

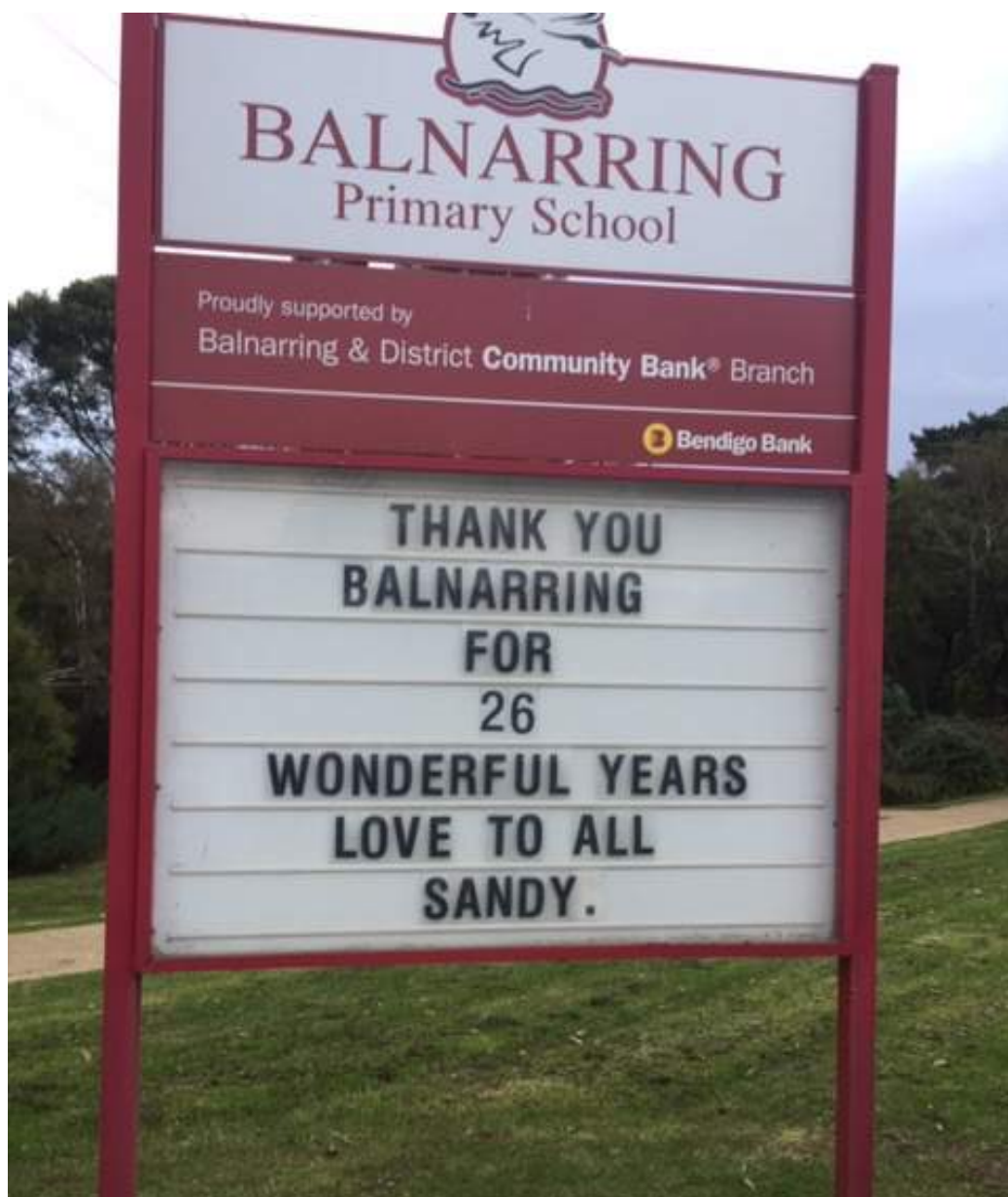


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See Sandy's article on pages 6 - 7.

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Hello Everyone!

At the time of writing, we're currently in lockdown, on the edge of our seats, wondering if we will be released from our 5km radius...

While many businesses and families are suffering, we do acknowledge how privileged and fortunate we are to be living here in such a beautiful environment, and how lovely it is to see friendly community faces on our daily walks.

For now we've pressed "pause" on our What's On page, and trust that everyone is now well aware that all advertised events are of course subject to the Government rules of the day.

We hope this edition of The Bridge brings a little happiness into your world.

Let's all be mindful to support local business and to reach out to anyone who might be alone or having difficulty at this time. And if that's you, don't hesitate to reach out. There's a loving community right here.

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

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Our wonderful community! You!

August

4th Angie Roach
9th Georgia Murphy
11th Tash Miller
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16th Rupert Steiner
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20th Bernie Dobson
24th Kurtis Murphy
Zoe Robinson
27th Simone Fennell
30th Ava Cooke
30th Eva Haylock
30th Connie Smith
31st Jai Seales



September

1st Amber Haslem
3rd Stuart Pryde
4th Monica Colic
8th Paul Saunders
9th Marty Williams
13th Peter Allsop;
Richard Hepworth
20th Bree Lovell; Pedro Fortuyn
21st Kate Wilson;
Anna Rose McLean
22nd Lincoln Dee-Bradbury;
Minnie Trigger
24th Sarah Park
26th Tricia Williams
28th Sarah D'Astoli
29th Shane Miller; Reade Smith;
Melanie McLean
30th Pip Ransome

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

August and September 2021 ***Inspirational Angel Cards for the Community***

Adventure Energy

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?
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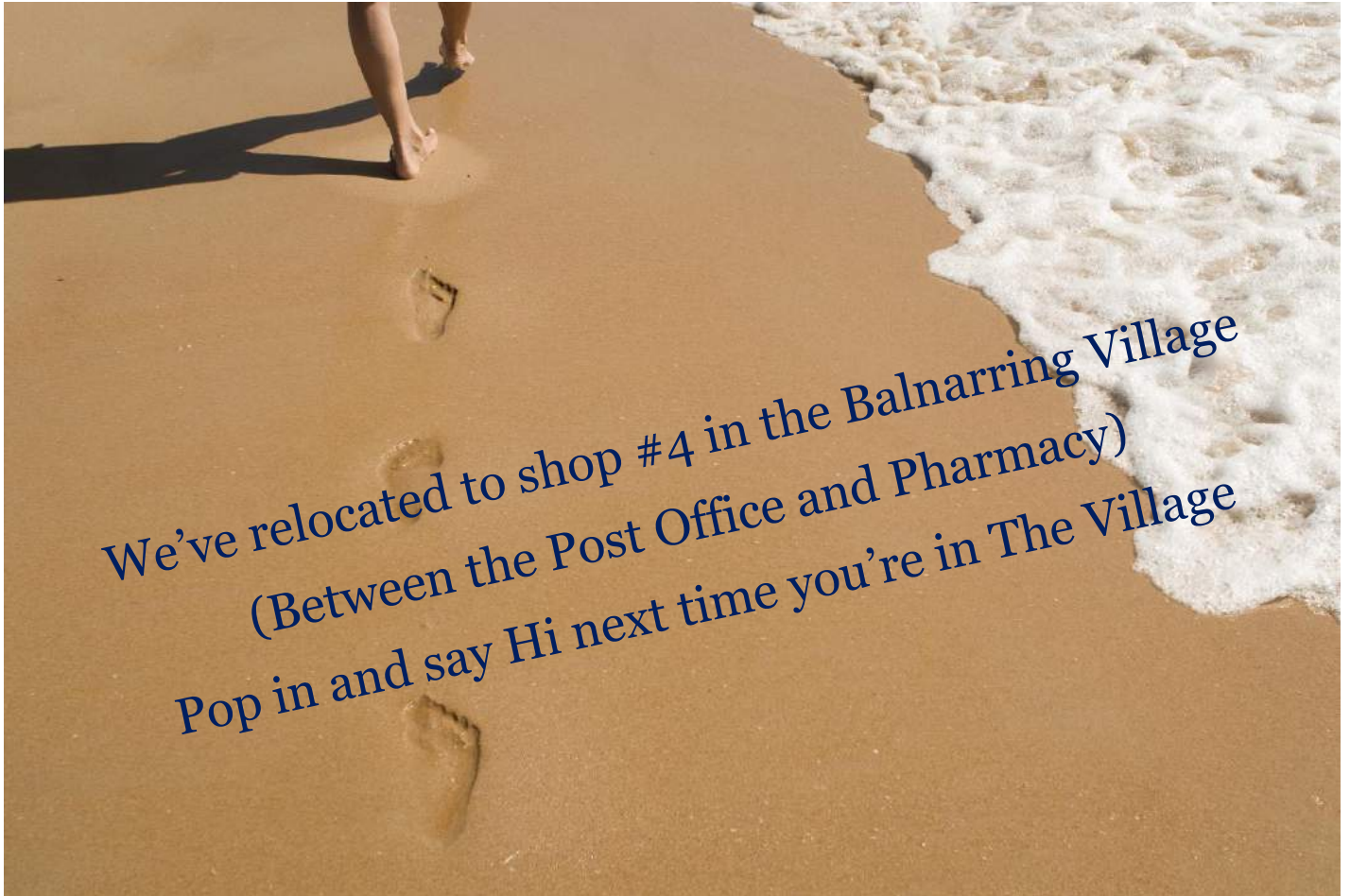
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From Sandy O'Meara:

All good things must come to an end...

For me my good time at Balnarring Primary School has now come to an end with my retirement.

In 1989, as a young teacher, I recall standing in the staff room of a neighbouring school being told that I had a position in the 'brand new one down the road'.

Back then we applied for teaching positions hoping that we held the most senior 'number'. I was lucky to be next in line - *very lucky!*

Following my appointment, a number of meetings were held with the new Principal, the other lucky staff members and parent representatives to prepare for the 1990 school year. Everything from school colours, uniform pieces, furniture, preferred reading materials, 'modern' maths equipment and sports gear was discussed; it was great fun to be involved from the very beginning.

As it happened there was a delay and the building was not habitable until May 1990; the school however did open on time with the Year 1 to 5 students sharing the site at Red Hill Consolidated and the 'Preps' housed at the (now demolished) Balnarring Cricket clubrooms. As one of the two 'prep' teachers, I welcomed the children each morning into those club rooms. What a term that was! There was certainly plenty of running space for our 32 amazing beginning students.

Thirty-one years later I still admire Balnarring Primary's amazing students. During my time I have had the pleasure of both teaching and leading many, many children as they moved through the school. I have shared their delight as they began to make sense of the black marks in a text, as they cleverly put their own thoughts into their personal writing, as they developed an understanding of the number system, found their passion for the arts, sport, environmental science or languages and most importantly, as they developed their independent personalities and an awareness and empathy for others.

I would like to thank the many, many parents, carers and community friends who have contributed so positively to this special school community. Thank you to the many members of the wider community who have voluntarily supported the school environment, the appreciative staff and the eager students. Together we have hosted many successful events that have shown the inclusive, welcoming spirit of our local school.

In recent years I have had the thrill of welcoming past students back as 'new parents' excitedly enrolling their own children *'back into Balnarring'*.



As I finish, I would also like to thank all past and current staff members. I thank you for sharing your knowledge of best teaching practice, expert business and office management and strong, positive leadership but mostly I want to thank you for your generous, caring friendships. I have loved being privy to your professional and personal journeys as we worked together to ensure that every Balnarring student was given the opportunity to become the best young person they could be.

I am very proud of where I leave Balnarring and equally as excited for what lies ahead for our local primary school; with such a passionate and caring staff, both the well-being and education of our children are in very good hands.

Of course, I am now looking forward to that 'next chapter' but Balnarring Primary will always hold a special place in my heart. I look forward to continuing many friendships - *over a more relaxed chai or two* 😊

With love and thanks to you all,
Sandy.



Westernport and Peninsula Protection Council Inc (WPPC).

WPPC's 50th – we need your help!

In 1971, a group of concerned locals formed a committee to plan opposition to a proposed Ampol-Sleigh refinery in Bittern. Other concerns continued, including super tankers, an ammonia plant, a bitumen plant and of course the recent no-AGL protest.

This year is the 50th anniversary of Westernport and Peninsula Protection Council Inc (WPPC).

With a focus on community education, WPPC works with other groups to preserve and protect Westernport.

WPPC has been shortlisted in an application to Parks Victoria, to video and celebrate the passion of past and current members, accompanied by a history of WPPC's work and information on Westernport's environment. We hope to encourage others to take up environmental challenges.

If you would like to vote for us, please go to [Volunteering Innovation Fund | Engage Victoria](#) and look for our project - "*Celebrating our Past, Securing our Future*". We also have manual voting forms - please call Sandy on 0419 333 959 to obtain one.

Sharing the Passion!



COMMUNITY HUB GROUP meetings at the Pop-In Hub!

It was wonderful to have 34 people attend the Community House / Hub meeting for stakeholders, volunteers and any interested people recently on the 5th of July.

The diverse group of people was made up of experienced community group and campaign leaders as well as volunteers and new people to the area, all interested in creating a vibrant community house for Balnarring and surrounding areas.

The group discussed two key topics: the big picture vision, and how to transition from the temporary Pop-In Hub to a permanent Community House.

Red Hill Ward Councillor David Gill attended the meeting and provided an overview of where things are from Council's point of view. He encouraged a dedicated Community Hub / House Group to form.

The group's discussion highlighted the importance of identifying a location for the new Community House / Hub site, creating a strategic plan (setting a vision, core intentions, goals and timelines etc), how to be financially stable, how to meet community needs, as well as fairness, accessibility and programming for everyone.

Other values mentioned were a grassroots organization responding to community needs, the involvement of the whole community, compassion for the vulnerable, community consultation, an open-door approach, education and resource sharing.

At the time of print, the group postponed the next meeting to August due to lockdown. For information on the next meeting time, check Balnarring Pop In Hub facebook page or the events calendar at www.bridgemag.com.au All are welcome to come along!



News from your elected advocate for Red Hill Ward, Cr. David Gill

Council Budget News:

Community Covid recovery grants \$2m as part of a \$10m economic package to help with our economic recovery. Community round tables will be run to identify community priorities for the community recovery grants.

- In exciting news there is to be a major Covid recovery **Arts 'n' Culture Event in Balnarring** with a budget of \$150,000 to support local professional performers and other artists.
- **Hillview – Red Hill Quarry** \$150,000 for environmental effects statement research and expert advice. This is an effort to protect the important biodiversity of this area which is due for government decision next year.

I am asking government MPs to ensure that the overwhelming opinion of locals regarding this environmentally disastrous project are fully considered.

Other Council 21/22 budget highlights include:

- **Balnarring pre-school** upgrade \$250,000
- **Roundabout** for the Merricks / Stanley Road intersection \$652,000
- **Balnarring recreation reserve oval** rehabilitation \$1.1million
- **Red Hill Show** extra \$10,000 to compensate for lost income due to Covid this year
- **Somers Community bike jump track** \$100,000
- **Sports lighting – Balnarring Tennis Courts.** Council is installing 14 new light poles and new fencing.
- There are also smaller local projects such as **playground** updates and **sporting club** improvements that are in rolling annual budget programs.

Council has applied for Federal Black Spot Funding to improve the safety of the **Balnarring and Myers road intersection**. We are very optimistic about approval after supplying traffic statistics to back up our advocacy.

As part of an update on **Community Gardens and Roadside planting policy** I wish to hear your views on relaxing strict regulations that often prevent community involvement regarding improving local neighbourhood character.

Work has now begun on the **Landcare Koala Bio-link** between Balnarring and Balnarring Beach. This includes the removal of some introduced tree species to allow for the planting of particular eucalypts for koala food.

Come join our community at the Balnarring Pop-In shop front **Community Hub**. Community groups, individuals and those wishing to run classes and meet new friends welcome. Find us near the Bendigo Bank and laundromat in the Village.



Our **Mobile library** Bus Service is still under threat and needs your input to Council. Red Hill Ward has no other library facility. Contact Pauline.Gordon@mornpen.vic.gov.au Council's Community Director with your views.

There has been a spike in **illegal vegetation clearing** lately. Some have ended up in court resulting in hefty fines and then reinstatement orders. New owners unfamiliar with local requirements need to check with Shire planners before implementing works particularly in Green Wedge areas. Contractors involved will also face prosecution. Please keep me informed if you have concerns. I will follow up.

There are many more worthwhile projects than are possible for Council to fund this year. However, with State and Federal elections looming I propose to co-ordinate and help run an advocacy campaign aimed at Governments. We should not accept missing out on a fair share of election promises, often just based on swinging seats.

Please send your proposals to me. Some already raised are:

- Missing Bay and Hinterland **path links** for bike riders and hikers
- **Drinking fountains** in villages

- A Peninsula **wildlife hospital**
- 24/7 **defibrillators** supplied and maintained in areas outside of life-saving travel times for ambulances
- Koala **bio-links**
- **First Nations** history signage
- A Hinterland **water project** featuring recycled wastewater from the South Eastern outfall

The Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation Group is planting trees and shrubs in Somers to help restore **koala habitat** including eucalyptus food trees. Tree planting days are being held regularly until the end of October and lots of volunteers are needed. To find out more visit: www.mpkoalas.org.au

A major issue is **kangaroo culling and 'harvesting' on the Mornington Peninsula**. Council is seeking information to better inform us about kangaroo numbers which the State Government does not collect for the Peninsula. Your local State Government MP Chris Brayne has failed to respond so far. Not long ago we had emus and wombats roaming the Peninsula, like kangaroos continue to do. They were described as pests and consequently shot until there were none left.

Preserving our diminishing wildlife is essential and needs your active support.



NATIVE BEES: I am always keen to speak as a bee advocate and answer your questions with any community group or school.

Hope to catch you soon at a **coffee morning**, Covid willing - with one of our seventeen communities in Red Hill Ward. Please send me an invite if your group would like to discuss any community issues.

Keep safe.

Regards,

David

Friends of Daangean Report

Saturday, May 29th was due to be the monthly bush maintenance day for the FOD team; however, due to a Victorian snap lockdown the exercise was cancelled. I, on the other hand was in Broken Hill and aiming for Menindee to see the lake filling after being dry five years.

Saturday, June 26th saw a team of 11, broken into two groups due to plague spacing requirements. Three members of the group were very youthful and hopefully the experience will be long lasting and bear environmental fruit somewhere down the track. The day began with wet vegetation from the previous night's rain but became sunny and pleasant as the morning progressed.

Participating this day were two Jacks (big and small) and a Jill. Big Jack went ahead



Jill with the magic pitto potion – Jill McIver

and cleared the track of fallen branches to allow for our ingress to the work site. Previous heavy winds had brought down limbs and occasional trees throughout the bush, however, nothing above our heads appeared ominous. The pitto wall awaited us with no damage to it until we descended in force to rectify that.



Coral Fungus – Marnie Fitz

A good swathe of these woody weeds was felled, and many tiny seedlings pulled out too. Coral Fungus, yellow and red was emerging through the forest floor leaf litter, with the red variety having the appearance of tiny red licks of flame (see photo previous page).

Olearia seedlings, with pitto removal, were able to make their way forth in the improved light while Love Creeper twined its way up Bracken stalks towards daylight. Some older plants were entangled in the upper reaches of various pittos where they had probably been growing for several years. Sundews also were emerging in some of the open spaces.

Waterwatch took place on Tuesday, 18th of May on what was a cool and overcast day. Fortunately there were not the damaging winds and rain we have recently had in the area. The water levels are slowly rising again due to recent rain and the catch drains are starting to flow once more. However, there hasn't been enough rain for Devilbend Creek to commence running again thereby giving the reeds and other water plants a chance to begin their regrowth

The water quality at both reservoirs is still considered good by our testing standards. The catch drain's water appeared discoloured and muddy (turbid) but still had good readings. The water birds have begun to return and their numbers are increasing in number again. The black swans have had additions to their families and are staying in the Bittern area. The fisher people and canoeists are keeping away from Devilbend at the moment probably due to poor weather conditions.

Wednesday, 23rd of June was our regular water monitoring day so off we went to do our duty. It was very cold and we had to get our work done between showers of rain. At Devilbend, access through the first gate was difficult as someone had bent the gate and the padlock was jammed. Our vehicles with the equipment need to go through, so it's tedious when the gates are damaged.



**Graham & Michael at DB
Site 1 – Marnie Fitz**

With samples collected from the first site we adjourned to one of the undercover picnic tables and carried out the testing there. Then a wrestle with the gate again before we could move on to the next site. The group has become very efficient and well organized so we can get the testing done at one site and move on to the next fairly quickly if need be. The water levels are still rising slowly, and the quality is very good at both reservoirs.

A lot of branches, and some trees had been blown over in the strong wind and the heavy rain from previous days made the ground soggy. The testing sites look a bit different now as the reeds along the banks start to die back over winter.

Cheers, *Graham White*

NB

As I was away for May Waterwatch duty, Graham kindly filled in with his notes for May and June.

Marnie Fitzsimons

FOD Coordinator

marniefitz1@gmail.com/devilbendfoundation@gmail.com

Want to Volunteer for **THE BRIDGE ?**

We are seeking help with the following roles:

- Deliveries to French Island
- Deliveries to Red Hill
- Website events calendar
- Flyer creation/distribution
- Social Media
- Writers
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Poetry at Balnarring Primary School

At Balnarring Primary School the year sixes have been learning about different types of poetry, like Rap poetry, Slam poetry, Tanka poetry, Clerihew, Redacted and more. Here are some fantastic examples

The blue drift

The teal lagoon.
The high blue sky.
The sea cliff.
Sea kelp covered the forest blues sea resort.
The streamadrift.
Sea creatures plunge into the water after dark.

The pink bliss

By Matilda

The pink bliss perfume spread across the garden as the lady danced through. With a cheek to cheek smile her soft pink dress twirled and followed behind. The pink petal stood out in the bed of roses. She was the sweetest, the fizzy sun beamed as she headed back inside.

By Matilda

The sky's magic

As the days past by
We all wondered why
Why the sky wasn't as high
The sky wasn't July
But if they said it was you'd know it's a lie

We have a teacher called Mr Frosty
He's very bossy
And a quarter of him you've got our sky
So I have a question why don't we have July?

And were are the deluxe days?
When I would lie down and haze
At the sky's blaze
Like the water ways washing by

It maked me sleepy like a lullaby
It was peaceful back then
Like a high blue gem

But now's all good
No one's rushing in a hood
We're out having fun just as we should

By Daniel

Midnight sky

Looking up at the magical midnight sky,
The stars look like diamonds shimmering in the deep dark
midnight sky,
Its like a big blue sparkling galaxy,
Oh, I just love this midnight sky.



By Ebony

Climate Change



Climate Change is a serious issue.
Our world is being polluted by rubbish
like a tissue.

All types of weather going crazy.
The idea of a good future is becoming
quiet hazy.



More ocean, less land.
by 2050 our world will be quiet bland.

But what if we change as the human race?
Our world would become a much better place.

No more animals extinct.

The existence of the next generation much more
distinct.



No more polluting earth.
just more amazing ideas getting unearthed.

Saving our world is what we have to do,
because there is no planet number 2.

DR MISH'S TIPS TO LOOK AFTER YOUR PEARLY WHITES

by Dr Mishca Sathyajit (Dentist)

This edition's topic:

Decay

According to the Australia Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), a survey conducted in 2017-18 found that most Australian adults have some experience of decay, with only about 11% (1 in 9) adults having no experience of dental decay in their permanent adult teeth. Australian adults aged 15 years and over had an average of 11.2 decayed, missing and filled teeth in 2017-18. Based on this data, dental decay is a condition that affects the majority of the Australian population.

What is dental decay (caries)?

Dental decay is the demineralisation of tooth structure caused by bacteria in your mouth. When there are fermentable carbohydrates in your mouth (e.g. sugars), the bacteria within your mouth will consume the carbohydrate and produce acid as a by-product. The acid will then start to dissolve your tooth structure, causing decay. The more you snack on fermentable carbohydrates, the more likely you are to develop decay and contribute to its progression. If dental decay progresses to the middle of the tooth where the blood and nerve supply of the tooth (the pulp) is, it can lead to severe pain, swelling, abscess, loss of the tooth and in worst cases hospitalisation.

Does dental decay hurt?

Not always. Sometimes you may experience sensitivity to hot, cold or sweets. However, most of the time dental decay can progress without symptoms until it is very extensive and potentially too late to treat in a simple and cost-effective way.

How does your dentist detect decay?

If decay is quite extensive it can be detected visually during a dental examination. However, in most cases, dental decay is not always easily detected. The reason behind this is that dental decay tends to start in between your teeth or under the surface of the tooth. Therefore, your dentist may suggest taking some radiographs (X-rays) to have a look inside the tooth to see if the tooth has decay and how severe the decay is.

How can we prevent decay?

Early detection and management is the trick to minimising the damage caused by dental decay as well as the cost associated with treating very extensive decay. Some tips to prevent and reduce effects of dental decay are:

- 1) Minimising sugars in the diet or limiting them to special occasions or meal times
- 2) Good oral health
 - a) Brushing two times a day for 2 minutes with a fluoridated toothpaste
 - b) Flossing daily
- 3) Drinking tap water. Tap water contains a very low level of fluoride that will help strengthen your teeth
- 4) Visiting the dentist for decay preventative procedures. There are numerous preventative procedures a dental clinician can do to prevent decay, which include fluoride varnishes, sealing grooves on teeth that are more prone to decay, and professional dental hygiene appointments.

If you are worried about dental decay and would like your teeth checked by a dental professional for this condition, feel free to contact Balnarring Dental Centre on 5983 5348 or visit us at 19 Balnarring Road, Balnarring.



Red Hill Op Shop

We need you ...

The Red Hill Op Shop is again brimming with interesting items and clothing and we are delighted to report that customers, both longstanding and new ones, are coming into the shop at every opportunity now that restrictions are easing!

It's great to see so many familiar faces, and then to know that every time you shop, you are helping the local community. All monies raised through the shop are dedicated to the Peninsula Home Hospice and local not for profit organisations.

However, the Red Hill Op Shop needs some help too! We would love to welcome some new volunteers to our team and we are seeking enthusiastic people to come and help at the shop. Whether it's behind the counter serving customers or working in the back room helping to sort the large quantity of donations we receive, we'd love to hear from you.

The pay is lousy (there is none), but if you like the idea of giving only 3 hours per month to the Op Shop, the rewards are many. Our operation is 100% volunteer based so you would be joining likeminded people and will automatically be part of a well-established and respected fund-raising organisation that has been in existence for 34 years and plans to be around for many more years to come. You will be provided with a supportive induction programme to help you learn the ropes and you will be warmly welcomed into the fold.

If you are interested in learning more about our endeavours, and how you can help, please message us via our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/redhillopshop or email us at *redhillopshop@gmail.com* and we will provide you with the details you need to come on board.



SAVE the date 2022 Festival – MARCH 19th 2022

Balnarring Beach Robertson Park

Planning for the 2022 Womindjeka Balnarring Ngargee is underway! The committee are refreshed and excited to be creating a wonderful 2022 family friendly festival that celebrates and brings the cultures of First Peoples to Balnarring.

The festival committee met in June and have organised the committee structure into teams focusing on: volunteers, music, workshops, market stalls, food, logistics and marketing. By having teams, we aim to spread the load of organising the different aspects that make this festival come together. **New members are very welcome to join us - please get in touch with us via womindjeka.balnarring.ngargee@gmail.com.** We meet once a month and then fortnightly in the month leading up to the festival. Volunteers are an integral part this festival and we will soon be seeking interest for our 2022 team.

The committee are also taking the opportunity to look back on this year's festival and celebrate what the community loved about it with the aim to make it even better (*we have put in a request for the weather*).

This is what some of our visitors said this year.

The festival is great because...

"...it is locally led with passion and creativity

"...of the cultural activities

"...it highlights the rich culture of the First Nations people

"...bringing people closer to country

"...we can celebrate first peoples and actively reconcile, bit by bit

"...feeling safe / inclusive / open

"...celebrates culture with an open heart

"...of the welcoming atmosphere and great vibe."

"The program was completely incredible - a ton of music, kids' activities, workshops, food and stalls, all in a beautiful setting, with a beautiful atmosphere, and the chance to connect with makers and hear their stories. It was just amazing, I will be back every year with my whole family. Thank you!"

Save the date: Saturday March 19th, 2022!

Western Port Uniting Church Parish



(consisting of Balnarring, Crib Point and Hastings congregations)

Service Locations and Times for August and September (each Sunday except as indicated below)

Balnarring 10.45 am Crib Point 9.00 am Hastings 10.45 am
Parish Service - Sunday 29th August at Hastings UC - commencing at 10.45 am.
(this is the only service in the Parish on this day)

Church Locations:

Balnarring - 10 Balnarring Beach Road, Balnarring.
Crib Point - 382 Stony Point Road, Crib Point.
Hastings - Cnr Marine Parade and Hodgins Road, Hastings.

Parish Contacts

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Our Shop

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Our Offerings

to offer an affordable array of donated, moderately priced good quality clothing, music, toys, bric-a-brac, home wares, stationary, craft items, books, and collectables.

Our Funds

to raise funds to support Uniting Church missional activities, projects and programs, and international, national, and local charitable and community organisations through an annual donations and grants system. The Committee of Management shall recommend donations and grants to Parish Council for ratification.

Diary Dates:

“Jesus the Game Changer”

How the Life and Teaching of Jesus Changed the World and Why it Matters

A fortnightly Bible Study Series showing aspects of life that we take for granted (such as democracy or equality) having their origins in the Christian teaching of Jesus.

Format - Video, discussion and then BYO lunch (bring a plate)

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Venues</u>	<u>Episodes</u>
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August 4	Hastings	Jesus about Education and Health
August 18	Crib Point	Jesus and Wealth

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We meet at 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.



Members and partners enjoying a meal at the Toscano Restaurant in Hastings.

Our next meeting will be held on **Friday, 27th August** commencing at 9.30am in the Balnarring Hall. **The speaker for this meeting will be local resident David Andrews who will speak on "Memory Rehab".**

The following meeting will be held on **Friday, 24th September** and will be our "Grand Final Eve" special morning tea where members can wear their footy colours. **The speaker for this meeting will be local author, Garry Disher.**

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Re: Southern School of Creative Arts:

Script to Screen Holiday Program

Review by Lesley McMillan

It's winter, school holidays. Covid & masks. Interstate holidays cancelled. Again. Bored kids.

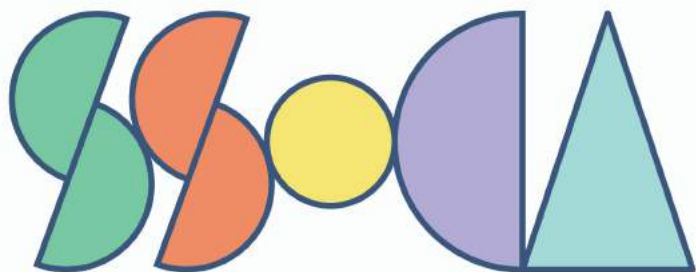
There's a fair bit on offer for the sporty kids, but our creative kids who love hamming it up and making films on their iPads, what's for them? And then a chance sighting, an ad in The Bridge magazine. Holiday Workshop, 3 day Short Filmmaking course for kids. As Nana to a 12 year old who spends hours creating movies on YouTube carrying tomato sauce to shooting sites for authentic blood, this sounds promising indeed. Lock it in!

Mel's bright and friendly, filmmaking is so obviously her passion in life. Endless professional experience behind her. Day one and twelve kids arrive at Somers Yacht Club at 10am. It's a great venue, high above a silky sea on this still and sunny winter's day. QR'ing through the entrance we sign the kids in. They bounce out at 4pm, they've had a great day collaborating on the theme for their film. The deck of the yacht club is the perfect setting for a cruise they decide as they create and assign characters. Tomorrow they'll be filming and editing. On the third and final day there is a great air of anticipation and excitement. Mel invites us to return at 3.30pm for the showing of the film.

We arrive to find a theatre set-up; seats arranged in family groups, huge bags of popcorn to share. The room buzzes with energy from our mini movie-makers. Mel introduces their film, 'The Bayford Stowaways' and from the opening scene we're smiling & laughing; amazed at what these kids have produced with Mel's guidance and encouragement. Being a 'silent' short film, we soak in every expression and interpret every action. We love it so much we unanimously ask to see it again!

Bubbling with pride and achievement, our creative kids happily traipse down the stairs heads full of new ideas and programs. And I'm pretty sure their parents will be looking out for more of Mel's Southern School of Creative Arts sessions and workshops. I know I will!

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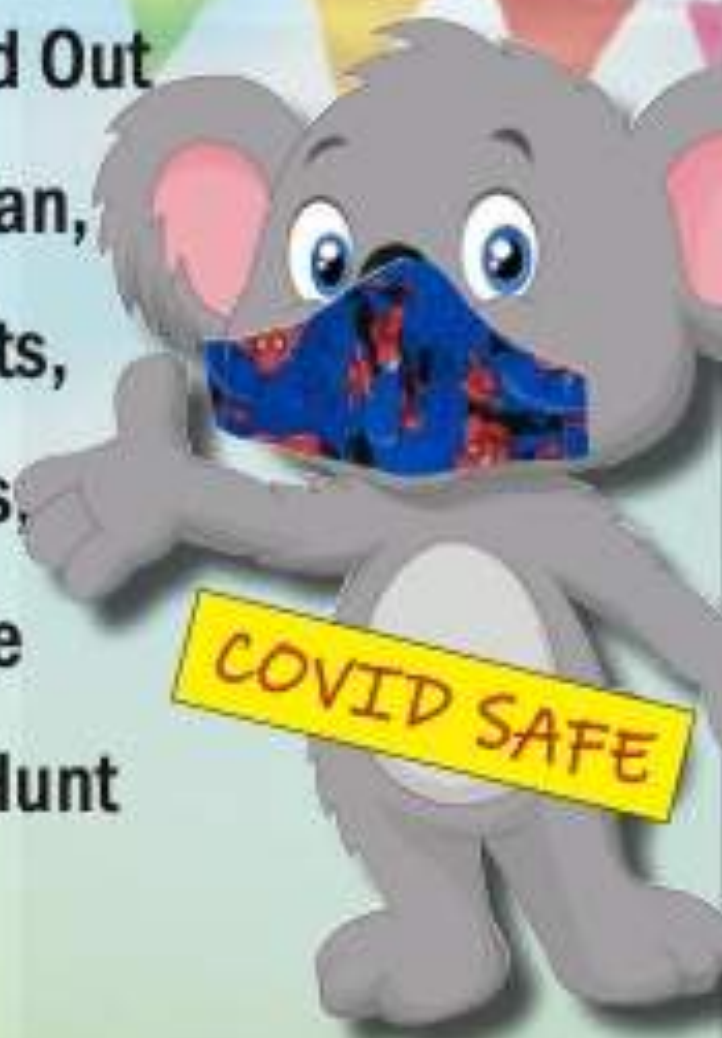
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Balnarring Fire Brigade News

The cold weather is upon us and it looks like it's going to be a great ski season with more rain, snow and cold weather predicted in the coming weeks. But with this weather it also brings its risks, especially on the road. Obey speed limits, wear your seatbelt, avoid distraction (eg: mobile phones) and drive taking into account all the weather and road conditions.

Turn-outs

We've had a couple of turn-outs to motor vehicle collisions since the last edition of 'The Bridge'. 2 collisions were single vehicles that ran off the road. One crash involved a young male driver on Balnarring Rd leaving the road and colliding with some trees. Another involved a young female driver losing control on Bittern-Dromana Rd and rolling her car into the bushes. Fortunately nobody was seriously hurt.

We also supported Bittern CFA with a collision on Frankston-Flinders Rd. All occupants in these incidents were very lucky.

Please drive carefully and let's try to reduce the number of collisions on our roads.

Other turn-outs by our members have included a baby locked in a car, smoke emanating from a house and a fire alarm. We've also turned out to support our neighbouring brigades at a small fire on a property that had reignited from a burn-off the previous day, smoke emanating from house, a smoking powerline and a smoking hot water unit.

As a brigade our members also assisted the SES in the clean-up operations with the amount of debris and trees down after the wild weather we had back in mid June. Let's hope we don't see a repeat of that sort of weather for some time.

In other news, we are looking forward to the arrival of a new Field Command Vehicle. A date hasn't been confirmed but we are hopeful we will receive it in the not too distant future. This vehicle will

certainly enhance our ability to protect the community and coordinate the response to serious bush fire.

We also have a sub-committee currently working on plans to improve our trailer. It contains a mobile pump which gives us greater means of utilising water sources at a fire where mains pressure is not readily available.

Community Meetings

We are currently in the process of organising some information sessions within the community.

We are hoping to have a meeting with the residents of Merricks North in the not too distant future regarding fire preparedness and safety plans. More info to come in due course.

Also, we are hopeful to arrange a similar meeting with the residents of both Balnarring Beach and Merricks Beach later in the year.

Both meetings will be targeted at specific issues faced by these locations but anyone is welcome to attend.

Join our Facebook Page to make sure you don't miss these informative sessions.

On the subject of community, our mailout is continuing and the support we have received has been amazing. We greatly appreciate all the support we receive from our community.

Gas Heaters

Gas heaters have been the focus of attention over the past few months due to the Energy Safe Victoria advertising campaign. They include central heating units, space heaters, wall units and gas log fires.

A faulty gas heater in your home can pollute your house with a dangerous carbon monoxide (CO) gas which is colourless and odourless. As high levels of CO gas can potentially cause unconsciousness or death, turn off your heater before going to bed or leaving the house.

To avoid this situation and keep your family safe, gas heaters should be professionally installed, serviced and tested for CO spillage by a qualified gasfitter at least every two years. Make sure the inspection

includes the flue or chimney, all duct registers and the cold air return vent.

Signs to look for include:- yellow or sooty flames (unless a log fire appliance), the pilot light goes out unexpectedly or pops when lighting, heat damage such as discolouration of walls or heater panels, overheating of the walls whilst the heater is operating and soot stains around the heater.

Possible symptoms of CO poisoning include tiredness, headaches, dizziness, nausea and confusion leading to chest pains. Obviously, a visit to your GP is advisable to assess this condition.

If you suspect CO poisoning, open windows and doors, turn off the heater and exit the building for fresh air.

More detailed advice can be obtained from the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services.

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Lieutenant – Balnarring CFA
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'Save Westernport Inc. is an independent community group that aims to safeguard Westernport Bay's critical habitat, by encouraging responsible economic activity and prioritising a healthy environment for all life.' —SWP Mission Statement

Save Westernport was formed in 2018 by a group of residents determined to oppose AGL's plans to import and process LNG, installing a floating terminal in Westernport Bay, and a new gas pipeline to transport it.

Supported by Environment Victoria and Traditional Owners the Bunurong Land Council, we fought a hard three year campaign against AGL. **In April 2021 AGL's project was rejected on environmental grounds.**

Save Westernport seeks the ongoing protection of Westernport's ecological character, the Wise Use principles of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, the global treaty for conservation and sustainable use of wetlands. In assessing Environmental risk, we endorse the Precautionary Principle.

We aim to increase awareness of the region's unique and fragile biodiversity, by challenging unsustainable, irresponsible industry associated with many commercial operations and users of the port.

Our voluntary work is guided by the principle of Intergenerational Equity, and endorses innovative planning and appropriate development to ensure a thriving Bay, and healthy built and non-built environments for current and future generations to enjoy and protect.

The Save Westernport Steering Committee has up to five ordinary members and an elected Executive comprising a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Membership is by application and subscription, and confers voting rights and a voice in SWP activities. New members may be accepted at anytime. **All memberships are due for renewal at the end of each financial year.**

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I apply for general membership of Save Westernport Inc. and agree to abide by the group's rules and aims.

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Signature:

..... Date:.....

Annual Membership= \$15 I'd like to donate an additional \$..... Total = \$.....

SWP Commonwealth CBA bank: **BSB: 063-552 Acc: 1045 2331** (please include your name)

Signed Membership forms can be mailed to: SWP Inc. PO Box 116 Hastings Vic 3915

or Email: secretary@savewesternport.org I wish to receive Emails **Y / N** Phone calls **Y / N** Mail **Y / N**

Winter 2021 Update from Save Westernport

Each winter when the Phillip Island Whale-watching festival comes around, it's a good sign that the shortest day of the year has passed. Increasing numbers of Humpback, and Southern Right Whales are counted each year sheltering in Westernport's waters, often with their yearling calves, as they pass on their long migration from the Southern Ocean's Antarctic waters towards the warmer tropical seas to the north.

Last winter, the threat of commercial gas imports and increased shipping movements kept us furiously writing submissions to emphasise the countless impacts of the proposal. News that the project was rejected this year is the gift that just keeps giving. We can appreciate the beauty of Westernport in its winter mood, knowing that the visiting whales are safe from LNG tankers in the Bay, and the known risk of fatal collisions with these enormous vessels has been averted.

Now that the dust is starting to settle, we are able to appreciate how momentous this win has been, for Westernport and for our community. In case you missed Save Westernport's joyous Mayday event, to thank everyone and celebrate the hard-won victory over AGL's fossil fuels plans earlier this year, we hope you had a chance to read about the day in the June issue of The Balnarring Bridge. <http://bridgemag.com.au/files/download/add4c1f85da13a0>

Independent journalist Judith Peppard joined the celebration to interview people for an insightful podcast she created for Melbourne's 3CR Community Radio. I strongly recommend you listen to it here.

https://audio.3cr.org.au/3cr/communication-mixdown/2021/06/21/0800/202106210800_communication-mixdown_64.mp3

The continued interest in the campaign to stop AGL also confirms how few-and-far-between Environmental victories have been in recent years. When we consider the number of threats in our midst (see below) it reminds us that this success cannot be taken for granted.

Did you catch the reference to our winning Crib Point campaign in the latest video from Juice Media? Danger: Heavy Language Warning!! <https://youtu.be/-uXo7wtGW7M?t=164>

If you followed the public hearings during the EES you'll recall the contribution that Victoria National Parks Association made to the Joint Environment Group that presented evidence and refuted AGL's claims with Save Westernport and Environment Victoria.

VNPA Marine campaigner Shannon Hurley summed up the remarkable community response action in the June 2021 issue of Park Watch Magazine.

<https://vnpa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/VNPA-Park-Watch-June-2021-285-V2.pdf>

Save Westernport Membership

Many of you have joined Save Westernport Inc as members to support us in our voluntary work to protect the priceless ecology of Bay. All Save Westernport members are eligible to vote at our next Annual General Meeting, to be held on August 18.

This will be followed by a General Meeting of all members and supporters with guest speaker Shannon Hurley from VNPA on next steps for protecting Westernport (see below).

Annual Memberships are now due for renewal. To become a Member of Save Westernport, or update your annual Membership, please visit our website:

<https://savewesternport.org/shop/subscriptions/membership/>

Membership is only \$15. To show your ongoing support and involvement, please renew or join as a member of Save Westernport. To view our Mission Statement and goals visit:

https://docs.google.com/file/d/1Or5HSrZYAv2Hmiu2et69lyxslw52oFoz/edit?usp=docslist_api&filetype=msword

Needless to say, the invaluable experience gained during this campaign has us thinking what this outcome will mean for the future of Westernport Bay. The Save Westernport Steering Committee is determined to optimise the recent success, as we plan our next important actions to Save Westernport. To begin this important conversation, we'll be asking our membership and supporters to consider the issues they think should be our focus.

The Port of Hastings

In response to the Minister's recommendation to reject AGL in Westernport, representatives of Save Westernport, Crib Point Action Group and Westernport Peninsula Protection Council requested a meeting with the CEO and Board of the Port of Hastings Development Authority (PoHDA) to discuss the outcome of the EES and significant aspects pertaining to the Port's position on the proposal.

During the brief meeting with the Board, we stated our view that by so strongly supporting AGL's proposal, the Port of Hastings has failed in its role and responsibilities as a neutral or objective party in the independent assessment process.

PoHDA's strong position of support for the AGL/APA project was voiced on many occasions. Their direct involvement as a contributing party for the proponents in the public IAC hearings, including the provision of their own experts, further demonstrated their lack of neutrality in the proceedings. Their position stood in stark contrast to the Principles of Caring for the Environment as set out on their Website which include:

- *Integrating sustainability considerations in our planning, management and operation*
- *Caring for the environment*
and
- *Partnering with the community*

It also stands in stark contrast to their own Port Development Strategy which highlights the need for the future development of the port to consider the context of the Western Port Ramsar designation, the protection of the coastal mangroves and saltmarshes, the recreational values of the bay, and traffic noise, landscape and visual issues.

This focus was noted in Minister Wynne's Final Assessment on the AGL EES, at pages 14 and 46 Minister Wynne stated:

I do not consider that the proposed land use meets the relevant environmental policies in the planning policy framework and local policy. (i.e. The Port's own Development Strategy)

https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0023/517280/Ministers-Assessment-March-2021.pdf

The Port of Hastings issued no comment following the project's rejection to acknowledge the implications of that outcome, and they failed to recognise the stress and the cost to the community that the AGL proposal had caused. In meeting with the Board, we were seeking the opportunity to discuss the outcomes of the EES, and its ramifications for future Port projects, and to push for a broader more transparent relationship between PoHDA and the communities of Westernport in the future. We put several questions to the Board in relation to these matters, none of which were answered.

Save Westernport and the other groups represented at the meeting expressed our willingness to meet with them again and respectfully requested an ongoing commitment from the Board to arrange that.

Next Steps for Saving Westernport

As we continue to get a sense of just how far-reaching and notable the AGL decision was, we're thinking about how to take on the valuable lessons learned in the four years since the AGL plans first loomed. During this process we've discovered how limited environmental protections can be, but above all we've learned about the power of community action!

Take a brief glimpse back to see how we've been standing up to industrial threats to Westernport Bay for nearly 50 years!

<https://vnpa.org.au/parkwatch-win-for-westernport/>

But big wins for the environment, and for common sense do not come along often enough to take them for granted. The AGL outcome was truly historic, and we're determined to build on this result to protect the future of these wild and wonderful wetlands. In considering how to make the most of the momentum following the EES outcome, we recently took part in the first of our Next Steps meetings, to consider the question:

How can we make sure Westernport Bay is protected forever?

Under the experienced leadership of Victorian National Parks Association, and members of Environment Victoria, who supported us throughout the campaign are bringing together local groups, Save Westernport, Phillip Island Conservation Council (PICS), Westernport Peninsula Protection Council (WPPC) and others to explore how we can secure lasting environmental protections for Westernport. We were thrilled to be joined by the Westernport Biosphere's new CEO Mel Barker, to consider our options, which include

- advocating for the expansion of current or new marine national parks
- applying for national heritage listing
- using the new Victorian planning tool of marine spatial planning.

An Environmental Management Plan (EMP), like the one in Port Phillip Bay, would be a good place to start. The implementation of Victoria's new Marine Coastal Act, and changes to EPA laws and EPBC guidelines will have lasting implications for the future of Westernport's protected species and endangered communities.

In 2022 Westernport will celebrate the 40th anniversary of its Ramsar listing as a wetland of international significance, and 20 years since it was registered as a UNESCO Biosphere.

We hope to hear the ideas of our membership and supporters within the community on how lasting protections for Westernport can be developed. We seek the input of our community on how SWP can represent views that will guide our decisions and work.

Community Links: Save Westernport continues to forge links and support other organisations

Bunurong Land Council

Recently Save Westernport had an important opportunity to meet with Dan Turnbull, CEO of the Bunurong Land Council, Traditional Owners of Boon Wurrung Country. Save Westernport seeks to be guided by the perspectives of the Bunurong, as the recognised responsible group for Westernport Bay and its catchments. We appreciate the insight that these meetings provide and look forward to working inclusively with the BLCAC to ensure that Westernport's ecology is protected in the most effective and appropriate ways.

Save Western Port Woodlands

Members of Save Westernport's Steering Committee recently wrote a letter endorsing the work of Bass Coast group **Save the Western Port Woodlands**.

Watch the group's information video <https://app.frame.io/presentations/698e765c-a2b1-4017-b60d-bb05bfcdefd9>

Find out about the threat facing the last remaining significant stand of riparian forest on Westernport's eastern shores, a wildlife corridor linking the Great Dividing Range to Phillip Island and beyond! Discover what YOU can do to help stop this enormous sand mining operation that risks polluting the waters of the Bay with toxic extraction chemicals.

<http://www.savewesternportwoodlands.org/>

Check out their Website and its Resources page to read Melbourne University Molecular Biologist Prof Wettenhall's report the potential for toxic leaching and Find out what you can do.

To hear the beautiful song Are You Listening? By Laura Brearley, sung by local Choirs

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-rgeqsjHKsfM4dHVvyn6fHUWbB0K6y-s/view?usp=drivesdk>

Save Arthurs Seat EES postponed

The group received an update from the Ross Trust, proponents of the enormous granite quarry expansion that would denude the remnant Gondwana forest at the extinct volcano, Arthurs Seat. The Ross Trust announced postponement of their EES til 2023.

They say any delay is a good delay, and is a reason for hope. Let's hope the Ross Trust, with its previous record of supporting worthy environmental causes, now has cold feet. Here's what they said. <https://www.boundaryroadproject.com/timelines>

There's no question that No Social License exists for the new quarry, and the reputational damage for the Trust would be extreme.

Read our report on the recent Otama Submarine emergency

https://docs.google.com/file/d/1mryq7OXwK79jjLo0zSTUIJkTPGTQyP6q/edit?usp=docslist_api&filetype=msword

Save Flinders Pier coming next summer: the fight to Save Flinders Pier, habitat of the endangered Weedy Sea Dragon. Sir David Attenborough has already weighed in on the debate. <https://www.theage.com.au/politics/victoria/sir-david-and-the-sea-dragon-attenborough-joins-fight-for-flinders-pier-review-20210707-p587km.html>

For more: Charles Reis, Flinders Community Association, Save Flinders Pier

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We hope you'll stay safe and join us to Save Westernport!

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Bunurong Land Council

The Flinders Pier, built in 1867, provides critical habitat for **Weedy Sea Dragons**, an endangered species and Victoria's beloved Marine Emblem!

More pictures:

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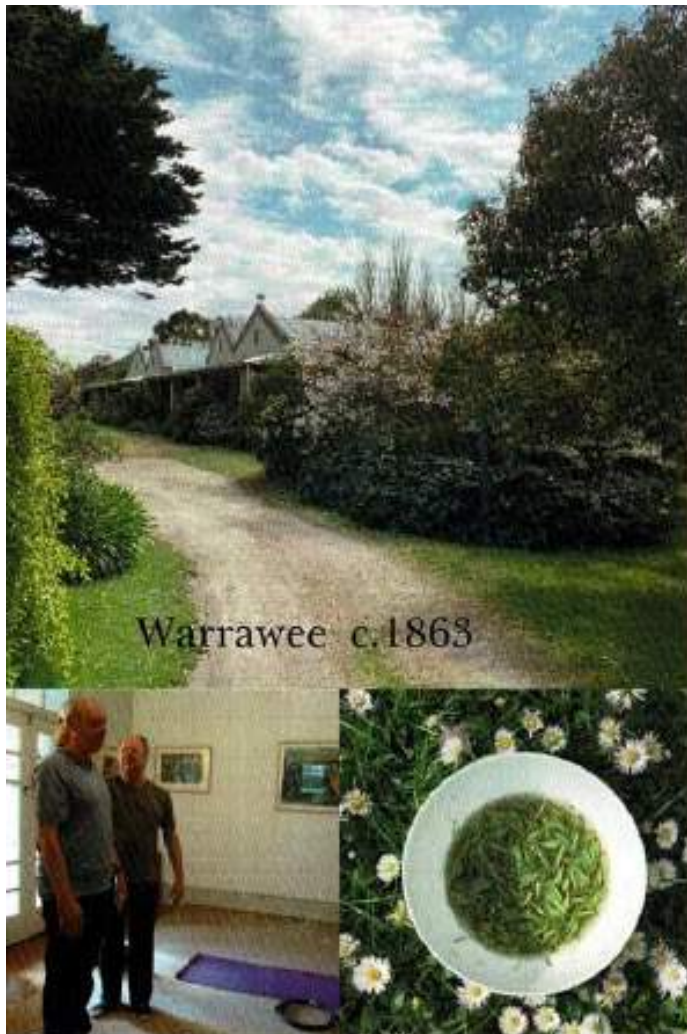
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Somers Ladies Probus Club

Somers Ladies Probus members enjoyed meeting again to share news, plan interesting activities and listen to a fascinating speaker.

Our July Speaker **Brian Thomas**, former ranger at **Coolart**, gave a fascinating talk on **Flight and Feathers**, explaining the structure of feathers and the functions that they serve. From the fluffy down on a swan chick to the brilliant colours of a peacock tail, feathers are remarkable not just in the way they look to the naked eye, but also for their intricate structure.



A group of members, masks at the ready, enjoying a chat over morning tea.

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.



BEACH HOUSES OF 100 YEARS AGO

When fire destroyed a building at Balnarring Beach a few years back perhaps the earliest house in the area was lost. The house was erected in 1920 when Balnarring Beach was known as Tulum. It had been constructed in sections by Len White at his home in Moorabbin and the large sections transported by a two-horse dray to its beachside site where it was assembled by members of the family. Smaller sections were transported in the family's T-model Ford.



Called "The Nook", it was soon joined by other houses erected on nearby blocks.

Ever since a road was put through to the coast in the 1890s and a bridge spanned Merricks Creek, Tulum was increasingly popular as a camping and picnic destination but not many of the allotments from that era were taken up. However, when offered again in 1914, every block was snapped up with prices ranging from £13 (thirteen pounds) to £16. Fishing was a major drawcard and people wanted to buy into this seaside retreat. Tulum had been discovered!

Many buyers initially used their land for camping before they erected a house. Additional lots were advertised in 1921 at £3 deposit and £1 per month. It is now a century on and some of those houses built in the 1920s can still be found. Most were simple holiday houses, built of weatherboard and fairly basic. Inexpensive materials were used. Some made use of packing cases for lining. The houses clustered around Hansen's Lane and in the area behind today's store. Arthur Hagar built several houses which he rented out to holiday people.

The 'Old Library' in Library Road was one of his buildings as was the small cottage around the corner in Mason Smith Road. Harry Wilson bought two adjacent blocks at the end of Foreshore Road. He built a brick house on one, which he let out to holidaymakers while he camped in a tent on the other.

Of a different nature were the substantial brick house and its adjoining cottage on Palmer's Hill. These were built for S.O. Woods who had bought the land extending from the beach right back to the Frankston-Flinders Road at the Coolart land sales. The house was a holiday home for the family, but the property was more than that. It was intended as grazing land.

In late 1926 - 1927 the 'Tulum Sands Estate' opened up more land for sale, this time from £60 per allotment but the Depression of the 1930s meant many remained unsold until after World War II. A weatherboard house, 'Tulum Sands', built in 1928 still stands in Fauconshawe Street.

Referring to the area, the real estate notices of the time refer to the "extraordinary beauty of the place, which the pen of a poet only could do justice to".

Then, as now, Balnarring Beach, or Tulum, was a desirable place to own property, a very popular holiday destination for campers and a picturesque place that drew many visitors.

- Ilma Hackett

(Balnarring & District Historical Society)

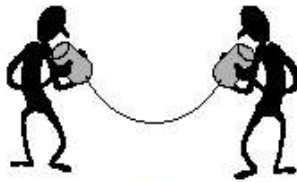
Balnarring & District Historical Society

The History Room is located at the Balnarring Hall.
You are welcome to stop by to see our collection of photos, maps and documents.

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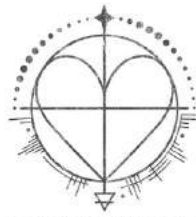
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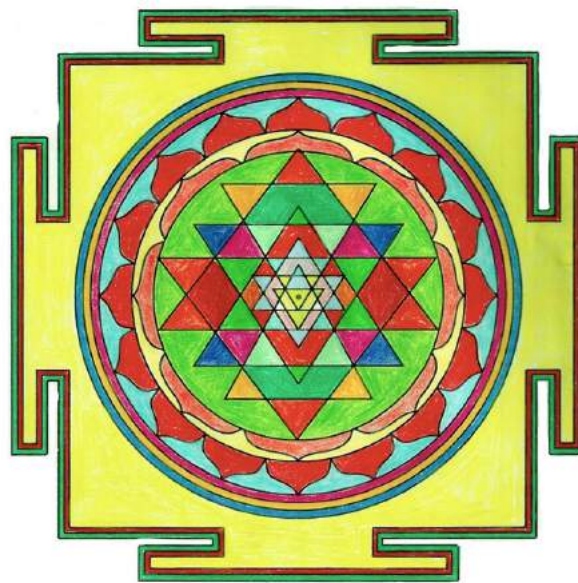


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We organize day trips and a four-day Spring and Autumn trip. Our interest groups include Book Club, Singing for Fun, Gardening, Cards: Hand & Foot, and "500", Scrabble, Walking, Dine Out, Cinema, Movie discussion group, Camera Crew, Backgammon, Bocce, Carpet Bowls, and a Book Exchange.

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Are you considering a fully electric car for your next vehicle?

Roger and Annabel Richards, Somers

You may be thinking of purchasing a fully electric car to reduce your emissions or to experience the new technology, but are unsure of whether it can take you where you wish to go. Here is our story. Hopefully it can be of some help.

We purchased our Tesla Model 3 electric vehicle in December 2019.

With border restrictions lifted we could finally take a pre-planned trip to visit Queensland and NSW relatives and friends.

In a world of misinformation and fear of change it was necessary to find out the real issues for Australians when buying an EV: Is range anxiety a valid concern? Are there enough charging stations where needed? Do you waste much time charging? Can you charge your EV at camping grounds, tent sites, cabins, motels and hotels?

We ordered our Model 3 after hearing that Tesla was bringing out a US\$35,000 sedan. We waited patiently for 3 years for delivery. When it came, it was roughly twice that price in Australia as our governments here offered no incentives as they did elsewhere. We still bought it. (We were too early for the recently offered Vic government \$3000 discount for new EV purchases.)

We wanted to choose our route without super charger location constraint. We live at Somers where we home charge with renewable solar 95% of the time.

We planned to visit Mansfield, Whitfield, Buffalo Creek, Harrietville, Canberra, Yass, Bathurst, Orange, Wahroonga, Pearl Beach, Newcastle, Casuarina Beach, Brisbane, Toogoolawah, Stradbroke Is, Bribie Is, Woolloomooloo in that order.



SUPER CHARGING AT HEATHERBRAE NEAR NEWCASTLE. THAT'S TESS IN THE MIDDLE.

Our vehicle has about 400km range. The use of Tesla Superchargers is exceedingly simple for Tesla owners. No app or credit card is needed. Just plug in and disconnect when you reach recommended 90% battery charge. Billing is automatic.

It typically takes about 25 minutes to charge from 40 – 90 % – enough time for a coffee and loo stop. Tesla locate their Superchargers near clean toilets and food outlets. The slower Tesla “Destination” Chargers are not convenient for us and we have never used them.

We topped up at the following Superchargers:- Richmond, Yea, Myrtleford, Wodonga, Gundagai, Canberra, Goulburn, Heatherbrae near Newcastle, Port Macquarie, Bathurst, Harwood, Coffs Harbour and Gold Coast (some on the return trip as well) – 20 times in total. People were surprised to learn that you can trickle charge through a standard 240V plug at camping grounds and friendly motels while you sleep.



WE PLUGGED IN TO OUR FRIEND'S GARAGE IN WAHROONGA FOR AN OVERNIGHT TRICKLE CHARGE.

Many forward-thinking hotels offer their own free EV charging to guests. If you stay with friends or relatives this applies as well. We considered a bottle of wine an appropriate gift to have a fully charged car by morning.

In all, we travelled 5020 km over 19 days, averaging 265 km per day. The furthest we drove between charges was 275 km and thus never feared flattening the battery. We did not have to modify our planned route and took time to make some interesting side excursions.

The total charging cost for the whole trip was \$295, plus a few small thank you gifts.

The Model 3 is surprisingly roomy and has an extra boot in the front instead of an engine. A low centre of gravity makes it a very safe car. Small SUVs are now

available in other makes, but we think you need a range of at least 400km if you wish to do road trips.



WE TRIALLED THIS TESMANIAN DOUBLE BED BEFORE THE TRIP. COMFORTABLE, BUT A BIT LIKE BEING IN A JAPANESE COCOON HOTEL. SO DURING THE TRIP WE USED IT IN OUR HIKING TENT

The satellite navigation system was not reliable in areas of new motorways or in tunnel zones. This is a problem shared by many vehicles and smart phones.

It was not really an EV issue. The message to us was – do not become dependent on the sweet-talking lady in the smart device but use you own eyes and read the signs. Be prepared to turn off the device at times.

If you have an EV other than Tesla, you presumably have to download the app for the generic charging stations you use and pay by credit card. In an earlier trip to Tasmania we had trouble downloading an app, as we were on Optus and could not get Wi-Fi connection.

We could not therefore use the Campbelltown or Kempton Chargers, but fortunately had plenty of range to get us to our Sandford destination. Fortunately with Tesla Chargers we have had no such issues. Our next planned excursion is to Broken Hill.



THIS IS US OUTSIDE THE OVOLO HOTEL IN WOOLLOOMOOLOO, SYDNEY. FREE CHARGING THERE.

Happy EV Driving

Here is the summary of our travels, charging, and costs.

date	location	Charging			Dist. Travelled km	Trav. Time hours	Comments	Accommodation
		cost \$	time (mins)	% charged				
28-Apr	Somers							
28-Apr	Cremorne SC	5.17	25		82			
28-Apr	Yea SC	9.87	25		120			
28-Apr	Mansfield Valley Motel	0			82	1 hour	via Whitlands	Mansfield Valley Hotel
29-Apr	Ovens SC	8.93	25		260	4 hour	via Harrietville	Casbak Units Harrietville
30-Apr	Wodonga SC	13.63	30		81	1.25hour		
30-Apr	Gundagai SC	14.1			185	2 hour		
30-Apr	Fyshwick SC	13.16			200	2 hour	Incl Canberra	Statesman Hotel Canberr
1-May								Statesman Hotel Canberr
2-May	Yass FC NRMA free	0			70	1 hour		
						2.25		
3-May	Blayney Tourist Park	0			200	hour		Blayney Tourist Park
3-May	Bathurst SC	12.75			30	0.5 hour		
						2.45		
4-May	Campbell Dr Wahroonga	0			200	hour		Campbell Drive Wahroon
5-May	Heatherbrae SC	18.36			150	1.5 hour		Honeysuckle App Newcas
						0.75		
6-May	Heatherbrae SC	5.61			50	hour		Honeysuckle App Newcas
						2.25		
6-May	Cassegrain SC Pt Macquarie	16.83			220	hour	Incl Newcastle	
6-May	Harwood SC	19.89			270	3 hour		Riverview CP Maclean
							via Casuarina	
7-May	Broadbeach SC	17.85			200	2.5 hour	Beach	Park Regis Hotel Brisbane
8-May	Gardner's Toogoolawah	0			200	2.5 hour	Incl Brisbane	P. Gardner's Toogoolawah
9-May	Martin's Nth Straddie	0			200	3.0 hour	Incl Sealink Ferry	B. Martin's Nth Stradbrok
10-May								Motel Caboolture
11-May	with J. Noble Bribie Is	0			200	3.0 hour	Incl Clayfield	With J. Noble Bribie is

Roger

12-May	Macadamia Castle Knockrow	18.36			265	3.25 hour		
						2.25		
12-May	Coffs Harbour	16.32			215	hours		
						1.75		
12-May	Cassegrain SC Pt Macquarie	13.26			150	hours		Oceanview Motel Pt Mac
						2.25		
13-May	Heatherbrae SC	18.36			220	hour		Ovolo Hotel Woolloomoo
14-May	Ovolo Hotel Woolloomooloo	0			200	2 hour		Ovolo Hotel Woolloomoo
15-May	Goulburn FC	18.87			200	2 hour		
15-May	Gundagai SC	17.34			200	2 hour		
15-May	Wodonga SC	17.86			185	2 hour		
15-May	Lydney Motel Chiltern	0			25	0.5 hour		Lydney Motel Chiltern
						2.25		
16-May	Yea SC	18			200	hour		
16-May	Somers				160	2 hours		
	Total dollars spent charging		20 charges	ave time 25				
	\$294.52	294.52	minutes.		5020	57.25	80kph approx	265kph average



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Our shared community vision

A call to action for the Peninsula to 2040



MORNINGTON
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Mornington Peninsula Shire Community Vision

Welcome (Wominjeka) to the Mornington Peninsula, bound by green spaces and sea.

We honour and pay respects to the Traditional Owners of this beautiful land – the Bunurong people. We also pay our deepest respects to their Ancestors and Elders. We are inspired to protect and enhance our distinct region that values its diverse community, environments and townships.

Our community spirit thrives, with safe, accessible and inclusive spaces for all.

Together we continue to create a sustainable, vibrant and prosperous future that values innovation and shared compassion.

Principle 1

Addressing Climate Change

Take a proactive stance on climate change through initiatives that support decarbonisation and renewable energy with a set of given targets.

Why is it important?

1. Renewable energy and climate initiatives support a healthy environment, community, and the creation of employment opportunities.
2. Important step towards becoming carbon neutral.



Principle 2

Integrated Public Transport and Accessibility Infrastructure

Improve and develop reliability and scope of transport between and within townships.

Innovative solutions to reduce road traffic and increase accessibility for all.

Promote the use of low-emission vehicles.

Improve safe access to infrastructure within and around our towns: build better footpaths, bike paths and boardwalks.

Build a bike path network that links the whole Peninsula.

Why is it important?

1. Community engagement for liveable townships and less traffic.
2. Transport options are an essential service to providing access for those with restricted mobility.
3. More public transport use will lessen traffic as well as reduce our carbon footprint.

Principle 3

Support an inclusive, connected and safe society

Connect and support the diverse social demographics, who live, work, and visit the Mornington Peninsula by facilitating universal access and social integration through safe social housing, services, and events within the community.

Why is it important?

This is important because

1. We have a very diverse grouping, particularly within the aging and disability sector.
2. We wish to connect with the significant numbers of visitors to our community.

Principle 4

Innovative planning and development of the local economy

Innovative planning and adaptable development that enhances economic and employment opportunities for our dynamic and prosperous communities, townships and business.

Why is it important?

1. By creating dynamic townships and communities, the Peninsula will create a prosperous future that will benefit all aspects of living.
2. Local business needs to thrive in order for there to be an even spread of employment opportunities.

Principle 5

Encourage and expand education, sports and arts opportunities

Create an environment that values arts and encourages community engagement in creative spaces. Attract and retain younger generations with educational and subsequent employment opportunities through increased investments in arts, education and sport.

Why is it important?

Education and sports are important long-term investments while also

1. stimulating an economy and social environment for people of all ages.
2. The ability to fulfil our creative and artistic needs on the Peninsula will promote community cohesiveness.

Principle 6

Protect and enhance all elements of our natural land, sea and biodiverse environments

To protect and improve green spaces, bushland, native flora and fauna, foreshore and wetlands.

To preserve or increase the current amount and quality of green space.

Responsible and sustainable farming practices foster a healthy environment.

Why is it important?

Natural spaces provide active and passive recreation.

1. The natural land, waterways and sea environments provide a clean and healthy air quality for the Mornington Peninsula and greater Melbourne.
2. Conservation of all native flora/fauna and management of pest animals/plants to allow native species to thrive.
3. Our distinct plant and animal species set us apart from other areas in Melbourne, increasing tourism and liveability.
4. Regenerative agriculture fosters healthy farmland.

Principle 7

Plan and regulate responsible and innovative housing development

Develop opportunities for affordable housing throughout the Peninsula.

Maintain and develop infrastructure to support the ideals of community wellbeing, sustainability and innovation.

Why is it important?

1. Prepare for future population growth by utilising existing infrastructure and creative development while maintaining strong community and environmental standards.
2. Providing equitable and safe housing will create opportunities for growth, support vulnerable populations and encourage social cohesion.



In April 2021, the Mornington Peninsula Shire empowered the community to help shape our future and develop a new Community Vision.

We posed a number of questions including 'What do you want life on the Mornington Peninsula to look like in 2040?'

Over 3,000 community members got involved. Providing feedback via surveys, online workshops, township pop-ups, postcards and drawings.

We also commissioned an independently recruited representative community panel from across the Shire.

The panel reviewed all the community feedback and referenced other council information and data to develop the Community vision.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire empowered the panel to deliver the vision to Council and committed to use it to guide the development of the council plan and other key initiatives.

Council were presented with the new Community Vision on Tuesday 13 July.

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.

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 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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The cost of the box starts at \$239. Installation requires one hour of work. So for less than \$350 you should be set.

Picture	Explanation
 Apple TV 4 and its remote control	 Some movies that can be rented or purchased....

Once installed you get a wealth of choices : you can buy or rent movies, you can buy or rent TV series, you can download applications that allow connecting to the main TV channels on demand. Examples are : ABC iView, SBS on Demand, Channel 9, Channel 7, Channel 10, etc... You can also connect to specialised channels such as Netflix, Stan, You Tube, NBA, Mubi, iPrime, etc...

Besides watching passively, one can download games... A great way to keep the old and the young entertained on a rainy day!

As a side benefit, it is also possible to connect your iPad or iPhone via WIFI to the Apple TV to display your family photos on the TV screen. It makes sharing pictures a breeze and everyone in the family can enjoy the show all together. Another possibility is to stream music to your sound system. So much choice!

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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:

Sunday August 29th and Sunday September 26th , at 10am at the rotunda.

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

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.

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