

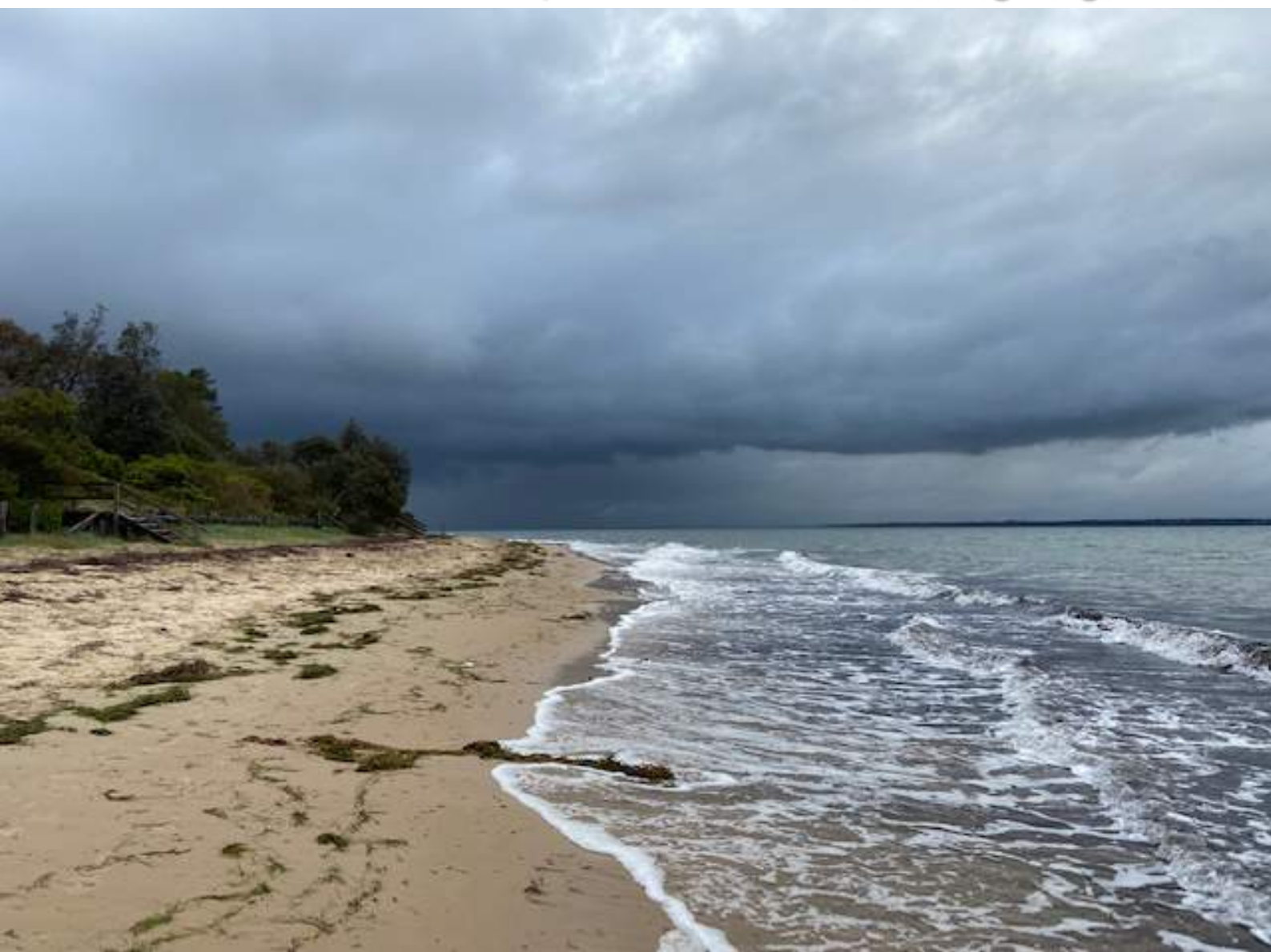


THE BRIDGE

Bi-monthly community magazine for Balnarring, Bittern, Crib Point, Flinders, French Island, Main Ridge, Merricks, Pt. Leo, Red Hill, Shoreham, Somers and Tuerong

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A mid-November morning on Somers beach, looking east. Yes, we did get wet! By Jen, Bridge team.

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Hello Everyone!

It really felt like we would never reach here, living with a lot of freedom again, but here we are! We hope you are all enjoying once more the experience of greater choice in each day. It's a beautiful thing to see our community groups meeting again, and our cafes and shops bustling with customers – connections being restored, life feeling more 'normal' and comfortable. Hooray!!

We are so appreciative of our wonderful sponsors, The Coast Real Estate and Bendigo Bank, Balnarring, who enable not only the Bridge to be printed, but anyone who wishes to advertise in it can do so without cost. We also want to thank all contributors, Galaxy Printing, John Ashton for the website (bridgemag.com.au) management, and the distribution team. You are all stars!!

And to you all, our community – our very best wishes for a happy festive season, and a 2022 that is relaxed, peaceful and productive, with a lot of joy sprinkled throughout!

With our love, Jen and Ali xx
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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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Birthdays

December

4th Stephanie Alyssa
6th Karina Armstrong
7th Maggie Dick
9th Viv Murphy
9th Noah McLean
14th Jamel Farmer
15th Nicole Wheaton
18th Emily Jean Henderson
19th Mark Raynes
31st Paul Dillon



January

8th Steve Sayle
9th Bronwyn Dick
9th Celia Sexton
16th Garry McKellar
19th Casey Dawson
24th Karen Saker
31st Leo Haylock

To add a name to community birthdays, email info@bridgemag.com.au

December 2021 January 2022 *Inspirational Angel Cards for the Community*

Freedom Love

How can you weave these into your
day to support and empower you?

Source: Newly published Inspirational Angel Cards, by
Simon Bunyevich, Somers.

Who do you appreciate in our community and why?
Email submissions of appreciation, & birthdays in our community,
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News from your elected advocate for Red Hill Ward, Cr. David Gill.

Storm Damage:

It will take some time to clear up all of the damage from the last big storm.

Please keep reporting any issues to Council or to me.

I am especially concerned about overhead branches (“hangers”) broken off and still precariously sitting in trees.

A huge thank you to all those volunteers including from the SES and CFA involved in helping in such very dangerous circumstances.

Kangaroo Culling:

Negotiations with the State Government over the safety and viability of our local kangaroos have started. Meanwhile shooting licences without scrutiny continues. It is hoped that local MP, Chris Brayne, will speak up on this issue.

Pedestrian Safety:

A Federal grant for pedestrian safety works on Frankston-Flinders Road in Balnarring is gradually being implemented. Hopefully a long-awaited roundabout at the 5 ways intersection will compliment the works and help sort out the traffic bottleneck from Somers and Balnarring Beach.



Advocacy:

Council is developing an advocacy priority list for the approaching Federal and State elections. I believe that community input is essential.

Politicians like to have ‘shovel ready’ projects to announce as election promises. Please let me know about your potential projects.

Bike Jumps:

A low-cost way to provide bike jumps for kids is being investigated by Council. Pre-assembled and movable this may be the answer to the drawn out 'design and build strategy' that takes years to implement.

Bag and Bin:

The invasive agapanthus (South African lily) classified as an environmental weed in the Shire needs de-heading before shedding seeds later in Summer.

Sports Field:

It is pleasing to see the \$1 million drainage works at Balnarring well underway.

I am sure that we are all looking forward to completion for the footy season.



Coffee with your Ward Councillor

Great to see so many people out and about now that Covid restrictions are almost gone. Please come and have a chat in the outdoor seating at the Balnarring Village Shopping Centre from 9am Saturday 11th December.

Somers Footpath:

Unacceptable delays for the third year in a row continue with the Camp Hill Road path project in Somers. I am seeking a completion date for this Council 'priority' project meant to provide safe pedestrian passage for school children attending Somers Primary.



Hoon driving:

Please report dangerous driving immediately to the police and local MP, Chris Brayne. Keep a record of incidents and registration numbers if possible. Council is looking at a new local law to assist police with enforcement powers.

Fill up and enjoy:

As summer warms up, our native birds, mammals and lizards appreciate water in our gardens. Please keep containers safely away from cats and enjoy watching our wildlife.

Balnarring Beach Iconic Koala Tree:

Unfortunately, the vote to save this healthy tree was lost 6 – 5 at a recent Council Meeting. My motion to help improve road safety near the Tulum Store and bus turning circle at the playground included road works to make the area safe for drivers and protect the 100 -year-old Manna Gum.

Keep Safe.

Regards,

David.

Email: david.gill@monpen.vic.gov.au



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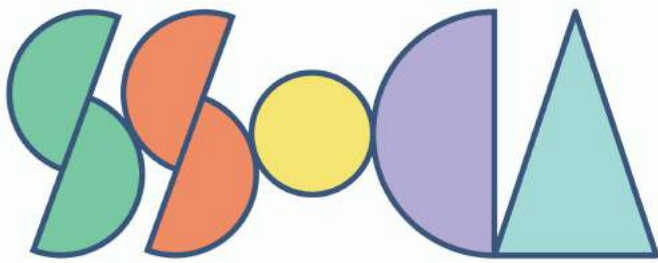
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Owl and Raptor Deaths on the Mornington Peninsula



Deceased Barn Owl Photo credit Kent Stannard founder of Save Our Owls

The above death is preventable and each of us can play a significant part to protect the raptors in our community who play a role in the health of our natural ecosystems.

Here at Habitat Restoration Fund (HRF) and Save Our Owls Blairgowrie we are raising this issue so that all our communities can become owl and raptor literate and act as agents of change in the community to save these important birds from death and potential extinction.

The dangers to the health and well being of our raptors on the Mornington Peninsula are threatened by:

- Second Generation AntiCoagulant Rodenticide (Rat Baits known as SGARs)
- Habitat Loss
- Road Deaths
- Human Cruelty
- Climate Change

Who are our Raptors

Raptors on the Mornington Peninsula include members from both families of Owls, and the Falcon, Hawk and Kite families they are top level food chain predators or a key indicator species. A lack of their presence is a key measure in determining a declining environment.

The Mornington Peninsula natural environment is what attracts both residents and visitors alike and is the single most important feature of our tourism industry which provides many of us with a form of income.

More importantly the presence and count of raptors in the environment is a key indicator of ecological health and balance and their numbers are in decline due to the above listed dangers.

Rodent Control Solutions or Alternatives to SGARs

- Patch up any holes/cracks around your houses and out buildings
- Store attractive food sources securely, clean pet bowls, aviaries, chicken runs etc
- Clear debris/wood stores/ grass around the home and outbuildings you wish to keep rodent free
- Identify distinguish introduced rodent species from natives
- Use snap traps when required
- Last resort use a First Generation Rodenticide containing Warfarin or Coumatetralyl e.g or Double Strength Ratsak, Bayer Advanced Home Rat & Mouse Killer containing Racumin Alternatively Ratsak Naturals Pellets

Our Owls Need Your Voice

Please help the Habitat Restoration Fund and Save Our Owls to spread the word throughout the Mornington Peninsula and beyond that our Raptors need saving from our own human actions!

Stay informed and Follow Us for more information:

Instagram & Facebook:

@Habitatrestorationfund and website hrfund.org Raptor Promotional cards and T-shirts

@Saveourowls Information and stickers to promote awareness

<https://owlfriendly.org.au> A Margaret River Group who have campaigned for the removal of SGARs use in their region and who inspire us to campaign for SAGARs removal on the Mornington Peninsula





Habitat Restoration Fund

Raptor Cards & T-Shirts

HRF have produced Raptor T-Shirts and Card Packs to raise awareness of the dangers of second generation rodenticide poisoning in our environment.

Help us to spread the word Purchase at: <https://hrfund.org/product-category/merchandise/>

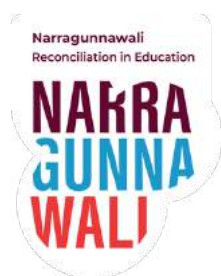
The cards are from original watercolours by Donna Mitchell (@donnamitchellart) inspired by the photography of Steven Castan Photography (@estebanthenatureman). T-Shirt artwork Tony Stephens. All artists have generously donated their works to assist in our awareness program.



This is Habitat Restoration Fund's first submission to The Bridge. We are a not-for-profit environmental fund working on various habitat restoration projects on the Peninsula and beyond.

Balnarring Pre-School

We would like to congratulate the teaching team at Balnarring Pre-School for becoming finalists in the Narragunnawali awards. The Narragunnawali awards recognise and celebrate educational services that implement outstanding Reconciliation initiatives into their learning. The teaching team at Balnarring Pre-School is extremely dedicated and passionate and they are successfully embedding the importance and necessity of Reconciliation into the learning program. The announcing ceremony was held on Wednesday 17th November. We are beyond excited to share that Balnarring Pre-School were announced as joint winners alongside Tumut Community Pre-School, NSW. The winning of this award is a testament to the teaching team's ongoing commitment to Reconciliation.



The Pre-school has had a busy couple of months coordinating and delivering teaching sessions both on site and online during lockdown, when not all children were able to attend in-person. Children were kept busy with take-home craft packs and science experiments during these times, which allowed children to explore imaginative creations and hypothesise scientific reactions. Fine motor skills and problem solving skills have also been expanded as children crafted 3D paper creations.



Care crows became a popular creative activity for everyone at the pre-school. Big and small care crows were created by children, their families and the teaching team. Children also noticed how the



community also became involved in this initiative, spotting care crows on their way to the shops or the beach.

Balnarring Pre-School was able to return to accomodate all children attending on-site at the end of October. The teaching team welcomed everyone back with open arms and the chickens were happy to have lots of laughter and fun return to their yard.

The pre-school had a very special guest this term, Sean from living culture, to talk all things bush food on Boon Wurrung Country. The children collected bower spinach from their beach kinder day and turned them into chips the following day at the centre!



Beach/bush kinder has continued to be an exciting time for the children, especially as they have been able to quietly watch the Red Capped Plovers nesting on the sand. Sea stars, cone shells and sea weeds have been explored by the rock pools, and the children have been taking cover in the tea trees if protection from the weather has been needed.



As the final term for the year draws in, the teaching team are liaising with primary schools for transitioning the children into their first year of Foundation in 2022. A wonderful year has been had by all the staff, children and families at Balnarring Pre-School. A year that many do not want to end, but will cherish all of the wonderful memories that have been made together.

Somers Ladies Probus Club

What a pleasure it was to get together again! Somers Ladies Probus recently gathered for an enjoyable luncheon, sitting in the sunshine in the beautiful gardens with white table cloths, a glass of wine and relaxed atmosphere at Remuce in Bittern.

Probus is about Friendship, Fellowship and Fun in retirement - with the emphasis on FUN! We meet on the first Friday of each month at 10 am at the Stone Pavilion in Somers.

The Club hosts a variety of activities including Mah Jong, Canasta, Music, Singing, Walking, Knit and Natter, Fireside Films, a regular Happy Hour, a Lunch Group and a range of outings.

Somers Ladies Probus invites retired and semi-retired ladies to contact Elizabeth (5983 5898) or June (5983 5321) for more information.



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Friends of Daangean Report

The year draws to a close, as years tend to do, that we know. The FOD team have been shackled for much of this year, much like 2020. In October, when free to launch again into the recalcitrant pitto, the day was called off due to reduced numbers, i.e. Julie's knee and my toe. A reduction of two stalwarts made for a minuscule workforce and, so the balance didn't have to work twice as hard to make up for the infirmed, the day was cancelled. I haven't been to Devilbend since July and although I'm now permitted to travel that far, I can't get a boot on my foot, and anyway, I'm not supposed to be doing unnecessary walking.

Spring-time usually produces familiar wildflowers such as Early Nancys, Milkmaids, various orchids, and wattles and a fair swag of bird activity. The July Love Creeper twining up the various plants will have flowered by now and is probably setting seed for next year.

Parks Victoria received a small grant and used it to employ a contractor to give the pittos a fright at our worksite. They weren't able to do as much as was hoped, but every bit helps. However, I feel we'll be in that block for the rest of our volunteering days, the infestation is so thick.

Waterwatch hasn't happened either. The chemicals we normally use have either run out or expired.



Devilbend Ck Catch Drain - Graham White

When a 10km travel distance became possible, Graham, who lives within range, was able to go to Bittern reservoir and Devilbend Ck and see it full and flowing and the catch drain also full. Lots of happy frogs too! Spring macro-invertebrate count didn't happen, so it could be an early summer one. The MI

count is done twice yearly; spring and autumn. It will be interesting to see if a later survey reveals much of a variation in critters.

I had a wonderful time participating in the MP Shire's September bioblitz. And although I was restricted to 5km travel or less, so Devilbend was out of the question, I was able to photograph nearly 300 species and upload to iNaturalist. I recommend everyone download the application and have a go next year. It's great fun. And there are people out there who can assist with plant and critter identification.

Marnie Fitzsimons

FOD Co-ordinator, marniefitz1@gmail

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December 5 th to 19 th	<i>Balnarring 10.45am Crib Point 9.00am Hastings 10.45am</i>
Christmas Eve	<i>Hastings 9.30pm</i>
Christmas Day	<i>Crib Point 9.00am Balnarring 9.45 am</i>
December 26 th	<i>Balnarring 10.45am Crib Point 9.00am Hastings 10.45am</i>
January 2 nd 2022	<i>Parish Service at Balnarring at 10.45am</i>
Jan 9 th to 23 rd	<i>Balnarring 10.45am Crib Point 9.00am Hastings 10.45am</i>
Jan 30 th	<i>Parish Service at Crib Point at 10.45am</i>

You are most welcome to join us via our Sunday Zoom Worship service conducted at 10.45 am. Use this Parish link <https://zoom.us/j/6688830489> to participate in the service.

Church Locations:

Balnarring - 10 Balnarring Beach Road, Balnarring.

Crib Point - 382 Stony Point Road, Crib Point.

Hastings - Cnr Marine Parade and Hodgins Road, Hastings.

If you wish to contact a Uniting Church or confirm our service arrangements, please phone a Parish Contact as listed below.

Parish Contacts

Parish Minister:	Rev. Nigel McBrien	0456 298 267
Parish Chairperson:	Margaret Baker	0400 096 669
Parish Secretary:	Colin Watt	0427 379 815

Parish Opportunity Shop - 149 Disney Street Crib Point

Our Op Shop has resumed normal trading as follows: -

Tuesday to Friday – 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. Saturday 9.30 am to 1.00 pm.


The Shop will be closed from 23rd December 2021 to 4th January 2022.


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The current committee wishes to thank all participants for this wonderful result.

Some committee members are stepping down, we would like to send them a big thank you for their support and dedication over the years.

We are hoping to continue running this event, which has been running since 2013 to do this we are seeking new members.

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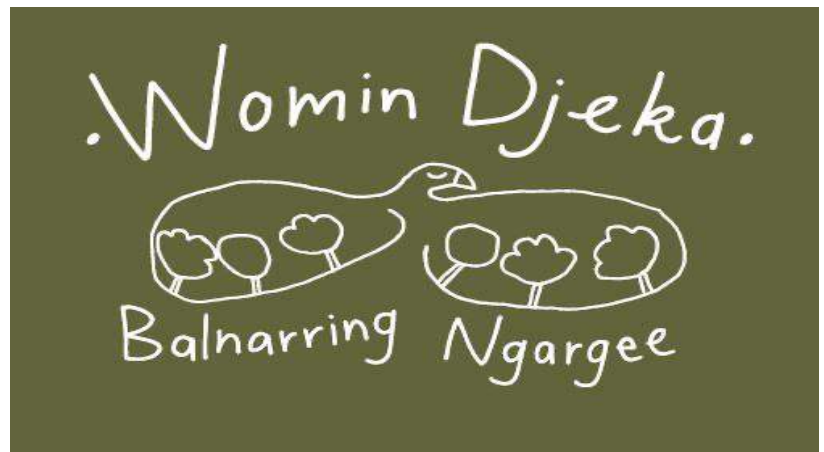
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Please note that due to the current COVID-19 crisis, the format of this festival will comply with and reflect any Victorian Government restrictions that will be held in place at the time of the event.

MARCH 19th 2022

**BALNARRING BEACH,
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**HONORING AND CELEBRATING
INDIGENOUS CULTURES**



We have some spectacular acts joining us this year for the 2022 Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee. We are delighted to invite the dynamic and uplifting Murrundaya Yepengna Dance Troupe (pictured above) to the Balnarring stage. Established this year, each dancer brings a lifetime of knowledge and experience in the songs and dances of many Kulin Countries. Murrundaya Yepengna is Djab Wurrung for 'Lively Dance!' The Murrundaya Yepengna mission is to sing and dance up Country and create connections between people, Culture, Country and community. Led by Amos Roach and Brent Watkins, (Culture Evolves), Murrundaya Yepengna Dancers have family links to GunditjMara, Yorta Yorta, Mutthi Mutthi, Djab Wurrung, Wurundjeri & Bunurong Countries, amongst others. Murrundaya Yepengna have a repertoire that encompasses traditional dance and contemporary interpretive dance.

So... are you coming?

Of course, you will!

Headlining our 2022 Festival is **Fred Leone**.

Fred is one of the Butchulla Songmen, a traditional song custodian, and a ground-breaking, award winning artist who works across genres and mediums to bring a distinctly original voice to his performances and recordings.

Fred Leone is a well-respected community leader, with strong Australian Aboriginal, Tongan and South-Sea Islander heritage. Fred and his family come from the Garawa and Butchulla Tribes.

Fred is the founder of QLD's only Indigenous owned and operated record label Impossible Odds Records. He has toured as a featured artist with the internationally acclaimed Black Arm Band in Canada, China, Malaysia, Brazil, the UK and Australia and presented solo theatre works in the UK.

Alongside his artistic output and responsibilities as a Butchulla Songman, Fred is one of Australia's leading arts workers and a tireless champion of Indigenous rights. He sits on the board of the Australian Live Music Business Council and is a current member of the Indigenous Advisory Group for the National Indigenous Music Awards.



Fred is Project Manager for Wunungu Awara (Monash Uni): Animating Indigenous Knowledges. This is a ground-breaking multi artform project supporting Indigenous communities in their language preservation using animation and music to illustrate songlines from around the country and reinvigorate interest in traditional language. Fred's latest original music project - Yirinda - is his vehicle to raise awareness of the language and stories of his people.

It is not too late to get involved in hosting these incredible artists; the volunteer link is now live on our website: <https://balnarringfestival.com.au/>.

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Save Westernport & WPPC Report on Grant to look for Marine Pests

In 2019, local groups, Save Westernport and Westernport Peninsula Protection Council Inc, successfully applied for a grant through the Commonwealth Stronger Communities Environmental Grant program, and local Member for Flinders, Greg Hunt MP, to monitor for invasive Marine pest species at key locations in Westernport Bay.

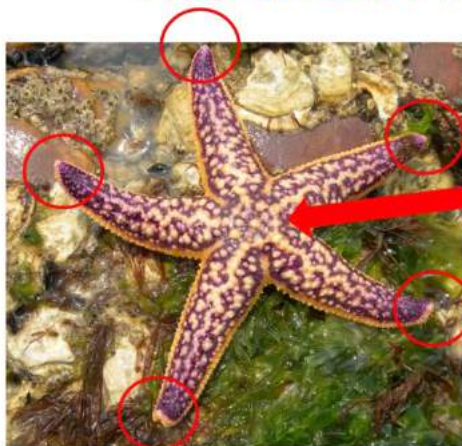
Marine pest species are listed among the highest of 17 priority threats to the values of the Westernport Ramsar Site, (DELWP Site Management Plan 2017), which makes it essential that Westernport remains free of the most destructive of invasive species: Northern Pacific Seastar (*Asterias amurensis*) and Japanese Kelp (*Undaria pinnatifida*).

Woodchip ships from Japan were the source of these species now infesting Tasmania and Port Phillip Bay. This has resulted in extreme destruction of the marine habitat, as they carpet the bottom, eating-out a wide range of species. Fish species have declined as a result.

These pests are able to travel in ballast water and can attach themselves for long periods to ships' hulls. Early detection and immediate removal are the only reliable methods of preventing infestation, which makes it surprising that no regular monitoring is currently carried out in the Port of Hastings by any commercial operators in the port.

ID Picture thanks to Pt Phillip Bay Ecocentre:

Northern Pacific Seastar ID



5 distinct arms (not 8, not 11)

Arms connect at central disk

Pointy, upturned tips

WPPC initiated a joint letter, signed by eight environmental groups, to Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Bluescope and The State Government, requesting the urgent marine pest monitoring at the BlueScope Hastings pier, upon the announcement of The Japanese consortium's plan to export hydrogen from Westernport Bay.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12knec8EN4-v8xrMycrgrUU7m1TIsZ0cM/view?usp=drivesdk>

Bluescope initially declined our request to carry out monitoring. It was essential for monitoring to take place before the Kawasaki, JPower and Irawanti's Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) pilot begins.

The funding we received enabled Fathom Pacific to survey beneath Stony Point jetty and Yaringa Harbour. This data has now been interpreted by Professor Adrian Flynn in a report by Fathom Pacific, below. WPPC and Save Westernport are extremely pleased to confirm that no target species were identified at either location in Westernport Bay. The report by Fathom Pacific is available here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TVN51O3cLj6c_0RyhUXFNsrU-odnJxe_/view?usp=drivesdk

Our citizen science project surveyed areas of Merricks, Pt Leo and Finders and found no Undaria or Northern Pacific seastar, which concurs with Agriculture Victoria's surveys under San Remo, and Hastings Marina and Parks Vic's at Cowes. The worst pest species found was Pacific oysters. AGL's surveys for the EES in North Arm and under Crib Pt pier reported none either and they are reportable species. Further information is available on Westernport Peninsula Protection Council's website. <https://www.wppcinc.org/>

In July 2021 this year we were delighted to receive a letter from Kawasaki Heavy Industries, agreeing to carry out monitoring at the BlueScope Hastings jetty <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fSnLi0cV1zbFyAhsaVX0aINfluPhEEFz/view?usp=drivesdk>

Kawasaki representatives also recently reported that hydrogen shipping from BlueScope Hastings is now expected to be further postponed until April 2022.

As more people travel on their recreational boating trips from Port Phillip to Westernport Bays, we hope to inform fishers and boaters about the importance of avoiding transferring pest species between the bays, by washing all watercraft and equipment with fresh water, and drying completely between trips. Please see the diagram or watch this video by VRFish on how to avoid spreading pest species.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=apb1gNel1ww>

You can help protect Westernport Bay and show your support for the work of Save Westernport and of WPPC by becoming a Member on our websites:

Save Westernport Inc Website: <https://savewesternport.org/the-bay/>

Westernport Peninsula Protection Council (WPPC),

Website: <https://www.wppcinc.org>

Some photos from the footage supplied by Fathom Pacific



Figure 4 Diver at Stony Pt



Figure 5 Sponges at Stony Pt

A 2019 Article on the threat of Marine Pests in the Bayside News

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PkOjDtObO6mZHw3w_qNVVns6N5vog3yf/view?usp=drive_sdk

Westernport and Peninsula Protection Council Inc AGM

Balnarring Small Hall

Sunday 9th January 2022 10.30am followed by Lunch and cake.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Balnarring Beach Community Association Inc. will be held at the Westernport Yacht Club, Foreshore Road, Balnarring Beach, on Saturday 8th January, 2022.

Registration from 10:00 am Meeting Commences 10:30am

(Should there be any restrictions back in force, our AGM will be held instead via Zoom)

BALNARRING BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM AGENDA:

- Attendance and apologies
- Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting held on the 11th January, 2021
- Reports – Treasurer's report
Chairman's report
- General Business
- Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2022

If you wish to present a motion to be considered by the Meeting, submit the proposed motion to the secretary in writing either by email at bal.beachca@gmail.com or to P.O. Box 463, Balnarring 3926 to be received two weeks prior to the AGM.

A message from the BBCA Committee.

Your committee deals with requests and concerns. It raises issues such as improved local facilities, safety and ways to protect our environment with both our local council and other authorities. It also engenders community spirit.

To be effective **we need your membership** and we also require new committee members for our monthly meetings. We have a mix of Balnarring Beach residents and holiday house owners on our committee and meeting times are made to accommodate all members.

if you are considering offering your experience, time and local knowledge to our very friendly, social meetings, please fill out and return the form that follows.

BALNARRING BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC. (BBCA)



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Red Hill Op Shop



‘Happy days are here again ...’

Over the coming weeks in the lead up to the holiday season, the **Red Hill Op Shop** will be brimming with quality, well displayed clothing for women, men, boys and girls. Preloved toys at this time of year are always popular and an exciting array of *bric a brac*, books and sporting gear are weighing down our shelves! The range is always extensive and you never know what you are going to find...

It’s also the perfect location to find a Kris Kringle gift when you are on a strict budget - or not so strict!

We experienced just on 14 weeks of closure so when the opportunity to open arose, we seized the day. However, storms ruined our first attempt! We regrouped, set a new date and the Red Hill Op Shop Volunteers enthusiastically threw open the doors with enormous gusto on 6th November, 2021.

Over 100 customers made their way through the storm-damaged area to come and support us on the day! Not sure who was happier, the customers or our volunteers!! Truly wonderful to see so many heading in the door. All in all, it was a fabulous day and every person adhered to the COVID rules and regulations to ensure that everyone remains safe and well. We are very grateful for the support we have received.

Our opening day was a wonderful reunion for our volunteers and for our customers, and immediately our fund raising for the Peninsula Home Hospice and other local not for profits was back as our focus.

We look forward to seeing our regular customers over the holiday break, and we welcome holiday makers coming in to see us too! Please spread the word...

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Balnarring Fire Brigade News

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Remember, leaving early is always the safest option.

- When the Fire Danger Rating is Severe, Extreme or Code Red, leaving the night before or early in the morning is the safest option for your survival.
- Bushfires can occur suddenly and without warning.
- Sheltering in an unprepared house without active defence is extremely dangerous. The safest option is always to leave the day before or early in the morning.
- Disruptions to services such as power and water are common during bushfires. Expect interruptions to your NBN, electricity, telephones, mobile phones or mains water.
- CFA cannot guarantee a fire truck will come to your home to protect you during a bushfire.
- Older people, children and people with a disability should not remain in a bushfire-prone area during dangerous fire weather or a bushfire.
- Never wait to receive a warning, you may not get an official warning about a bushfire before it's too late.

You must plan your own survival.



Everyone in Victoria who lives near dense forest, bush, grassland or the coast needs to prepare their property for bushfire.

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For more information visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff



Local laws apply all year-round. Please check with the council before lighting up.

Turn-outs

Without doubt the biggest event we responded to was 'Windy Friday'. With the overnight rain and wind preceding the big gusts that came through at around 8 o'clock on that morning that caused mayhem to our roads, power, phone and internet services. CFA crews were called out to help Council and SES units to clear roads from the numerous trees that had fallen. The damage was unprecedented with some longstanding residents claiming it was the worst in living memory.

CFA crews were again called upon a few days later with another windy day predicted but fortunately not eventuating. However, the assembled teams were utilised to continue the clean up from the previous storm.

As many will be aware, there are still numerous trees and large branches lying alongside roadways and hanging perilously above. So please take great care when driving on our roads and be aware of these potential hazards and obstacles.

Otherwise, and fortunately, not too many others to report on. We have attended a couple of alarms, assisted with a 'wash-away' of oil on the road in Balnarring, attended at sparking electricity wires in Balnarring Beach and turned out to a burn-off that was left unattended in Balnarring. We also assisted our neighbouring brigades with a few small jobs outside our patch. Please check out the Balnarring CFA FaceBook Page for some pics.

<https://www.facebook.com/balnarringcfa>

Community Meetings

Merricks North 'Pre-Summer Fire Season' Discussion

Sunday 28th of November at 10.30AM

Tanglewood Estate

60 Bulldog Creek Rd, Dromana.

RSVP: balnarringCFA@bigpond.com

morning tea provided

Not yet confirmed but we're hoping to have a similar Balnarring Beach & Merricks Beach 'Fire Season' Discussion held prior to Christmas.

We're also hopeful of having a Balnarring Beach Campground Discussion/Event early January 2022. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details.

SANTA RUN

Yes!! Hooray!! It's on again this year (Covid19 Restrictions dependant - but it certainly does appear very promising) as Santa and all his helpers are double vaxxed and ready to partay!! No kisses from the ladies this year though, as Santa still has to be responsible and socially distanced to avoid the potential of home quarantining. Now we wouldn't want that to happen to poor old Santa!!



Keep a lookout for him on his big red fire truck cruising the streets just before he has to embark on his annual around the world trip.

A Safe and Merry Christmas to all from everyone at Balnarring CFA.

Byron Sedgwick

Lieutenant – Balnarring CFA
Community Engagement Officer

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12 November 2021
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Five local councils renew support for UNESCO Western Port Biosphere Reserve

The five local councils within the UNESCO-declared Western Port Biosphere Reserve have renewed their commitment to protecting its unique environment, by supporting the Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation with core funding for a further four years.

Shires and cities signed to the agreement include Bass Coast, Cardinia, Casey, Frankston and Mornington Peninsula.

Biosphere Foundation CEO, Mel Barker, said the organisation had delivered important projects over its 18-year history and long-term partnerships with local government had been fundamental to its success.

“We have invested considerable time with our local councils to ensure our strategies and opportunities align with the aspirations of the communities they represent,” she said.

“There is no doubt in any of our minds that communities are wanting positive action on addressing the major challenges associated with climate change and biodiversity loss. This includes reducing our greenhouse gas emissions within the next decade, restoring habitat and planning to live more sustainably.

“The purpose of our Foundation is to deliver programs that ensure a better and sustainable future by helping people enjoy life in harmony with the environment,” Ms Barker said.

She added that partnerships with the local councils had not only been renewed but improved to allow exploration for broader collaboration with the Biosphere Foundation in the years ahead.

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) follows the recent appointment of Mornington Peninsula Shire Councillor, Kerri McCafferty, to the Biosphere Foundation board and as Chair of its Council Liaison Committee on which the five councils have representatives.

“The Bass Coast, Cardinia, Casey, Frankston and Mornington Peninsula shires and cities are some of the most innovative in Victoria and invest in exciting environmental and community development programs in their own right.”

“However, the on-going partnership with the Biosphere Foundation enables us to extend the reach of our sustainable development and environmental restoration and protection work beyond our individual council boundaries”.

“Collectively, we can work on projects in Western Port and its marine parks, on our terrestrial parklands and within our communities to ensure that the Biosphere Reserve continues to thrive and contribute to the healthy and enviable lifestyles we enjoy across our region,” Ms McCafferty said.

For more information:

Mel Barker CEO
Mornington Peninsula and
Western Port Biosphere Foundation

P: 0466 235 611
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The Western Port Biosphere Reserve is one of 727 places in 131 countries recognised by the United Nations for the uniqueness and importance of its biodiversity. Biosphere reserves promote solutions to enable people to enjoy and live in harmony with the environment. They advocate for the protection of our most important environmental assets and for sustainable development through research, education, which informs discussion and solutions aligned with society’s ability to cope with change. The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) now form a centrepiece of the advocacy and programs undertaken for the Western Port Biosphere Reserve. These programs include partnering with industry and government on projects to achieve better environmental outcomes while maintaining or improving their performance.

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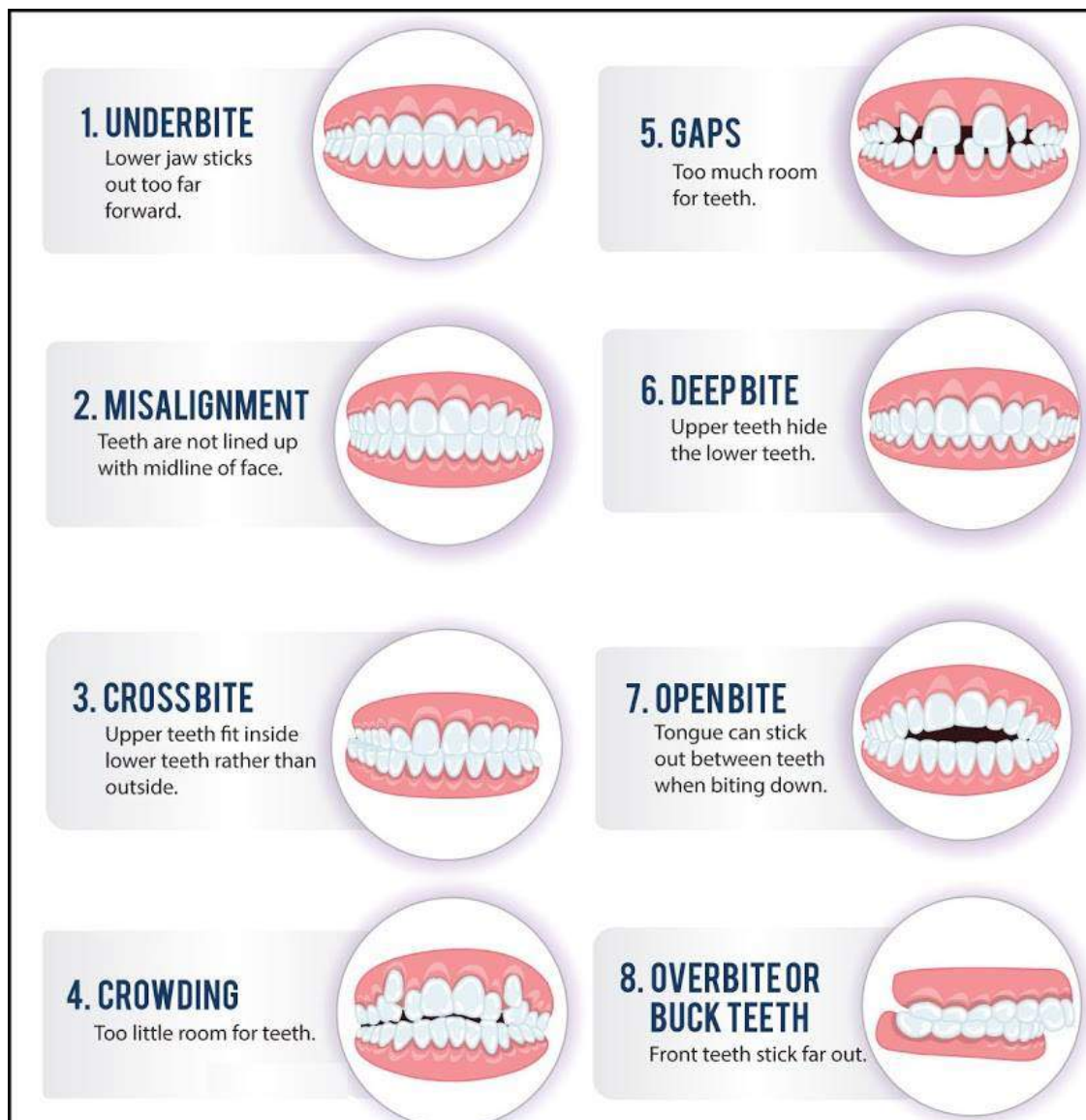
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What to Look for in a Child's Bite

Many patients ask us what to look out for in their kids' teeth. Crooked or crowded teeth are some of the more obvious presenting dental conditions but there are many other problems with children's bites that must be considered. When left unaddressed they can lead to developmental and functional issues for your child/grandchild such as:

- troubles with eating & chewing, possible malnutrition
- difficulty speaking or pronouncing certain sounds
- development of teeth grinding, teeth clenching and jaw issues
- impact on a child's self-esteem & confidence

Below is a summary of some common dental orthodontic problems:



When assessed early some of these dental conditions can be prevented from becoming greater issues, especially if a habit such as thumb sucking is a contributing cause. Currently we are offering complimentary orthodontic consultations right here in Balnarring & we are accepting new patients. You are welcome to walk in or give us a call on **59835348** to organize an appointment at the Balnarring Dental Centre, located at **19 Balnarring Rd** (opposite Ritchie's carpark, near the Op Shop).

NEWSLETTER – December 2021



Welcome back! It has been great to open up again and see everyone come back to the Community House. Unfortunately term 3 came and went with us only getting in 2 weeks of classes. Although Term 4 is nearly over, we've managed to welcome back our craft groups and exercise classes.

Things have been happening while we've been closed. Thanks to the Federal Government's Strengthening Communities grant and the Mornington Peninsula Shire, we now have reverse cycle air conditioners in both classrooms and the foyer, so now you can keep cool in summer while participating in a class.

We received a couple of donations of craft items which we have been giving away so people can do their crafts during lockdown. It's been great to see how our community supported one another during Covid, so we rewarded some Random Acts of Kindness with a voucher for a cuppa and cake at Café 202.

Of course, by the time you get this newsletter, we will have had our August Art Attack art show, which got postponed to November. Check out the results and photos on the website, augustartattack.com

We have been nominated for a Tidy Town award for our Senior's High Tea Goodie Bags, along with some other really worthy nominees in Crib Point and around the Peninsula. The results were announced on Wednesday 10th November, so check out our website, cpch.org.au for the results.

We are now looking forward to 2022 with great enthusiasm. We will be celebrating our 40th Birthday in June and now have a Commemorative Calendar for sale which includes lots of photos from the past 40 years. You can buy one for \$15 at the Crib Point Cellars and of course at the Community House.



Our Quilt Expo will be on Saturday 26th March 2022, so get those quilts made to enter. 40th Birthday celebrations in June and of course our Market on 2nd Saturday of the month. New classes we're hoping to put on next year will include, a Book club, Dance classes for adults and kids, Women's chat group, the return of our Café Chat and there are already Safe Seats Safe Kids car restraint checks booked in for February, May, August and November. It's so important and there are so many reasons to get your child restraints check, especially if your children or grandchildren have grown and if you're going away.

FASHIONS IN THE PLAYGROUND

We had a great time being able to socialise again by having a picnic in the playground on Oaks day. The ladies all got dressed up and had lots of fun and laughs. Thanks Phil for the photos.



SENIOR'S HIGH TEA

Unfortunately we couldn't have our annual High Tea live again this year. This year, funded by the Community House, we gave out goodie bags again, which included mini Yoyo biscuits made by Josephine's Sweet Treats, Date Almond Chocolate Torte donated by Ed's Hastings, Lindt chocolates balls as well as tea & coffee and lots of information about local group and businesses. All in our new promotion reusable shopping bags which are available to purchase for \$3 each.

MARKET

Our market will be back on December 11th, 9to 1pm. Of course, in keeping with Government regulations, all of our staff, volunteers and stallholders will be double vaxxed, and every visitor must also be double vaxxed to enter the Community House and Hall and masks must be worn indoors. Sorry, but that's the only way we can resume the market at the moment and we are all about keeping EVERYONE safe.



Our stallholders can't wait to return and we're very excited about welcoming you all back too. There will be the usual stalls and possibly a few new ones too. We will have our promotional shopping bags and Frisbees/Fans for sale. They're ideal for stocking stuffers and only \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

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BALNARRING MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Our Club was founded in 1985 to provide opportunities for retired and semi-retired local men to engage in a variety of activities in a congenial environment which encourages fellowship and fun. We currently have 80 members with ages ranging from 65 to 98.

We meet at the Balnarring Hall on the last Friday morning of each month (excluding December) commencing at 9:30 am, for about two hours.

Our regular features include photographic exhibitions, musical interludes, morning tea and guest speakers who are invariably a source of information and entertainment. The Club also hosts a variety of activities including book groups, bridge, wine appreciation, investment, photography, choir, gardening, outings and dine-outs.

Our Writing Challenge this year attracted 15 entries and members were invited to read them and vote for their favourite ones. Congratulations to all who entered and the winners will be announced on the 26th November. The Community Bank Balnarring & District have again provided "love local" gift vouchers as prizes and we extend our thanks for their support.

Our first meeting for 2022 will be held on **Friday, 28th January** commencing at 9.30am in the Balnarring Hall. After the meeting we will hold our annual picnic at Coolart (with partners invited) commencing at 12 noon.

New members are always welcomed. For further information please contact President Daryl Cowen on 0439 100 546 or check out our website by typing "Balnarring Men's Probus" into your web browser.



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.

We have Stimulating Speakers, Book Group, Scrabble, Café Group, Craft Group, Films, Walking Group, Convivial Luncheons, Outings and Shopping Trips, as well as a regular monthly Newsletter to keep you up to date with events.

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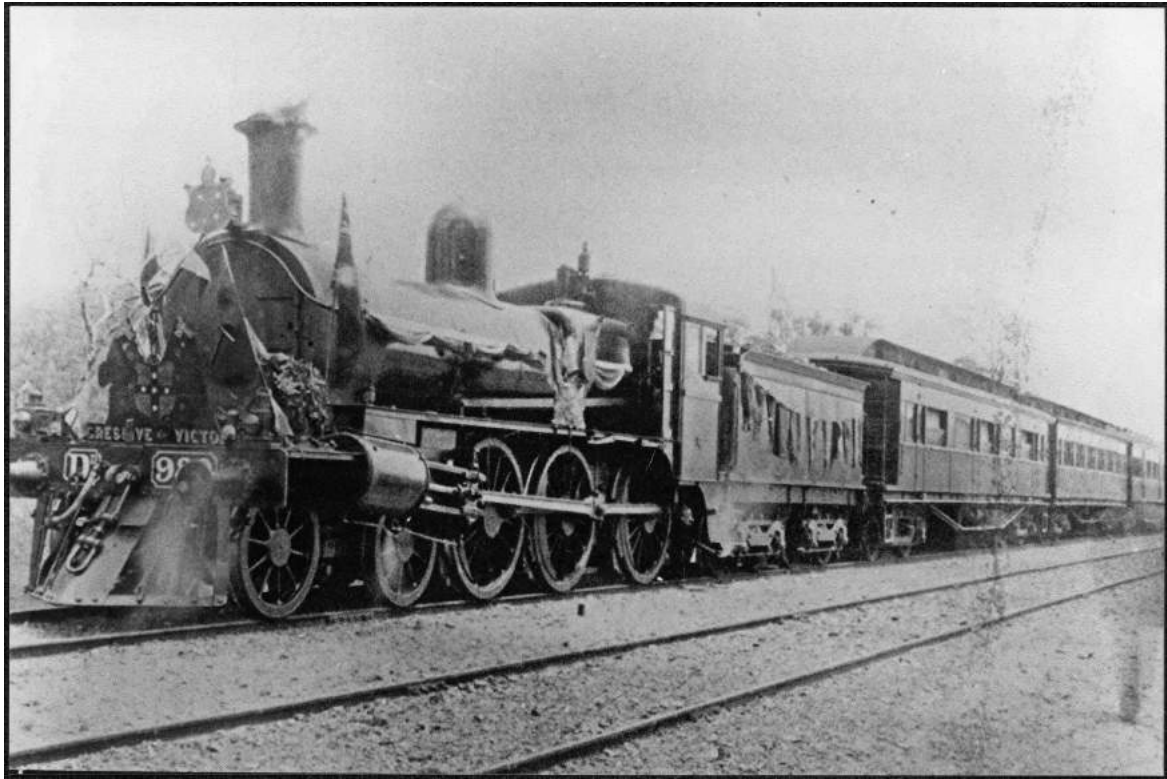
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RED HILL RAILWAY CENTENARY



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Actual work on the line had started on 9th July the previous year, 1920, when the Minister for Railways, Mr Samuel Barnes had turned the first sod opposite the Balnarring General Store. Gangs of workmen using wheelbarrows and spades had been busy ever since, building the line to link with that at Bittern and continuing it through to Merricks and on to Red Hill. Six horse teams had been engaged for the rougher, more difficult section of track to Red Hill. Earthworks over the fairly level terrain between Bittern and Merricks was completed in six months but for the final 2 ½ miles (4 kilometres) the land rose steeply. Merricks is at 80 feet (24 metres) above sea level, Red Hill at 629 feet (76 metres). The line gradient was 1 in 30 and five curves were needed in the last mile.

By the end of November, work was complete, and the official opening was scheduled for 2nd December 1921. The first train to make the run was headed by locomotive D^D980, the Commissioners' engine, driven by Mr Carter. It pulled two carriages. The first carriage brought the dignitaries, the other was full of

passengers who hung from the windows, calling and waving, as the train pulled into the station. At Red Hill a crowd of between 700 and 1,000 people gathered to meet the train. They had travelled from all over the district, coming by horse and buggy, automobile, on horse back or foot to witness the event.

Mr Barnes, the Minister for Railways, was present to deliver a short speech and cut the ribbon to officially open the line. The principal party then moved indoors for the luncheon and to listen to the formal speeches - twenty-five in all. Those outside picnicked, listened to the band from the naval depot and socialised. The train made a special run to Merricks and back to give the children in the crowd the experience of a train ride.

Celebrations in the district extended well into the night, long after the train had left for its return trip to Melbourne. At Red Hill, a dance was held in the new cool store building while a social took place in the Balnarring Hall.

December 2nd, 2021 marks the centenary of the opening of that line, which although in operation for just over thirty years, helped open up the district.

- Ilma Hackett
Balnarring & District Historical Society

B.D.H.S. can again welcome visitors!

The History Room at Balnarring Hall is now open to anyone who wishes to see our collection or to share information. To make arrangements for a visit please contact the society by phone: 5983 5326 or by email:-

balhist4@gmail.com

Visitors must be double-vaccinated and wear a mask while on the premise

Victorian Rail Publishing Inc. celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Red Hill Railway Line over two issues of its magazine **NEWSRAIL**.

The history of the line is told in word and picture in the November and December editions.

To learn more check the group's website

<http://vicrailpublishing.com.au/blog/2021/10/27/in-our-november-edition-2/>

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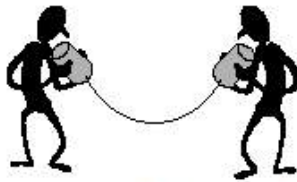
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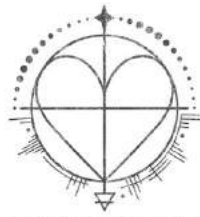
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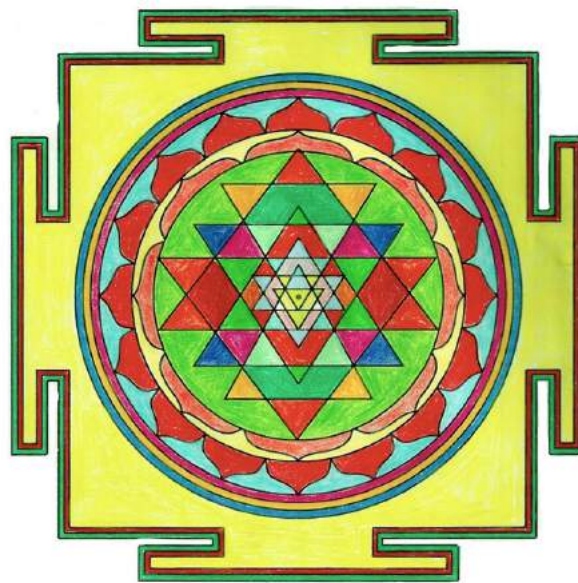


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Pat The Mac tips : Scams and other tricks

This month, November 2021, the federal government is running a one week campaign to heighten our awareness around scams. Since I'm very often called by customers to fix problems linked to scam, I want to participate in this campaign.

There are many types of scams but I'll try to categorise them below:

- COVID-19 scams
- Phishing for your personal information
- Commerce scams
- Love and relationships
- Charities
- Investments
- Job and employment
- Threats and extortions
- Unexpected money
- Unexpected winnings

In any of these categories, the victim is actively participating in being lured by the scammer. All of us are vulnerable to scams depending on our mood and situation. As an example, yesterday I received an email informing me that Australia Post could not deliver the parcel I have been waiting for because the address was misspelt...

Since I have been waiting for more than a week, I could have answered the email and filled in my details... EXCEPT that the email address behind the Australia post name was newsletter@playgolfmyrtlebeach.com... And that is not an Australia Post address.

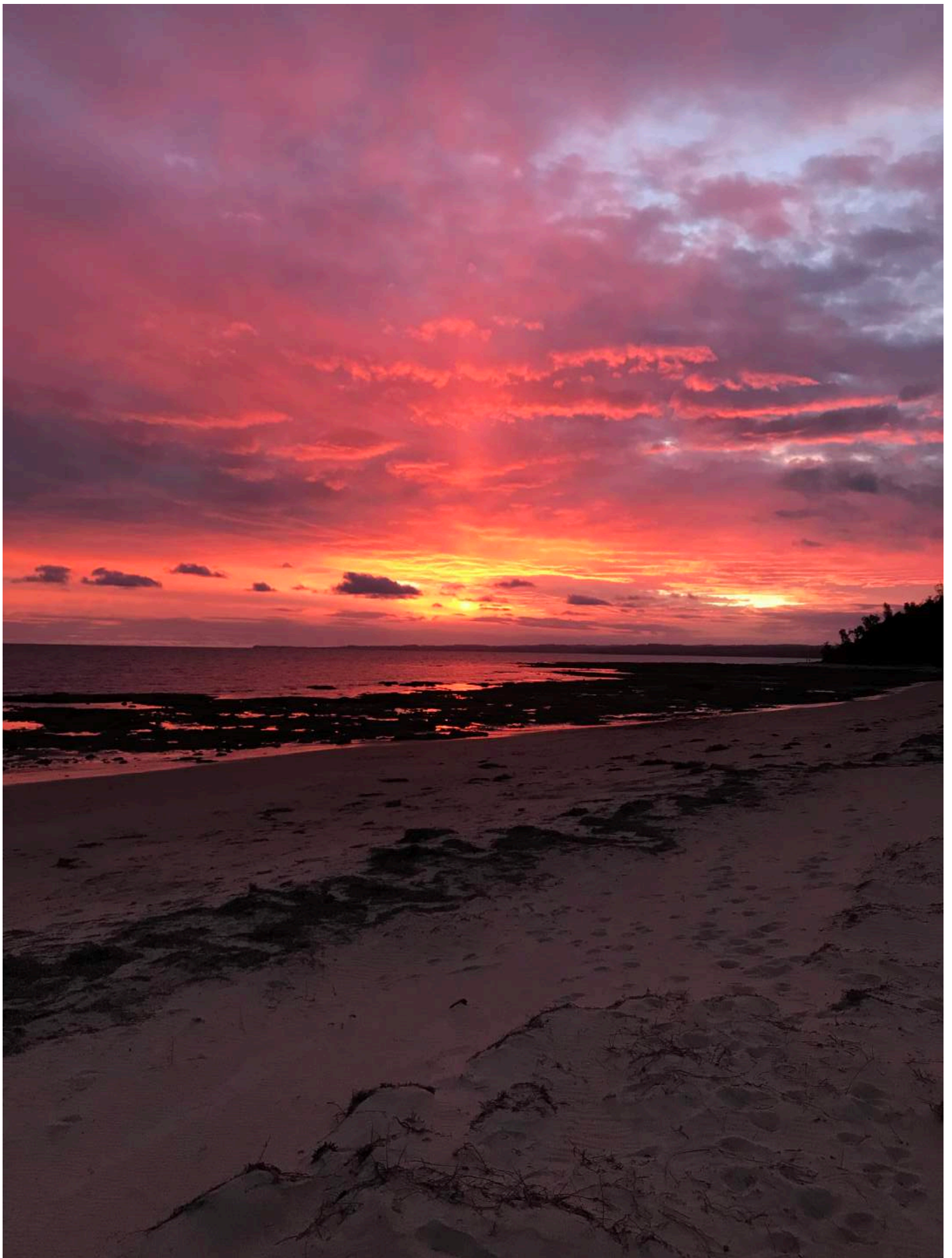
Let me give you one bit of advice... Any email you receive from an institution should be treated as suspicious. Do not answer it, do not click on any link. If you want to check something from that institution, just go to the official website and login...

Another bit of advice, never unsubscribe to any email request from an unknown source... This will alert the sender that you exist and your spam mail will increase. Also, you should be aware that no one on the Internet knows if your computer is properly connected to the Internet. If you receive a phone call from someone pretending to be from Telstra, Microsoft, NBN, etc... asking you questions about your computer, aka the Internet, hang up immediately.

Another trick used is to ask you to pay for some goods via game cards, iTunes cards or any anonymous way of payment. All these are ways to extract your money. If someone calls to say that you are in breach of the law for whatever reason, he (or she) is trying to unsettle you prior making demands. Hang up immediately.

Everyone of us is vulnerable, mostly when the requests sound feasible. If an "offer" sounds too good to be true, it probably is! Be aware, stay safe. Maybe we should all wear a mask when connected to the Internet.

If you need help on this topic, use the details below to contact me
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Beautiful shot of a recent majestic sunset. Somers beach.

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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, from February to November.

I would like to wish all a very happy holiday break and we won't have any working bees till February again. Many thanks to all who have helped over the last year even if we did not get a lot of chances for our environmental effort.

Cheers, *Rupert Steiner* for the Balnarring beach Foreshore working bee.

PS: All the best also to you and your family for the Christmas break. Hopefully we'll be back to normal for good from now on.

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BALNARRING'S KOALA TREES...

Huge mature trees that were protected for so long are suddenly all disappearing in Balnarring. No longer protected because of a new bushfire rule. The irony being that trees cool the planet. So how do we contest the rule change for Balnarring? Somers apparently has a different set of rules which continues to protect the wonderful coastal environment...

In Balnarring used to have koalas and many bird species in our backyard all the time it was magical. No longer. New neighbours or investors keep taking down the trees (and putting up fences). The community protected the wildlife habitat for decades. Today one purchaser can come in and destroy it all in an afternoon. It's happening, and it's heartbreaking. For the community, for the koalas, echidnas, birds, blue tongues... for our coastal aesthetic that locals and visitors love. Hollows for wildlife can take 100 years to develop. A stock tube replacement tree doesn't replace it. These trees can't be replaced. Death by 1000 cuts in a matter of no time. What can be done? Who can we talk to?

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January 10th (February/March issue)

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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 issue and will not be charged.

All entries that create income, including employment and housing, count as adverts.

Personal words from individuals are also free to enter. Businesses holding events, workshops, etc. in the coming months are encouraged to contribute.

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