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Above: Standing room only at the 'NO AGL' community meeting at Balnarring Hall on Wednesday evening, 1 May. Five Federal Election Candidates for Flinders all spoke and pledged to fight AGL. See inside for the full Report plus the Save Westernport Motion that was passed at the meeting.

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Hello Everyone!

Welcome to Issue 55! We hope you enjoy the amazing array of its content. Front and centre at this time is, of course, the safe future of our beautiful Western Port. Please read the articles that are pertinent to this important issue. It was great to see the 5 election candidates at the recent Save Westernport meeting who pledged to support the NO AGL sentiment of our community. Let's see what our re-elected representative in Canberra, Mr Hunt, can do to bring about the strongly-held position that his community is passionate about.

There is a great project taking shape in Balnarring – Placemaking – which involves information signs to mark important locations and buildings revealing this town's history. The sign at right stands outside the Balnarring Gym – the former Smithy's. See Ilma's article inside with more about our historic places.

As we launch into winter, we hope you are gearing up for your favourite activities – garden tidying; skiing; getting in the firewood; football match watching; knitting (check out KOGO online if you're interested in knitting for the needy); baking... and many more.

To everyone – contributors, Galaxy Printing, website manager, accounts hero, feedback givers, donation givers, sponsors, advertisers, distribution team – EVERY ONE who plays a part in making the Bridge a useful, enjoyable and accessible resource for our wonderful community, Thank You!! To the whole community, and visitors too – make the most of winter – enjoy everything!

Jen and Ali xx

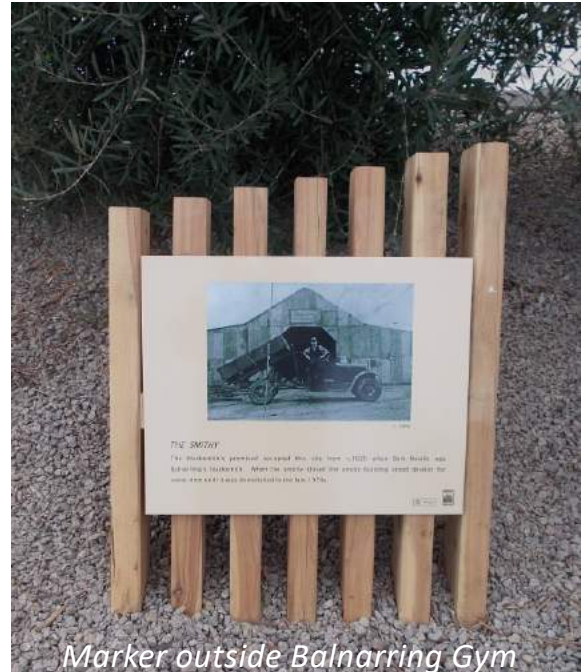
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We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Boon Wurrung and Bunurong language groups of the Kulin Nation. We would like to pay our respects to their elders, past, present and future.

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Our wonderful community! You!

Happy Birthday!



June

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June and July Thought for the Community

*Through courage we do not reduce our fear,
we go beyond it.*

*Chogyam Trungpa, 1939-1987,
was one of the most dynamic teacher of the 20th Century. He did pioneering
work in bringing Tibetan Buddhist teachings to the West and adapting them to
everyday life. Quoted from 'The Wisdom of Asia 365 days' by Daniella Olivier
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Young Leader Award: Emma Metcalf

As an opinion shaper for Cadet-age girls at Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club, Emma has encouraged others to stay involved beyond the age when many teenage girls drop out of sporting and community activities, through her talent for social inclusion and by example.

Emma voluntarily provided extra training for her peers in the Bronze Course and as Nipper Activity Leaders. She has completed over forty Patrol and Water Safety hours this season and participated in club fund-raising events.

Congratulations on your many valuable leadership skills, commitment to your club and the broader community and for being such a wonderful role model, particularly for girls, Emma.

Greg Hood
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Young Leader Award:

Will Lausson

Will leads by example, as demonstrated by his involvement in Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club's Bronze Camp, where he rose early, took on extra work to help the camp run smoothly and motivated others through his enthusiastic participation. Will's demonstrated empathy encourages inclusion in volunteer activities and the taking on of extra responsibilities by his peers. He is seen as a future Patrol Captain.

Since gaining his Bronze Medallion, Will has volunteered for Water Safety at all ten Nipper sessions and completed regular patrols, totalling over fifty hours of voluntary service.

Congratulations on your many valuable leadership skills, commitment to your club and the broader community and for being such a wonderful role model for all Will.

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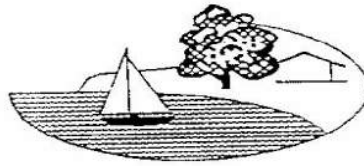
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In April we held another community function at the Westernport Yacht Club – “**Farewell to Summer**”. We had very good attendance this year again and it was a most enjoyable evening. We were serenaded with beautiful guitar music by Matthew Fagan and tucked into another delicious supper. Thank you to all who attended and supported us.

At the function, we took the opportunity to find out what you as members were interested in so that our Committee could attend to these matters on your behalf. We always welcome your input.

We thank everyone for their suggestions and from that will be looking into the following:

- The possibility of getting the local Hastings/Flinders bus to detour down Balnarring Beach Road & turnaround outside Tulum Store to service our local population.
- Possible Social gathering at the Westernport Yacht Club on a Friday night to enjoy a glass of wine and a catch up.
- Starting a Community Book Exchange Library for our members, to be located under the Notice Board by the Rotunda or outside the Tulum Store.
- Liaising with Merricks Foreshore Committee and Balnarring Foreshore Committee with the view to possible exit poles on Balnarring Beach to enable visitors (& some locals!) to more easily find the exits.

We have looked into Wheelchair Access onto the Beach and because we do not have a patrolled (surf lifesaving) beach, the requirements for care & storage of the matting are such that we do not feel that we can push forward at this stage. For all further information, please look at the Mornington Peninsula website – www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/access
There is some assistance at Lord Somers Beach and Point Leo.

Also we are unable to do much more than keep complaining about the creek odours as the works have been attended to some time ago and there are ongoing checks of the water levels and condition of the water.

We will update you with progress on these matters in our next Newsletter.

If you have any suggestions or matters that you would like us as a committee to look into on your behalf, please let us know, either by email: bal.beachca@gmail.com or write to our P.O. Box 463.

Heather Montague – President, on behalf of the BBCA Committee



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The walk begins at Pelican Park on the Hastings Foreshore at 11 a.m. & proceeds to our Gathering Place at 10 Pound Road, Hastings Park at Willum Warrain at **10 a.m.** for the shuttle bus lift to Pelican Park.

For more information please call 5979 1391

Organisations- please register your interest on the FB event to help with catering <https://www.facebook.com/WillumWarrain/>

Save Westernport



L to R: J. Sinclair ALP, S. Beveridge IND, Reade Smith IND, Nathan Lesslie GRE, J. Banks IND Image: Jai Seales

HUNDREDS AT BALNARRING MEETING WITH FLINDERS CANDIDATES

Hundreds of people from the Peninsula and beyond turned out at the Balnarring Hall on Wednesday 1 May 2019 for a community meeting with Flinders candidates organized by the local group Save Westernport. The meeting, titled **“Mayday! SOS for Westernport”** was supported by Environment Victoria and drew a crowd estimated by Mornington Peninsula mayor Cr David Gill to be “over 400 people”. Six of the nine Federal election candidates for Flinders accepted the invitation from Save Westernport, however Flinders MP Greg Hunt apologized on the day of the meeting and attended a function at the National Press Club instead. The meeting heard from a series of speakers about the Westernport environment, and a controversial proposal to install a gas importation facility at Crib Point. Each candidate was given 4 minutes to answer the question,

“If elected, what will you do to oppose the AGL project and ensure that Westernport is protected from inappropriate development in the future?”

A Welcome to Country by Bunurong Land Council Elder Uncle Shane Clarke opened the meeting, followed by a summary of the campaign against AGL’s Crib Point proposal by Save Westernport president Louise Page. Save Westernport was formed just one year ago in response to energy giant AGL’s plans to permanently locate a floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) in Westernport Bay. The campaign’s momentum has rapidly increased along with community anger and concern as details of the proposal have emerged. The importance of maintaining community pressure on AGL and State and Federal governments was discussed, as well as Save Westernport’s work on the NO AGL Gas campaign to date.

Widespread opposition to the project has seen it emerge as a decisive issue in this federal election campaign, leading the majority of candidates in Flinders to publicly reject AGL's plans at Crib Point. Several candidates have also vowed to tackle the nation's broken energy system that has left us at the mercy of under-regulated energy companies like AGL.

Australia is the largest exporter of gas in the world, only about half of the gas produced from Victoria's offshore platforms in Bass Strait is used in Victoria. The remainder is exported. AGL's representatives freely admit that this project could see shiploads of Victorian gas returning to Crib Point from overseas, at greatly inflated prices.

Dr Nick Aberle from Environment Victoria spoke about the wider implications of the AGL proposal, describing current industry attitudes that seek to forever increase supply. Meanwhile people are increasingly aware of the urgent need for energy conservation, and impatient to see investment in improved design and the inevitable uptake of alternatives.

Other speakers including Western Port Biosphere Foundation executive officer, Greg Hunt (no relation), and Flinders mussel grower "Harry" Harris described Westernport's delicately balanced ecosystems and the immense importance of protecting the bay.

The meeting's focus then moved to the election. Candidates at the meeting were:

Flinders MP Greg Hunt A prepared statement was read by Liberal Party colleague Neale Burgess repeating Mr Hunt's opposition *"to any re-industrialisation at Southport"*, including Crib Point, south of Hastings. Plans to meet with AGL CEO Brett Redman were also announced.

Julia Banks, Independent: *"I know that as a team we are going to beat AGL..."* Ms Banks expressed disdain for *"corporate greed and the typical blame culture..."*, describing the community petition to Stop AGL which she presented to Federal Parliament. If elected, Ms. Banks vowed to keep the issue alive in Parliament after the election.

Joshua Sinclair, ALP: *"By the attendance in this hall it is fair to say this is the number one issue on the Mornington Peninsula..."*, *"I am here to represent you, not AGL..."*. Mr Sinclair explained that if ALP wins the election, as an ALP member he'll be in a stronger position to influence government.

Nathan Lesslie, Greens: *"AGL are not silly, but they are greedy."* Unlike other major parties, *"the Greens do not accept corporate donations..."* Mr Lesslie expressed concerns about the *"many factual errors and omissions in AGL's reports about the proposal and its many environmental impacts..."*

Reade Smith, Sustainable Australia Party: *"The Sustainable Australia party opposes the AGL proposal and pipeline..."* Mr Smith questioned how accidental gas leaks and spills could be contained on board AGL's floating factory ship.

Independent candidate Susie Beveridge displayed a hand-painted representation of the endangered Leafy Sea Dragon *"whose home is at stake."* Ms Beveridge presented AGL's proposal as *"a corporate takeover of our natural world"* claiming that as Victorians, *"we are being committed to an untenable and unconstitutional financial arrangement"*. Ms Beveridge intends *"to draft a notice of enquiry into any confidential contracts signed between government and AGL, APA and while we're at it, with Kawasaki..."*

James Persson, Animal Justice Party was overseas and unable to attend, but confirmed he “*will absolutely support the campaign*”.

Likewise, **Christine McShane, United Party** declined the invitation, citing it as a State and local issue, not Federal, adding the campaign has her personal support.

Harald Dreger, Independent couldn't be present, but as a keen angler he's strongly against the Crib Point proposal.

Other important attendees included Cr Kate Roper and television reporters from ABC and Channel Nine. People attending the meeting were invited by Save Westernport to become involved and keep up to date with the NO AGL campaign by visiting Savewesternport.org



The Motion

Members of Save Westernport prepared a powerfully worded motion that was read to the meeting by Candy van Rood, one of the group's founding members. The motion, calling for international environmental obligations to be honoured, also calls on State and Federal Governments and AGL to respect this community's wishes, and to abandon the project. The reading of the motion was an inspirational moment that affirmed how passionate and protective this community is about Westernport. It demonstrated our unified commitment to stand together against threats to the bay and was met with such thunderous applause, there could be no doubt that the Motion had been unanimously accepted by all present.

See the Motion on next page.

MAYDAY SOS Public Meeting
Balnarring Community Hall
1st May 2019



Motion moved:

*Westernport is a rich wonderland of diverse ecosystems and home to species found nowhere else in the world. Because of its outstanding natural values, the United Nations proclaimed the Westernport region a UNESCO biosphere reserve in 2002 (one of only nine in Australia). It is also listed under the Ramsar convention as a wetland of international significance and as a major site for migratory and rare birds.*¹

Given the extraordinary ecological values of Westernport, this meeting of concerned citizens in the Electorate of Flinders calls on the next Federal Government to comply with its international and national environmental obligations and use its legislative powers to stop AGL's proposal for a Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (a gas factory) at Crib Point and accompanying pipeline through public reserves and prime agricultural land to Pakenham.

We also call on the Victorian State Government to safeguard this precious region for the economic and environmental benefit of future generations and reject the planning application by AGL.

Approval of this project will unnecessarily sacrifice the Westernport region for AGL's profit. It will not provide a secure domestic gas supply at affordable prices.

The AGL Board knows they do not have a social licence for this proposal and we ask them to respect the widespread and vehement opposition and withdraw their proposal, forthwith. AGL's strategy to "manage community outrage" shows a disregard for our genuine concerns and together, we vow to maintain and intensify our outrage and our campaign until the proposal is abandoned.

¹ Based on City of Casey, 'A description of Westernport'
<https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/facilities-hire/western-port-bay>

Sooner or later, we will have to recognise that the Earth has rights, too, to live without pollution. What mankind must know is that human beings cannot live without Mother Earth, but the planet can live without humans.
Evo Morales



Western Port Biosphere Ramsar Awareness Project Commences

The Western Port Biosphere, in conjunction with the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority, has launched their latest project *Protecting Ramsar Values*. The project, funded by the Victorian Government, is aimed at conserving the internationally significant Ramsar listed wetlands of Western Port. “We have birds that make an annual migration over thousands of kilometres to come to Western Port as this place is so special,” said Project Officer Casey Lee.

“Many people don’t realise that most of Western Port Bay has been listed as an internationally significant wetland under the intergovernmental Ramsar convention – a treaty aimed at the conservation and wise use of wetlands,” said Project Officer Casey Lee.

The project will engage with recreational watercraft users across the Ramsar site to raise awareness of the vitally important wetlands and how to limit impacts on them.

“The wetland consists of seagrass meadows, mudflats, mangroves and saltmarshes which fringe the bay. These start the food chains that sustain the fishery and provide for our international migratory shorebirds. These birds rely on the wetland for food prior to their epic migrations to the Arctic Circle.”

“Our local fish like the King George Whiting grow to adults in the seagrass meadows of Western Port. Whiting from our bay then migrate along the Victorian coast to spawning sites far along the coast to the west,” Casey said.

“Western Port faces challenges, as do most natural systems, in balancing conservation with recreation. However, these factors can be reconciled as responses to pressures on conservation can overlap with recreation. For example, damage to seagrass can lead to less fish for us to catch and can deny birds the nutrients that they need for migration,” Casey explained.

“The project will bring together bay users to collaborate in looking after this special place so that future generations are able to enjoy it like we have”.

“We are particularly looking for interested boat users (those people who spend significant time on the bay) to contact the Biosphere if they’d like more information and perhaps to attend an upcoming field day,” Casey continued.

Interested community members and those with specific project enquiries can contact Project Officer Casey Lee at po@biosphere.org.au or (03) 5979 2167.

General enquiries: Greg Hunt, Executive Officer Western Port Biosphere Foundation, on 0400 948 546



What does it take to save an endangered species? Or any species? Or a planet for that matter.

In the news over the past few days there have been 2 items that grabbed my attention. One was about massive extinction the other about what people consider a pest.

On 8 May a UN report from its *Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* warned that up to 1 million species face extinction (thousands of them in Australia). Human-caused – Climate change, warmer oceans and loss of habitat are driving down animal populations at an unprecedented scale.

The report, which assessed the state of our planet's biodiversity, estimates that 40% of amphibian species, over 33% of all marine *animals and reef-forming corals, and a minimum of 10% of insect* species are threatened. Additionally, the UN says that over 500,000 land species lack sufficient natural habitat to ensure their long-term survival.

It points out that *species loss* is speeding up at a rate that is possibly hundreds of times faster than in the past, which puts us on a path to mass extinction.

It went on to state - *The future of humans may depend on preventing mass extinction.*

The report most notably points to human activity as the main culprit of the great number of species facing extinction. A *warming planet*, the invasion of alien species, and how people farm are amongst the reasons.

The Age newspaper thought so little of this trivial information that I saw no reference to it at all by the following day – 9 May. The other was very local - Phillip Island in fact. A one-sided report on the ABC News at about 7.30, 9 May, relating to our only true native goose – the Cape Barren Goose. The animal is apparently reviled by motor cycle racers, sports players and shire officers because of the poo it leaves on the roads and grass fields. It is also detested by a farmer because 3 birds can eat as much as one sheep. The ABC had not one good report about this species. I was saddened to say the least.

And I used to think that both the Age and ABC try to give us detailed, balanced and fair reporting.

Roger Richards - Somers



Cape Barren Geese at Devilbend Reservoir Key Biodiversity Area. Photo: Roger Richards

Kid's Pages

Our Local Burrunan Dolphins!

Have you even seen dolphins playing in the waters of Balnarring and Somers beaches? Did you know that our local dolphins might not be Bottlenose Dolphins, but a unique and rare species endemic to this area called the Burrunan Dolphin?



Burrunan Dolphins (*Tursiops australis*) are a newly recognised species of Dolphin that live in our backyard. They were discovered by Dr Kate Robb at Monash University in 2011. They are only the third species of dolphin discovered since the 19th century, so are very special. They have thought to have split from the common bottlenose dolphin a whopping 1 million years ago. They can be found in pods in Port Phillip and Westernport Bays as well as the Gippsland Lakes.

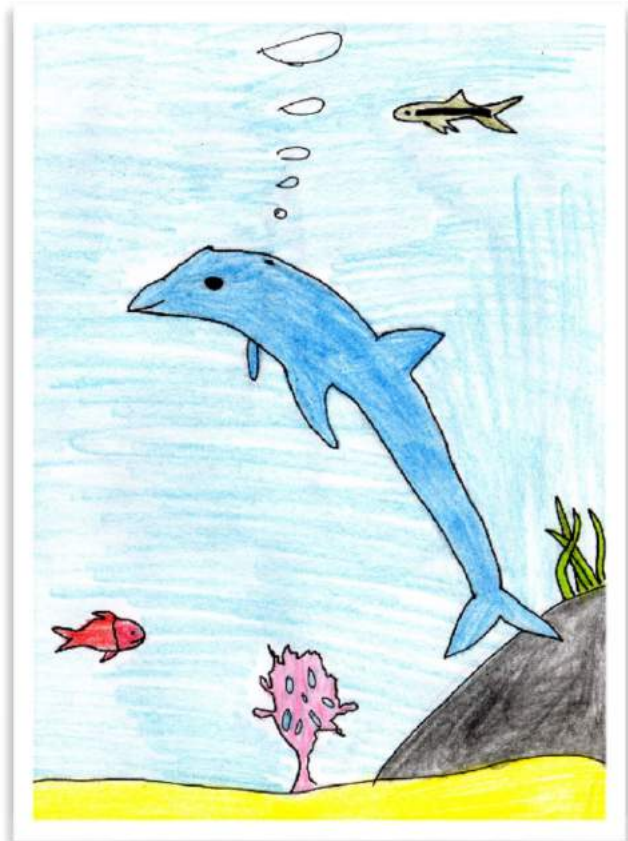
The Burrunan Dolphins are slightly smaller and have a thicker snout and a short rounded head compared to the common Bottlenose Dolphin. They also have more varied colouration, with a mix of dark grey, mid grey and cream. Their lower jaws, eyes and belly are cream.

What Do They Look Like?



What's in a name?

These special dolphins were given the name "Burrunan" from the Aboriginal languages of the Boonwurrung, Woiwurrung, and Taungurung, meaning "large sea fish like a porpoise." The Boon Wurrung word for dolphin is Barbarka. Many aboriginal cultures have dreaming stories with whales and dolphins. Some groups are said to have fished with dolphins. The dolphins would herd the fish in to an area, and they would split the catch.



Drawing by Lilly Cooke, Grade 6

They Need Our Help!

The Burrunan Dolphin's populations are small and isolated, and lack genetic diversity, so conservation action is so important to protect this species. They are listed as endangered.

The Burrunan dolphins are prone to threats like marine debris, litter and plastics, commercial and recreational fishing, gas and oil mining and many other threats. It's mind boggling that each year 12.5 million metric tonnes of plastic enters the oceans, that doesn't help the dolphins! Let's change our ways and stop using single use plastics!

Imagine how AGL's proposed re-gasification plant would affect the dolphins - polluting their water and changing the ecosystem of the Bay. Imagine 450,000,000 litres of icy chlorinated water being pumped into the bay each day.

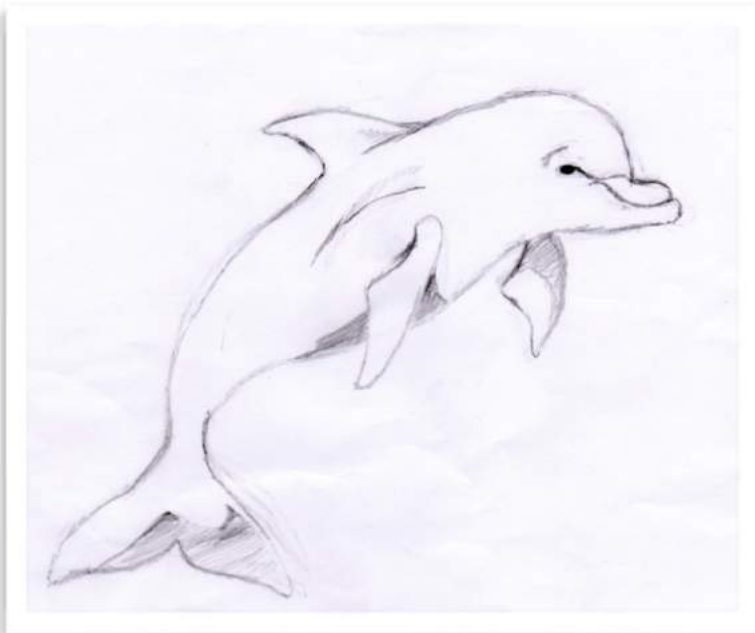
If You Spot A Burrunan Dolphin?

If you happen to come across a dolphin, please help by submitting your sightings to : <https://marinemammal.org.au/trakmm/>

This information helps the marine Mammal Foundation research these precious animals and expand their understanding of marine environments.

Dolphin Facts

- Most Dolphins live between 20-90 years.
- Dolphins have very large brains and are considered to be very intelligent.
- Dolphins can communicate with other members of their pod by clicks and whistles and squeaks.
- Dolphins use echolocation, the use of sound waves and echoes to find food.
- Mothers form a strong relationship with their babies (known as calves) which can last for more than three years.
- Mothers and calves form nursery pods and are known to 'babysit' for each other, known as allomaternal care.
- Dolphins 'sleep' by shutting down 1/2 of their brain at a time, so they can remain alert to any danger.
- Individual Burrunan dolphins form strong friendships with other dolphins, known as social alliances.
- The Burrunan dolphin's DNA differs from all other dolphins worldwide! They are thought to have split (separated) from a common bottlenose ancestor over 1 million years ago!



Drawing by Sienna, Grade 5

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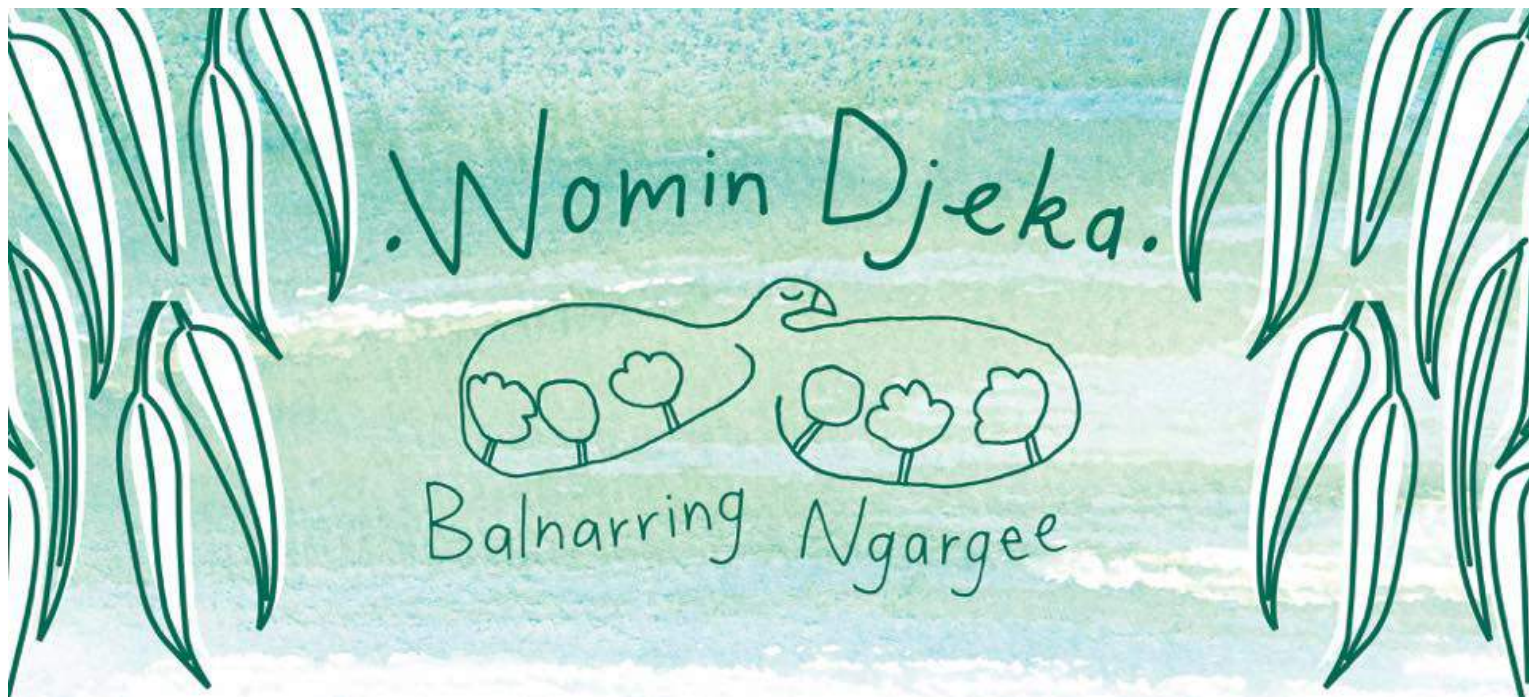
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Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee – Under Bundjil's Wings

Balnarring has a lot to be proud of in Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee. The Festival's 2nd incarnation on March 23 this year, saw a strong and steady stream of visitors right through the day and night - from Balnarring, the broader Peninsula and beyond - all gathering to join this special celebration of First Peoples cultures and perspectives.

Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee is special because it has evolved, quite literally, from the ground up, when the smallest members of the community started embracing First People's knowledge, cultures and connection to land.

A progression of the acclaimed Bundjil's Nest Project and the long term relationship between Balnarring Preschool and Boon Wurrung Elder, N'arweet Carolyn Briggs, it provides a wonderful model for the kind of cultural collaboration and learning that we so desperately need right across the country. As one attendee fed back at this year's festival *'perhaps our history will be rewritten a little more truthfully if your festival can be duplicated in every town.'*

Balnarring Preschool started embedding First Peoples perspectives into their programs some years back and found a desire for that learning and understanding to broaden out to the wider community. So, the Bundjil's Nest Program was born: a collaboration between the early learning centre, the preschool and the school to experiment with how kids of all ages could explore First Peoples perspectives together. When N'arweet Carolyn Briggs saw how well Balnarring embraced the project, she declared *'This community deserves a festival'*. And the little Kinder that could, had to learn how to run one!

An incredibly dedicated group of volunteers, led by Karen Anderson from the Pre-school galvanised to make it happen. Despite torrential rain and storms in the first year, a wonderful gathering and place of cultural sharing was created. This year, with only regular autumn rain in the morning, the crowds flocked and the vibe was high.



The Crowd, mesmerised by the Djirri Djirri Dance Group.

Karen says the 2019 festival 'Just felt right... There was the best feeling of togetherness all around. I didn't stop smiling for the whole day. The festival is a continuation of the education the children are receiving and they are sharing it with their families and creating inter-generational learning opportunities. We just want to bring more people into that.' Hopefully Karen and the committee are still smiling. They have again been announced as finalists in the Reconciliation Victoria HART Awards, with winners to be announced during Reconciliation Week this year.

Karen and the committee would like thank all the incredible 2019 artists – Dallas Woods, Benny Walker, DRMNGNOW, Leah Flanagan, Matt Katsis, James Henry, Djirri Djirri Dance Group, Carissa Watts, Lucky, Owen Thomas plus the perfect MC, Shawn Andrews and all the facilitators and stall holders, as well as the sponsors who came through to make it all possible on a very limited budget.

The whole community thanks the 2019 volunteers who are making a difference and connecting us to culture, land and community with their thousands of hours of hard work. We are all learning from our Kinder kids and Bunjil's wings keep stretching wider to welcome more of us in.



Right: Beautiful message sticks



Creativity abounds!

Planning is underway for 2020 – get involved!

SAVE THE DATE: 2020 Womin Djeka Festival – MARCH 21, Robertson Park, Balnarring Beach

VOLUNTEER: New committee members are always needed, as are occasional volunteers, fundraisers, potential performers and word spreaders. Please come along to upcoming meetings on June 11 and July 16 at 7pm at the Balnarring Preschool.

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BUY A BOOK: A new Bundjil Creation Story Book was launched at this year's festival, created by N'arweet Carolyn Briggs and the Balnarring Pre-school kids, with design work by Chantelle Gibbs – grab your copy from Balnarring Pre-School.

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Balnarring Primary School

Looking to 2020 – *already!*

Schools are very busy places.

It seems that we have only just settled happily into the 2019 school year and here we are already conducting tours for 2020 students and their families.

At each of the advertised tours in May our Year 6 Student Leaders led the walk throughs.

These young leaders confidently introduced themselves and then invited one of the visiting families to follow them from the staffroom to tour our classrooms and other facilities.

The children explained the layout of the school - our junior and senior areas - wandered through the library, the computer lab and the art room; stopped to look at the green frogs and blue tongue lizards. Some invited their younger guests to sit on the cushions in the Japanese room, strum the guitars and ukuleles in the music room and throw a ball or two in our gym.

The Student Leaders ensured their guests visited the Foundation classrooms to see the *teaching and learning* in action. They also made their way to the science room, the vegetable garden and the animal enclosure *where the rabbits and guinea pigs were waiting for their pat!*

Finally there was time for some little people to explore the playgrounds and boat play area.

On returning to the staffroom many of the adult visitors commented on the friendly manner of our Student Leaders and how proudly they spoke of their school.

Once back in the staffroom the adults were invited to ask any further questions of our Principal or myself but there were hardly any – the leaders had done their job very well!

Anyone who was unable to join the tours in May is most welcome to call the school on 5931 4444 to organise a tour at your convenience.

In fact anyone in our community who would like to visit our school is most welcome. *I am certain our School Leaders would be eager to show you around too!*

Sandy O'Meara
Assistant Principal,
Balnarring Primary School.



Red Hill Op Shop



An Advance alert... A special launch at Red Hill Op Shop

Pssst! Just a heads up ... keep an eye out for notices in early June letting you know when the Red Hill Op Shop is staging a special event with garments sourced from recent donations. We're not saying any more than that, but I have been lucky enough to have had a peek, and there is an extraordinary range of amazing preloved items which are sure to interest you. They will be snapped quickly up by canny op shoppers and collectors! The date will be posted on our Facebook page and at the Shop to make sure you can put a red circle on your calendar and in your diary so you do not miss it! It's going to be a 'wow' day!

And by the way, the Red Hill Op Shop is enjoying its 35th year of operation and is going from strength to strength with its focus and ability to be able to sort, recycle and sell the donated clothing and goods that generous donors provide us.

In turn, all the monies generated from our sales at the shop are then distributed to Peninsula Home Hospice, sporting and community groups and charities in this area. We also donate specific items to selected charities and we do our utmost to reduce landfill and waste. We are also a 100% volunteer based.

The friendly Red Hill Op Shop Volunteers welcome visitors to our Shop and they look forward to seeing **you** there soon.....

We are located at 33 Mechanics Road, RED HILL and are open Wed and Fri 10am- 4pm and Sat 10am – 1pm. Email us at redhillopshop@gmail.com or message us through our Facebook page www.facebook.com/redhillopshop

Trash to Treasure

We have a garbage problem. We produce too much of it.

For a short time we were lulled into thinking that all our packaging was being recycled - shipped to a third world country to deal with - out of sight, out of mind. Until that stopped and now the problem sits on our doorstep.

Human beings are at their best when our backs are up against the wall, a survival mechanism clicks in and we find solutions - when we have to. And occasionally, an exceptional person sees a problem ahead of time and works out what needs to be done.

Professor Veena Sahajwalla thought of our ever-growing mountains of garbage as an opportunity, a resource to be mined. She and her team at the University of NSW's Sustainable Materials Research and Technology (SMaRT) Centre have worked out how to use the carbon in old car tyres to replace coal in steel production. The method is called Green Steel, has been patented and exported worldwide. The centre is now trialling the use of plastic to replace coal, as plastic is also full of carbon.

Another exciting invention is e-waste microfactories that can turn waste such as glass, plastic and timber into commercial materials and products.

<https://newsroom.unsw.edu.au/news/science-tech/world-first-e-waste-microfactory-launched-unsw>

“Our e-waste microfactory and another under development for other consumer waste types offer a cost-effective solution to one of the greatest environmental challenges of our age, while delivering new job opportunities to our cities but importantly to our rural and regional areas, too,” Said Professor Sahajwalla. “Using our green manufacturing technologies, these microfactories can transform waste where it is stockpiled and created, enabling local businesses and communities to not only tackle local waste problems but to develop a commercial opportunity from the valuable materials that are created.”

“We have proven you can transform just about anything at the micro-level and transform waste streams into value-added products. For example, instead of looking at plastics as just a nuisance, we’ve shown scientifically that you can generate materials from that waste stream to create smart filaments for 3D printing.”

“These microfactories can transform the manufacturing landscape, especially in remote locations where typically the logistics of having waste transported or processed are prohibitively expensive. This is especially beneficial for the island markets and the remote and regional regions of the country.”

The possibility that the contents of our recycle bins can contribute energy, rather than wasting it, is significant on many levels:

- Rather than exporting our rubbish, we can export technology enabling other countries to recycle at home.
- We can wean ourselves off burning coal and therefore lower our carbon emissions.

- We could drop outdated ideas like making hydrogen from coal - which is proposed to be exported via Westernport and will deliver us pollution.
- We can urge our local council to be an early adopter of microfactories and therefore support the goal of the Mornington Peninsula to become carbon neutral by 2021.
- And every household can be the start of a flawless recycle process by being conscientious about what we put into our recycling bins, as even a small amount of wrong material can contaminate a load and prevent turning trash into treasure.

For more information explore the

<https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/About-Us/News-Media-Publications/Initiatives-and-Current-Issues/Our-Waste-Future>

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The not for profit organization is seeking to diversify its services to reach more of the community by opening up our facility to more users, including community groups, primary and secondary schools, wellbeing providers including retreat facilitators, conference organisers and importantly families and individuals in need in need of a mini getaway by the beach.

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We are also presently updating our holiday residential homes and warmly invite the community to attend our Open Day planned for Thursday 20th June 2019 at 10.00 till 2.00pm to view our facility. Lunch will be provided, and guests will be able to walk through the properties and ask questions of the team.

We will also be running three art workshops on the day for attendees to join in and have some fun, all at no cost.

*Please visit our website www.presentationfamilycentre@bigpond.org.au
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*RSVP presfamilyholidays@bigpond.com or call 5983 1819 by 17th of June
if you would like to attend our open day.*

*We are located at 122 Balnarring Beach Road Balnarring, with
parking at the rear of the property for the event.*

We look forward to seeing you on the day and hope you can make it.

Bundjil Nest Project 2019

The Bundjil Nest Project began in 2015. It is a collaborative project between Balnarring preschool, Balnarring Primary school, Balnarring Early Learning centre, St Joseph's School, Capel Sounds Early Learning centre and Kinder Care family day care.



Together we have created the metal nest that lives in Robertson Park at Balnarring Beach, created the eagle to fly over the nest, held days of learning, and run community events which have grown into the Womin djeka Balnarring Ngargee. The teachers involved have shared professional learning opportunities, building their capacity and confidence to embed First Peoples perspectives into everyday practice.

Each year we work on a project together. This year the project is focused on waang – the black raven. Waang helps Bundjil to care for the land, in particular the water ways.



We are going to make some waangs to place around the nest and in each service. If we have enough materials we may place them around the towns with messages of importance of caring for the environment.

The first part of the 2019 project was the 'whale out of water' experience which introduced the children to the concept of what happens when rubbish enters the waterways. Discussions continue about how important it is that we don't leave rubbish around - in particular, plastic.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The next stage is where the community are asked to assist. Although we are reducing plastic usage and packaging and encouraging recycling, rubbish still enters the environment. This project aims to increase awareness of the impact rubbish has on the environment by involving the community in **a recycling project like no other.**

During term two we are asking people to collect scrunchable plastics. When you have collected a bag or box full, bring it into Balnarring kindergarten for us to store. **WE NEED A LOT OF PLASTIC.**



At the end of the term the plastic will be sent off to REPLAS where it will be made into planks of product. The planks are to be made into waangs by artist Emma Davis. The children will



REPLAS Director, Mark Yates shows and explains the importance of recycled plastic and what we can do with it.

be working with Emma to create their own waangs with their ideas inspiring Emma's work.

REPLAS was featured in the recent *War on Waste* TV series if you are interested in knowing more about what they do.

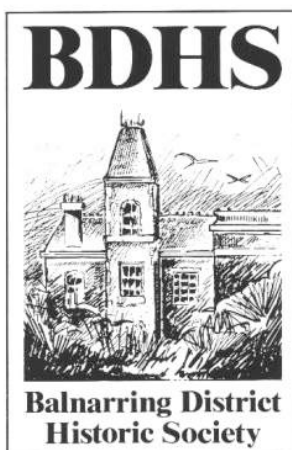
Please note: This project is not a green light to use plastic - of course the preference is to reduce plastic packaging.

If you have any questions please contact Balnarring Preschool.

PLASTIC CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE PRESCHOOL AT ANY TIME DURING THE TERM.

THANK YOU

**SAVE the date: Clean Up Balnarring Day with Sea Shepherd.
The whole community is invited to participate: 22nd June 9:30am.
More details to come.**



Interested in the history of the Balnarring Area?

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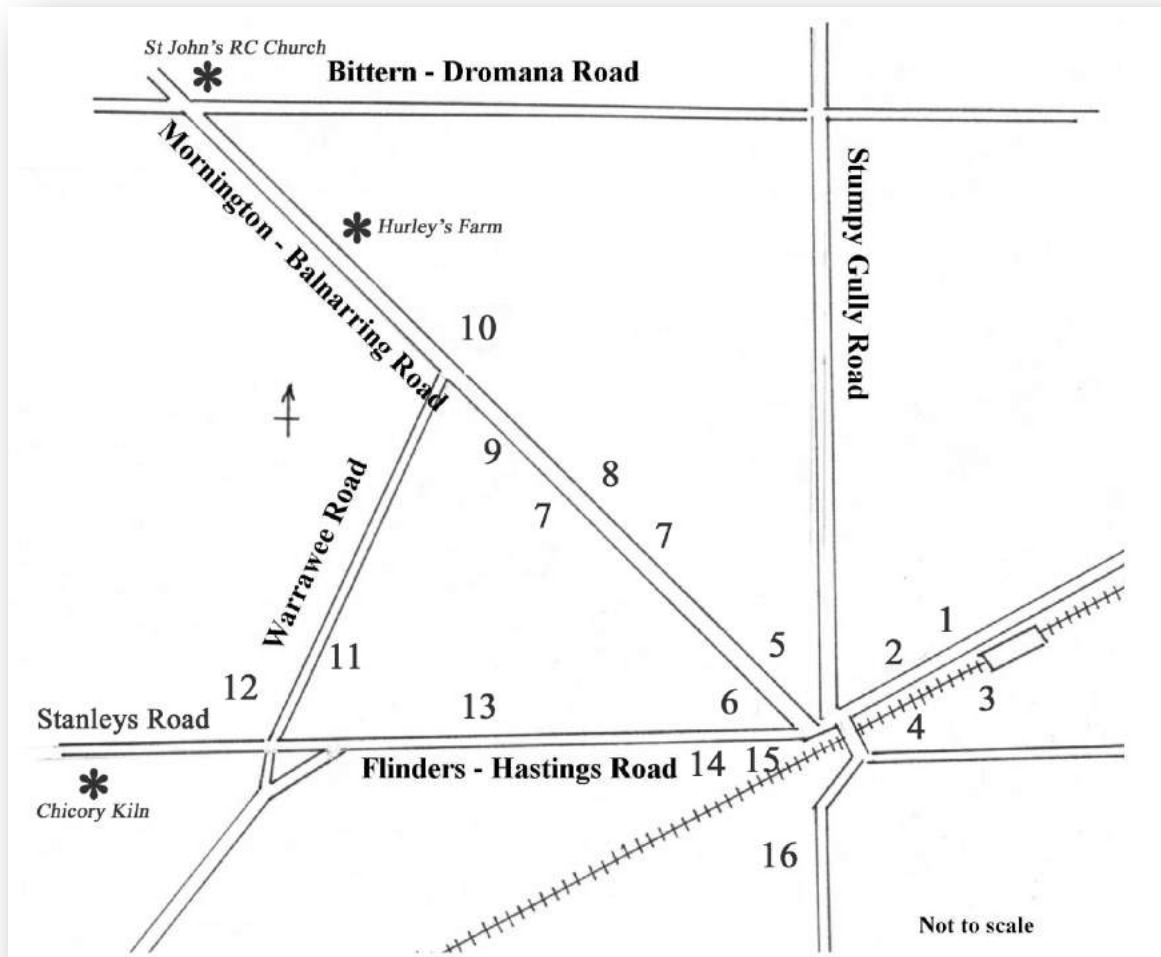
WALK THROUGH OUR HISTORY

Have you noticed the new signs popping up at various spots around the Balnarring Village? These are the outcome of a Shire Community Placemaking Grant received by the district's historical society to create a heritage trail in our community. The trail links together places or sites of historical interest. The walk covers about four kilometres along paved footpaths.

The walk has no real beginning or end as it doesn't follow a time line so you can pick it up at any point. It covers ground, with a bit of a tweak, around the 'Warrawee Triangle' i.e. along Balnarring Road, Warrawee Road and Frankston-Flinders Road. This was the perimeter of the original selection taken up by Paul Vansuylen in 1863 and where Balnarring's earliest public buildings and spaces developed. Balnarring's 'centre' changed several times over the years and there wasn't a planned township until fairly recently. The Six-Way Junction (where Balnarring Road meets the Frankston-Flinders Road) became a focal point around the year 1900 when a general store was built at the corner and it remained so.

There will be a booklet with further information about each site and a map showing all sites. For convenience, the sites are numbered from the sign outside today's present Gym – where the blacksmith once had his forge – and follows an anti-clockwise direction around the triangle. When completed, there will be thirteen signs in all. Put on your walking shoes and discover our history. *Ilma Hackett, Balnarring & District Historical Society*

Key to the map: 1 Smithy; 2 Garage; 3&4 Railway Yards & Fire Station;
5 St Mark's Anglican Church; 6 General Store; 7&8 Post Offices & State School;
9 Mechanics Hall; 10 Sports Ground; 11 Warrawee; 12 The Bunurong;
13 Pichler's Chicken Bar; 14 Balnarring Hall; 15 Post Office; 16 Uniting Church.


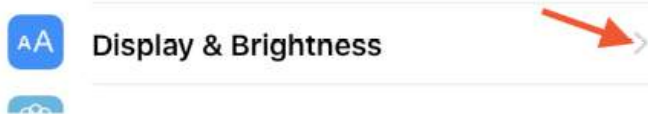

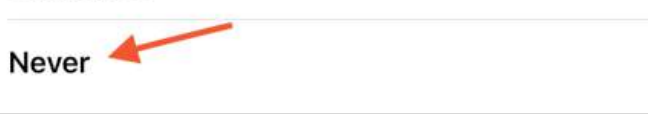


Pat The Mac tips: Cooking with an iPad.

My lovely wife is an excellent cook. Every now and then she decides to prepare a new exotic recipe collected from the Internet and applies her talent in reproducing a perfect gourmet dish.

On the cooking side, all looks easy to her, but on the iPad side, things get a little more complicated... Once the recipe is selected and the iPad installed on the bench, the @##\$% thing turns off regularly. It is not easy to revive the screen with a finger covered with flour or the other ingredient being manipulated at the time...

This is when I come to the rescue to prevent further recriminations against the @#\$% machine! "Let's set it up so that it does not turn off at all" I say; "let me show you how to do it" :

Picture	Explanation
	1) Click on Settings
	2) The third line below " General " you'll find " Display and Brightness ". Click on the grey arrow to the right of the label...
	3) Now click on the grey arrow to the right of " Auto-Lock "
	4) Now click on " Never " at the bottom of the list
	Now you can return to the recipe and it will stay on as long as you need.

Once you have finished the cooking and dinner is on the table, I strongly suggest that you reverse this setting to something more appropriate to everyday use, such as 5 minutes; the reason being that if you later forget your iPad somewhere, you do not want anyone to access it while it is unlocked...

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Balnarring Preschool

First up, a quick reminder that **2020 Kinder registrations** will close on Sunday June 30th 2019. To place your enrolment, you will need to go on the Mornington Peninsula Council website <https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Community-Services/Children-Family/Kindergarten> and follow the links. Please ensure you don't miss this process.

If you have any questions contact us on the details below. The first Wednesday of each month (9-10am) is an **open day** and we invite you to meet our dedicated staff and see the students at play.

If you would like any more information please contact the preschool either via email at balnarring.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au or phone 5983 5803.

Our students will soon be picking their own produce straight from the garden! Thanks to our wonderful parent committee and a host of additional parent volunteers our vegetable garden has had a major makeover.

Although our previous veggie patch has served us well to-date, we all agree that it needed some TLC and a fresh boost of nutrients in order to remain productive. The team spent a dedicated day weeding, building and replenishing, ready for the 4 year-old group to complete their first planting.

The first round included beautiful winter veg such as leafy greens. The produce collected will be included in the curriculum cooking activities, and I'm sure our hungry chickens will get a look-in too – yum!

A big thank-you to Bunnings in Hastings who donated most of the goods required for the project.



In other project news, we will soon have three new flags up at the Kindergarten. The **Indigenous, Torres Strait Islander and Australian flags** will soon stand tall and proud on sustainably-sourced wattle tree posts from a local supplier on the Mornington Peninsula. Once we receive approval for their location they will serve as a visual reminder of what we stand for.

And finally, we are always looking for sponsors to upgrade our wet weather gear – if you are interested in helping out please get in touch at balnarring.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au or phone 5983 5803.

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No Helipad for Point Leo

Hi Everyone. Well it seems that the modern era, of which we all feel a part, has now shown to have its not so pretty side. Those magnificent men in their flying machines now want to bring them to the Mornington Peninsula to top up their glass with the local chardonnay.

The Mornington Peninsula is advertised as one of the jewels in the crown of Victoria. But now it seems the other crown has its sights set on nuggets.

Many of us understand the reason we live on the peninsula is because we found our utopia. It's a place which is predominantly green surrounded by ocean and still holds rare flora and fauna.

Sadly for some this is not their idea of the big picture. Sometimes it's hard to see the forest for the trees and in this case the concept of landing a 3500 kilogram helicopter in the middle of the peninsula just doesn't seem right in the big picture.

You get off at a bus stop because that's the safest place for the bus to stop. You get off the train at the train station because that's the safest place for the train to stop. You land a plane or a helicopter at an airport because that's the safest thing to do.

There is sadly a long history of helicopters landing on properties and having malfunctions and disasters. But with an airport only 15 minutes away it just makes sense that the helicopter lands at Tyabb airport.

As a community we say to the Point Leo Estate winery and its application for a helipad ...no.

What these applicants need to understand is that if you want to be part of the community you need to appreciate what is around not what is within. Sometimes you need to have a good hard look at yourself and think about the reason you're here is not because of you but of those around you.

It takes a village to raise a child. This issue is simply showing that this concept will not improve or enhance our community.

Over the years applications for helipads in rural areas have proved a disaster for communities. They have divided them and in many cases driven communities apart. Now maybe it's time to call for a Senate inquiry and a complete overhaul of laws at a national level.

Murray

Note: since our deadline for print, we have heard that the application may have been withdrawn by the applicant, or dismissed. To be confirmed – Ed.



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Our meetings provide an opportunity for retired and semi-retired local men to engage in a variety of activities in a congenial environment which encourages fellowship and fun.

Regular features include photographic exhibitions, musical interludes and guest speakers who are invariably a source of information and entertainment.

A recent speaker was a former President, Peter Braithwaite, who outlined his fascinating research project on Defensive Gun Emplacement sites of Western Port in World War II.

Our speaker at the meeting on 31 May was David Gill, the Red Hill Ward Councillor and current mayor of the Shire of Mornington.

On 28 June, we will be addressed by the Executive Officer of the Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation, Greg Hunt (same name but not the politician), who has a wealth of experience in the areas of teaching, climate change, environmental studies and regional development.

The arrangements for our 26 July meeting are waiting to be confirmed at the time of going to press.

Our club also hosts a variety of activities including book groups, photography, cycling, chess, wine appreciation, cinema, outings, dine outs and a renowned choir.

New members and visitors are always welcomed.

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Somers Ladies Probus Club

Somers Ladies Probus Club celebrated their 32nd Birthday at their May meeting with a delicious Basket Lunch - our ladies again displaying their cooking prowess. In that theme our next special activity will be a cooking demonstration at a member's home.

With the coming of the colder weather our thoughts turn to warm and cosy projects and our regular activities to keep our members busy. As several members head for warmer climes we wish them safe travels.

Probus is all about Friendship, Fellowship and Fun in retirement and our incoming committee for 2019-2020 is busy organising activities, outings, speakers and lunches to fulfil those aims.

Retired and semi-retired ladies are very welcome to join us at our monthly meetings at the Stone Pavilion, Somers at 10am on the first Friday of each month.

Contact Veronica on 5983 2952 or June on 5983 5321 for more information.

Combined Probus Club of Balnarring

New members are very welcome.

We meet at the Balnarring Community Hall, Frankston/Flinders Rd.
Balnarring, on the 3rd Friday of the month at 10.00am.

Meetings consist of short general business, morning tea and speaker or other organised activity.

Interest groups include gardening, walking, book club, cinema, film discussion, photography, singing for fun, cards, scrabble, backgammon, dine out, travel.

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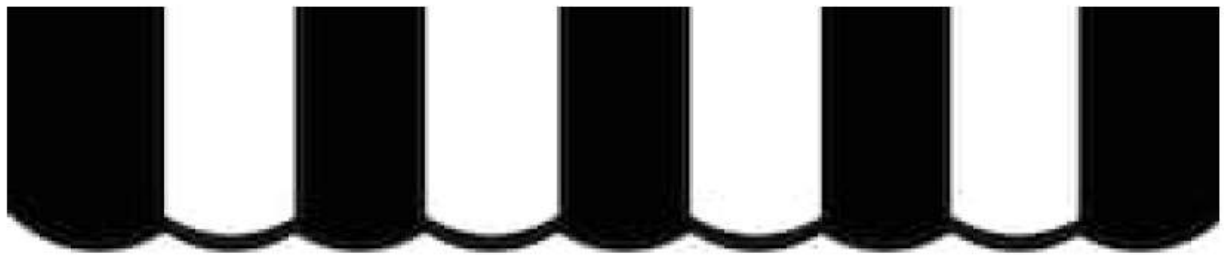
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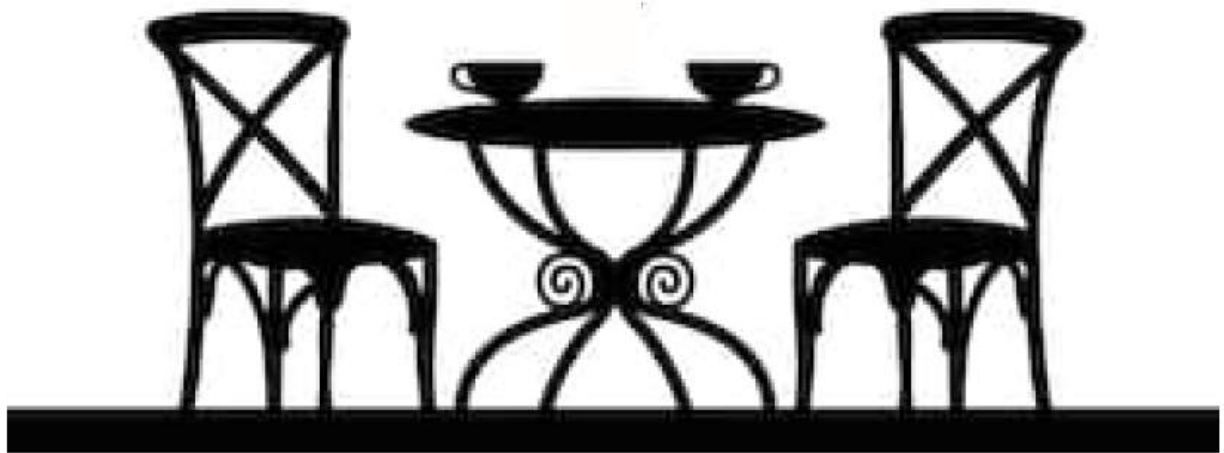
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2nd Saturday of Every Month

**Lots of Stalls Inside and Out,
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for the Kids, Cribby Koala Coffee
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FRIENDS of DAANGEAN (FoD)

February 23rd seven members of the bush maintenance crew turned out to tackle the pitto invasion. My new car, Iona, of eight days put her best wheel forward as she ventured along the bush track to the office. She has sensors in the front and back bumpers which were a trifle concerned when I ventured too close to a tree or a bracken frond.



The bush was exceedingly dry due to no rain for a long time. The pittos were hard to pull, even the small ones, which were inclined to break rather than surrender their roots from the ground. Julie was unable to assist this day due to a sore knee but she arrived at smoko

time with cake. What an absolute treasure she is!

March 27th was abandoned due to inclement weather. It fined up too late to resume. I returned home to phone people and didn't have their numbers anyway. Hansi was having his turtle monitoring the same day and Geordie, who intended weeding, went turtling instead. The turtle team was very wet.

Later in the morning some of us attended the Willum Warrain fifth birthday celebration in Hastings. The weather waxed and waned, however, everyone was suitably clad and brollies were shared.

April 27th was a pleasant day in the bush. A small amount of rain the previous night made pitto pulling a mite easier; the small ones relinquished their hold in the ground as did some of the larger ones. Several boneseed and gorse plants were evident in this area. We didn't get far into the bigger and thicker plants because previous work was poorly done and re-sprouting was prolific, so that needed dealing with.



Catchdrain at southern tip of Devilbend

Nothing evident in the way of flora or fungi so far in the thick undergrowth of the forest floor, however, a few leaves of the large tongue orchid were visible in some clearer spots. A sizeable population of them is struggling where the mowing contractor annually decapitates

them and should rain come at the right time then flowers might appear.

Parks Vic is treating their volunteers to a day at Healesville Sanctuary towards the end of May. Last time, because we are special, we were privy to the Helmeted Honeyeater breeding enclosure surrounds and a talk on the program to save this species from extinction.

Devilbend and Bitten reservoirs are very low. Indeed the lowest we've seen them. The surrounding catch drain is dry and cracked. At some of the Waterwatch test sites it's getting difficult to reach deep enough water to collect the samples



Swamp Goodenia

with mud being the main barrier. Amazingly, the occasional frog was heard when to our eyes the areas the calls came from appeared too dry. And in the cracked dry ground the Swamp Goodenia managed some feeble flowers.

Marnie Fitzsimons - FoD co-ordinator

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Working Bee at Balnarring Beach: All Welcome!

A dedicated group of Balnarring Beach ratepayers and members of the Foreshore Committee are inviting anyone with a heart for the environment to take part in our monthly working bee.

Our hard-working group meets on the last Sunday of the month at 10 am at the rotunda next to the beach store at Balnarring Beach.

**The next 2 working bees are on Sundays,
June 30th and July 28th at 10am.**

We usually work till 12 noon and enjoy a free cup of coffee or a drink afterwards at the Balnarring Beach shop.

It is always a great opportunity to have a chat.

Paul, our Ranger always has some important work for us to do, be that weeding or planting freshly cleared terrain with new plants. Some of these plants are propagated and raised over many months in our nursery.

If you can make it please bring **gloves** and wear **sturdy footwear**.

We hope to see many of you there.

Cheerio and many thanks to all who attend.

Rupert Steiner, for the Balnarring Beach Foreshore Committee working bee.

Balnarring Musos Open Mike Nights in June and July 2019



**Wednesdays
June 5th and 19th
July 3rd, 17th and 31st**

at Balnarring Hall

Doors open at 7pm; music starts at 8pm and ends at 11pm.
Tea and coffee available, or (over18s) bring a bevvie to enjoy.

Come along and have a ball!!!

***A huge thank you to all who continue to donate
at the door to help us to pay our way
and support musical endeavour within our community.***

Thank you to all who help set up and pack up.

It's a big job and the help is appreciated.

THE BRIDGE

CONTRIBUTING TO THE BRIDGE

The Bridge is a bi-monthly independent community magazine for Balnarring and surrounding areas. The views expressed within are those of the writers and not necessarily those of the Editor, Community or any organisation. Financial contributions are welcomed and a form to fill in is within this issue should you wish to contribute a donation.

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May 10th (June/July issue)

July 10th (August/September issue)

September 10th (October/November issue)

November 10th (December/January issue)

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WHAT'S ON June and July 2019

Date	Time	What	Where
June 2019			
Sun 2 nd	10.30 park car; 11am walk 11.30 celebrate!	Reconciliation Walk: Park at Willum Warrain, shuttle bus to Pelican Park, walk to Willum Warrain for celebrations	Pelican Park, then 10 Pound Rd, Hastings
Sun 2 nd	2pm	The Flinders Singers Concert	Balnarring Hall
Wed 5 th	8-11pm	Balnarring Musos Open Mike Night	Balnarring Hall
Fri 7 th	10am	Somers Ladies Probus Club meeting	Stone Pavillion
Sat 8 th	9am-1pm	Crib Point Community Market	CP Comm House
Tues 11 th	7pm	Womin Djeka 2020 Planning Meeting	Balnarring Kinder
Sat 8 th	----	Grand Live: Cruze Live	Grand Hotel M'ton
Sun 9 th	----	Grand Live: Pierce Brothers	Grand Hotel M'ton
Thurs 13 th	3pm	Historical Society meeting in History Room,	Balnarring Hall
Fri 14 th	----	Grand Live: Jon Stevens	Grand Hotel M'ton
Sun 16 th	2pm	Peninsula Chamber Musicians concert: Ives & Mozart	The Village Church, Mt Eliza
Thurs 20 th	10am-2pm	Presentation Family Centre OPEN DAY	122 Bal Beach Rd
Wed 19 th	8-11pm	Balnarring Musos Open Mike Night	Balnarring Hall
Fri 21 st	10am	Combined Probus Club of Balnarring	Balnarring Hall
Sat 22 nd	9.30am	Clean Up Balnarring Day with Sea Shepherd.	TBC
Wed 26 th	10am	Balnarring Ladies Probus Club Meeting	Balnarring Hall
Fri 28 th	9.30am	Balnarring Men's Probus Club meeting	Balnarring Hall
Sat 29 th	6-9pm	Peninsula SongRiders: Laura Hill & Ben Salter	WP Yacht Club
Sun 30 th	10am	Balnarring Beach Working Bee	Rotunda
July 2019			
Wed 3 rd	8-11pm	Balnarring Musos Open Mike Night	Balnarring Hall
Fri 5 th	10am	Somers Ladies Probus Club meeting	Stone Pavillion
Fri 12 th	----	Grand Live: Springsteen Show	Grand Hotel, M'ton
Sat 13 th	9am-1pm	Crib Point Community Market	CP Comm House
Tues 16 th	7pm	Womin Djeka 2020 Planning Meeting	Balnarring Kinder
Wed 17 th	8-11pm	Balnarring Musos Open Mike Night	Balnarring Hall
Fri 19 th	10am	Combined Probus Club of Balnarring meeting	Balnarring Hall
Wed 24 th	10am	Balnarring Ladies Probus Club meeting	Balnarring Hall
Fri 26 th	9.30am	Balnarring Men's Probus Club meeting	Balnarring Hall
Sun 28 th	10am	Balnarring Beach Working Bee	Rotunda
Wed 31 st	8-11pm	Balnarring Musos Open Mike Night	Balnarring Hall