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Hello Everyone!

Welcome to Issue no. 87 of your community magazine – 72 pages of amazing news, events, groups information, etc.! Thanks to all who've contributed.

Our deep gratitude to our wonderful Sponsors, Coast Real Estate and our Community Bank, Balnarring and District, whose support enables all advertising in the Bridge to be free of charge. Also, our thanks to Galaxy printing in Hastings who are always lovely to deal with and look after the Bridge printing beautifully. Finally, our thanks to the wonderful distribution angels who fly in silently, pick up their boxes of the booklets and distribute them around the district. Your devotion is greatly appreciated XX

How lovely to have signs of Spring aplenty around the villages and in between 😊 There is something magic about the feeling of newness – energy, positivity, 'what could be' thoughts. Creating our own lives is a power we often forget about – it's understandable that we feel we live in reaction to what's going on around us. A wise man, whom we know, has an empowering observation that he shares with his classes: *Creativity energises us; reactivity drains us.*

So, dear community – one and all – what do you want to create today, or begin to? The sky's the limit (as they say, but that's not necessarily true in these times!). Start something that's from your heart and boy! - you'll feel great 😊 Now, where did I put those gardening gloves?!

We wish you all peace and joy throughout October and November.
Love, Jen and Ali xx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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Our wonderful community! You!

The image shows a tilted rectangular graphic representing a report cover. It features a background photograph of a beach with a wooden ramp leading down to the sand. A person in a bright orange and pink mascot costume, resembling a pig or piggy bank, stands on a dirt path in the foreground. The mascot is wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt with the 'Endigo Bank' logo and orange pants. The text 'Community Bank Balnarring & District' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font at the top. At the bottom, 'Community Investments 2023/2024' is written in a smaller white font.

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Happy Birthday!

October

1st Tim Stout
5th Meagan Lambon
7th Tess Weller
Max MacGowan
9th Ghyll Marie
Janet Watt
10th Megan Trevaskis
Jacob Loft
11th Belinda Eden
16th Karsten (Harry) Poll
17th Shelley Iles
24th Grace Roberts
25th Sean Thomas
31st Gus Angwin



November

1st Laila Nelson-Williams
5th Melissa Banks
10th Maree Parker
11th Paul Ryan
12th Harper Roach-Heffernan
16th Susie Lawrence
17th Rebecca Edwards
21st Keryn Morehu
23rd Mark Smith
Noel Loft
30th Vicki Grant

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

October November 2024

*Inspirational Angel Cards for the Community:
Brave Free*

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

Who do you appreciate in our community and why?
Email submissions of appreciation, & birthdays in our community, to:
info@bridgemag.com.au or
Post to: The Bridge, PO Box 248, Balnarring 3926

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Want to contribute to The Bridge? For deadline reminders, email
info@bridgemag.com.au with “deadline reminders” in the subject line.



Hello!

To show our appreciation for the support you have given your community by banking with Community Bank Balnarring & District, we'd like to say thank you and send our warmest birthday wishes.

To celebrate have a coffee or shop at any one of our love local partners.

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Instagram @communitybankbalnarring

*Love Local Partners can be found on our website or look for the Love Local decal in our partners windows



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Terms, conditions and a list of participating businesses can be located on our webpage:

<https://www.bendigobank.com.au/branch/vic/community-bank-balnarring-district/love-local/>



BALNARRING TENNIS CLUB

FEEL LIKE A GOOD HIT OF SOCIAL TENNIS?

DO YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF HOURS SPARE

MONDAY, TUESDAY OR THURSDAY MORNINGS?

Our group of men and women enjoy playing doubles together every Monday and Thursday between 8.45am and approximately 11.30am. Players are of different levels but all sets are great fun and good exercise in a very friendly atmosphere.

Tuesday mornings ladies play from 9am to 11am and enjoy a coffee/tea together afterwards in the clubhouse.

Members pay \$2 each time you play to cover cost of balls and coffee/tea. Let your friends, family, neighbours know that if they are not members they can play social tennis at a casual cost of \$5 each time.

To parents of all junior club members we would love you to join the social tennis at the casual rate whenever you play.

You are most welcome to visit our social tennis to see how flexible and fun it is. Racquets are available to borrow if needed.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON

WE PLAY ALL YEAR ROUND



Contributor is Margaret Rees

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David Gill for Coolart Ward

Dear Residents,

I appreciate the feedback received from so many people since announcing that I am standing again for Council in the upcoming postal election for **Coolart Ward**.

I believe in deciding local issues on merit after considering all input. This is at the core of being a local Councillor. The role should be to help our community and raise issues important to you.

There is a lot of trust that the person you vote for will represent you fairly and to the best of their ability.

I hope to have that trust again for the next term of Council.

Kind Regards,

David Gill

We often hear about council **grants** provided to our **volunteer community organisations**. The use of all ratepayers money should be justified.

This financial year the money available was \$4.1m. In return these groups have raised \$5m and provided 59,374 voluntary hours to acquit their part of grant submission obligations. In total over the last 12 months our community has contributed a combined \$8.142m, this includes the costing of volunteer hours and fundraising towards locally initiated projects and services.

I wish to say a big thank you to our volunteers for giving so much time and effort to our community. **Assisting community groups with grant applications** has been a great pleasure for me.

I have a full listing of the **213** successful community led initiatives that have received grants in my ward, far higher than the allocation in any other ward.

Please see my Facebook page (**facebook.com/davidgillcoolartward**) for more information on all the successful grants in Red Hill Ward (being renamed Coolart Ward).

Authorised by David Gill, Sidney St, Balnarring 3926

DAVID GILL
for
COOLART WARD

(formerly Red Hill Ward)

PUTTING COMMUNITY FIRST

COUNCIL POSTAL ELECTION Closes Friday 25th October.

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DAVID PROVIDES A COMMUNITY VOICE ON COUNCIL

- David listens to and acts on community concerns.
- He works to achieve best community outcomes.
- David's actions in Council prove he is dedicated to transparency and Council accountability.

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WILDLIFE RESCUE Contacts

Koala rescue Jenny Bryant 0417 395 883

WHOMP (Wildlife Help On Mornington Peninsula) 0417 380 687

Klarissa Gaunaut 0488 494 667



From our BPS correspondent – Ernestine

Balnarring Primary School Poetry

Writing poem is a fantastic way to express creativity, explore language and develop writing skills.

This term students in Years 3-6 complete a poetry writing unit where they investigated poetic devices, delved into the prose of famous poets, both past and present, and created their own descriptive pieces.

Year 3 and 4 students also rehearsed and performed a poem of their choice, practising their public speaking skills and showing a lot of confidence.

Check out these amazing efforts.



Dream

by Elly B

Dream
Go for the stars
Be proud of your scars
Dream big



Haiku

by Lexie K

Surfing in the sea
The thundering waves spray me
The water is cold

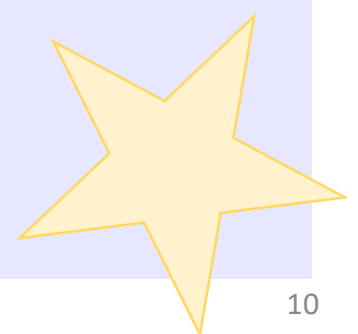


Courage

by Lacey H



Sometimes
Courage can be
Facing your fears in life
Stepping out of your comfort zone
Giving
Helpful advice
Stand up to others
Going on family adventures
Sometimes
Courage can be
You just being yourself
Can change the world one step at
A time





Wounds

by Ernestine H

I ask for you to lend an ear,
 So that at last, my held-back tears,
 Can fall and glow in the presence of
 one,
 Who might understand how my pain
 begun,
 Is it too much, I wonder, I think,
 To let my trauma sit and sink,
 Into someone who might know,
 How from this, I might grow?
 Is it wrong, to want, to long, to feel as if
 you can move on?
 I truly want my hurt to stop,
 But maybe, it can't
 I'm not sure I'm not.

Alliteration

by Ziggy W



- Billions of blue baboons babbling about big bubbles.
- Ten teal tigers tickling Taj tonight

Similes and Metaphors

by Ziggy W

- Red, like a glimmering, glamorous ruby stone.
- I was a cheetah sprinting across the field.
- The waves were titan crashing against the shore

Watermelon

by Liv L

Watermelon, watermelon, I love, you
love watermelon.

Watermelon

Juicy

Watery

Red

Seeds

Watermelon

Happy

Smily

Grateful

Amazing

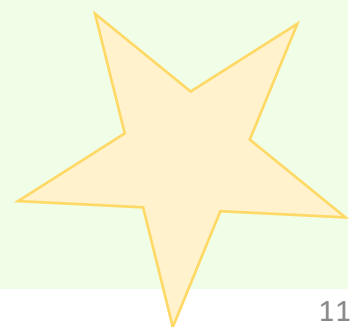
Watermelon, watermelon, I love, you
love watermelon.



Friendship

by Ernestine H

And I know that it took a while,
 For you at last to show your smile,
 Once again to me who's been,
 By your side through thick and thin.
 But I won't care. It's fine, fine, fine.
 I'm aware of that hell that went on in
 your mind.
 I'm glad that you are okay.
 And particularly glad
 You decided to stay.





Western Port Uniting Church Parish

(consisting of Balnarring, Crib Point and Hastings congregations)

Service Locations and Times for October – November 2024

Balnarring - 10 Balnarring Beach Road, Balnarring	10.45 am
Crib Point - 382 Stony Point Road, Crib Point.	9.00 am
Hastings - Cnr Marine Parade and Hodgins Road, Hastings.	10.45 am

A communion service is held on the first Sunday of both months at each church.

Use this Parish Zoom 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 to obtain an Application Form.

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

On behalf of the Parish, a Community Encouragement Message

Gospel of John Chapter 10 verse 25\26

Jesus said to her (Martha)

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?

NEW: The Hill and Ridge Community Market at Red Hill

The Red Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Society Inc.

September 13th, 2024

Introducing our newest initiative – The Hill and Ridge Community Market at Red Hill

The Red Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Society in conjunction with the Red Hill and District Lions Club, has been awarded the tender to operate a market at the Red Hill Recreation Reserve by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

The Market will operate on the first Saturday of the month from September to May beginning on October 5th, 2024, from 8 am to 1 pm at the Red Hill Recreation Reserve.

In addition to the annual Show, the Red Hill A&H Society and Red Hill & District Lions Club, will create a monthly market for the betterment of the community.

The A&H Society is dedicated to enhancing the local community through the monthly Hill and Ridge Market at Red Hill. This vibrant market will be a celebration of the Mornington Peninsula's rich local culture and talent, offering a diverse array of locally grown produce, delicious foods, artisan products, and captivating music and art. By fostering a welcoming atmosphere and supporting local businesses, the market will provide a dynamic platform for community interaction and growth. It will be a true reflection of the area's spirit, created by the community, for the community, with profits reinvested into the community.

Expressions of interest to be part of this exciting new venture are now open at:

Website - <https://www.hillandridgemarket.com.au/>

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/hillandridgemarket/>

Instagram – www.instagram.com/hillandridgecommunitymarket

We hope to see you in October as a stallholder or patron at the inaugural Hill and Ridge Community Market at Red Hill.

Red Hill A&H Society, 180 Arthurs seat Road, Red Hill South 3937 |

info@redhillshow.com.au | www.redhillshow.com.au

ABN Registration No. A0004150C | ABN 12 098 641 409

Somers Ladies Probus Club

It is wonderful to see the return of spring and all the changes it brings. Despite a couple of false starts we can now begin to look forward to longer and warmer days with blossoms and flowers and all shades of greenery appearing to welcome in the new season. The recent strong winds left their mark around the peninsula but locally we were fortunate to escape with limited damage and power outages. Before we know it we will be preparing for Christmas (puddings, cakes etc.)



Our beautiful textile banner, showing the view from the Somers Yacht Club, was designed and created by past members Judy Kefford and Jennie Lewis. It is a warm reminder of two lovely ladies and takes pride of place at each monthly meeting.

Somers Ladies Probus Club welcomes ladies looking for interesting activities, outings, thought-provoking speakers and new friends to join us at our monthly meetings at the Stone Pavilion, Somers at 10 am on the first Friday of each month.

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

Contact Lis (0407 713 211) or June (5983 5321) for more information.

*New Petition:
Save Western Port: Protect Its Environment and
Biodiversity from Urban Sprawl*

The Bridge received this email from Neil Daly which we want to share with you all...

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Neil Daly** >

Date: Thu, 5 Sept 2024 at 08:55

Subject: Save Western Port: Protect Its Environment and Biodiversity from Urban Sprawl

To: <info@bridgemaq.com.au>

Hi Alison

I've just started the petition "Save Western Port: Protect Its Environment and Biodiversity from Urban Sprawl" and wanted to see if you could help by adding your name and alerting others to the information.

Now aiming for 1000 signatures.

You can read more and sign the petition here:

<https://chng.it/9vvvRjBkJW>

Kind regards

Neil



Vale Liz Sarrailhe

The local Community mourns the death of our beloved Liz Sarrailhe.

Liz was a much loved member of our community, and was always such a do-er. Her great age and worn frame never kept her from her frequent walks on the beach, or from her huge variety of interests. She was an enthusiastic gardener, often visiting people with gifts of home-grown vegetables, lemons and flowers, accompanied by a hand written note in her tiny writing on a scrap of paper, because Liz hated waste.

Liz regularly volunteered at the Balnarring Op Shop, and her house was the collection point for a refugee organisation that gathers electrical goods and larger household items that the op shops can't accept.

A lifelong member of Merricks-Coolart Catchment Group, Liz still took part in their working bees this year. As a committee member of Westernport and Peninsula Protection Council for decades, Liz represented WPPC on the Port of Hastings Community Consultation Committee in recent years, attending their meeting as recently as this month, and reporting to us afterwards.

Her experience as a sailor meant Liz could explain to a new Port of Hastings employee—who thought recreational sailors were crazy for using the shipping channel—that getting stuck on a mudflat was a right of passage for most sailors in Westernport, because so much of the sea bed is above the waterline at low tide.

During WW2 Liz worked as was mechanic in England, and was very capable with cars, but her greatest love was nature. She'd notice a cuckoo calling, or show us a beautiful gum leaf that she'd found. Liz was always pointing out something positive she'd noticed, be it a remark made by someone during a meeting, or a film she'd just seen. Her great warmth and respect have been a supportive influence in our lives.

Liz was a remarkable woman, and she will remain an inspiration to so many of us. Our community is deeply saddened by her loss, and we will miss her.

Vale Liz Sarrailhe

By Karri Giles and Julia Stockigt, WPPC and Save Westernport



VALE Liz Serailhe Our loved friend passed away on Tuesday, 10 September 2024..

The Embroiderers Guild of Victoria Flinders Branch

The EGV Flinders Branch is a friendly, enthusiastic group of embroiderers & textile artists with all levels of skill. We welcome all stitchers of any level and those on holiday in the area to join us.

Meetings: Guild members & other visitors are welcome to join us every 1st, 3rd & 5th Monday of the month at the St. John's Anglican Church Hall.

We meet from 10am until 4pm for a full day of stitching.

We meet at:

St. John's Anglican Church Hall
King Street,
Flinders, 3929

For more information, visit our website at

www.embroiderersguild.org/branches-locations

The EGV Flinders Branch is also having a free **Open Day for Seniors Month** on Monday 21st October. We will provide morning tea and a free stitching kit if you don't have your own project. Please bring your own lunch and some stitching. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Matthews 0434 995 448 or Amanda Forsyth 0419 663 931

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 50 members with ages ranging from 65 to 97.

We meet at the **Balnarring Bowls & Social Club** on the last Friday of each month, except December, 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 a book group, bridge, wine appreciation, photography, gardening, cycling, film group, outings and dine-outs.



President Dennis thanking our August Speaker, Mark Hopkinson, a local resident and owner of the Balnarring Gym and a brewery in Richmond.

Mark, a business consultant, gave a very informative talk on the several years he worked for Gina Rinehart and Hancock Prospecting developing a huge iron ore mine in the Pilbara, Western Australia. Whilst Mark brought along a sample of iron ore he forgot the samples from the brewery.

As the November meeting on the 29th will be our final meeting for the year it will be followed by our end of year lunch at The Heritage in Balnarring starting at Noon.

New members are always welcomed. For further information please contact our President **Dennis Paskins** on 0409 480 306 or check out our website by typing "Balnarring Men's Probus" into your web browser

Cafe Deja Vu at the Probus Club of Red Hill

Probus Clubs provide opportunities for seniors to meet new people and extend themselves through new interests. Come along to meet the members of the Red Hill Probus Club at their open day event 'Cafe Deja Vu'.

Enjoy a Devonshire tea and the smooth sounds of Deja Vu, two peninsula locals performing classic hits from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

After morning tea, the guest speaker is Andrea McCall, former Victorian MP, who will talk on "Shakespeare: fabulous or fake?" Andrea will examine the current thinking and challenge the traditional wisdom.



Where: Main Ridge Community Hall, 441 Main Creek Rd., Main Ridge

When: Tuesday 22 October starting at 10.00 am and finishing at 12.00 noon

Cost: Free

Contact: Text Tom Jeavons on 0407 817 072 to secure your place

Balnarring Pre-School Report

Howdy! What a busy Term 3. We've had storms, sunshine, wind and hail. As I write this, the sun is out, and no cloud is in sight. Hopefully, Spring is here to stay.

We've all just recovered from our main fundraising event which was a huge success thanks to the Fundraising sub-committee, Tanglewood Estate, and all our amazing, generous sponsors whom I will acknowledge on the next page. The annual Trivia Night was held in the barn at Tanglewood, which was a huge privilege. Not many decorations were needed for our Hoedown-themed night as the barn already had all the character we needed. There were more cowboy boots than I've ever seen in one place, chaps, oversized belt buckles, tassels, and big hats aplenty. On a rare night out without kids, parents were merry and in the spirit of giving which aided in them bidding on loads of donated goods and vouchers and helped to raise over \$9,000 for Balnarring Kinder. An amazing community effort!



This side of the Peninsula recently celebrated Western Port Writes Festival where our very own Karen Anderson was a featured presenter. Karen read aloud the Bundjil Creation Story to a lucky bunch under the trees at Coolart. Bundjil Creation Story is the first book of an ongoing series and was written by N'arwee't Carolyn Briggs, Boonwurrung Elder, in collaboration with Balnarring Kinder Kids. This leads me to announce that we are currently working on the fourth book, Journey of the Iilk, which is on track to be launched at the Womindjeka Festival at Emu Plains on 1st March 2025.

In preparation for making this new book, Journey of the Iilk (Iilk is the Boonwurrung word for Eel) the kids have been learning all about Eels! We've been very fortunate to have the talented and knowledgeable Gunditjmara Artist & Master Weaver, Bronwyn Razem join us at Kinder to teach the kids how to weave. They've been weaving animals with straw and recycled wool and working on a huge art project. An Eel Trap. On completion, the rainbow Eel trap will hang from the ceiling inside Kinder and represent the Journey of The Iilk for years to come.



Balnarring Kinder's AGM will be held on 26th November at the Kinder. All Welcome. Please contact the Kinder to RSVP and more details.

Considering the current financial times, the fundraising team knew it might be a struggle to acquire donations from small and local businesses. Little did we know, they came through with extremely generous contributions. I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge, thank, and get a HUGE *YEE-HAW* for all our incredible sponsors of the 2024 Balnarring Kinder Fundraiser. We genuinely appreciate the big and the small donations and it all helped make the night the success that it was. The funds raised will ensure that our treasured Kinder can keep delivering the Excellent standard of early childhood education. Can I get a *YEE-HAW* for our amazing sponsors!

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The Somers General
Phase Two
The Pig & Whistle
Ashcombe Maze
Pelican Park
Catherine De Boise

2024 SCHEDULE

YOGA WITH EUGENIE

SATURDAYS 9.00 - 10.30 AM

TUESDAYS 9.00 - 11 AM

SUGGESTED DONATION \$20

MORE INFO: EUGENIE 0429 092 331

SALSA DANCE

WEDNESDAYS SESSION 1: 6.30-7.30 PM

WEDNESDAYS SESSION 2: 7.30-8.30 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION \$20

MORE INFO: SIMON 0415 729 579

ACTING FOR YOUTH

8-12YOS SATURDAY 11AM-12NOON

13-18 YOS FRIDAY 4.30- 5.30PM

SUGGESTED DONATION \$20

MORE INFO: JO 0409976454

BALNARRING PLAYGROUP

FRIDAYS

@SALTBUSH

MORE INFO: KIRSTEN 0421 564 439

BALNARRING COMMUNITY HUB COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING

1ST TUESDAY MONTHLY 6PM-7.30PM

MORE INFO: BALNARRINGHUB@GMAIL.COM

MEDITATION

MONDAYS 7.30 - 8.30 PM

MORE INFO: SIMON 0415 729 579

AFRICAN PERCUSSION

MONDAYS 6.30-7.30 PM

THURSDAYS 5 -6 PM

MORE INFO: PETER 0432 043 547

BUDDHIST MEDITATION

TUESDAYS 1.30-3PM

GOLD COIN DONATION

MORE INFO: JUDITH 0408 632 714

WOMEN'S MUSICAL JAM

SATURDAYS (FORTNIGHTLY) 3PM-5PM

FREE

MORE INFO: JACKIE 0480 173 357

**Anglican Parish of St. John's Flinders
with St. Mark's Balnarring**

SERVICE TIMES

Sung Services with Eucharist

St. John's Flinders: Sunday 8.30am

St. Mark's Balnarring: Sunday 10.30am

Said Service with Eucharist

St. Mark's: Thursday 10.00am

Fridays@4.30pm

**for under 18s in the community, with snacks
(during term time)**

Third Friday of month at St. Mark's hall 4.30pm

We're working on an major art mural right now!

Morning Prayer Times

St. Mark's: Tuesdays 9am

St. John's: Wednesdays 9am

ALL ARE WARMLY WELCOME TO ANY SERVICE!

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS AT:

<https://flindersbalnarringanglican.org>

with more details of our parish

Parish Priest: Keiron Jones

vicar.flinderswithbalnarring@gmail.com

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SATURDAY OCT 26

6-9pm



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Avian Influenza: The Growing Threat and Australia's Preparedness

Avian influenza (bird flu) is a highly contagious viral disease that affects birds and, in rare cases, mammals and humans. The disease is currently raising concerns across the globe due to the spread of a particularly deadly strain: high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1. Since 2021, this virus has swept across multiple continents, causing widespread mortality in poultry, wild birds, and even mammals. While Australia has remained free from H5N1, the threat looms large, making vigilance and preparedness essential to protect both wildlife and human health.

Global Situation of HPAI H5N1

The HPAI H5N1 strain (clade 2.3.4.4.b) has had devastating impacts on animal populations worldwide. Wild birds, previously thought to have some resilience to avian flu, are now experiencing mass die-offs. In the UK, species such as gannets and terns have seen drastic population declines, while in South America, 36% of one pelican species disappeared within months. The virus has also spread to mammals, with reports of infections in dairy cattle, foxes, and even humans, albeit rarely. The situation is particularly alarming in the US, where over 96 million chickens have died, affecting both the poultry industry and local wildlife.

The Situation in Australia

While H5N1 has yet to reach Australia, the country is no stranger to avian influenza. Recently, outbreaks of the H7 strain have affected poultry in Victoria, leading to culling to contain the spread. H7 viruses are naturally found in Australian wild birds, but the poultry industry remains highly vulnerable. With H5N1 spreading rapidly across the globe, experts believe it is only a matter of time before it reaches Australia.

Wildlife at Risk in the Western Port Biosphere

In the UNESCO Western Port Biosphere Reserve region, the arrival of H5N1 could have serious implications for local wildlife. Migratory shorebirds, already under threat, may face further population declines. Critically endangered species such as the Orange-bellied Parrot are at risk of being wiped out if the virus reaches Australian shores. Additionally, backyard poultry keepers must stay vigilant to avoid outbreaks in domestic flocks.

What Can Be Done?

Although it is difficult to prevent H5N1's arrival in Australia, preparation is key. The Victorian Government, in collaboration with land managers like Phillip Island Nature Parks and wildlife organisations, is working on surveillance and response plans under the National Avian Influenza Wild Bird Surveillance Program. Community awareness and action will also play a crucial role in preventing the spread of the virus.

For Victorians, it's important to recognise the signs of avian flu in wild birds. These include sudden death, lack of coordination, twisted necks, difficulty breathing, and swelling around the eyes. If you do come across birds showing all or some of these symptoms, we suggest the following:

AVOID contact with sick or dead wild birds and their environment. Do not touch or collect sick or dead wild birds.

RECORD what you see, the location the bird was found, and take photos or video. Do not touch the bird.

REPORT via Emergency animal disease hotline 1800 675 888

While Australia remains H5N1-free for now, the situation is ever-evolving, and the virus could arrive at any time. Preparation, awareness, and collaboration between government agencies, wildlife groups, and the public are essential in minimising the impact of avian influenza on Australia's wildlife and economy.

More resources

- [Avian Influenza Resources - Michelle Wille](#)
- [Wildlife Health Australia – H5NQ global outbreak](#)
- [Agriculture Victoria: H7 current situation](#)
- [Agriculture Victoria: HPAI preparedness](#)
- [Department of Health](#)

We are concerned about bird flu arriving in Australia this spring

If you see dead birds in Australia:

- (1) Do not touch dead birds
- (2) Report all instances of dead birds via the Emergency animal disease watch hotline **1800 675 888**
- (3) Follow guidelines provided by state and national response teams
- (4) If feasible, collect information pertaining to the number of dead wild birds, species compositions, location, date and time. Do this from a distance using binoculars and/or cameras.





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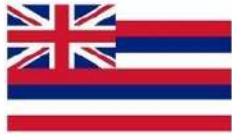
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Downtown Honolulu

Music on the Hill turns ten

The peninsula hinterland community music event celebrates ten years in early September with two sold out Birthday Shows.

Music on the Hill (or MOTH) founder and curator Robin Griffiths has been bringing singer-songwriters and bands to listening audiences on the Mornington Peninsula since 2014.



“Red Hill local Anthony Egan and I plotted MOTH over coffees at a local café during the summer of 2014. Says Robin.

We sought to create a music event that we would want to attend on a Friday night. Where the music is the focus, and the audience respects the artists in a comfortable, intimate and respectful environment. Where you don’t have to hang around waiting until 10.30pm for the headline act.”



Robin now organises bookings, staging, production, and supervises volunteers and crew. His background in design and event production came in handy as he handles all promotions and marketing and even designs the gig posters.

“I’m often asked if I can play an instrument or sing – but I don’t have a musical bone in my body – I’ve always been a music nerd and have been buying records and attending gigs on a regular basis for over 45 years.”

The Red Hill Community Pavilion has been the venue for many shows over the years. The local sports clubs were good enough to host the gigs and ran the bars with funds going back into the clubs and the community.

“We themed the room with drapes, lamps and candles so the atmosphere resembled a 60s or 70s folk joint or jazz club. We’ve also hosted MOTH events at wineries, halls and galleries in the area.



More recently The Shed Theatre at the Pig and Whistle in Main Ridge has been their home.

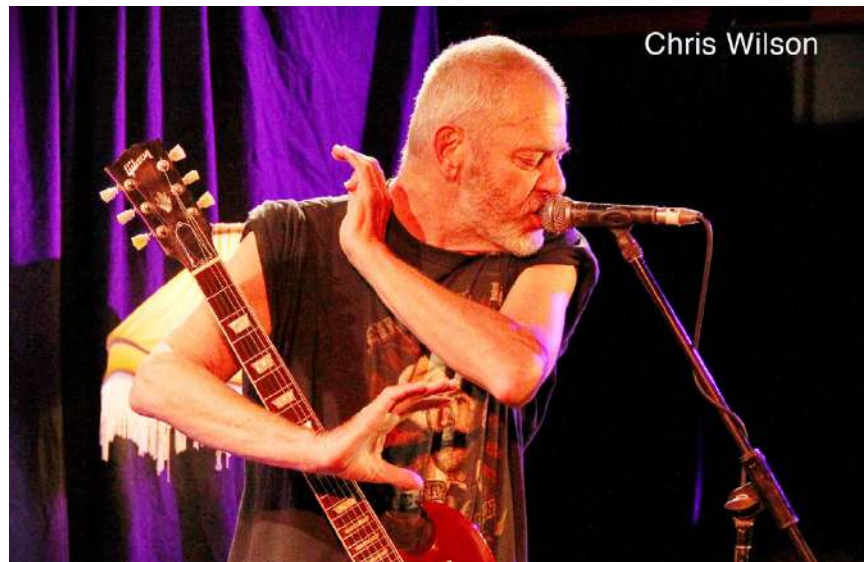
The monthly community music event regularly sells out its capacity of 100 patrons - plus volunteers, crew, and guests.

They have hosted over 110 shows to more than 11,000 ticketholders. 330 acts have graced the stage and over 120 local musicians have showcased their music as support spots. Music on the Hill has also been nominated twice for the Age/Music Victoria Awards for best small venue.

MOTH have attracted artists such as Archie Roach, Dyson Stringer Cloher, Dan Sultan, Ella Hooper, David Bridie, Gretta Ray, Steph Strings and Olympia.

“The popular soul and blues band ‘The Teskey Brothers’ played a memorable set at MOTH on a Friday night in 2017 and on the following Saturday they played at The Sidney Myer Music Bowl to a crowd of 14,000.

We’ve experienced many memorable nights at MOTH including when Archie Roach performed to an audience which included members of his family in the front row encouraging him to tell stories. Blues legend Chris Wilson played to a packed room (not long before he passed away) – he had everyone up dancing by the end of the night.”



MOTH continues into its eleventh year with Georgia Moonie and band (All Our Exes Live in Texas) playing on Friday 4 October and Claire Anne Taylor and band (TAS) on Friday 1 November.

Bookings and more info at musiconthehill.com.au

‘WESTERN PORT’ v. ‘WESTERNPORT’

It seems something of an enigma that the most easterly of the two major bays along Victoria’s south coast is named Western Port Bay.

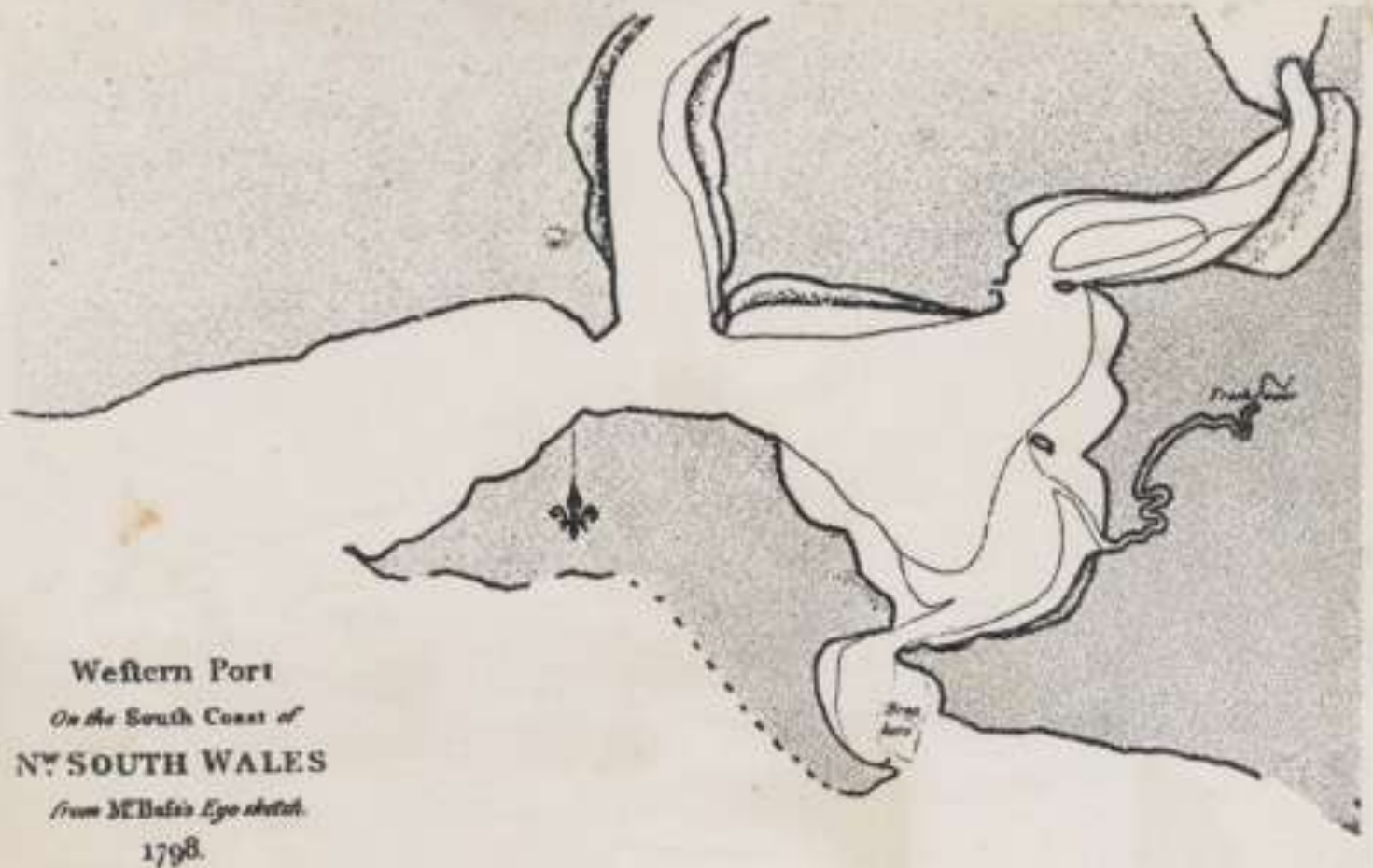
It was Englishman, George Bass who gave the name Western Port Bay to that particular body of water late in the year 1797. Exploring the coastline south of Port Jackson in a whale boat with a small volunteer crew of six, they were forced to turn westward after sighting Cape Howe when their boat developed a leak. Following the continent’s southern coastline, they came across and entered a wide, tidal bay where they stayed long enough to carry out repairs.

Bass named the bay ‘Western Port’ due to its relative position to other harbours already known; it was the most westerly charted harbour at that time. Bass was convinced that the body of water along which he had sailed was a strait separating Van Diemen’s Land from the mainland. The following year he and Matthew Flinders set out to prove his theory by sailing through the strait, which had been named after Bass, and circumnavigating Van Diemen’s Land.

The word has been spelt both as one word, ‘Westernport’ and as two words, “Western Port” with both forms once commonly used throughout the shire. Today the name is officially given as two words. This practice was adopted in 1985 and was initiated by the Hastings Historical Society, acting on the advice of the Victorian Place Names Committee.

The change to recording Western Port as two words was made in time for the 150th birthday of Victoria and the Shire’s 25th year. A letter was written to Mr Cain, the Victorian State Premier, advising Government departments to adopt the correct spelling when current supplies of maps, plans and other documents were depleted.

*Ilma Hackett
Balnarring and District Historical Society*



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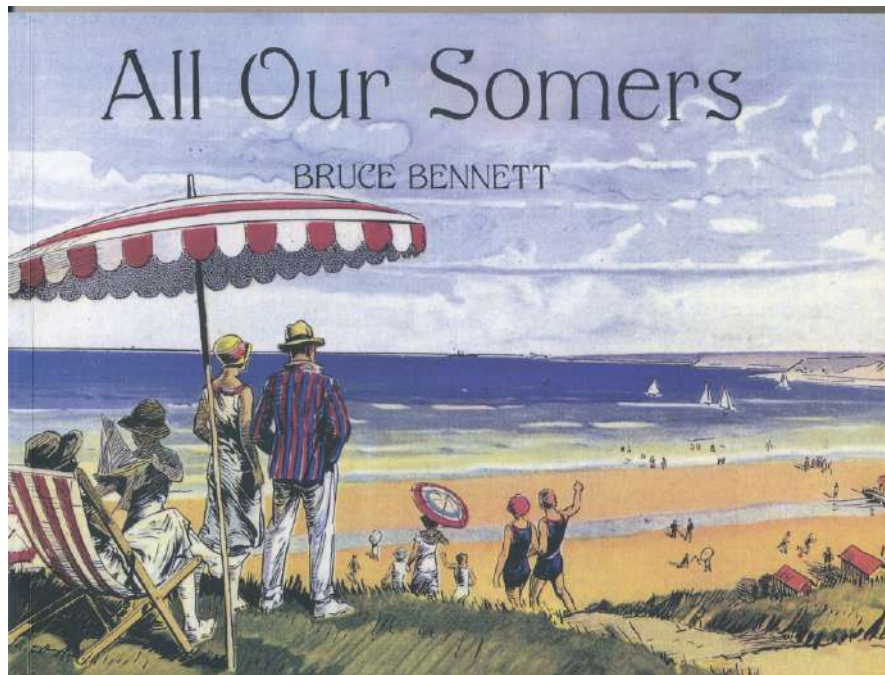
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Balnarring Historical Society (ph. 5983 5326)

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Bruce Bennett's well-researched and very readable history of the coastal village of Somers introduces you to the events, influences and, above all the people, who shaped this unique community.

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Cafe Deja Vu at the Probus Club of Red Hill

The Red Hill Probus Club provides opportunities for seniors to meet new people and extend themselves through new interests. Come along to meet the members of the Club at their open day event '**Cafe Deja Vu**'.

Enjoy a Devonshire tea and the smooth sounds of Deja Vu, two peninsula locals. The duo are regulars on the music scene and perform classic hits from the 60's, 70's and 80's.



After morning tea, the guest speaker is **Andrea McCall**, former Victorian MP, who will talk on "Shakespeare: fabulous or fake?" Andrea will examine the current thinking and challenge the traditional wisdom.

Where: Main Ridge Community Hall, 441 Main Creek Rd., Main Ridge (next to the cricket ground)

When: Tuesday 22 October starting at 10.00 am and finishing at 12.00 noon

Cost: Free

Contact: Text Tom on 0407 817 072 to secure your place



Dvorak, Vivaldi, Caroline Shaw

A musical mixture of old favourites and something new

Somers Chamber Music Society will present a mix of traditional and new at its concert on 27 October, 2.30pm, at Saint Marks Church, Balnarring.

The newly formed Atari Quartet will present a thrilling mix of works starting with a performance of Caroline Shaw's Blueprints, a new piece commissioned by the famous American Azuri string quartet.

This will be followed by two of Vivaldi's Seasons (Spring and Winter).

After an intermission, the Atari Quartet will complete the concert with the string quartet No. 14 by Dvorak.

The president of Somers Chamber Music Society, Dan Hourigan, said that the society was excited to have been able to engage Atari.

“The quartet is made up of very talented and rising young stars and I am sure that they all have big futures and will continue to grow in stature.”

For more information contact the Society's Secretary Roger Price on 0403 592 195 or email rolyn42b@bigpond.com

Peninsula Studio Trail Exhibition 27 Sept - 6 Oct 2024

Opening night Friday 27 Sept 2023. (Door prizes included)
6.30-8.30pm. @ The Studio, 91 Wilsons Road, Mornington 3931

PST is again hosting its annual live exhibition of new and exciting artworks from the artists of the Peninsula Studio Trail.

Come along to meet the artists, see some wonderful artworks, enjoy food, wine and non-alcoholic drinks and be entertained by local Jazz band "Kissing Harriet."

https://youtu.be/W_JkVoZNRtc

OPENING NIGHT \$15 tickets Click on "Book Opening Night Tickets" box

<https://www.peninsulastudiotrailinc.org/>

10am-5pm Daily 28 Sept - 6 Oct 2023

10am-3pm last day 6 Oct 2023

See a diverse range of contemporary art from painting, printmaking, photography and drawing to lamps, sculpture and ceramics. Artworks will be available for purchase.



Peninsula Studio Trail artists are opening their working studios again on 2 consecutive weekends: 16-17 and 23-24 November 2024.

Come and meet the artists, see works in progress, ask questions and get a glimpse behind the scenes as to how artworks are created. Work will also be available for purchase.

We would love to see you there!

Look through the various artist's pages on the website to choose who you would like to visit and see which ones are open and by checking the interactive map on the website for

locations: <https://www.peninsulastudiotrailinc.org/plan-your-trip-map>

Friends of Woolleys Beach

Join us!

Why? The Crib Point Stony Point Foreshore Reserve is one of the few remaining places along the Western Port coastline that has many species of plants, birds and animals. It is a significant area within the **Western Port Biosphere** and thus has global importance for the conservation of nature under the RAMSAR wetland convention and for developing the science of sustainable land use under the UNESCO man and biosphere program.

Unfortunately many of the plant communities of the reserve are under threat from weeds, which left unchecked can replace these important ecosystems.

Where? Woolleys Beach North carpark near Crib Point jetty
(Just a short walk opposite the Victorian Maritime Centre at 220 The Esplanade, Crib Point).

When? First Sunday of the month from 9:00am – 11:00am.

How? We will target Bluebell creeper found in a specific area of the foreshore reserve. This will be done by hand weeding young plants and cutting larger ones with loppers.

Bring your own safety glasses and gardening gloves.

Tools and Hi-Viz vests provided. Sign In and Acknowledge Job Safety required.

Register: ranger@cribpointstonypointforeshore.com.au

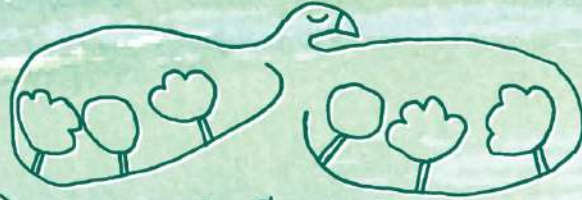
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Balnarring Ngargee

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SO... ARE YOU COMING?

We acknowledge Boon Wurrung peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which the festival is being held and recognise the continuous relationships they have with the land, waterways, sky, creatures and plants. We recognise the strength of First Peoples in maintaining their cultures over thousands of years. We pay our respects to Elders: past and present. We welcome and acknowledge all First Peoples from across Australia.

Please contact us if you require any support to access the festival.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:

✉ womindjeka.balnarring.ngargee@gmail.com

📘 facebook.com/Bundjil2018

📷 instagram.com/womindjekabalnarring



Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee will be held on Saturday the 1st of March 2025!

Are you ready for another incredible Ngargee where the community can gather to share, begin conversations and walk with First Peoples? The program is coming together brilliantly and we have some very exciting announcements...

The incredibly talented, Australian World Music Star and proud Gamilaraay man, Mitch Tambo is returning to headline our festival! Mitch is one of Australia's most unique and electrifying First Nations entertainers and we are thrilled that he will return to our festival in 2025 and share his stories, passion and energy with our community. Make sure you are there to see him perform!



Mitch Tambo performs Womindjeka Balnarring NGargee March 2024. Photo: Lisa Hunter



Artist Supplied [Naomi Diane \(@naomidiane\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)

We are also thrilled to host Gamilaroi singer-songwriter

Naomi Diane under the

Stringybark gums at Emu Plains. Her debut single "Chasing the Sun" is an upbeat amalgamation of pop elements, indie hues and jangly grooves and brings warmth and sunshine to your ears. A focus will be on local emerging artists and we look forward to introducing you to several young talents who will impress you with their passion and creativity.

This festival creates an opportunity for the broader community to value, respect, celebrate and participate in First Peoples culture and creativity, to connect and learn. We are delighted that the Schools Project is continuing to grow with 4 new

schools joining us with their prompt being The Time of Chaos. We cannot wait to see what the older students show us as part of their learning.

The Balnarring Preschool has a very exciting project materialising with artist in residence Bronwyn Razem. Bronwyn is a Gunditjmara woman of the Kirrae Whurrong clan of western Warrnambool on the



Above: Woven eel on display; Illk trap in progress at Balnarring Preschool; Bush Animals by Bronwyn Razem. Photos: Kate Rennie

this festival running. Eight years strong!



Crib Point Primary School demonstrate their learning Barraeemal 2024. Photo: Lisa Hunter

Victorian coastline who will be joining us at the Ngargee weaving bush animals. With Bronwyn, the children are weaving an enormous eel trap, contributing to their learning for the next book “Journey of the Ilk”. This artwork will feature at the festival.

Over the next few months, keep an eye out for the festival committee team at local markets. We are keen to bring greater awareness and more people to the festival and we will be selling the first 3 books that Balnarring Preschool have created together with Boonwurrung Senior Elder N’arwee’t Professor Carolyn Briggs OAM. The fourth book in the series is under development, fingers crossed it will be ready to launch on the 1st of March... Come and say “Hi” to us!

Fundraising is an ongoing priority for the festival committee. This is the season for grant writing and we are hoping for success across our applications. We are also very grateful to our early sponsors the Ross E Trust and Prestige Home Care who have already donated generously to kick start our planning. We aim to keep access to the Ngargee open for everyone through having our entry by donation. In this cost of living crisis we do not want anyone to be excluded. Therefore we are very dependent and thankful for grants, our wonderful sponsors and the generosity of our community to keep

Please get in touch if you are interested in being involved in the Ngargee 2025 as an artist, sponsor or volunteer: womindjeka.balnarring.ngargee@gmail.com.



Balnarring CFA News



SMOKE ALARMS

It's that time of year: Daylight Savings Time is the time to check your Smoke Alarms. **Remember – *only working Smoke Alarms save lives.***

BURN-OFFS

With the B.O.M's current long term forecast being for a drier than average season, **NOW** is the time to start preparing your home or farm for the upcoming Summer. But, with an alarming number of Burn-Offs getting out of control in the Westernport Region, this needs to be planned, carried out and monitored carefully.

Here's some handy tips on carrying out a planned burn:

Notifying [Triple Zero Victoria](#) about planned burns prevents unnecessary fire brigade response. Callers reporting an actual fire can then verify that the fire is a planned burn. If this can't be verified a fire brigade will be asked to respond.

Before you notify us and carry out your planned burn, ensure:

- You are following regulations or laws by CFA and your local council.
- You notify your neighbours if your activity will generate fire and smoke.
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the activity and a few days afterwards.
- Establish a gap in vegetation or fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material.
- There are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.

Check CFAs [Burning Off](#) page for more information.

How to notify?

Online: on the [Fire Permits Victoria](#) website. This is the quickest and easiest way to register your burn off (if commencing more than two hours from the burn-off time);

Email: complete the [Burn off Notification Form \(PDF 638KB\)](#) and email the form to burnoffs@triplezero.vic.gov.au;

Phone: register your burn-off by calling 1800 668 511, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week *National Relay Service Users can ring [1300 555 727](#) and ask for information to be relayed to Triple Zero Victoria via [1800 668 511](#).*

Turn-Outs

- 13 Jul **Fire** (tree stump): Frankston-Flinders Rd, Balnarring (assisted by Bittern Brigade).
- 22 Jul **Alarm**: Azure Ave, Balnarring (assisted by Bittern & Somers Brigades).
- 24 Jul **Fire**: Russell St, Balnarring (assisted by Bittern & Somers Brigades).
- 28 Jul **Assist Police**: entry to building (assisted by Dromana Rescue).
- 10 Aug **Rescue** (cat in tree): Hurley St, Balnarring.
- 10 Aug **Fire** (car): Balnarring Rd, Balnarring (assisted by Bittern & Somers Brigades).
- 13 Aug **Car Crash** (washaway): Frankston-Flinders Rd, Pt Leo (assist Shoreham Brigade).
- 18 Aug **Fire (HOAX CALL)**: The Boulevard, Somers (assist Somers Brigade).
- 24 Aug **Car Crash** (washaway): Frankston-Flinders Rd, Pt Leo (assist Shoreham Brigade).
- 28 Aug – 2 Sep **Severe Weather Alert**: (assist SES).
- 10 Sep **Car Crash** (washaway): Frankston-Flinders Rd, Balnarring (assisted by Bittern Brigade).

News

Saturday, 26th October, we will be conducting a large scale, pre-season training exercise in the area. Please be aware (but not alarmed) as a large number of CFA vehicles and personell will be present at a nearby location.

Volunteers Wanted

Training continues Monday evenings from 7:30pm and on Sunday mornings from 10am. If you'd like to make a difference to your community, please give us a call or just pop in. There are plenty of roles to fill within our brigade both Operational (firefighter) and Non-Operational (admin, educational and other support positions).

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The Seven Factors of Enlightenment A two-day mindfulness retreat

Saturday and Sunday November 23 and 24, 2024
10am to 4pm

Saltbush, 122 Balnarring Beach Rd. Balnarring, Victoria

This two-day retreat offers an opportunity to rest in mindful awareness and deepen your meditation practice, whilst cultivating the qualities of mind and heart that lead to awakening, known as the Seven Factors of Enlightenment.

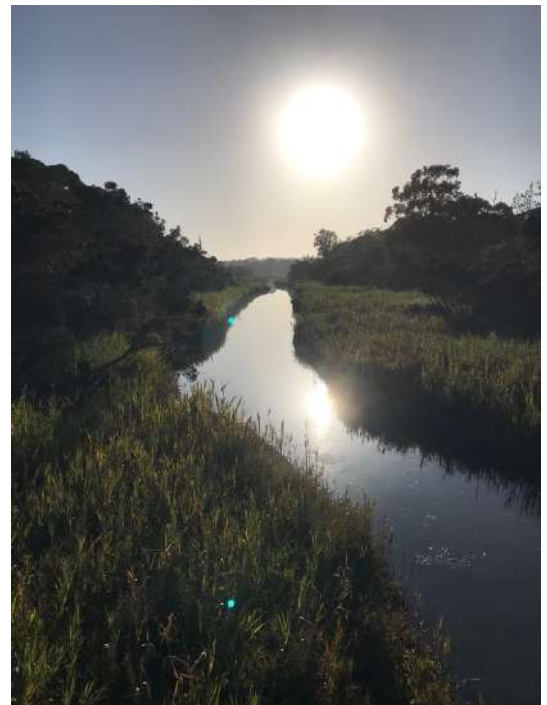
The retreat will be led by experienced Dhamma teacher Jacqui Winstanley and the buddhataalk community (sangha).

A vegan lunch by Ben from Tulum Store and light afternoon tea is provided on both days.

Cost: \$100 full / \$80 concession

Fees cover retreat costs.

Donations for teachings are welcome.



Places for this special two-day retreat are limited so please register early via the QR code below or <https://shorturl.at/6sNtm>

Registrations close on Friday 18 October 2024 or when sold out.

Limited accommodation in shared houses at Saltbush is available at additional cost, with a 2-night minimum stay (Friday and Saturday). Please contact buddhataalk if you wish to stay in shared accommodation while attending the retreat. Long-distance travellers will be given priority.

**For more information, contact buddhataalk on
buddhataalk9@gmail.com**

Independent 4 Flinders - Neighbourhood Huddles



Independent4Flinders (I4F) is a community-led group of locals seeking to find an independent candidate for the 2025 federal election. We have been lucky to experience a groundswell of support from members of the communities located in some parts of the Flinders federal electorate and have established neighbourhood huddles to involve as many people as possible in their local areas, including Rosebud area, Rye area, Mornington, Mt Martha, Mt Eliza. We are keen to develop groups in other areas of the electorate, such as Balnarring, Flinders and Hastings.

Why Huddles?

Groups that are active in their local areas have unique ways of connecting with others in their communities – through family members, social groups, work places, community organisations, and businesses.

Building a strong, widespread support base will assist I4F with finding the right candidate from amongst our midst. People we may not have previously considered likely to want to enter politics could be the people we interact with every day or week. They need to know there is huge interest in having an option other than the two major parties to vote for.

Joining a neighbourhood huddle is a great way to make new friends and acquaintances and to discover other ways of becoming involved in our local communities. Many will decide to become involved in the I4F candidate's campaign when it begins.

What do Huddles do?

There is no prescription, it's up to the groups that form to decide what they can do, and how much they can do. The aim is to build the support, find a candidate, spread the word about the community independent movement, and have volunteers ready to campaign for the I4F endorsed candidate when the election is called.



Some suggestions from huddles that are already active:

- Meet for coffee and conversation in preparation for supporting a candidate in the election;
- Write regular letters on local issues to the MP News;
- Distribute flyers wherever they will have an impact – in shopping centres, at markets, at community group get-togethers and meetings;
- Set up a market stall and talk to people, ask them what are the issues they care about;
- Hold social gatherings – coffee chats, evening drinks, walks on the beach and invite some friends;
- Organise events – film nights, guest speakers, pizza nights, trivia nights.

If you'd like to be part of this growing movement, please contact us as follows:

Hastings area huddle: HastingsI4F@gmail.com

Flinders/Shoreham area huddle: FlindersI4F@gmail.com

Balnarring area huddle: info@communityindependent4flinders.com

<https://www.communityindependent4flinders.com/>

We would love to hear from you!

*There is a calmness
to a life lived in
gratitude, a quiet joy.*

Ralph H. Blum

Crib Point Action Group Inc.
Seeking to advance the social, environmental
and economic interests of the Crib Point Community

CPAG is a group of local volunteers that started in 2006 with a focus to work with the community to address issues and build on their vision for the future of Crib Point.

Initially - Worked tirelessly over 6 years to stop the construction of the Boral Bitumen Transport and Storage Facility on the foreshore near Crib Point Jetty – organising community protests, writing submissions, attending and presenting at Planning Panel hearings. Boral eventually shelved plans for the development at Crib Point.

Since that time members of CPAG have:

- Completed a series of plaques recognising the contribution of prominent families in Crib Point. These are on display opposite Café 202
- Made submissions representing the community to Mornington Peninsula Shire Council on the Crib Point Township Plan
- Made submissions on behalf of the community expressing our views on the Coastal Villages and Neighbourhoods Strategy
- Worked with the community of Crib Point and the Mornington Peninsula in the fight against AGL’s proposed gas import jetty and pipeline project
- Commissioned local artist Philip Philippou to take on the project of the murals at Crib Point Cellars and amenities area in Arthur Petersen Reserve
- Liaised with MP Shire to undertake refurbishment of the streetscape in front of the Australia Post office and Café 202 on Stony Point Road
- Made submissions to MP Shire, local members of parliament and VicRoads to improve road safety seeking the installation of new traffic lights at the intersection of Disney Street and Stony Point Road in Crib Point

As with all volunteer committees, we are always looking for people willing to put in some time to help their community. If you are interested, please contact us.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every second month at 7:00pm at
Crib Point Community House – located at 7 Park Road, Crib Point.
Upcoming meetings will be held on 3 April 2024 and 5 June 2024.

Contact Cecelia Witton at info@cribpointonline.org

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Friends of Daangean Report

Through my tardiness and mislaid skates, I was remiss for the previous edition.

The waterwatch team of four ventured forth on Jun 26th to all four testing sites. The water levels at Devilbend and Bittern were down from previous survey days, and Site 2 was accessible without gummies. Site 1 had a pH reading of 7.33, the others were similar. Turbidity was 80 in the catch drain at the Devilbend Ck site and the other three the turbidity readings were <9, which indicate s clear water.

Monitoring site details
 Site code: EDV 400
 Site description:
Name of monitoring group
 Persons monitoring: Friends of Damgean -
 Date and time of monitoring: 26-8-24 9:12.

Please record your data below:

Parameter	Reading	Unit	Comments
Air Temperature	15	°C	
Water Temperature	14.1	°C	
Turbidity	9	NTU	
pH	7.58	Unit	
Conductivity	123	µS / cm	
Dissolved Oxygen	9	mg / L	% Saturat
Phosphate <small>(Official lab only. Smart) Concentration multiply by 0.225 to calculate mg/L</small>	0	mg / L	
Ammonium	0.02	mg / L	
Nitrate		mg / L	

Observations and Notes:
 What has changed since last time you monitored?
Water higher
 What stands out about the site today?
Lots of Bird life
 Other observations:

Melbourn Water

Waterwatch sheet for Site 1 - MF

Despite all the signs regarding dogs at Devilbend there was a free running dog with three people at the picnic ground when we returned.

FOD for the Jun 27th weeding day was cancelled due to a dire weather forecast.

Waterwatch planned for Jul 7th was also cancelled due to inclement weather.

Sat Jul 27th FOD's end of the month weeding foray had the stupendous team of **two**. A disappointing turnout, however, we managed to get a good lot done. Knockoff was

timed well because the forecast rain began as the gear was packed in the car. No sitting around for a cuppa this time. The pitto regrowth is getting out of hand and more boots are needed on the ground. Blackberry and boneseed seedlings, mostly spread by foxes, English ivy, gorse and flowering sallow wattle are presenting a forthcoming problem. It is very difficult going through the gahnia and bracken for

legs with accumulating years. Bell miners going about their lerp farming were tinkling prettily in the distant swamp gums.

National Tree Planting Day on Sun July 28th saw three FOD folk front up with more than a score of enthusiastic tree planters doing their bit for the DNFR environment. The exercise was organised by the Crew at Daangean who had 400 trees bought with donations, one being our terrific Liz Sarraihle who was unable to attend on the day. Sundry kids in the mix had a wonderful time making plastic snakes with their gathered pots, and getting covered in mud due to it being rather wet underfoot in places.

Waterwatch day on Jul 31st was very cold in the shade at both Devilbend collection sites; however, later in the sun it was pleasant at Bittern. Water levels up a bit. No sampling at the creek site due to the mangled and muddy catch drain track that leads to it. There was nothing untoward regarding all the readings.

Tuerong, Derril and Hodgins roads were in a diabolical condition this day.

A smaller than usual WW team on Aug 26th. The water levels at both dams appear up a bit this month. All turbidity readings were <9, with good water quality readings at all sites. Massive coot numbers on Devilbend although fewer at Bittern. The resident Bittern swans were on the far side from our testing site. There were no cormorants on the Bittern water tower whereas there are usually several of them drying their wings while swallows flit around them. The disturbed reed warblers were going crook in the cumbungi, heard but unseen. Onion orchids are sending up their new leaves, black wattle and the sprawling clematis were flowering, as was the weedy boneseed.

The proposed Community Boneseed Day on Daangean Point on Aug 31st was postponed to Sep 7th due to heavy winds and the danger of falling limbs. The “Community” consisted of four who happened to be FOD folk, the



Thumbs up The Community Weeding Team - MF

group on whose shoulders this day inevitably falls.

It was originally a PV initiative and several groups were involved. It was disappointing the community didn't participate as many volunteers are needed to deal with the rampant boneseed. Although on this day we chose the invasive sallow wattle as our main target.

Lots of little birds were twittering in the bush as it is now nesting time, and a black-faced cuckoo shrike made an appearance. It was a beautiful day in the bush.

Marnie Fitzsimons FOD co-ordinator

devilbendfoundation@gmail.com

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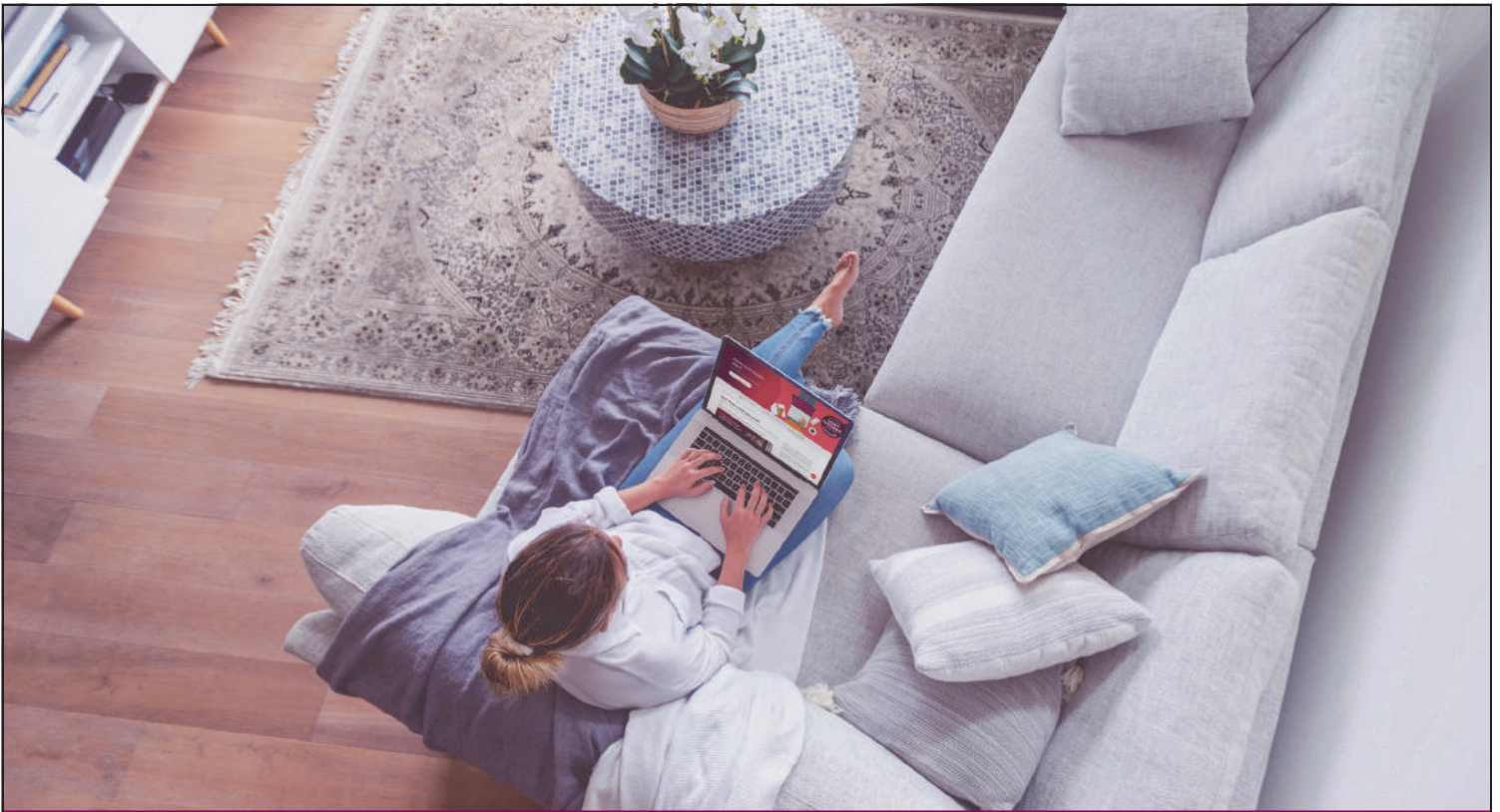
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Community Market

SUNDAY

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I really can't believe that it's the last term already.

We had another very successful **August Art Attack Art Show**

with record entries. It was a fantastic turnout with plenty of great art on show from adult artists to Secondary and Primary School entries. The Art Show opening night was attended by over 70 people including special guest and was opened by the Honourable Paul Mercurio MP. There was



a fantastic turnout over the weekend. Special thanks go to the generous sponsors who support us each year. Of course, we couldn't do all this without our wonderful volunteers who organised the art show and helped over the weekend. My Crib Point section was won by Sue King, Adult winner - Mary Ann Fox, Sculpture – Rob Broersen, Secondary School – Kimberley Rose Nixon, Primary School – Eliza Phillips and Under 18's Sculpture – Calum Riddell. There were also Honourable Mentions and Special Mentions and you can view them on our website, www.augustartattack.com

The **October Market** will be a very special one for the kids. As well as the Cribby Koala Treasure Hunt, we will be partnering with Family Life and other Community organisations to celebrate Children's Week with lots of **FREE activities** including games, craft activities, bubbles, face painting, music and give aways. There will also be the usual stalls inside and outside, Devonshire Teas, Sausage Sizzle, Coffee van and more.

But wait, there's more! Our annual **Senior's High Tea** will be on Thursday 24th October at 10:30am at the Crib Point Community House. Bookings are essential and dietary requirements. The theme is 'School Days', so wear a piece of school uniform. If you still have some of your uniform, that would be great but if not, get something off your grandkids or an Op shop.

Our term 4 program has all the usual classes and groups with some exciting new workshops. Learn how to use a **Cricut (cricket) machine** that will cut all your craft materials from paper to balsa wood and make crafting easier. There's also a **Christmas Card** workshop in which you will learn how to make 3 different cards. By request, there will be a **Family Fun** afternoon playing board games or Lego. We will supply the games but if you prefer Lego you will need to bring your own. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The trip this term will be a **Shop till you drop trip** to Southland to do some Christmas shopping and will be on a Wednesday.

Don't forget, you need to book for all classes as numbers are sometimes limited. Call us on 59839888 or call in Monday to Thursday 9am to 3pm, Friday 9am to 12noon.

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Our Club welcomes couples and singles to enjoy the friendship and fellowship of like-minded people.

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We organise day trips and a four-day Spring and Autumn trip. Our interest groups include Theatre Lovers, 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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The school were very generous in allowing us to work out of 'The Shack' (a freestanding portable building in the school grounds).

You may be familiar with our Boomerang Bag stand in Ritchies IGA. You may even own a Boomerang Bag or two yourself. You may ask '*Are they still sewing bags?*'

YES!!!! We are still sewing bags from recycled fabric received from St Marks Op Shop and general donations.

Now that the state government has banned single-use plastic bags, you may be wondering *why* we continue to sew bags.

A few reasons.....

1. People still forget to take a bag into the supermarket (though they don't forget their wallet or their phone).
2. Fabric bags are so much stronger than the brown paper bags that have replaced the plastic bags.
3. Fabric bags assist in keeping unwanted fabric from ending up in landfill.
4. Fabric bags look FABULOUS!!!!
5. The sewing of these bags has helped strengthen community ties with Balnarring PS.
6. Sewing sessions have introduced and fostered many new friendships.
7. Boomerang Bags is part of a huge global initiative raising awareness of the plastic problem.
8. Balnarring Boomerang Bags has made donations to a number of local charities and organisations eg.
 - Willum Warrain
 - Sikh Volunteers Kitchen
 - Jenny Bryant's animal shelter
 - Balnarring Primary School

Our two main outlets are Ritchies IGA and the Tulum Store.

We are always looking for new volunteers who would like to sew bags (machines provided), cut fabric, iron or simply meet for a chat and a cuppa.

Join our group of about 6-8 regular sewers and meet in The Shack at Balnarring Primary School on Thursdays from about 1:30pm (finishing in time for school pick-up).

Or... you may prefer to pick up some pre-cut kits and sew in the comfort of your own home.

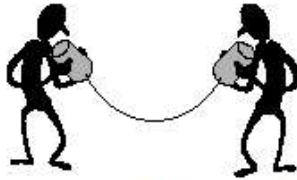
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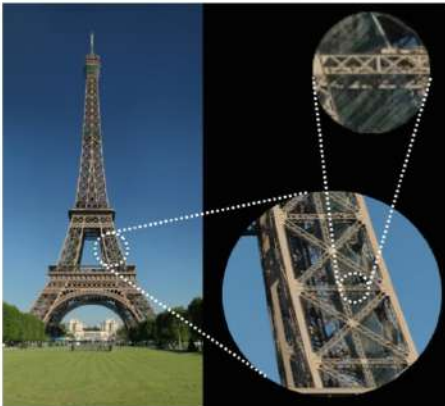
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Pat The Mac ponderings : Eiffel Tower, gold medal for lightness

Since the Paris Olympics just finished, let me share with you why I give the building Gold medal to the Eiffel tower.



If you manage to wrap a cylinder around the Eiffel Tower, the air inside the cylinder will *outweigh* the weight of the tower itself! Gustave Eiffel, the man behind the design of the monument, was an absolute genius. The tower's design is inspired by the biological structure of the femur (the human thigh bone). He was once researching the structure of the femur and realized that the connection, or the joint, between the femur and hip bone is made up of many minute fibre like materials called the trabaculae which are woven in a criss-cross pattern. So basically, they involve a lot of air gaps in between them rather than the actual bone material.



In layman's terms, there's material only where you need it to be, i.e, only where the forces are acting. Eiffel used this concept in designing the trusses (the X shaped components of structures) used in the tower which, if you look more closely, has a lot of holes. The femur bone is one of the many naturally nano-engineered structures from which structural engineers derive inspiration. This branch of structural engineering is called biomimetics.

The weight of the tower is 7300 tonnes. Yes, the air which would be in place of the tower has also been estimated but still, there's a difference of over 2000 tonnes! And we're literally talking steel v/s air here.

I like sharing with you facts that fascinate me. I hope you enjoy them too.

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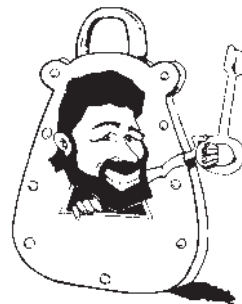
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Our next 2 working bees are on:

Sunday October 27th and Sunday November 24th 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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Deadlines for submissions are as follows:

January 10th (February/March issue)

March 10th (April/May issue)

May 10th (June/July issue)

July 10th (August/September issue)

September 10th (October/November issue)

November 10th (December/January issue)

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

The primary focus of The Bridge is to promote free community events. Volunteer organisations are encouraged to submit up to one page per issue and will not be charged.

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