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Medal of the Order of Australia awarded to caring local couple

Bill and Rosemary Brown would be familiar to most people living in the Borough of Queenscliff. They have both given many, many hours volunteering in the Queenscliff community and formerly in Werribee while raising their family.

Bill was the co-founder of the Werribee Community Centre, known as the Cottage, in 1975. On moving to Queenscliff he became a volunteer and heritage guide with the Borough of Queenscliff Visitor Information

Centre in 2005 (retiring recently), tutored history at the Queenscliff Historical Museum and at the Surf Coast University.

Rosemary's life of volunteering also began in Werribee where she was on the management committee at the Werribee Community Centre for 19 years and she taught art. With three

young children to keep entertained and no kindergarten she became a founding member of a Playgroup that was very much needed by mothers and young children for socialising.

The history museum was also a great way to join the community and over 25 years Rosemary has been secretary of the collections committee organising over 60 displays, convenor of articles and textiles, acting president and is the current vice-president.

Bill and Rosemary say they were surprised and privileged to receive recognition for their volunteering via the Queen's Birthday Honours. It's not their first award as in 1983 they became Life Members of the Werribee Community Centre for service to the centre.

"Volunteering has been a great way to form friendships and we have worked with many wonderful people in the community - our social life has been the better for it," said Rosemary who attends many local events and often writes them up for the Queenscliff Herald.

"Our children and grandchildren were excited and proud too," said Bill whose children have inherited the volunteering gene. Their daughter Sarah received an Australia Day award for services to the Boronia Park primary school, son Christopher is a

scout leader in Singapore and son Rowan started The Western Suburbs War Gaming Association that has been running for 28 years.

The Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) states: "The Australian Honours and Awards system provides the people of Australia the opportunity to recognise and say

'thank you' to those whose efforts make our communities and our nation a better place.

Perhaps the best part of the Australian system is that it is 100% nomination based. All people that receive awards have been nominated by their peers. This means that it doesn't matter who you are, where you are from or whether you're known to millions or just a few. If you have constantly put others ahead of yourself, served tirelessly and made a difference you can be nominated and recognised by a grateful nation."



The Brown's retired to Queenscliff in 1993 but they never retired from volunteering.



Bill and Rosemary received life memberships at the Werribee Community Centre for their years of volunteering.

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News from your Local MP

\$8 million for Bellarine Secondary College

State Government funding of \$8.03 Million for the construction of a VCE Centre at Bellarine Secondary College fulfills an \$8.9 million dollar 2018 election commitment, with \$892,000 having been approved in the 2019/20 State Budget.

I have been happy to have worked with the school on their plans to build the new VCE centre, which will include new seminar and class rooms, a student lounge and administration space.

VCE is the most important year of a student's education and the new centre will ensure Bellarine VCE students are given every chance to succeed.

The Centre is the latest addition to the school and follows on from 2018 when the school significantly upgraded its IT area, general purpose classrooms, science lab, metal activity area and administration offices.

Bellarine Secondary College is a great school, one we can all be proud of, and I commend Principal Wayne Johannesen and his team, as well as past Principal Alison Murphy for their hard work to continually improve and upgrade the college.

Queenscliff Pier Upgrade

Works are about to commence on the repairs and upgrade to the Queenscliff Pier, Lifeboat and Waiting Sheds. Parks Victoria received a Heritage Grant in April this year to undertake the upgrade works, which will commence in June and be completed by late 2020. The works to be undertaken include repairs to the substructure beneath the two sheds, protective wrappings of the piles and repairs and painting of the Waiting Sheds external walls. The complex is an important part of not only Queenscliff's maritime history, but also that of Victoria.

Community Sporting Club Grants

Sports clubs are an important part of any community providing not only a game of ones chosen sport but importantly bringing people together in a social environment, especially older member of the community who otherwise can easily become socially isolated.

In recognising this point and the fact that the current CoVid lockdowns have forced clubs to effectively close down, the State Government has opened the 'Victorian Community Sport Sector Short Term Survival Package' Grants.

The grants are aimed at helping leagues and clubs maintain their viability and importantly assist them returning to training, play and support their members.

Eligible organisations and clubs can apply for funding in four categories, with grants available for amounts:

- Up to \$350,000 for large state sporting associations.
- Up to \$200,000 for smaller state sporting associations, regional sports assemblies and academies, and other state sport and recreational bodies.
- Up to \$15,000 for associations and leagues.
- Up to \$1,000 for individual clubs.

Applications for grants will be accepted until 15 June 2020, or until the funding allocation is exhausted.

For further information and directions on how to apply, visit sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding.

These grants will make it that little bit easier for clubs to pay the bills as they start to train again and move cautiously towards a return to the park.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if there are any matters that I may be able to assist you with directly.

Hon Lisa Neville MP
Member for Bellarine

Letters to the Editor

The 'simple truth' about Hesse Street South according to CEO Martin Gill

I am writing in response to the letter from the Queenscliff Community Association (QCA) published in the May/June edition of the Queenscliffe Herald.

I am not sure when the letter was written, but I assume that it was prior to QCA receiving the detailed responses to the 15 emails they sent Council about the Hesse Street South upgrade. I'm making this assumption because there are still a few errors and oversights in the QCA correspondence.

The QCA letter fails to acknowledge that storm water has been flowing into the dry moat since before 1982. The works to upgrade Hesse Street South include the replacement of the existing pipe and an upgrade of the existing storm water system. The works do not introduce any new elements that might "compromise the heritage integrity of the dry moat."

QCA make reference to the "challenge of connecting the new pipe work with the higher beach outlet pipe." This statement is also incorrect. There is no challenge, because the beach outlet is not higher, and the replacement pipe is part of an existing, functioning storm water system.

There are other misrepresentations in the correspondence. For instance, Council has worked closely with the Department of Defence and has been doing so since mid-2019. The upgrade of the storm water system creates a gravity system from King Street, not a pumped system. No additional storm water is directed to the beach outfall. There is no increase in untreated water. The proposed design was included in the material that was distributed to the community in the last two rounds of consultation for Destination Queenscliff.

Here is the simple truth: this project rectifies decades-old drainage issues, incorporates the use of rain gardens and vegetated swales which will improve the quality of storm water, puts unsightly power lines underground and increases the availability of parking along the southern end of Hesse Street. These are critical improvements that our community has been asking for and our essential infrastructure requires. We are getting on with the job of fixing these problems, and I'm grateful for the support of the Victorian Government, our expert engineers and our award-winning landscape architects as we move towards getting construction under way.

Martin Gill CEO
Borough of Queenscliffe

Guidelines for Letters to the Editor

Please keep letters under 400 words that have not been published by any other media.

We welcome concise letters that offer a new perspective or add depth to the discussion of an issue. For verification letters must include the writer's full name, address and phone no.

Letters are edited for clarity, fact checked and sometimes shortened to fit the space available in the newspaper while endeavouring to keep the writer's concerns/information foremost.

The opinions expressed are always the writer's own.

Re 'Destination Queenscliff project dumped'

The south end of Hesse Street is tending to degrade with intensifying use, particularly car parking. Rather than partisan recriminations, why not see this hiatus in development as an opportunity.

No town Australia-wide can boast the incredible backdrop of an historic Fort, still with active elements. As a gateway to the Borough, it can't be surpassed, but is often overlooked and undervalued, particularly by local people.

Hesse Street south can provide a great perspective to view and approach the Fort. Why not seek support for the relocation of the RSL activities into the Fort and the removal of the current RSL building? This would allow an historic Fort to provide an incredible entry to our town and encourage tourism at a scale which preserves the otherwise 'country town' flavour of the Borough.

David Graham
Queenscliff



Cr Rob Minty

'Every little bit helps'

Easing restrictions - COVID-19

It has been wonderful to see so many people out and about with their friends and relatives. Like you we visited local friends for the first time for many weeks and enjoyed the simple pleasure of adult conversation face to face. It was also great to see young families enjoying the area again.

Don't forget distancing and hand washing is now the normal practice in efforts for avoiding not only the virus but also the flu.

Council Budget and Support Package

I have had comment on the Draft Budget for 2020/21 and the resident and business support package developed by Council.

This positive feedback about clear, simple and understandable budget information, and support for the community in these difficult times, has been well received.

If you have any questions regarding support contact the council offices. I look forward to reading the community responses and acting on them.

If you would like to give any suggestions or feedback on these or any other matter please email rob.minty@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au or phone 0418931 508

Best wishes - Cr Rob Minty

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Historical Museum News

The Hub

Museum president Garry Spry is delighted that after 14 long years the draft design for The Hub is now available on the Council website queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/hub

Successive Museum Committees of Management have been the unrelenting 'drivers' in terms of getting the project off the ground and at long last, we have cause for optimism with most (but certainly not all) of our expectations visible on the drawing board. If you think you can identify any other improvements to the draft, please communicate your ideas to Council.

Research

One of the functions of the Museum we have been able to keep going has been research because these volunteers thrive without interruption in isolation.

In spite of the lockdown, our post-grad students have made good progress and appreciate the treasure trove of original material

which makes up the unique QHM archive. This close involvement with the museum highlights the ongoing work of sorting and cataloguing the backlog of hundreds of items. This is vital for them to carry out their work with confidence in our data retrieval systems.

Videos for sale

Those of you who attended our last 'Monthly Talk' delivered by movie guru Ron Hodgetts in February would be aware that two videos would be produced for those wanting copies of the talk.

They have been directed and produced by Ron's talented grand-daughter Diana. *Queenscliffe Now and Then* is in stock for \$10. *A Day in the Life of the Museum* is available to order at the same price.

Alternatively, if you'd like to see Ron's presentation, plus the two videos on the one DVD for \$10, that's available to order as well. You can obtain copies whilst the museum is closed. Contact Peter Ley 0428 849 884.

Happenings at The House

QNH has is resuming some face-to-face programs from June 1st.

Zoom licenses or 'channels' run up to three different group meetings simultaneously. We are currently running art and Italian classes, music groups (choir and ukulele), and community group meetings - Shedding the Blues, Men's Shed discussion group, Boomerang Bags and local not-for-profit organisations.

We have some spare capacity (subject to timetabling) to open up access to the QNH Zoom platform to non-profit local community groups.

If you are interested, please contact Greg Thorpe at QNH on 5258 3367 or qnhouse@fastmail.fm

New Online Program

'Troubleshoot' your device and zoom with volunteers Tara (Android) and Paul (Apple) will be available for free. Q&A sessions for you to seek help with your IT device and/or Zoom issues.

Further information at qnhouse.com.au and social media.

Boomerang Bag Program

Despite Covid19 preventing the sharing of shopping bags in our local supermarkets, The Boomerang Bags group are connecting via Zoom each Friday morning and are continuing to work from home. They have been making scrubs for thankful staff at Geelong Hospital and are also linked to the Rona Scrubs Program, a growing state-wide movement. Any local sewers wanting to join in are most welcome.

Staged re-opening

Some measures we will be implementing include:

- Upgrading our cleaning regime with a strict protocol for wiping and sanitising surfaces
- Changed approaches to sharing spaces and equipment
- Control of pedestrian flows in small spaces such as our hallways
- Renewed focus on strict attendance record keeping for contact-tracing purposes
- Seeking alternative venues that our larger groups can use safely

Greg Thorpe, Coordinator

Bellarine Railway update

Once further easing of the COVID-19 restrictions occur over the next few weeks we will be doing the best we can to get back to some sort of normality.

Our volunteer crews have been busy keeping in line with all the social distancing rules, working on various projects including track work, maintenance on locomotives and ongoing restorations as you would have seen from some of our posts.

We need your help!!

Whilst we don't have a return date set just yet it is hoped that maybe in the next few months we can start running passenger trains again and also look at some of our famous events such as Thomas the Tank Weekends.

As I am sure you can appreciate even though we are not running services we don't have an income and we still need to pay the bills and keep the lights on. Being a not for profit (NFP) organisation this has and is exceedingly difficult for us. We are putting out an appeal for people to

please help us maintain our wonderful railway so that you can soon ride along the shores of Swan Bay and the rolling hills of the Bellarine Peninsula.

Projects that need to continue during the shutdown include ongoing maintenance for our locomotive and carriage fleet. One of our biggest challenges when we do return is being able to help families ride our beautifully restored trains and maintain social distancing at the same time, we can do this with compartment carriages and modifications.

Please consider helping The Bellarine Railway. We have a direct link for donations.

Donations to our Museum and Operations <https://www.trybooking.com/BJMMC>

We will keep you update with the progress of the railway and we look forward to the day we can welcome you all once again.

Steve Dalton, President
Geelong Steam Preservation Society
For The Bellarine Railway

Change our Game grant for sports club

Queenscliff Football and Netball Club is one of 37 community sporting organisations across the state set to benefit from the second round of the Victorian Government's 2019-20 'Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program' a \$241.6 million funding commitment to level the playing field for women and girls in sport and recreation.

Member for Bellarine Lisa Neville welcomed the announcement, and congratulated Queenscliff for its successful bid. "Community sport and recreation clubs play such an important role in uniting our community and driving positive social change," said Ms Neville.

Community activation grants help support local sporting organisations to offer more Victorian women and girls the opportunity to participate and lead through sport and recreation as well as undertake leadership roles within their club and league.

Vinnie's CEO Sleepout

Libby Coker, Federal Member for Corangamite, is taking part in the Vinnie's CEO Sleepout to raise funds to help break the cycle of homelessness experienced by hundreds of thousands of Australians.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this year's Sleepout will take place online, with participants sleeping on their couches, in their backyards or in their cars. The CEO Sleepout will take place on 18 June 2020.

Ms Coker said the impact of COVID-19 has led to an increase in demand on support services across the region as the pandemic has led to greater need as a result of people losing their jobs or experiencing a reduction in their income.

"The CEO Sleepout raises awareness of the challenges being faced by people experiencing homelessness, and raises much needed funds for frontline services.


You can make a donation to Libby Coker's fundraising effort at ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/libbycoker.




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We all have a part to play.

It's up to all of us to make this work.



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Queenscliffe - Pt Lonsdale Lions

"We serve"

With the gradual easing of the COVID-19 restrictions the Lions Club hopes to slowly resume their service to the community in the near future.

"The good news is that the fantastic work being done by the broader Lions family is continuing," said club president Adrian Miles.

"The dramatic changes to all of our lives has made the summer bushfires seem a long time ago. However the combined effects of the fires and the Covid-19 virus has been a 'double whammy' in many towns in Gippsland and north-east Victoria, NSW and SA.

On top of that, believe it or not, some areas are still drought affected. These are the challenges of our sunburnt country. In this issue of the Queenscliffe Herald I want to tell you a few stories that the broader Lions community has been doing to help those in great need."

Bushfire Relief

Australian Lions Club members and the public have donated more than \$1.2 million to Australian Lions Foundation. Much of this money has been allocated as Emergency Grants to Clubs and Districts on a needs basis

to assist with the important recovery from the bushfires.

Donations to Lions Australia Foundation, and Lions Clubs International, have contributed to the supply of almost 100 x 24,000 litre water tanks at a cost of \$3,000 each, completely installed with water, to assist with the rebuilding and recovery in the bushfire affected areas. In many instances, Lions Club Members are manhandling the tanks into areas as the wooden bridges have been destroyed or damaged by the fires.

The Lions Club of Queenscliffe-Pt Lonsdale has been a conduit for injecting almost \$23,000 into the Lions Bushfire appeals including a donation from the Queenscliffe Bowls Club who saw that Lions ensure that 100% of the money is used for the appropriate purposes. No money is kept back for administrative or other purposes.

Need for feed

Dartmoor Lions Club received the donations of 220 bales of pasture hay (approx 120 tonnes) from generous farmers in their surrounding areas who had a very good grass growing year. The bales were transported by three B-Double loads to the Corryong

area, about 800 km from Dartmoor, for bushfire relief to burned out farmers.

The Lions paid for the freight from its Bushfire Relief Fund.

Timboon Lions Club organised delivery of 80 plus B Double and Semi loads of hay into the Corryong area with the Wangaratta Lions providing an evening meal and breakfast for over 100 drivers and families. At the end of the journey a barbeque was held for all families affected by the bushfires.

Simpson Lions received donations of 800 bales of hay and they were transported to the North East of Victoria.

In addition, trucks have been loaded and dispatched to Kangaroo Island by the Cavendish community. Tools Drive

Three utes and a trailer load of tools has been delivered to Bruthen, Corryong and Mallacoota. Another load went to Sarsfield, near Bruthen, a small community heavily affected by the bushfires. The tools were gratefully received by the local residents.

So you can see that the Lions Club is a vibrant enthusiastic group of volunteers, many of whom give very generously of their time, labour and means.

We are always on the lookout for new members who can help us to continue this great work. If you have some spare time and are looking to give something back into the community we want to hear from you.

Contact Phil Newey 0408 524 059 or Adrian Miles 0417 556 086.



The Lions Club of Portarlington-Drysdale's Tools Drive resulted in much needed tools being taken to Gippsland and North West Victoria.

Cottage by the Sea

You would think life is quiet without children at the Cottage, but our building contractors have been making up for it. With increased hygiene and appropriate social distancing, Capital Works have continued at a steady pace. As we prepare to install a central staircase, the 'girls' stairs at the western end of the Cottage have been removed making way for a grand window that will help flood the building with natural light.

The Programs Team continue to deliver remote children's programs to our REEF and Mentor children, with a few of the Team's challenging antics making it into public via our social media and website.

The Programs Team have also taken this time to review the Intended Outcomes theory and documentation that sits behind the work we do at Cottage by the Sea. These guiding principles are based on our values Adventure, Belonging, Community, Integrity, Respect and our mission of inspiration, fun, opportunity.

By focussing on the Intended Outcomes in the development of our children's programs and activities choices, our Programs Team ensure we make a positive impact while creating happy memories for the children. The REEF camp we held in early March focussed on Team Work and specifically met the Intended Outcomes of:

- Adventure: Participate in a variety of activities
- Belonging: Experience social acceptance
- Community: Contribute to the group
- Integrity: Try out new behaviours, explore identity
- Respect: Support and encouragement from others

While each camp has a specific focus, such as Team Work, the children experience numerous benefits at Cottage by the Sea that are all underpinned by our principles. For example 'experiencing fresh, nutritious and tasty colourful food' falls under the confluence of Inspiration and Adventure. Or exploring the local environment in Queenscliffe which meets the outcome of Community and fulfils all aspects of our mission: inspiration, fun, opportunity.

Everyone at the Cottage has been making the most of this time.

However, we are ever conscious that restrictions and social distancing are having detrimental impacts on mental health and, in some cases, domestic safety.

At Cottage by the Sea, we are preparing for an increased number of children who will need our support on the other side of lockdown. Our children's programs receive no government funding and rely solely on donations from our community.

If you are in a position to support us this financial year, please consider making a donation. Every little helps to ensure the Cottage is here for as many children as possible to create happy memories and provide early intervention into trauma.

Adam Wake, CEO and all the staff at Cottage by the Sea

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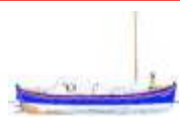
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Now we can't wait to welcome customers for lunch and dinner seven days a week and for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and to launch our amazing new winter menu.

The number of patrons we can accommodate is limited due to State Government regulations (at this stage 20 people in each separated space of the restaurant with adequate room for social distancing until June 22 when 50 people will be permitted), so to make it a safe and comfortable experience for all, we have introduced sitting times and set menu prices.

Breakfast: Served Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 10.30am and 10.30 to 12noon

Lunch: Seven days a week from 12 noon to 1.30pm and 1.30pm to 3pm

Dinner: Seven days a week from 6pm to 7.30pm and 7.30pm to 9pm

High Tea: Sundays 3-5pm during June

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To book a table, please call 5252 4200 or www.360q.com.au
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360Q is adhering to all safety measures for our staff and guests as outlined by the Department of Health and Human Services in relation to the reopening of restaurants across Victoria.

Queenscliff Music Festival Update

Festival director, Andrew Orvis, reports that the 2019 festival was another fantastic year for QMF on many levels. "Financially we strengthened our reserves just in time for a Global Pandemic that will certainly have a negative financial impact on QMF in 2020," he said. "Despite this we are in a strong position to make it out the other side of COVID, which unfortunately is more than many festivals and events will be able to manage."

"The success of 2019 was due to a number of key factors, many of which are a direct result of the Board and QMF's focus on minimising our risk, creating sustainable operations and forward thinking beyond the current festival cycle but who could have predicted where we'd be at in 2020!"

Festival facts

* The 2019 Festival recorded further increases in ticket sales than in 2018.

* Sales were higher than ever before, and earlier than ever before, that has set a new benchmark in attendance for QMF.

* Our engagement with the community and getting community groups involved in the festival continues to grow, and we are now actively supporting other current and emerging arts and cultural events with contributions to Sacred Edge, Queenscliff Literary Festival, and a commitment to contribute to the development of the New Hall project being undertaken by Lighthouse Arts Collective.

Key stats and outcomes

* \$4.49m Economic Impact (up from \$3.78m reported in 2018)

* \$144k in Community Benefits through donations and fundraising

* 7.2% overall ticket sales increase on 2018

* 27,389 total attendance over 3 days

* 514 volunteers

* 95% of waste generated at the event diverted from landfill

* 178kg of waste (equivalent of 6.5 x 240L wheelie bins) collected at the festival sent to landfill.

* 94% of attendees come from outside of 25km radius

* 55% of the crowd is aged 45+

* 71% female

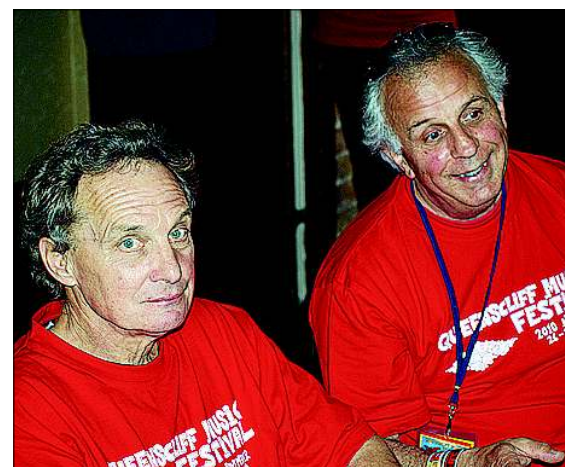
* 88.9% of attendees stay locally 2 or more nights

"A big thank you to the QMF Office Team - Chris Longmore, Taylor Crotty, Viv Fogarty and Monica Clemow for all the hard work that went in to 2019 and for their patience as we work through 2020."

Thanks to our Team Leaders, Contractors, Suppliers, Artists, Community and Supporters who make QMF, the Q-Crew, and QMF Inc and without whom our successful festival would not have been possible.

A special mention to Dennis Farrugia, who after 12 years on the Board and 20+ years involved with QMF, has decided to stand aside from the Board this year - a sincere thank you for your incredible contribution over so many years."

Andrew Orvis
QMF Director



Denis Farrugia with Rob Hurley

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Seaview Gallery

Seaview reopened on Friday 5th June. New gallery hours for winter will be 10.30 to 4.30 pm from Thursday to Monday. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

We have refurbished with new carpet and paint work so looking forward to being open.

The gallery will feature new pieces from Vida Pearson who is renowned for her hand painted lino prints.

Also new work from most of Seaview artists and new artist Salvador Medina.

Call in for a browse - we have missed you and look forward to being open again.

Queenscliff Literary Festival

The top three stories from the festival's inaugural Micro-fiction Competition are Dani Netherclift of Grovedale, Joe Novella of Mornington and Christine Gordon of Carlton. They each received a book pack from the QLFs 2020 Truth or Dare program.

The challenge set for the entrants was to write a story in exactly 50 words. Judges commented that the three winners 'had certainly come through with stories that had a past, present and future and a lovely sense of place, which is no small feat in 50 words'.

All the entries can be read daily on the QLF's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram sites and the winning entries can be seen on the QLF blog www.queenscliffliteraryfestival.com.au

Fifty-five entries were received from 42 writers from all over Victoria, ensuring the Micro-fiction Competition will be on again for next year's Queenscliff Literary Festival.

The QLF committee thanks Rosemary Brown for suggesting the concept of the micro-fiction competition

During this time QLF has continued to have a presence in the community through their Facebook

Book Club. Each week a review is posted of one of the books that would have featured in the festival and everyone is welcome to add comments. See <https://www.facebook.com/queenscliffliteraryfestival>

Subscribe at the website to receive QLF newsletters so you don't miss any updates or pop-up events.

Pauline Nunan
QLF Director



The aptly named Joe Novella was one of three winners in the QLF Micro-Fiction competition.

Without Warning

By Jed Hart

It is no surprise that action and adventure stories are on the rise. Thrill seekers who are looking for an emotional release during self-isolation are getting their adrenaline rush from non-stop action books.

According to psychological studies around the world, there are many benefits of reading fiction. While healthy escapism and short term excitement are noted, the most impressive psychological finding, according to Jonathan Gottschall from The Boston Globe, is how fiction mainly shapes us for the better by elevating our ability to understand other people.

In Jed Hart's new release, *Without Warning*, the author draws us together with common values throughout the narrative. Culture, religion, and creed are expressed through differing viewpoints; characters who wrestle with moral challenges of our times.

Using his own experiences in active war and terrorist situations, Hart has unleashed a fictional story that oozes guns 'n' gusto action, and centres on terrorism, betrayal and brutal conflict.

In his explosive story where nobody is safe, Hart demonstrates how love, loyalty and a sense of duty can drive a person to commit unimaginable acts of the cruellest kind. Posing the question: How far



would you go to protect the ones you love?

"For me, writing the book has been cathartic," said Hart. "A lot of the journey that Jake Hunt takes, my comrades in arms and I have travelled. Some of my friends are men who became hardened by combat and have never been entirely comfortable in a peacetime world."

Hart trained as a seaman officer in the Australian Navy then transferred to the Fleet Air Arm and trained as a pilot. This led to commercial flying and then to his becoming an executive in Shell International and BHP.

In the mid-90s Jed and his wife Sue founded Hart Aviation, a company it

providing aviation advice to large corporations and government. By 2013 when the company was sold to a Swiss auditing group it was operating in 60 countries.

Jed now divides his time between Melbourne, Point Lonsdale and Byron Bay where he writes, spends time with family and friends and goes fishing.

Without Warning, the first book in The Jake Hunt Series, exerts a magnetic force that pulls you into the characters' minds and their diverse worlds.

Published by Australian publishers Feather Knight Books. Copies available from www.featherknightbooks.com and The Bookshop at Queenscliff.

Geelong Gallery reopens Monday 22 June

We know that you are keen to return to the Gallery to see our exhibitions and works from the collection again.

From Monday 22 June, we are offering free, timed entry tickets via Eventbrite. You won't be strictly limited to a one hour visit, however this will provide us with a guide for your arrival. You are also able to simply arrive at the door, however we cannot guarantee immediate access.

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The Easter Encampments

For a number of years in the 1880s to the early 1900s the Easter Encampments became a common feature in Queenscliff. At their height township numbers could swell up to nearly 2000 or more personnel. With hostilities growing in Europe, the aftermath of the American Civil war and intrusions and possible threats from powers outside the Empire for example Russian aggression, the fortifications at Queenscliff became a major priority. Works and defence upgrades were also being devised in other colonies.

In 1877 British officer Captain (later Lieutenant Colonel) Peter Scratchley RE and Major General Sir William Jervois recommended improvements at Queenscliff. Two years later the original battery was demolished and two new ones, an upper and a lower battery, were being installed. By 1878 utilising the Easter holiday period for training purposes use of the Volunteer Corps was entertained as a means of maintaining some defence capabilities and doing some of the battery construction work.

However, this proposed 1878 volunteer camp was cancelled and sandbag works at Queenscliff were undertaken by the Victorian Defence Corps and the Volunteer Engineers. These works pre-dated the Jervois and Scratchley design for Fort Queenscliff. A Frederick Kruger photograph from this time is an important image of the period.

The works in 1878 were marked out on the sandy spot near the White Lighthouse in the vicinity of the current Ocean View carpark at Shortland's Bluff. The Easter encampment was also cancelled in 1879. It appears another planned camp was also not held in 1880. However, it appears to Victorian land boom assisted in freeing up additional funds and by 1881 serious war games were afoot.

In 1881 war practices and battles took place at Portsea where it was described as: *'Another good day of work was done by the metropolitan rifles yesterday at the Quarantine station. As this was the last day of their outing they were up by 6 o'clock, and by half past 7 o'clock all the bedding had been stowed away and most of the baggage packed up for removal. After breakfast the whole force was mustered and divided into two battalions as on Saturday. The first battalion, under Major Treeman, who was supported by Major Small, marched off in the direction of Portsea. After half an hour had elapsed the second battalion, commanded by Major Templeton, who was assisted by Major Buchan, started in pursuit, and a sham fight took place.'*

The volunteers left Portsea on Easter Monday landed at Australian wharf late in the afternoon.

'After dinner the troops embarked Steam was got up about 3 o'clock and as the boats left hearty cheers were given to Dr Bulmer, the superintendent of the station, for the facilities he had given and the most obliging disposition he had manifested. The men were all landed at the Australian Wharf by 5pm and were dismissed. Major Templeton and his fellow officers may be complimented on the success of their Easter muster.'

Apart from one small incident involving Carlton and Collingwood corps the muster appeared a very orderly affair.

'During the four days of the outing the men, whilst in camp, were most orderly, and the same remark may be made of their general conduct outside. There were, however some exceptional cases of unseemly behaviour. The most extreme instance was that of about half a dozen men belonging to the Carlton and Collingwood corps, who took advantage of their leave of absence on Sunday to visit Sorrento and to get drunk. A quarrel began amongst them in the bar of the Continental Hotel, and they had to be ejected by physical force. They then rolled about in the street with their uniforms on, and bellowed forth volleys of oaths, to the great annoyance and disgust of the residents. These men should be called to account for their disgraceful behaviour, and if their identity can be proved will doubtless be done.'

By 1882 Queenscliff at Easter became the scene of major defence training activities and for an extended period became a regular feature of volunteer Defence activities. Fort Queenscliff was changing the face of the village as it quickly turned into a garrison town. The following years saw these Easter encampments grow in numbers. In 1883 the camp was located within about 200 yards of the camping ground. Later it would be held out where Lakers currently sits. It was the site near the present Lakers Siding alongside the railway line that had been completed just a few years earlier. With Fort Queenscliff building works progressing, the military practices appeared to have success. 1882 didn't pass without a serious incident to a tourist. His resultant death a day later from shell wounds lead to an inquest.

The Queenscliff encampment was brought

to a close on Monday. Some good drill practice was given to the various corps in the morning, and in the afternoon firing from the big guns took place. The firing was very good. Sir Bryan O'Loughlen and other members of the Ministry, with a party of distinguished visitors from other colonies, went to Queenscliff by special train and visited the encampment. Unfortunately, a shocking accident occurred through the premature bursting of a 40-pounder Armstrong shell. Several shells had been fired, when, suddenly, there was a commotion in the crowd, and remarks made about someone having been hurt. A rush was immediately made to the beach below where two young men were found stricken down just at the water's edge by the fragments of one of the shells which had been recently fired. The first man picked up was found not to be very severely injured, and he was at once carried up to the room within the battery enclosure in which the medicines, surgical implements, etc., were stored. The other man presented a dreadful appearance. The trousers were out through over the hipbone, marking the spot where the shell had struck, while the position of the left leg showed plainly that it was broken. Drs. Reid, Gillbee, Hudson, and Surgeon-major Williams were quickly in attendance. Under their supervision the injured man was placed on a stretcher and carried to the place where his comrade was located. He gave the name of George Russ, upholsterer, residing at 260 Drummond Street, Carlton, in the employ of the Melbourne Dress Supply Company. He is unmarried and is about twenty-six years of age. On removing his clothing, the full extent of his injuries was at once apparent. The piece of shell had struck him on the left thigh bone, passed through the limb, tearing it dreadfully, and then out through the hind part of the right thigh, making a dreadful gash. In fact, his legs are nearly cut off. The medical men were of opinion that amputation would be useless, and they considered the case as being a perfectly hopeless one. The injuries were, however, dressed, and the unfortunate young fellow was despatched in the Ministerial special train to the Melbourne Hospital where he died on Tuesday morning. His companion's name is Alfred Daley, also an upholsterer, aged twenty-six years, unmarried, and in the employ of Messrs. Steinfeld, Levinson, and Co. furniture dealers of Elizabeth Street. He had received a contused wound of the thumb, and a wound in the left thigh. He made the following statement to one reporter, who was present while his injuries were being attended to: "We came down together to Queenscliff in the steamer Williams. We walked along the beach and were returning again to the wharf when the shell struck us. We saw no sentries on the beach, and did not hear any other shells, or we would not have gone there."

1883 saw a major exhibition of force with one of the biggest displays held over the Easter period where it was lauded for the first time in many years that every branch of the land

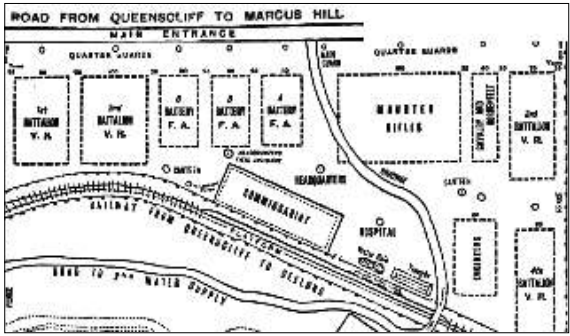
forces was represented. Reports indicate over 1700 men attended the annual encampment. Despite the appearance of two heavy Armstrong guns they were not allowed, however, to be fired for fear of breaking the windows in Queenscliffe, 'which is a rather fashionable watering place'. The ti-tree near the beach provided excellent coverage for the sham fights.

It was reported in the Australian Sketcher that: 'THE Victorian land forces went under canvas at Queenscliff during the Easter holidays. The main encampment was about two miles and a half from the township, and in it were collected together the cavalry, field artillery, infantry, and engineers. As the Garrison Artillery had to be constantly practised at the guns in the batteries on the cliff they had a small camp for themselves alongside the works. The Torpedo Volunteer Militia Corps also pitched their tents at the Battery Camp but spent their time chiefly on Swan Island. The combined strength of the little army was 1,758, and embraced over 800 infantry, over 400 Garrison Artillery, about 250 field artillery with 18 guns, a cavalry brigade of 150 swords, with two field pieces. The whole were under the command of Colonel Hutton, the acting commandant.

The encampment was formed on Thursday March 22 and on Friday and Saturday the men were kept steadily at company and battalion drill. On Sunday a church parade took place at headquarters and the Rev. H. Plow Kane, M.A. officiated. On the afternoon of the same day the ceremony of trooping the colours was performed, and the brigade was put through a number of interesting movements by Major Templeton.

Next day a Sham fight took place. The forces were divided into two parties, one under Colonel Rede, and the other under Colonel Bull. Colonel Rede's brigade consisted of the Metropolitan and Mount Alexander Rifles under Majors Templeton, Freeman, and Aitken, and two batteries of the field artillery under Major Sargood. These represented an expeditionary force which had landed with the view of attacking the batteries in the rear. Colonel Bull's was the defending party, and it consisted of the Ballarat Rangers under Major Sleep, the Engineers under Major Shakespear, the Metropolitan Field Artillery, under Major Clarke, and the cavalry under Major Caleb Anderson. The Engineers, in anticipation of the attack, had thrown up two temporary batteries on the crest of a hill which commanded all the approaches to the town. The assailing brigade forced the defenders back to the town and into the permanent batteries, from whence they were repulsed. The proceedings were witnessed with much interest. The officers commanding corps and battalions were put on their mettle, umpires having been appointed to watch their movements, and decide when one party was out-manoeuvred or beaten by another.

During the afternoon the Premier, Chief Secretary, Minister of Customs, Minister of



Public Works, and Minister of Lands visited Queenscliff, witnessed the repulse of the invaders, and inspected the defence works on the cliff. Whilst the sham fight was proceeding, the Garrison Artillery were having shot and shell practice at the 40, 68, and 80 pounders, and made some excellent shooting. Major Ellery at the same time was with his men laying dummy torpedoes in the West Channel. On Monday night the infantry returned to their various districts by special trains, and the artillery and cavalry followed next morning. The encampment, in fact, ended with the sham-fight.'

1884 saw a smaller encampment owing to the changes in the defence force due to a reorganisation of the Forces. 'Only a small section of the militia will this year engage in the usual Easter encampment and manoeuvres. The most interesting work will be done by the Torpedo Corps, who go down to Swan Island on Thursday afternoon, and camp there until Monday evening, this constituting the four days field drill required by the new regulations. The work will consist largely of the training, laying moving and lifting of torpedo lines. It is expected that about 80 men will turnout. Major Ellery in command, with Captain Moors next in rank Captain Josephs will have charge of the camp.' This camp also included other officers including Captain Ind, Lieutenant Otter and Colonel Disney.

1885 saw more of a focus on naval matters and a 350 strong appearance of officers and naval personnel. There was much action at sea with the gunboats Victoria and Albert and the torpedo boat Childers involved in actions at The Heads and involving the three forts - Queenscliff, Nepean and South Channel. Other parts of the Victorian fleet including Cerberus, Nelson, Lonsdale and Nepean were involved. However, it was reported that: 'Some disturbance was created in the Queenscliff camp this morning by several residents complaining of the loss during the night of poultry, the birds having been found dead in the vicinity of the battery. (This would necessarily come within the programme of actual hostilities).'

In 1886 military actions centred around Lake Victoria and the railway line near the present day Lakers siding in one of the biggest displays of the Volunteer and Permanent Defences. Heavy rain set in that year. It was reported that: 'arrangements are now being made by the officers of the Headquarters Staff for the Easter encampment which is to be held about three miles out of Queenscliff. All the defence force of the colony will be represented, and it is expected that there will be 2,500 men on the ground, including 500 mounted rifles. The camp equipment is now ready, and Lt-Colonel Brownrigg intends to visit Queenscliff on Saturday to select a site. He is now in correspondence with officers in the country, and it is hoped the camp will be a great success.'

'Roughly speaking the area is half a mile in length by a little more than a third of a mile in extreme depth, it lies parallel to the main road between Queenscliff and Geelong and is intersected by the railway line between those towns. The camp proper is on a slight slope, the fall being from the road towards the line, and the surrounding country is undulating and covered with light timber the plan shows very clearly how the ground has been occupied.'

'The commissariat is conveniently placed near the temporary platform, on the railway line, where are also the tanks from which is obtained all the water required at the encampment. The long open space along the road and in front of the tent lines is 50 yards in width and will be used as a parade ground.'

By 1887 a series of sites were selected including Frankston, Queenscliff, Fort Nepean, Swan Island, and the South Channel Fort. In 1889 Queenscliff still hosted Easter encampments but the main forces were located at Langwarrin.

By David Connoley



The site was on 'new ground' having never been occupied by an armed force and it is the more suitably placed because Queenscliff is easily approachable, and any attempt to land an invading party in that quarter could be promptly met.'



It wasn't just a solitary sighting. There were at least 150 people in attendance each time they arrived and they visited more than once.

It was at the end of the 70s. Queenscliff was quite different back then. There were more fishermen and there were three hotels operating in the town doing a roaring trade. There was the Ozone Hotel at the top of the hill, the Queenscliff Hotel midway down the hill and The Esplanade at the bottom of the hill not far from Fishermen's Flats.

The two main 'watering holes' for locals were The Ozone and The Esplanade. The Queenscliff was evolving and gaining a reputation for providing fine dining with the establishment of the renowned Mietta's restaurant.

It was at the Ozone Hotel where The Aliens appeared. Those present at the original sighting some weeks earlier had been mesmerised and like loyal disciples spread the word and they and others were drawn back as if under a hypnotic trance.

The Aliens appeared in the large dining room inside the Ozone and many, trying to catch at least a glimpse, would be turned away in disappointment.

Former original committee member of the Queenscliff Music Festival, Kim Goodall, who was at each appearance, shared his recollections.

"There were four of them. All dressed in black. The lead guitarist was a smaller guy, quite short and his head was shaven. He looked like an alien. He played a transparent guitar and often played one handed producing weird and ethereal sounds," he said.

There was no coronavirus back then, no social distancing rules and the dining room was packed. Even hardened fisherman and tough footballers not known for gracing the dance floor, stood around the perimeter, upper torsos and heads moving to the beat.

"The lead guitarist took his strumming hand off the guitar and push his foot down hard on the wah pedal then did a whirling motion in the air, playing only with his left hand."

The Aliens with their unique brand

of alternative/experimental rock, had the crowd mesmerised. It was a golden era for pub rock and roll on the local scene. Some of the other bands that played at the Ozone over a two to three year period were Men At Work, Goanna and The Angels.

Not far down the road at Ocean Grove, The Boatshed at the Collendina Hotel hosted many rock acts. Cold Chisel, John Farnham when he was fronting Little River Band, Hunters and Collectors and Killing Heidi were just a few of the stellar acts.

One of the highlight performances was the appearance of Tina Turner. At the time her career was in a hiatus. Appearing at the Boatshed might well have been the catalyst (perhaps not), as soon after her career soared to new heights. Tina had a considerable role as Aunt Entity in Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome alongside Mel Gibson. Then she became the face of the National Rugby League and her song Simply The Best ensured she enjoyed more of the limelight.

Over at the Barwon Heads Hotel bands that have entertained appreciative crowds included The Loved Ones, Mental As Anything and The Hoodoo Gurus.

Kim recalls seeing iconic Aussie rockers, Billy Thorpe and The Aztecs, a headline act at the Sunbury Festivals of the early 70s, play at venues in Geelong. Many years later, patrons of the Queenscliff Music Festival were treated to a performance by the legend himself. For many, the performance by 'Thorpey' proved the highlight of that year's festival.

The pub rock scene is only a shadow of the former heady days. The popularity of live music still continues but venues are evolving from the 'pub scene' more to festivals or larger venue performances.

The Queenscliff Music Festival, booked out well in advance in recent years, underlines the ability of live music to attract and entertain crowds.

There have been no more sightings of The Aliens for a number of years. Not in Queenscliff.

But like many others, I was pleased to experience the aura they created when they last visited.

Denis Walters

National Volunteer Week

May 18-24

Congratulations to our six National Volunteer Week 2020, Volunteer Ambassadors. Their stories were told each day the week to celebrate their achievements and to highlight the tireless work of volunteers. Our community would not be the same without them.

Humans in Geelong are made up of a team of dynamic volunteers who aim to inspire, connect and strengthen our community by sharing the stories of locals who are making a difference one way or another.

You can catch up on the stories of the selected Volunteer Ambassadors on the Humans in Geelong website www.humansingeelong.com

Humans in Geelong, genU and Volunteering Geelong ran the awards and it was a very tough decision, narrowing down the many nominations to just six ambassadors. Keep up the great work everyone and thanks for volunteering!

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Top L-R Deb Elliott of Helping our Hospital Heroes Australia, Lynne Hill of genU, Suzanne Elkington of Geelong Hospital. Bottom L-R, Brandon Dellow of Humans in Geelong, Judy Lidstone of The Winged Horse Equine Centre and Scott Cooper of Golden Plains Shire.

Community transport support during COVID-19

Residents on the Bellarine have been taking advantage of Bellarine Community Health's COVID-19 Community Transport service during the past few weeks.

Dozens of locals have been using the free service to get to doctors appointments, pharmacy scripts, or help with picking up food shopping.

The service was launched last month along with a dedicated phone line to assist community members in need of additional support during COVID-19.

"We are really pleased with the uptake of the service," says BCH Community Engagement Manager Caroline Jordan. "We have been using our staff, some of whom have been redeployed from other areas of the organisation, to handle incoming calls to the dedicated number and drive people to appointments."

Portarlington residents Win and Derek Hunter have been regular users of the service for the past few weeks after a neighbour told them about it. 89-year-old Win says the service has been wonderful. "We have kept ourselves completely isolated and we felt to get into a taxi or onto a public transport bus was just too dangerous for us, so to be picked up at your door has been so good."

Support is available for people around the Bellarine including Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove, Wallington, Drysdale, Curlewis, Clifton Springs, Leopold, Marcus Hill, Mannerim, Queenscliff, Point Lonsdale, Portarlington, Indented Head and St Leonards.

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Holidaying at the Point

I have enjoyed holidays off and on at Point Lonsdale for the past 60 years. The memories are endless yet certain events, people and places are firmly etched in my mind. I have catalogued a few of those memories that may rekindle your recollections of the best holiday spot on earth.

Getting there

As a six-year old our family set off for our first holiday at a dot on the Broadbent's map - Point Lonsdale.

Melbourne faded in the dust as Werribee loomed and our first stop was for fish and chips. Many years later I thought Werribee was half way to this mythical place, Point Lonsdale.

We finally made it to our rental in Buckley Road - a timber house imaginatively constructed from containers left over from World War 2. Very accommodating with most mod-cons of the time and a thunderbox down the track.

Exploring the Point

As kids the front beach was our go-to meet and greet place. It had adventures around every corner.

Just prior to Toc H and the Lighthouse area was a Tea House which was a den of iniquity for kids my age - it had a slot machine where you played soccer with moveable players. We played for hours for the cost of a penny a game and winner took all - safety matches. Fast forward to today and those same slot machines have made a comeback to adorn foyers of bars and creative hotspots. How kitsch can one go?

Fly away

In the paddock next to the Tea Rooms was, no kidding, a small, full size passenger aeroplane. It just sat there - historical information was scant other than it may have been used in WW2. This fair dinkum plane made reading Air Adventures of Biggles all the more relatable.

The endless queues

Keeping the lines of communications open with family and friends was a major exercise during peak holiday time. Only posh people had phones in their house, so parents had to form a queue outside the Post Office while the telephonist dialled up your Auntie, boss, or whoever. Phone calls were made after 7pm and the queues snaked down Main Street.

Queenscliffe Race Club

I was fascinated with the remains of what had been a local horse racing course. The wooden remains of the track and finishing box were in their final stages of life and

located on the corner where Fellows Road intersects with the bitumen to Ocean Grove. I'm told the Club had two meetings per year and were popular amongst members of Bellarine society.

Glen Miller and his music

As time went by we had visitors who ventured the trip from Melbourne. First stop to show off Lonsdale's finer points was a trip to the Lighthouse. A favourite story my Mum always trotted out was 'In the still of night you can hear the band playing on board the liners as they sail through the Heads'. Mum always was the imaginative one.

The Fog Horn

It may well be an urban myth but it has worn well over time. When visibility was a danger at sea the lighthouse blew its fog horn. One foggy night it blew and blew and almost all residents at the Point, and beyond, copped an earful. Next morning one seasoned resident was quizzed if he had heard the fog horn. 'Oh, is that what it was. I thought it was Nancy (his wife) snoring'. Boom, boom.

As youngsters we had our share of the lighthouse sounding off when ships had run off course. We rode our bikes down to Rip View to see boats facing the wrong way or wedged on rocks.

Picture Show People

As teenage years kicked in, we, as a group (because that's the way we travelled at the Point) went to the flicks at the Lonsdale Picture Theatre located in Main Street where the concrete toilets stand today. The wooden structure had seating for about 40 people. Films were far from blockbuster movies, the projector was a bit dodgy and broke down at the most inappropriate times. The theatre burnt down and that spelt THE END to regular films.

Your memories

Please email me your memories of people, places and happy snaps that happened at the Point over the 1950 to 1970s era. Or, elaborate on any further funny facts of my memories listed in this article.

My email is okc@okc.com.au. Thanks in advance.

By John O'Keefe

Test cricket on the Lonsdale back beach

Every time I hear Greg Champion's ditty 'I scored a century in the backyard at Mums' I have flashbacks to memories of the great Test matches played on the back beach at Point Lonsdale.

To set the scene, it was circa early 1960s, the pitch was a bit spongy having been freshly rolled by the incoming tide, and needless to say the weather was immaculate. The growing crowd spread themselves out amongst the patch where the beach sand meets the dunes.

All was ready for an encounter using a battered old willow bat found on the beach and a well worn tennis ball kindly loaned by a Labrador.

The batting order was take-it-in-turn as was the bowling. This was a Test match for everyone - guys and girls. If you were not bowling you were fielding.

To open the batting in strode Pete Williams, a regular holiday maker at Lonsdale, and no stranger to wielding the willow. Pete was an elite school boy cricketer. A hush came over the crowd as Pete smashed the soggy old ball all over the beach, and keeping score was an impossible task. Pete was on fire. Drastic action was needed. A fielder and his dog were dispatched to stand knee deep in the surf to hopefully catch one of Pete's Big Bash hits. No such luck and being a true gentleman



Pete Williams

Pete retired not out and another unofficial record was broken.

For all this summer fun, Pete Williams went onto greater things playing 4 First Class games for Victoria 1965-66. Pete is retired from the legal profession and resides in rural Victoria. The Williams family still holiday at the Point.

When he wasn't in Monaco, real Test cricket royalty joined in a game on the Lonsdale surf beach where Bob Cowper made mince meat of the local bowlers. Bob swapped his Baggy Green for a floppy white hat and his nose was smeared with white zinc cream to match.

Roger Little was a beach cricketer with style and a successful batsman for district sides in Melbourne and Sydney. Roger played delicate strokes like square cuts.

Another 'cricketer' I recall was John Elliot who was a pretty average batsman yet made plenty of headlines in his later business life. Among the spectators was Allan Moffat, a Canadian who preferred motor racing more than watching beach cricket.

Life was simple, beach cricket was fun and when the game was over players cooled off in the surf. What a life.

Many memories... why not drop me an email okc@okc.com.au of your memories on the Bellarine circa 1950, 1960 and 1970 people, places, etc?

By John O'Keefe



Meet John O'Keefe

The Queenscliffe Herald welcomes semi-retired journalist John O'Keefe to its pages. John's first job as a 'journo' was writing part-time for the Queenscliff Pilot filing news on surf carnivals, local events and just about anything for 3 pence a line way back in the late 1950s. "This led to a working lifetime in the media, marketing and advertising -

I'm forever grateful to the 'Queenscliff Pilot,' said John. His link with Point Lonsdale goes back even further when his parents owned a holiday house in the town.

"I'm filling in time writing a weekly article for Ash Long's Melbourne Observer," explained John. "It's a labour of love as no money changes hands and the reason I do it is because I enjoy the task along with the research and fact finding."

His borough-based articles and titbits are very welcome. Ed.

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Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 96

Masonic Musings

Cosmopolitan Lodge Snapshot

In 1882 eight Freemasons applied to the United Grand Lodge of England for a warrant to form a Freemasons Lodge in Queenscliff. The warrant was granted on Thursday September 13, 1883 and the Lodge was known as the Cosmopolitan Lodge No 2065 under the English Constitution.

The inaugural meeting was conducted on Thursday September 13, 1883. Fourteen gentlemen were proposed and initiated on this first night with the meeting being conducted at St Georges Church of England Grammar School, Queenscliff.

On Thursday May 9, 1889 the Lodge affiliated with the United Grand Lodge of Victoria and issued with the No 100, amended five months later to No Happy 96. The membership at that date was 47.

Warrant 2065 E.C. was returned to the United Grand Lodge of England where it was officially cancelled and unexpectedly returned on May 15, 1890 to Cosmopolitan Lodge where it now hangs in the original lodge room of the current building.

Cosmopolitan Lodge first made a move for its own premises in 1890 but it was not until Tuesday April 15, 1930 that the foundation stone for the current building was laid. The initial meeting in that new centre was conducted on Wednesday August 13, 1930.

The emblem used by the Lodge depicts a sailing frigate and lighthouse and is the main feature of our lodge banner. The words associated with this emblem 'Statio Tutissima Nautis' meaning 'I stand for the safety of seamen'.

Cosmopolitan Lodge conduct regular meetings at the Bellarine Masonic Centre, 60 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff on the second Wednesday of every month commencing at 7.30 pm but this year the Lodge has been closed since March due to COVID-19.

Virtual meetings via Zoom have replaced face to face meetings until such time as the state government restrictions are eased.

Meeting procedure involves the opening of the

lodge, various lodge business including such items as correspondence, accounts, lodge finance, reports from the various committees, propositions for candidates into Freemasonry.

The main program consists of activities such as a lecture on a variety of Masonic or other topics of interest, ceremonial work including the promotion of candidates, the presentation of such items as long service jewels and finally concludes with the closing of the lodge by the various office bearers.

The final part of the night consists of a meal or supper and other activities and concludes by 10.30pm.

New Lodge office bearers are placed into their various offices every twelve months when a new Worshipful Master is installed, which is conducted on the second Wednesday in September.

Other activities performed by this lodge are involvements with various community programs and assistance to lodge members or widows who may require help. Social activities are also conducted throughout the year.

The Lodge gained full quality accreditation in September 2011 and received the Community Services Award from the Borough of Queenscliff on Australia Day 26 January 2012 and again in 2013.

Some of the Charities and Groups that the Lodge have assisted over the years include Cottage by the Sea, Seafood Feast, Bellarine Community Health, Lions Show and Shine, Junior Scholarships, Mannerim CFA, Bellarine SES, Sustainable Living Project, Feed Me Bellarine, Bush Fire Relief, Hope Bereavement, Queenscliff Sea Scouts, Good Friday Appeal Royal Children's Hospital

The Cosmopolitan Lodge No 96 extends its best wishes to the community and please remember social distancing.

Further information regarding Freemasons from Secretary, Richard Clark 0400 553 939 or email dick@ratutteddy.com

Point Lonsdale VIEW Club

Our club formed late last year and with lots of enthusiastic work we soon had 60 members that's risen to almost 90. Our meetings were filled with laughter and well attended. Plans for our inauguration on March 18 had been finalised.

We were looking forward to officially becoming part of VIEW and being presented with our badges. We were making plans to form more activity groups, guest speakers had been organised and we were developing a list of fundraising events.

Along came COVID-19 and like everyone else plans were upended. No Inauguration celebration, no meetings and no way to get to know each other. As a new club we discussed our next moves. The ingenuity of women in this time of shutdown has continued to shine and we must all embrace it with enthusiasm, vigour and confidence in the future. The committee navigated the Zoom app to hold our meetings.

We wanted to retain contact with our members so we have put a lot of effort into sending out a monthly newsletter. This has ideas for keeping busy in various ways from craft to virtual tours of famous museums and galleries. We will also be using it to educate our members about the work of The Smith Family. While we have had positive responses from this initiative it doesn't have that personal touch. The committee has been contacting members by phone so hopefully they will know that we care about how they are.

Though we are unsure when we can hold full member members as yet we are still looking at ways we can meet within the State regulations and safety requirements.

We have resumed our outdoor activity groups of walking, cycling, dog walking, morning teas, photography and are hoping to resume or begin some of our other groups such as craft, book club.

Despite lockdown we have been able to contribute financially to Smith family programs. Through our fundraising we hope to be able to begin to sponsor students later this year.

Our members are the life of our club. Our hope is that this speed bump will only slow us

down temporarily. We look forward to continuing to create a great club and serve The Smith Family.

For further information go to VIEW.org
Margarita Fair - President

VIEW's 60th Anniversary

On 30th April a celebration was held for VIEW'S 60th birthday via Zoom! Anton Leschen, The Smith Family general manager, congratulated all clubs for the 60 years of VIEW; National President Anne-Louise O'Connor spoke of the 60 years of strength and support reflecting on friendships, activities and fulfilment, the pride and satisfaction of helping those in need.

Margie Sinclair, tertiary student coordinator for The Smith Family, said the catch-cry for many sponsored children is: "I know someone believes in me."

Sixty children from all over Australia, via the wonders of technology, said Happy 60th Birthday to VIEW.

View Diamond Jubilee 60th year badges available for \$8 each from Margaret Woodhouse nationalcouncillorvc@gmail.com.

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Queenscliff Coast Guard News

Fishing restarts after Covid-19

With fishermen and women rushing to their boats it didn't take long for the jobs to start.

13.05.20 at 15.43 hours. Just less than 16 hours after Covid-19 fishing bans were cancelled Coast Guard Queenscliff were called to assist their first Distressed Vessel.

A recreational fishing boat was reported capsized 2 nautical miles North East of Indented Heads. We were advised that whilst three men had been in the water for some time they had all been taken to shore by a passing vessel and transferred by ambulance to hospital suffering from the effects of immersion. Our task was to assist with the recovery of their boat which was now a hazard to shipping.

On arrival we found that a private vessel had taken their boat in tow and was slowly making its way to shore. Our offer to take over the tow was declined but we soon had work to do. As the semi submerged boat under tow listed from side to side it slowly released numerous pieces of flotsam, our task was to trail behind retrieving torches, fuel tank, fishing rods and seats. We felt like the rose gardener who follows the milk cart. Returning the gear to the tow boat we escorted them back to harbour before returning to our Queenscliff base.

Word passed to us next day suggested that having caught a fish all aboard the hapless vessel moved to one side causing the boat to capsize. It was 5 weeks since our last job. Time on Job: 2 hours.

17.05.20 at 16.07 hours. We received a call to

assist a half cabin vessel with 2 persons on board reportedly just off St Leonards. After some time searching we found the vessel 500 meters west of the drilling rig Ocean Onyx some kilometres away from the expected location. Their engine had refused to start. Imagine our joy when advised they had launched from Werribee South. It was a slow tow back to the Werribee South ramp arriving just after dark. Safely berthed, we left them for our long journey home. Time on job: 3 hours 23 minutes. 18.05.20 at 13.40 hours. A smoke flare sighting was reported to Police and further enquiries led to information that a jet ski had broken down in Port Phillip Heads and was being carried out into Bass Strait on an outgoing tide. A quick response soon had our Coast Guard vessel alongside the small craft which was being assisted by a Good Samaritan boater who ensured he wasn't alone and all at sea. The single occupant of the Jet Ski had set off from Indented Heads to do a little fishing. After catching a few his motor refused to start. Following a slow tow to the safety of Queenscliff boat ramp he secured

his vessel and a Coast Guard member drove him back to Indented Head where he picked up his car and trailer. Time on Job: 2 hours 17 minutes.

25.05.20 at 09.58 hours. Our D.V (Distressed Vessel) a half cabin cruiser had lost power whilst underway North East of Queenscliff Harbour. Despite

plenty of fuel and battery power the motor would not restart. Taken in tow the craft was returned to safe harbour at Queenscliff Ramp. Time on job: 1 hour 8 minutes.

25.05.20 at 11.03 hours. Called to a half cabin cruiser east of the Coles Channel near St Leonards. The skipper had used the battery driven winch to raise the anchor. Attempting to start the boat he found his battery was flat. We provided him with a battery pack which enabled him to start the engine and then motor home to St Leonards. Time on job: 1 hour 7 minutes.

In all 5 call outs in 12 days and some 7 hours 55 minutes on jobs.

What is the difference between flotsam and jetsam? According to NOAA, The United States, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration flotsam is marine debris in the water often as the result of a shipwreck or accident that was NOT deliberately thrown overboard. Jetsam is described as debris that was deliberately thrown overboard by the crew of a ship in distress, most often to lighten the load.

Flotsam, a French word 'floter' to float. Jetsam is an abbreviation for jettison. Under Maritime Law flotsam may be claimed by the original owner where as jetsam can be claimed by the finder.

Operations Summary:

1 July 2019 to 4 June 2020

Requests for assistance: 66. Persons assisted to safe harbour: 155. Value of vessels assisted: \$2,601,600.

Recreational Boating Operators Licence Course (Needed to get a boat licence)

Due to the Covid-19 situation RBOL courses remain suspended until further notice.

Covid-19 Update

At this time health requirements remain the same to ensure the health of our volunteers and their families. We have, as required, suspended active training. Some training will continue online. Our monthly business meeting is being held online. The Queenscliff Base will remain closed. Our volunteer crews WILL continue to respond to 000 calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as per normal.

For Marine Emergencies call: 000

Remember: Plan your voyage and maintain your distance, your life depends on it!

Safe Boating, Ric Lasslett



Werribee tow and oil rig - all in a day's work for the Coast Guard.

Indigenous Plant Nursery maturing well

27 May 2020 will be remembered for the impressive dispatch of around 4,000 plants for revegetation projects.

Rod Fenton, Green Keeper at the Queenscliff Golf Club on Swan Island, took delivery of 750 plants. The plants are on their way home.

They were grown from cuttings and seeds collected from Swan Island in October 2019 and were raised in the Queenscliff Indigenous Plant Nursery in Nelson Road by volunteers under the direction of Sarah Roberts. That is a remarkable timeline. Congratulations to all.

In the delivery were plenty of Beaded Glasswort (Sarcocornia quinqueflora)

and Shrubby Glasswort (Tecticornia arbuscula) some of the favourites of the rare orange-bellied parrots who visit Swan Island every winter.

A large order of 3,265 plants went to another customer, Australian Eco-systems P/L, a specialist commercial landscape company who are increasingly doing revegetation projects in Geelong and the Bellarine.

The Point Lonsdale foreshore, the Dog Beach and the Rail Trail are all benefitting from extensive winter planting. It is exciting to see our Nursery at the centre of an increasing number of revegetation projects.

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