1. Do you have a blank slate to work with? 2. Do you have an already defined space to work with? How you answer this question will determine how important garden bed shape and size is to your garden design. Working from a blank slate If you are working from a blank slate and you have no specific ‘this must be this way’ situations, then you have total control over your entire garden area. What you do in terms of garden bed shape and size is not hugely important. Working from a blank slate is great because you really do have the power to customise everything just the way you like it. If you want square garden beds, you can have square garden beds. If you prefer round ones, then make round ones. If you want your garden beds to be more creative. and size is to your garden design. will look but how it will function. A lot of really small garden beds might look quite quaint, but if you want some larger plants then this is probably not beneficial. A many edged garden bed might look fantastic, but if you have lawn next to it which has to be mowed, moving in and out of the edges may become tedious or even require you to buy something like a brush cutter. You may also want to think about your houses resale value. Amazing gardens can add a lot of value to your house but can equally effect value if it is clear that your gardens take a lot to maintain; this could diminish the number of people who will seriously consider buying it. Big, beautiful, but simple garden designs often provide the best value for your houses resale value. Working within a defined space If you are going to be working from a defined space, this limits what you can actually do. Whether this is because you are: a) renting, b) living in an apartment, c) already have garden beds and don’t want to make new ones, or d) for any other reason, then you will need to consider your defined space when deciding what to plant. For example, you might have an area that is 1m by 1m and think ‘planting a tree there would be nice.’ Though a tree may in fact fit, this is probably not beneficial. 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For example, you might have an area that is 1m by 1m and think ‘planting a tree there would be nice.’ Though a tree may in fact fit, this is probably a bad idea mostly because what will cause the most problems is not what is above, but what is below: the root system. This is not to say that you are limited when you have a defined space, it just requires you to be more creative. I was in Germany a couple of years ago and was walking past an apartment block when something caught my eye. Hanging from every side of the balcony of a second story unit were big, rectangular pots. Growing from these pots were huge shrubs which just about formed a hedge around the balcony. Better yet, they didn’t take up ANY of the balcony space. Now, I would assume most people would need to get permission from their landlords to do this, if renting, because it involves drilling into the walls and the like, but I was struck by how well this resident had used a small space. The pots themselves were not huge, just big enough to house one shrub each. If you have either just bought a house which already has defined beds or you don’t feel the need to change the ones you have, your choice of plants is more important. As I’ve said above, any size bed can work, you just need to check the growth habit of your plants of choice before planting them and make sure you give them enough room to grow. If you have a plant with a growth habit of 1m high by 1m wide that would be fine in a 1m x 1m bed, but if you wanted to plant two in that space you would have issues. This seems like a simple concept, but I have caught many a gardener making this mistake because they planted them small, not realising just how big some shrubs can grow. James Middleton

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