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MAV renews call for State Government to defer local government elections

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is once again calling on the State Government to defer this year's council elections due to the ongoing negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on councils, communities and local businesses.

The ongoing pandemic has impacted the ability for candidates to campaign and consult with their communities on vital issues. Councils certainly don't want to increase the public health risks to the Victorian community posed by COVID-19 through the election process.

The principle of 'free and fair' local government elections is under significant strain. There is a very real prospect of COVID-19 deterring many candidates from putting themselves forward to represent their community.

Following a survey of all councils and CEOs earlier this year, the MAV called for a 12-month deferral of council elections currently scheduled

for October 2020. Recent feedback has again highlighted the difficulties of ensuring a level playing field for candidates campaigning for election to their council.

"Many rural and regional councils are highlighting concerns that some wards may not even have candidates prepared to run for election in the current environment," said MAV's Deputy President-Rural, Cr Ruth Gstrein.

"Diversity is a key part of a well-functioning democracy. There is a significant risk that many talented candidates won't have the time or capacity to stand for council. This may be particularly true for women and people of diverse background."

"Deferring local government elections to a time when there is the greatest choice of candidates of the highest calibre standing is simply the most democratic thing to do - for council and community," said MAV's Deputy President - Metro, Cr Jami Klisaris.

"Postponing council elections until 2021 is a sensible and practical decision, for communities, candidates and councils," said MAV President Ross.

We have seen the NSW Government delay their elections for twelve months to provide certainty to councils, communities and potential candidates. "We are calling on the Victorian Government to do the same."

OPINION

The MAV call to defer the upcoming council elections totally ignores the many problems that are occurring in some local municipalities at the hands of their elected representatives.

Corruption in Casey, Bullying in Geelong, Jobs for Mates in Ballarat, Sexual Harassment in Melbourne, Closing down council in Whittlesea, Political Division of councillors and the doozy of them all the Local Government Minister sacked for Branch Stacking - just a few of the misdemeanours on record.

Our Borough of Queenscliffe council isn't without problems either. Councillors resigning mid-term, wasted dollars on consultants for many projects,

questionable councillor decisions on projects, failure to consult residents and the more recent Destination Queenscliff and dump point debacles to name a few.

Deferring elections for 12 months only gives elected incumbents the basis to continue along the same sorry pathway. Consideration could be given to suspending elections for 12 months, standing down all councillors, except for one trusted to oversee correct procedure, and making highly paid CEOs more visible and accountable to ratepayers and a more responsible Local Government Minister, currently the Hon Shaun Leane MP.

MAV should not have the only say re our local council elections, make your opinions known. -Ed.

The Herald now home delivered

The virus shutdown affecting many local businesses has impacted our distribution via baskets spread throughout the borough causing a rethink on how to deliver the local news to our readers.

We've tried printing fewer copies, skipping an edition and partial home delivery, finally deciding on full home delivery to homes in the borough as well as all the 3225 postcode in Geelong. A team of 'paper boys' have been engaged and full delivery commences this month and thereafter.

Our popular correspondent Denis Walters and his wonder dog 'Rucci' will be delivering in Point Lonsdale. Stop him if you have a story that may interest our readers.

It's a step down for Rucci whose claim to fame includes a greyhound race win under the name Varuchi Pass meaning Hot Dog in Croatian, a starring role in his own play 'Hot Dog' that won The Potato Shed's 12x12 play competition in 2019. But a dog's gotta do what a dog's gotta do in these hard times even if it means delivering newspapers.

The other local newspaper delivered to your homes and throughout the Bellarine has very little local content, but is the preferred media of our local council, a decision taken by our councillors last year. Let council know you prefer *The Queenscliffe Herald* to bring you local news and stories.



Rucci WD (Wonder Dog) saddled up for delivery with Denis who met Eva Millie and her cute terrier on his trial run.

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Vinnie's CEO Sleepout

Libby Coker MP Federal Member for Corangamite spent a freezing night sleeping rough in Canberra, albeit on her couch due to COVID-19 restrictions, in support of the St Vincent de Paul Society's Vinnie's CEO Sleepout.

"Every night, thousands of Australians experience homelessness," said Ms Coker. "There are many people in our region who are doing it tough and the pandemic has led to greater need as a result of people losing their job or experiencing a reduction in their income."

Your generous donations helped raise more than \$3,000 to help break the cycle of homelessness experienced by hundreds of thousands of Australians. So far this year we helped provide ten individual support programs, 27 beds and 108 meals."

Corangamite hard hit by job losses

Australian Bureau of Statistics figures released early in July details the extent of the damage coronavirus has caused on local jobs. Across the Geelong region there has been a 7.9 per cent drop in jobs between March 14 and May 30.

In the Warrnambool and South West Region (which Corangamite partially covers), jobs have dropped by 9.4 per cent. Treasury data, as at 3 June 2020, reveals there are 7,027 organisations in Corangamite enrolled in the JobKeeper program.

Department of Social Services data shows 9,188 people across Corangamite are currently receiving the JobSeeker payment and 1,087 are receiving Youth Allowance.

These figures are set to grow exponentially if the government does not extend the JobKeeper wage subsidy beyond September.

For every job vacancy there are 12 Australians on unemployment payments. That figure is only

expected to worsen as businesses struggle to keep workers on the books when JobKeeper is cut.

What is even more concerning is the Morrison Government's reluctance to release the Treasury review into the JobKeeper wage subsidy. Instead of releasing the findings when the review was handed down, it chose to keep it secret until after the Eden-Monaro by-election, adding to the growing uncertainty businesses and workers are experiencing.

When the pandemic began Scott Morrison claimed we were all in this together. So why now is he so prepared to walk away from supporting workers and local businesses in such a short time?

Libby Coker MP

Searoad Ferries continues 2-hourly service

Under the new lockdowns announced by the Victorian Government, Searoad Ferries will continue to operate a two hourly service between Queenscliff and Sorrento. The transport operator is an essential service that has continued to operate throughout Coronavirus on a reduced timetable for essential travel and freight.

"We understand the difficulties of the current lockdowns. The health and safety of our customers and staff is our top priority," said Searoad Ferries CEO, Matt McDonald.

"We have implemented a number of measures including hourly cleaning and sanitising of the ferries, social distancing encouraged through announcements, restricted seating and barriers, hand sanitizers throughout the vessels and terminals, as well as protection screens."

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Burrow Bites



Hopping mad over Bunny Woods

The Queenscliff Herald inbox was hot with kids emailing to have their say about the bike track in Bunny Woods and asking what damage has been done. An article from Michael Grout about the environmental impact on the flora and fauna answers that question and a statement from Borough of Queenscliff Council about 'unauthorised bike tracks' follows.

It all began with Point Lonsdale resident Ian Zierk: "I am saddened and appalled by the vandalism and damage done by BMXers that is destroying the woodland opposite the cemetery in Point Lonsdale known locally as Bunny Woods. Figure eight tracks, mounding, formed jumps and ramps have been carved into the landscape. Trees have been cut down and broken."

Councillors, Foreshore Managers and responsible officers are to blame for a lack of action over a number of years of negligence, despite being informed numerous times in writing about violation of the Vandalism Policy."

Kids have their say

Kyle says Ian Zierk's article 'is appalling, disgraceful and shameful'. 'How dare he ruin kids lives by taking away something they have loved for years. I want a town vote to bulldoze or keep the Bunny Woods bike track.'

Ralph is 'quite pleased' in the effort people put into that type of work and 'if young kids did all that work what a shame to see it all gone'. 'Have a good think about this, it might help out the mums and dads by having their kids outside!'

Matt: 'I am appalled by this attempt to accuse local riders of vandalism. The term vandalism means, "Action involving damage or destruction to public or private property". I see no problem with this fun little track and neither do most people who complimented us on what great tracks we have and how lucky we are.'

Ethan: 'How dare you take the towns' kid's fun away! I cannot see any rubbish in the area whatsoever and the jump landing looks safe. I used to ride there as a kid, those jump tracks were always there! Do you really want kids sitting on a chair all day playing video games that is not good for their health.'

Unauthorised bike tracks

Council first learned of the existence of the tracks two weeks ago and undertook an inspection to examine the extent of the damage to vegetation. Council's focus is on preventing further ground disturbance and damage to vegetation in the area, and investigating the need for replanting.

Council reminds residents that our foreshore areas are not just an important part of our natural environment - they protect our roads, parks and community from erosion and storm damage. Damaging or removing coastal vegetation and disturbing the ground can cause long-term impacts for our environment and community, and there's no excuse for doing

so. We also know that some of our residents have previously requested a pump track be built in our community, including as recently as last year's budget consultation.

Officers are investigating a range of solutions to prevent a repeat occurrence of damage to vegetation on the Point Lonsdale foreshore, including options for an alternative site for riders away from sensitive vegetation.

Dumped!

Recently the Borough of Queenscliff announced it was finishing construction on a free caravan dump point in Hygeia Drive, Queenscliff stating that residents, traders and caravanners have suggested a dump point be installed in the Borough for some time.

Prior to opening the facility Council met with nearby residents regarding their concerns about the location of the facility. In response, Council is considering the best way to provide a dump point while minimising impacts on local residents.

Council will not be opening the new facility at and it will be removed in the coming months.

The Borough of Queenscliff is mindful of the importance of tourism to our local economy. Around 30% of jobs in the Borough are directly reliant on our visitor economy, and more than half benefit significantly from the direct and indirect effects visitor spending brings to our community.

Council's 2018 Caravan Parks Masterplan notes that Council should invest in modernising caravan facilities as a priority to ensure our community continues to be attractive to tourists. With this in mind, Council will continue to explore alternative locations for another dump point elsewhere in the Borough.

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.

Queenscliff Maritime Museum Volunteers Needed

The museum welcomes new people prepared to volunteer their time to assist with the museum's operation. As little as a half day a week is required. If you have the skills or an interest in any of the following roles, we would love to hear from you.

- *Front of House - welcoming visitors, admissions, shop activities.
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Queenscliff Hub

Since late 2019 groups like the Queenscliffe Historical Museum, Visitor Centre, Library, Queenscliff Community Association, the Borough of Queenscliffe and Regional Development have all worked hard on this project and I thank them for their efforts, along with Cerno Project Management, Kismet Consultants and KTA Architects.

With this ongoing work, the Hub development is progressing well. Like any project there are always issues to contend with and these have all been addressed in a consultative manner. As Chair of the Project Steering Group I have emphasised the importance of effective community consultation, ensuring the wider community are having a real say on the project and being kept up to date.

Various rounds of consultation have now taken place and the next to commence in the coming weeks. This round will give the community the chance to view and comment on the Hubs elevations, setbacks, facades etc and will be conducted in a number of formats.

Log onto the Council website to obtain and view a copy of the plans and other information. I have asked that a public information session be conducted in the town hall. Council will arrange for a date soon to be announced. Health restrictions will determine how this will be undertaken, but importantly the session will give people a chance to discuss their views with staff face to face.

I look forward to finalising the planning and then commence building late in 2020.

Sporting Club Grants

Congratulations to the Queenscliff Football and Netball Club on recently receiving two State Government Grants which is a good indicator on how well the club is managed by President Martin Rowan and his team.

The first grant of \$6,700 was a Victorian Government's Change Our Game Community Activation program. These grants help support

local sporting organisations to offer more women and girls the opportunity to participate and lead through sport and recreation.

The other grant was for \$1000 grant from the Government's Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package to assist clubs in supporting players and volunteers as they begin training and operating as a club again.

Like many small businesses and community organisations, sporting clubs have been hit hard by the coronavirus and these grants are a key part of the Government's investment in supporting the community in these challenging times.

This grant was also awarded to the Queenscliff Cricket Club, the Queenscliff Golf Club and the Point Lonsdale Tennis Club. Sporting clubs are an integral part of any community, particularly regional and rural towns like those on the Bellarine. They provide a game of sport for hundreds of locals, especially juniors, and an important social outlet for many other community members.

So, my thanks and congratulations go to not only to the Queenscliff Clubs, but to all our local sporting clubs and the many hundreds of hard working, dedicated volunteers who are the life blood of those clubs.

Like all, I look forward to the day when our Saturday afternoon is once again spent playing a game of sport or coming together in support of the club.

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

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The messages below from BOQ Councillors are insertions paid by themselves to better inform residents of what's happening in their portfolios.

Good to see it!



Cr Rob Minty

Avenue of Honour

I have been approached by so many people telling me how lovely it is that The Avenue of Honour is being re-established. The gaps are being replanted and some sick trees replaced for future generations. A great result.

Purchasing policy to help local businesses

At the last Council meeting a revised purchasing policy was passed. The policy has clauses, not only for Council to buy products that are environmentally friendly and that can be recycled, but also the local purchase of services and products is favoured.

Stay same and maintain good distancing.

Best wishes Cr Rob Minty

If you would like to give a suggestion on this or any other Council initiative please email rob.minty@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au or call 0418 931 508.

Thank you for doing the right thing



Cr Ross Ebbels

These are very uncertain times at the moment. Last week I was sitting at home with my two daughters who have been home from university the past three months. Together with my wife Felicity we were trying to share different parts of the house and of course the internet. Pippa the dog was grumpy because with everyone home she thinks she should be getting a lot more walks than usual.

Now both our daughters have raced back to university in Canberra and Warrnambool and the house feels empty and less of a home. It is with this in mind that I want to thank our community for listening to the COVID-19 advice from The DHHS and doing the right thing.

We are indeed fortunate to live where we do.

With the rising COVID-19 cases in Victoria and the recent lockdown of Metro Melbourne and Mitchell shires it is a timely reminder of how this virus can take hold and capitalise on the complacency of ordinary citizens. I ask that everyone in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale continue their amazing attitude to keep the Borough COVID-19 free.

Local businesses need your continued support

As I've mentioned many times over the past month, our local businesses require our support and will continue to do so throughout the life of the pandemic and beyond. Our local businesses need your continued support more than ever and please go the 3225 Love Local Shop Local facebook site for up to date trading information.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions or feedback.

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Queenscliff - Pt Lonsdale Lions

"We serve"

It is with sadness that we note that the Queenscliff Rotary club has finished its service to the community. This club, like all service organisations had enthusiastic hard working people who volunteered their time, labour and means to the betterment of the whole community.

Unfortunately, it is a sign of the times that these groups of special people are continuing to decline. There are many reasons for this, but the result is that another piece in the community jigsaw has gone and cannot be replaced.

The Lions and Rotary clubs within the Borough had formed a unique relationship and worked together at different times of the year, so the Lions will miss this special partnership.

It is now even more important that the Lions Club survives and continues the community work that is so needed. There are some things that governments just can't do, so the work undertaken by service clubs is vital. Local people working for the local community.

We are still very restricted in what we can do as a Lions Club due to the ongoing isolation rules. Last month we showed what the Lions Clubs are doing in relation to the Bush Fire relief through direct donations, the Need for Feed program and the Tools Drive.

The ability of service clubs to raise vital funds has been all but wiped out. The traditional BBQ at major centres is gone for the present and other methods for raising money have become extremely limited. We are looking to see what other ways we can continue to serve the community.

Locally, we will continue to drive our youth work through our regular programs. An important program is the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP). We want to work with the schools with is one.

LEHP is a well researched and established program to help detect children who may have sight issues. Some young people do not realise that they have sight problems as they have never known otherwise. Poor student behavior can sometimes be traced

back to something as simple as the child not being able to see the board at the front of the classroom.

This program helps to identify where there are issues and encourages parents to take the appropriate steps to have their child fully tested. The Lions cannot, and do not, make any comments, recommendations or suggestions, other than to report that there is a possible issue with the sight of the child.

We are hoping that we can start to approach the schools later this year - depending on how long the Covid-19 restrictions are in place.

Whilst we are 'marking time' to some degree at present, we are always looking for people who would like to put something back into the community. We think we are a fun group that enjoys to opportunity to serve our fellow citizens.

If you have a similar outlook on life, you could consider having a look at us.

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

Rural Australians for Refugees

'We were locked down for 7 weeks, imagine if it was 7 years.'

On Thursday 2 July over 1000 people joined online to listen to speakers with lived experience of seeking asylum and being locked up by Australian Governments in mandatory detention, some for over seven years.

The online rally on Zoom platform was organised by Right Track, a community led organisation which facilitates community conversations, and ASRC Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and supported by over 30 refugee support organisations across Australia.

Speakers spoke powerfully and passionately about their situation. The main speakers had sought asylum from situations of war and trauma.

Farhad, a civil engineer from Iran, whose dream is of an equal world for everyone, and wants to create rather than destroy, having fled war.

Moz, an Afghani, asked the listening crowd to grant him sunlight as he has been detained in a Melbourne hotel room and now detention centre for medical treatment not yet received. Both spoke of seeing life go on around them, outside the window of capital city hotels in Australia, fearful of contracting Covid 19 in the hotel or detention centres, and having no hope to be placed with family or friends.

On 19 July it will be 7 years since PM Kevin Rudd declared people seeking asylum who arrived by boat

would never settle in Australia. 186 remain detained in Nauru, 187 in Papua New Guinea. Onshore in Australia there are men in hotels for medical treatment, often not yet received, plus those living in community on temporary visas, who, having lost jobs in Covid, often are not eligible for income and rely on charities for survival. We were locked down for 7 weeks, imagine if it was 7 years.

The speakers and the organisers called on the public to continue to press the Australian Federal Government for the release of people seeking asylum, on public health grounds, on financial grounds and to restore Australia's international legal and moral obligations. Cathie Bond

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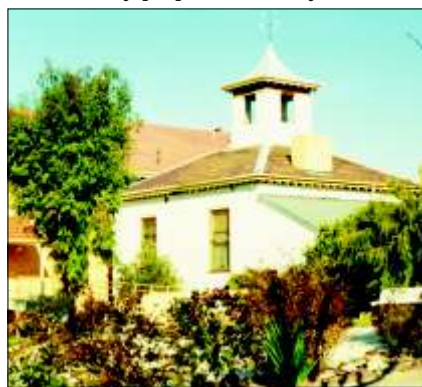
Streets of Queenscliff

Learmonth Street

The Borough of Queenscliffe was constantly growing during the late 19th century and with that came the swift development of the street system that remains here today. Learmonth Street running parallel to the main street, Hesse Street, has been the home of many important and diverse buildings throughout Queenscliff's history.

Learmonth Street was named after the Learmonth family, namely two brothers Thomas and Somerville, who came from Van Dieman's land in 1837 to Port Phillip's pastoral settlement. They became well known for their involvement in the development of merino wool production in Australia.

The street quickly became a focal point of Queenscliff from the 1850s onwards. It was a popular place to build Victorian-style town houses and terraces, conveniently close to the main street and right off the Bellarine highway. The hill at the end of Learmonth Street was also popular for building mansions overlooking Port Phillip Bay. A notable example is William Priddle's Wyndom Mansion built in 1887, one of many properties built by Priddle in



Bronte 11-13 Learmonth Street.

the Queenscliff area. The polychrome brickwork set this property apart from many others as this type of brick work was rarely used outside of hotels in the period.

Another impressive property on Learmonth Street was the The Bronte built in 1853 by Pilot James Caught who chose Learmonth Street to build one of the earliest Pilot Cottages. He added a tower overlooking Queenscliff and the bay in 1863. Here James could observe the weather conditions and any ships entering and leaving Port Phillip Bay. Learmonth Street was the centre of the Borough's community activities with both St George's Parish Hall and the Town Hall built on the street in 1870. St George's Parish Hall was a place of education for Queenscliff's young children and a meeting place for the various organisations in the community including the Masons before they built their hall in 1930, also on Learmonth Street.

The Town Hall Complex

The complex stretches from 48 to 52 Learmonth Street. It was originally a small hall built in 1870 by the Ancient Order of the Foresters and known as the Original Foresters Hall. This hall was partially demolished in 1888 leaving only the front offices. By 1890 a larger hall was constructed on the same land. This hall quickly became the social centre of Queenscliff, it could hold up to 600 people and hosted a myriad of events including grand balls, mayoral balls, concerts, lectures, salvation army meetings, dancing, tuition classes, theatre, socials, dinners, fairs, council meetings, Foresters Court meetings and it even became a skating ring for a period.

The interior of the hall has gone through some necessary changes over the years, mainly added paint, modern heating, new curtains and various safety



Fancy Dress Ball at the Town Hall.

constructions. However, what is most impressive is that the rare kauri pine floorboards remain from the original construction in 1890. This floor was built especially for ballroom dancing, broadening the possible uses of the hall for Queenscliff's most important social events. The floor is one of the only surviving examples of a kauri timber floor from this era in Australia with this level of integrity. It has remained unsanded and relatively untouched for almost 130 years.

The exterior of the hall has gone through several changes throughout its history. The current entrance to the hall was built in 2008 and is a contemporary interpretation of the entrance to the Original Foresters Hall built in 1870. It is a modern office area that incorporates environmental elements while remaining sympathetic to the historical design elements of its predecessor. The main exception to these changes is the stand out consistently coloured red brick walls of the hall. The extremely strong and simple 'English bond' brickwork has withstood the test of time. Learmonth Street has cemented its spot in the history of Queenscliff and continues to maintain its significance to holiday makers and the local community alike.

Jennifer Sherman, Volunteer
Queenscliffe Historical Society

Letter to the Editor re RSL

'There is huge potential to establish the Fort as more of a showpiece/tourist attraction for Queenscliff.'

In the June/July edition of the Queenscliffe Herald, David Graham wrote suggesting that it could be beneficial if the RSL activities were to be relocated into Fort Queenscliff and more of a feature of the Fort be made at the entrance to the town.

I fully support David's suggestion and would like to expand it further. During the 1970s I served for five years at the Fort when it was operating as the Australian Staff College. It was then, and still is, a unique establishment but sadly there is a difference.

As a fully functioning military establishment in the seventies, the buildings were kept in immaculate order. A carpentry/paint department manned by civilians Alec Murray and Lenny McLeod ensured that buildings received attention as soon as it was required. The ground staff kept the gardens and lawn areas well maintained. A pre-coronavirus tour within the Fort precinct revealed that while the grounds are still well kept, it was somewhat alarming that the same could not be said about the state of some buildings and corrosive rust on some of the gun emplacements.

Many towns worldwide would be honoured to have such an historic facility within their town boundaries but in Queenscliff it seems it is being taken for granted. Funds need to be found for work to be undertaken. I am unaware how many of the facilities within the Fort are in current use but I do know that there is huge potential to establish it as more of a showpiece/tourist attraction for Queenscliff.

Perhaps one way of generating funds for maintaining structures could be a joint project with a local theatre group, dressed in full costume of the era, staging regular re-enactments of firing the first shot in both world wars, which is a small part of the Fort's history. Theatrical history tours around the Point Lonsdale cemetery have been successful, informative and well patronised.

Action needs to be taken sooner rather than later. The longer repairs are left, the worse the situation will become. Rather than place the scenario into the 'too hard' basket, a better approach might be 'this is what needs to be done, how do we achieve it?'

Shifting the RSL into the Fort would enable more funds to be available for repairs for one set of buildings rather than two and would appear as a logical first step.

Denis Walters, Ocean Grove

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Cottage by the Sea

Life through this pandemic seems to be two steps forward, one step back. However, at the Cottage we are pushing forward all the time. We are very pleased to share with you that we recently welcomed the first of many families who will enjoy a break from their everyday lives at our Riptide facility.

The first two families were referred to us by Justice Connect, who support people at risk of homelessness. We know that one week's holiday with us will not solve all the issues these families face, but we hope to offer a comfortable space for them to reconnect, have some fun and create happy family memories.

Accommodation at Riptide is being offered free of charge to families referred by welfare agencies. We provide food and cleaning so families can relax together.

With this new success in our mission to enhance the lives of children and families in need, we've

taken some time to reflect on the incredible journey we've been on over the past few months. Just over three months ago, we welcomed our newest cohort of REEF participants from the northern suburbs of Geelong. Within days, all camps were postponed, schools were closed and nations across the globe went into isolation.

Panic buying set in and as shelves emptied faster than they could be restocked, Cottage by the Sea became aware of an emerging group of people who needed our support. Within two working days of our last camp, we had delivered approximately 100 care packs to vulnerable residents of Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff.

Six weeks later we were delivering over 600 meals a week. That number is now slightly less, but just as numbers seem to be dropping, we receive calls from more people in need as the economic effects of the pandemic continue. We will continue to offer this service for as long as we can.

Building an amazing space for children

With appropriate social distancing and increased hygiene practices, building contractors have been busy creating a new deck that provides a multi-function space for indoor activities and dining. In the colder months, the views of the ocean will allow the children to continue to engage with the outdoors while staying warm and dry. Remote programs

Throughout social distancing restrictions our team have continued to deliver programs to children. Using social media, Zoom and good old Australia Post, we have reached out to over 1,000 children through our Remote Programs.

We have also continued to provide scholarship opportunities to our REEF and Mentor participants. This has gone toward purchasing technology, to support home schooling, and equipment to help children pursue hobbies and extracurricular activities.

CEO Adam Wake

Historical Museum Update

The draft design for the proposed Hub has been in circulation and comments on improvements have been invited by the Borough of Queenscliff Council.

The Museum Committee believes it now has a workable plan and is taking the opportunity to focus on how to best utilise the spaces allocated to the Museum.

A well-credentialed 'Museum Specialist' consultant is about to be appointed by the Committee of Management to assist the architect with this task. We are expecting the result to prove quite spectacular in terms of a totally new visitor experience.

As well as a small increase in the main Exhibition floor space, the basement will be increased in size and serviced by a lift, an improvement that will make it much easier to change displays.

The basement will accommodate the museum's stored archives as well

as providing a Collection Studio for the preparation of displays, accessioning, digitising and cataloguing new items.

Early moves to pack and prepare the contents of the museum for transfer to a temporary storage facility during the rebuild have begun with volunteers who are adhering to numbers and distancing according to the guidelines.

Options for a temporary museum research facility and collection storage are being investigated by the Project Manager and a decision is anticipated shortly.

The Committee is close to selecting the building which it believes can best serve its requirements and is also stepping up its packing processes.

A number of volunteers have been quietly carrying out their work while adhering to their numbers and distancing according to the guidelines.

Eddie Loughnan
QHM Publicity Officer

Guitars for Veterans

This non-profit organization enhances the lives of ailing and injured military veterans by providing them with free guitars and ten free private guitar lessons. Veterans can be of any age or from any service or conflict zone.

"Our primary focus is using the healing power of music to help our veterans. Whether we agree or disagree with the decision to go to war, one thing is for certain, there are men and women who bravely fight for and honourably represent our country. As a consequence of war, many of our soldiers come home with physical and emotional injuries. They need our help. We are not funded by the DVA and we seek our funding through donations of guitars and finance," writes Jim Mavromatis Ambassador for Guitar for Vets Australia.

"We seek out guitar instructors that can gently assist the veteran to learn the basic chords and to play at least three songs. The private lessons are taught by paid or volunteer instructors followed by group sessions, wherever possible, that provide a forum for the veterans to talk and play music with like-minded individuals, many of whom have had similar experiences, emotions and trauma. The music sessions can provide a communal atmosphere. Music has proven to be a catalyst that helps veterans continue on their road to recovery and wellbeing."

Jim experienced chronic Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as a result of the Vietnam War. "In the year 2000, I was a high flying executive one day and a crumpled mess the next. During my recovery, I taught myself to play the guitar, and found during the learning process and playing I discovered my anger and isolation disappeared."

Guitars for Veterans Australia relies on the community for donations of cash, guitars or a location for tuition. Check out the website <https://www.guitarsforvetsaustralia.com> Facebook or contact Jim Mavromatis 0438 843 254.

Queenscliff Men's Shed member Ron North met Jim at the 'Shedding the Blues' session held earlier in the year and sought guitars via their newsletter and the Uniting Church resulting in 16 guitars being donated. To donate guitars in any condition contact Ron 0424 245 453.



Jim Mavromatis with Russel Kingsbury a keen member of Guitar Vets for Australia taking possession of a donated guitar.

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John O'Keefe'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 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.

His borough-based articles and titbits have been a hit with readers.





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Down through the ages (continued) Holidaying at the Point

I have enjoyed holidays off and on at Point Lonsdale for the past sixty 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 visions of the best holiday spot on earth. Mum looks for chooks

At the commencement of each holiday Mum was on a mission to discover the best place to buy fresh chook eggs. Word-of-mouth recommendation was a good starting point and by coincidence the favoured farm gate supplier was found in and around the Springs area.

We ate very well and our lunch, mainly eaten on the beach, consisted of white bread sandwiches with Vegemite spread and some fruit. We often swapped items with other kids and observed to the letter of the law about leaving an hour between eating and re-entering the water. As it turned out this edict turned out to be a load of bull. Eating out

As a family our folks took us out for one big nosh-up each holiday. No fast food, no Uber eats. I'm talking real style with lace trimmed serviettes on the table and on occasions waiters dressed like penguins. On the given Sunday we lunched at guest houses within the Point, as well as giving the Golf Club the thumbs up for top tucker. One

highlight was lunch at The Carlton Hotel in Geelong. Wow, was that swish with little umbrellas floating in your soft drink. Media Promotions

The front beach was the place to be if, as a kid, you wanted to learn to swim, or had a creative bent when it came to building sand castles. The Herald (evening paper) ran Learn to Swim classes in conjunction with the Surf Club. After kids graduated from their final lesson, they were presented with a certificate handed out by Alex Lowe, President of the Surf Life Saving Club and head honcho @ Howden's General store (site of current IGA).

Sand Castle competitions attracted strong numbers with kids vying for the chance to be photographed for appearance in The Sun News Pictorial. It was all a buzz on the front beach in summer.

Rock pools

When the tide went out on the back beach it revealed a series of rock pools. In decades gone by ships had come aground on the same rocks, now they were heaven on a snorkel for a kid to learn about marine life. Strap on those goggles grandma gave you for Christmas, pretend you were Lloyd Bridges and spend hours fascinated as small fish darted here and there. One pool often led to another and who knows, maybe hidden treasure.

A by-product of the marine life was collecting cuttlefish that eventually found its way to the bottom of cockie's cage when we returned to Melbourne.

Lonsdale Cemetery

As young kids we drew breath whenever we passed the cemetery. History tells the tale of the first burial. In the summer of 1864 Blanche Barkly and her governess, Miss Jones, went swimming on the back beach. The two were caught in a strong undertow and carried out. Champion swimmer Sam Currow happened to be on the beach and rescued Blanche Barkly. Miss Jones could not be saved and was the first person buried at the Lonsdale Cemetery. Two years later another youthful grave was dug for a young boy engulfed in a sand slide from the dunes along Ocean Beach. Prior to the cemetery at Lonsdale, bodies were buried in the sand dunes below the lighthouse at the Cliff.

Honour Roll

Eggs - Mrs Anderson. Dairy/ Milk - Mr Rumph and son Doug. Groceries - Alec Lowe. Milk Bar - Chocolates and Ice Cream - Paul Allard. BP Petrol - Gordon Phipps.

I have fond memories of suppliers who kept us fit and healthy with tucker of all sorts during holidays at Lonsdale from the 1950s through to the 1970s. Some we even knew by their Christian names.

By John O'Keefe

Stanley Kramer, you burst my boyhood bubble

During Christmas school holidays in the 1950s Point Lonsdale was my holiday address.

One of my earliest memories as an ankle biter was the sight of the wreck of the SS Time firmly attached to Corsair Rock at the Point Nepean entrance of the Heads. Very few holiday spots in Australia had a shipwreck that was a great way to strike up a conversation.

I well remember Dad explaining how the SS Time came aground during a ferocious storm on August 23, 1949. The 3,100 ton coastal steamer was bound for Melbourne but never made it. Cargo consisted of sugar, in fact 3,000 tons of it, timber and general cargo. Attempts to salvage the boat were undertaken but to no avail. Owner of the SS Time was Australian Steamships who decided to pull the plug. The Corsair Rock had snagged another wreck.

Fake News

As a little nipper I fabricated a story in my mind's eye of how the SS Time was really a pirate boat being chased by another pirate ship with intentions of plundering the ship for the cargo of sugar, timber and no doubt a decent supply of spirits. I do remember telling the pirate story at Show and Tell when I returned to school. On reflection it must have sounded like fake news.

The wreck made headlines and I'm led to believe a consortium of locals pooled \$950 to salvage the wreck and cargo and that investment turned out to be a profitable little



earner. Insurance records show the wreck and cargo had a \$30,000 valuation price tag.

Another entrepreneur used to take ferry boat trips out to the wreck area and passengers would ogle at the rusting wreck. Another memory was the gallery of black and white photos displayed in the front window of Howden's General Store. The photos were pretty scary to a little nipper, the waves were huge.

Along came Stanley Kramer

From 1949 to 1959 the wreck lay there shedding bits and pieces of rusted remains that today are probably lurking somewhere in Davey Jones Locker.

The wreck was a tourist attraction, well sort of, but my pirate story had lost its lustre. In 1959 Hollywood film producer Stanley Kramer arrived with plans to produce a blockbuster movie 'On the Beach'.

Stanley took Melbourne by storm. He imported stars like Ava Gardner, Gregory Peck, Tony Perkins and Fred Astaire. Sequences were shot in and around beachside areas including Queenscliff. Imagine the buzz of Hollywood stars visiting the 'cliff'.

Stanley had written into the script that as Gregory Peck sailed towards the Heads in his submarine his squeeze in the film, Ava Gardner, was to tearfully wave goodbye from the car park outlook at Queenscliff. Whatever Stanley wanted, Stanley got, and that included the removal of the still visible wreck of the SS Time. How could you Mr Kramer? You dismantled the remains and the memory of the SS Time was lost forever. And my pirate concept was sunk.

By John O'Keefe

The mystery of the plane at the Point

Thanks to Point Lonsdale identity Trevor Lee he joined the dots about the mystery plane once situated near the corner of Point Lonsdale Road and Ocean Road, Point Lonsdale.

Historical records reveal that the plane was owned by Norm Hunt, who with his brother Doug, were cray fishermen in

Tasmania. Norm purchased the fuselage to strip it for parts for his boat (cables,

Fuselage was placed on blocks next to the Tea Rooms owned by Norm Hunt's parents.

Liz Cooper (nee Newman) added another piece to the puzzle with memories of how she, her brother Robbie and a cheeky neighbour John Newman, used to spend endless time playing on the plane. John (Sam) Newman went onto make a name for himself playing 300 games for Geelong FC, as well as chief stirrer on Channel 9s Footy Show.

By John O'Keefe



John's article stirred up memories for Ben Blair of Pt Lonsdale who provided this photo.

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The Drains of Queenscliff

Drainage and sanitation have always been topical and front line questions in Queenscliff. Apart from the health issues, Council expenditure on such infrastructure was always an issue particularly for the small Borough. After all, drains are rarely seen or heard. Only the outfalls or the clogged drains become the obvious scenes of function or disfunction. Clearing blocked drains was a constant cry and night soil was a place few dared to tread.

The drains around Hesse, King and Learmonth Streets are an interesting case in point. Open spoon drains pathed in bluestone still form part of the drain network that run north into Swan Bay. These are still evident in original form and provide unique features of the streetscape. Two old flow pipes also remain running onto the beaches to the south. The old flow pipe at Shortland's Bluff beach and La Trobe's pool was only dismantled within the last decade. However, significant stormwaters flow from both pipes.

Queenscliff's forefathers realised that good drainage systems were essential to good health and air quality.

Draining into the open seas and waterways was not seen as an issue in that day and age. Much of Queenscliff's drainage works took place in the early 1890s and no doubt residents' stormwater systems utilised this loan funded facility.

While Council had the responsibility of utilizing ratepayer funds the benefits accruing to non-ratepaying Government institutions or properties caused a sense of inequality and no doubt some angst amongst the locals who copped the rates.

In the early days drainage matters were made more complex with the Fort occupying the headland and also a large number of non-rate paying government houses. Who ultimately footed the bill for such drainage works occasionally created some interesting Council discussions.

The drainage issue was also compounded by the topography of the land and an evident lack of drain cleaning from time to time. The high ground around Hesse, Gellibrand and Mercer Streets caused water to sit naturally in Learmonth Street and King Street. This area became a notable flooding zone and referred to in the press as 'our old friend'. Recently Council has set aside borrowings and gained grant monies of over \$300,000 as part of the South Hesse Street works that will outfall into the heritage Dry Moat and continue out to the beach.

Early this century an old water well was located at the Bowls Club King Street entrance that served as a pool or reservoir that acted as a means of watering the croquet and bowling greens. The locals according to Jack Beazley sometimes used it as a swimming pool before being scurried out by the crown land ranger, Dave Hutchins. This collection point has always been a troublesome issue before and after drains were laid in the main streets.

In 1891 Cr. Adman's, who owned a number of properties in Learmonth Street, had suggested the raising of Learmonth Street to overcome the natural falls. In December 1891 a reply came to Councillors that owing to the cost, the surveyor was asked to estimate the probable cost of connecting the King



The pipe drain entering the bay at Ocean View Lookout

Street drain to Hesse Street below the tennis court. Notably it is this drain over 100 years later continued to cause flooding in the vicinity. In 1892 a plan from Mr McWilliams to upgrade the drain in King Street between Hesse and Learmonth Street was costed at £240. That cost raised a few eyebrows amongst councillors.

The 1890s Depression was no doubt driving hard bargains throughout the country and possibly Council felt there should a sharing of the load amongst levels of government.

At that same meeting a motion for a proposed loan was tabled. The loan was to be devoted to a large set of infrastructure priorities and works that reflected a grand vision of Council works.

Cr. Sheehan tabled "That with a view to the borrowing of monies for the construction of permanent works within the Borough, this Council do, at its next meeting, consider the amount of the loan and the proposed expenditure thereof and give the surveyor instructions to prepare plans and specifications and estimate of cost of said works and that the Council, at a meeting to be held 1st March 1892, agree as to the amount for which debentures are to be raised, the rate of interest and the amount to be set apart as a sinking fund."

The mover briefly gave his reasons for tabling this notice. He said that it was his intention to procure a loan of £5000; pay off the balance of the old loan, and then they would have £3500 left for necessary works. Some of the works he would like to see carried out with the money would be:-

1. Completion of asphalt footpaths, Gellibrand st. from Symonds at to King Street.
2. Formation of Geliibrand st from Symonds to King Street.
3. Drains, Hesse Street, Learmonth at and Stokes Street to be asphalted.
4. Mercer Street from Hobson Street to King Street pathway to be asphalted and street properly formed and drained also to Symonds Street.
5. Hobson Street - Asphaltting footpaths, Gellibrand Street to Mercer Street. Stevens Street.

6. Asphaltting footpaths, Stokes to King Street and drainage where required.

7. Flinders Street - Formation to Swan Pond Street.

8. King st. Asphaltting and forming from Stevens st and drainage

9. Maintenance of main roads.

10. Construction of machinery for treatment of refuse.

11. Fencing etc of reserves.

12. Disposal of night soil.

13. General works where required and an improvement of Fishermen's Reserve.

Such a plan did not go unquestioned. Possessing firsthand knowledge of plumbing, sanitation and drainage issues around Queenscliff, Edward Robson outlined his alternative plan. A plumber by trade and running his own business in Ballarat and Queenscliff, Edward Robson was both a critic of works and a suggester of alternative treatments.

Messrs E. Robson and Son wrote to Council as follows: "Having a desire to improve our beautiful little town, we take the liberty of submitting the following economic method of flushing the gutters of the principal streets for your consideration viz, a ten or fifteen horse power Presman's patent oil engine to be erected near the sea shore, close to the Bluff and pilot's carpenter's shop, and a shaft sunk sufficiently deep to ensure a constant supply of water. This shaft would be required to be timbered. The engine to pump and force the water through a six inch pipe to the highest part of Gellibrand Street with a valve to shut it off the water when not flushing the gutter in that street. The pipe to be continued south around the corner to King Street and extended to Hesse Street, with valve No. two to flush that street. The fall to the south at the upper part of Hesse Street, would not materially interfere, as the volume of water would force its way. The water would rise only a few inches and then commence to flow. The piping to be extended again to Mercer Street and continued to the top of the hill at Mercer Street, with a reducing tie and valve, the water to flow both ways, south and north, with a smaller outlet of the tie to the south. The same to be repeated in Stephen

street an outlet and valve at the rise in King street could flush both ways east and west as required. The pipes and valves could be extended at any time to any street in the town. To flush and drain King Street opposite the Royal Hotel a tunnel through the hill to Swan Bay will be required.

This simple and easy manner of flushing and cleaning and carrying all the gutter drainage clean away into the creek at the bottom of Hesse and Gellibrand streets, including shaft, engine and shed, piping and tunnelling, would cost about one thousand pounds also including valves.

No sweeping or cleaning would be required. Hoping to interest you in this matter, and that the flushing of the Queenscliff gutters will receive the attention which the matter deserves when the improvements are under consideration for which, we are given to understand some financial arrangements are about to be entered into."

Council moved to respond to the letter. Cr. Sheehan, in moving his own notice of motion, re the infrastructure loan, said that he did not want to force the matter but wished Councillors to have ample time to consider the question.

By July 1893, Council admitted the underground drainage was completed at great cost and with a huge overdraft. The community can be thankful that these visionary forefathers established a comprehensive drainage system that still functions somewhat today. Even then a letter was forwarded to the Defence Department stating "the drainage from the officers' quarters in Gellibrand Street in conjunction with the lighthouse quarters is greatly complained of as a nuisance and a source of danger as well as loss to the people in the immediate vicinity." The Council thought it reasonable and appropriate that the Government should assist in connecting these drains to the main in Hesse Street south given that no rates are collected from the army quarters which housed a number of families. Moving through the drain systems of railway, military and public works bureaucratic infrastructures was proving to be a taxing issue for Council. Despite the well laid drains one spot continued to be an issue and acerbated by a lack of maintenance.

The King Street drain in particular earned its own celebrated notoriety and was even dubbed by locals as 'our old friend'.

A heavy tropical rainstorm in February 1927 was reported on by the Geelong Advertiser. The rainstorm caused many drains to overflowing and caused flooding in Queenscliff as rain water encircled houses and 'our old friend the drain leading to the Bowling Club reservoir in King Street became blocked and formed the usual lagoon'.

No doubt Edward Robson would have been turning in his grave thinking if only Council had gone the full flush.

By David Connoley

The Indus Valley Civilization had advanced sewerage and drainage systems. All houses in the major cities of Harappa and Mohenjo-daro had access to water and drainage facilities. Waste water was directed to covered gravity sewers, which lined the major streets.



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When you read about the fires that are destroying the Amazon Rainforest for farming and logging what did you think? When you learned about the gradual extinction of koalas in New South Wales due to logging and clearing, what did you do? When you now read about the damage being done in the Bunny Woods of Point Lonsdale what action will you take?

The importance of the Amazon Rainforest to life on earth is well documented, and none of us want to lose our koalas, but how many of us are aware of the vital importance and fragility of the Bunny Woods in our own backyard?

This small patch of land, wrapping along the front beach foreshore adjacent to Royal Park, houses one of the last remnants of Coastal Moonah Woodland that covered Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale up to 200 years ago. By doing nothing we allow this gradual destruction to continue or we can act to protect our environment heritage?

What is Coastal Moonah Woodland, and where is it?

Before European settlement, Coastal Moonah Woodland (CMW) likely dominated coastal areas in southern Victoria. CMW is a plant community with Moonah, Wirilda Wattle and Coast Tea-Tree providing a canopy for plants like Thyme Rice Flower, Coast Beard-Heath, Coast Swainson Pea and Spear Grass. This community generally forms a low, open or closed shrubland or wood-land.

There are remnants of CMW in Gippsland, the Otway Plains, the Mornington and Bellarine Peninsulas and the Ocean Grove Nature Reserve. In Mornington the largest remnant occurs in Nepean National Park - take your car or bike on the ferry and have a look one day. CMW, most of which is

now significantly degraded, occupies less than 9% of its original extent on the Mornington Peninsula. In Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale we have even less than that. Our main remnants on public land are along Ocean Road at the Point Lonsdale back beach, Rip View Lookout, Bunny Woods, The Narrows, and Victoria Park in Queenscliff.

Coastal Moonah Woodland is listed as a threatened community under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988. However, we are seeing its gradual destruction in several local areas, including our Bunny Woods and Rip View Lookout.

Why is Coastal Moonah Woodland important?

CMW mainly occurs on the more stable hind dunes. The plants stabilize the dunes (less erosion and less sand in your face), provide clean air, stabilize the water table, and contribute to soil development. They provide habitat to insects, birds (like the chirpy, multi-coloured Rainbow Lorikeets) and other small animals.

Because there are now only a few remnant pockets of CMW, several plants and animals are now threatened, such as the Coast Helmet-Orchid, Leafy Greenhood, Long-Nosed Bandicoot, White's Skink, Yellow Admiral Butterfly, Fiddler Beetle, and Bluetail Damsel.

What is the problem in Queenscliff?

We have seen a gradual decline in the size and health of our surviving Moonah Woodlands due to agriculture and residential development. The remnant areas are severely threatened by invasive weeds and human impacts. Recently we have seen an accelerated decline in both the Point Lonsdale Rip View Lookout woodland and the Bunny Woods.

BMX and trail bike riders have

taken to Victoria's parks and woodlands in larger numbers in recent months.

Families are looking for healthy entertainment during long periods of screen-bound home-schooling. People have been doing exactly this at the Rip View Lookout for decades, so why is it an issue now? Bigger, jumpier bikes are becoming increasingly popular and the lure of 'naturally' created trails and tracks within parks and woodlands, complete with jumps and embankments have simultaneously increased in popularity. In the process, Moonah and Wirilda saplings have been destroyed, branches broken, tree roots damaged, earth compacted, and native shrubs and grasses crushed. From March to June (during COVID lockdown in particular) the Bunny Woods have been seriously damaged, as has the woodland behind the Rip View Lookout.

What can we do about it?

If we want to retain our last remnant Moonah Woodlands we cannot just walk past. We need to learn about it and care for it. If you see someone riding a bike in our Bunny Woods or at Rip View Lookout or building bike tracks, please take the time to explain why these woodlands are endangered and vital (nicely!). Or, you could tell Queenscliffe Councilors or Council staff that these areas are still being damaged and that this issue is important to you. Or, if you are keen for BMX and trail bike riders to have some fun riding in town, encourage the council to find an alternative site for bike trails, such as the Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall site.

For the Coastal Moonah Woodlands we are witnessing their death by a thousand cuts. We are not the Amazon Rainforest, nor are we home to NSW's koala habitat - but this is our backyard and what we choose to walk past is what we get.

Michael Grout, Queenscliff

Humans in Geelong

Bells Beach 50 Year Storm

"One year a wave washed in so far that it almost put our fire out and got spectators shoes wet! We were all cracking up about it and thought it had to be a cheeky message from Shaun," recalls Carlo Lowdon.

Carlo is talking about the Bells Beach 50 Year Storm Invitational big wave event (@bellsbeach50yearstorm, a local surfing community initiative opening up important conversations about mental health. More than that, it commemorates a life that was tragically lost, and symbolises the hope and support of people who care.

"The idea of a big wave surf event dedicated to Shaun Brooks who died after a long battle with his mental health, was initially founded by Gareth Habelle (@habbertron).

Shaun, a former World Junior and Victorian Open champion, took his own life in 2012 after a long battle with mental illness. The event channels the fabled history of Bells Beach, with the name a cheeky reference to the 1991 cult movie, Point Break, where the lead character Bodhi paddles out at Bells in the '50-year storm' never to return."

Carlo explains that the event makes a positive difference to the

mental health of many, by raising funds, awareness and education in our local community. This is an amazing achievement even though they've patiently waited years for the storm swell to arrive that will make for an exceptional big wave contest.

"We haven't run the event yet in three years. We are hoping for the perfect conditions in 2020, if restrictions can allow us to run later in the year. So far, over \$20,000 has been raised to benefit mental health programs in Torquay.

We support the organisations One in Five (oneinfive.com.au) and Head Space (headspace.org)."

Bells Beach 50 Year Storm have a strong presence on Instagram, where organisers regularly post bios of surfers invited to participate based on votes from the public. And despite the official event date so far elusive, organisers mark the occasion annually pending global pandemics!

While we wait for the waves, the message is simple: "Talk to your mates, and ask the hard questions. Please, if you feel this way, reach out to your friends or one of our partners for help."

By Sarah Treacy



"Each year a welcoming ceremony is held at Bells. Some words are said, we have a traditional indigenous smoking ceremony to welcome the invitees and then all have a party wave together." - Photo courtesy of Steve Ryan.



Bellarine Community Health Services Update

COVID-19 shutdown and on-going restrictions have resulted in significant wait times for some BCH services. Podiatry appointments in particular are being prioritised based on clinical urgency. Clients on the wait list will be contacted by BCH for an appointment.

"The COVID-19 lockdown was unprecedented, and the restrictions are still changing. BCH like many services and businesses has been severely impacted. We are very sorry the impact this is having on our clients, but working hard to return services as quickly and safely as possible," said CEO Shane Dawson.

BCH is prioritising the return of group exercise programs to ensure we can operate safely under COVID-19 restrictions and taking a cautious approach as many clients are in a high risk category from COVID-19. Plans are in place for general public use of the gym in the coming weeks but no firm date has been set.

BCH Drysdale will reopen from Monday 6 July for Podiatry, Physiotherapy, Diabetes Education and Counselling appointments. Eric Tolliday Units

In 2019, the Bellarine Community Health Board committed to redevelop the Eric Tolliday Units largely vacant

for several years following decisions made by previous BCH Management.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, work has been undertaken regarding potential costs of redevelopment, various models of operation and potential funding sources.

Decisions about the units must take into account the current arrangements and contracts for existing residents with regards to their future health and wellbeing needs.

BCH Capital Works Manager reports that four of the units were given a refresh including painting throughout and new carpet around 4 years ago and new stoves 2 years ago.

TIME FOR A Dental Check-up?

As all general and emergency dental services recommence at Bellarine Community Health (BCH), no-wait dental is currently being offered for private health insurance or full fee paying patients.

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AUSSIE! AUSSIE! AUSSIE!

The postponement of this year's Tokyo Olympics due to Covid-19 has prompted memories of the two Australian Olympics held in Melbourne in 1956 and Sydney in 2000.

In 1956 we were living in the inner Melbourne suburb of Richmond and television had just been introduced. It was an exciting time. Of course, in the early days of television, viewing was only available in black and white and sets were quite expensive and scarce. Various stores selling TVs had televisions on display and running in the hope of prompting a purchase. TV personalities became heroes or heroines overnight. Impersonations of The Cisco Kid, Robin Hood, Zorro and Hopalong Cassidy filled our playing hours. Then there was The Tarax Show and The Mouseketeers.

The biggest television event back then was the telecast of the Olympic Games. They were almost staged in our backyard as we lived less than a mile from the MCG and the swimming stadium.

At the time my younger sister had caught chicken pox and being the sharer she was, was quick to infect my other two sisters and me. The first to recover, she then had the privilege of accompanying Dad to witness Ron Clarke carry the torch into the MCG, much to the chagrin of my oldest sister who had been looking forward to witnessing the historic event.

We never attended any of the athletic events but we were often treated to the roaring of the crowds at the MCG. One memorable Olympic moment occurred well away from where they were being staged. We were visiting Uncle Doug and Aunt Marie. They lived in Coburg, in the shadows of the wall surrounding Pentridge, still an operating prison back then. Uncle Doug sold radios and carried out their repairs in a small shopping arcade not far from their house. He was about to embark on a new venture selling televisions and had just taken delivery of a couple of sets. He had followed the example of many other shops and had turned one around and faced it out towards the street. Mum, Dad and I stood on the footpath with a throng of other people and held our collective breaths as Dawn Fraser swam for and won a gold medal.

There was another day when we went over to Olympic Park just for a look. We never had tickets to see any events but we did manage to see part of one of the minor water polo events. There were a number of empty seats and a kindly gate keeper allowed us in for a look towards the end of the event.

Johnny George, whose family ran the department store Eddie George and Son in Hesse Street for many years recalled his memories of the Melbourne Olympics.

"There was a busload of us from St



Betty Cuthbert winning Gold at the 1956 Olympics

Aloyious Primary school that went to Melbourne. We saw Betty Cuthbert win one of her gold medals. I remember seeing Vladimir Kuts, the champion Russian, win the 10,000 metres. Parry O'Brien the American won the shotput and I remember seeing 'Chilla' Porter jumping for Australia in the highjump. Kevin Gosper won a medal in the 4x400 metre relay."

It was an unforgettable experience for Johnny as were the televised sessions at a neighbour's, back in Queenscliff.

"Toby Martin lived just down from us in Mercer Street, they had a television set that might have been the only one in town. When the Olympics were on, their place was like a cinema, there were so many people there. I remember watching Dawn Fraser, the Konrads and Murray Rose in the swimming events. They were different times."

In 1998, some 18 months before the 2000 Sydney Olympics, there was a call put out through various media outlets for volunteers for the upcoming games. Remembering the excitement around the staging of the '56 Olympics and although still a long way off, I decided to 'toss my hat into the ring'. There were several forms to fill in and applicants were given a list of possible positions and asked to list three preferences in order.

I thought it would be interesting to work in the radio broadcasting area and put that down as my first choice. It was a few months before a letter was received from the Olympic committee. Tearing it open with excitement, I was disappointed to learn I had been unsuccessful.

I consoled myself that at least I had tried. A week went by and another letter arrived from the Olympic committee. I was still disappointed at missing out and as it was probable that it was only a letter of thanks for my application, I placed the letter unopened on a shelf. After a further week I decided I should open it. The letter was confirmation that I had been successful in my second choice and I had been allocated a position in the IBM computer room collating results in the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC). The IBC was a huge hall filled with television studios from all the countries involved in the games and each gold medal winner would attend the centre to be interviewed by their country's television station.

There were a number of information/training sessions in both Geelong and Melbourne before making it to Sydney and accommodation was at a premium. It was up to volunteers to organise and pay for their own lodgings and after outh

much searching I had arranged to spend the whole three weeks of the games at a Youth Hostel in Cronulla.

After being issued with my volunteer uniforms I learned that my shift the first week in the IBC would commence at 6am. As Cronulla was almost a two hour train trip away this meant getting up at 3am to be at the station in time to catch the train.

The night Kathy Freeman ran for gold in the 400 metres I was watching the event on television back in the lounge of the youth hostel. It was packed and we held our breaths as Kathy won for Australia. Former Olympic athlete Raelene Boyle summed up the feeling in the room just after the win with her comment at the end of the call 'What a relief!'

Working in the IBC was an amazing experience. Many dignitaries and notable sports people passed through the centre including the King Of Spain and Mohammed Ali. I never met either but there were many gold medal winners I met on their way to be interviewed.

As volunteers we did receive ticket allocations for a couple of events. The most important one was witnessing the finish of the women's 20km walk. Australia's prominent contender, Jane Saville, was leading the race in the closing stages. We could see her on the giant screens as she was almost enveloped in the shadows of the stadium. I held my breath awaiting the huge roar that would rock the stadium as she entered. To our horror, an official stepped out and disqualified her. The eventual winner entered the stadium to a wall of silence.

There was time to explore in between shifts and the feeling around Sydney throughout the entire Games was surreal with large crowds of people, all with smiling faces. Never having been to Sydney before, I marvelled at the magnificent Opera House and had the experience of walking over the Harbour Bridge.

Two weeks into the Games we were told that journalists were using results information from the internet, rather than the printed copies we were providing. As a result the numbers of volunteers would be reduced. We were told we could go home, spend the week sightseeing, or volunteer for other duties. I decided on the latter and began shifts on gates checking accreditation before allowing admittance into the sporting complex. It would prove to be a fortuitous decision.

On the second last night of the Games there was an announcement made that there would be a number of seats made available for volunteers at the closing ceremony. Tickets would be available at 7am the following morning. I was going to be there but I intended getting there long before 7am. I made my way to the nominated point around 10pm the night before confident I would be one of the first to obtain a ticket. As I rounded the final corner I was floored to see 500 people or more already queued up. Camping overnight was an interesting experience and I did receive a ticket to what proved to be a sensational closing ceremony.

From my limited personal experience, I would have to agree with the announcement made by Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee, at the closing ceremony, that the Sydney Olympics were the 'best ever' but just, in a photo finish with Melbourne.

By Denis Walters



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Masonic Musings

Freemasons Victoria in conjunction with the State Government approval has been granted for Country Lodges in Victoria to resume their normal activities from the 1st August 2000.

From this date the building at 60 Learmonth Street will undergo a thorough clean and repainting internally, commencement of meetings from 12 August 2020, but there will be no dining at the premises until later in the year.

The Westgate Concert Band which was due to perform in the Queenscliff Town Hall on Sunday 23 August 2020 has been cancelled as a result of COVID-19, but hopefully they will be back to entertain us in 2021.

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

Further information regarding Freemasons or this lodge may be obtained by contacting the Secretary, Richard Clark by phone on 0400 553 939 or by email dick@ratutddy.com

Shedding the Blues

The retired or soon-to-be-retired men across the Bellarine and East Geelong are gearing up to restart their face-to-face music sessions after their successful launch in February.

Coordinator, Des Gorman stated that between 15 and 30 guys who love their music have been meeting via Zoom since early March when the Covid-19 restrictions hit.

Many of the men who attended the February launch of this new and innovative way of staying connected through music have availed themselves of the opportunity to learn from each other, play along on a number of chosen songs, as well as discuss a range of men's health issues.

The Shedding the Blues group is delighted that the Queenscliff and District Neighbourhood House has, under strict Covid-19 safety protocols, offered to host the face-to-face restart in early July where a small number of men will further explore the craft of playing Blues and Roots music together.

"The plan is to start small and progress from there," said Des. "Depending on the demand and how our first session goes we plan to have other small groups operating as soon as possible in areas of rock music, folk and country and jazz music in the near future."

The Shedding the Blues group has a dual purpose - to strengthen connections through music and to foster men's health and wellness. "With this in mind and with generous support from the City of Greater Geelong, we have gained the services of The Thrive Movement, Australia to run a series of men's health workshops starting in late July," said Des.

Anyone interested in joining can check out the Shedding the Blues Facebook page or contact Des Gorman at desgorman@bigpond.com or 0407 546 391.

Des Gorman



Shedding the Blues members, Wayne Turnbridge, John Matlen and Ian Zierk playing at the February launch at the RSL hall, Queenscliff.

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Queenscliff Coast Guard News

Easter Raffle an unexpected benefit for local charity volunteers



Boomerang Bags good works boomerang back to them.

Third prize in the Easter Raffle, a \$200 voucher from 360Q restaurant, was won by Mark from Kiama NSW. Unable to accept the prize as he had no plans to visit Victoria in the near future, Mark asked Coast Guard to find a worthy local group to accept the prize. Following discussions with Neighbourhood House Coordinator Greg Thorpe it was suggested that the ladies from Boomerang Bags were the deserving group.

The Boomerang Bag Group has been making bags at the Queenscliffe Neighbourhood House for nearly two years. The bags are made from up cycled donated fabric and given out free of charge to the community at the Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale IGA stores. When Covid-19 hit the ladies banded together to provide Geelong Hospital with much needed nurses scrubs.

In true Boomerang Style each set of scrubs is unique, colourful and much appreciated by hospital staff. The groups eight sewers displayed their unique fashion flair with clothing made from off cuts whilst enjoying 'High Tea' at 360Q.

Operations: June 2020

Requests for assistance = 6. Persons assisted to safe harbour = 12. Value of vessels assisted = \$39,600.

Operational Response Time = 9.25 Hours. June operations included 5 mechanical

breakdowns and 1 snagged anchor. This included two jobs that were resolved before we arrived and we were stood down. A full summary of the 2019-2020 reporting year will appear in next the edition of the Queenscliffe Herald

What happens if you need assistance?

The ONLY number to call is 000. The call will be answered by an Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) Operator who will ask what service you require, Police, Fire or Ambulance. If you have a mechanical problem or need rescue ask for Police. You will then be transferred to the appropriate operator who will take the details of your problem and pass this information to Water Police who will call out the nearest Marine Rescue Asset. This may be Coast Guard, Southern Peninsular Rescue, Volunteer Marine Rescue, Coastwatch Ocean Grove or Water Police, whichever is closest and available. Please advise Water Police from where you launched and if appropriate anchor your vessel.

Naturally, life vests should be worn. We will do our best to get you back to your launch point but our responsibility is to get you to the nearest safe harbour. Volunteers will respond from their home or work having been notified by pager or automated mobile phone call out system. We are not permitted to break traffic

laws to get to our boat however we are well practised in turning out as safely, quickly and efficiently as possible. If you have given Water Police a contact number our skipper may call you to verify details and location. Please answer our call as a priority. On our arrival at your location please follow the instructions of the Rescue Crew. Your full cooperation is paramount in achieving a successful outcome. Lives may be at stake.

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Why refer to a ship as SHE?

In Latin the word for ship is 'Navis', this word was regarded as being of feminine gender as at the time the names for inanimate objects were given gender. Whilst this practice is still acceptable to many, it is interesting to note that Lloyds Register of Shipping now officially refers to a ship as 'it'. Another custom bites the dust. Recreational Boating Operators Licence Course (Needed to get a boat licence)

Due to the Covid-19 situation RBOL courses continue to be 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 in person training. Some training will continue online. Our monthly business meeting is being held online. The Queenscliff Base will remain closed. The Coast Guard vessel CG09 will operate a short weekly run with minimum crew to ensure its preparedness for emergency response. After each operation the vessel receives a deep clean. 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 Covid distance, your life depends on it!

Safe Boating - Ric Lasslett

Bellarine Railway



Just last month the railway had planned to reopen the platform gates to passengers from 28 June. However, following the announcement that restrictions would remain, the reopening was postponed until further notice. While this is a disappointing setback, the need to protect the health of our volunteers, pre-booking passengers and the local community was greater.

Although no passenger services are currently running, the railway has been and will continue to run works trains and test locomotives between Queenscliff and Drysdale at any time of the day. Our volunteers have reported several incidences of the public walking along the track, placing themselves in the danger zone. We remind the community that this practice is prohibited and that care must also be taken when passing over level crossings.

A number of our volunteers have returned to continue with projects both at our workshops (at a social distance) or by taking 'home-work' to do in their garages. One such project reached a milestone at the end of June when the Australian Standard Garrett (ASG) was moved into the Queenscliff workshop. Originally from the Fyansford Cement Works, the steam locomotive is now undercover for the first time since 1964 and will enable the restoration team to continue work out of the elements.

One benefit of the continued closure is the time it allows us to upgrade and improve the track to provide a smoother ride for our passengers. The new Drysdale Bypass Road opened in late June and the construction included the first overpass in the railway's history. With the road work complete, our volunteers have begun on installing a section of 107-pound (48.5kg) rail, which was sourced from the Sandringham line a couple of years ago. The 'new' heavier rail will replace the section's existing 75-pound (34kg) rail and will be welded to help reduce the long term maintenance.

Local assistance and support are always greatly appreciated. Call 5258 2069 about how you would like to help or try one of these suggestions:

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