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Muz (Murray) and Carol Turner, from Pt Leo, are currently in the N.T. at their 'other home', Numbulwar, on the coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria, near Groote Eylandt. Muz's photo above is of a river crossing en route to Numbulwar - apparently, it's not flooded, this is normal! But the road is completely impassable for 5 months of the year, with access to Numbulwar being only by Fly in, or Slow Barge from Darwin!! Read their letter to us on page 24 ☺

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Hello Everyone!

The year is absolutely flying - how can it already be August?! 😊

Welcome to Issue 74 of your community magazine! Get yourself a large mug of tea, coffee, or whatever your delight is, and find a comfy chair and settle in because this issue is the biggest ever, with 76 pages: It's full of amazing stuff!!

Please give your attention to Save Westernport's report on the **planned ESSO gas-fired power station in Hastings** – yes, we kid you not!! See pages 8 to 10. Our deepest gratitude goes, once more, to the Marvels at Save Westernport who keep us informed of such threats to our Beloved environment and give us contact details so that we can voice our opposition through the official channels. Thank you!!

To everyone, and there have been a lot (and maybe a lot yet to come), who has contracted covid (for some it's the second or third time!), our best wishes for your return to wellness and a fast resumption of your non-covid lives. XX

Our special thanks to Simon, David and the team at Galaxy Printing in Hastings for their continued support and excellent service. They are wonderful to deal with... every issue of the Bridge! (That's 74 issues over almost 10 years!)

We wish you all an Auspicious August and a Sensational September! 😊
HAPPY READING!

Love, Jen and Ali xx
info@bridgemag.com.au

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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!

Birthdays

August

4th Angie Roach
9th Georgia Murphy
11th Tash Miller
13th Nathan Wainwright
16th Rupert Steiner
18th Steve Weller
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 September 2022

Inspirational Angel Cards for the Community

*Nourish
Imagine*

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

(Source: Inspirational Angel Cards, by Simon Bunyevich, Somers.)

Who do you appreciate in our community and why?

**Email submissions of appreciation, & birthdays in our community,
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Post to: The Bridge, PO Box 248, Balnarring 3926

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

- Council's recent budget has recognised links like the Merricks/Balnarring to Bittern as priorities in joining up our **bike and pedestrian trails** around the Peninsula.
- A serious problem on our farmland and roadsides is the spread of **noxious weeds**. Since the State Government took over the responsibility for noxious weeds in rural areas decades ago this issue has been neglected.
Farmers trying to make a living from their properties are continually dealing with the costly removal of weeds spreading from neighbouring properties and roadsides. This is another burden affecting the **viability of our farmland**.
With all the other pressures on retaining Green Wedge land at least this can be fixed if our politicians show that they care.
- I am on a new '**Police Community Safety**' liaison committee seeking feedback on local policing issues in Red Hill Ward. Please let me know about any problems that you would like me to raise.
- A special mention to our 2022 Mornington Peninsula **Citizen of the Year** Dirk Jansen who has led a koala tree planting project on a massive scale. There are many local heroes who put their time and effort into projects or simply help their neighbours. We celebrated these wonderful volunteers recently with special activities during National Volunteer Week.

- The **koala seminar** and workshops planned just as Covid started will now be held later in the year. Over 500 people previously registered to attend. Information will be available soon.
- In a recent **tour of Somers** with Planning and Infrastructure Director, Mike McIntosh, we looked at issues including parking in Parklands Road, foreshore and Coolart Management by ParksVic, options for the bike jumps in RW Stone Reserve and the Camp Hill Road delays with the new footpath to the school.
- Locals are looking to **extend the 40kms zone** at the end of Balnarring Beach Road near the bridge. Council is investigating but must receive VicRoads approval for all speed changes.
- An investigation of practical methods to **remove pine tree seedlings** affecting our native vegetation on roadsides and bush reserves is underway after my recent Council motion was agreed to by Councillors.
- **Congratulations to the students at Balnarring Primary School** for their award-winning efforts in collecting the most second-hand sports shoes for recycling of any school in Australia.

I welcome your feedback on any local matters or issues.

Regards,

David.

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From 'Save Westernport'



A New Gas Fired Power Station in Westernport Bay ?

In 2021 Esso Hastings announced plans to install three new ethane powered electricity generators at their plant at Long Island Point. At first glance it might seem like a good idea for Esso to use this major waste product from processing gas to generate power, but Esso's project application reveals dozens of serious impacts and unanswered questions, including increased greenhouse gas emissions on the Mornington Peninsula, the removal of native vegetation to construct electrical transmission lines, and industrial noise exceeding 100dB from the planned 24 hour operation of the generators. Esso proposes building a 15 x 45m wall "to reduce noise impacts" on residents to the south of the site, but this would do very little to limit the effects of constant industrial noise on residents and wildlife across the water on French Island, within the Ramsar wetlands. Noise impacts on shorebirds and their mangrove roosting sites appear to have been overlooked in Esso's Noise assessment reports. Links to these reports are below.

The uncertainties of the proposal, and Esso's close proximity to Westernport's internationally accredited Ramsar Wetlands prompted Save Westernport to object to Esso's plans and call for an Environment Effects Statement (EES) to allow its impacts, and each of Esso's claims to be independently assessed. Our submissions to EPA Victoria and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) were endorsed by 12 local groups and Environment Victoria.

Esso's stakeholder engagement has been inadequate; Esso has failed to engage with the community at any stage of the project's development. Finally in May, in response to public requests the EPA arranged an information session. Unfortunately it was not publicised in advance. Regardless of how Esso managed their public relations in the past, they should know that accountability and transparency are valued more highly than they once were. A few notices in the local paper do not even fulfill Esso's own guidelines on stakeholder engagement: ***"to provide information in advance of consultation activities and decision-making."***

We believe Esso has seriously misrepresented their project, and we question their claims in the WP News that the project would *"have good environmental outcomes for our community"* and *"reduce the need to flare at Long Island Point"*. Esso hasn't explained how this reduction would be achieved. Ethane is the main by-product of Esso's gas processing plant. Since the 1970s Esso has piped their waste ethane to Altona, where Qenos has used it to manufacture plastics.

The recent closure of Qenos at Altona has forced Esso to find an alternative use for their byproduct ethane. This is the reason behind this strange project. Other by-products from Esso's gas processing plant, CO₂, carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), nitrous oxide, sulphur dioxide and formaldehyde will either continue to escape as emissions or will still be flared over Hastings. Using ethane to power a generator will not change that.

We believe Esso has expected Westernport communities to compensate for the environmental harms of their commercial operations for too long.

Esso has applied to dispose of waste Ethane by burning it at Long Island Point. While this will generate its own emissions, Esso has been unable to supply details in their project reports. Ethane seems to be entirely untested in power generation. The use of ethane in electricity generation is such a novel process, we've been unable to find examples of ethane in electricity generation anywhere in the world. All available information in Esso's data *relates to the use of methane, NOT ethane*. Esso has provided no details either of the volume of existing emissions at Hastings, or the predicted increase from burning ethane.

Residents of Crib Point, Bittern, Hastings, Balnarring, Somers and other townships on the Mornington Peninsula as well as communities on French Island and Phillip Island have long opposed any new industrial development or facilities around Western Port Bay that may have adverse impacts on the ecological character of the region including impacts on the local environment, flora, fauna and migratory species.

In 2020 Mornington Peninsula Shire Council adopted a Climate Emergency Response Plan that provides clear priorities and actions to guide the Mornington Peninsula towards zero carbon emissions by 2040. Esso's project would increase greenhouse gas emissions and does not comply with the Climate Emergency Plan for the Mornington Peninsula. We believe Esso must do more to find a solution to excess ethane production at Long Island Point that does not increase greenhouse gas emissions on the Mornington Peninsula or cause other adverse impacts for our community or our environment.

Greenhouse gases must not be transferred from Altona to the Mornington Peninsula.

EPA Victoria should reject this development licence application by Esso and recommend that a full Environment Effects Statement (EES) is required of this Project in order to identify all environmental effects and other adverse impacts.

Save WP submissions and Esso's project reports here:

https://docs.google.com/file/d/1KT1RJ4AWzWB0JwbyLQrJ64503m3z6Cid/edit?usp=doclist_api&filetype=msword

Since the success of the campaign against AGL, decision-makers are acutely aware of how engaged this community is on climate and our local environment. Projects that evoke strong community responses are scrutinised far more closely. Esso's project is unworthy of approval.

Please contact:

DELWP: development.approvals@delwp.vic.gov.au (03) 8508 0645

EPA Victoria: permissioning.engagement@epa.vic.gov.au

and Lizzie Blandthorn, Victoria's new Minister for Planning:

lizzie.blandthorn@parliament.vic.gov.au Ministerial Office: (03) 8683 0964

If you're a resident of Hastings or the Mornington Peninsula, please tell them. State your strong Objection to Esso's Application #PA2201534 and call for an EES to ensure that Esso's claims on Emissions are independently assessed, along with the numerous potential impacts on these Ramsar Wetlands.



Repower is a not-for-profit group of volunteers working on empowering the Mornington Peninsula community to decarbonise our energy use at home and work.

We want to make it simple to electrify our lives with renewable energy, and to 'do our bit' towards solving the global warming climate crisis.

There is a lot we can do both personally and collectively to make a difference.

We are bringing together local people, passionate for change in all areas of the Peninsula, with local 'satellite' groups.

If you would like to be a part of the solution, and get together with local people from Balnarring and surrounding areas to work together on this, please register your interest at info@empowermornpen.org.au and we will help to get Balnarring decarbonised.

To find out more check our website <https://repowermornpen.org.au/> or join our Repower Facebook group.

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Wildlife Corridor or Sandpit?

by Rod Knowles

On a lovely sunny Saturday winter's afternoon in July a group of environmentalists from the Mornington Peninsula Shire, including our Save Westernport group travelled to the Bass Coast Shire situated on the eastern side of Western Port Bay. They had received an invitation from the Save Western Port Woodlands (SWPW) group to be part of a conducted tour of the 'Westernport Woodlands' which is the local name for a forest corridor of conservation reserves and remnant vegetation, about an hour's drive southeast of Melbourne.

This rare Coastal Forest is under threat from a surge in sandmining activities. Currently sand mining takes precedence over the conservation of this fragile habitat and the wishes of the local communities.

Our SWPW tour guide was Katherine Watson who told us that the campaign by the local community to stop more permits being issued to further sand mine this wonderful fragile coastal forest started in 2020 when the 800 hectare heavily wooded Holden-proving ground near Grantville was placed on the market. The Holden Proving Ground has been fenced off to the public for over 50 years, making it prime untouched country for threatened species. The local community failed to persuade the State Government to buy it and it was bought by a Vietnamese car company.

In the meantime, SWPW found out that the whole of the Western Port Woodlands from Lang Lang nearly to Bass, approximately 20 kilometres, was under threat from a surge in sand mining. Katherine said there are 10 existing sand mines along that 20 km corridor, including 5 mines in nature conservation reserves. Another 9 work authorities have already been approved and there are another 7 applications. The local community felt that if they did nothing, the beautiful coastal forest would be carted away truckload by truckload before their very eyes, so the Save Western Port Woodlands (SWPW) group was formed.

When asked how deep the quarries would be, Katherine told us that the company, 'Dandy Premix' are seeking to go 20 metres below the water table. The mines at Adams Creek Nature Conservation Reserve are so deep it is like looking into a smaller scale Grand Canyon. One of the very serious concerns of SWPW is the toxins from the mining operations leaching into Western Port Bay, so much so that the group commissioned a report from Professor Dick Wettenhall to examine the leaching dangers.

Professor Wettenhall explained that once you get below the water table, the dredged sand is placed into the Dredge Pond which contains chemicals that are used to process the sand and some of those are mutagenic and carcinogenic. Professor Wettenhall is really concerned that they will leach into the ground water, enter the creeks then run into Western Port Bay and end up on the Ramsar-protected tidal mudflats which are such a precious habitat for so many species. One of the creeks that is of real concern is Deep Creek which runs through the Dandy Premix sand mines.

Katherine said that you don't realise how beautiful these Western Port Woodlands are until you take the time to go for a walk through them, as she has on numerous occasions since the campaign started: She has been conducting tours, such as the one we were on. She said since the campaign started, SWPW group have received massive support from the Bass Coast community. They have over 400 members who were able to gather more than 4000 signatures petitioning the Victorian Parliament to stop the sand mining of the Western Port Woodlands; furthermore, over 1000 people made submissions to DELWP opposing the mining.

The campaign is supported by 20 different environmental and community groups as well as the Bass Coast Shire Council who have been fantastic and have given the SWPW group massive support.

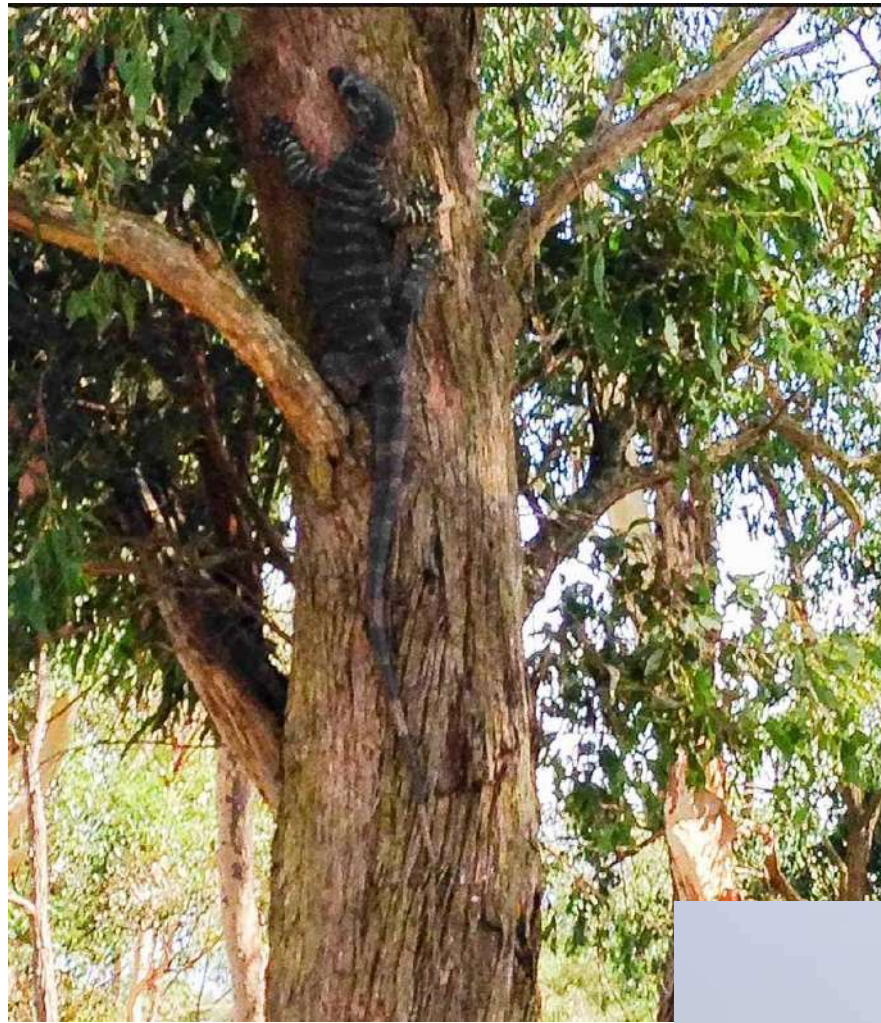
Katherine said that we know the State needs sand and we are not arguing that there should be a complete cessation of sand mining. The Government's own documents show that there are massive quantities of sand elsewhere; there is a resource near Trafalgar that was assayed in the mid 1990s that was commissioned by the Victorian Department of Mines. A press release from the department said there was enough sand for Melbourne for the next 100 years. The press release talked about the availability of approx. '500 million tonnes of construction grade sand that has never been touched and is on cleared farmland close to a freeway and close to the rail freight line'.

**"SWPW is saying, 'Get your sand from cleared land:
do not get it from the last remaining Woodland in our shire'."**



Photo by Woodrow Wilson. Holcim Aust in Adams Creek, Lang Lang.

Wildlife Corridor or Sandpit?



Monitor Lizard
By Bruce Preston
Photo enhanced George Papas

Grass trees near sand mine
By Catherine Wilson



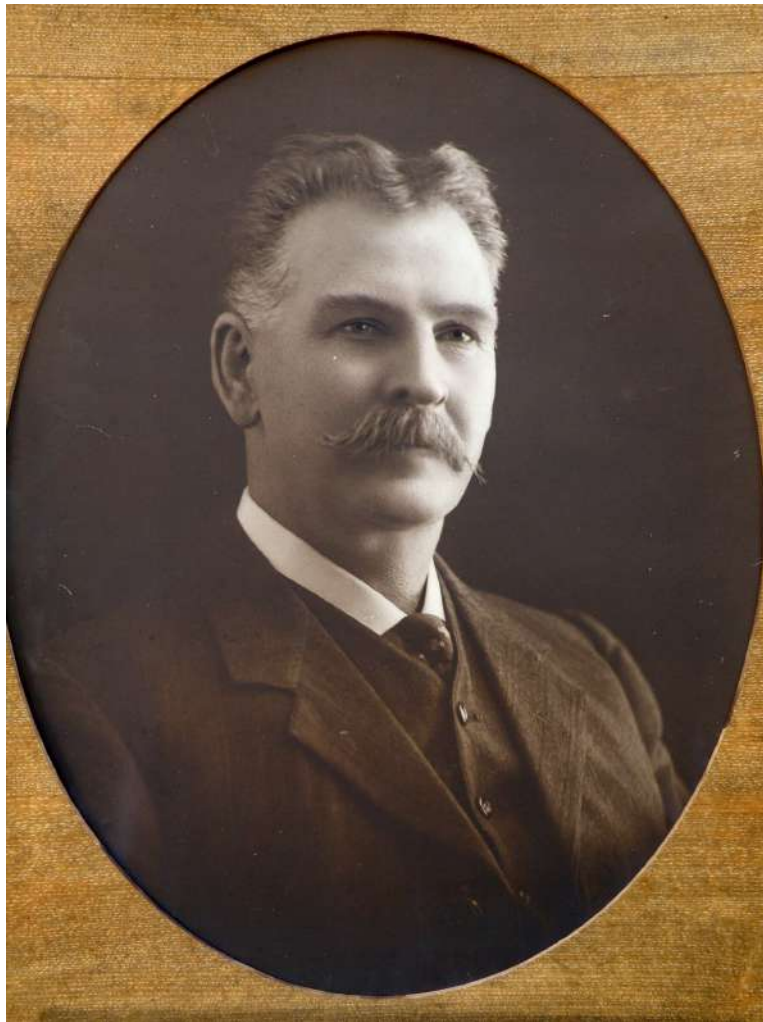
MERRICK NORTH'S CHERISHED HALL TO BE RESTORED

It was built to be a school. The small white building over-shadowed by gum trees on the corner of Merricks Road and the Bittern Dromana Road dates from 1938. Merricks North State School had opened the previous year with Beatrice Storer appointed to teach the fourteen children of school age who lived in that area. Their school room was in 'Pembroke', an unoccupied farmhouse. When Pembroke's owner did not wish to extend the lease, the Merricks North community acted quickly. A meeting was held, a committee formed and money raised to match a grant offered by the Education Department towards a new building. The site was obtained, land cleared, plans drawn up and late in July 1938 construction work started on a room 24 ft x 24 ft (7.3 metres x 7.3 metres). Working bees were held at weekends and, by October 22, the hall was ready for the school's official opening.

The building was called Fenton Hall to honour James Fenton, MHR, a local resident who had been a keen supporter of the new school. Fenton served as a minister under both the Scullin and Lyons governments and had, at one time, been Acting Prime Minister. Although now retired, he played an active role in promoting the school, raising funds and taking his place on committees.

Next a supper room was added to the back of the hall as it was also to function as a community centre. Someone donated a small piano and at the end of classes each Friday desks were cleared from the room, ready for the weekend's activities. When not filled with the sound of young voices chanting tables and reading aloud, the hall rang with music for dance lessons, social functions and concerts. Local man, David Robb and his bagpipes were much in demand at functions. Fenton Hall was used for Church services, euchre parties, political meetings. Electricity came in 1940 and throughout the war years, when the hall complied with blackout regulations, many patriotic social events were held there as were Red Cross classes. A locally formed committee of management attended to all matters regarding the hall.

The small school closed down at the end of 1950. The following year children from Merricks North were bussed to the new, large Red Hill Consolidated School. Fenton Hall, because of its dual role, survived the school's closure. It continued to be the hub of the community serving, in its time, as a baby health



James Fenton M.H.R



Fenton Hall 1939

centre, a library, headquarters for the local Progress Association and a home for the Younger Set. In 1952 it became the local polling booth at election time.

A 1959 extension to the building included a new covered entrance while much needed new toilet facilities came in 1968. During the 1970s it was home to a ballet school and for almost two decades many aspiring young dancers received expert tuition from Clare Major. One very popular event, first held in 1993, was a gathering of Merricks North residents at Fenton Hall. In October people with past links to the hall, as well newcomers to the district, met together for a barbecue lunch where old friendships were renewed and new ones made.

A local committee continued to handle all matters relating to the hall. It took bookings (the key could be collected locally), saw to maintenance and improvements to the grounds and liaised with the Hastings Council on the big issues. This came to an end in 1994 when the Morning Peninsula Shire came into being, an amalgamation of the existing shires. Changes were introduced and the management of community halls was taken from the local groups. To use the hall involved more 'red tape' than previously and gaining access became more difficult when the key was no longer held locally. Eventually an electronic lock system was put in place but this, too, presented difficulties. Use of Fenton Hall fell away although it still remained home to several groups until the door was shut permanently about five years ago. Without regular maintenance the state of the building had deteriorated; the toilet block was unfit for use.

Fenton Hall remained neglected and overlooked. Until 2020. Rumours circulated that the Shire planned to demolish the building and possibly sell off the land. Many Merricks North residents were outraged. The hall had long been central to their community and they wished it to remain so. A group, the Friends of Fenton Hall, was formed to draw attention to the hall. It has been working with the Shire to ensure the hall has a future. An extensive survey has been undertaken to identify the hall's structural problems and its heritage worth is under review. Plans are now afoot for its restoration.

On Sunday 19th June another gathering took place. Merricks North residents, Cr David Gill, shire officers Jon Rawlings and Pratik Shurpali, and local politician

Chris Brayne met in wintery sunshine in the grounds of Fenton Hall to discuss the latest developments and to share ideas. The gathering was organised by the Friends of Fenton Hall.

- I.Hackett

For further information about the hall and its future contact:

savefentonhall@gmail.com

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

<https://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au/fenton-hall-restoration>



The recent gathering at Fenton Hall

Friends of Fenton Hall

Want to learn more?

Would you like to contribute your ideas on
future uses for the Hall?

Can you share memories?

contact: **Sue 0417 553 785**

email: **savefentonhall@gmail.com**

Sayonara Balnarring Primary School

Mina-san konnichiwa.
Hello Everyone.

I was unwell earlier in the year and although I am on the mend, it was with a heavy heart that I said sayonara to Balnarring Primary School at the end of Term 1. I have loved my 16 years with my Balnarring family. You will always have a special place in my heart.

The Balnarring Way is part of who we are. To the wonderful students past and present in Japanese classes who:

1. Respected and cared for themselves - you should be so proud of always trying your best and giving it a red hot go. I am so incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

2. Respected and cared for others - this encouraged me to design engaging units of work where we had fun learning through various games and activities together and then created something amazing at the end. You made teaching at Balnarring an absolute pleasure.

3. Respected and cared for the environment - you treated my classroom so beautifully and I loved sharing Japanese souvenirs and stories from Japan with you.

Thank you for being you. Always remember the Balnarring Way throughout your life.



A special thank you too to those who have been on my journey to be sustainable and fighting for Planet A. It has been so encouraging to see the BEAT Bag initiative take off recently with a huge thank you to Balnarring Boomerang Bags for making so many beautiful bags for children to decorate. Knowing so many people are caring for our world gives me so much encouragement to continue being sustainable too.

I love this quote I read somewhere:

"I'm only one person, I can't make a difference," said 7 BILLION people!

We ALL can make a difference. There are so many simple things we can do that make a difference.

You have all made a difference in my life.

Arigato gozaimashta.
Thank you for everything.

Ki o tsukette kudasai.
Best wishes and take care.

Sayonara,
Michelle Sensei



*Michelle de la Coeur was Japanese teacher
from 2006 - 2022 at Balnarring Primary School.
Prior to that she worked at Toorak College,
Dromana College and Monterey Secondary College.*

New *STRETCH* Class

with Neil Adams
at Warrawee Wholistic
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for more information.



CHRISTMAS IN SHENYANG

Christianity came late to China. It didn't slowly filter overland along the Silk Road as did Buddhism but was introduced in the 19th century at a time when China was in disarray. There was no effective central government, and in many places, warlords held sway.

Jean Chenin, a French Jesuit missionary brought Catholicism to Liaoning province and various Protestant groups from Europe and the US introduced their interpretation of the Gospel elsewhere. The missionaries had some success in areas of great poverty and established centres of support opening nurseries and schools, as well as places of worship.

Then, at the end of the nineteenth century, the Boxer rebellion and its anti-foreigner stance saw the fortunes of Christianity suffer. At this time, the Cathedral in Shenyang was destroyed. There were even more severe attacks upon churches and Christians during the Cultural Revolution years. However North China escaped some of the excesses of that time and Christianity has increased there since the days of persecution. There is an estimated figure of 200,000 public worshippers in Liaoning province alone and there are several large churches in Shenyang.



Nannguan Cathedral, Shenyang

Professor Yang, being a gracious host and also keen to keep his hard working 'guests' happy and interested during their time in Shenyang, asked us if we would like to attend a church service on Xmas day. I think we were all of the agnostic persuasion but thought it would be impolite to refuse the invitation and it would be interesting. That it most certainly was!!



The interior of Shenyang's Sacred Heart Cathedral

We arranged to meet outside our hotel at 10.00am and one of the university cars drove us downtown, pulling up outside the rebuilt, large Sacred Heart Cathedral called Nanguan by the locals.

We were met at the door and ushered past the smiling, well rugged-up congregation who were looking with interest at the four middle-aged Westerners. At the front of the nave, room was made for us on a familiar wooden pew, and we sat listening to the steady murmur of voices as people chatted quietly and we took in our surroundings.

The interior was magnificent with its soaring vaulted ceiling and the stations of the cross hanging at intervals on the pillars. There was the altar, simply adorned with an altar rail running across the transept. Also evident was the Catholic love of statuary with Jesus, arms outstretched, and the Virgin Mary in prominent places.

Then, behind us, was a ripple of excitement and we turned and saw not a priest in priestly attire proceeding down the aisle, but Santa in all his crimson glory, well-padded and with a large sack over his shoulder. He stopped in front of us and proceeded to take from his sack little bags of peanuts and sweets and toss them gaily into the congregation. Children excitedly sought to catch them and there was much leaping to and fro.

Music started playing and there was singing. None of the hymns were recognizable, but they were cheerful enough. We were approached and asked if we could sing. This happened all too often in our time in China and we had to 'suck it up'. None of our party were songbirds but we dutifully stood, facing the animated, chewing crowd in front of us and belted out a short version of Waltzing Matilda! I think we got a round of polite applause but then more music started up and we had barely regained our seats when Santa appeared before me, bowed and holding out his hands, swept me up into a merry jig in front of the altar. It was fun and made us feel part of this unusual celebration.

There must have been prayers (unintelligible to us, of course) and some order but the next thing I remember was the clarion call of a trumpet and a group of people appeared from the sanctuary dressed in the garments of long ago. They had most extraordinary head-dresses which looked very like the rolled hot towels offered to guests in Chinese restaurants. One figure, minus the headdress, was holding a large crook and we realized that here was Jesus and his flock with most ingenious horns. They stood on show for a time and then proceeded from whence they came.

I seem to remember Santa dispensing treats again and then it was all over and out we went into downtown Shenyang, flurries of snow giving us a Christmas blessing.

Shenyang has wonderful hotpot restaurants - crowded, steamy and noisy - a fine counterbalance to its winter cold. And so we had a veritable feast of shaved, marbled Mongolian lamb, endless fresh vegetables and an array of tofu specialities to cook in the delicious broth simmering in the large pot set in the central table cavity. To accompany it, dishes of a delicious sesame paste, well-seasoned with garlic.

We had a lot to talk about after our time in the Cathedral and we were sorry we weren't approached by any English-speaking members of the congregation. Of course, at this time there may have been none.

It was certainly Christmas with a difference and one unforgettable!

Diana Zulicki
Balnarring



Western Port Uniting Church Parish

(consisting of Balnarring, Crib Point and Hastings congregations)

Service Locations and Times for August and September 2022

Balnarring 10.45 am Crib Point 9.00 am Hastings 10.45 am

Church Locations:

Balnarring - 10 Balnarring Beach Road, Balnarring.

Crib Point - 382 Stony Point Road, Crib Point.

Hastings - Cnr Marine Parade and Hodgins Road, Hastings.

Please use this Parish link <https://zoom.us/j/6688830489> to participate in the 10.45 am service.

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

Parish Contacts

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

Parish Opportunity Shop - 149 Disney Street Crib Point

Op Shop - trading times:-

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

Volunteering opportunities exist for those wishing to contribute to a community group.

Please call in or email colin-watt@bigpond.com to obtain an Application Form.

Clean, presentable, and saleable donations are accepted during these hours - Thanks.

Parish Bible Study

Bible Study which began at Balnarring Church in July continues fortnightly during August and September. It starts at 11 a.m. and concludes with a light lunch.

We are exploring the book of Acts, John Stott's series of studies, charting the early church and what insights we might glean for the times we are in.

You are most welcome to attend. Please contact Margaret Baker, details above, to confirm the study dates and luncheon arrangements.

Defibrillator in Place at Crib Point Shops

Through the Crib Point Uniting Church and Opportunity Shop, Ambulance Victoria (AV) has allocated an automated external defibrillator (AED) to the Crib Point community, which is now located on the front wall of the Op Shop in Disney Street.

Over a dozen citizens attended defibrillation training at the Crib Point Uniting Church which was free of charge and provided by AV paramedics. They taught the new Heart Safe procedure of “Call – Push – Shock”. Call – Triple Zero for an ambulance, Push - commence and maintain chest compressions, and Shock – using the AED.

As a result of a Heart Safe event in May 2021, a very generous local benefactor began the donation of AEDs across the peninsula. They have gone to places that were ineligible for council grants, or tax rebates if they were to purchase their own. So far, 11 AEDs have been placed with custodians across the peninsula through this person's generosity.

This AED is part of a Heart Safe initiative which aims to both train as many community members as possible in the skills of defibrillation, as well as support the placement of as many 24/7 publicly accessible AEDs for use by bystanders at an emergency situation. The project extends across the entire Mornington Peninsula.

It is worth noting that 18 cardiac arrests occur in Victoria daily. Only 10% of out of hospital cardiac arrests survive. Survival rate is increased by 72% if there is an immediate call to Triple Zero for ambulance attendance, early and effective compressions, and readily availability and use of an AED.



Location of the Crib Point Defibrillator: Crib Point Op Shop (Disney St.) front wall. 27

A Letter from Murray and Carol Turner who are in Numbulwar, N.T.

Hi Everyone,

Well we have finally got a chance to leave Victoria and head up to the remote community of Numbulwar in the north-east corner of the Northern Territory. Covid has prevented us from travelling here for the past two years and it seems it's chasing us all the way. There is definitely a further wave of influenza and Covid throughout the Territory, so we are keeping to ourselves and wearing masks wherever we go.

Yesterday we both managed to get our fourth dose of vaccine and many of the smaller communities have vaccine available and Numbulwar has a rate of in excess of 92% vaccination rate.

We want to express our gratitude for all of those who have donated parcels and posted them to the Numbulwar op shop. These items are so welcomed and needed for the families of Numbulwar.

We would also like to thank all those who donated to our Buzzi B program. This enabled us to purchase six devices that are used to help in the management of the crippling condition rheumatic heart disease. These devices act as a TENS machine on the arms of the tiny children who are sadly afflicted by this condition of poverty.

Once a child is diagnosed with acute rheumatic fever, they require a Bicillin injection every 28 days for some 10 years. This is extremely painful to administer hence these machines act as a distraction to ensure the kids are not leaving the clinic with a feeling that they will not come back... Should they fail to return there is a very great risk of death: sadly this disease takes no prisoners if untreated.

This trip we will reconnect with families and the school as there is a new principal and many new teachers and hopefully next year we will be able to look at having students return to Point Leo as a result of good school attendance.

We also hope to next year take year 11 students from Dromana Secondary to help deliver health and education courses in conjunction with new boy students.

See attached to this story a photo from our last visit. We hope to repeat the same thing with cooking huge pyre meals for the community and teaching young mums how to cook for large numbers of people with an incentive to make some income.

Stay safe everyone and again thank you very, very, very much for all your support over the years.

Muz & Carol

Long Journey Partnership

Connecting communities to education



Learning to cook in large volume.



Numbulwar community.



Open 9am-4pm Weekdays

Willum Warrain is a 100% Aboriginal community-owned bush nursery specialising in local indigenous plants from the Mornington Peninsula. Many of the plants we sell have cultural uses and meanings for Aboriginal peoples in South East Australia.

We are the only Aboriginal-run nursery retail and wholesale nursery south of Melbourne open to the public. We are very keen to take on larger orders (with warning) from businesses and agencies seeking to achieve Reconciliation Action Plan goals and meet procurement targets.

We really appreciate the support of friends, allies and corporate clients who have been so keen to support our local Aboriginal mob developing this important social enterprise, creating employment opportunities for our Aboriginal community.

You can drop in weekdays throughout the school term and purchase plants. – we are currently growing over 100 species. Please see our exciting range of top 5 Deadly Plants (murnong, lomandra, chocolate lily, appleberry, karkalla) and our top 5 wetland and top 5 bush flower selections.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to heal country. For more information, please visit -

www.willumwarrain.org.au/willum-warrain-aboriginal-bush-nursery

Devilbend Natural Features Reserve

Community Weeding Day 2022



If you want to make a difference and leave a positive environmental footprint, come along and get involved in the Devilbend Foundation's Community Weeding Day. It is a fun, relaxed, social outing where you will get to meet other locals who have a passion for protecting this special place.

When: Saturday 27th August 2022

Where: Meet at Devilbend Natural Features Reserve Picnic Ground, 159 Graydens Rd,

(Melways map 152 J3)

Time: 9:30am – 12:00 midday

What to bring: Gloves, loppers, pruning handsaw, sunglasses or clear protective glasses, drinking water, long pants and closed in, sturdy shoes. Please bring your own snacks and drinks.

Register for the event at <https://www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au/> by searching *Community Weeding Day, Friends of Daangean*, or RSVP by 26th August 2022 to Marnie Fitzsimons marniefitz1@gmail.com

For other great activities within the Reserve visit <https://devilbendfoundation.org.au/> or use the QR code below,



Balnarring Dental Centre

IS EVERYTHING RED AND WHITE IN THE MOUTH NORMAL?

Typically, our mouth is most associated with white teeth, pink gums, and good breath! But all that is white in the mouth is not always teeth, and all that is red is not always healthy, contrary to what we believe.

What other than teeth can be white in the mouth, one may think? Well, it can range from just a cheek bite, or a heat burn on having a hot pizza, to a more concerning cause such as an infection or cancer. Thrush, or fungal infection is one such example of most common infections that occur in the mouth.

Redness commonly indicates inflammation. Inflammation can be due to nutrient deficiency, or trauma, or underlying health condition, or something sinister. The most common example of inflammation in our mouth is bacteria sitting along the gums and eating away the bone which results in redness, and bleeding.

It is very important to understand that these red-white lesions as well as unusual growths are more commonly present in our mouth than expected and often go unnoticed. While some may be harmless, others can be dire and need immediate intervention. We as dentists, are trained to identify any such change in appearance, color, texture, or consistency of the soft tissues of our mouth and intervene immediately.

Our mouth is a gateway to our body. These lesions can sometimes be the first manifestation of a systemic condition such as Lichen planus. Oral health can be suggestive of an undiagnosed underlying health condition, like severe gum disease, which in the absence of soft and hard bacteria, is a common consequence of uncontrolled diabetes. Did you know that a red bald tongue is most commonly suggestive of nutrient and vitamin deficiency?

Our oral health is quite a bit more important than we realise. A regular check-up with the dentist prevents missing out on atypical growths, infections, long-standing ulcers, and swellings. It also helps to identify an undiagnosed health problem. Early diagnosis of oral infections and cancers increases the chances of successful treatment outcomes.

Our mouth is a mirror of the body. Routine dental check-ups, regular hygiene appointments and timely treatment should be an important part of every individual's healthy routine.

Dr Darshika



*Dr Darshika is Balnarring Dental Centre's newest dentist.
She has expert knowledge in oral cancer & oral medicine.*

Balnarring Dental Centre, 19 Balnarring Rd, Balnarring 3926

Tel: 5983 5348

The Fish Shed

In the 1860s, Hastings was a thriving fishing village. The historic Fish Shed, at the pier, was built in 1866. Fishermen stored their fish on ice in the Cool room until it was taken to market by horse and cart. 120 years later, the Fish Shed was under threat of demolition due to poor foundations and timber rot.

In 1988, three local men, all descendants of original fishing families, voluntarily restored the old building so as to retain the Hastings landmark. These men removed the building, restored it in the backyard of one of the old fishing shacks in Skinner Street, replaced the foundations then hauled the completed building back, rolling it into position using large logs.

Commercial net fishing was banned in Westernport in 2007. The Fish Shed continued to sell fish but when this ceased, the doors of the old building were locked shut.

In 2016 the building lay idle and Western Port Tourism, newly re-established after a hiatus of a number of years, secured a lease from Parks Victoria to open the building as a Visitor Information Centre. In the tradition of supporting the community, the restoration needed internally was undertaken by a keen band of local volunteers. These were not old fishing families, but a new community contributing to the area.

And continuing the tradition, the Visitor Information Centre is run by a team of volunteers. Visit the centre to see what items of interest they have - maps, information on places to go, things to see.

If you would like to join the friendly team, and assist in filling our roster, please drop in and pick up some information, email enquiry@visitwesternport.com.au or phone 0425 739 567.



BALNARRING COMMUNITY HUB

What's on at the hub?

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- SALSA DANCING
- YOGA
- MEDITATION
- PLAY GROUP
- MUSIC GROUPS
- TEEN DRAMA TROUPE
- CHOIR
- AND MORE!

Activities are held in the room at the rear of the Balnarring Community Hall unless otherwise specified.



**CHECK OUT THE BALNARRING COMMUNITY HUB
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR OUR CURRENT SCHEDULE
OR SCAN THE QR CODE . FOR QUESTIONS,
CONTACT [BALNARRINGHUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:balnarringhub@gmail.com)**

Sustainability Focus

The most iconic and cute Australian animal known is the koala. You can find these guys anywhere - your backyard tree, park, or forest. However, in the future you may not; with bushfires, droughts, diseases, and deforestation the koala population has shrunk by 30% in just three years without conservation efforts our little friends might be extinct by 2050.



But that's why **Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation Group** are making huge efforts to save koalas. This group started in May 2019 with the local community realising the importance of preserving the local koala population from the threat of development.

They started out firstly with a Facebook group which continues to record the sightings of koalas on the Mornington Peninsula. Their membership is gradually increasing, and with the support of the Mornington Peninsula Landcare Network, they are well on the way to becoming an established community conservation group.

The main goal is to create a koala wildlife corridor connecting existing sections of koala habitat and food trees on the Mornington Peninsula. This involves planting in the existing koala corridors, thereby encouraging koalas out of urban areas and away from the many threats they face.



To achieve the goal, funding is needed to purchase and plant trees and vegetation needed for the wildlife corridors. To raise the funds needed, they hold fundraisers, increase membership and apply for grants. All money received will go directly towards bringing the project and goals to life and you can donate by going to mpkoalas.org.au or even joining in on helping!

Sustainability at Balnarring PS

Plastic-free July at BPS



Who knew trees had such a sense of humour?

What type of tree fits in your hand?

A palm tree

Why can't pine trees sew?

They always drop their needles

What did the tree do when the bank closed?

It started its own branch

What has no fingers, but many rings?

A tree



Save the Date!!

Get your 2023 calendars out and lock this date in because we have a wonderful event coming your way!! **The Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee will be held on Saturday the** *(drum roll please)*

25th of March 2023

at Emu Plains Reserve.



We are excited to present another incredible festival curated to honour and celebrate First People's cultures through workshops, performances, products and experiences. After 5 amazing years, this festival is continuing to grow and we are very excited to be presenting it at a new home. Before telling you more about our new venue, we want to extend an enormous Thank You to the Balnarring Beach Foreshore and Parks Reserve Committee of Management and the rangers for approval to use the reserve and for their support of the Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee from the very beginning.

The Emu Plains Reserve, Coolart Road, Balnarring, on Boon Wurrung Country, will be the site of the next festival. The Womin Djeka festival organising





committee is very excited to see the possibilities for this festival to be held in a bigger yet still an intimate natural space. The committee is well aware that the beautiful spaces on the campgrounds and foreshore help to create the welcoming and family friendly vibes for the Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee that bring us all closer to Country. We are convinced you will feel the same at Emu Pains, with its majestic stringybark gums, open heathland areas rich in native flora and quiet rural location. There will be improved accessibility across the event, better parking and more space. Opportunity presents itself for exciting new collaborations. Our festival convenor has an exciting plan for the Bundjil Nest Schools Project to involve more local schools and students to demonstrate their commitments to reconciliation, to learn with First Peoples and be guided by them.

The vision of the Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee continues as an event where the community can gather to share, begin conversations and walk with First Peoples. The festival will honour and celebrate First Peoples cultures, involve the whole community caring for and learning with Country and demonstrate a commitment to reconciliation. If this vision really resonates with you, come and join us in bringing this event to our community! You can join the committee or volunteer on the day; we welcome you. Our email is:

womindjeka.balnarring.ngargee@gmail.com



Balnarring Preschool Report



The winter weather has encouraged familiar activities for the children - puddle jumping and squelching in the mud! We celebrated International Mud Day at kindergarten this term which incorporated play and sensory activity whilst jumping, throwing and sliding in the mud. Seeing the joy in the faces of the children (and parents!) was delightful.

The children have also had sessions with Aunty Karen who has taught about Wayapa and has inspired learning about Mother Earth and connecting movement with the elements. The children loved roasting marshmallows on the fire at kindergarten and made toast as well.

The three-year-old groups had a presentation from Ant Erin who taught about ants and interesting facts were shared including that ants have been around since dinosaurs!

Our weekly experience at Bush Camp has revealed many natural treasures such as the different fungi growing on the trees and we learnt that some fungi can glow in the dark (but are poisonous so cannot be touched)! The children also watched crabs and explored the plant life surrounding the beach.

It is so inspiring to see and hear the knowledge that the children have learnt throughout the year. More adventures to come over the next few months!

Gillian Robertson

Historian, Balnarring Preschool Committee







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BALNARRING MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Our Club was founded in 1985 to provide opportunities for retired and semi-retired local men to engage in a variety of activities in a congenial environment which encourages fellowship and fun. We currently have 70 members with ages ranging from 65 to 98.

We now meet at the **Balnarring Bowls & Social Club** on the last Friday of each month commencing at 10:00 am. Our regular features include photographic exhibitions, morning tea and guest speakers who are invariably a source of information and entertainment. Meetings will usually be followed by a light lunch at the club.

The Club also hosts a variety of activities including book groups, bridge, wine appreciation, photography, gardening, outings and dine-outs. Recent visits were to the Navy Gunnery at Flinders and Judy Pay's War Planes at the Tyabb Airfield.



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



Koala Friendly Fencing

A koala friendly fence is one that koalas can easily climb over, through or under, allowing them to move freely around their habitat. The most common types of koala friendly fencing include post and rails or post and wire (no barbed wire). Koala friendly fencing can greatly assist koala movement and dispersal through back yards. Some fence designs can trap a koala and leave it vulnerable to attack by domestic dogs or livestock and restrict access to important food and shelter trees.

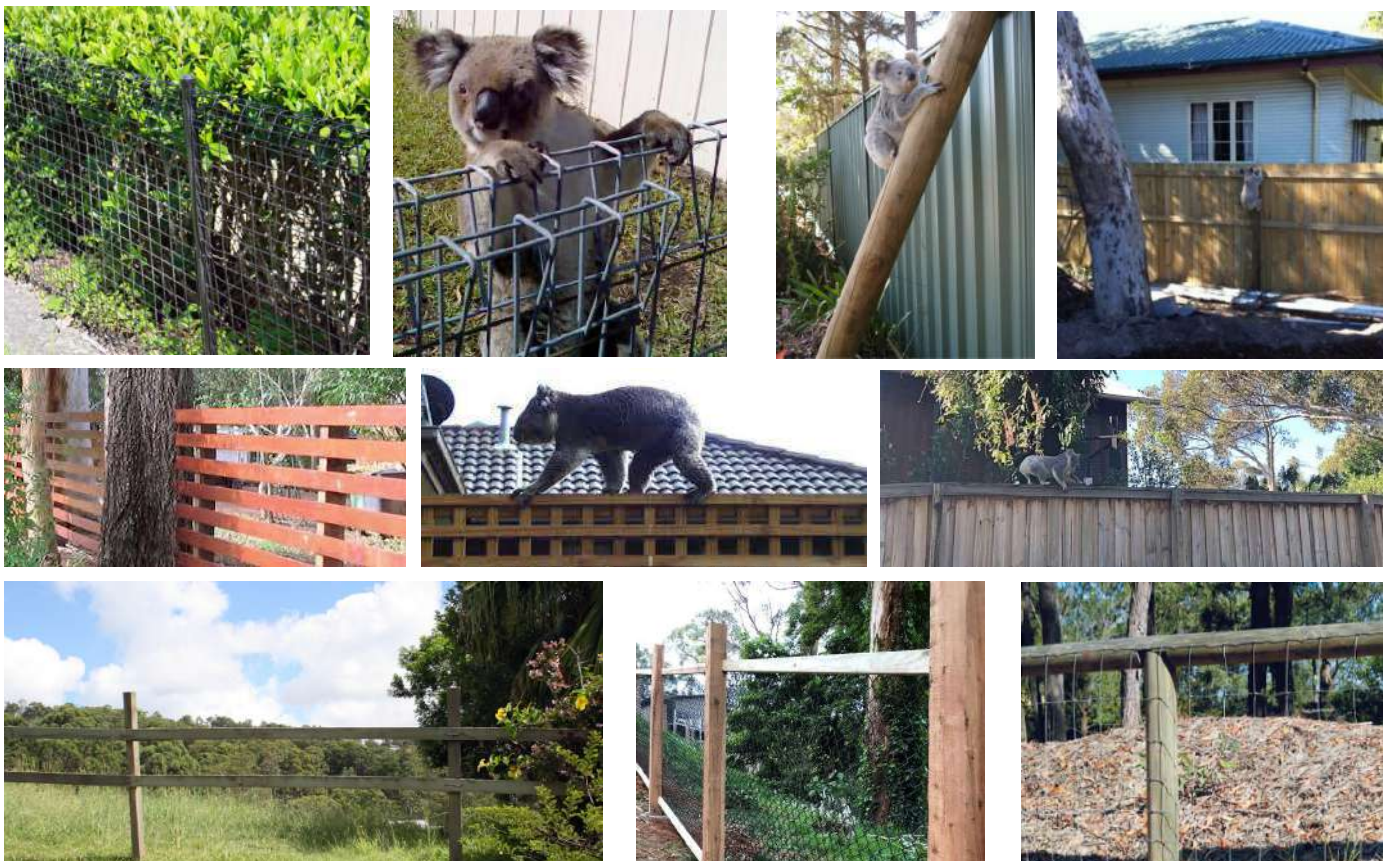
Koalas cannot climb:

- Colorbond® fencing
- Brick
- Vertical railings
- Corrugated iron
- Stone
- Solid fencing, metal sheeting

Some suggestions:

- Give koalas an alternative route over a fence, for e.g. incorporate existing trees into the fence (see below)
- Retain or plant trees near and along the fence line
- Add a flat board at the top of a fence to allow a koala to walk along it without needing to come to the ground
- Install timber posts or logs (at least 125 mm in diameter) on both sides of an existing fence at an angle (< 60 degrees) to allow a koala to climb up, over and then down the other side.
- Use fencing materials that koalas can easily grip and climb, such as timber posts or a chain wire mesh.
- Avoid the use of barbed wire

Examples of easy to grip and modified fences:



WHAT'S BEHIND THE NAME?

TONKINS ROAD in Merricks is a No Through Road that leads off Stanleys Road. Except for a very small section near Stanleys Road it is unpaved for most of its length and gateways on either side lead to houses mostly hidden in bushland. It dips and climbs towards the property at the crest of the hill. It was here that Captain Bryant Tonkin built his home in the 1870s. Today's road, then a track, led to Tolcarne, the Tonkin homestead.

Tonkin was a retired sea captain who migrated to Australia from Cornwall in 1871 with his wife and son. He selected land with the purpose of breeding shorthorn cattle. His ship, on its Australian run, had carried cattle for both John Benn at Coolart and James Teasdale at Western Park and Tonkin became captivated by the animals. He brought with him two bulls and a heifer. He intended to sell one bull and from the other pair he built up his own prize-winning herd. The Tonkins had a well-established farm on their 420 acres. As well as their cattle they kept poultry and pigs, fattened wethers and had breeding ewes, and grew a variety of fodder crops.

He and his son, also named Bryant, went into partnership after the marriage of Bryant Jnr. The newly weds also made Tolcarne their home. The captain died in 1908, four years after his wife. Both are buried in the Flinders cemetery. The younger Tonkin couple lived at Tolcarne until the late 1920s when they sold the farm and moved to Cheltenham.

Captain Bryant Tonkin became a member of the Flinders Shire council in 1882, a position he held for a number of years. His photo appears on the Pioneers Board in the foyer of the Balnarring Hall



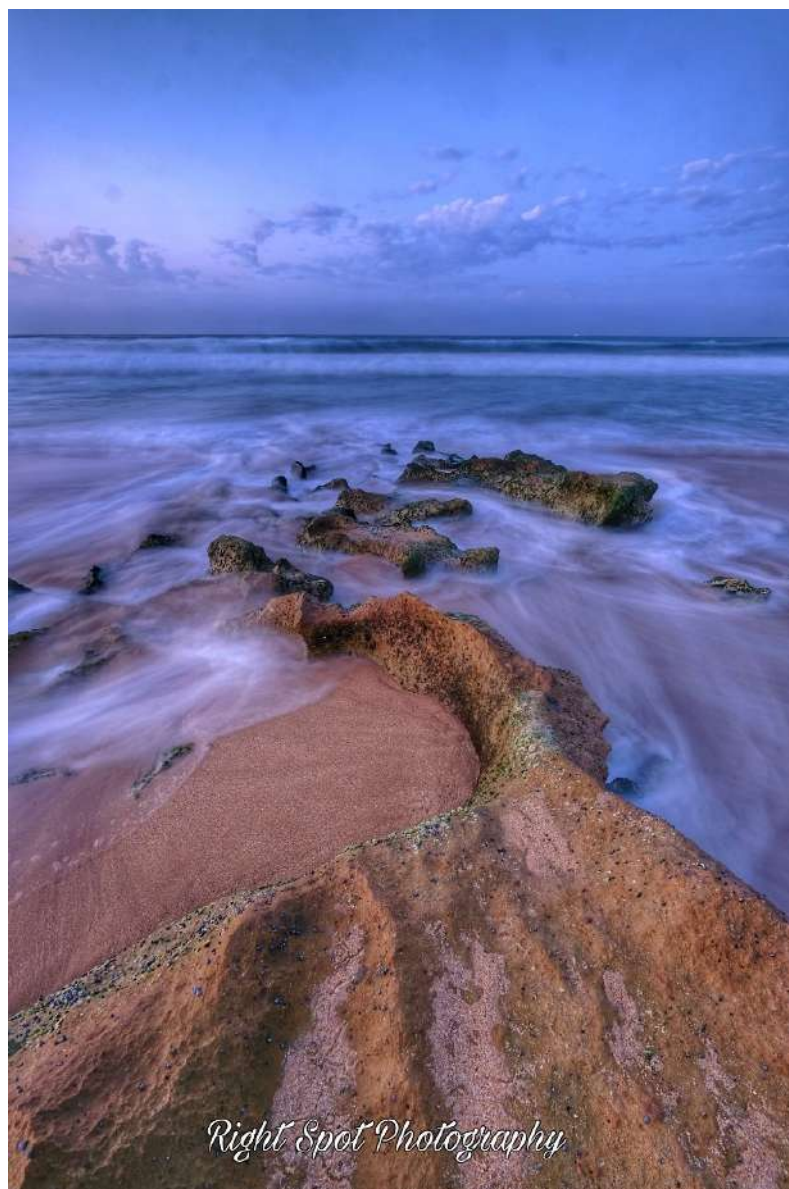
Captain Bryant Tonkin
Settled at Balnarring, 1871
Elected Councillor for Shire of Flinders
in 1882



Hi there!

My name is Jose Zandveld, a local photographer sharing images of the area I grew up in. The beautiful Mornington Peninsula. I am passionate about our amazing surroundings and enjoy capturing moments in time that they produce to inspire. I offer prints for sale as well as doing family and pet portraiture, small intimate weddings, sporting events and business photos for websites.

You can follow my pages on Facebook or Instagram under Right Spot Photography and contact me on 0411 685 476.





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WESTERN PORT (STONY POINT)

LAT 38° 22' S LONG 145° 13' E TIME ZONE -1000

TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS

AUGUST – 2022

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Balnarring Fire Brigade News

A very important message: after a recent incident I thought it appropriate to revisit an earlier message that ***only working smoke alarms save lives.***

The scenario could have been one of many, but the fact is that a fire started in a home in the early hours of a Winter morning. The occupants, who were fast asleep were woken by the sounds of a screaming smoke detector and were confronted with their worst nightmare. Earlier that evening they had been enjoying dinner that had been prepared on the barbeque but it had been accidentally left on. Over the ensuing hours the heat generated transferred through a brick wall causing the internal timber frame to ignite after everyone had gone to bed.

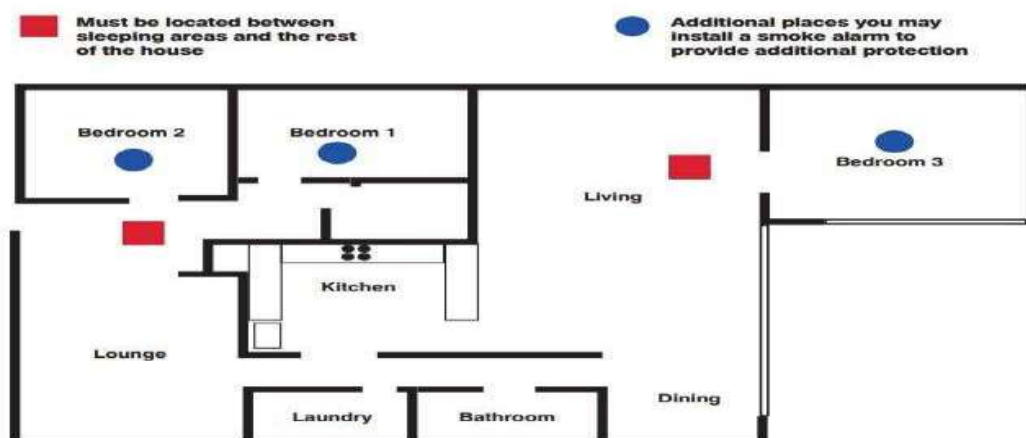
Smoke, fire, screaming alarms. The initial shock was intense but the owners managed to gain composure and alert the CFA before attempting to attack the fire as best they could with an ordinary garden hose. Their effort contributed to the minimisation of damage and they did a great job.

Upon arrival CFA crews from Balnarring, Shoreham, Somers and Red Hill worked to control and extinguish the blaze while an Ambulance Victoria crew checked over the occupants.

This situation could've been much worse. The message is quite simple: ***only working smoke alarms save lives.***

Smoke Alarm Power Supply - *CFA recommends the use of smoke alarms powered by a long-life lithium battery.*

Installation of Smoke Alarms - *must be located between each bedroom area and the rest of the house. CFA also recommends that smoke alarms be installed in every bedroom and living area.*



Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling at least 30cm from the wall, or where installed on the wall at least 30cm from the ceiling to avoid dead air space.

Interconnected Smoke Alarms - *should be interconnected, so that when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound.*

Maintenance of Smoke Alarms - *should be tested monthly or as per the manufacturer's guide, by pressing the test button on the alarm and wait for the test alarm to sound.*

Smoke alarms should be cleaned with a vacuum cleaner at least once a year to remove particles that will affect smoke alarm performance.

Replaceable batteries in a smoke alarm need to be changed yearly.

Replacement of Smoke Alarms - *should be replaced in accordance with manufacturer's specifications (generally after 10 years) including those attached to mains power.*

There are more than 4,500 house fires in Victoria every year. These incidents result in property damage, injuries and sometimes death. On average up to 20 Victorians are killed in preventable house fires each year. Leading causes of house fires include leaving cooking unattended, faulty electrical wiring and appliances and heating related fires.

Please take the time to check your smoke alarms NOW.



Test Monthly

- press the button
- hold until alarm beeps 3 times



Dust Annually

- dust or gently wipe around cover

Replace Every 10 Years

- all smoke alarms (hard-wired and standalone) need to be replaced
- * if your smoke alarm is powered by a 9V battery, replace the battery annually

ONLY WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Turn-outs

- 4 Jun - Car Fire - initial call to Stanleys Rd but upon investigation it was Frankston-Flinders Rd (stolen car). Assisted by Bittern & Somers Brigades.
- 9 Jun - Alarm - residential aged facility. Assisted by Bittern & Somers Brigades.
- 12 Jun - Car Fire - Mornington-Flinders Rd, Flinders. Assist Flinders Brigade.
- 5 Jul - House Fire - Merricks. Gas appliance left on accidentally. Assisted by Red Hill, Shoreham & Somers Brigades.

Community Meetings

If any community group would like to speak to us or have a CFA representative present to give a talk at their meetings, please feel free to contact us.

Members News

Volunteers wanted. Even if you're not the kind to roll out of bed at 4:30 on a dark and frosty Winter's morning, there are plenty of roles to undertake to keep this great organisation and brigade going. Please pop down either Sunday morning or Monday evening or just give us a call. We're an inclusive organisation and would love to have you jump in and help in whatever capacity you can.

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TUESDAY
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Fun, Fab 'n' Fit,
Little Joey's Playgroup
Sheer Art Attack

WEDNESDAY
Material Girls
Square Dancing
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Community Lunch



THURSDAY
Cackle 'n' Craft
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NEWSLETTER – August 2022



More than half the year has gone already and we're gearing up for an even busier 2nd half. We celebrated our **40th birthday** in June with over 50 guests including many past and current patrons and supporters of the Community House. These included the first Co-ordinator, Rosemary Hughes, (Pollock), original committee member, Jeff Fletcher, HMAS Cerberus Commanding Officer, Cpt Ainsley Morthorpe and Cr Lisa.



We have had many achievements over the years including saving the old school building, starting Somerville Community House, the Ageless Singers tour of Victoria and many successful events like the Quilt show, Art show, Community Market and Seniors High Tea. Our biggest achievement is being able to help the Community, to bring people together to connect, learn and contribute to their local community through social, educational, recreational and support activities.

Lifetime Friendship Awards were also presented to our wonderful volunteers, Debra Bynion who does just about anything that's asked of her. Also Margaret Jeremiah who makes the scones for the market and other occasions and helps out where she can. A Community House could not exist without the wonderful volunteers that give so much of their time to help the community.



Term 4 has begun but it's not too late to join most of our classes and there's the Decoupage workshop coming up on Saturday 6th August, so book in quick. Of course there's our FREE Community Lunch which is on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Check out our program online at www.cpch.org.au or pick up one at a local shop.



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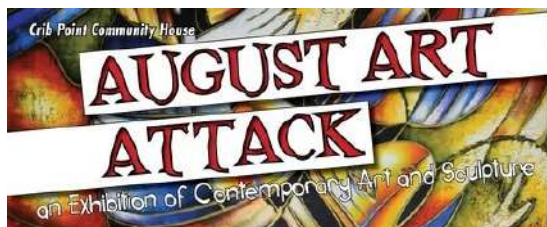
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online at safeseatssafekids.com.au/venues-mec/

Our **Community Lunches** have been popular. Julie and her team have dished up some lovely meals. It's a great way to meet new people while enjoying a scrumptious lunch, and it's FREE. The next Community Lunch will be on Thursday 24th August and 28th September at 12:30. Bookings are essential so please give us a call on 5983 9888.



August Art Attack art show is on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th August, 10am to 4pm at the Community House, 7 Park Rd, Crib Point. Get your entries in now. All the info is on the website, augustartattack.com

Opening night will be on Friday 26th August, 7 to 9pm. Admission is \$15 and includes wine & light refreshments and entertainment from Twisted Sisters and the Token Bloke. Bookings essential and available by emailing augustartattack@outlook.com

Don't forget our **Community Market** on the Saturday 13th August. This will be our Father's Day market and you could win tickets to Moonlit Sanctuary for Dad. There'll be all the usual stalls, Devonshire Tea, the BBQ and of course the Cribby Koala treasure hunt for the kids. There will not be a September market due to the Shire constructing a new driveway and carpark.



Happy Father's Day to all the Dads

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Red Hill Op Shop

Canny shopping required...

There are challenges for everyone at the moment with rising prices and lots of uncertainty in the world and, regrettably, it's impacting us all in varying ways. Everyone needs to be alert and aware of opportunities open to them.

The Committee and Volunteers at the Red Hill Op Shop wish to remind you of the quality clothing and household items that are on offer at our shop.

With generous donations coming in weekly, the variety is endless, and we love to see families stocking up on warm, clean clothes for young children and teens. Men's jumpers and trousers are always on hand, and the current range of warm jackets is perfect for this time of the year. Ladies' clothing always attracts a lot of interest and there are some gorgeous pieces available. And the very big news is that these items come at a fraction of what you would pay at any large department store!

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So, don't pay full price on winter clothing but come and see us first to see how much you can save. Remember you are helping to raise money for the Peninsula Home Hospice, and you are actively helping to reduce landfill on the Peninsula.

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Balnarring Community Playgroup

...is starting again. We ran a few last year but lockdowns meant we had to stop. This informal playgroup has been started by a few local families who are keen to meet other parents and children and create a space for play and learning in the local area.

Playgroup is run on the **first Friday of every month, 9.30 - 10.30am.**

Check out the Facebook page for more details or
email kirsten.emes@gmail.com .

We are also keen for anyone else who is interested
in helping with organising :)

Friends of Daangean Report

Saturday, May 28th saw seven of the Bush Maintenance Team venture forth for the never-ending pitto slog in Woodland Break. Some of the team were elsewhere engaged in other pursuits such as earning money. We are not all retired with time on our hands!! “Time, what time,” I hear you cry. “I have less time now than I did when I was working for a living”. The day was pleasant weather-wise with damp roads and no dust billowing about us while we toiled, nor were we trying to protect our morning tea from drifting road grit even though traffic speed had not decreased.

I think it is time for a review of road speeds in the Devilbend area, not just because the dust makes our work uncomfortable but because of the animals that cross them. Kangaroos, turtles, and bluetongues are common victims.

There was evidence of Blackberry (*Rosaceae* family) and Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*) seedlings making their presence felt, soon to take over if not dealt with. Small blackberry plants are relatively easily pulled out and boneseed is easy-peasy to remove. A good amount of clearing was achieved, and the edge of the grant-applied contractor work was visible. Next month we should reach it, thereby creating a chink of light at the end of a very long tunnel.

Lingering about this day, a Rufus Fantail (*Rhipidura rufifrons*), Grey Fantails (*R. fuliginosa*) and Eastern Yellow Robins (*Eopsaltria australis*), were not unduly concerned by big bush-thrashing humans. Nodding Greenhoods (*Pterostylis nutans*) were beginning to flower, Common Heath (*Epacris impressa*) pink and white in flowers created lovely bright spots in the otherwise bushland dimness. Various fungi were growing on the forest floor and rotting tree debris.



Epacris impressa

Saturday June 25th was also a pleasant day for tackling pittos (*Pittosporum undulatum*), to give it the proper name. Nine of us yielded a good lot of fallen woody weeds with the boundary of last year's contractor work being reached. On this occasion, PV's Eileen with her chainsaw was going to cause pitto havoc, however, after one Sallow Wattle (*Acacia longifolia*) tree, the saw died and she, like the rest of us, resorted to hand tools. Having youth on her side was a bonus!

The small scrub birds were about again so they must have woken to the idea that insects were disturbed by our movement and took advantage of easy scavenging.

Nodding Greenhoods were in greater profusion this month, and the Tall Greenhoods (*Pterostylis longifolia*), not as profuse as their nodding relations, were up and coming into bud. Blue-Bottle-daisies (*Lagenifera stipitata*) were making an appearance along the track to the weeding site. These are quite small and might be mistaken for weedy flatweeds when at the leaf-only stage. The fungi surviving the rains looked a trifle worse for wear.



Fungi on a log

The usual annual planting is on hold this year due to a shortfall of stock. The previous two plague-ridden years had an impact on plant nursery staff and the various seed collecting activities by PV and volunteers. This July will be another pitto bush bash.

August 27th is a combined group boneseed weeding session on Daangean Point that has been on hold over the past two years. Anyone interested should contact Parks Victoria or ParkConnect.

Waterwatch took place on Tuesday June 21st under threatening skies. The weather remained clement so there was no scuttling for cover. At the entrance to WW Site 2 we had to walk into the collection site due to the mire caused by Melbourne Water contractor machinery. MW has been doing infrastructure works from Bittern Reservoir to Devilbend.



Melbourne Water Information

Due to most of the Waterwatch team being absent in May, water quality surveying didn't happen.

The coots (*Fulica atra*) were back on Devilbend waters after what seemed a lengthy absence, although not in huge numbers. Perhaps they are elsewhere at this time. Coots were also on Bittern waters along with ducks of some kind.

The catch drain water level was high at the Devilbend Creek site and was trickling through the diversion pipe and back into the drain beyond the bund. The frogs were happy and singing their little hearts out. A lady with her dog on the opposite side was curious as to what we were doing, especially because we had a vehicle on site. She encountered us again at the Bittern dam wall testing site.



Passing the time of day

Water levels at both dams were higher in June than in April, and the quality remains good. When spring arrives we will venture forth to test our recently acquired macro-invertebrate identifying skills. This occurs in spring and autumn when there's greater aqua critter activity.

Marnie Fitzsimons FOD coordinator

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Somers Ladies Probus Club

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Our June meeting had a Royal theme to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - think tiaras, pearls etc. Our President, Val, rose nobly to the occasion, perfecting her Royal Wave.



The nursery song tells us that:

*When the daffodils dance in the wind and the rain
Then we know that the Springtime is coming again!
When the bees in the blossom trees busily hum
And the birds are all singing then Springtime has come!*

We can all look forward to improving weather.

Our 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.

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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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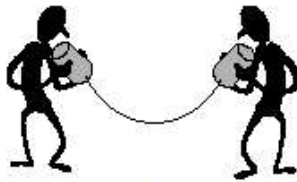
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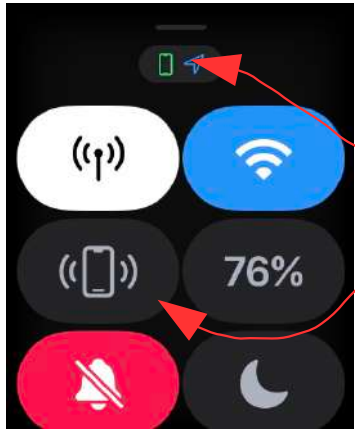
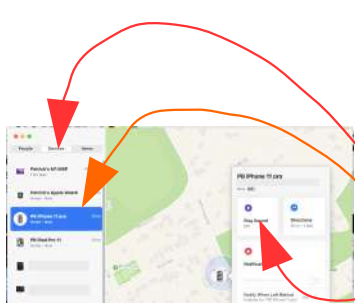
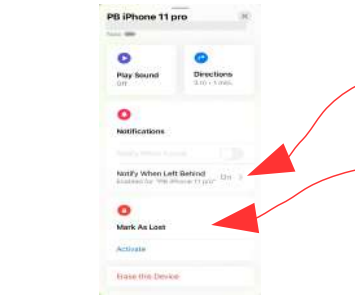
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Pat The Mac tips : Looking for your iPhone.

For those of us lucky enough to wear an Apple watch, it is very easy to locate our wayward iPhone. The Apple watch provides a feature which allows “pinging” the iPhone whenever it has slipped between to sofa cushions or it is hiding under a pile of papers on the desk! I describe below how to use this nifty trick and explain a little more about it.

Picture	Explanation
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) On the watch normal screen, when you swipe your finger from the bottom of the screen up, the picture shown on the left will be revealed. 2) This icon, being green, indicates that the Apple Watch and the iPhone are connected. 3) Touch this icon and the iPhone will emit several “pings”. If you don't hear them, repeat the operation until you find your iPhone.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) If you don't own an Apple Watch, you can use another device, such as an iPad or a Mac computer to track your iPhone. Open the “Find My” on the iPad or on the Mac computer. 5) Click on the Device Tab 6) Click on the iPhone entry 7) Click on Play Sound
	<p>Further possible actions : look at -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8) “Notify When Left Behind”. If switched on, you'll be warned when you walk away from any of your devices. And/or 9) “Mark As Lost”. When activated, this will give you a range of possibilities indicated on the following screen when activated.

It is worth noting that the app “Find My” has many other uses than simply finding your iPhone. If your iPhone, iPad or computer were stolen, you can track them to their location. If it appears that you will not recover the device, you can erase its contents remotely. (see point 9 above)

Another use is to track somebody else's location. Of course, you will need their permission before proceeding. However it could give peace of mind to be able to know the whereabouts of a loved one. For example, attaching an Apple AirTag to your pet's collar could re-assure you if the pet goes walkabout.

If you need help on this topic, use the details below to contact me
Pat The Mac on 0419 330 497 or by email via pat@patthemacs.com

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 at 10 am on the last Sunday of the month (excepting December and January) at the rotunda next to the beach store at Balnarring Beach.

Our next 2 working bees are on:

Sunday August 28th and Sunday September 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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Cheerio and many thanks to all who attend.

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

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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.)".

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