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Hello Everyone!

We are in a new world!! Our beloved Westernport, and all the life it supports, has been spared the intrusion, abuse and contamination planned for it by an incredibly ill-considered human project. Superhuman individuals amidst us have given their life-blood for almost three years to shut down this persistent peril, and, with the State Planning Minister's final decision to refuse a go-ahead, decency, loving respect for our precious environment, and common sense have won out. Hallelujah!

To every single person who participated – with energy, with pen, with good wishes, with support funds, with persistence and resilience, etc – our deepest gratitude. This community is full of heroes!

Please read the wonderful few pages of the story and delight in the photos of celebration.

The beautiful colours of autumn seem to have been more striking than usual this year – nature's feast has been so beautiful. As we head into colder air, stay warm, enjoy your loved ones. Many around the world remain in the grip of COVID and the terrors and devastation that brings. I find I am more clear about what matters to me, and how good it is to express my gratitude wherever I can for this life.

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With our love, Jen and Ali xx

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8th Lynda Clark
9th Mary-Jo Hanley
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27th Bob McGaughey
29th Merv Roach

*To add a name to community birthdays,
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June and July 2021

Inspirational Angel Cards for the Community

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

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

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Save Westernport: AGL/APA's Crib Point proposal rejected!

After more than three years of unrelenting campaigning against Australia's biggest polluter, March 30, 2021 was the day of reckoning. For so many people and organisations who fought the threat of AGL and pipeline partner, APA's destructive gas import proposal, we finally learned the fate of Westernport Bay.

Even after taking part in the lengthy EES process, we knew the odds were not good. Dr Nick Aberle, from Save Westernport's campaign partner Environment Victoria, said "It's almost unprecedented for Environmental Effects Statements to stop environmentally damaging projects."

In the lead up to the Planning Minister's announcement, we'd begun looking beyond the assessment to consider what we thought might be the next phase of the campaign to stop AGL, steeling ourselves for Mr Wynne's recommendation to approve the project in some form.

By the time that day arrived, we were dreading the anticipated announcement. Then suddenly it was there— the phone call, the text message, the email: We've won! Westernport Bay has won!

We jumped for joy, shouted our disbelief and cried with relief and happiness. As the word quickly spread, more and more people heard the good news— Minister Wynne had rejected the proposal outright on environmental grounds!!

<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/gas-proposal-ruled-out-due-environmental-impacts>

The Woolleys Beach foreshore reserve that had earned its reprieve, now became the scene of a spontaneous jubilant celebration. Everyone who could, headed for Crib Point Jetty. We had done it – against the odds, and the community, who had worked tirelessly to fight off AGL, rejoiced.

Could this be true? Has this really happened? An onslaught of mainstream media interest from Melbourne confirmed the extent of the victory. [Articles reporting AGL's failure](#) emphasised the strength of the local opposition—how we'd drawn attention to the flawed science in AGL's reports that underestimated the risks of the project, like their plan to release chlorine. <http://baysidenews.com.au/2021/04/12/state-terminates-agls-gas-import-plan/>

The project had been rejected, and though it really didn't sink in, we tried to make sense of the announcement. Minister Wynne's assessment was the signal that the project was unacceptable, according to [The AGE](#), we had won, but there were still a few more steps to go. Other departments including Aboriginal Victoria still had to decide on matters like the proposed pipeline, so we knew it wasn't entirely over. In the weeks following the Minister's announcement, AGL and APA quietly withdrew their applications to major decision-makers, and by April 29 we knew for sure the threat from AGL was finally over, even though it took AGL over a month to [announce the project's end](#).

SWP was formed in 2018 to fight the threat of AGL. We're thrilled with the result, and we know that community engagement commitment was key. Still, the campaign against AGL showed us how flawed environmental protection laws can be. The expense and time

needed to fight off one of Australia's biggest corporations is not a cost that communities should have to pay. Save Westernport is determined to see an area of such high conservation value like Westernport Bay properly protected forever.

<https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/dodged-a-bullet-residents-cheer-rejection-of-crib-point-gas-import-plan-20210330-p57fdb.html>



MAY 1 - Save Westernport Victory Celebrations – We won!!

To celebrate the outcome, Save Westernport, with support from Environment Victoria, organised a victory celebration on Saturday May 1 at the Balnarring Common. Some 400 jubilant Peninsula residents gathered on a glorious autumn afternoon to take part in COVID-safe celebration.

The sun shone, the crowd gathered, the music played and we danced for joy.

Elders Uncle Shane Clarke and Aunty Dyan Summers, Traditional Owners from the local Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation conducted a Welcome to Country and wonderful, inclusive smoking ceremony, so fitting on the celebration of the 3-year campaign that saw the bringing together of indigenous and non-indigenous people to protect Country in and around Westernport Bay.

Save Westernport (SWP) President Candy van Rood then thanked the whole community for getting behind the campaign. "This could never have happened without our amazing community," she said. "Each and every one of you has helped achieve this victory. Particular thanks go to so many – you know who you are."

Jono La Nauze, CEO of EV then spoke on the partnership with SWP and the broader collaboration with local community organisations.

Other speakers from SWP further thanked the lawyers and experts in the EES, local businesses, politicians, and donors to the campaign. Councillor David Gill, representing the MPS Council spoke of the enormous financial commitment that Council made to its opposition to AGL's plans, and warned of further development issues that the community needs to be aware of .

After the speeches, the community danced or just chilled out to a range of wonderful local musicians pulled together by Marty Williams, commencing with Yadaki (didgeridoo) player, Uncle Shane Charles. The children painted a wonderful victory celebration mural, and when they went home they took a locally raised seedling from Peninsula Bushworks to plant in commemoration of the occasion. A big thanks to photographers Don Juniper, Jai Seales and Zoe Robinson who recorded the day in pictures.

The celebration marked the final chapter in the monumental campaign by so many individuals and community groups. Thousands of people took part in the EES process, but when SWP was no more than an idea, the encouragement of experienced campaigners like Jenny Warfe from Blue Wedges, Karri Giles from Westernport Peninsula Protection Council (WPPC), Jeff Nottle from Phillip Island Conservation Council (PICS) and French Islander Chris Chandler, helped us believe we could take on this fight and win.

But each and every organisation and individual made this happen. It was a huge effort by everyone involved – a collaboration of the thousands of people who supported the campaign.

This is your victory.

- *The Save Westernport Steering Committee*



Western Port Uniting Church Parish



(consisting of Balnarring, Crib Point and Hastings congregations)

Service Locations and Times for June and July - each Sunday (except as indicated below)

Balnarring 10.45 am Crib Point 9.00 am Hastings 10.45 am

Parish Service - Sunday May 30th - 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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Parish Chairperson:	Margaret Baker	0400 096 669
Parish Secretary:	Colin Watt	0427 379 815

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to acknowledge and value the support of our customers, volunteers and donors thus improving the Uniting Church's community profile.

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to make our Opportunity Shop a positive experience, where all persons can shop, volunteer, donate or simply browse, mingle, and hopefully derive enjoyment and acquire community information.

Our Offerings

to offer an affordable array of donated, moderately priced good quality clothing, music, toys, bric-a-brac, home wares, stationery, 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:

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<u>Dates</u>	<u>Venues</u>	<u>Episodes</u>
Thursday	Uniting Church	Commencing at 11.00 am
June 10	Crib Point	Jesus' teaching and significance for woman and children.
June 24	Balnarring	Jesus' teaching about Democracy
July 8	Crib Point	Jesus and Care
July 22	Balnarring	Jesus and Leadership
August 4	Hastings	Jesus about Education and Health
August 18	Crib Point	Jesus and Wealth

Belinda Williams
to Receive an Award for her Community Service

For those who don't know Belinda, she is President of the Balnarring Beach Foreshore and Parks Reserve Committee of Management (CoM). This falls under the auspices of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

Belinda has been a member of the CoM for 10 years and in that time has done an exemplary job in dealing with DELWP and the wider community of people who visit, or live in, Balnarring Beach.

Like all of the CoM, Belinda is a volunteer. But unlike the rest of the CoM, she has to attend many meetings and interact with diverse groups, such as DELWP, the horse trainers and riders, the residents' association, the local council, employees and management of the foreshore, and people who just enjoy walking along our beach.

She often has to deal with conflicting interests (e.g. horse riders versus walkers). Each of these groups would agree that she has been most professional in how she has carried out her duties.

On behalf of the CoM, I nominated her for an award from DELWP in 2020. This award was for members of the various Committees of Management (and there are hundreds in the state) who have gone the extra mile in carrying out their duties.

DELWP have agreed with me that she is worthy of an award, and they will be presenting it at our next meeting at 9:30 am on June 8 at Westernport Yacht Club. Friends of Belinda are most welcome to attend this part of the meeting.

Steve Patton

On behalf of the Committee of Management

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(The Bridge editors)



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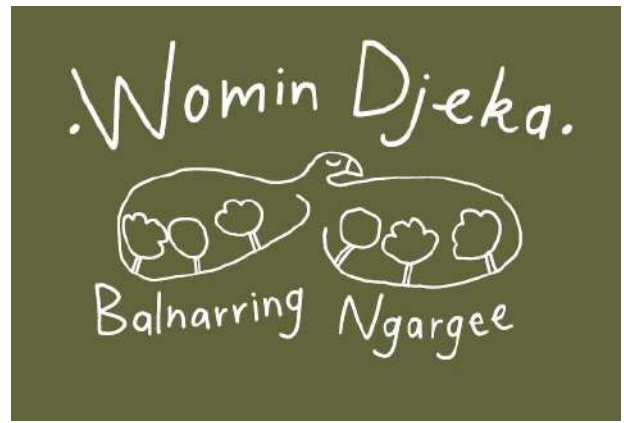
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We would like to invite people to join one of the teams we are creating: Entertainment, Cultural program, Market stalls and Food stalls. If you are interested in joining the committee or being part of one of these teams please contact us via email womindjekabalnarringngargee@gmail.com. The next committee meeting will be 10th June at Balnarring Preschool 7pm

For more information [Womin djeka Balnarring Ngargee - community festival](#) | [Facebook](#)



Djirri Djirri dancers

Market stalls



DR MISH'S DENTAL TIP TO LOOK AFTER YOUR PEARLY WHITES

This edition's topic: Dental Erosion

What is dental erosion?

Dental erosion is the permanent destruction of the crystals that make up your teeth. It is caused by acidic substances that are either ingested (food/drinks) or produced in your stomach. Erosion will present with no symptoms initially, but once the outer surface of the tooth (the enamel) is dissolved, exposing the second layer of the tooth (the dentine), increased sensitivity, pain and in worst case scenarios loss of teeth may occur.

If not spotted early by a dental professional, dental erosion can lead to complex, lengthy and expensive treatment in the future.

What causes dental erosion?

Dental erosion can either be produced by stomach acids (intrinsic) or by acids in the food/drinks you consume (extrinsic).

Intrinsic Acids

These are acids that are produced inside the stomach which make their way into the mouth from either gastric reflux or vomiting.

Extrinsic Acids

In contrast to intrinsic acids, extrinsic acids occur from external consumption (food or drink). There are numerous foods and beverages that can lead to dental erosion. The following list contains some examples: soft drinks, sport drinks, fruit juice, energy drinks, citrus foods, lemon flavoured food/drinks, cordials, vitamin water, vinegar and wines.

Food acids are also commonly added into many other foods. When checking the ingredients list, keep an eye out for 330 (citric acid), 331 (sodium citrate), and 338 (phosphoric acid).

What can you do to prevent/reduce effects of dental erosion?

Early detection and management is the trick to minimising the damage caused by dental erosion. Some tips to prevent and reduce effects of dental erosion are:

- 1) Minimise acidic foods/drinks in your diet. Follow all acidic exposures by rinsing with fluoride mouthwash, rinsing with baking soda mouth rinse or consuming dairy products. Avoid brushing for at least 30 minutes.
- 2) Drink acidic drinks using a straw to avoid the drink touching and therefore damaging your teeth. Avoid sipping or swishing the drink inside your mouth.
- 3) Use sugar-free gum. Chewing sugar-free gum promotes saliva production which has protective factors that can neutralise the acid in your mouth.

Article written by Dr Mishca Sathyajit
(Dentist at the Balnarring Dental Centre)
Pictured at Right.

If you are worried about dental erosion 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.



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Friends of Daangean Report

March 27th began with some rain though not enough to deter the team. A wonderful turn up of seven! Jack came back, so it was terrific he wasn't frightened off by the enormity of the task at hand. Annabel and Roger were back from overseas (Tas.), and Jill managed time between work and babysitting.

Annabel and I spent our time dealing with coppiced pittos; hundreds of seedlings sprouting from previously downed fruiting trees; and gorse seedlings coming up everywhere. I suppose because they could see daylight it was an opportunity not to be lost. Not far from us were some fine examples of blooming gorse but too big and prickly for us to tackle.

The J-team; Jamie, Julie, Jack and Jill were in the thick of it, and while Annabel and I were dealing with gorse there was a mighty crash further in the bush. A head count determined all present and accounted for. Roger was with the J-team too and nowhere near it. I went back later and had a look. The limb was green but must've had a weak spot, and maybe became too heavy with the rain on it; there was no wind.

Julie's oat slice was deliciously welcome at smoko, as was the cuppa tea even though no one brought milk.



March pitto team MF



Annabel with latest protective headwear MF

The Friends of Daangean have submitted a grant application to DELWP, in the hope we can get some money in order to engage a contractor, via PV, to deal with the last five or so hectares of heavily infested bush. It would great to see the back of this block, not that any of them look so different when your head is down with eyes peering at the ground.

Saturday 24th April weeding took place in the same patch we've been toiling in for the past 10 years. Jill, Roger, Annabel and I made up the team. Three J-team members, i.e. Julie, Jamie & Jack, had other things to attend to so were absent. The bush looks a treat where we've cleaned it up and is worthwhile gazing at with pride.

No falling limbs in the bush this time. However, near where we park at the work site the top half a peppermint had recently fallen. Annabel's headwear was really for me to serve as a director's chair owing to my dicky back. Things spotted: one pink hyacinth orchid at the end of its flowering had struggled through the bracken; a turtle shell with most of its odoriferous occupant still inside was a fox victim; twining glycine and love creeper are twining their way up bracken stems, gahnia and pittosporum; and mistletoe is in bud.

Waterwatch took place on 6th April. We did it early in the month due to missing March for various reasons. The water levels in both reservoirs are going down, as they have been for some time now, however, the waters are maintaining good quality. If the winter rains come with abundance then the levels will rise and Devilbend Ck will run again.

On the 22nd April the full macroinvertebrate team (MI) visited Bittern Reservoir for the second macroinvertebrate practice run. The reasoning was to see if there was much variation in the aquatic critters. Shrimp were plentiful but nowhere near the numbers found at Devilbend. We didn't know if it was due to it being a different water body or because it was a month later, however, they were still very active, leaping in and out of the containers.



Michael collecting macroinvertebrates at Bittern MF

As the plague can come upon us again at any time we are mindful of it even though we're out in the fresh air. When matters are more stable it's hoped Melbourne Water will run a macroinvertebrate training day at The Briars.

Marnie Fitzsimons

FOD Co-ordinator

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Red Hill Op Shop

A Major Milestone...

The Red Hill Op shop has been in existence since 1983 supporting the **Peninsula Home Hospice** as our main beneficiary and we recently achieved quite a remarkable result! In 2020, in the midst of the pandemic emergency and Covid chaos just before we had to close our operations, the Red Hill Op Shop donated its *millionth dollar* to the Peninsula Home Hospice!

Quite an amazing achievement from our modest beginnings in the early 80's. However, with shared vision and determination, the founders of the Op Shop established an ambitious goal. Their vision was to ensure that people with terminal illnesses could remain in their own homes and that their families would receive appropriate support at such a difficult time. Their determination brought the vision to reality. Today, Red Hill Op Shop is a much-loved asset to the community, offering a wide range of good quality items to its customers.

We wish to extend our thanks to each of the founding members, subsequent volunteers and members who have followed them over the past decades, and the committees that have continued with the mission and the vision. We also wish to extend our thanks to the supporters who have made the Red Hill Op Shop such an important component on the Peninsula and who continue to come and visit, talk about us to others and to promote the shop and our work.

We are already on our way to the next million dollars in donations!

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Whilst walking or driving past allows you to see what's going on outdoors, it is difficult to see what's happening inside, soooooooooo...

Come on a tour with me.

Today our Foundation students were happily sorting cards with dots, pictures and numerals to demonstrate their developing number knowledge.

Our Year 1s were enjoying the reread of a favourite picture story book but this time listening out for WOW words to add to their 'interesting words wall' collection.

I found the Year 2s in the Art room working with hot and cold colours; their paintings were stunning.

Other Year 2s were on their iPads solving tasks on the 'Reading Eggs' program.

Some Year 3s were looking at similes and metaphors to include in their personal writing, ensuring that their audience had a 'clear picture in mind'.

Other Year 3 students were in their Japanese class participating in an online quiz whereby they had to match Japanese and English phrases correctly.

Our Year 4s were holding a heated discussion about the impact of plastics on the environment, during their Sustainability session.

Our Year 5s were acting out different emotional responses in their Wellbeing 'Zones of Regulation' class; being in the green zone is the optimum for learning and positive wellbeing.

Other Year 5s were in the science room clearly articulating the difference between revolutions and rotations in their 'Our place in space' unit.

Some Year 6s were on their notebooks researching for their 'choose your own adventure' projects and others were in the performing arts room listening to two distinct pieces of music and identifying the instruments they heard.

This was one walk through on one day but undoubtedly demonstrates that students at Balnarring Primary School are engaged in all types of learning – *both outdoors AND indoors!*

Sandy O'Meara.

Assistant Principal, Balnarring Primary School.



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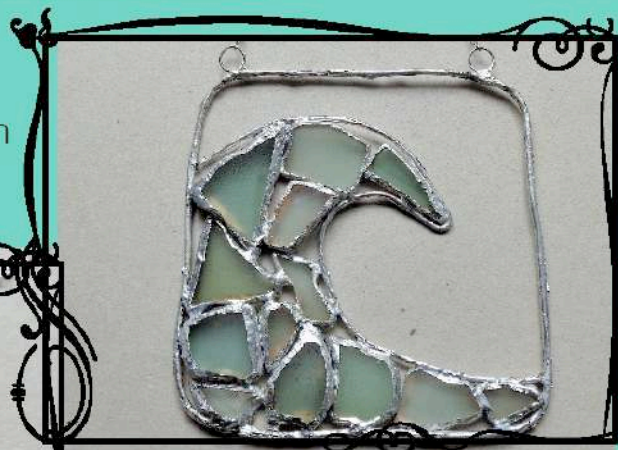
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The Flinders Motoring Heritage event returned, in a COVID-Safe way, in April with a marvellous display of prestige, vintage, unique and collector vehicles and raising funds for Peninsula Health.

After the event was cancelled in 2020, Flinders Motoring Heritage organisers were delighted to welcome back a crowd of more than 1,000 to the heart of Flinders on Easter Sunday.

Flinders Lions Club were really excited to be back this year, because the event means so much to the exhibitors and the hundreds of people who attend.

They understood public safety was a priority at this stage of the coronavirus pandemic, which is why they took all the necessary precautions to come together in the most appropriate way and ensure the safety of every attendee. The sun shone, the crowds came, smiled and everyone admired the award-winning cars.

Exhibitors, sponsors, donors and visitors contributed almost \$30,000 to Peninsula Health, with the money to be used to purchase a cardiorespiratory monitor for the Special Care Nurse at Frankston Hospital.

Lions are really pleased to be making this donation so world-class healthcare can continue to be delivered right here on the Mornington Peninsula and for the Frankston region.

Lions Club of Flinders has donated more than \$90,000 to Peninsula Health to help promote the health and wellbeing of the local community.



Flinders Motoring Heritage Event Chair, Sven Burchartz makes a cheque presentation to Peninsula Health Fundraising Manager, Mike Miller.



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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. During COVID-19, most of the groups continued in some form to provide our members with some much-needed contact and stimulation. Hopefully we will be able to organize day outings and dine-outs later in the year.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, 25th June

commencing at 9.30am in the Balnarring Hall.

The speaker for this meeting will be local author, Garry Disher.

**Details for our July meeting, on Friday, 30th July, are unavailable at the time of
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New members are always welcomed.

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

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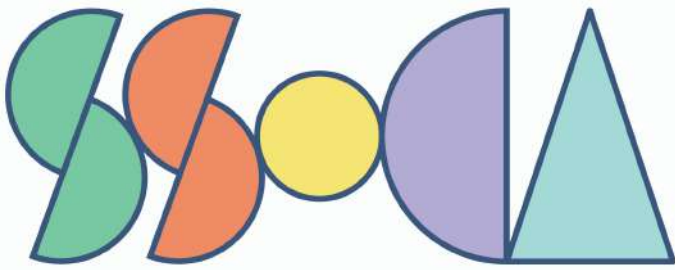


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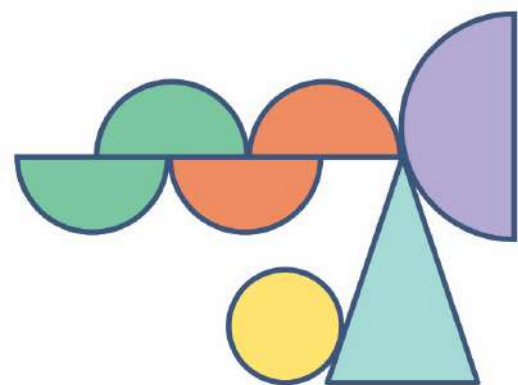


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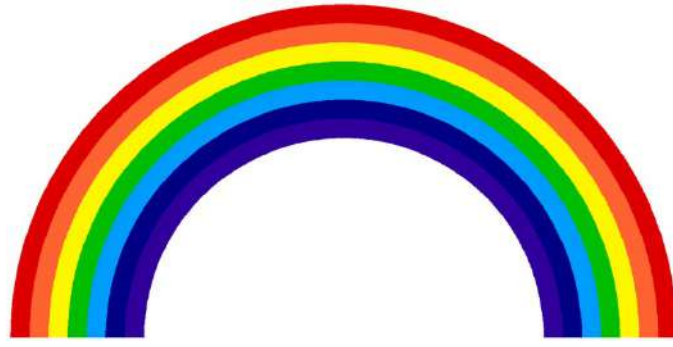
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Balnarring Fire Brigade News

Just as the Fire Season came to a close it appears that the Car Crash Season has opened with Balnarring and its neighbouring brigades attending several incidents. One such collision on Frankston-Flinders Rd in early April resulted in several casualties being conveyed to hospital, including one person in a serious condition being airlifted. So, it may be a timely reminder to please be careful when driving; don't speed, wear your seatbelt, avoid distraction (eg: mobile phones) and drive carefully taking into account all the prevailing weather and road conditions.

We would like to also acknowledge the great work by all the emergency service personnel who respond to emergency calls - our police and ambulance officers and the SES.

In the few weeks since fire restrictions have been lifted the Balnarring Brigade has attended several fire incidents, including a burn-off in Merricks that got out of control. Fortunately, no persons or stock were injured but there was some damage caused to fencing as a result of the fire. Before you burn-off: check restrictions; check the weather; have water nearby; never leave a going fire unattended; put the fire out properly before leaving it and register your burn-off on 1800 668 511.

As the weather now turns cooler preventing house fires becomes increasingly important. Previous articles have covered some important topics but it's paramount to make sure your Smoke Alarm is in good working order. If you haven't already done so, please check you Smoke Alarm as only working smoke alarms save lives.

We are looking forward to increasing our capacity with the approval of a new Field Command Vehicle (delivery date yet to be confirmed). This vehicle is partially funded by the contributions we



have received from our community. We look forward to showing it off some time in the future, so stay tuned!

On the subject of community contributions, we recently sent out letters to the community and we greatly appreciate any and all support received.

On a personal front, we would like to congratulate Aaron on the arrival of his new little baby girl. I'm sure it won't be too long and you'll have her down at the station driving a fire truck.

Also, to both Nigel and Max on competing in the Police and Emergency Services Games that were held earlier this year. The father and son duo competed in the Triathlon and placed 1st and 3rd respectively in their age groups.

Training continues both on Sunday mornings from 9.30am and the 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday evenings at 7.30pm. If you've been thinking about making a positive difference in your community we would be most certainly interested in hearing from you. Come down and learn some new skills that you may find very useful in your everyday life and some that are just straight out good fun. All the training and equipment is free. Contact us on 5983 5379, via our Facebook page or at balnarringcfa@bigpond.com. We'd love to hear from you. And ladies this means you too.

But it's not just all about training, there's plenty of social activity too, so feel free to come down and meet the crew.

To our community, keep up the great work staying safe and Covid free by adhering to social distancing and other guidelines but, above all else, enjoy what's left of the sunshine.

Byron Sedgwick
Lieutenant – Balnarring CFA
Community Engagement Officer

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NEWSLETTER - JUNE 21

MARKET NEWS

There was a lot happening at the May market. The Biggest Morning Tea, which raised \$584.50 from the Devonshire Teas, BBQ & donations. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and our State member, Neale Burgess and his staff for running the BBQ. A big THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers who help at every market, we couldn't do it without you. The Quilt raffle was finally drawn, *ticket 92*, a lady by the name of Sylvia from Melbourne who bought tickets at the April market. The kids had fun with the Cribby Koala treasure hunt and a free raffle to win a box of chocolates for Mum for Mother's Day, which was won by a young lady. I'm sure her Mum loved it. Of course we were also celebrating Neighbourhood House Week and were giving everyone a WOI bag. These were quite a hit, filled with a wealth of information as well as tea, coffee and biscuits. Back to normal at the June 12th market but still lots to see and buy and of course the Treasure Hunt for the kids. Hope to see you there.

CAFÉ CHAT - It's back!

Yes, Café Chat is back, every 2nd Monday at Café 202. Also we'll do a pop up Café Chat from time to time at other cafés. Watch our Facebook page for dates. Come and join us for a chat, the cuppa is on us. We'd love to know what you're interested in and what you'd like to do at YOUR Community House.

I'm going to
stand outside,
so if anyone asks
I'm outstanding!



Crib Point Action Group had the dedication of the murals on Sunday 2nd May. The murals, depicting the History, Community, Sports and Environment of Crib Point, were painted by local artist Philip Philippou. They were funded by the Mornington Peninsula Shire. Two are in the carpark opposite Café 202 and two are on the wall of the Cellars. Please make sure you check them out. The murals were dedicated to the people of Crib Point.

AUGUST ART ATTACK

This year's Art Show will be held from 27th to 29th August. Get your entries in now. You'll find all information is on the website;

www.augustartattack.com

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TERM 3 CLASSES

Our usual classes and groups will be on, Yoga, all the Craft groups, Meditation, Lady's Woodwork, Beginner's Sewing, Walking, Gentle Exercise, Family Tree Circle, Art, Women's Wellness, even an Op shop trip. Check out our Website and Facebook for up to date information. Better still, call in and see us, we love to have a chat and find out what you want.

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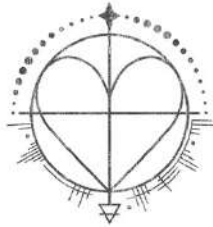
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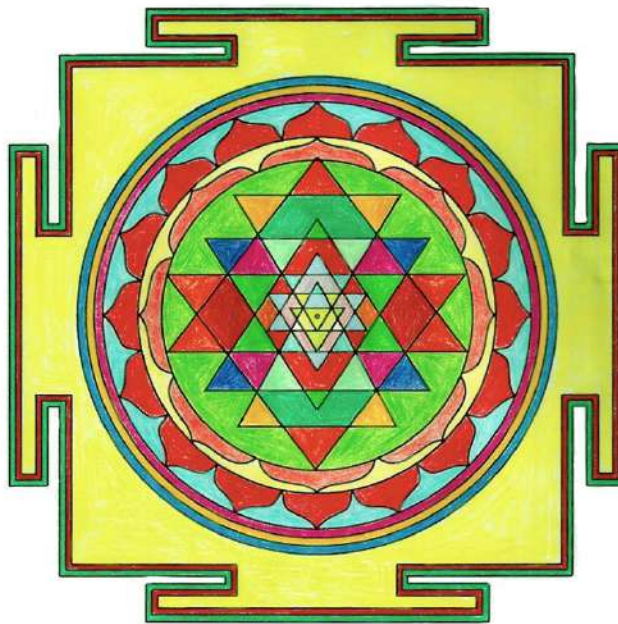
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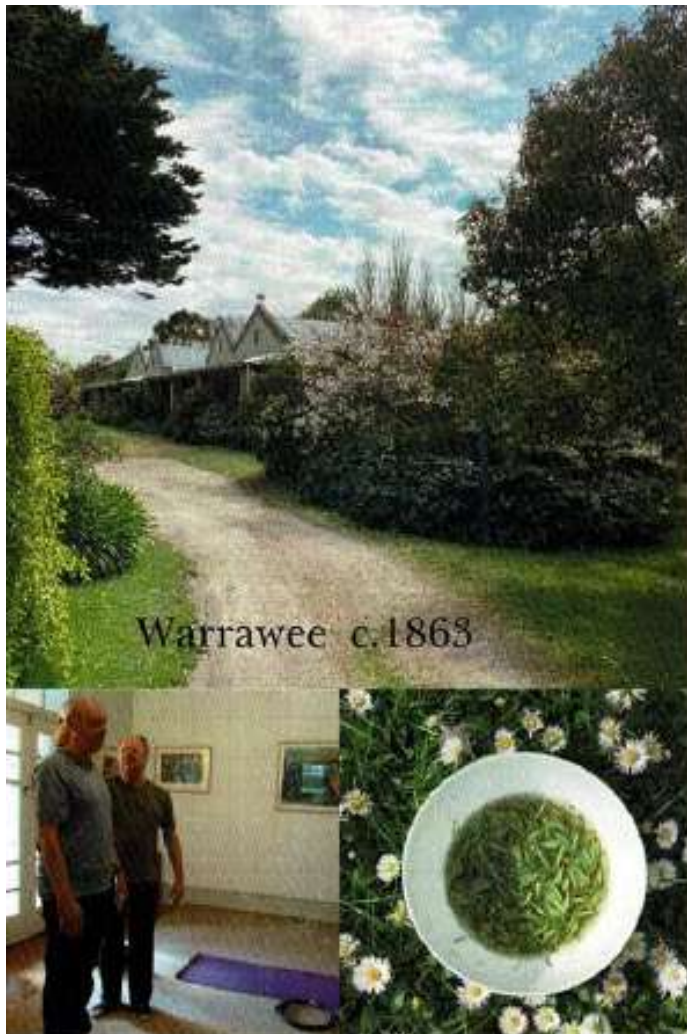
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The weather (after a frightful day the day before) was beautiful, and a smooth crossing on the ferry was very pleasant.

A leisurely stroll along the Main Street allowed for much needed retail therapy, the outcome of which were the numbers of bags that were not present at the beginning of the day out.

Lunch was at Pino's Trattoria. We were made very welcome, our meals were superb, and our thanks to all at Pino's Trattoria for making our day out so memorable.

Our club meets on the first Friday of the month.

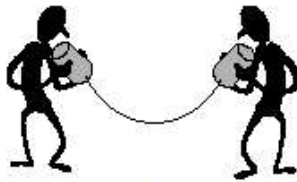
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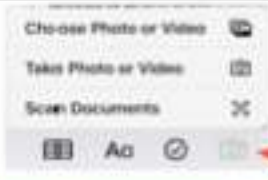




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To scan, follow these steps:

Picture	Explanation
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	3) Touch the camera icon, select Scan Documents and aim at the document.
	4) Once the aiming is correct, a yellow haze will appear on the picture, and a scan will be done. Click on the Save key. The Scan will now appear in your Notes.
	5) Open the scanned document in your Notes. Touch it. Another menu opens which allows: 1. Take another scan 2. Crop the current scan 3. Modify the colour / definition 4. Rotate the scan 5. Erase the scan
	6) When finished, touch Done to save

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Please contact: Patsy Wilson

Membership Secretary

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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 June 27th and Sunday July 25th, 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**.

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

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July 10th (August/September issue)

September 10th (October/November issue)

November 10th (December/January issue)

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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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