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1st Balnarring Venturer Rylee diving with new friends in Fiji. More info and photos of what the Cubs, Scouts and Venturers have been enjoying on pages 36-39. *Photo supplied by Andrew Taylor.*

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Welcome to Issue 86 of your community magazine! Grab a steaming cuppa of your choice and settle in – there's a lot to read!

I've been enjoying some early budding on trees, daffodils popping up here and there and a few sunny windows on a grey day... spring is on its way!

Our thanks to everyone who has contributed to this issue, and to our wonderful sponsors, Coast Real Estate and our Balnarring and District Community Bank who cover all our website and printing costs, thus enabling all advertising to be FREE. A win-win, wouldn't you say?! 😊

Here's something good to keep in mind: *Happiness is not born from what we receive, but from what we give. (Master Taisen Deshimaru)*

Have an abundant August and sparkling September!

Love, Jen and Ali xx

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August

3rd Edie MacGowan
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
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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
23rd Josh Wharton
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
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Aug Sept 2024 Inspirational Angel Cards for the Community: *Calm Contentment*

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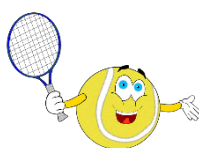
Members pay \$2 each time you play to cover cost of balls and coffee/tea. Let your friends, family, neighbours know that if they are not members they can play social tennis at a casual cost of \$5 each time.

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

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Contributor is Margaret Rees

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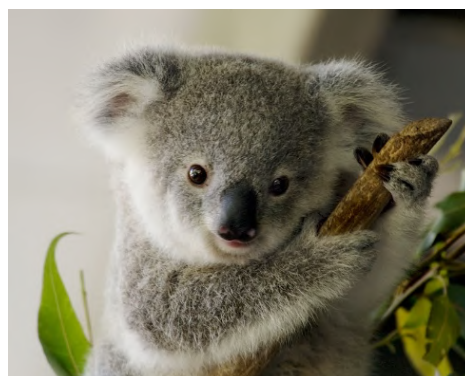
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News from your elected advocate for Red Hill Ward, Cr. David Gill.

- We are a step closer to removing the constant changing of speed limits along Frankston – Flinders Road with general acceptance of Council’s position by the State Government Ministry of Transport. Hopefully we will also remove the unnecessary speed signs. The **Merricks Beach Road intersection** continues to cause much concern with a further request from the Merricks Beach Community Association to VicRoads for double lines along this section of Frankston-Flinders Road.
- With 40 koalas and many more kangaroos and other **wildlife killed on our roads** in the last 7 months we need an action plan to help prevent these incidents. Of course, these collisions are also very dangerous to occupants of vehicles. VicRoads and MPs do not talk about wildlife and there is rarely money to address management issues. Hotspots are well known and there are preventatives such as virtual “fences” reactive to headlights and providing passage under or over roads as used in other wildlife areas.



- **Council Grants** for Volunteer projects and services opened recently for the new budget year. Do you have any community capital infrastructure works in mind? This includes three grant streams available up to \$50,000.

- Concerns have been raised about maintenance of the historic Foxey's Hangout on Balnarring Road and the state of the **iconic heritage** listed Chicory Kiln just off the Balnarring end of Stanleys Road. These projects were initiated by the Balnarring and District Historical Society. We are very lucky to have this dedicated group of volunteers to help preserve and value our Heritage and local history. This Historical Society retells our fascinating stories from first nations and colonel times through firsthand accounts. Don't miss reading local "snippets" lovingly published in this community magazine by Ilma Hackett. If you have an interest in helping in any way, please contact Ilma or myself.



This was sent as a recent suggestion to help protect our remnant indigenous roadside vegetation.

- Council is about to kick off the development of the Integrated Transport Updated Strategy (which will incorporate the Ride Safe Strategy) and as part of that we'll be reaching out to our cycling stakeholders to help inform the development of the Strategy. **If you are a cyclist or involved with a cycling group**, please let me know so that Council can contact you for your valuable feedback.
- Concerns have been raised about **house break-ins and theft from cars**. In particular there has been a recent spate of sophisticated robberies in Balnarring Beach. Apparently, they are watching for people to leave and using a look out. Local police tell me that often houses and cars robbed have been left unlocked. Unfortunately, we should ensure that we take extra care. Also, if possible, security alarms and CCTV should be considered.

- I have heard lots of discussion about the planter boxes in the walkway at the privately owned Balnarring Village Shopping Centre. Most people, though appreciating the seating, would like to see some shelves for the **Book Swap “Library”**.
- The long talked about **Mobile Library Bus** is fitted out and ready; your feedback about the route and stops has been much appreciated.
- I am also interested in feedback about the potential use of **bollards** to protect people from cars parking close to outdoor spaces and seating near shops. Please let me know about any spots that concern you.

Please contact me about any local matters or concerns.

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Regards,
David.



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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

On the 29th September, a Parish Service will be held at the Hastings Uniting Church commencing at 10.45 am. This is the only service to be conducted in the Parish on this day.

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

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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

Isiah Chapter 26 verse 4.

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.

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There are droughts and peril to plants, animals and the land.

WE NEED TO BE BETTER

Some need to heal.

Some need to help.

We all need healers to heal the wounds and scars we've inflicted.

WE NEED TO BE BETTER

Our future is pale.

So we link arms to heal the damage we gave.

WE NEED TO BE BETTER

To rebuild our Earth,

Our Planet,

Our Ecosystems,

Our Land.

WE NEED TO BE BETTER

To heal our forests and lakes.

We Protest.

Place Laws

And work together as much as we will.

We need to say YES.

YES to mend the scars and tears that we have inflicted.

YES to work together to mend the destruction.

WE NEED TO BE BETTER

This poem was written by Arthur Bicknell, age 11
from Red Hill Primary School, 2024

Acknowledgement from Arthur

*Arthur wants his friend Charlie Eagle to be acknowledged as the editor,
as he told Arthur to repeat the lines "We Need to be Better".
They both go to the Red Hill Consolidated Primary school.*

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
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MORE INFO: JACKIE 0480 173 357

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.

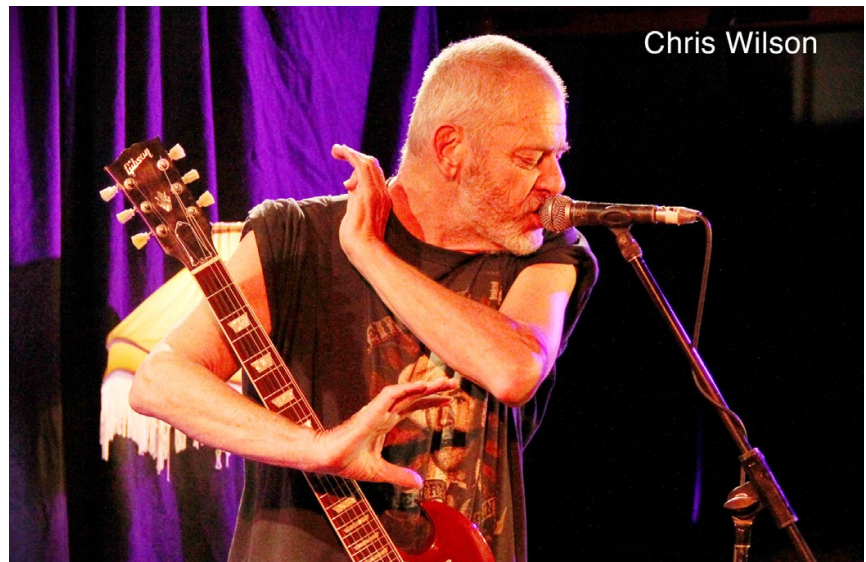
The monthly community music event regularly sells out its capacity of 100 patrons - plus volunteers, crew, and guests.

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

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Fundraiser will help save native species

The Western Port Biosphere Foundation and Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park are urging public support for a three-year joint project to ensure healthier and more resilient wildlife populations.

The two organisations aim to achieve this by building a network of naturelinks within the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. These are corridors of native habitat, which provide safe pathways for native animals through and between significant remaining areas of native ecosystems. These corridors continue to build on the extensive work done by the Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation group, the Mornington Peninsula, Western Port and Bass Coast Landcare Networks and other Landcare and Friends groups and local Councils whom we seek to collaborate with and support throughout this project.

Naturelinks help native flora and fauna to maintain more diverse and healthy gene pools and reduce the risk of animal injury and death from navigating human infrastructure and activities like roads.

The project will turn important genetic research on local koala populations conducted over the past year by the Biosphere Foundation's Kelly Smith, who will play an integral role in ensuring her findings translate into effective prioritisation and planning for the naturelink developments.

Western Port Biosphere CEO, Mel Barker, said the collaboration with Moonlit Sanctuary was an exciting new phase in the partnership, which began with contributions from the Biosphere Foundation to Moonlit Sanctuary's successful program to save the Orange Bellied Parrot.

"As science-based organisations, we are committed to ensuring our research translates into tangible outcomes for the maintenance of biodiversity and the restoration of healthy habitat and the populations of native animals it supports.

"While we have some core funding, public donations through our 'Join the Dots for Nature' campaign will enable us to construct a more extended network of naturelinks," she said.

Moonlit Sanctuary's Founder and Director, Michael Johnson, said the science and methods for saving species was well developed and being proven by projects already under way, such as the steady recovery of threatened Orange Bellied Parrot populations.

"This type of project requires long-term vision and commitment, including community support. This can be financial, but also take the form of informed selection of plants and habitat development in our own backyards.

"Everyone can own and contribute to naturelinks in their own way, which is what makes this a truly grass roots community effort," he said.

The Western Port Biosphere embraces the entire Mornington Peninsula and overlaps the cities of Frankston and Casey, the shires of Cardinia and Bass Coast, as well as the entire Western Port marine zone, including French Island, Phillip Island and internationally acclaimed Ramsar wetlands.

Ultimately, this and other partnerships with local Landcare Victoria divisions, aim to establish a naturelinks network connecting the entire Biosphere Reserve.

For more information:

Mel Barker	CEO Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation	P: 0466 235 611 E: ceo@biosphere.org.au
Michael Johnson	Director Moonlit Sanctuary	E: Michelle@moonlit-sanctuary.com

The Western Port Biosphere Reserve is one of 748 places in 134 countries recognised by the United Nations for the uniqueness and importance of its biodiversity. Biosphere reserves promote solutions to enable people to enjoy and live in harmony with the environment. They advocate for the protection of our most important environmental assets and for sustainable development through research, education, which informs discussion and solutions aligned with society's ability to cope with change. The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) now form a centrepiece of the advocacy and programs undertaken for the Western Port Biosphere Reserve. These programs include partnering with industry and government on projects to achieve better environmental outcomes while maintaining or improving their performance.

For more information: www.biosphere.org.au



Somers Combined Probus Club

Somers Combined Probus Club has introduced a number of new activities – lunch after the general meeting and a regular monthly Happy Hour and a Half. Both have been well supported.

The idea behind these new activities, says new President Judy Alsop, is to get people to mix and hopefully help create new friendships.

The new activities coupled with a wide-ranging program of activities means the club is an ideal way to make new friends and integrate into the local community. The range of interests is wide and most people find at least one group that fits their interests.

Some of the more popular activities include: A book group, cycling, bridge, gardening, family history, singing, movies, outings and long trips. The club has a trip to Canberra booked for October which is already sold out and day outings includes such destinations as a Dandenong Market tour, Ballam Homestead in Frankston, Como House and the Queenscliff ferry and lunch.

Regular speakers are also one of the highlights of the club's meetings. Some of our recent speakers have included State MP Paul Mercurio, the chair of Wine Victoria, Geoff Bransbury on his motorcycle trip from Argentina to Los Angelis and Kelly Smith Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation group.

The club meets at Somers Yacht Club the second Friday each month at 10am. New members are always welcome and will find plenty of friendly faces.

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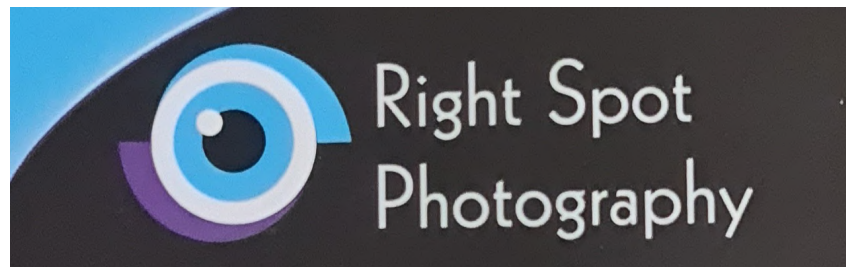
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A musical mixture of old favourites and something new

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

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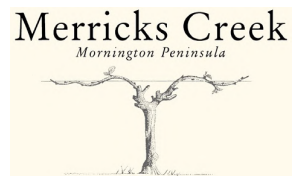
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Join us for an extraordinary cause!

Friends of Fenton Hall (FOFH) proudly presents our inaugural fundraising event, dedicated to the restoration of Fenton Hall in Merricks North.

Date: Sunday, August 4th, 2024

Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Event: Experience exclusive access to boutique estates for exquisite wine tastings in the picturesque locales of Merricks North and Red Hill.

Cost: Secure your spot with a \$50 per person ticket, encompassing tastings at 4 out of the 9 participating wineries listed below. Additionally, each person receives a delightful gift pack and other surprise gifts.

Participating Wineries:

1. AVANI WINERY
2. FENIAN WINES
3. MERRICKS CREEK WINERY
4. MERRICKS ESTATE
5. MONT ROUGE ESTATE
6. PARADIGM HILL
7. QUEALY WINEMAKERS
8. SCORPO VINEYARD AND WINES
9. STONIER WINES

For more details and to purchase tickets, visit

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Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out via email:

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Come be a part of this wonderful endeavour and help us restore the charm of Fenton Hall!

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31 AUGUST 2024

6.30PM - 11.00PM

Tanglewood Estate
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For dietary requirements, reply to your ticket email.
Drinks at bar prices.

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Balnarring Pre-School Report

Well hasn't Winter set in in Balnarring! Kinder kids' (and grown-ups) gumboots, wet weather gear, beanies, gloves and resilience have been getting good wear on these cold but beautiful mornings on Balnarring Beach.

Over June and July, one of the kinder groups decided they wanted to immerse themselves in the 'Restaurant experience'. They set up a café outside and served each other all sorts of cuisines ranging from salad wraps to crumbed chicken and hand cut chips. Once they had learned the ins and outs of the hospitality industry, the parents were then invited and treated to a 'restaurant experience' being served on beautifully set tables. On the menu was egg and bacon muffins with all the extras and fancy lemon water followed by ice cream and sprinkles.



To celebrate the end of term, the group were lucky enough to be treated to a hot lunch at The Heritage where the staff there were very generous with their service and the kids were extremely well mannered and respectful. Thank you to Paula at The Heritage for giving the kids this experience.

With winter, comes Mud Day. Mud Day was a great success with *most* people having a great time getting mud where you didn't know you could get mud. Even though the repercussions of Mud Day involved me having to buy a new washing machine part... I'd do it all again tomorrow!

Finally, our major fundraiser for 2024 is just around the corner. A country Hoedown themed Trivia Night is in the works. Dust off those cowboy boots, hats and fringed denim, add a little Tay Tay glitter and get yourself a ticket for what is shaping up to be a great night! Be quick! This event WILL sell out.

Every year we rely on our incredible community and local businesses for donations to auction off on the night to raise money for Balnarring Kinder. We are so very grateful for this generosity and are so humbled by each and every donation. If you think you have the means to donate any goods or services for our silent or live auction, please contact me on 0431 331 182 or minnahaz@gmail.com

Stay warm.

Minna Harrison, Historian – Balnarring Kinder Committee



Somers Ladies Probus Club

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.

We are all looking forward to improving weather after what has seemed a particularly cold winter and as we slowly edge towards Spring, enjoying occasionally beautiful sunshine - between the wind and rain squalls. Blossom, daffodils, jonquils and hyacinths colour our gardens, providing a lift to our spirits.



Our July speaker was the delightful **Jackie** from Postie Fashions, who does such a marvellous job of showcasing and styling locally made, good quality fashions. The shopping was very enthusiastic.

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.

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 60 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, outings and dine-outs.

Our Gardening Group recently visited the Merricks Nursery followed by lunch at the Merricks Store.



Our speaker for the August 30th meeting will be Mark Hopkinson who will speak on the Australian Mining Industry. Our speaker for the September 27th meeting will be Ray Beagley who will talk about Marine Engineering.

As this September 27th meeting falls on the AFL Grand Final Eve we invite all our members to wear their footy colours of any code. As usual our morning tea will have a "footy" flavour.

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.



Balnarring CFA News



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Have you tested your alarm recently?

If you, or anyone you know, needs a hand in testing your smoke alarm, please call your local CFA Brigade for assistance.

A Big Thanks

We acknowledge our generous community for supporting us with your donations during our annual appeal. Without the ongoing support we receive, we wouldn't be able to provide the highest level of service. **Thank-you!!**



Turn-Outs

- 18 Mar **Fire/Smoke:** Bittern Railway Station (assist Bittern).
- 11 May **Car Crash:** Frankston-Flinders Rds, Balnarring (assisted by Bittern & Dromana Rescue).
- 13 May **Fire:** Frankston-Flinders Rds (assisted by Red Hill & Shoreham).
- 13 May **Fire:** Balnarring Beach Rd (assisted by Somers).
- 14 May **Alarm:** Balnarring Rd, Balnarring (assisted by Bittern).
- 18 May **Fire:** Boundary Rd, Dromana St (assist Red Hill).
- 26 May **Alarm:** Balnarring Rd, Balnarring (assisted by Bittern & Somers).
- 6 Jun **Fire:** Balnarring Beach Rd, Balnarring (assisted by Somers & Bittern).
- 8 Jun **Car Crash:** Frankston-Flinders Rds, Merricks North (assisted by Red Hill & Dromana Rescue).
- 11 Jul **Alarm:** Bittern-Dromana Rds, Merricks North (assisted by Bittern & Red Hill).
- 11 Jul **Alarm:** Balnarring, Balnarring (assisted by Bittern).

More Volunteers Wanted

If you're interested in helping the community, please feel free to give us a call or pop into the station at our regular training times to see what we do.

Training: 2nd & 4th Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm & Sunday 10am - 12pm.

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Community Engagement Officer

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1st Balnarring Cubs (aged 8-13)



Top Left: Climbing

Top Right: Cubs, on a local navigation exercise, drop in on our friends at Heritage.

Above: At the skatepark, skating and scooters.

Left: Practising to be builders.

Photos supplied by Andrew Taylor.

Photos of 1st Balnarring Scouts and Venturers on the following pages.

1st Balnarring

It's been a sensational first half-year for Balnarring Scouts. Some highlights ...

Our Venturers (aged 15-17) enjoyed the two-week Venture in January with 1000 others from around Australia. Rylee opted for the SCUBA camp in Fiji while Will, Brodie and Max did an intensive MasterChef "camp" (based at a school with industrial kitchens).

Later, Rylee and Brett enjoyed and learned lots at a Scouting leadership weekend. They claim to be better people now.

Our Scouts (11-14) have completed their canoeing qualifications, had a caving weekend with expert guides under the lava flows of Budj Bim in western Victoria, camped, hiked, and done lots more outdoors. They've also enjoyed fun indoor stuff like a night of serious pizza competition. And outings to a Sikh temple and Melbourne Gang Show.

Our Cubs (8-10) have also been busy with outdoor programs including camping, plus lots of creative stuff. A highlight has been the range of young-led programs where Cubs fashion a night based on their personal skills and interests.

A highlight in January is the 25th Australian Jamboree in Queensland. 1st Balnarring is sending 16 Scouts and Venturers, and a Leader. Look for us fundraising at Heritage each Sunday afternoon!

We welcome visitors who'd like to check out Cubs, Scouts or Venturers. Email our Group Leader, Tom, at gl.1stbalnarring@scoutsvictoria.com.au to set a date and time.

We're also very keen to open a Joey Scout (aged 5-7) program. There is no shortage local young people who'd like to join, and there is plenty of support. But we need a couple of parents who are prepared to lead this Unit, at least for 12 months. Like to find out more?

gl.1stbalnarring@scoutsvictoria.com.au

- 1st Balnarring meets weekly in school term at St Mark's, Balnarring, on the traditional lands of the Bunurong people.

1st Balnarring Scouts (aged 11-14)



Above: 1st Balnarring Scouts caving at Budj Bim in western Victoria



Left: Green Ride: 1st Balnarring Scouts enjoy the carnival at their March camp.

Right: Pennant: 1st Balnarring Scouts were pennant winners At their March camp.



1st Balnarring Venturers (aged 15-17)



1st Balnarring VENTURER Rylee (in red) parties with new Scouting friends in Fiji after a day's diving.

Diving: 1st Balnarring Venturer Rylee diving with new friends in Fiji



Shopping: 1st Balnarring Venturers Will, Brodie and Max go shopping with the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia, Brendan Watson OAM

Food: 1st Balnarring Venturers Will, Max and Brodie with some of the banquet they helped make.



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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

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

SAVE the DATE! We are thrilled to announce that the 8th Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee will be held on the 1st of March, 2025! The Ngargee planning committee returned to our first meeting, after a few months of rest, more enthusiastic than ever to curate this fantastic day of celebration and connection to Balnarring. Join us again as we gather together to celebrate and learn with and from First Peoples under the Stringybark gums at Emu Plains Reserve on Boon Wurrung Country.



We are thrilled that the 2024 festival was a resounding success. You may have seen that there have been several music festivals cancelled recently due to spiralling costs and the cost of living crisis. We were worried that the Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee may have ended too, however we were all overjoyed at the way our community rallied to support us and



we were incredibly appreciative that it was fully funded with a mixture of grants, donations from local businesses and the incredible generosity of our community members. Thanks to you, the festival was able to proceed and **WE ARE BACK**, energised and ready to do it again!!



So, are you coming?



The Ngargee planning committee are excited to curate another festival where the community can gather to share, begin conversations and walk with First Peoples. We stay committed to the original vision of the festival to

- Honour and celebrate First Peoples cultures
- Involve the whole community caring for and learning with Country
- Demonstrate a commitment to reconciliation



This event is presented by Balnarring Preschool and is committed to creating learning opportunities for children and their families and building connections with the community and First Peoples. This is a non-profit event, run by volunteers where entry is by donation. We are in the midst of applying for grants and seeking sponsors for 2025. If you are in a position to sponsor the

festival, or have skills with grant applications, please **contact us at:** womindjeka.balnarring.ngargee@gmail.com.

Are you a First Peoples' run business or artist and you want to be involved in 2025? Please get in touch with us at womindjeka.balnarring.ngargee@gmail.com.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council is seeking feedback on their Reconciliation Action Plan. Let them know that reconciliation is important to you, give your feedback and add suggestions here: <https://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au/draft-rap-24>.



Happy NAIDOC week all! This year's theme was Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud. So many great events locally and around Naarm (Melbourne). Hopefully you got involved and celebrated First Peoples' Cultures. If you want to learn more have a look at NITV here: [Celebrating NAIDOC week | SBS NITV](#). 42

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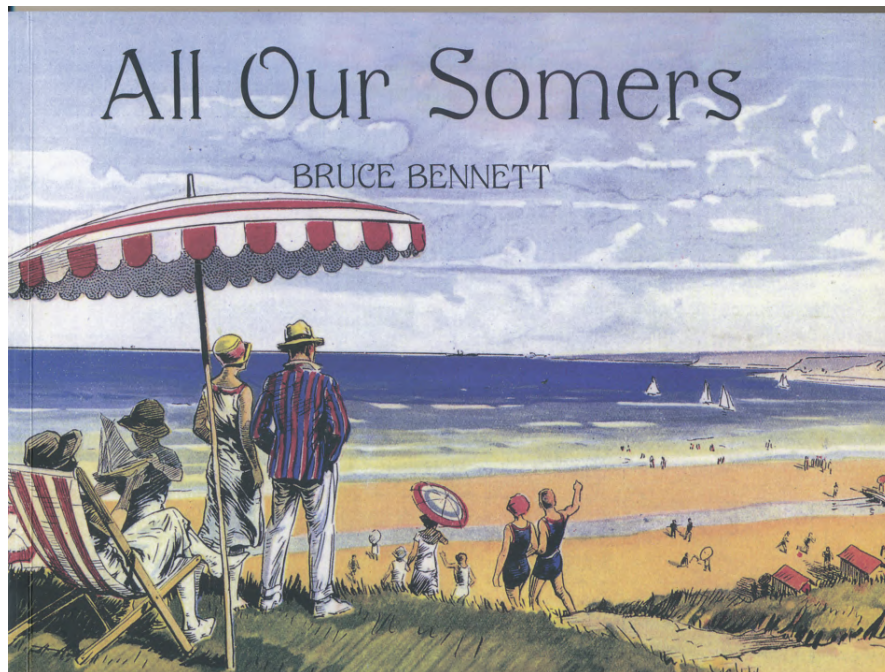
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To register your interest email buddhataalk9@gmail.com
buddhataalk.com.au offers a clear, concise overview of the Buddha's teachings.

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Petersen's Bookshop Hastings;
Peninsula Mapping (19 Star Point Place, Hastings)
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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HISTORY THROWN AWAY

“Robbie” Roberts worked for many years as the manager of Coolart for Tom Luxton, then after Tom’s death, for his daughter, Margaret Roffey. When Coolart was bought by the Victorian government he stayed on as caretaker/advisor for a number of years. Robbie had many, many stories about the property and its history. The following is one he related.

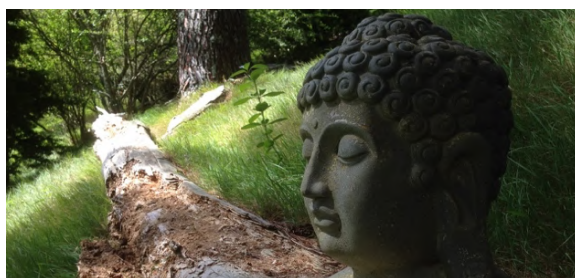
“In the paddock near the big well there used to be parts of a shipwreck from a Norwegian sailing ship that broke up at Palmer’s Bluff at Balnarring Beach sometime between the 1840s to 1850s. Remnants of ‘The Barque’ as it was known, were visible near the Bluff. In the early 1900s a reporter from ‘The Age’ newspaper came to Coolart to write up a story about Grimwade’s country property. Grimwade was a wealthy, well-known public figure who bred race-horses at Coolart. He told the reporter about the wreck and the reporter mentioned it in his article.

There used to be a capstan here and depth markers. During one ‘cleanup’ a scrap metal man came and bought up some of the stuff. I remember there used to be part of the wooden decking rail from the old barque too. A lot of dole workers used to come to work in groups. Some of them were clearing and they got rid of stuff without knowing what it was they were throwing out. A lot of history probably got thrown away.”

The interview that Robbie referred to was given on 21 April, 1904 and was for the magazine “Punch”, not ‘The Age’ It was one of a series of articles, the theme of which was ‘Victorian Representatives’ at home. The journalist, who wrote as “Lauderdale”, spent the day with the Honourable F.S. Grimwade at his country residence, ‘Coolart’, detailing the property and lifestyle for the magazine’s readers. Lauderdale wrote *...to the right of us was Palmer’s hill close to which lies the remains of a wreck of a Norwegian barque which went ashore some forty years ago.*

During the 1990s a section of wood, the remnants of an old ship, was uncovered near Palmer’s hill, retrieved and given to the Historical Society. It was thought to be another remnant from the barque. It lay in the front yard of the home of the society’s secretary until her death. From there it . . . disappeared. Another piece of history thrown away?

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Open Path is run by Bill Genat and Kathryn Shain. We offer meditation and Dharma teaching sessions, workshops and retreats from our unique teaching space located within Shoreham's beautiful natural bushland and beach setting.

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- **Finding Sanctuary in the Natural State** - one and two-day retreats monthly on a Saturday and/or Sunday:

These retreats provide time for a deeper exploration of cultivating refuge/sanctuary in daily life. We explore specific practices for enhancing our interconnectedness, interbeing and alignment with the natural world. Gentle movement work, calm abiding practice and contemplative walking practice are explored alongside other complementary teachings from the Buddhist tradition.

- **Cultivating Naturalness - a nine-day residential retreat in Shoreham: Saturday May 11 to Sunday May 19, 2024.**

Details of all the workshops and retreats, along with further details about Open Path, can be found at: www.openpathmeditation.com.au
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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

Further info: <https://cribpointstonypointforeshore.com.au/>

THANK YOU!



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

**Please scan this QR code to fill in the 2024 Crib Point Community Survey
or visit www.cribpointonline.org/**



HRF Guided Walks for 2024

@Habitat Restoration Fund invites you to save dates for guided walks showcasing our works on private properties on the Mornington Peninsula.

23rd March 2024 Shoreham Hinterland Property

1st June Flinders Property

31st August Shoreham Hinterland Property 2

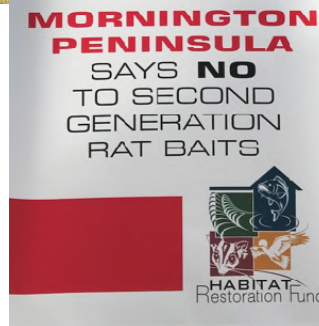
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NEWSLETTER – August 2024



Don't let the chilly weather put you off coming to the Crib Point Community House, it's always warm and toasty inside and the water is always on the boil ready for a cuppa and someone's always there to have a chat with.



Last term we had 2 great trips. We sailed across the bay to Queenscliff and did some sightseeing to Point Lonsdale and Barwon Heads with lunch at Rip View Bistro. We also did a bit of retail therapy in Queenscliff before returning via the ferry. The weather was perfect. Our other trip was to San Remo doing all the Op shops on the way down and some on the way home. We lunched at the Westernport Hotel and visited Bassine Cheese on the way home.

This term our trips are to the **Tulip Festival** and the **Op shop trip** is to Seaford and Carrum downs and lunch at the Seaford RSL. If you are interested, give us a call, you might be lucky to get a seat on the bus.

It's not too late to book in for the **First Aid** courses on 17th August and 6th September. Book online at <https://ioet.com.au/courses-list/> but don't leave it too late. If you missed the **Carer's Info session**, there will be another one on Tuesday 29th October.

We had great fun at the July market with a Beanie Parade, some of which will be donated to Mums Supporting Families in Need. The August market will be our **Father's Day market**. There's a raffle to win Dad a Footy Knee Rug in the AFL team of your choosing. Of course, there'll be the Cribby Koala Treasure Hunt and a FREE raffle for the kids to win a present for Dad too.



The August Art Attack exhibition. Opening night on Friday 23rd 7 – 9pm \$15pp (Bookings and payment are essential) Exhibition, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August, 10am to 4pm, \$5 admission, under 18s FREE. If you would like to enter your painting or sculpture, go to the website, <https://augustartattack.com/> Entries close on Monday 12th August.



One good thing about Winter?

It's officially Hot Chocolate's time to shine!



Combined Probus Club of Balnarring

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

We meet at the Balnarring Hall on the third Friday of each month at 10.00am. Our meetings consist of a brief coverage of the business of the previous meeting, morning tea, then a Speaker or other organised activity.

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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BALNARRING BOOMERANG BAGS

Our Boomerang Bag group has been meeting together and sewing bags since 2017. Since then, we've sewn over 7 000 bags for shoppers and dozens of headphone bags, chair bags, BEAT bags and costumes for Balnarring Primary School.

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.

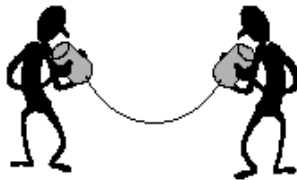
(Balnarring Boomerang Bags will also pay for your sewing machine to be serviced by the wonderful Rick Wise.)

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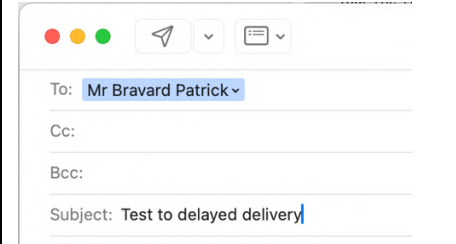
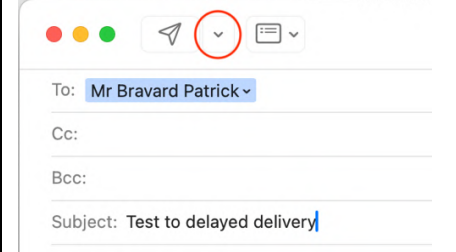
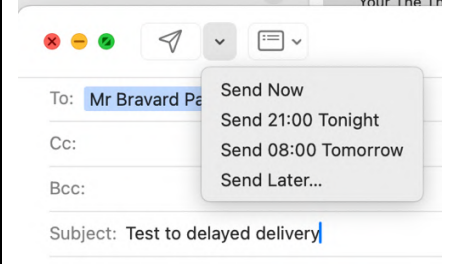
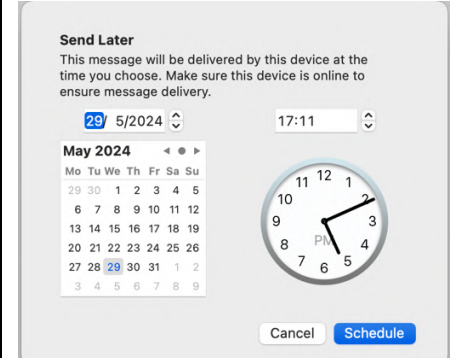
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Working Bee at Balnarring Beach: All Welcome!

A dedicated group of Balnarring Beach ratepayers and members of the Foreshore Committee are inviting anyone with a heart for the environment to take part in our monthly working bee.

Our hard-working group meets 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 25th and Sunday September 29th at 10am at the rotunda.

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

It is always a great opportunity to have a chat.

Paul, our Ranger always has some important work for us to do, be that weeding or planting freshly cleared terrain with new plants. Some of these plants are propagated and raised over many months in our nursery.

If you can make it, please bring **gloves** and wear **sturdy footwear**.

We hope to see many of you there.

Cheerio and many thanks to all who attend.

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

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GUIDELINES FOR THE BRIDGE CONTRIBUTIONS

The contributor's name must appear with the article and contact information is recommended. If emailing, please use A4 page format with 1.5cm margins, 14 point font size and single spacing. Headings with a font of 18. Send as a Word or Pages format file to info@bridgemag.com.au or PO Box 248 Balnarring VIC 3926. Ideally, file sizes no bigger than 1.5MB please.

Deadlines for submissions are as follows:

January 10th (February/March issue)

March 10th (April/May issue)

May 10th (June/July issue)

July 10th (August/September issue)

September 10th (October/November issue)

November 10th (December/January issue)

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

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

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

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

Content that speaks negatively of any individual or group will not be published. Groups should comment on their own activities only, unless in appreciation. The editorial review team reserve the right to edit and/or refuse contributions where necessary. Copyright on images used remains the responsibility of the contributor, and photographers must be credited.

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