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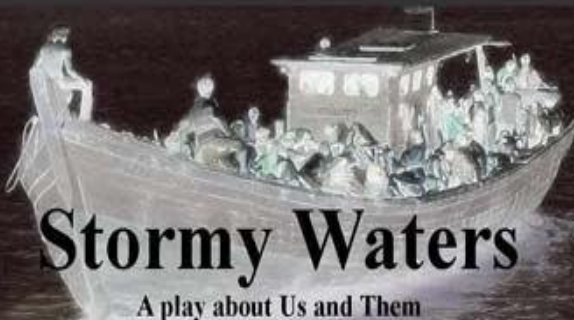
Be alert but not  
alarmed

Suffer the little children...

Terrorists  
strike!

Asylum seekers  
'swamp' Australia

And now these three rein: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love.



## Stormy Waters

A play about Us and Them

The stranger in need is a familiar motif in all the world's great religions. At a time of deepening anxiety and suspicion in Australian society, *Stormy Waters* offers us a timely opportunity to reflect on the troubling issue of asylum seekers.

Telling stories through song, images and humour, four actors take the audience on a journey through two hundred years of Australian history and ask: Can we do better?

**WESLEY CHURCH, 148 Lonsdale St. Melbourne**  
**MARCH 29, 12.30—1.15pm**

"Very engaging. Quite provocative, but I think in a thoughtful and appropriate way" Rev. Ross Stanford.  
"Inspiring! Theatre which challenges, educates and makes a difference to people." Karen Milkins Hendry, Wonthaggi Theatre Group

At the play's conclusion, audience members will have the opportunity to walk together to the State Library to join the 2pm Palm Sunday march down Swanston Street.

**FREE ADMISSION**

Bass valley/coast Combined Churches  
Services  
Easter 2015

### The Churches of Bass, Corinella and Grantville

(St Joseph's Catholic, St Pauls Anglican, Bass Valley Christian Fellowship and  
Bass Coast Community Baptist Church)

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#### GOOD FRIDAY

#### Walk of Witness

- 9.30 am St Josephs Catholic Church in Bass then walk with the CROSS  
10.30am St Paul's Anglican Church in Bass then drive to:-  
12pm Meet outside Op Shop in Grantville to walk the CROSS to the Memorial Gardens.

A short time of reflection with the Baptist Church will conclude with planting the CROSS beside the Wall of Remembrance.

Join us afterwards for Hot Cross Buns and Tea/Coffee

#### EASTER SUNDAY

#### HE IS RISEN!

- 6.30am Dawn Service Corinella Foreshore  
Bass Valley Christian Fellowship (BVCF)  
7.30am Celebration Breakfast – HE IS RISEN! Corinella Hall  
BVCF

Our thanks go to the leaders and ministers of the Churches for sharing their gifts of service to our local communities.

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Welcome to the March issue of The Waterline News.

As usual we have plenty of local news and details of forthcoming events, and as this is our Easter edition we are pleased to be able to include details of the local Easter church services, and local events over the holiday period that we have been able to obtain details for.

We also have a couple of special features this month, firstly our front page flyer and page seven story on local author and playwright Gill Heal's production of Stormy Waters which will be staged at Wesley Church in Melbourne on Palm Sunday, March 29. We have a special feature on page 10 on our nearby and sometimes neglected neighbours on French Island.

Thanks to Chris Chandler for assisting with the editing and updating of that story. We will have more on French Island in coming editions as well.

We are also pleased to have a new Local Police News column thanks to San Remo Station Commander Bruce Kent.

I am sure Bruce would like to join with me in wishing all of our readers a very Happy & Safe Easter 2015

Please take care on the roads



**Roger Clark - Editor**

A number of items have had to be carried over until the April edition.

One was the planned feature on the Bass Coast Rail Trail which will be featured next month, along with a number of reader contributions on various issues.

Buy, Sell or Swap has also been put on hold for the moment but if you have something you want us to feature please send details.

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To Be Confirmed

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Kathleen Hopkins

Sylvia Harris

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**Next meeting April - Date TBC**

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

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

**Kathy Hopkins, Secretary**



opportunities at your disposal even WHILE you are raising your children. We, generation X & Y are often criticised for being the 'hand out' generation, consider volunteering and HELP YOURSELVES- you'll be infinitely better off in the long run!

Email: Zena Benbow

**[pbpa@bigpond.com](mailto:pbpa@bigpond.com)**



## PIONEER BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

As we move into March we proceed with mixed emotions.

Having been blessed with the expertise and life experience on the committee of David and Glenise O'Dwyer, who in early April will bid Pioneer Bay bon-voyage and embark on their journey to the next destination in their life together... wherever that might take them.

We appreciate their 'level heads' and consistent contribution to our meetings.

We appreciate their good humour as they have slaved away at the Park with us (mind you, the average age of the couple is the late 70s!) From the bottom of my heart I thank you- no we, the community of Pioneer Bay thank you for your time and effort.

But it's time like these that make me sad about the renewal of voluntary organisations like ours in this present climate. In fact I'd go so far as to say that I have not come across ONE organisation in my dealings across the shire that don't have a renewal issue. What I struggle to come to terms with is why parents aren't looking at contributing in the present for future generations- that includes their own children! Why wouldn't they want to make life better, for their kids, and the kids after them?

I recently have started applying for full time positions. I can honestly say I was staggered at the skills I have acquired being a member of voluntary organisations. Don't EVER underestimate the skills you acquire, the potential personal development



## LOCAL POLICE NEWS

**This month we are pleased to be able to introduce a new column on local Police news.**

The community is still being hit by theft from motor vehicles and boats parked in front yards. Almost a hundred percent of our thefts involve motor vehicles that are left unsecured or boats that have fishing equipment, including GPS and fish finders left in them. If the community could just lock their vehicles and secure or remove boat equipment, it would have a dramatic effect on our crime figures. There will also be the normal traffic blitz over the Easter period.

I would like to remind the community that if they need police assistance they should contact **000** as their request will be passed onto their local response station.

**San Remo Police,  
Station Commander Bruce Kent.**

**[www.police.vic.gov.au](http://www.police.vic.gov.au)**





# Local Community News



## It All Happens at Coronet Bay at Easter

### THE MARKET – EASTER SATURDAY 9am – 1pm

The Easter market is always a popular one and there will be lots of stalls including “the shed” where many an unwanted item 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 morning tea there are scones, slices and many other goodies then at lunch time, delicious wraps or sausage rolls, dim sims and chips. And all of this to the beautiful strains of mandolin and guitar from “No Strings Attached”. And don’t forget the spinning wheel with the traditional meat tray prizes – they really are fantastic value – and there will be a great raffle that is going to be drawn the following day at the Beach Fair.

### BEACH FAIR - EASTER SUNDAY 10am – 3pm

Yes it is on again, the ever popular Coronet Bay Easter Beach Fair, still going strong after twelve years with its traditional rural quality and family activities. We are lucky to be living in such a beautiful region that combines country and sea with our lovely beach.

There will be the usual traditional things with races for kids and family, Futsal, Sand Castle competition, pony rides and Best Dressed Dog competition and how can you have Easter without a Bonnet Parade?

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 if art is your thing, there will be an Art Show in which local artists exhibit and sell their work. There is always a delightful range of work to see and if you are interested in submitting something, please contact Rosemary on 5678 0423 for information and an entry form.

Of course the kids will want some more contemporary amusements with such things as a Bouncy Castle, Bungee Run, Go Karts, Laughing Clowns and Shooting Gallery as well as a wonderful new attraction – “Hands of Wax”. And not to miss the Giant Slide.

And you can’t have a good old fashioned rural fair without stalls so there will be a great range on offer including handicrafts, jewellery and gifts. For wine lovers there will be quality wine from The Gurdies Winery.

Also of course there will be a good range of food available as well as a coffee cart. Our own local community sausage sizzle will be there, Ablaze on Dorset Wood Fired Pizza will be back as well as paella, donuts, Twisted Potatoes and Hot Diggity Dogs. We have a re jiggered, but familiar band, Plan X - so the whole family can get up and dance or sit and simply listen to the music while you enjoy your food and drinks.

**Watch out for the program in local retail outlets, the School Newsletter or if you live in Coronet Bay, your letter box.**

**Barry Hutton**



### CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION

The CWA Bass Group is holding their annual Creative Arts Exhibition in Loch once more. Following the success of the exhibition in 2014, this year’s 61st Annual Exhibition will again be held in the Public Hall in Loch. Mark the weekend of the 28/29 March 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, lucky dips and activities for the kids there is something for all the family even those who just want to sit and eat our famous scones with jam and cream. For those who enjoyed the scone making demonstration last year, I’m told the same entertaining demonstrator will be back again this year to show us how to make and decorate cupcakes. Watch the Facebook page for details of other demonstrations as they are confirmed.

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 4pm Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March. 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 visit.

**Contact: Gwenda Swan 5997 6372**

## KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS

**This month we discover a bit more about Anderson Ward Councillor Bradley Drew.**



### About Anderson Ward

Anderson Ward is 114,957 sq./m in size with 5,545 registered voters, and covers the Newhaven area of Phillip Island as well as Churchill Island, Anderson, Dalyston, Kilcunda, San Remo, South Dudley, North Wonthaggi and Woolamai.

### About Cr Bradley Drew

Cr Drew is a business, community and family orientated man. He has had a variety of businesses spanning over 24 years and is passionate about everything he commits to and endeavours to give to the best of his ability.

### You can contact Cr Drew by:

Landline : 5952 6663  
Mobile: 0448 083 529  
Postal: Bass Coast Shire Council  
PO Box 118  
Wonthaggi Vic 3995

### Email:

**Bradley.drew@basscoast.vic.gov.au**



# Community Notes



**Send us your Community  
Group Notices by  
1st each month**

**Bass Coast Community Baptist Church**  
1493 Bass Highway Grantville  
Meets Sundays 4.30pm then dinner.  
Op Shop open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm,  
Saturday 10am-1pm  
Contact for service details and op shop  
Pastor Isle Schmidt 0402 065 852

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

**Bass Coast Community Health  
Cancer Support Group**  
Corinella Community Centre  
2nd Tuesday each month 10am-12noon  
\$2 Entry  
Peter Bekers 5678 1150 -or- 0417 157 144

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

**Corinella Bowling Club Inc.**  
Friday Twilight Bowls  
Register by 5pm with  
games commencing at  
5.30pm, Members,  
beginners and families  
welcome.  
Food & drinks  
available.  
Patti Scammell 5678 0191



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

**Corinella & District Probus Club**  
1st Wednesday each month except January  
Trish Thick 5678 1071

**Corinella Playgroup**  
0-4 year olds Friday 10.00am -11.30am  
Free play, activity centres, story & song  
time, sensory & art activities.  
\$3 per family plus a piece of fruit to share.  
All children MUST be accompanied by their  
parent or carer.  
Christine Keeble 0413 837 597

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

**Coronet Bay Playgroup**  
children 0 - preschool - Coronet Bay Hall  
Mondays 10am - 1pm \$2 per family  
Please bring a piece of fruit per child to  
share at morning tea, coffee & tea supplied  
for parents.

Craft	Toys	Playdough
Sandpit	Songs	Friends

**Country Women's Association  
Coronet Bay**  
Meets at Corinella Community Centre  
1pm Third Monday of each month  
Faye 5678 8366 -or- Rosemary 5997 5827

**Country Women's Association  
Grantville**  
Meets at the Grantville Hall 12-3pm  
Second Monday each month  
Judy 5678 8553 -or- Annie 5678 8037

**Grantville & District Ambulance  
Auxiliary.**  
Contacts - Anthea Chester 0407 457 642  
or Jane Hendtlass 0409 386 152

**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**  
Neville Goodwin 5657 7245

**Grantville Senior Citizens Group**  
Grantville Hall  
1st and 3rd Mondays 12noon - 2.30pm  
Contact Doug Prescott 5997 6106

**Pioneer Bay Progress Association**  
Contact  
Zena Benbow pbpa@bigpond.com

**St Pauls Anglican Church Bass**  
12.30pm every Sunday  
Rev Greg Magee 5952 2608

**St Georges Anglican Church Corinella**  
1st Sunday each month 11.00am  
Other Sundays 9am  
Free Community Lunch Corinella  
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The kids are back  
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Arthritis a try?  
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Further information:  
Laura 5678 0884 -or- Vicki 5678 8734



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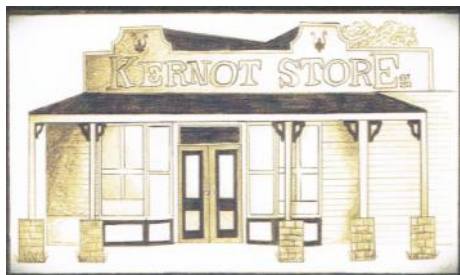


# Community Diary & Entertainment



Send details of your events for  
The Community Diary by the 1st  
of each month to:  
[editor@waterlinenews.com.au](mailto:editor@waterlinenews.com.au)

**Friday night & Sunday afternoons**  
Live music at The Kernot Store..



**For details on who is performing and to  
book call: 5678 8555**

**Sunday March 15 2pm**

Phillip Island Jazz Club  
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the likes of Fats Waller, Duke Ellington,  
Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald and Louis  
Prima, just to name a few.



**Enquiries Jill Boyce 0413 416 300**

**Monday March 23 10am - 12.30pm**

Look Good - Feel Better. Workshop for  
women undergoing treatment for Cancer.

Bass Coast Health, 1 Back Beach Road San  
Remo.

RSVP or Enquiries to Eve Harle 5671 9200  
**or Email: [evie.harle@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:evie.harle@basscoasthealth.org.au)**

**Friday March 27 8pm**

Moe-Latrobe Valley Jazz Club at the Moe  
RSL  
Featuring Moe regulars the Dixie Dazzlers.  
Meals available prior to the Jazz at the Moe  
RSL.

**Enquiries to Bruce Lawn 5174 3516**

**Sunday March 29 12.30pm**

Wesley Church, Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne. **Stormy Waters** by Gill Heal  
**See details Page 1 and story on page 9**

**Saturday April 2**

Coronet Bay Market 9am - 1pm  
See details on Page 3.

**Coronet Bay Hall 7 - 11pm**

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

**Sunday April 5**

Coronet Bay Foreshore - 10am - 3pm  
Annual Beach Fair. See story Page 3

**Sunday April 12 2pm**

South Gippsland Jazz Soc.  
Inverloch Jazz Club meets  
at the Inverloch RSL.

For all details on Inverloch RSL dates etc  
**Contact Neville Drummond 5674 2166**



**Sunday April 15 Special time 1.00pm**

Phillip Island Jazz Club has been fortunate  
enough to attract the outstanding Melbourne  
band the Syncopators, led by Chris  
Ludowyk

Note special time for April only. This is a  
do not miss Sunday afternoon.

## WIN A CD

Congratulations to Judith Ellis  
from Grantville who wins the  
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Win A CD,  
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PO Box 184 Grantville 3984.



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opening, and one of  
the owner's friends

sent flowers for the occasion. But when the  
owner read the card with the flowers, it  
said. "Rest in Peace"

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florist to complain. After he had told the  
florist about the obvious mistake, the florist  
said, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake,  
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taking place today, and they have your  
flowers with a note saying,  
"Congratulations on you new location."



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Contact Coordinators Michelle or Marg  
(03) 5997 5704 [llcc@langlang.net](mailto:llcc@langlang.net)

**BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP Inc.**

**Bass School Road Bass 3991**

**Centre Manager**

**Roderick McIvor**

**Phone 5678 2277**



Last month, thanks to the continuing largess of the Waterline News, I wrote about volunteering and how important it was generally in Australia and for us at the Bass Valley Community Centre in particular. Since that article we have had a number of new volunteers sign up with us, for which we are extremely thankful. Mind you, we could always take more on board. Don't be shy if you would like to help us out. Give us a call on 5678 2277. We have such a range of things we need help with.

The recent week-end saw us run our first ever country music extravaganza, our 'Bass Valley Has Talent' concert. While we did not attract a very large audience (hot weather, other events on both here and in Melbourne etc) those that did attend thoroughly enjoyed themselves. As did the performers. The highlight of the afternoon was definitely the Kernot Country Boys. However the voices of Jenny J and Lucy contributed to the opinion that it was an afternoon well-spent. It will go down as the "Inaugural" country event with planning already underway for next year.

The Hadden House Opportunity Shop is bursting with all sorts of items. This time of year a lot of people clean out their summer houses and the local op shops tend to be the recipients of some wonderful clothes of all sorts, some of them near new and with very popular labels e.g. Mambo, Jamaica Republic, Country Road, AV and classics such as Crystal Cylinders, to name a few. This is definitely the case here where bag after bag of clothing has been dropped off for the shop. So if you are barrelling down the highway on your way to the Island, please stop by. The shop is open week-days from 9am - 3.30pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm.

## MARKETS



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

**Enquiries** **Jane 0417 142 478**

**1st Saturday**  
**Sth Gippsland Farmer's Market**  
**Koonwarra 0408 619 182**

**Archies Creek Indoor Market**  
**Community Hall**  
**Enquiries** **[info@archiescreek.com](mailto:info@archiescreek.com)**

**2nd Saturday**  
**Coal Creek Farmer's Market**  
**[coalcreekfm@hotmail.com](mailto:coalcreekfm@hotmail.com)**  
**Phone Contact 0459 629 000**

**3rd Saturday**  
**Prom Country Farmer's Market**  
**Foster Contact 0407 543 371**

**4th Saturday**  
**Churchill Island Farmer's Market**  
**information contact: 5664 0096**

**1st Sunday**  
**Jumbunna Bush Market**  
**Jumbunna Hall Enquiries 5657 32533**

**Koowee Community Market**  
**Indoor/outdoor 0418 289 847**  
**Email: [info@kooweemarket.com.au](mailto:info@kooweemarket.com.au)**

**2nd Sunday**  
**Rotary Market Wonthaggi**  
**Apex Park 8am - 1pm**  
**Contact Neville Goodwin 5672 7245**  
**or Garry Sherrick 5672 5812**

**3rd Sunday**  
**Inverloch Farmers Market 5664 0096**

**4th Sunday**  
**Grantville Market**  
**(Weather permitting)**  
**Contact for details 5997 6221**

**Your market not here?**  
**Let us know changes by 1st of the month**  
**[waterlinenews@gmail.com.au](mailto:waterlinenews@gmail.com.au)**

**Greg Hunt**



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## FLU SEASON ON THE WAY

The influenza season is almost upon us once again and Grantville Medical Centre should soon receive notification about the availability of the influenza vaccine.

Assuming that there are no changes in government policy, the **fluvax** vaccine is **free** to the following groups:

- \* People aged 65 and over
  - \* Pregnant women
  - \* Indigenous people over 15 years of age
  - \* Residents of aged care homes
  - \* Any person with chronic illness that requires regular medical follow-up or hospitalisation which predispose them to severe influenza illness.
- For example:
- \* cardiac disease
  - \* respiratory disease including severe asthma
  - \* diabetes
  - \* impaired immunity
  - \* neuromuscular disease

As soon as the practice is notified of the availability of the vaccine Wonthaggi Medical Group will run advertisements about our fluvax clinics at all locations including Grantville.

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**Wonthaggi Medical Group**

## MASSAGE AT GRANTVILLE PHARMACY

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## NEW AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT AT WORK.



Grantville ambulance station paramedics Amy and Anthea practicing their intravenous techniques with the new "sleeve" provided by the Ambulance Auxiliary.

## GRANTVILLE AMBULANCE AUXILIARY NEWS



The Grantville &  
 District Ambulance  
 Auxiliary

Executive approved membership of two new members and renewal of nine existing members at its February meeting. We are also looking forward to the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday 11 June 2015 at the Grantville Hall. Please put the date in your diaries now. Formal notices will be published nearer the time.

As you can see from the photograph, (below, left) the paramedics at the Grantville Ambulance Station are now using the new sleeve provided by the Auxiliary to practice their intravenous techniques. However, we have hit a little snag with the stair chair we are intending to buy because there is not enough room to stow it the ambulances. Ambulance Victoria are reviewing the configuration of their vehicles and we are hopeful we can organise the purchase in the next few months. We will keep you informed.

In the meantime, the navigation aids in our two ambulance vehicles have become unreliable so the Executive has approved purchase of two new Garmin navigators to replace them. At least that will mean that crucial arrival times are not extended by our paramedics getting lost on the way.

We are also proceeding with plans to provide Corinella, Coronet Bay and Bass residents with the chance to undertake some basic first aid training using the equipment that the paramedics use to practice their techniques. We will let you know when this is organised.

There are more new collection tins in several of the Grantville shops and we still intend to run a major fund-raising effort later in 2015 to coordinate with the Ambulance Victoria state-wide fund-raising campaign. Further donations and your membership renewal applications can also be sent to our treasurer, Vicki Clark, Grantville Ambulance Auxiliary, PO Box 184 Grantville, 3984.

**Join in and help us make your local Grantville Ambulance Station and our paramedics the best equipped and trained in Victoria. For enquiries about becoming a Grantville Ambulance Auxiliary member contact our President Anthea Chester at the Grantville Ambulance Station on 0407457642 or our Acting Secretary Jane Hendtlass on 0409386152.**

# New Local Businesses

## THE HORSE WORKSHOP AND EQUINE FACILITATED LEARNING



Horses have been an integral part of human existence for a long time. According to Wikipedia "Humans began to domesticate horses around 4000 BC, and their domestication is believed to have been widespread by 3000 BC." Today when we think of horses in our every-day life it is most probably around the "Sport of Kings", horse racing and 'The race that stops a nation', the Melbourne Cup.

Increasingly however, people are recognising and accessing the therapeutic qualities of the personalities of horses. While the cowboys and Indians of the Wild West were always seen as having a strong relationship with their horses, eg The Lone Ranger and Silver, Tonto and Scout; today the close relationship that can be forged between horses and people is being developed to improve people's lives. Dianne and Mark McIntosh have over the past few years established The Horse Workshop in Bass. Their wide range of programs offer support through working with horses in:

- \* Organisational leadership and team building
- \* Self-understanding and awareness
- \* Communication with children experiencing limited social development
- \* Self confidence and Self esteem
- \* And of course riding itself for all levels of participation

Their client base is very diverse. While working with children and adults experiencing a wide range of developmental difficulties including ADD, ADHD and the autism spectrum, they also

conduct sessions assisting women to build confidence and well-being.

They offer horse workshops to school groups, either single day as two-day intensives or over a period of eight weeks. Dianne and Mark are very interested in forming a committee to establish a Riding for the Disabled Centre in the Bass Coast region and are looking for volunteers to assist in all aspects of this work.

Both Dianne and Mark are Level 1 RDA & NCAS coaches.

They can be contacted at the Horse Workshop on 5678 2018 or 0417 561 446 or by email on:

**thehorseworkshop@icloud.com,**  
or **mcintosh.5@bigpond.com**

## THE COLLECTIVE

270 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup



The Collective opened on Sunday March 1 and had such a wonderful response, with customers coming through the doors all day - we were quite run off our feet!

The idea behind this shop came from discussions around the impending Koo Wee Rup bypass and how small towns survive such change, as well as discussions with small business owners around the daunting nature of opening a stand alone small business.

So what we have developed is a space for a range of small business owners to occupy together, and run together so that they share the responsibility and time commitments as well as utilise the wealth of information they each hold. Its a very community oriented and collective approach to business - hence the name!

We are committed to contributing to the economic and social development of Koo

Wee Rup and supporting other small businesses in the area as well as providing a great experience for customers when they come and visit us.

We have such a diverse range of products that its hard to list everything, but here's a bit of a sample: Retro and antique goods, clothes (children and adults), shoes and accessories, candles, home wares, fresh flowers and everything in between.

We are located at 270 Rossiter rd in Koo Wee Rup, in the beautiful old St Georges Church (in between the vet and bus interchange and opposite the traffic lights) and open from 10 - 5 every day of the week. Enquiries 0419 699 965

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# About the Play 'Stormy Waters'

## SET FOR A BIGGER STAGE

**By Catherine Watson (Bass Coast Post)**

"SHE didn't want to come," a mother tells the Post, indicating her young teenage daughter. "She told me she knew all about asylum seekers from school. And they shouldn't be getting on boats."

Yet here was the daughter, after a 45-minute production called Stormy Waters, lining up with scores of others at the Leongatha Uniting Church to sign a petition calling on the Australian Government to treat asylum seekers more humanely.

The play was performed during November in the Wonthaggi Anglican Church, Leongatha Uniting Church, Korumburra Anglican Church, Foster Uniting Church and Warragul Anglican Church, with a combined audience of about 400.

Many of those in the audience thought they knew all about asylum seekers but it was the cumulative power of the show – historical fact, music, images and stories that packed a powerful emotional punch.

For the audience, it was about understanding their own humanity and their relationship with asylum seekers in ways they hadn't felt before.

There was anger, shock, distress. Many eyes were filled with tears as the cast took their final bows. Others were spurred to immediate action.

One woman, who was dragged along to the show by a friend, was so overcome that she rang McMillan Liberal MP Russell Broadbent after the show.

"She felt she had neglected the issue," Stormy Waters scriptwriter and director Gill Heal said. "She said she was shocked by what she learned and felt." Following its Gippsland season, 490 church goers and others signed a petition to the Federal Government calling for more humane treatment of asylum seekers. Church leaders, Gill Heal and petition co-ordinator Jennie Deane recently presented the petition to McMillan MP Russell Broadbent, who undertook to present it to the Minister for Immigration, Peter Dutton.

It calls on the Government to affirm its commitment to the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951, and particularly to the humane treatment of those who seek Australia's protection. The play was devised in response to Mr Broadbent's challenge to the churches in his electorate to show leadership on the vexed issue of asylum seekers. Reverend Ross Stanford, from the Wonthaggi Uniting Church said the petition was a first for the region and created an opportunity for the churches to speak with one voice. He said the play was very engaging. "It

was quite provocative, but I think in a thoughtful and appropriate way."

Karen Milkins Hendry, who has directed many outstanding musicals for the Wonthaggi Theatre Group, said she hoped to make more space for productions such as Stormy Waters that "challenge, educate and make a difference to people". Local film maker Mick Green is also working on a film script of the production. Catherine Watson was part of the organising group for Stormy Waters.

## THE NEXT STAGE

Following its successful Gippsland season, Stormy Waters will travel to Melbourne's Wesley Church, with a performance before an interdenominational audience on Palm Sunday preceding the traditional walk through the city. The theme of this year's walk is Australia's response to asylum seekers.

## MEET THE WRITER



**Q & A with accomplished author and playwright Gill Heal, on her play Stormy Waters.**

**By Catherine Watson (Bass Coast Post)**  
**Bass Coast Post:**

Why use theatre for something like this?

**Gill Heal:**

Because the stage puts the actors right 'there', in a special relationship with the audience. If you're going to look for insights into human behaviour, the theatre will do it best. For me, of all the arts, the theatre has this sense of 'thereness' the strongest. We're Lear's "poor bare 'forked' animal", exposed, full of grand aspirations, taking risks, all our limitations on show. And on the other side of the equation, the audience has bought in. It's a kind of contract.

**Post:**

So Stormy Waters is an 'issues' play. That sounds pretty boring.

**GH:**

Some people are never going to be interested in debating "issues". But I think most of us can't resist being engaged at some level when we believe we have a

stake in the matter. The task of any arts project is to persuade us that we matter and it matters.

**Post:**

Who's going to go to your play, except the people who agree with you?

**GH:**

It's quite likely that will be the case. It's also likely that there will be some people holding a middle ground position, worried about the threat that asylum seekers represent but also looking for arguments that will allow them to be more generous. We all want to be better people than we are. We want to be persuaded. But at times of high anxiety and mistrust, such as now, it's much more difficult for people to hear opposing arguments. So who knows? Nobody might come.

**Post:**

I know all about asylum seekers and I think the government policy is wrong. I don't need to hear it all again ...

**GH:** Theatre offers a unique perspective on different aspects of life. It employs all its resources to create an intense experience that changes us in some way. It means that a tired and fixed idea can be fired with fresh understanding.

**Post:**

I hate books and films and plays that tell me what I should think.

**GH:**

But you read writers who tell you how to think all the time. Obviously you go to didactic theatre knowing you're going to be hearing a single point of view. But isn't it more about balance? We can cope with a didactic message if there's enough revelation. The play has to be able to isolate truth in some way, offer insights into human behaviour. If it can offer me a glimpse of something that I've never understood before and strengthen my resolve to help achieve social change, then I don't mind being told this is a truth.



The cast of Stormy Waters, from left, Peter Gilbert, Tanya Jackson, Stanley McGeagh and John Coldebella, with director Gill Heal, in the Wonthaggi Anglican Church.

# Special Feature - French Island



## ABOUT FRENCH ISLAND

French Island, located in the middle of Western Port, is considered the jewel in the crown of the Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve. It is the largest island in Victoria approximately 170 square kilometres in area and reaching a maximum height of 96 metres above seal level at Mt Wellington, near its centre. Due to its isolation, history and the work of conservationists over the last 40 years, French Island remains a relatively undisturbed environment, less than 70km from the heart of Melbourne.

## HISTORY

Prior to European settlement, French Island was used as a hunting ground by the Aborigines of the Bunurong tribe. They lived on the mainland and travelled to French Island to collect shellfish and swan eggs. There are several registered sites on the island of the shell middens and stone scatters they left behind.

The island was named in 1802 by a French scientific expedition on board the ship, L'Naturaliste, led by Pierre Bernard Milius. This team circumnavigated the island and named it Isle des Francais. English settlers called it French Island.

The first European settlers arrived about 1874, when the whole of the island was leased as a sheep station.

The French Island Station had few staff, thus the population did not grow until the first land sales in 1870.

In the 1893 depression, the state government offered incentives to unemployed folk to settle on the island. Six settlements were established and two had their own schools, Perseverance and Star of Hope. The remaining island school today is still called Perseverance.

Early exports from the island included (with varying degrees of success) salt, chicory, meat, milk, vegetables and seaweed. Due to the harsh, isolated conditions many settlers returned to the mainland. However, French Island is still home to descendants of those early pioneers.

The eastern end of the island became home to a prison in 1916. It operated a self-sustaining farm until it closed in 1975.

French Island's unique environment might have changed drastically in the 1960s when

BHP and other industrial developers bought 2400 hectares of land on the west coast for a bridge and port development.

In 1967 the State Electricity Commission bought land in the south-east with the idea of plans for Australia's first nuclear power station. After a vigorous campaign by conservation groups, the State Government established a two year environmental study. Plans for the industrial development on French Island were abandoned.

In 1979, part of the prison farm and the Crown land on the island were reserved as a State Park. The Park was expanded in 1990 and again in 1997. At this time, it was also proclaimed a national park.

Today, the French Island National Park occupies two-thirds of the island while the other third is privately owned.

In 2000, French Island became a part of the Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve, one of only four in Victoria and 440 in the world. It is hoped that the Biosphere will be a place where people can show the way to a more socially, environmentally and economically sustainable future.

## ENVIRONMENT

About two-thirds of French Island is occupied by the French Island National Park. As well, the French Island Marine National Park extends approximately 15 km along the northern shore of French Island encompassing approximately 2,800 hectares.

The Park protects wetlands and a rich variety of native flora and fauna, much of which is of national and international significance. This includes a vast number of migratory birds listed under the Japan Australia Migratory Birds Agreement (JAMBA) and the China Australia Migratory Birds Agreement (CAMBA). As well, the area is listed under the Convention of Wetlands of International Importance (The Ramsar Convention). The National Trust classifies the island's environment as being of 'high' value.

The French Island National Park extends 150 metres offshore from the mean high water mark right round the island, which provides for around 960 hectares of inter-tidal Park area.

French Island is home to approximately 260 fauna species, including 230 birds and 580 species of flora including over 100 species of orchid, many of which are unique. Unlike mainland Australia, it has no foxes and has no Black Rats.

The island is also host to a healthy koala population, which has often increased to the point of destroying many trees. Koalas were introduced in the 1890s and the island now boasts one of the leading chlamydia-free populations in Australia. Koalas from French Island were regularly sent to re-stock

depleted colonies on the mainland, ensuring the survival of the species.

Since 2007, no koalas have been taken from the island to other areas, as the translocated animals have overpopulated and caused widespread tree damage in most places where they have been taken. The Koala population is now regulated by birth-control implants placed in the females.

## PEOPLE

French Island has a permanent population of about 110 people and a part-time population of around 120. With no road link to the mainland residents must be largely self-sufficient and have a keen understanding of water and electricity use, since they are responsible for both. More and more residents are embracing the latest solar and wind technologies, while old diesel generators are still used for back up. Household water is collected in rainwater tanks. To date, rainfall on the island has been sufficient to sustain most households with about 15 mean rain days per month and a total of 127 rain days per annum, mostly in the winter and spring.

While farming and tourism are the main industries on the island, islanders also offer a diverse range of skills and can deliver a variety of services including art and craft, building, earth moving, fencing and more. Farm produce includes organic and grass fed cattle, sheep and chickens, organic olives and oil, various nuts, honey, biodynamic produce and wine.

The island boasts a general store and post office, a primary school (one of the smallest in Victoria), a community hall, a cricket ground and a Parks Victoria office. All the island's roads are unsealed and are graded twice a year, though they can become impassable in heavy rains. The only other service is a radio-link to the mainland for telephone services. Some islanders now rely on satellite and other wireless technologies for communication.

Access to the island is limited to a passenger ferry from Stony Point to Tankerton, a car barge service from Corinella, or by private boat or aircraft.

There is no airport on French Island but a few properties have private landing strips. French Island is the only unincorporated locality in Victoria, meaning it has no municipal council. Instead, residents and landowners deal with community issues through the French Island Community Association. Planning for the island is the responsibility of the State Government's Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning.

**Footnote:** Many thanks to Chris Chandler, from 'The Slipway' on French Island for assisting with the editing and updating of the information in this special feature. We will have more on French Island next month.

Roger Clark



# French Island

## What's happening on French Island



**CFA Training** Sunday 5 & 19 April

10am - 12 noon at FI Fire Station

### Landcare

#### Earth Hour Open Air Dinner

Saturday 28 March, venue TBC



Earth Hour was an Australian idea, now with 160 countries participating in turning off the lights for one hour on one day a year. This year it is to celebrate and protect Aussie farmers and food. Landcare will be having an open air dinner where we can watch the lights go out on Phillip Island and Hastings while consuming local (within 100kms) food. Put aside the evening of Saturday 28 March and stay tuned for more info.

#### Nursery Plant Sale

Orders are now being taken for autumn and spring planting. To place an order, phone Terri on 0413 088 527 or Nola on 0457 068 978 or email [filandcarenursery@gmail.com](mailto:filandcarenursery@gmail.com)

And don't forget: volunteers welcomed at the nursery on Wednesdays, 10am - 12 noon

#### Junior Landcare

for more info, contact Terri at 0413 088 527



### French Island Market Day

Sunday 12 April 10am-2pm inside the hall

Stalls \$5 (no table hire fee)  
Tables and chairs will be set up café style at one end of hall with the remainder of the stalls down the other end  
If you would like to do a food stall or other craft/produce/trash-'n-treasure stall, please book your stall before the beginning of April by contacting Glenys Ralph at the shop at 5980 1209

### Free Concert & Workshop Mosaic Community Choir

is coming to French Island on Saturday 11 April



We would like to invite the French Island community to a free concert in the hall at 3pm

All members of the Mud D Flats are invited to join the choir in a singing workshop at the hall from 1-3pm on the day, run by Mosaic's conductor Robert Dryden, and then perform together in the concert at 3pm

### Help preserve and celebrate French Island's unique history

Come and join us at an enjoyable afternoon gathering

at 2:00 pm  
Sunday 19 April 2015  
at the French Island Cricket Ground



Light refreshments provided  
BYO extra provisions if you wish

Let's share our stories and talk about how we can collect, safeguard and make accessible the precious documents, maps, photographs, memorabilia and artefacts that record our Island's colourful past. Our aim is to create a fun opportunity for Islanders to socialise while working together towards a positive goal.

Contact Nola 0457 068 978  
or David 0423 152 620



### FOFI Project Days

THIRD Saturday of every month

Activity to be announced

10.00 ferry from Stony Point. Meet in Tankerton jetty carpark at 10.15am. On-Island transport provided. BYO binoculars, water, hat, sunscreen & mozzie repellent.  
No experience necessary! Please call Murray Bouchier at 9876 1410 at least one week prior to confirm participation.

# Give a dog a home

## THE PERFECT PET

Greyhounds, or should we say a few law breaking greyhound trainers have been the subject of a lot of bad press lately regarding the greyhound industry.

As a result we still have the two lovely female retired greyhounds who are looking for forever homes.

**Tilly** is black and she was born in September 2010. She weighs 28kgs, has a lovely nature and has been retired from the track for ten months so she is well and truly ready for the role of couch potato, which is what greyhounds do best, believe it or not.



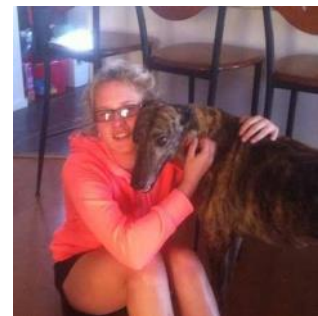
White and blue 'Little Mac' weighs approx. 26 kgs and was born in November 2011.

She has retired from the track for about four months now and is ready to settle down to a life of luxury.

Both greyhounds need to be de-sexed and we can assist with arranging for this to be done at a reasonable price.

They come with a new leather collar & lead, muzzle and coat, and should their new owners wish to put them through the G.A.P program later so they don't have to wear a muzzle in public then we can also assist with that.

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Nearly at the end of Tomato season in what was a good year, but what to do with all those tomatoes.



What about.....

### GRANDMAS TOMATO RELISH

#### Ingredients

2.75kgs (6lbs) ripe tomatoes

2 tablespoons curry powder

Small handful salt

3 tablespoons mustard

900 grams (2lbs) brown onions

900 grams (2lbs) sugar

½ teaspoon cayenne pepper

\*Vinegar to barely cover (\*for gluten free, use white vinegar) otherwise brown

#### Method

Cut up tomatoes and place in a pot and sprinkle generously with salt

Cut up onions and place in another pot and sprinkle generously with salt

Cover and leave these two pot overnight.

Next morning Strain off accumulated liquid and discard.

Put tomatoes, onions and everything except the mustard and curry in a large saucepan, barely cover this with vinegar\* and boil for 5 minutes, mix the mustard and curry to a paste with some vinegar and add to pan, boil for one hour, bottle in hot sterilized jars and seal.

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# Why I live where I live

## Why I lived, and live where I live.....



By Shelley Applebee, Inverloch

I lived with my husband and two gorgeous cattle dog/great dane cross dogs in the most beautiful part of the world in 2012.



People would ask where I was going in my holidays and I would say 'home'. When you lived on the clifftops of one of the most rugged coastlines of Victoria in some of the harshest conditions and loved it, why would you go anywhere else?

We sat on our back deck with pets afoot and watched the sunrise and sunset, the moon, milkyway and amazing cloud formations without a street light, neighbours house or other building intruding into our world.

We looked out at the waves, smelt the ocean and on occasion felt the sea spray. We were in paradise. Sea birds would land on our dam, sometimes dive for yabbies and small fingerlings, sometimes just resting from their journey. Occasionally pelicans, swans and cormorants would visit along with echidnas, kangaroos and snakes.

1995 to 2012 was filled with memories. Memories we will have for a lifetime. The first few years at Kilcunda was all about learning how to live in harmony with nature in this environment. Moving from Wheelers Hill, an outer suburban area of Melbourne, so my ill father could gain the benefits of fresh sea air, no city pollution or allergens and nature at its best, we were not quite expecting the conditions to be as wild and unforgiving as they were – but we loved it from day one.

Concern that we had made a mistake in choosing our new home-site turned to fear when a wall of the house was blown over during the construction stage and locals told us there was worse to come. We also worried dad would be blown away, his frail body unable to stand up against the winds or that he may fall down our 'well' never to be found again, but we forged on.

Twelve months later we moved in, bringing our city lives to the country, leaving our teenage son behind so he could continue at the new job he had gained shortly before our move and settling our dad into the benefits of a sea-change. We were content...until....our first storm. The house shook and the window panes were visibly moving in and out in the gale force winds, horizontal rain smashed into the house so loudly we turned up the radio and made hand signals to each other. Our bedroom, upstairs and under a tin roof, almost proved too much. With the noise of the wind and rain and the house swaying the couch downstairs was a very real option. But, the

storm passed and Mother Nature once again smiled upon us.

We watched lightning strike the ocean in the blackest of night. Stunning sunrises coloured the sky in what appeared to be perfectly Photo-shopped beauty (Photo Shop could never be that good!). The ocean never ceased to amaze us - serene one minute, treacherous the next. Wild ducks played on our dam, snakes slithered up to the house, swallows sat on the Hills hoist, spinning as the light breeze turned the line around and around. Eagles soared above and kites could be seen dropping from the sky and rising with their small meal. We watched Bass Gas drilling the gas pipeline and the wind turbines being erected and then rotating, reaping the elements of nature to generate power. We watched the desalination plant being built only to disappear when complete, behind a wall of sand dunes which were creatively included in the plans for that reason. One of the strongest radio stations early on was a Tasmanian one!

That was Kilcunda in 2012. For nearly 18 years we had lived with winds blowing off Bass Strait, experienced salt encrusted vegetables before they were picked fresh from the vegie patch, grown rocks instead of flowers to avoid disappointment at the inability to have flowers to pick for the table before all the petals were blown away, watched as our 'smalls' tightly pegged to the rustic Hills out the back, flapped horizontally and sometimes disappeared over the neighbours fence, unable to withstand the 'light breeze' to us but to our visitors, a 'howling gale'. Our house had weathered the storms of the past 17 years. My father had passed away some 17 years before and our son was now firmly entrenched in that 'new job', moving through the company to management level, and heading towards long service leave.

We had a decision to make.

Maintenance was a major issue with the sea air, salt and wind taking its toll on our beloved house. Our age became an issue alongside sports injuries which made a double storey home less appealing as it was some 17 years ago and now our son was settled in his own home, he was happy for us to spend his inheritance on securing a more manageable home and our long term future. August 2012 – we made a decision!

A "For Sale" sign went up at our Kilcunda paradise and not long after a contract was signed. A block of land in Inverloch we had our eye on for some time was purchased and our favourite builders contracted to build our new dream home – a mix of our needs, their design, our wants, the environment and block of land quickly took place.

March 2013 – we're on the move, husband, two dogs and me. Sadly we farewelled Kilcunda, the memories of all the pets we had over the time, our previous loyal dogs, our pet geese and our goat who had all given immense pleasure to us their entire their lives. The people we met and made friends with. The community: for 17 years and joined a little later by my husband, I had been on the organising committee of the annual lobster festival and the people I met, worked with, worried with and celebrated with were all going to be sadly missed. The fire brigade we had been members of – more friends and memories made.

Why I live where I live.....

It's March 2015 and I live in Inverloch! Pristine beaches, rugged surf beach coastline and tranquil but sometimes busy inlet beaches are only some of the attributes. Touristy in summer with the buzz of extra people, cafes and restaurants open and businesses thriving is contrasted out of season by being quiet, productive and tranquil. I live about two kilometres from the centre of town. I can take a short walk along the creek, through the nature reserves and behind the football oval to town or the long way takes me entirely along pathways beside the creek and along the coastline.

I have no view, a small 950sqm block and five neighbours and I love living here. Our house caters for all our needs – no stairs, rooms inside for our hobbies, sheds outside for our tools. Open plan living allows for efficient heating and cooling and a sense of space, solar provides cost effective utilities, bold inside colours provide the creative thirst our lives seek and a creative garden takes our eyes away from the high paling fences and our minds back to the views and lifestyle we had in paradise.

Our extensive vegie garden feeds us most of the year and provides surprises everyday with visiting wildlife enjoying the rewards we provide for them. Kookaburras laugh at us, probably because they have their eye on our gold fish in the lily pond and our gorgeous girl dog keeps watch at the front gate after stealing ripe tomatoes off the vine. Sadly her brother passed away but she relishes being the boss of the house and loves her morning walk through the nature reserves.

The fire brigade is still a part of our lives and now I am on the Board and volunteer at our community radio station here in Inverloch, no longer listening to Tasmania but keeping up to date with South Gippsland news and events. Recently being made redundant reinforces the good decision we made of choosing solar for power and creating an extensive vegie patch. My sewing room and the computer room could be put to good use in the search for a new found income, of which being an Avon representative plays a part.

I love where we live and knowing we have a secure future in a home we can manage with no maintenance required is a bonus. All our windows are open most days to let the outside in. We eat outdoors several nights a week under our alfresco with our recycled timber handmade dining setting my husband made in his hobby space with his tools he could find all neatly laid out in his shed. We can walk to restaurants, beaches and farmers markets.

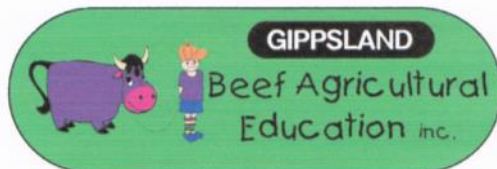
.....ahhhh, life's a beach!

### Footnote:

Shelley worked as Media Officer/Electorate Officer for MLA for Bass, Ken Smith for three years until he retired from Parliament in November last year.



# Beef Agricultural Education Camp



Gippsland Beef Agricultural Education Inc. is a non-profit group committed to enhancing the opportunity for the youth of Gippsland to further develop their potential in all facets of agriculture by the provision of seminars, demonstrations, field days, training camps and mentoring schemes.

GBAE Inc. achieves this by the use of industry professionals equally committed to providing their time, skills and knowledge for the benefit of regional youth.

Their 2015 camp will be held from Friday 10th April to Sunday 12th at the Woolamai Racecourse. For ages 8 to Adult.

Topics this year will include, Ring craft, Clipping, Cattle handling, Grooming, Preg testing, Internal organs, Structural soundness, Feed lot visit, Poultry and Horticulture.

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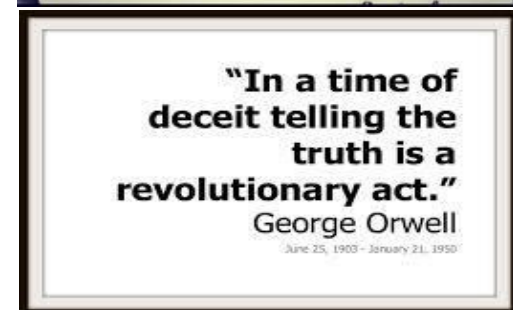
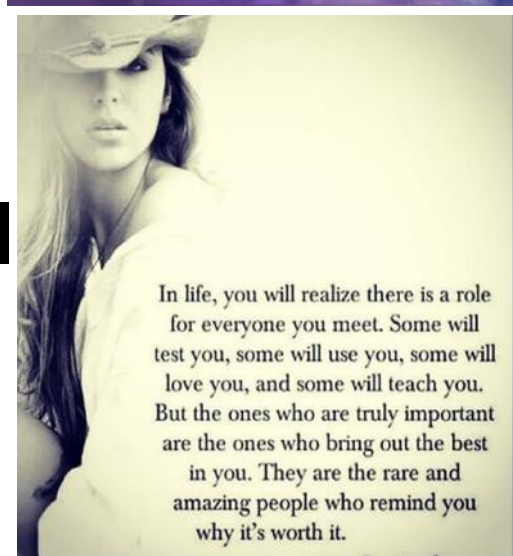
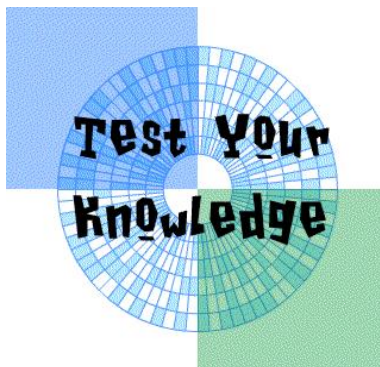
1. Who Discovered New Zealand in 1642
2. What month were you born if your birthstone is a Sardonyx?
3. What superstar porcine character is in love with a frog?
4. What kind of animal is a Brumby?
5. Who was the mad monk?
6. What was the first part of J.R.R Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*?
7. What bird has a 46 long small intestine?
8. What country did Germany invade on September 1, 1939?
9. What is the fruit of a rose bush called?
10. Which playwright was married to Marilyn Monroe?
11. What term describes an animal with a constant blood temperature?
12. What has 1,792 steps?
13. Who played the title role in *Alvin Purple*?
14. Who was watching the play *Our American Cousin* when he was assassinated?
15. What do you take Dramamine for?
16. What pop group had six tracks from

their *Living in the Seventies* album banned from radio?

17. Who invented the reflective telescope?
18. Which English novelist once called himself *A Priest of love*?
19. How many spaces are there on a scrabble board?
20. What musical instrument did Dudley Moore play professionally?

### ANSWERS

1. Abel Tasman, 2. August, 3. Miss Piggy, 4. A Horse, 5. Raspurin, 6. The Fellowship of the Ring, 7. The Ostrich, 8. Poland, 9. The hip, 10. Arthur Miller, 11. Warm-blooded, 12. The Eiffel Tower, 13. Greame Blundell, 14. Abraham Lincoln, 15. Motion Sickness, 16. Lawrence, 17. Isaac Newton, 18. D. H. Skyhooks, 19. 225, 20. The Piano.



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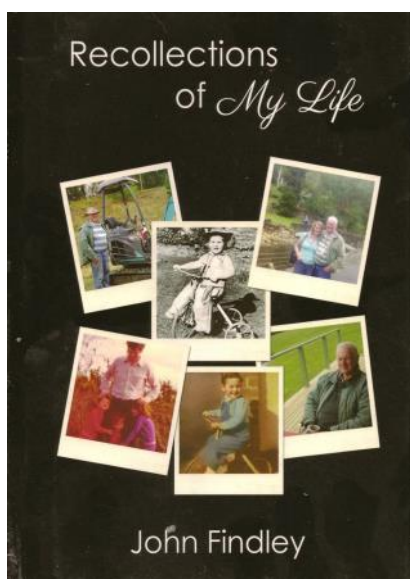


## Moments of Communion

On wild windswept beach  
slim heron steps out  
of mangrove fringe.  
A lone walker stares  
at white-faced grey bird  
up close.  
Like a kite starting to rise  
but keeping three metres ahead  
the bird flies low.  
The two share space  
for half a dozen steps.  
Abruptly the bird rises, veers left  
lands on mud  
focuses on feeding.  
The walker walks on.

Meryl Brown Tobin

## BOOK REVIEW



I promised to write this review of "Recollections of My Life," By John Findley a few months ago. As I am his wife I need to ask you to, "Please continue reading," I will attempt to give a full and accurate assessment of his book. John writes about his childhood, his schooling, and his early part-time jobs. He wrote about the first marriage and birth of his children. Then I got to understand my husband better when I helped with the early editing. He contacted with his old friends and his children, gaining their views on one or another story he had written. I watched as he altered and added to the narrative to bring alive the account of his life. John talked to the "ex"; she helped with anecdotes to his sagas thus setting him

straight on any aspect he got wrong. He and Shirley spent many hours talking about the past and reliving their lives they had together. I took a while to get used to the idea, but this book was John's only focus. For the later part of his book I was around and he writes about our life together, the business we became involved in, how my family and his went along with the changes. My favourite of his stories is about a "Ghost". I was there, I also saw the ghost and it's that story that finds its way into his book. My John is a bit sceptical about the supernatural, and will usually accept the explanation more in keeping with normality. He couldn't explain our Ghost, it had to remain a mystery.

Another story is when he tries to justify his navigational skills on the Murray River as a "River Boat Captain." I ask you to read this from my point of view, don't side with my husband, think it through.

Read of our trip to the richest country in the world (America) and how we found it. The surprises we got from people in the tourist industry and the error of purchasing the cheapest travel package.

Another story John tells is about "Hands free phones," and the trouble he had/has using his phone around me. If your friend, husband or wife talks hands free, you will laugh along the way I did in reading this memory of his.

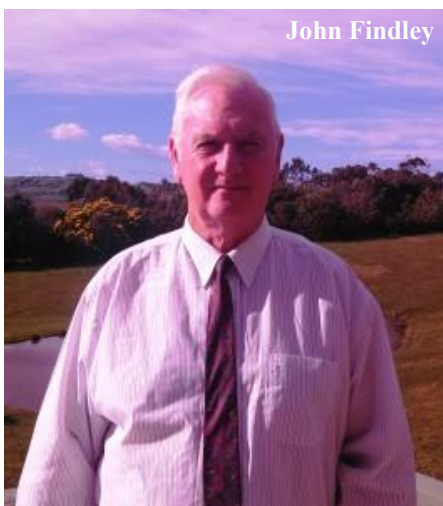
Enjoy the account of his life as he meanders through the past seventy odd years as much as I have in sharing the past thirty years with him.

Heather Findley

For details on how to buy the book go to [www.johnfindley.com.au](http://www.johnfindley.com.au)

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

My early life was not dissimilar to any other, it was the mid 1940's my parents set up in a country town. When mother became ill we moved back to Melbourne where she, my sister and I were cared for by my grandparents, mum died and for a short time I went to live with my dad. Then back with my grandparents and sister in another



country town, moving around quite a bit until secondary school. Four years at "Richmond Tech" then over thirty years at "The State Bank" as well as many part time jobs, I always had trouble living within my means.

My business skills I acquired by selling newspapers, I found by listening to others you pick up a little but by watching and thinking things out yourself you pick up a lot. My ability to work on my own improved with delivering morning papers on my bike and delivering milk with a horse and cart. To be a father only started when the first wife left, my children and I had to learn to do all those things that the wife and mother took care of. I am very lucky to have found Heather, a lady that saw little fault in others. We married within the year we met, and were joined by her three children.

I am retired now spending my days with wife number two, our children and grandchildren. We ran taxis when the bank said goodbye, working with the independent driver and with the taxi owner. Working out taxi shifting enjoying somewhat the stories our drivers conveyed to us about their day. With that sold off we managed beach houses for a few years in a beautiful village, Coronet Bay in Victoria, Australia. Now I am retired I have another part-time job of writing down my memories.

John and Heather now live at Woodleigh.



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# Self Sufficiency

## Green Cleaning SOAP JELLY



Grandma called it 'soap-extender' because it was an economical way to extend soap so that it lasts longer).

Soap jelly is a liquid soap-based replacement for detergents, shampoos, liquid soaps, etc. It's very versatile and can be used in many ways not only as a replacement for detergents but as a base for making a range of safe soap products. The key ingredient for making soap jelly is water softener. The best water softener is washing soda (from the supermarket). Bicarb soda may also be used.

### Making Soap Jelly



**You'll need:** Grated soap, washing soda\*, hot water, mixing bowl or large clean recycled jar, whisk.

1. Place 2 tablespoons grated soap in the jar

- or bowl.
2. Add 1/2 teaspoon washing soda.
3. Pour in approx 2 cups boiling water.
4. Stir to thoroughly dissolve the powder and soap. Leave to cool and form a 'jelly'.

How to Use:

Use 1 cup of this mix in place of laundry detergent when machine washing clothes.

Use 1/4 cup when washing dishes.

Add to the floor washing water or when detergents are required for cleaning.

Use as liquid hand wash, shampoo and shower gel replacement.

### MONEY SAVER

Economical Soap Jelly Mix

Once familiar with the process of replacing detergents with soap jelly, you'll require a larger volume of soap jelly. Here's a way to make two full buckets of soap jelly from one bar of soap.

**You'll need:** 1 bar of soap (grated), washing soda, hot water, 2x9 litre buckets, whisk.

1. Place half of the grated soap in one bucket and the other half in the second bucket.
2. To each bucket add 1/2 cup washing soda and approx. 2 cups boiling water. Stir vigorously to dissolve the ingredients.
3. Top up each bucket with cool water. Leave to set. Pour into jars or containers ready for use (sealable buckets are best). (Use as for soap jelly as previously mentioned).

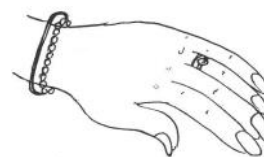
Keeping time: Soap jelly will last 6 months stored in a sealed bucket in cool environment. (Some greyness may develop around the edges of the jelly - but it is still safe to use).

NB: Occasionally water separates from the jelly - simply stir or blend so that the water is absorbed back into the jelly before using. Always label your homemade products so that you and your family members can identify the product.

Next month:-

More uses for soap jelly, lemon dish washing soap and making an all purpose surface cleaner or stain remover for extra cleaning strength.

## HAND CARE



The first step to effective hand care is preventative - always protect hands from dirt, grease and harsh chemicals by wearing gloves OR rinse with vinegar or lemon juice before embarking on dirty work. Other techniques are to rub hands with lemon peel or glycerine.

### Simple Hand Cleansers:

Soap and detergents are drying and detrimental to healthy hands.

Oatmeal - apply dry oatmeal to wet hands Rub well, rinse off. Leaves hands soft and clean.

Lemon juice and sugar - Rub hands with an equal part mixture or rub with half a lemon (after squeezing juice) sprinkled with sugar. (Not suited to sensitive skin - use oatmeal or an oatmeal bag).

Olive oil and sugar - Use a mixture of 1/2 teaspoon sugar with 2 table-spoons olive oil. Very good not only as a cleanser but for moisturising.

**Stain/Odour Removal** (such as nicotine, ink, fish, etc.) - rub with lemon juice and/or bicarb soda.

### Hand Moisturisers:

Simple alternatives often work better than expensive lotions - try the following:

Olive oil: Blended with lemon juice or herbal infusion (equal parts). (Lemon juice not suited to dry or sensitive skin)

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# Gardening

## APRIL GARDENING TIPS

By April the summer heat should be over and it is time to prepare for winter. In the tropics this means cooler and drier weather. In cooler and temperate climates this hopefully means a lot of rain is on its way. It can actually be around now that gardeners make the biggest mistakes because you start to think 'well we've survived summer, now we'll just sit back, relax, and let winter take care of our garden by itself'. Wrong! What you do now over the next month or two will directly affect how well your garden survives the next summer!

Autumn is a fantastic time to be out and about in your garden. Usually, in most parts of Australia, the weather starts to become milder but there still remain a significant number of sunny days. April is also a great month for planting spring bulbs, such as daffodils. This will give them plenty of time to get set and grow, ready for a beautiful showing come September. It can also be a good time to spread a light organic fertiliser around your shrubs and trees. Though they'll receive winter rains in cold and temperate zones, and won't be growing as much, they still require nutrients to survive the cooler winter.

Autumn, and in particular April, can be a great time for planting trees because trees really do require good amounts of water to take root. In tropical zones your gardens should be filled with moisture and cold/temperate gardens will soon receive the rain needed. Planting now will give them a month or two of good, sunny weather while still receiving some good rain, and then lapping up the rain from winter. The milder weather will also help because the trees won't experience sun damage as easily before they have the root system to cope with it.

From a vegetable growing perspective, vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and your leafy Asian-style veggies really need to go in now if you want to get the best out of them throughout winter.



Use the next few months to really sow into your garden. As the rain starts to fall in cooler and temperate climates you won't have to spend as much time worrying about, and making sure, your garden has water, so really work on other tasks, such as preparing garden beds for spring and summer annuals, fertilising, and the like. Take the sunny days provided to you to do the most you can for your garden so that when spring and summer comes again your job will be easier!

## PLANT OF THE MONTH

**Rose Banjine Pimelea**

**Genus:** Pimelea

**Species:** rosea

**Common Name:** Rose Banjine



**Flower Colour:** Pink

**Foliage Colour:** Green

**Growth Habit:** Shrub to 1m

**Flowering:** Winter – Spring

The Pimelea rosea has small flowers which cluster together at the end of the stem creating a larger, more striking presentation. The Pimelea rosea flowers are a mix of pink and white, making an

almost purple colour when looking from a distance. The Pimelea rosea also generally grows slightly smaller than other Pimelea varieties, at most reaching roughly 1m in height.

Pimelea rosea likes a sunny to part shade position and a soil with good drainage. Like the other varieties it does grow best in temperate or cool climates along the coast but over recent years there have been experiments with more tropical friendly varieties to make the Pimelea rosea more tropical friendly.



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## IS IT DRAIN SAFE

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Many of these wipes are marketed as being 'flushable' and that they are biodegradable, however they don't break down fast enough and cause blockages in sewer pipes and pumps.

Toilet paper disintegrates in around 30 seconds, whilst wipes can remain in water and still not disintegrate after a week!”

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Over recent weeks Gippsland's water authorities have been working to spread the word on this issue. A new TV commercial will also run on local TV over the coming months.

Both Westernport Water and South Gippsland Water are encouraging us all to “Stop it. Don’t Block it.” Simply bin any used wet wipes and DO NOT FLUSH, not even the ones that say ‘flushable’. You’ll be saving everyone money and helping to protect the environment.

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