

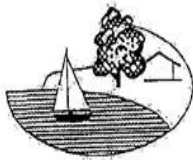


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**Balnarring Beach Community
Association**

Above: Living the life we all love: Western Port intriguing the next generation... But will it be ruined for them by AGL? Photo: Jane Whitelock – see Jane's amazing POEM on p9.

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Hello Everyone!

We hope you are all enjoying the growing mellow feeling of autumn .

To the warriors of **Save Westernport**, our heart-felt appreciation on behalf of the many, many members of our community who are deeply concerned by AGL's plans for, and attitude towards the beautiful and precious Western Port which we have the privilege of knowing and caring for. You are fighting for humaneness over commercial gain – a focus that is so needed in today's world of short-sighted economics, self-interest at others' cost, and lack of respect for living creatures and their home environments. We send you our loving gratitude.

Our apologies to Brian Thomas , Steve Wright and David Stabb for a few mistakes in Brian's wonderful article, *Wild Western Port*, in the last edition. We labelled or credited a few photos incorrectly. Here are the fab photos with correct labels and credits:



Bar-tailed Godwit
Photo: Steve Wright



Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Photo: Steve Wright



3 photos of Red-necked Avocet
All by David Stabb

To everyone 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 – have a wonderful April and May.

Jen and Ali xx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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!

April

2nd Elizabeth Shannon
4th Kerry Fortuyn
10th Marina McLean
12th Elise Cooper
12th Jamie Roach
15th Joey De Backer
17th Jodi Fagan
17th Rob Westle
19th David Buntine
22nd Michael Gibson
22nd Alex McLean
24th Andrew Dowey
29th Jack Gosling



May

3rd Barb Rimington
3rd Jodee Hopkins
4th Willow Roach
17th Quannah Heffernan
21st Renae Haylock
21st Peter McLean
27st Gina Buntine
30th Amy Sayle

April and May Thought for the Community

Be Just Like a Tea Bag

Just like a tea bag colours the water with flavour and fragrance when you put it into hot water, in the same way, the next time you're in 'hot water,' be like a tea bag and colour your world with positive attitude and action. That is, allow the situation to bring out the best in you and make an impact on everything around you.

Source: Brahma Kumaris, Oxford, UK

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Young Leader Award

Luke Chapman

Luke has a real passion for cricket and is a valued member of the Balnarring Cricket Club.

Luke started the season by generously offering to assist the Junior Co-ordinator of the Balnarring Cricket Club and when he heard a coach was needed for an Under 12's team, took on that role as well.

Congratulations on your leadership and community spirit and on being such a wonderful role model for others Luke.

Greg Hood
Branch Manager
March 2019



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Young Leader Award

Jackson Walker

Although injuring himself just before the cricket season and not being able to play, Jackson committed to attending cricket excursions, offered to assist with drills for the younger players and supported his team mates every game with umpiring and at drink breaks.

Jackson is an extremely positive, caring young man, always thoughtful of others and a very deserving recipient of the Young Leader Award. Congratulations on being such an amazing role model for those in your club.

Greg Hood
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“AGL Feeling the Heat in Westernport!”

This Summer, the Save Westernport team were all over the Mornington Peninsula to raise awareness of AGL's plans to import gas into Westernport Bay and APA's plan to build a new 56km gas pipeline to Pakenham.

From Shoreham to St Kilda, our volunteers have been spreading the word and generating interest to protect our beautiful part of Victoria from heavy industrial development.

Here is a brief summary of our recent activities:

- Draft Scoping Requirements submissions for the AGL/APA Environment Effects Statement (EES)
- Peninsula's Biggest Paddle Out 6 Jan 2019 - a brilliant day at Shoreham Beach with hundreds of people on the water to oppose AGL's gas import plans
- World Wetlands Day 1 Feb 2019 - a twilight cruise around Westernport Bay to celebrate and learn more about our unique marine environment
- Peninsula Film Festival 2 Feb 2019 - our volunteers attended the AGL-sponsored film festival at Rosebud
- Musiqua music festival 3 Feb 2019 - our volunteers attended the AGL-sponsored music event at Hastings Foreshore
- Sustainable Living Festival 8 - 10 Feb 2019 - we attended the Environment Victoria marquee in Federation Square and delivered a presentation on AGL's gas plans in Westernport Bay
- "The Bentley Effect" 22 Feb 2019 - a fundraiser night hosted by WPPC with the screening of this inspiring documentary film about NSW communities fighting local gas fracking



- Westernport Festival Parade 23 Feb 2019 (above) - two giant Eastern Curlew shorebird puppets entertained the crowds. We won Most Creative Float! Many thanks to Ian Cuming and his volunteer team
- Eastern Curlews depend on a healthy Bay and would be put at risk by AGL's plans.

- 50th Westernport Festival 22, 23 & 24 Feb 2019 - our marquee offered information on AGL's plans for Westernport Bay to residents and visitors
- The Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee festival on 23 March 2019A

Other recent events included:

- The Big Green Chair (here, there and everywhere)
- Western Port Environment Research Forum (Pakenham)
- New AGL/APA drop-in sessions (late Feb/March)
- Environment Protection Authority (EPA) drop-in session (Dandenong)
- Save Westernport petition signings and info stalls at Bittern Market and other local events

We have asked questions of the Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy Hon Mark Butler MP at three different events to ensure Federal Labor is aware of community concerns on the Mornington Peninsula.

We have spoken to many local politicians about AGL's gas plans to ensure this project becomes a key issue in the upcoming Federal Election in May 2019. Politicians are becoming more aware of the negative impacts of importing gas into Westernport Bay and they must listen to their constituents to deliver policies that are long-term solutions – not short-sighted deals that protect corporations rather than the environment.

On Sunday 24 February 2019, ABC News broadcast a special report on Crib Point and AGL'S plans to import liquified natural gas (LNG) – “Why Victoria Is Facing Gas Shortage”

Local Western Port mussel producer Michael Harris was interviewed and stated “...It couldn't be any more farcical. How can we be shipping off our resources and then buying them back? I don't think it's going to bring gas prices down for customers.”

Phaedra Deckart (AGL General Manager of Energy Supply) said, “...**We know [the community] are ... taking one for the team**, I suppose, in helping Australia and particularly the southern states meet their energy supply needs.”

“We need to balance their needs as a community with the broader needs of Victoria and the other states in terms of gas supply.” Ms Deckart said.

Why should the residents of Crib Point be “...**taking one for the team...**” to help AGL meet THEIR energy needs?

AGL could sell this gas to other energy retailers or use it to generate electricity at AGL-owned gas-fired power stations for massive profit.

AGL seems to believe that putting the environment and Westernport communities at risk is justified by these profits. Is THAT why they believe we should “...**take one for the team...**”?

The gas retailers, gas producers and gas pipeline operators behave this way because they always have.

The Victorian State Government needs to remind the AGL Board that they require a social licence to operate at Crib Point. A social licence is the approval of a major project by a local community.

Can AGL be trusted to do what is best for our community and Western Port Bay?

Article from the team at Save Westernport.

For more info: www.savewesternport.org – ed.



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For the Future.

“Mummy, oh please will you take me to be
With all of the creatures down by the sea?
We’ll run and jump down by the shore
With seagulls and pelicans and oh so much more,
I can find shells and sponges and plants,
Fishies, pretty tea tree, and tiny marching ants.
Bees buzz by happy from flower to flower,
Waves ripple gently and a moment’s an hour...
Let’s get lost in our playground here, just you and me
Making sweet memories for eternity.
I love this place mummy, it’s my favourite you know...
What would I do if it was to go?”

My child; I will take you to your happy place
Where the joy in your heart splashes over your face,
Here you can be amongst all that is good
Free to explore our coast, as you should.
I remember my youth, I remember the sea;
I remember the treasures this place gave to me...
Hold my hand little one and know I love you
And I’ll fight for your future to save this big blue.

For a long way from here there’s a big company,
Who has seen your place too down here by the sea.
But they don’t understand and they won’t let it be,
They’re calling it progress; but they plan carelessly...
To float a big factory with gas and a pipe
And 40 big ships creeping through a dark night,
A night that will fall on our place here so pure...
And all that’s alive here will be here no more.

AGL aren’t our friends my sweet child, yes it’s sad
These people don’t care about you, and we’re mad...
We’re not going to let them take all this away!
We’ll stand here united... For Westernport Bay.”
Stop AGL.

By Jane Whitelock

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RDA PENINSULA

This is a shout out for volunteers who we need for Saturday morning Riding for the Disabled sessions.

We are keen to recruit volunteers who enjoy and are familiar with working with horses, and who can fulfil the requirements of working with our children.

It is also necessary and fun to work as part of a team of volunteers and be willing to take instructions from our great coaches.

If you think that this sounds like something you would enjoy, please get in touch with us either via our website <http://rdapeninsula.com.au/contact/> or by email to Sue at mankssue@gmail.com



A typical Saturday morning session, taken by Lisa, our coach.

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Balnarring Primary School

Are you interested in volunteering at your local Primary School?

It's hard to believe how quickly term 1 flew by.

It was an exciting ten weeks as our teachers and children...

- got accustomed to the newly renovated grounds - *have you seen our refurbished basketball courts and wetlands mural on display yet? (Please see the photo below)*
- spent time getting to know each another
- put plans in place to support both academic and social growth.

In consultation with their teachers, children set learning goals whilst socially meeting with their buddy classes, joining in active Ready, Set, Go class sessions and participated in whole school assemblies and house activities.

As always there are many people to thank for a successful start but I would like to particularly mention those community members who have visited the office to volunteer their time to support individual students with their individual learning goals.

Most of our wonderful community volunteers have no relationship with the school, other than the fact that the school is close to their home and in their local community.

"My own children have grown up and my two grandchildren live interstate now. I am very happy to meet with young students at the school and encourage their efforts. My visits are, I hope, beneficial for them AND a joy for me" – new volunteer.

If meeting with some of our young children and supporting their learning journey is of interest to you please contact the office on 5931 4444 any time.

If you have an interest in working outdoors in our school grounds, *our garden beds would love to meet you!* so again please contact the office.

We will be very happy to organise a time that suits you to come in for a chat.

We would like to wish everyone in this wonderful community a happy and safe Easter break. We look forward to welcoming you into our school in term 2,

Sandy O'Meara

Assistant Principal,

Balnarring Primary School.





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COOLART WETLANDS AND HOMESTEAD SUNDAY 12th of May, 2019

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Online registration closes on Wednesday 8th of May, 2019.

8am –Registration opens (closes at 9am)
9am - Minute silence and official welcome
9:15am - Warm up
9:30am - 4km and 8km runs starts
9:30am - 4km walk starts
10:30am Raffle drawn

\$25 Adults
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Great spot prizes - Flowers for sale – Raffle prizes - Delicious coffee and food

If you would like to volunteer please contact 0423 342 498
Follow us on Facebook: Balnarring/Somers Mother's Day Classic

Balnarring Preschool

Term 1 has progressed so quickly! There is now a sense of calm excitement as all the children are together in their groups and have started their full sessions.

The children have been introduced to Boon Wurrung perspectives through using some language: Moom – backside; Womin Djeka – come, ask to come and state your purpose for coming; Bundjil – wedge tailed eagle; and waang – black raven. Whenever possible we use Boon wurrung language to label animals, body parts, plants or things in the environment. We have been given permission to use the language by the Elders. Sometimes we may use language from another group if we are working with First Peoples from other Aboriginal Countries.



Our annual Trivia Night is happening again this year!
'Save the date and book a babysitter' Saturday 25th May.

If you are yet to attend this sell out event this night is always a massive hit with the kinder families and the local community. Our plans are already underway and we are looking for amazing local businesses to support us with donations for our silent auction that is held on the night. Last year we managed to raise over \$14,000 for the kinder, which was a fantastic effort. Keep an eye out for information about the night and ticket sale date.



**It's that time again!! 2020 Kinder registrations have now opened,
and 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, please feel free to 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.



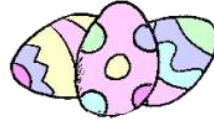
Easter Saturday 20th April 2019 Fashions on the Field

Lady of the day Runner up & 2nd Runner Up
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Gent of the day & Runner up
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Further details visit our web page
www.balnarringraces.com

Red Hill Auxiliary Easter Stall

Easter Saturday, 20th April morning
Next to Balnarring Pharmacy



Sorting ... all sorted!

The Red Hill Op Shop (RHOS) is always very grateful for the fine donations it receives; but like many Op Shops in Victoria, it is struggling with the items that cannot be on-sold.

Here's some information that may help you when sorting items that are going to be donated.

If you have small electrical items/white goods that are no longer required, they can be taken to Habitat, 17 Henry Wilson Drive, Capel Sound (Rosebud). This Op Shop will happily take them as they have access to an electrician who can test and tag them for re-sale, and their fundraising assists local initiatives.

The local tips will take scrap metal and cardboard for free; and of course soft plastics can be recycled back to Coles, Woolworths and Ritchies supermarkets. Aldi will take used batteries.

Excess clothing that has seen better days can be cut up and placed in your compost bins at home. The worms love a bit of wool or cotton amongst the food scraps. Anything to reduce landfill is good for us all.

Volunteering at any op shop makes you very aware of how much recycling can be done, and when it is done thoughtfully, we all benefit. So, happy sorting!

On a very positive note, the RHOS reports it has had a successful summer and we have loved having the holiday makers, as well as the locals, visit and browse. Pt Leo Surf Life Saving Club, the Red Hill Netball and Football Junior clubs, the Red Hill Show, Red Hill Scouts and Peninsula Home Hospice have all benefited with donations from the sales at the shop.

And, by the way, the RHOS will extend its opening hours on Easter Saturday (April 20th) to 4pm and there will be a fabulous Easter Egg raffle that will be drawn on the day – just in time for Easter Sunday and Easter Egg hunts! Hop on in to see us! (*We will be closed Good Friday 19th April*).

Come and visit us to see what's on offer - the variety is always staggering!

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



Flinders Motoring Heritage

Flinders and District Lions Club
Easter Sunday, 21 April 2019
Flinders Village

www.flindersmotoringheritage.com.au



Location: Corner Cook and Norman Streets, Flinders

Time: Sunday, 21 April, 10am to 4pm

Event Fee for exhibitors: Free of Charge

Event fee for visitors: \$5 per adult - children free

Website: <https://www.flindersmotoringheritage.com.au/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Flindersdistrictlions/>

Flinders Lions manage this fundraising event showing magnificent vintage, veteran and classic cars. This year we are raising funds for Peninsula Health Children's and Diabetes services.

Somers Ladies Probus

It was with enormous pleasure that Somers Ladies Probus Club inducted their newest (and only male) honorary member. **Barney**, an Assistance Dog for **Liz Turner**, is trained to fetch and retrieve objects for her and alert others if she has a blackout.



Barney, wearing wings for a special occasion, is seen here with outgoing President Veronica Paskins, Liz Turner and Welfare Officer Maria Vrzina.

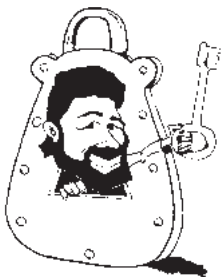
When he is wearing his "Assistance Dogs Australia" jacket, Barney is on duty. Liz has had him for a couple of months and he has excelled himself.

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.

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@Klarissa Gaunaut
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Balnarring's Trees

The Save Balnarring's Trees Facebook Group is planning a **BALNARRING COMMUNITY BACKYARD PLANTING DAY** soon in 2019. We'd love your help to create a list of local indigenous plant species, how big they grow, what animals they attract, where we can buy them and when is the best time to plant. While we're saddened by new developments taking down trees and seeing the homes for our wildlife friends disappearing, some trees are also dying of their own accord too - old or diseased, so it's time to plant. Balnarring is a unique habitat, that we all love so let's be sure to keep it that way :)

To get involved, join the "Save Balnarring's Trees" facebook page or email info@bridgemag.com.au

Pat The Mac tips: iPhone and iPad keyboards.

We have become very accustomed to use our virtual keyboards on both our iPads and/or iPhones. These little marvels have far more keys than meets the eye in the first place. Some less often used characters are hidden behind the basics keys. For example, to indicate the temperature in degrees Celsius the symbol is °. To print this key, press on the number 0, then drag your finger onto the symbol and release... Job done.

You may have noticed that most keys have characters printed in light grey above the normal black key label. To invoke the grey key, touch and drag down the key. It is very handy for typing numbers since you do not have to change keyboard. In foreign languages, many key vowels are « accented ». If you wish to quote appropriately in the language, press on the key that requires the accent, drag your finger to the required accent and release the key. So you can write correctly in French, « Merry Xmas » as « Joyeux Noël »... I suggest that you experiment with all the keys to discover what is possible.

If you need to type the same sentence or paragraph often, there is a way to adapt your keyboard to do that by typing just a few keys. For example, you may want to type « Happy New Year 2019. Lots of love in this new year! » to several of your friends, using email or Message... To do that, go to the Settings|General|Keyboard|Text Replacement. At the top right of the window, click on the blue « + ». In the Phrase box, type your sentence. In the Shortcut box, type two or three characters that you are unlikely to use in a normal word. To continue with the same example, I use « hny » as a shortcut. When done, close the window and go back to your document. Invoke the keyboard and type the characters you selected followed by the space bar.... the complete sentence will appear. It is a great time saver.

One last trick only available on the iPad keyboard : if one touches the keyboard with two fingers, the characters will all disappear. Now move your two fingers on the keyboard and the cursor on the page will move according to your finger movements... This is a great way to reposition the cursor in a page.



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Friends of Daangean

After a lengthy spell from bush bashing in Woodland Break the FoD team turned out in earnest to tackle the ubiquitous Sweet Pittosporum on February 23rd. At this time of the year work in the bush is dependent on the weather conditions, more so than in the winter when you merely get wet and become uncomfortable being so. High summer has days of extreme heat and fire danger when the reserve can be closed to both volunteers and the public. However, Saturday the 23rd was most pleasant but terribly dry making pitto pulling difficult; most had to be cut and dabbed, even a lot of the small ones which clung grimly to the earth.



February weeding team

The intrepid FoD bush maintenance team will venture forth again on Saturday March 30th. Hopefully some rain will have fallen by then.

While the bush maintenance team has been in recess the Waterwatch team has plodded on with their monthly water testing. The water levels in Devilbend and Bittern reservoirs have dropped significantly and will continue to do so unless there's rain.



February Waterwatch team

The water quality has remained steady with no detrimental effects from the lowering levels. One of the sampling sites becomes treacherous for bogging feet when the water level drops so it is occasionally avoided until it becomes safer under foot. Too much mud and with water too shallow for collecting, Melbourne Water prefers us to not put ourselves danger. Likewise, we're happy not to as well!

Melbourne Water is proposing to reintroduce the endangered Dwarf



Water level at Bittern water tower

Galaxia fish to the Devilbend Natural Features Reserve and throughout the summer the Waterwatch team has been monitoring the proposed sites. At the moment the sites are bone dry and will remain so until rain comes again.

In November 2018 some of the FoD team began a turtle monitoring program. The shorelines of Devilbend and Bittern reservoirs have now been mapped, along with most of the surrounding catch drain. Approximately 220 raided turtle nests have been plotted and three that look to have survived are now covered by a metal mesh to prevent them being dug up. Foxes are the nest raiding culprits. Raided nests are easy to spot due to the surrounding egg shells. With around 10 eggs per nest not many turtles are making it and when they do they face hazards in the water.

The mesh has squares wide enough for baby turtles to fit through, if any make it to

the hatching stage. The turtles are the Eastern Longneck and sometimes they are seen crossing roads between dams where they become vehicle casualties.

This Clean Up Australia Day FoD members who also wear Devilbend Landcare Group caps did not participate in the annual clean-up on the roads surrounding Devilbend due to the shire deeming the roads unsafe and therefore withdrawing permission. The roads are notorious for rubbish dumpers and one would have thought all help in cleaning up would be welcome. But no, now traffic controllers are required at great cost. So that's that!



Newly raided turtle nest with key showing size comparison

Marnie Fitzsimons, FoD co-ordinator, marniefitz1@gmail.com



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Enquiries to 0428 284 974

Australian Plants Sale Saturday 4 May

So what is a group of passionate lovers of Australian native plants doing holding a Plant Sale? Well, not only do we aim to promote the use of Australian plants in gardens, we also aim to encourage the nursery industry to propagate and supply Australian plants to you, the plant-loving public. By we, I mean the Australian Plants Society (APS) Mornington Peninsula District Group. As in previous years, we will be hosting mainly local growers including Merricks Nursery, and Sunvalley Nursery - plus some from further afield, including Melaleuca Nursery, Inverloch. In the only public sale for their year, Seawinds Nursery will provide a great array of indigenous plants that are often hard to source.

Seawinds Gardens at Arthurs Seat provides a lovely background and the weather is usually kind in early May. In previous years' sales, the people who came appreciated not just looking and buying, but also the advice from growers who are all experienced with local growing conditions.

This year's sale will be held on Saturday 4 May from 10am to 3:30pm. Entry is free. Do come along, it's a great opportunity to replace some plants which may have been lost over the long dry summer, or buy a present for Mother's Day. And it's the perfect time to plant!

Verena Reich, Leader, APS Mornington Peninsula

Seawinds Gardens: Melways ref 159 E12

Details on website apsmorningtonpeninsula.org

Enquiries to morningtonpeninsula@apsvic.org.au or 0428 284 974

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For more information, contact me: **Barb Rimington 5983 2245** or check out:

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Twitter: @PeriodProjMelb

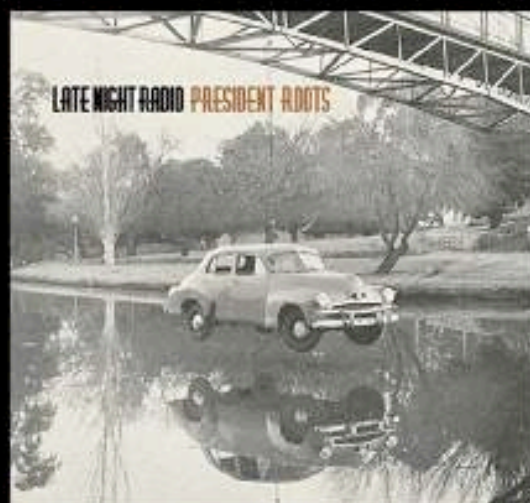
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Balnarring Village Common

Hoping many you have wandered through Balnarring's newest community asset ... Civic Court Reserve. After many, many years of researching, gathering support, advocating, documenting, and planning we are at last able to enjoy central community space that is available to all. One of the primary concerns expressed by the Balnarring Community through our survey in 2013 was the importance of open public space. We have certainly preserved that, and in the process discovered much about the history and significance of many species indigenous to the area including Themeda grasses, orchids and lillies. How exciting to watch and be a part of this beautiful space as it grows and evolves in the coming years.

In August last year the development process began with a sod turning event, then on completion of landscaping works a soft opening was held in February where Mayor David Gill and Jarrod Filosa from the Mornington Peninsula Shire joined with local community and Balnarring Village Common committee members to explore the space. The development of the land was made possible by support from the State Government's Growing Suburbs Fund, The Mornington Peninsula Shire with our beautiful stage funded by The Balnarring and District Branch of the Bendigo Bank (and many Thanks to the Balnarring Lions for providing a sausage sizzle on the day).

We're very happy to announce the chance for you to get involved in a very hands on way. Please join us in building the future of Balnarring Village Common by coming along to our

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY Celebrations on April 27th.

Please check www.balnarringvillagcommon.org, fb and posters in the coming weeks for more details...





Balnarring Village Common

invites you to a community planting day
and celebration

April 27th
Balnarring Civic Court Reserve

www.balnarringvillagecommon.org

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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.

We arrange interesting outings, also spring and autumn trips away.

Please contact Patsy Wilson on: 5983 9949

or Email: grapatwilson@bigpond.com



Kid's Page



Balnarring Kids Want a Future

Thousands of kids across Australia protested on Friday March 15, striking from school and demanding that the government do something about climate change.



Like many kids in Balnarring, I feel mortified and disgusted about adults destroying the planet that we live and breathe on. We have one planet and there's no Planet B.

The school strike was part of a global movement of young people shouting out to 'stop burning our planet!'

In the month of March alone, over 50,000 students struck in the UK, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

At the last Australian strike in November, 15,000 kids left school to gather in 30 locations across the country. Kids across Australia are beginning to rise up to show their anger and concern.

This movement has been inspired by one person, a 15-year-old Swedish student Greta Thunberg, who protested outside parliament in Stockholm for 20 days demanding that the country catch up on its commitments to the Paris Agreement. She sat outside the parliament every day, handing out leaflets that said "I am doing this because you adults are ruining my future".



It is preposterous how much greenhouse gases we produce. This summer we have had floods, fires, record breaking heatwaves, drought, coral bleaching and lots more jellyfish – Climate damage is here now, and everyone is worried. If we keep digging up and burning fossil fuels, we will not have a chance of a bright future. We need to have our say - 'kids want to end the digging up and burning of coal, increase renewables, and make policies that give our future a chance'.

On the strike day (March 15) local marches were held in Melbourne CBD, Geelong and Ballarat. Hopefully it brought about change.

Moscow Roller

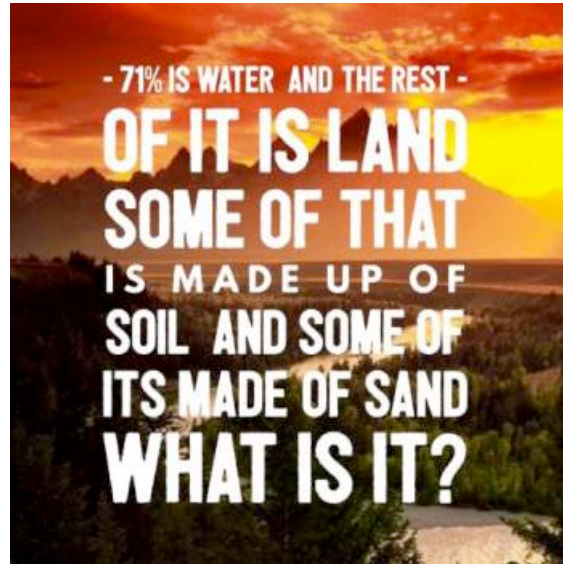




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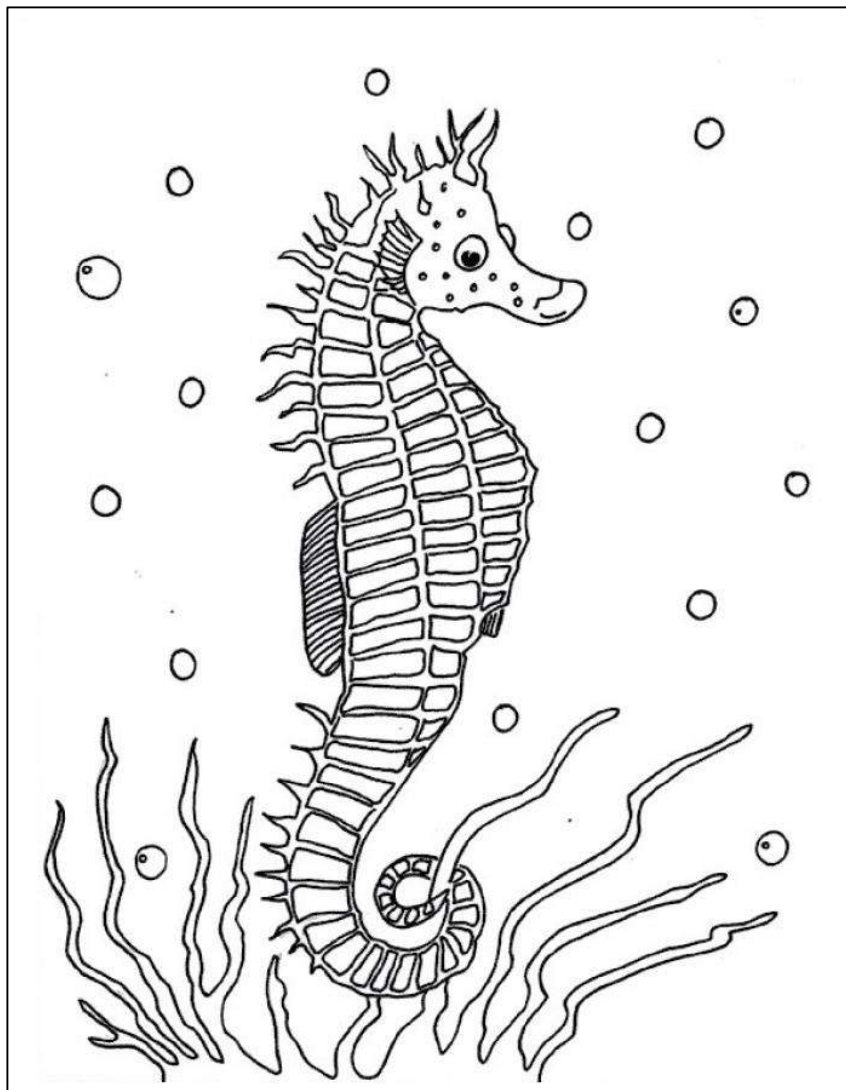


Can you figure out this riddle?



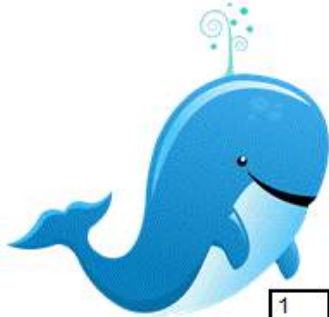
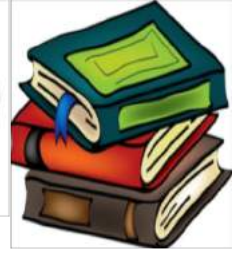
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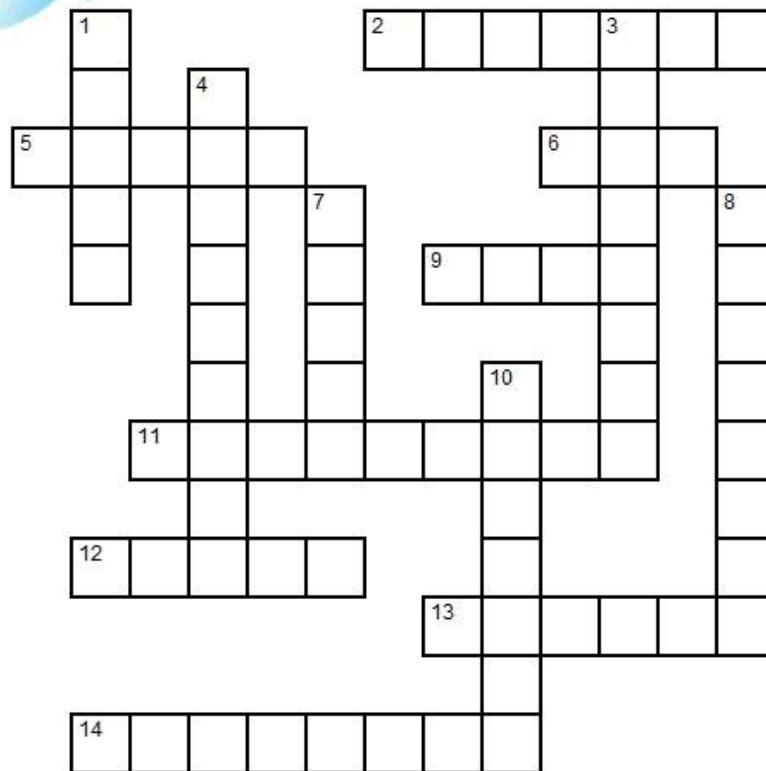




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Ocean Animals



ACROSS

- 2. fat layer that keeps some marine mammals warm
- 5. fish use these to breathe oxygen from the water
- 6. name for a group of whales
- 9. ocean dwellers that lay eggs and have bones
- 11. what a shark has instead of bones
- 12. a shark has several rows of these
- 13. what younger whales are called
- 14. marine animals with soft bodies and no backbone

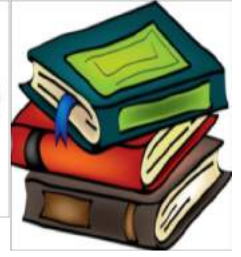
DOWN

- 1. small creatures that look like shrimp
- 3. how a whale or dolphin breathes
- 4. largest animal in the world
- 7. bioluminescent animals make their own
- 8. clams, oysters and scallops are all ...
- 10. ocean dwellers that birth live babies and nurse their young

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Can you find all the words listed at the bottom of the page in this crazy mix of letters?

Climate Change

T K A S G T X Z X G N G S E J
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Roof upgrade for Coolart Homestead

Parks Victoria continues commitment to conserve the historic mansion

08 March 2019: Parks Victoria is undertaking important roof repair works at Coolart Homestead meaning it will be closed to visitors until May 2019. However the gardens, wetlands and park will be open to enjoy as usual.

Coolart Homestead is a heritage-listed Victorian mansion situated on the shores of Western Port Bay. The Victorian Government purchased the site in 1977 to preserve its historic buildings and significant wetlands. It is a great example of the intersection between culture and nature.

Parks Victoria is installing a new roof consisting of a galvanised steel inner roof, a slate outer roof, copper guttering, new flashings, valleys, sarking, timber boards, rafters and tiles.

The Victorian Government's Living Heritage Grants Program has funded the much-needed roof repairs. The program is an initiative to safeguard and reactivate Victoria's key heritage resources.

Parks Victoria's work to repair the roof will stop the current problem of moisture penetrating into walls causing dampness, and will allow repairs in the rooms on the first floor.

Last year, Friends of Coolart Inc. secured \$196,000 through the Victorian Government's Pick My Project program, to enable conservation and repair works to the rooms on the first floor. Parks Victoria will deliver the specialist restoration of the traditional lath and plaster ceilings in these rooms so they can once again be accessed and used.

These are the latest conservation works at the historic site, following on from last year's repair and restoration of the 160-year-old stable and coach house buildings and the smokehouse.

Parks Victoria manages more than 3,000 historic heritage places and objects which are significant in representing key aspects of Victoria's history.

The Living Heritage Grants Program marks the largest State Government investment in the conservation and activation of heritage places in Victoria's history. For more information visit the Living Heritage program [website](#).

Quotes, attributed to Parks Victoria Parks Victoria Area Chief Ranger Kris Rowe:

“Coolart Wetlands and Homestead is a perfect example of where culture meets nature. The wetlands are home for more than 60 species of birds and provide a stunning setting for the historic homestead, creating a unique venue for a variety of community events.”

“The Victorian Government's generous investments through the Living Heritage Grants and Pick My Project are giving this heritage-listed homestead a new lease on life.”

“Parks Victoria is proud to play a stewardship role of managing historic places like Coolart on behalf of the region. We are looking forward to working closely with the community to activate this site.”

Quotes from Friends of Coolart President Julie Ebbott:

“The Friends of Coolart are delighted to see restoration works commencing on the Coolart Homestead; this marks the beginning of new life for this glorious building.”

“We will continue to work with Parks Victoria to raise and seek funds for the property so that every visitor can discover and enjoy Coolart's historical and environmental uniqueness now and into the future.”

If readers require more information, please contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963



Coolart Homestead: Parks Victoria



Coolart Homestead in 1977: J.T. Collins collection

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Rosebud Memorial Hall
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- Music - Antony Ransome
- Words - Richard Cotter
- Projection Design - Karin Till

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Musicians

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www.buckleyopera.org
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BALNARRING MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

In March at our Annual General Meeting, apart from welcoming in a new and invigorated Committee, we were also entertained by our own enthusiastic Choir.

A happy group of members returned from our annual 'Long Trip' which this year was an interest-packed tour of Western Victoria, Mt Gambier and Robe in South Australia.

Our photographic club, better known as the Happy Snappers visited the McClelland Art Gallery, home to an amazing range of outdoor sculpture, to test their skills, and showed their great results at the March General Meeting.

The April meeting will be on Friday 26th. The Guest speaker will be Club Member Peter Braithwaite, who will be speaking on his research project titled 'The Defensive Gun Emplacement Sites of Western Port in World War 2'.

The May meeting will be on Friday 31st. The Guest speaker for this meeting is still being finalised at the time of going to press.

We meet monthly, on the last Friday of the month commencing at 9.30 am in the Balnarring Community Hall.

Morning tea is served and we wind up about mid-day. All visitors are most welcome.

For further information contact Peter on 5931 3237 or check our website <http://probussouthpacific.org.microsites/balnarring/home>

Anger is an acid that does more harm to the vessel in which it is stored, than to the person on whom it is poured.

Quote of the Day, Brahma Kumaris, Oxford UK

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The Gifts of Your Personality Type



One of the many rewarding things about counselling is to watch people find out more about themselves and in that process grow to appreciate the gifts of their personality. A fun way to understand your personality is through using a questionnaire called the Myers Briggs Type Indicator, commonly referred to as the MBTI. The MBTI is a tool for helping people learn about themselves and is designed to identify a person's strengths and unique gifts.

The MBTI is a personality inventory based on the theories of Swiss psychologist Carl Jung. The indicator is non-judgmental and allows people to gain an understanding of their personality preferences, particularly with respect to energy, information gathering, decision making, and general approach to the world

The MBTI may be applied in a wide variety of settings such as, self-awareness, couples communication, career direction and within organisations for team building and recruitment.

In brief, the MBTI describes 16 personality type preferences. Understanding which one is yours can help you to celebrate your gifts. At the same time, understanding the different gifts in others can lead to better communication and appreciation of others.

Enjoy the experience of discovering your personality strengths and perhaps those of your family members. The process is a useful tool to enhance one's self-esteem and is a fun process.

Chris Newell – 0412 269 995

**Chris is based in Balnarring & Eltham and
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FORGOTTEN PLACE NAMES

There are some places whose names have been lost. Once commonly known to people in the area (though seldom recorded) any mention today draws a blank look. Blue Lookout, Meehan's Lane, Chapel Corner, Smugglers' Cave.

The name is usually very local. 'Foxy's Hangout', for instance, was given to a certain junction by a group of neighbours involved in a local wager. In this case the name survived probably thanks to U.S. servicemen who marked it on maps during World War 2. It became official.

'Chapel Corner' may still be recognised by some. It is the north-east corner at the junction of the Bittern-Dromana Road and Balnarring Road. This was the site of St John's Roman Catholic Church. The building is actually still there but much altered as it is now a private home.

'Smugglers' Cave', or 'Pirates' Cave', was the cave in the cliff face along the beach between Merricks Beach and Balnarring Beach. It is now filled in and obscured by bushes but in earlier years many a young adventurer scrambled up the cliff to reach its entrance. Nearby was 'Elephant Rock' a high rock mass that stuck up from the surrounding sand. Today it is under the sand.

'Meehan's Lane' is now unknown. It roughly followed today's Buckley Street in Balnarring. The name comes from Johnny Meehan, a well-known character who, with his wife Kitty Johnson Meehan, lived in Johnson Street. Meehan wore a track taking a shortcut from his house to the general store. It became known as Meehan's Lane. Children took this short cut to school, and people on foot to the post office. Both the school and post office were then on Buckley's Road. 'Buckley's Road' belongs to the past too. It is a former name for Balnarring Road - it led past the home of settler John Buckley. 'Blue Lookout' was the high point along Balnarring Road north of Myers Road. When you were travelling from Mornington and came to the crest of that hill, the first view of the blue waters of Western Port could be seen. Today trees obscure that view.

'Frog Farm' was a name given to the land on the Hastings side of Stumpy Gully Road (around Station Street) because it was often very wet and swampy underfoot.

Balnarring Beach, or to give it its old name 'Tulum', had its 'Fore-beach' and 'Back-beach'. 'The Eel Hole' was a deep hole in 'Tulum Creek' where eels abounded and which was deep enough to dive into from a makeshift diving board. The 'Sand Paddock' or 'Fern Paddock' referred to the area west of Fauconshawe Street, before there were houses on it and 'Fifth Avenue' was the track on the north side of the creek and led to Ferguson's Farm.

Merricks Beach had 'Sun Valley', a popular place to sunbathe between the high dunes behind the beach. At Merricks North were a number of corners that bore the name of landholders whose orchards were at that point. 'Stanton's Corner', where Myer's Road met Tubbarubba Road; 'Brown's Corner' at a sharp bend on the Bittern-Dromana Road; 'McIlroy's Corner' where the glass studio is now located where Dunn's Creek Road meets Red Hill Road. 'Tar Barrel Corner' at the junction of Stanley's Road and Red Hill Road today is signed although many don't know the reason behind the name. In the days when roads were being made, a depot for road-making materials was at this corner.

Place names from a past time.

Ilma Hackett, Balnarring & District Historical Society

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BALNARRING LADIES PROBUS

If you are a retired or semi-retired lady looking for good company and interesting activities, come along to Balnarring Ladies Probus.

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Join us as our guest for any meeting at:
Balnarring Hall No. 2 (opposite the shops)
10am on the **4th Wednesday** of the month
You will be made very welcome.

Just come along or get further information from:
Eileen 5983 5053 or Joan 0408 134 143



*Growing connections
for sustainability*

Issue #21 of the Western Port Biosphere's quarterly e-newsletter 'The Connector' will be published in early April 2019. We would love to include your news and events.

The deadline for content (text and high resolution images) was COB 19 March 2019 however please let me know if you would like to contribute, there may still be time.

Note: News items should be no longer than 300 words and accompanied by one or two high-resolution images. Events do not need an image.

For information on future deadline dates, please see <https://www.biosphere.org.au/get-involved/connector-newsletter>

Please forward this information to anyone in your group or organisation who may have news or events to share with Connector readers across the Biosphere Reserve, from community groups and the general public, to people working in agencies, schools, government and local businesses.

Sarah Coe

Communications & Community Engagement Manager

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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,
April 28th and May 26th.

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 April and May



Wednesdays
April 10th and 24th
May 8th and 22nd

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.

GUIDELINES FOR THE BRIDGE CONTRIBUTIONS

The contributor's name must appear with the article and contact information is recommended. If emailing, please use A4 page format with 1.5cm margins, 14 point font size and single spacing. Headings with a font of 18. Send as a Word or Pages format file to info@bridgemag.com.au or PO Box 248 Balnarring VIC 3926. Ideally, file sizes no bigger than 1.5MB please.

Deadlines for submissions are as follows:

January 10th (February/March issue)

March 10th (April/May issue)

May 10th (June/July issue)

July 10th (August/September issue)

September 10th (October/November issue)

November 10th (December/January issue)

Our number of pages is limited so "first come, first served". Submissions for multiple issues must be made each issue unless otherwise agreed. Acronyms to be written in full at first mention followed by the acronym in brackets, e.g. "Community Centre (C.C.)".

The primary focus of The Bridge is to promote free community events. Volunteer organisations are encouraged to submit up to one page per month and will not be charged. All entries that create income, including employment and housing, count as adverts. **"What's On" entries are Free with a paid advert, or a small fee applies for income-creating entries otherwise.** Personal words from individuals are also free to enter. Businesses holding events, workshops, etc. in the coming months are encouraged to contribute.

Content that speaks negatively of any individual or group will not be published. Groups should comment on their own activities only, unless in appreciation. The editorial review team reserve the right to edit and/or refuse contributions where necessary. Copyright on images used remains the responsibility of the contributor, and photographers must be credited.

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WHAT'S ON April and May 2019

Date	Time	What	Where
APRIL 2019			
Fri 5 th	10am	Somers Ladies Probus Club meeting	Stone Pavillion
Sat 6 th	6-9pm	A Farewell to Summer BBCCA event	Westernport YC
Wed 10 th	8-11pm	Balnarring Musos Open Mike Night	Balnarring Hall
Sat 13 th	9am-1pm	Crib Pt Community Market	7 Park Rd, Crib Pt
Sat 20 th	Morning	Red Hill Auxiliary EASTER STALL	Balnarring Village
	9am – 1pm	Monster Book Sale @ Crib Pt Uniting Church	Stony Pt Rd
	----	Balnarring and Picnic Racing Club meeting	Bal Racecourse
	7-10pm	Peninsula SongRiders presents President Roots	Westernport YC
Sun 21 st	10am – 4pm	Flinders Motoring Heritage: Lions event	Flinders Village
Wed 24 th	10am	Balnarring Ladies Probus meeting	Balnarring Hall
	8pm – 11pm	Balnarring Musos Open Mike Night	Balnarring Hall
Fri 26 th	9.30am	Balnarring Men's Probus Club meeting	Balnarring Hall
	8pm	'Buckley' Narrative Chamber Opera	R'bud Memorial Hall
Sat 27 th	----	Community Planting Day and Celebration	Balnarring Civic
	2pm	Details on fb & at balnarringvillagecommon.org 'Buckley' Chamber Opera	Court Reserve R'bud Memorial Hall
Sun 28 th	10am	Balnarring Beach Work Bee	Rotunda
MAY 2019			
Fri 3 rd	10am	Somers Ladies Probus Club meeting	Stone Pavillion
Sat 4 th	10am-3.30pm	Australian Plants SALE at Seawinds	Arthurs Seat
Wed 8 th	8-11pm	Balnarring Musos Open Mike Night	Balnarring Hall
Sat 11 th	9am-1pm	Crib Pt Community Market	7 Park Rd, Crib Pt
Sun 12 th	8am Regist'n	Mother's Day Classic Run/Walk	Coolart
Fri 17 th	10am	Combined Probus Club of Balnarring meeting	Balnarring Hall
Wed 22 nd	10am	Balnarring Ladies Probus Club meeting	Balnarring Hall
	8-11pm	Balnarring Musos Open Mike Night	Balnarring Hall
Sat 25 th	----	Balnarring Preschool TRIVIA NIGHT	----
Sun 26 th	10am	Balnarring Beach Working Bee	Rotunda
Fri 31 st	9.30am	Balnarring Men's Probus Club meeting	Balnarring Hall