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**THE GRANTVILLE GROCER**

1536 Bass Hwy. (the former Mitre 10 site)

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As I was editing this edition, I was watching steam from my morning coffee meander through an open window, when a child's voice cracked the silence.

"It's good to be able to pat someone else's cat when you miss your own," he said. He'd finished unloading the dishwasher and, as a reward, the TV was about to blast through that fractured silence. Reports from Britain, reports from America. Half a world away there were a thousand dead in Britain, chaos in America and no good news from anywhere in between. He switched channels till he found a cartoon.

Three paddocks up the hill from us, a shiny tractor was cutting through the overly long grass. Spotting an ad hoc educational moment, I asked "There could be snakes in there. What else?"

"Squirrels?"  
 "No mate, not in this country," I whispered as I remembered how lucky we were to have our loved ones around us. And knowing they were safe as I went back to reading all the eclectic pieces coming in for this February edition.

*So now its over to our wonderful contributors.....*

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Due to the changeable nature of COVID19 restrictions, the Waterline News suggests that readers should check these websites for the latest updates and advice about the pandemic:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/case-locations-and-outbreaks>

<https://www.covidbasscoasthealth.org.au/covid-19updates>

<https://m.facebook.com/BassCoastShire/>

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## On This Day in History

### February 2, 1920

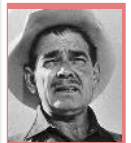
The U.S. Census Bureau announced that the death rate in the United States in 1918 was the highest on record up to that date.

1,471,367 people had died, a rate of 18 per every 1,000 people. Of the total, nearly a third, 477,467, had died in the Spanish influenza epidemic from either the flu or from its related complications.

### February 1, 1961

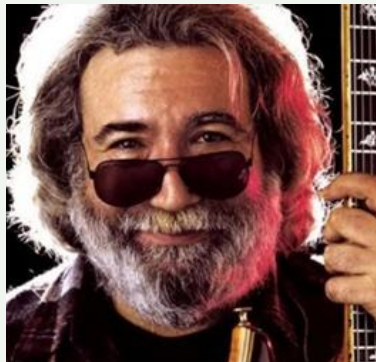
The Misfits directed by John Huston was released to theaters in the U.S.

The film would end up being the last film for its two leading stars, Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe.



### February 20, 1961

Jerry Garcia, an 18-year old drifter who had been discharged from the U.S. Army, survived a car accident in Palo Alto, California.



He later described that as "the slingshot for the rest of my life. Before then I was always living at less than capacity," he would write later. "Then I got serious." Garcia went on to found the Grateful Dead.

February 25, 1961. The last public trams in Sydney ceased operation, bringing to an end the Southern Hemisphere's largest tramway network of the time. The tram depot at Bennelong Point became the site of the Sydney Opera House.





IN A significant first for the Bass Coast Shire, residents aged over 50 will soon be able to borrow digital devices for free such as computer laptops, iPads and tablets - together with an Internet connection - thanks to a new loan service introduced by the Bass Coast Adult Learning centre.

The loans program is an extension to the existing Be Connected Network that aims to ensure all older Australians have equal access to advances in technology, allowing them to stay in touch with others, particularly during these times of social isolation and distancing due to the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic.

Residents who join the Be Connected program can start learning how to use the devices at the BCAL campus in White Rd, Wonthaggi, and then borrow them to take home and tap into the many digital opportunities available.

BCAL community engagement coordinator Emily Sinnbeck, who embraced the program that is managed by social change charity Good Things Foundation Australia, said the Australian Government had identified people over 50 as being more likely to be experiencing social isolation due to a variety of factors.

"One way to improve this, and help them remain connected, particularly during lockdowns, is by improving digital literacy," Mrs Sinnbeck said.

The program envisages a world in which everyone has an equal opportunity to benefit from technology and fully participate in today's digital society.

BCAL is also seeking volunteer digital mentors who can inspire and support people over 50 in building their confidence and skills in using computer technology. Digital mentors do not need to be computer experts, as such. They just need a basic understanding of the Internet and how to use digital devices and be enthusiastic, patient, flexible and good at listening and working with people. If they don't know how to do something online they will have the skills to search for an answer.

If you are interested in registering with the Be Connected program or would like to volunteer as a digital mentor, contact BCAL on 5672 3115.



Phone (03) 5672 3115  
or visit us at  
239 White road  
to discuss your  
enrollment today!



Bass Coast Shire Council has installed a truck wheel wash unit at the Grantville Transfer Station.

This \$60,000 project was recently completed as part of Council's Capital Works Program.

The new unit will remove debris from the wheels and undercarriage of vehicles that visit the landfill site, prior to returning to public roads.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said that this was just one more way to make sure contaminants are stopped from entering the environment.

"The wheel wash is an effective solution to ensure dirt and waste do not leave the landfill site," Cr Tessari said.

"Bass Coast's beautiful environment is very important to Council and the community and this is just one more measure we can take to ensure it stays that way."

For more information about Council's Waste Facilities visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/wastefacilities](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/wastefacilities).



# Something unique is coming to Grantville.



The Grantville Grocer, merging farmers market quality with big supermarket convenience, with alfresco dining, with the traditional Aussie Beer Garden... (pending licence approval)...to provide a truly unique grocery shopping experience.

TGG...(for short)... will be opening in March this year just in time for Easter, on the old Mitre 10 site. If you would like to take part in the grand opening go to [www.thegrantvillegrocer.com.au](http://www.thegrantvillegrocer.com.au) to put your name down to be eligible to claim your FREE Grand Opening Grocery Hamper. But you will have to hurry because they are limited.

Also, if you would like to become one of the valued members of our team then simply submit your CV to [info@thegrantvillegrocer.com.au](mailto:info@thegrantvillegrocer.com.au).

Get ready to experience grocery shopping like never before.



# When is a Supermarket not a Supermarket?

Answer. When it's The Grantville Grocer.

Let me explain. There is the new Grocery store coming to Grantville called **The Grantville Grocer** - TGG for short - and it is the brainchild of Mr James McConvill. Mr McConvill grew up around Grantville and now runs the successful law firm in the area, James McConvill & Associates.

James noticed that there was definitely something missing from the area, and that was a grocery store that offered farmers' market quality produce with supermarket prices and variety.

It's no surprise that most people love the quality of the produce you get at the local farmer's market but they also love the variety and price competitiveness of a large supermarket. So why not offer both?

That is where the idea for TGG came from.

Situated on the former site of the Mitre 10 store, there is lots of warehouse space which allows for the big savings you get when you are able to buy in bulk, just like the big supermarkets. However, when you add access to the quality produce from around the area, coupled with heaps of outdoor dining where you can sit down and enjoy the samples of that fine produce, then you have a grocery store like no other.

“We want to provide a unique grocery shopping experience. There will be a café and outdoor dining areas where shoppers can relax, catch up with friends all while sampling some of the exquisite produce that will be on offer at TGG. We've applied for a liquor licence, so not only will they be able to get their smokes and everyday groceries at prices you would expect from a big supermarket but their grog as well- the meeting place for locals AND a one stop shop ‘ says James

Through accessing local produce from around the area and providing a much-needed vehicle for employment in the area, post COVID -19 and bush fires, it is a win win for the whole community. So after the year that was 2020, it won't be just the locals waiting with excitement for the planned opening of TGG in March 2021.

# Grantville, your wish has been granted.



# Local History

**The Number 20 Mine Shaft site, located on Bass Highway just west of Wonthaggi will undergo much needed repairs in 2021.**

With works expected to begin in late January, the upgrades will take around four months to complete.

Bass Coast Shire Council has obtained all of the necessary permit approvals from Heritage Victoria to carry out these much needed works.

As part of the project, major repairs will be carried out on the fan housing structure at the site and will include brickwork repairs, rust treatment to reinforcement, rendering of external walls, rebuilding of failed concrete areas and treatment and painting of the steel fan housing.

The Number 20 Mine Shaft site commemorates the miners who were killed in two separate underground explosions, which occurred on 20 February, 1931 and on 15 February, 1937.

The 1931 explosion occurred during the first year of operation and resulted in the deaths of four men underground. The 1937 shaft explosion was the worst accident in the mine's history, with 13 men dying underground.

Council appreciates patience during this time. The contractor will work with property and service managers to minimise disruptions during construction.

For more information on this project, visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/projects](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/projects), or contact Council's Infrastructure Delivery Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or email [basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au).



*From the ARGUS  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1877*

**CORINELLA.**  
*By P.M.*

A few months ago attention was called by a correspondent in The Leader to the excellent quality of the land still unselected at Corinella, a district on the eastern shore of Western Port Bay; and to its general adaptability for grazing and agricultural purposes.

Situated at a distance of over seventy miles from the Metropolis, intending selectors and other visitors from Melbourne had, at that time, but small facilities afforded them for compassing the distance which divided them from this tempting Elysium.

Either they must proceed to Cranbourne by Cobb's coach, and thence to Corinella— distance of more than forty miles — by horse or on foot or they must take the coach to Hastings, and cross the Bay to their destination in an open sailing boat.

Both those alternatives were, it need hardly be said, tedious and disagreeable. In winter the road beyond Cranbourne was nearly impassable to foot travellers, and, on the other hand, the trip across the Bay, though pleasant enough in fine, was in rough weather a very damp and damping operation.

The facilities for the carriage of goods were on a still more limited scale, and, except in small bulk, they could only be transmitted by craft, at great risk of delay and damage.

Since the appearance of the letter referred to, and partly no doubt as a result of the stimulus, given to settlement in the district by the statements contained in that letter, some most important additions have been made to its means of intercommunication and transit.

Not only does a tri-weekly coach now run — via Dandenong, Cranbourne, Tooradin and Tobin Yallock— from Melbourne to Grantville, performing the journey in nine hours; but a company has been formed to run, and has run for some time past, a tri-weekly steamer from Hastings, whence it starts immediately on the arrival of Cobb's coach from Melbourne, to Phillip Island, and Griffith's Point, which, though not actually within the Corinella district is only three or four miles from it.



For my own part I had long wished to test by personal inspection the veracity or otherwise of the high-flown statements which my Western Port acquaintances, when they emerged from their primeval solitudes, and basked for a while in the blaze of "town," were always dinning into my ears with regard to the sport, scenery and material attractions of their district, and especially of the Corinella and Wollamai portions of it.

Their pardonable "blow" was, it is true, confirmed by sporting pedestrians who had made the overland journey to Screw Creek, Anderson's Inlet and the Tarwin, and who returned laden, not only with full bags, but with, glowing panegyrics of the country through which they had passed.

Nevertheless, being somewhat sceptical of the rural enthusiasm of town-bred people, I received their reports cum grano salis, and determined to bide my time, and see for myself.

So the other day — it does not do to be too precise as to dates— I packed up my traps, paid my fare, and got up on to the box seat of the new vehicle.

The day was fine, and the roads in a favourable state of dryness, so that we bowled along past Dandenong to Cranbourne, not only pleasantly enough, but at a smart pace.

After leaving Cranbourne the condition of the road changed for the worse, and a disagreeable amount of jolting had to be endured. At about five o'clock p.m., however, the Grantville terminus was reached, and I was at liberty to descend from my lofty perch.





## Local History

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Having had some refreshment, I inspected the one "lion" of Grantville, Its jetty, along which runs an exceedingly well-constructed tramway, connecting it with the saw-mills of Messrs Brazier and Co, situate in the ranges, about three and a-half miles east of the township.

Having duly admired the jetty, and still more the view of the bay from it, I returned to the hotel. There was still an hour or more of daylight, so I determined to push on at once to my destination, the Bass River Saw-mills.

Being situated close to the Bass River, and in the very heart of the unselected country, I expected to find in their immediate neighbourhood the fairest possible sample of its alleged attractions.

The bar was crowded with Christmas revellers, of one of whom I inquired the distance and the best way to the mills. The former, he informed me, was four and a-half miles, the latter he said he would be happy to show me if I would accept of his company, as he was himself going to start for the mills in a few minutes, and did not care for a lonely walk.

I thanked him for the information and his offer, which I of course accepted.

Unfortunately for the good intentions of my new acquaintance, first one old friend accosted him and then another—"nobble" following "nobbler," and "shout" "shout," until it was almost dusk, and yet we had not started.

Every moment he expressed him self as "just going," and yet seemed fated not to go. I at last saw that if I meant to get to the mills that night I must march alone. I therefore collected what information I could from the bystanders, who pointed out a track to which I was to keep until I found myself on one of the tramways leading to the mills.

I then started off. When I had got a little way I heard a noise, and looked back.

It was my would-be guide, upbraiding me for my desertion. The road I took led me along, in a south-westerly direction, through a messmate forest, then it emerged on to a vast heath, and finally involved me in a belt of timber, which, so far, as I could discern by the dim light, which soon became "black darkness," was also composed of messmates.

I had already walked above three miles from Grantville, when I discovered to my disgust that I had wandered from the track, which about this point, as I was afterwards aware, becomes greatly narrowed, and diverges to the right towards the tramway, for which I was making.

For some time I blundered on in the darkness, hoping that I might either regain the pathway, or by good luck stumble across the tramway aforesaid.

All in vain, however, and, after plunging up to my knees in a morass, from which I with difficulty extricated myself, and finally precipitating myself over what I felt, but could not see, to be the trunk of a huge fallen tree, I resigned myself to the fact of being "bushed," and began to feel out, with my hands and feet, a soft, dry spot for my bed.

Just at this forlorn moment the crying of a child—a sound usually so irritating, now so soothing to my supperless senses—smote upon my tympanum. I made in the direction indicated, but only discerned when close up to it the dim outline of a bush dwelling, from within which issued at intervals the mingled voices of a male and female engaged in earnest conversation.

Had I been of a nervous or imaginative turn, I might have pictured this obscure habitation as the abode of some Western Port Sullivan; this unseen pair as an abandoned couple, plotting vile schemes for the murder and pillage of belated travellers like myself—and trembled accordingly.

And, indeed, the surroundings, the dark night, the dense forest, the solitary cottage, the invisible speakers, my way-worn self—would have been admirably calculated to sustain such an illusion, if once entertained; But, being of an eminently matter-of-fact disposition, I did not suffer my fancy to stray, and simply—knocked at the door!

A man's voice told me to come in. I obeyed, and saw before me nothing more sensational than a highly benevolent looking, "Darby and Joan," seated at supper.

.Having explained to them my position, the 'Joan' invited me to partake with them, to which—looking to the state of the board, which, in honour of the Christmas season, was spread with unusual profusion—I was nothing loath, the husband, meantime, undertaking to see me when I had done, as far as the tramway.

Thus cheered, I set to with a will, and, having satisfied myself, and made my acknowledgments to my entertainers, was soon again on my way, my host preceding me with a lantern—a necessary equipment on so dark a night, and with a track so tortuous and indistinguishable to follow.

We wound up a steep acclivity, through masses of tangled brushwood, and amongst timber which, even by the lantern's flickering glare, I could see to be of giant size and height. Our feet struck noiselessly upon the turf.

The growls of native bears, and the occasional plaintive cry of the mopehawk, alone disturbed the intense stillness of the night. We seemed alone in in illimitable wilderness, and I could not help thinking how completely I should stand at the mercy of my guide, were he animated by sinister intentions against my life or purse. A glance at his jolly, rollicking countenance dispelled all such thoughts as they arose, and at this moment, to my great satisfaction, the long sought tramway was at length reached.

The mills were now only a mile distant, so, having bidden a cordial adieu to my friendly guide, I hastened on with the elastic step of one who sees before him the end of his troubles.

At first I tried to walk upon one of the rails of the tramway, but my unaccustomed feet constantly slipped off. I then essayed to step from sleeper to sleeper, but often miscalculated my distance, and stepped instead into the muddy pools, which recent rains had created between each pair, and which the rails one either side prevented from running off.

The walk was thus far from a pleasant one, so that it was with no small satisfaction that, in about half-an-hour, having mean time crossed the Bass, I discerned the mill lights gleaming an amicable welcome from the bottom of the gorge in which I was. I hurried on, and was soon seated in the hospitable—I cannot say "mansion"—but very comfortable habitation of one of the partners, who cordially recognised my claims upon his consideration.

**To be continued.**





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## GRANTVILLE PIER

**Bass Coast Shire Council has awarded a contract to MACA Infrastructure Pty Ltd to carry out renewal of the seawall and other ancillary works at the end of Pier Road, Grantville.**

Completion is anticipated within 7 weeks, subject to weather, tides and contractor availability. These works are fully funded by Council in the order of \$120,000 and are part of Council's 2020/21 Capital Works Program.

The works are being done because the existing concrete seawall has been damaged due to age and wear and tear from wave action.

The sea wall offers protection from wave erosion to important public assets including the nearby foreshore picnic and BBQ area, grassed open space and public car parking.

Works to repair the seawall will also include improved beach access steps, a new beach shower and replanting with native species

### What to expect:

Construction and extension of the seawall, including replacing and expanding the concrete hardstand area.

Constructing a DDA compliant beach access steps, installing a new outdoor beach shower.

For safety reasons, this section of the seawall will be a construction zone. Appropriate traffic/pedestrian measures will be in place throughout the duration of the works.

The use of plant and machinery including noisy works such as earthworks, saw cutting and use of trucks delivering large rocks and other materials to site.

Council appreciates that these works may be inconvenient to nearby properties and have asked for their patience during these times.

The contractor will make every effort to minimise disruptions during construction. Community, local residents and other stakeholders will be kept up to date with the project via our website.

For more information or assistance during this project, please contact:

MACA Infrastructure Pty Ltd – Project Manager - Chris Williamson – 0427 063 402

Bass Coast Shire Council's Infrastructure Delivery Team – Contract Superintendent - Dulee Menik or David Vaea – Site Representative otherwise Infrastructure Asset Management Team – Laurie Gervasi on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211

Email [basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au)

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3rd Tuesday each month 10.am. except June July August & September

**Phillip Island Lodge No. 512** Meets Phillip Island Masonic Centre, Church Street Cowes





# Capacity Building

## NDIS activities at BCAL

239 White Road, Wonthaggi | Bass Coast Adult Learning

### Monday

#### (AM) Employable Me:

Explore the ins and outs of looking for a job! Develop a resume, go on workplace tours, meet with local business owners, build a work wardrobe and apply for works, in a gentle, supported environment.

*Facilitator Emily Sinnbeck*

#### (AM) The Good Bowl

Learn the basics of how to prepare a meal in a safe, supported class.

**(\$30 materials fee for the term)**

Participants will share a meal for lunch.

*Facilitator Melissa Harrison*

#### (PM) Espresso yourself!

Do you want to learn how to make a delicious coffee? Keen on a career in hospitality? Maybe you have been considering buying a coffee machine for home? Learn all about coffee in the skill development session.

*Facilitator Melissa Harrison*

### TUESDAY

#### (AM) Desk to Destination

This capacity-building program, participants will learn how to research and plan a trip. At the end of the term, participants will take the trip they have planned.

**(there will be an additional fee, for planned outings)**

*Facilitator Melissa Harrison*

#### (AM) Maintenance Mates

Learn how to do basic maintenance and develop your employability skills while connecting in this low-stress group.

*Facilitator Sheldon Flannagan*

#### (PM) Just for fun Book Club

*Literacy for Life*

Each term the group will explore one book (each participant will purchase a copy.)

The group will also work together to write and print a children's book.

*Facilitator Lisa Ovejero*

### WEDNESDAY

#### (AM) Savvy Spenders

This capacity-building program will support participants to develop good spending habits. Participants will learn how to budget, how to allocate money and how to save.

*Facilitator Daryl Cavender*

#### (PM) Photography and Friendship

Get to know your camera and take some lovely photos in this low-stress capacity-building group.

**(byo camera)**

*Facilitator Geoff Ellis.*

#### (PM) Exploring Art

Join Lisa and explore art-based literacy group.

Discover different art styles and techniques while making new friends

**(\$30 Material Fee for the term)**

*Facilitator Lisa Ovejero*

### THURSDAY

#### (AM) GLOW Up!

This capacity-building session offers a low-stress social setting for participants to learn how to use makeup, style their hair in different ways and indulge in DIY beauty treatments.

**(\$30 material fee for the term)**

*Facilitator Kate McNish*

#### (PM) Digital Discovery

Learn how to get the most out of your digital devices in this low stress, capacity building session.

*Facilitator Bill Street*

### FRIDAY

#### (AM) Social Grow

Connect in this low-stress social activity while participating in garden activities.

*Social Grow can also be used to help improve literacy and numeracy by learning to label plants and count out seeds.*

*Facilitator Loran McKean*



\*AM sessions run from 9.30 am - 12.00 noon  
\*PM sessions run from 1:00 pm - 3.30 pm.

Sessions are all run at a 1:3 or 1:5 ratio, depending on the capacity of the group.

Participants will need to enter into a service agreement with BCAL prior to commencing the activity.

COURSE	DAY	START DATE	TIME	COST
<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION</b>				
Introduction to Early Childhood Education	Thursdays	18 February	10:00am—3:30pm	\$150 (\$120 conc)
<b>COMPUTERS</b>				
The Basics	Mondays	15 February	1:00—3:30pm	\$70 (\$60 conc)
Cert II IDMT	Negotiable	Ongoing	Flexible	Call us
Computers for Office Skills	Wednesdays	10 February	1:00—3:00pm	\$120 (\$100 conc)
Tech Club	Fridays	5 February	1:00—3:00pm	FREE
<b>LIFESTYLE</b>				
Mindfulness for Resilience	Tuesdays	9 February	7:00—9:00pm	\$90 (\$75 conc)
Retirement Planning	Tuesdays	23 March	6:30—9:00pm	\$100 (\$55 per couple)
<b>NDIS</b>				
Capacity Building	Various	Ongoing	Various	Call us
<b>ENGLISH AND MATHS</b>				
English, all stages	Tuesdays	Ongoing	9:30am—3:00pm	Call us
Basic Maths	Wednesdays	Ongoing	9:30am—3:00pm	Call us
English as an Additional Language	Mon & Tue	Ongoing	10:00am—3:00pm	Call us
<b>FIRST AID</b>				
CPR Update	Tuesday	2 March	6:30—9:30pm	\$70 (\$60 conc)
First Aid Level 2	Tue & Thu	2 March	6:30—9:30pm	\$180 (\$170 conc)
Asthma & Anaphylaxis	Tuesday	16 March	6:30—9:30pm	\$70 (\$60 conc)
<b>HAIR &amp; BEAUTY</b>				
Certificate II Salon Assistant (Hair)	Wednesdays	17 February	9:30am—2:00pm	Call us
<b>HORTICULTURE</b>				
Certificate II & III Horticulture	Mon & Wed	8 February	9:00am—4:00pm	Call us
Grow Your Own	Thursdays	18 February	10:00am—1:00pm	\$70 (\$60 conc)
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>				
Certificate II Hospitality & Tourism	Thursdays	18 February	9:30am—3:30pm	Call us
Responsible Service of Alcohol	Thursday	18 February	9:00am—1:00pm	\$95 (\$85 conc)
Barista Basics	Monday	1 March	9:30am—2:30pm	\$80
Food Safety	Thursday	4 March	10:00am—4:00pm	\$120 (\$110 conc)
<b>WORKPLACE SAFETY</b>				
White Card	Friday	19 February	9:00am—3:30pm	\$160 (\$150 conc)
Chemical Safety	Thu & Fri	23 March	9:00am—3:30pm	\$380 (\$360 conc)
Traffic Management	Friday	5 March	9:00am—5:00pm	\$180 (\$170 conc)

**Bass Coast Adult Learning**  
 239 White Road, Wonthaggi  
 56 72 3115  
[bcal.vic.edu.au](http://bcal.vic.edu.au)



# What has Luminous Galleries given to the Community in Coronet Bay

By Diana Lutz

Luminous Galleries in Coronet Bay is a legacy of “The Edge of Us” which was managed by Regional Arts Victoria and is now managed by voluntary Community Curators.

Permanent in-ground gallery lights were installed and arranged to reflect the night sky. Their cluster formations were inspired by Traditional Owners’ use of stars to associate with specific stories.

Here all artists, not just our group, are invited to display their stories.

The Coronet Bay group, curated by Joann Gan, began with Mannequins dressed in outfits made from re-cycled materials, and recycled where possible has been their mantra ever since.

Most mannequins have been demolished and materials recycled, however 3 of the 4 beautiful, original works of Ann Brown live on at the Harvest Centre based behind Mitchell House in Wonthaggi.

These Mannequins are true works of Art and all made from found items on the beach such as sea glass, ropes, shells. Well worth a visit to The Harvest Centre.

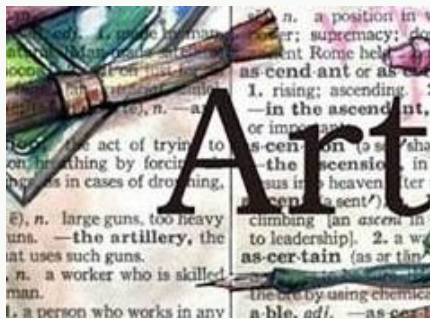
As time went by other displays were dreamed up by various members of the group. Following “Mannequins” was “Crazy Creatures”, “Enchanted Garden”, “Halloween”, “Christmas 2018”, “Aluminium Art”, “Crazy Hats”, “Coronet Bay Cup”, “Christmas 2019”, then, the onset of Covid 19.

When restrictions lifted a display called “Rainbow Garden” surprised everyone with its beauty.

It was made from thousands of hand crafted plastic flowers. Not to mention our beautiful Windmill crafted by two of our Members.

All this work was carried out in the homes of many during Covid and kept us gratefully occupied through the shutdown.

**This is the purpose of Luminous Galleries “to promote social interaction in the Community through art”**



Following this came the Cup display and Christmas, neither interactive due to restrictions still in force. What the future displays will be ..... ? There’s no limit to the imagination, is there?



# Community Groups. *Can reps please check that details are current?*

## **Artists' Society of Phillip Island**

56-58 Church Street Cowes  
For more information <http://aspi-inc.org.au/>

## **Australian Red Cross**

Woodleigh Vale Branch  
Contact Sheila Campbell 5678 8210

## **Bass Coast Community Baptist Church**

Minister - Barry MacDonald 5995 3904

## **Bass Coast L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program**

Wonthaggi  
Leanne Tilley 5672 3731 or 0467 590 679

## **Bass Coast Strollers**

Contact Liz Hart 5678 0346  
Website <http://basscoaststrollers.org/>

## **Bass Friends of the RSL**

Secretary Trish Thick 5678 1071  
Mobile 0409 851 599

## **Bass Valley Community Group**

Monday - Friday 5678 2277

## **Bass Valley Landcare**

2-4 Bass School Rd, Bass 5678 2335

## **Boomerang Bags Phillip Island & San Remo**

- Wednesdays 10am - 4pm.  
Contact [kylie@boomerangbagspisa.org](mailto:kylie@boomerangbagspisa.org)

## **Cape Woolamai Coast Action**

Email [capewoolamaicoastaction@gmail.com](mailto:capewoolamaicoastaction@gmail.com)  
second Saturday Monthly. 8.00am to 10.00am Marg Dumergue 0419007758

## **Corinella & District Probus Club**

First Wednesday of each month Bass Hotel.  
Heather Reid 0421 012 519

## **Corinella Boating & Angling Club**

Website [www.corinellafishing.com.au](http://www.corinellafishing.com.au)

## **Corinella Bowling Club Inc.**

Balcombe Street Corinella.  
Jacquie Carter 5678 0596

## **Corinella & District Community Centre**

48 Smythe St Corinella. 5678 0777  
Website [www.corinellacomunitycentre.org.au](http://www.corinellacomunitycentre.org.au)

## **Corinella & District Men's Shed & Woodies Group**

Corinella Road  
Contact Ken Thomas 0427 889 191

## **Corinella Foreshore Committee**

Contact Barbara Oates 0427 780 245

## **Coronet Bay, & Surrounds Playgroup (0-4yrs)**

Coronet Bay Hall  
Wednesdays 10am - 12noon  
Contacts Catherine 0416 112 629

## **Coronet Bay Adult Social Club**

Tuesday 7-10pm Coronet Bay Hall  
Ann 5678 0341

## **Country Women's Association of Vic inc. Bass Group.**

Cowes Brenda [cwaofviccowes@gmail.com](mailto:cwaofviccowes@gmail.com)  
Glen Alvie Pam 0417 372 979  
Grantville Libby 5678 0339  
Loch Helen 0417 372979  
Woodleigh Vale Carol 5678 8041

## **Cowes Table Tennis Group**

Barbara Parrott 0425 885 834

**Grantville & District Ambulance Auxiliary**  
Contact - Shelly 0417 593 497

## **Grantville Business & Community Association**

Email [thegbca1@gmail.com](mailto:thegbca1@gmail.com)

**Grantville & District Foreshore Committee**  
Contact: Barbara Coles

Email [bacoles@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bacoles@bigpond.net.au)

## **Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee**

Pat Van 5997 6221

## **Grantville Tennis Club Inc.**

Contact Pat Van 5997 6221

## **Lang Lang Bowling Club**

Ian Painter 5997 6554 M: 0419 646 040  
Email [langlangbowling@bigpond.com](mailto:langlangbowling@bigpond.com)

## **Lang Lang Cricket Club**

Secretary: Sharon May 0459 368 431

## **Lang Lang Playgroup**

(0-Preschool) Thursdays 9.30am  
Contact: Leah Dyall 0418 463 963  
Amanda Gray 0458 195 258

## **Lions Club of Bass Valley**

First Tuesday each month 6pm  
Grantville Transaction Centre then third Tuesday each month, Dinner at Bass Hotel.  
Lyn Renner 0416 024 356

## **Nyora Youth Group**

Contact Michael Felton  
Email [nyorahall3987@outlook.com](mailto:nyorahall3987@outlook.com)

## **Phillip Island Bowls Club**

Dunsmore Avenue, Cowes.  
New members welcome, Free coaching  
Contact George Mol 0407 851 065

## **Phillip Island Camera Club**

Meet at the Heritage, Cowes.  
Contact Susan 0408 136 717

## **Phillip Island Community Art & Craft Gallery Inc.**

Cowes Cultural Centre Thompson Ave  
All Enquiries Call Aleta 0419 525 609

## **Phillip Island Indoor Carpet Bowlers**

Come and join the fun. Phillip Island Celebration Centre 6 Lions Court, Cowes  
Contact Jack 0434 944 380

## **Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers Inc.**

The Phillip Island & District Railway  
Contact Peter 5956 9513

## **Phillip Island Bicycle User Group**

Meets Wednesdays 10am Amaze'n' Things  
Secretary Ruth Scott More information at [Phillipislandbicycleusergroup.com.au](http://Phillipislandbicycleusergroup.com.au) and Fb

## **Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL)**

56-58 Church Street, Cowes 5952 1131  
Email Linda Morrison [manager@pical.org.au](mailto:manager@pical.org.au)

## **Phillip Island Patchworkers**

Meet on a Monday night from 7.30.  
Contact - Lyn Duguid 0427 593 936  
Email [phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com](mailto:phillipislandpatchworkers@gmail.com)

## **Phillip Island-San Remo - Bass Coast Vegan Community**

Find us on Facebook under our title as above

## **Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club**

Phone bookings 5952 2973  
Email [piscc123@gmail.com](mailto:piscc123@gmail.com)

## **Phillip Island World Vision Club**

Second Wednesday each month 1.30pm  
St. Phillip's Church Cowes  
Enquiries - Thelma 5678 5549

## **Pioneer Bay Progress Association**

Zena Benbow Email: [pbpa@bigpond.com](mailto:pbpa@bigpond.com)

## **Probus Club of San Remo**

Second Monday of the month (except January) 10am at the Newhaven Public Hall.  
Visitors Welcome.  
Enquiries Diane Glanz 0417 610 611

## **Rhyll Community Association.**

Secretary Cheryl Overton 0427 680 483

## **Rotary Club of Phillip Island-San Remo**

Judy Lawrence 0418 325 055

## **South Coast Speakers - Toastmasters**

Meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the San Remo Hotel, 145 Marine Parade, San Remo.  
Contact Patricia 0412 339 795  
Email [info@southcoastspeakers.org.au](mailto:info@southcoastspeakers.org.au)

## **South Gippsland Arthritis Support Group**

Contact: Adam 0408 353 785  
Marg 0417 154 057  
Diane 5658 1443

## **South Gippsland Mental Illness Carer's Group**

Maggie 5658 1781 Rosemary 5662 4352

## **South Gippsland Parkinson's Support Group**

Third Friday each month 10am for 10.30  
Leongatha RSL  
Meeting/Guest Speaker/Lunch available.  
Email [Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com](mailto:Suzi.marshman@hotmail.com)

## **South Gippsland Support after Suicide**

Phone 9421 7640  
Email [southgippslandsas@gmail.com](mailto:southgippslandsas@gmail.com)

## **Survivors of Suicide**

Raising awareness to aid prevention  
Jillian Drew 0413 056 165

## **St Pauls Anglican Church Bass**

HC at 12.30pm every Sunday  
Contact Sandy Ridge 5997 6127

## **St Georges Anglican Church Corinella**

Op Shop open Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10am - 2pm Saturday 9am - 12.30pm

## **Tenby Point Residents Association**

President Jean Coffey 0419 500 593

## **Wonthaggi Genealogy Inc.**

Family History Centre, Library Complex.  
Murray Street, Wonthaggi 5672 3803  
[secretary@wonthaggi-genealogy.org.au](mailto:secretary@wonthaggi-genealogy.org.au)

## **Woolamai Racing Club**

Contact the Secretary (03) 5678 7585





## Bass Coast/South Gippsland Reconciliation Group

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[marglynn@tpg.com.au](mailto:marglynn@tpg.com.au)



Cr Brett Tessari, Patrice Mahoney, OAM and acting CEO Jodi Kennedy.

Bass Coast Shire CEO, Ali Wastie, was thrilled to welcome Patrice to this incredibly important role.

“Having someone of Patrice’s standing in this role and continuing the development of Council’s first RAP is really exciting,” Ms Wastie said.

“We really look forward to seeing a greater link between Council and our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and making major steps towards reconciliation.”

Patrice said her focus for the coming year will be to build strong links between community and Council and further develop relationships with key stakeholders, while deciding on our vision for reconciliation.

“I have this opportunity in my new role at Council to continue to develop the Reconciliation Action Plan and build healthier relationships between Council, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and key stakeholders,” Patrice said.

“I’m really looking forward to the new role and working at Council and with our diverse community.”

### Bass Coast Shire Council is developing its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The RAP will be a framework for Council to support the national reconciliation movement and it will drive council’s contribution to reconciliation, both internally and within the community.

A significant step in development of the RAP is the appointment of Patrice Mahoney OAM to the role of Aboriginal Development Officer.

Patrice will further Council’s steps along the reconciliation, path, following on from important strategic achievements with Aunty Dr Doseena Fergie OAM, whose role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Advisor is shared across Council and Bass Coast Health.

Over recent months, Council staff have been introduced to a Cultural Capability Training Program, which was conducted online. Approximately 350 staff have completed the training.

This was a major step in creating awareness of First Nations Peoples, with further cultural training opportunities to follow.

Patrice is well known to the Bass Coast community and was recognised for her contribution of ‘Service to the Aboriginal Community of Victoria’, receiving an Order of Australia (OAM) in 2020.

Patrice’s previous work has been instrumental in bringing the community together through community events, cultural activities and her contribution to the arts for over 20 years.

### Changed Community Group Listings:

CWA branches in the Bass Group

Cowes Brenda [cwaofviccowes@gmail.com](mailto:cwaofviccowes@gmail.com)

Glen Alvie Pam 0417 372 979

Grantville Libby 5678 0339

Loch Helen 0488 697 558

Wonthaggi Glenda [cwaofvic.wonthaggi@gmail.com](mailto:cwaofvic.wonthaggi@gmail.com)

Woodleigh Vale Carol 5678 8041

Rotary Club of Phillip Island  
San Remo

Judy Lawrence 0418 325055

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Since we are talking DIY treehouses, let's stick to the sort you can build in your backyard - a playhouse for kids and other dreamers.

**First find your tree.**

It's hard to be prescriptive about building a treehouse, since so much depends on the shape of your tree or trees.

**OUR TREEHOUSE.**

There seem to be quite a few treehouses popping up around us right now.

Many of us have memories of playing in a treehouse – sometimes little more than a few planks nailed to the branches of an obliging tree in the back yard.

Whatever form it took, it was a magical place that brought us closer to the birds, provided a private space where you could read a book and dream of the future.

Thinking of building a treehouse?

As well as considering safety risks we need to remember that a tree is a living thing, which provides many benefits to us and our local environment.

If we breach the bark we are cutting into living tissue and increasing the chance of introducing disease.

To protect the tree, use one of the methods below to minimise damage and don't forget to allow space for the trunk to continue growing and expanding.

Protecting the tree will allow people to enjoy your tree house for a long time to come.

The trunk should be at least 30cms in diameter and supporting branches at least 20cms. Consider using two or three trees if they are close enough together.

Check with your council to stay within the regulations on height and area. Also make sure the treehouse won't overlook your neighbour's private space.

If you're building for small kids, keep it close to the ground for safety reasons.

Building a treehouse involves a heap of sawing and drilling. A circular saw and a cordless impact drill will save time and stress and a jigsaw is really handy when you build around branches.



**The platform**

At its simplest, all you really need is a deck or base to stand or sit on and a way of reaching it. You've got two main options for the base.

The first method is to support the beams on posts concreted into the ground around the tree, meaning the treehouse is free standing. A small post hole digger makes the job easy. This method does the least damage to your tree. It also simplifies construction later if your posts are long enough to support walls or rails.

A second method is to use threaded rods to secure a couple of beams around each of the trunks. Use a spirit level to ensure they are horizontal. You'll probably need someone to hold an end while you do this.

If you haven't got a helper, a cherry picker will simplify this part of the job, especially if you've prefabbed the platform pieces.

Whichever method you use, once your beams are secure, use rafter ties to screw on the joists, laid perpendicular to the beams.

Now you can nail or screw your floorboards into place, leaving a gap between them for drainage. Remember your tree is still growing, and the trunk will move in the wind, so leave some space around the trunk.

**Adding the finishing touches**

Walls aren't essential. What is essential is a secure balustrade to prevent falls. If you've used tall posts in your construction, screw the rails on to these.

Otherwise you'll need to screw some posts to the joists below and secure with rails at the top. Test everything for strength and use struts to stabilise where necessary.

Access doesn't need to be elaborate. A wooden ladder secured to the tree trunk or platform is fine as long as it is safe. A rope ladder is even more fun for adventurous kids but is less safe.

A variety of materials, angles and colours can make our kids treehouse a feature of our garden.

**How do I resolve a tree dispute?**

Things will always be easier and better if both parties can negotiate an outcome. Consider what you're willing to compromise on and what you want done. Here's some helpful tips from the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria:

Get an arborist or a tree lopper's report outlining the tree's condition, any safety issues and the maintenance it needs. If the report deems your neighbour's tree is unsafe, get it in writing so you can show them.

Get a quote for the tree maintenance you want. Do you want it removed or cut back?

If you're not sure, get a quote for both so you're negotiating with practical, relevant figures.

Find out your neighbour's concerns over an informal chat. Ask yourself: "Have I really listened to them and tried to come up with a solution?"

"What am I willing to negotiate over?"

"Is there a different way to resolve this?"

And don't forget that, generally, unless you go to court, your neighbour isn't obliged to cut back their own tree.

<https://www.disputes.vic.gov.au/>



## MANAGING By Margaret Pearce

"That's the third personal assistant I've lost this year," snarled senior managing director, James Barton.

"You ought to pay them more," retorted junior managing director, William Davidson, who was occupied in the vital task of making morning coffee for the staff of Barton and Davidson, Ltd.

"Two sugars for reception, no milk for the filing clerk. What about the new girl?"

"She doesn't drink coffee, you'd better find the teabags," Barton said gloomily.

"Doesn't take coffee! Where are the teabags?"

"How would I know!" his partner snapped. "Never mind her, what about my personal assistant?"

"We could do with a new junior," Davidson complained. "Why do I always have to make the coffee?"

Barton ignored the accusation hidden in the complaint. "It's downright piracy! I advertise for a PA. I screen them. I train them until they're competent and what happens?"

"Someone prepared to pay them what they're worth hires them," Davidson finished unhelpfully.

"This is the third PA I've lost this year! My work is piling up because I can't keep anyone competent"

Davidson gulped his coffee and reached for his laptop as a hint he was about to resume work. "Try paying them a decent salary."

"We can't afford it," yelled Barton.

Barton slammed into his office. His lip curled at the cascading mess of files on his desk and blinking red light on his voice mail. He glared at the messages on his screen. His sense of injury grew. His PA had been intelligent, discreet, hardworking and young enough.

He had her so well trained he was able to indulge in a full day of golf and at least two leisurely lunch-hours per week. He breathed heavily and sat down to open the top file. It was ridiculous! He was slaving away dawn to dusk with ten minutes for lunch and he was supposed to be a Managing Director!

He glared through the glass partition, envy in his heart. His partner's PA stared at her screen, tapping her way efficiently through her pile of work. She had been with the firm for five years, but she was Davidson's PA with over award wages paid through Mr Davidson's personal account. He dared't unload his work on her.

He wasn't going to pay over the award for a PA he had to spend weeks training. None of them was worth it. It was incredible that every time he trained someone to a decent standard some of his so-called friends offered them more money. What did they think he was running, a private staffing agency?

Brooding his way through his messy work piles, he suddenly had a bright idea. He started to chuckle. He rubbed his hands together with undignified glee. He rose and left the office with a buoyant step. His face kept twitching into a smug grin. He was heading to the old established firm of Wilson and Wilson Ltd, friends and competitors and the most efficient crowd in the city. He would pirate one of their staff and see how they liked it.



"Is Old Man Wilson in?" he asked the receptionist.

"Yes Mr. Barton. I don't think he is busy. Would you mind if I checked?"

Barton nodded, gratified. The girl knew her onions. Remembered all the clients and was tactful and efficient. Wilson was a good picker of staff. The shot was to work out who was his PA and lure her or him away with decent wages.

He craned his neck over the glass partitions. All the partners had their personal assistants and they all looked efficient. What he wanted was someone intelligent enough to be his assistant. Someone who could be trained to share his work load.

Someone who would give him a chance to lead the life of a senior partner and relax a bit. It was hardly worth the effort of being a Director the way he had to work at the moment.

"You wanted to see me?"

Wilson peered at him over his glasses, looking peevish and suspicious. Rather spoil the pleasant, co-operative atmosphere of the office to have a face like Wilson's around.

"Just wanted to verify the figures on the carpet manifests," answered Mr. Barton in the breezy manner he always adopted when fronting up to Wilson.

"We emailed them to you last week."

"I didn't get them." Barton protested with a scowl. His PA had left without downloading the backlog of contracts and figures. "It's so much more satisfactory to go over them in person."

"I'll get Ms Dunne to go through them with you, I'm busy," was the ungracious answer.

He vanished back into his office, slamming the door. Better and better, Barton gloated to himself. If Ms Dunne is intelligent enough to assess the figures, she must be good.

He was kept waiting another ten minutes. The door opened. A tall, dark woman with heavy glasses and a warm smile emerged.

"Mr Barton?" she asked, in a pleasant voice. "I'm sorry you didn't get the information I emailed to you last week. I've asked the accountant to check across the profit margin of those figures and while he was doing that I phoned the solicitor to check the contract was watertight over clause eight." She sounded apologetic. "I know Mr Wilson was edgy over that clause."

Barton felt himself glow with satisfaction; intelligent, quick-witted, hardworking and she was past the silly stage. No wonder Wilson had employed her. "Actually, I was more worried about sub-clause two. Could we go into it more deeply over some lunch?"

Ms Dunne looked amused and nodded agreement. She collected her handbag and strolled out of the office with Mr Barton.

Their lunchtime conversation confirmed his original assessment.

Ms Dunne was interested and then hooked. She promised to give a month's notice and to keep her mouth shut about her new position until she had actually started.



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## MANAGING *Margaret Pearce*

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“After all, Mr Barton,” she explained. “It is rather short notice and although Mr Wilson will understand I am entitled to better myself, I think it would be wiser for him not to realize the connection between your visit and my leaving for a little while.”

Tactful too, noted Barton with approval. He really was getting everything. She probably would be able to cope with those damn boring contracts all by herself. He returned to the office and explained his new acquisition. Mr. Davidson was amused.

“Are you sure you are happy about her joining the company?”

“Of course I’m happy. She’s efficient and she’s well up on law and accounting. She’s what this place needs.”

“If you’re happy there are no problems then,” Davidson agreed.

“I’ve offered her a third more than Wilson is paying and the same position in our firm.”

Davidson nodded approval. “Then she will be worth every penny, no matter how expensive she comes.”

Barton settled to his month of handwriting contracts and being glued to interminable phone calls almost cheerfully. After all, in four short weeks all this would be over and he would be back to his golf, leisurely lunches and no writer’s cramp.

The Monday Ms Dunne was due to start, Barton took the first of what he hoped would be many late mornings. It was ten thirty before he reached the office. Then he paused. The desk outside his office was occupied by a person of indeterminate age with their head down typing furiously on the keyboard of a very expensive and laptop. “Ah hum,” he cleared his throat. “You’re new, aren’t you?”

She glanced up without her fingers stopping their flying speed. “I’m temping - Ms Dunne got me in to help with the back log.”

Barton shrugged. Of course, there was a fair amount of backlog, but he had anticipated that Ms Dunne would have been able to catch up in her spare time. He paused at the door to his office. His face reddened.

The furniture had been switched around and his filing cabinets were gone! His desk and most of the floor were covered in files. Two girls sat facing screens tapping in data from the files.

“What’s going on?” he spluttered.

“You’re separating my legal and mercantile contracts,” he roared.

One of the girls looked up. “Orders from Ms Dunne. She said it was inefficient to have them jumbled together.”

Barton breathed heavily and stepped over his jumble of office furniture and headed into his partner’s office. Ms Dunne sat at the desk drinking coffee with Davidson and smiled a pleasant greeting.

“You’re late.” his partner said. Barton shot a quick look at Davidson. Davidson sounded smug.

Barton took a few deep breaths to settle himself. After all, he had given Ms Dunne a clear hand to work as she saw fit. No point in blowing his stack over trifles.



Ms Dunne smiled again and left the room, shutting the door softly behind her. “You’re getting on all right with Ms Dunne?” Barton asked.

“A very efficient lady. She’s already installed new software that is going to chop handling time on our contracts. Best thing you ever did was to grab her.” Davidson sounded almost genial.

Barton sipped his coffee. “You don’t mind paying her the extra third?”

“It is a lot of money,” his partner admitted. “But her law degree alone is going to save the company a lot of money.”

Barton nodded complacently. The thought crossed his mind that if he hurried he could probably catch old Bingley for a day of golf.

Davidson spoke again.

Barton at first didn’t comprehend. “What?”

Davidson repeated himself, “I said, her extra third salary puts you out. It wasn’t Mr Wilson’s PA you pinched, but his Partner.

“She has bought into this company and, as of this morning, she is the new senior partner. Sloppy of you not to check her exact status before you offered her the position.”

Barton spluttered into his coffee.

Barton wasn’t sure he was hearing correctly.

“Naturally I had to honour your commitment to her.” Davidson watched the dawning horror on Barton’s face for a few seconds before dealing the body blow. “She is, of course, quite prepared to keep you on as her personal assistant. Very generous of her.”

Barton, ex Managing Director of Barton & Davidson Ltd. got up without a word and slammed the door, the crash echoing behind him.

Davidson finished his coffee as he pondered on the odd twists of fate.

Who would have thought he would actually welcome a liberated woman right into his own office?

He reached for his laptop and the firm of Dunne & Davidson Ltd. settled into its morning routine.

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# QUIZ?

## February Quiz

All these questions relate to events that happened in February.

1. In what year was the first 45 rpm record vinyl record released?
2. Who was the Pioneer Rock'n'Roller who died alongside The Big Bopper and Richie Valens in a plane crash in 1959?
3. Who created the Barbie Doll?
4. Who was the first person to hit a golf ball on the moon?
5. When?
6. Who Released "The Times They Are A Changing" in 1964?
7. On what day did Singapore surrender to the Japanese Imperial Army?
8. Which American President visited the Great Wall of China in 1972?
9. Who bowled underarm on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1981?
10. Who was the last person to be hanged in Australia?
11. Who became Prime Minister of Australia on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1923?
12. Which Electorate did he represent?
13. In which city did the first Australian casino open?
14. When did decimal currency usurp pounds, shillings and pence?
15. In which year did Don Bradman die?
16. In what year were the remains of Mungo Man discovered?
17. When was conscription introduced in World War Two?
18. What blew up in Wonthaggi in 1937?
19. Who won Australia's first Winter Olympic gold medal?
20. How many lives were lost in the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires in Victoria and South Australia?

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## Inside The Philosophers Zone



*What do you think 'to live a good life' actually means?*

### Peter Singer:

I certainly think that there are questions you should ask yourself, like "Did I try to live to make the world a better place? Did I think about how best to do that?"

At the same time, I don't think you should be terribly hard on yourself if there were temptations that you succumbed to or if there were people that you loved and cared for more than you cared for strangers.

But if you thought about this and spent a lot of time trying to help people, I think you could die reasonably content with what you've done and feel good about yourself.

*Is giving about more than just the people you want to help?*

### Peter Singer

I'm an advocate for publicity in terms of the fact that you're giving. I'm persuaded by research that shows that other people are more likely to give if they know that their peers are giving.

There's pretty good evidence of that. So I think you do need to let people know when you're doing something significant.

"If it is in our power to prevent something bad from happening, without sacrificing anything of comparable moral importance, we ought to do it"

"What one generation finds ridiculous, the next accepts. Then the third shudders when it looks back on what the first did."

*Peter Singer is a popular Australian moral philosopher.*

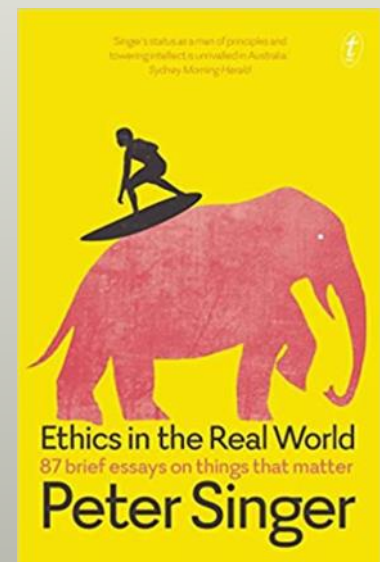
*Peter is a Laureate Professor at 'University of Melbourne' at the 'Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics.'*

*He is renowned for his essay 'Famine, Affluence, and Morality' in which he talks about helping the underprivileged.*

*He is also well known for 'Animal Liberation, a book that outlines the virtue of vegetarianism.*

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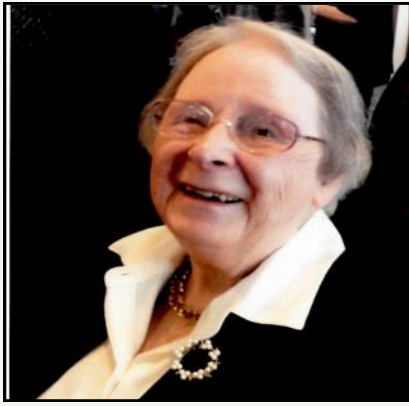


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## FLOURISHING



Flourishing – unfortunately, the Australian cricket team was not! First three wickets down for a measly four runs!

Yes, sporting prowess has bobbed up on several occasions in my family and though I am pleased to acknowledge them, I freely admit I have in no way contributed to their achievements.

I know I could not at any stage of my non-sporting life have done anything better..

But in my self-defence I once caught a ball in the enforced game of rounders played in the blazing sun.

Participating in outdoor activities was something I did not undertake voluntarily. Nor did I inherit my father's eagle eye which assisted in his great shooting and billiards success. His father, however, shone at football, cricket, walking and boxing. For three consecutive years, he held the best local batting and bowling figures.

On the first occasion, he received his club's recognition with a cash payment of something like three pounds; next year a pair of cricket boots and lastly a gold ring displaying three stumps with a bat lying across the top.

Dad wore it throughout my childhood but its disappearance is one of those inexplicable mysteries that seem to plague everyone at some time or other.

Flourishing? No, I have to look elsewhere. I'll let you know if I have uncovered any hidden talent!

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QUIZ ANSWERS

## COOLART WETLANDS

Coolart Wetlands  
*Spring 2013*

randomly woven sticks  
in untidy jumble  
form the nesting raft  
of a confusion of ibis

white wings flap  
chaos ensues  
stick legs scrabble  
clutching at safety

The colony uplifts  
shatters reforms  
then tumbles  
in comedic ballet

Cormorants plummet  
beak-first into the lake  
jostle onto driftwood  
wings droop to dry

Calmness regained,  
motionless water  
reverses the image  
into breathtaking artwork

A breeze puffs  
tangy ti-tree aroma,  
and drifts of salt-tinged air  
around walkers

Light seeping through the canopy  
makes lacelike patterns  
Water ferns float in a  
shore-line marsh

Frogs boom and clatter  
a message of assurance

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1. 1945. 2. Buddy Holly. 3. Ruth Handler. 4. Alan Shepard.
5. Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1971. 6. Bob Dylan.
7. September 15<sup>th</sup> 1942.
8. Richard Nixon.
9. Trevor Chappell.
10. Ronald Ryan 11. Stanley Bruce.
12. Flinders. 13. Hobart.
14. February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1966.
15. 2001 16. 1974 17. 1943
18. 22 Shaft 19. Steven Bradbury
20. Seventy One

## FEBRUARY BIRTH DATES

**Charles [John Huffman] Dickens,**  
(7 Feb. 1812 - 9 June 1870)

Dickens was the second of eight children in a family always in debt, so he knew first hand the misery of child labor, factory work, hunger, and debtors' prison. His childhood poverty and adversity shaped his later passion for social reform and his compassion for the down trodden, especially children, which is obvious in the articles, novels and short stories that he wrote.



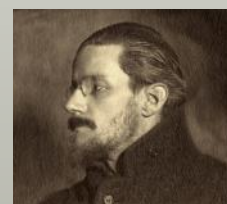
**James Augustine Aloysius Joyce**

(2 February 1882 – 13 January 1941) was an Irish novelist, short story writer, poet, teacher, and literary critic.

He contributed to the modernist avant-garde movement and is regarded as one of the most influential and important writers of the 20th century.

Joyce is best known for *Ulysses* (1922), a landmark work in which the episodes of Homer's *Odyssey* are paralleled in a variety of literary styles, most famously stream of consciousness.

Other well-known works are the short-story collection *Dubliners* (1914), and the novels *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* (1916) and *Finnegans Wake* (1939).



James Joyce in 1917



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**Very few Australians have any idea who Rupert Jeffkins was, or what he achieved as a pioneer in his chosen sport.**

Jeffkins died in obscurity in 1954. Over recent years a few car enthusiasts have researched his achievements, even creating a Facebook Page, *Friends of Rupert Jeffkins*, for celebration and collaboration.

The author of this book, John Smailes first heard about Rupert from his grandfather, Charlie, a motor racing enthusiast who occasionally mentioned Jeffkins in recollections of the early days of motor racing.

Jeffkins was always going to be a focus on any book about Australian and Kiwi drivers linked to Indianapolis; he is worth a book on his own.

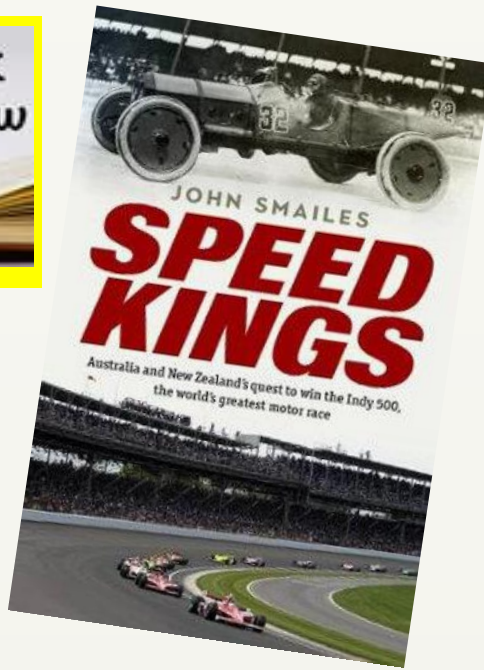
If the modest headstone which marks his place in the Liverpool General Cemetery could be unbolted, chances are that Rupert's ghost would still have the same larrikin streak and ability to embellish the truth as the original Jeffkins, so none of us would be any wiser about the background to his story.



Intrigued by his Grandfather's stories Smailes set out on a journey to cover the relationship Australians and Kiwis have had with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and in particular the 'Greatest Spectacle in Racing', the Indianapolis 500.

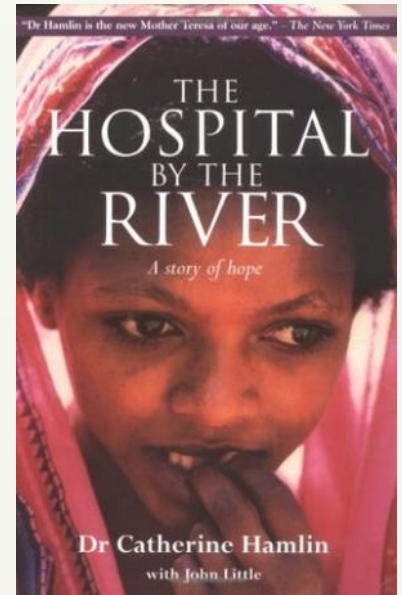
Early on he discovered that Jeffkins was Australia's original 'Speed King', hence the title of this book.

Smailes uses an imagined first person piece, from the ghost of Jeffkins, as an interesting entree to a very engaging read.



Smailes has captured the passion of the Speedway and the Indy 500, as he details the on and off track involvement of the Australians and Kiwis. He also tells the story of the track's evolution over the last 115-odd years.

17 Kiwi and Aussie drivers have contested the Indy 500, but only two have managed to cross the finish line in first place: Scott Dixon and Will Power. Some just had one start and others did not make the big show at all, but all of them have a fascinating tale of their own 'road to Indy'.



"My dream is to eradicate obstetric fistula. Forever. I won't do this in my lifetime, but you can in yours."

– Dr Catherine Hamlin

When gynaecologists Catherine and Reg Hamlin left their home in Australia for Ethiopia, they never dreamed that they would establish one of the most incredible medical programs in the modern world.

But more than forty years later, the couple has operated on more than 20,000 women, most of whom suffer from obstetric fistula, a debilitating childbirth injury.

In this awe-inspiring book, "The Hospital by the River, Dr. Catherine Hamlin recalls her life and career in Ethiopia.

Her unyielding courage and solid faith shines through as she talks about the people she has grown to love and the hospital that so many Ethiopian women have come to depend on.

Catherine was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in 1995, and awarded the Australian Centenary medal; she was designated an Australian Living Legend, and, after popular demand, a Sydney ferry was named after her. She was also nominated, twice, for a Nobel prize.

**Elinor Catherine Hamlin, obstetrician, died 18 March 2020**

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