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Sunday November 29th

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Saturday December 5th

• NICKY BOMBA

Sunday December 6th

• THIS WAY NORTH

Saturday December 12th

• BOB EVANS

Sunday December 13th

• THE BLUES TRAIN SHOWCASE

• Featuring: Jimi Hocking & The McNaMarr Project

Friday December 18th

• GEOFF ACHISON

Saturday December 19th

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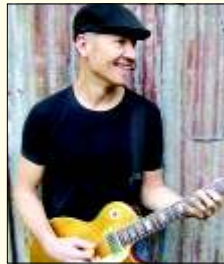
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Ella Hooper



Nicky Bomba



Jimi Hocking

Eric Tolliday Units on hold



A sign of inaction? This sign has been up for 2 ½ years.

Reverend Neil Tolliday, his brother Brian and their sons Ross and Graham were aghast at the board depriving the community and residents a say in decisions affecting their future after reading about the issue last month. They visited residents at ETU and are concerned that social justice issues and compassion should be paramount for those who need it most in our own backyard. Ann Nichol September 2014.

The issue was residents of the Eric Tolliday Units being moved on by Bellarine Community Health (BCH) without the appropriate consultation and the unit site being used for luxurious accommodation for the private sector. Fortunately this was stopped by concerned locals and government intervention.

Six years later only two of 16 units on the site are occupied and according to one resident there has been very little in the way of refurbishment. Given the desperate need for affordable accommodation by many of our ageing population, the time to take action is now.

After several enquiries to BCH over the last three years about the issue BCH has responded with the following or similar statement each time.

"BCH continues to investigate various models of operation for the redevelopment of the Eric Tolliday Units. Over the past several months, a Community Engagement Reference Group has been undertaking research into operating models and has provided feedback to the BCH Board.

Throughout this time, BCH has kept current residents up to date with progress and maintained the needs of those residents as a priority.

Further discussion regarding the Eric Tolliday Units will be on the agenda as part of a Board workshop this month.

Capital funding will be required to further progress the ETU project." - BCH Board Chair Fay Agterhuis.

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News from your local MP

I am extremely pleased to note that the States corona virus case numbers have significantly dropped, particularly in metropolitan Melbourne. This is good news for everyone, especially locally where at the time of writing there were no recorded cases in the Greater Geelong region, including here on the Bellarine Peninsula.

It is heartening to see our local cafes and restaurants reopened, albeit with number restrictions, and regional tourists staying overnight in local accommodation to enjoy all that the peninsula has to offer.

With Metropolitan Melbourne numbers now low and travel restrictions lifted, it will be welcome news for our many cafes, restaurants and accommodation providers.

All going well, it will mean small businesses can look forward to the coming summer months.

It is terrific to see our summer sport seasons commencing. The Bellarine Peninsula Cricket Association has commenced, as too local netball, bowls, tennis and the myriad of other non-contact summer sports.

I take this opportunity to wish every club, every side and every team member well for this coming season. I thank and congratulate all Bellarine residents for their ongoing commitment and effort in fighting this virus. Finally, it is still important that if you are at all feeling unwell to get tested and ensure personal Covid safe practise like hand washing and wearing of masks is a priority for us all.

Funding for Men's Sheds

State Government Grants of \$2,300 are now available for Men's Sheds struggling after being unable to fundraise over recent months.

The funding is designed to assist

the sheds in meeting any urgent expenses they may have so they can reopen as strong community organisations.

Men's Sheds play an important role in providing safe places for men to come together, utilise and teach skills such as woodwork, and in doing so improve the health and wellbeing of their members.

The Bellarine is blessed to have several Men's Sheds, all an important part of their local communities and I thank and congratulate them on their important work.

Grants close 30th of November. More details at providers.dhhs.vic.gov.au/mens-shed-program or contact my office.

Hospitality Business Grants

In mid September the Victorian Government announced a \$3 billion support package to help businesses survive the impacts of coronavirus restrictions and to keep Victorians in jobs. Importantly as part of the package, the Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package was established to assist hospitality businesses adapt their operations to outdoor dining.

I remind local operators that these grants are still available to licensed and unlicensed businesses, including restaurants, cafes, pubs, bars, clubs and takeaway food venues.

Businesses can apply for a grant of \$5,000 which can be used to pay for practical things like umbrellas, outdoor furniture, screens and other equipment. I know many local operators have taken up the grants and have purchased such items.

Full details at the Business Victoria website <https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/business->

resilience-package/outdoor-eating-and-entertainment-package

Importantly, applications remain open until funds are exhausted or the 11 of December, whichever comes first. So for hospitality businesses who have not already done so, I encourage you to make an application for this important and practical grant.

Stay Close, Go Further Regional Tourism Campaign

To further support local hospitality businesses, and with the travel restriction boundaries between Melbourne and regional Victoria now dismantled, the State Government has launched The Stay Close, Go Further campaign. This campaign is focussed on encouraging Victorians to take a break in their home state, including of course, the Bellarine.

The campaign will promote regional Victoria as a holiday destination on television, newspapers, radio and social media. So with summer just around the corner and travel restrictions lifted, I know businesses will be gearing to again welcome holiday makers back to the beautiful Bellarine.

Support for our Kinder Kids

I was recently pleased to announce more than \$250,000 worth of grants for kinders across the region, including \$3,000 for Queenscliff. These grants are designed to help kinders provide specialist assistance to children facing educational disadvantage.

The needs based funding will allow each kinder to tap into the expertise of speech therapists, language and literacy professionals and child psychologists. Research shows one in five children start school developmentally vulnerable and once behind they tend to stay behind in their education. This funding will improve outcomes of thousands of kids across the state.

Free Kinder

In further good news for kinder families, the State Government recently announced free kinder for 2021, saving families thousands of dollars. The investment will not only make sure more kinder kids can access important childhood education, it will make it easier for parents, particularly mums, return to the workforce.

In addition, for families with children in three year old kinder, these

fees will also be significantly reduced.

The Bellarine is blessed to have so many great kinders and I know that this support will be much welcomed by those kinders and the families attending them in 2021.

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

Rolling Pin Bakery is the Gold Standard

Gold Standard: a thing of superior quality which serves as a point of reference against which other things of its type may be compared. Oxford Dictionary.

The Rolling Pin Bakery's Jumbo Chunky Pie has just won the overall best pie in this year's official Great Aussie Pie Competition held in Sydney. The bakery took out a total of 13 medals, 11 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze for their wares.

General Manager Nathan Williams said Covid restrictions prevented

anyone from attending the competition but the pies spoke for themselves. "Winning the overall best pie in the plain pie section is the pinnacle of success that bakers all over Australia aspire to win," said Rolling Pin general manager Nathan Williams. "The staff at our four outlets share in the win and especially our bakers who ensured the winning pie contained the right amount of traditional gravy, onion and seasonings for the perfect pie."



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Your councillors for 2020-2024

Successful candidates from the Borough of Queenscliffe Council elections are:

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GRIGAU Donnie (2nd successful)
GROUT Michael (3rd successful)
SALTER Susan (4th successful)
HEWITT Fleur (5th successful)

Their role as councillors is to share the district's future in consultation with the community. Councillors represent the interests of all electors and residents and make decisions in the best interests of the whole district. They need to provide leadership and guidance to achieve a strong sense of shared purpose.

Below is a reminder of some of the new councillors' pledges.

Ross Ebbels

Ross says he still has a lot to contribute to the Borough, support for small business operators, acknowledged that small things matter to residents, and will ensure council completes its current major projects before taking on new projects.

Donnie Grigau

Stated that the 'top-down' management model hasn't really worked in the past and that it's time the local community became more involved in meaningful decision making. Preserving and promoting the Borough's extraordinary military, maritime and architectural built heritage as a year-round tourism drawcard which supports local businesses.

Michael Grout

Michael believes that when our community develops common purpose with council we build trust and create a better Borough, will act on climate change in our community, supporting local businesses and community wellbeing.

Susan Salter

A former mayor and councillor for two terms she is now tackling a third term. Susan had been active in many areas including the Heritage Review, the Hub development, community listening posts and chair of the Anzac Avenue of Honour committee.

Fleur Hewitt

A new voice for younger families, will take more action on climate change, upgrade our community infrastructure, cut red tape for businesses after Covid-19.

Determining policy

The policy making role of a councillor includes:

- assessing and evaluating community needs
- establishing priorities for the various needs identified
- considering the allocation of local government resources
- convincing fellow councillors of these needs and obtaining their support.

Letters to the Editor in the Queenscliffe Herald have often printed ratepayers and community association requests that councillors take on board the wishes of the ratepayers at the many community consultation sessions, not just write them down and walk away, draw on locals for input in relation to projects small and large, and develop a more open process at council meetings.

A wish list that shouldn't be too hard to manage over the next four years.

LATEST NEWS FROM YOUR FEDERAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

LIBBY COKER
FEDERAL MP
FOR CORANGAMITE



Fair and affordable childcare, an upgraded national energy grid powered by renewables, cheaper energy prices and a National Centre for Disease Control are all part of a vision that I am proud to champion in Corangamite and Canberra.

These goals are part of the Labor Party's platform and will be delivered under an Albanese Government.

Childcare

Our much needed childcare reform would see 97 per cent of families within the system up to \$2,900 better off per year.

Our childcare costs have soared by more than 10 per cent in the last 12 months.

This means many women are not working nearly as much as they would like. The outcome is women adding less economic value, getting less superannuation for their retirement and being left with less confidence.

Importantly this reform allows women to achieve their potential. Economists estimate Labor's childcare plan will generate over \$4 billion annually.

There is a saying in politics: never waste a crisis. The Morrison Government had the opportunity to enact major social and economic reforms that would have been a real game changer for Australians.

Instead they opted to continue with the status quo.

Renewables

I know many of you in our region are crying out for certainty in the energy space – and you're not the only ones! Did you know since 2013, the Liberals have rolled out 22 energy policies and overseen a substantial increase in your energy bills?

Instead we need certainty – we will rebuild and modernise the ageing energy grid.

This will bring 90 percent of supply onto renewables by 2035, lowering your power bill and creating thousands of jobs.

Renewables are our future. It's a shame this Government refuses to accept that.

CDC

COVID-19 has exposed the need for a National Centre for Disease Control.

The last national pandemic preparedness exercise was run by the Rudd Government in 2008.

Labor will introduce the Centre to ensure our nation is better prepared to combat a pandemic.

Labor is not alone in this reform. The Australian Medical Association earlier this year called for the Morrison-McCormack Government to set up a national body. They didn't.

Small business outreach

I am supporting businesses wherever I can. I encourage everyone to shop local and often. I know many are doing it tough. If you do need support please get in contact with my electorate office.

Over the past few weeks, I have been touring around Corangamite visiting as many small businesses as I can.

One thing many businesses are saying to me is they are dependent on JobKeeper and they are fearful of ongoing cuts to the program.

The Federal Budget was a missed opportunity to extend JobKeeper for Victoria.

I will continue to push for the retention of JobKeeper through the crisis.

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What I did in lockdown



Research interns from Monash University, Grace Packer and Phillippa Simon, undertook a remote internship as part of the Monash University 'Work Integrated Learning' program at the Queenscliffe Historical Museum.

"During our placement we worked on researching the social and cultural effects of Covid-19 restrictions on local residents," said Grace. "Through a series of online surveys and interviews we gathered data from residents, community groups, schools and businesses to piece together an accurate picture of the current situation in the Borough of Queenscliffe. From early August to late October we received an overwhelming response from the community. We had 162 participants respond to our surveys, and held 13 in-depth interviews with key community figures such as CEO of the Borough Martin Gill, Mayor Ross Ebbels, and Sam Edwards and Bill Kerr from charity organisation Cottage by the Sea.

Summarising our findings, we saw a trend of negative impacts on business, particularly those that rely on events and tourism, and a great loss of social connection in the community.

The data also shows that primary school students are enjoying more time with their families (48% saying it is the best part about lockdown), and residents in general are feeling more grateful for their community and environment.

Many locals have used this time to develop new hobbies or pursue existing ones. Gardening being one of the most common (35%), but

kombucha making and ukulele playing also get mentioned.

The data and images collected during this research are being used to create a video to tell the story of lockdown in Queenscliffe, and we hope our findings will allow future historians and residents to better understand the unique experience of living through a global pandemic in the Borough."

The full report is available upon request by emailing research@queenscliffe-history.org

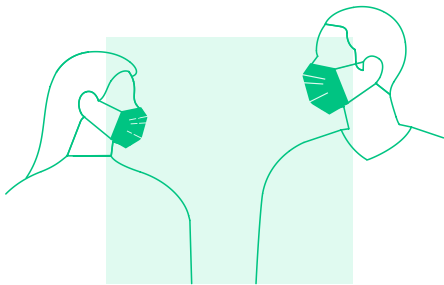
First Nations people and fireys keep traditions alive

Traditional Owners, firefighters, vegetation management officers come together to preserve culturally and ecologically important traditions. We recognise that First Nations people have occupied and cared for our continent for over 65,000 years and we have a lot to learn from their culture.

The Western Victorian Woodlands three-year project partnership between Barengi Gadjin Land Council, CFA, Forest Fire Management Victoria, Trust for Nature, Greening Australia, Bank of Australia, and the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority's \$25,000 grant to fund it.

Supporting cultural burns is part of CFAs Koori Inclusion Action Plan, and CFA works with Indigenous communities across Victoria to promote and conduct the practice.

EVERYTHING WE'RE DOING IS KEEPING US ON TOP OF THIS VIRUS



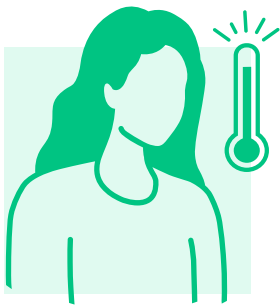
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Scully's at the harbour

There's no better place in Queenscliffe to enjoy a meal while overlooking the harbour. Scully's restaurant offers a wonderful view matched by their delicious menu items.

Starters include San Choy Bao, Samosas and a variety of seafood options - Mussels, Scallops and Prawns. Scully's extensive wine list is 80% sourced from the Mornington Peninsula, Geelong and Torquay. Ice-cold beer comes from Prickly Moses, Furphy and Flying Brick, Little Creatures.

Lunch & Dinner offerings include vegetarian, Tandoori chicken, Wagyu beef and lamb burgers; Seafood chowder and Marinara, Risotto, Pork ribs and of course Fish'n'chips.

There's a list of tempting desserts and the kids have their own menu to choose from.

Nick has been in the hospitality industry for 11 years after studying commercial cookery, hospitality, food and science gaining advanced diplomas. Not bad for a former chippie with aspirations to build his own hospitality business

Q Cafe & Bar

Nick's not one to rest on his laurels. He's taken over nearby Charlie Noble that will be launched early in December as the Q Cafe & Bar open from 8am for breakfast till 9pm or later for drinks and light

meals and Pizza delivery.

Breakfast from 8-11.30am offers the Q Big Brekky, Pier Pancakes with fruit, Marina Muesli.

Lunch - Calamari, Burgers, Pizzas and more. The menu will evolve closer to the opening.



Nick with Jordan and Alex belong to a team of 10, mostly locals, working at Scully's and Q Cafe & Bar.

Scully's is open for lunch and dinner over summer.
Bookings are recommended to avoid disappointment on 5258 4377.

360Qs Pivot & Innovation Award

Restaurateur extraordinaire Barry Iddles of 360Q says winning the 2020 Pivot & Innovation award as part of the Victorian Restaurant and Catering Association Hostplus Awards for Excellence made him and the staff very proud.

The award recognised 360Q crew's delivery of isolation meal packs, Zoom cooking classes and gourmet takeaway meals.

"The award was for our innovation and pivoting during Covid," beamed Barry. "And for our assistance to other restaurants and businesses giving advice and ways to change and survive in extremely difficult times."



Blues Train live streams events

"It's usually around this time of year the Blues Train is ramping up for end of year parties and functions every Friday and Saturday night!" said the Blues Train's Hugo T Armstrong "Unfortunately, the Coronavirus has put a massive dampener on our end of year plans. It's times like this that make us really miss shaking, rattling and rolling along the rails with you all."

That's why we're excited to announce a series of live Blues Train Showcase events that will be beamed directly to your device!

As we're still in our hibernation mode until further restrictions are lifted, we'd like to personally thank the City of Greater Geelong through its COVID-19 Arts, Culture and Heritage Recovery Grants Program for funding these FREE online events.

Check out the details for our showcase events below.

Tune in on Monday the 23 November. Lineup: Set 1 - Keith and Harley

Tune in on Tuesday the 24 November. Lineup: Set 1 - John McNamara. Set 2 - John McNamara with Bill Barber

Please note these are live stream events only. Attendance at the venue is not permitted in line with COVID19 requirements.

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Sea All Dolphin Swims

Sea All director James Murphy says 2020 has been the most challenging year he and his crew have ever experienced. Despite the challenges Sea All Dolphin Swims were able to re-write Geelong Business Awards history by becoming the first business to win three awards in an event. Awards included Tourism and Hospitality, Business of the Year and Young Entrepreneur of the Year for Sea All director, James Murphy.

For 24 years, passionate locals have helped to shape the business into becoming an industry leader in marine education, customer experience and service safety. The world-renowned tour operator attributes much of its success to the service excellence of its team members past and present and the continued support from the local community.

Sea All's motto, 'Do more than just run a business' has helped to create partnerships and develop innovations which are helping to improve the health of the bay.

Sea All recently incorporated a new organisation www.soel.org.au introducing new recycling machinery by collecting bottle caps from the public and will deliver marine plastics recycling education sessions for school age children next year. Sea All and SOELs hope

throughout this is to empower students to do more for the place where we live.

If you want to get involved with SOELs projects head to the website and become a member. Also keep an eye out for SOELs upcoming Christmas Raffle with \$5000 worth of prizes pledged by local businesses.

Sea All Dolphin Swims are operating tours daily, they have attained the national COVID

safe accreditation and current legislation restricts group sizes to 10 clients per tour. These restrictions will ensure ample space on all tours, helping to create some of the greatest memories in the business's long history.

There has never been a better time to get on board and the best present this Christmas will be a Seal and Dolphin Swim Tour Gift Voucher found at www.dolphinswims.com.au

By supporting Sea All you will be supporting a business that is doing their best for the local community and the beautiful place that we call home.



Some of the crew, Mitch, Leah and Madi with James who says it's their passion and expertise that helps make Sea All Dolphin Swims an award-winning experience.



Queenscliff - Pt Lonsdale Lions "We serve"

It is wonderful to know that we are slowly regaining some "normality" in life. We are planning that the Lions Club will be slowly resuming its work in the community.

Like so many other organisations, we have struggled through most of this year with our projects. Our fundraising efforts have been hit especially hard. The reality is that the club will have to look at what it can do in the community at a practical level where we don't have a big financial commitment.

Lions Christmas cakes

At this time of year, we are looking to sell our famous Lions Christmas cakes. They will be available from the usual outlets in both Queenscliff and Pt Lonsdale or you can order one directly through the club. We can even arrange delivery! Please call either of the following Lions: Dennis Clarke 0410 637 507, John Thorpe 0418 518 850.

Disaster relief

It will not surprise many people that Lions Clubs all over the world have still been working away in the background during these troubled times. Lions still provide relief where disasters happen, no greater proof has been with the efforts made in the aftermath of our terrible bush fires. So many projects have been undertaken to help the people affected by fires to take some early steps to restore their lives.

Water is the very staple of life, and Lions recognised that this is critical to any community. One of the very first projects that Lions undertook in Gippsland and southern NSW was to supply and deliver water tanks. Lions also collected all manner of tools and equipment for people to start their own work towards reestablishing their lives.

The Lions Club of Queenscliff-Pt Lonsdale, with a magnificent donation of \$5000 from the Queenscliff Bowls Club, were able to donate almost \$25,000 to the bushfire relief program. The best part of these donations is that there is no administrative or payment to workers taken from it. All of the money was used to provide what was needed. It was also done in a timely manner.

Lions Clubs Youth Exchange program

We are planning a youth camp to be held in April 2021, during the school holidays. Youth camps are a great example of the Lions motto "to create and foster a spirit of understanding amongst the peoples of the world". The program has run for almost 50 years with young people from all over the world coming to Australia and being hosted with Lions families. In return, many young Aussies have had life changing experiences with the same program in overseas countries. This year has been brought to a sudden halt to this program and we don't know when we will be able to resume it.

The diabetes camp will keep the program alive and relevant to young people. Diabetes research and assistance is a major project of Lions Clubs International with a global focus.

Our camp will be a week long for young people aged 16 to 20 years who have Type 1 diabetes. It will be held in Queenscliff at YMCA Camp Wyuna. The camp is being run in conjunction with the Australian Lions Youth Exchange committee and the Lions Diabetes Committee.

If you know a young person in the age bracket who has Type 1 diabetes, please contact us. It will be a great opportunity to meet other young people in a similar situation, make friends and learn more about diabetes. During the camp, one activity will include participation of the local community. It will be a part of the Lions Clubs "Lap the map" walk that raises funds for diabetes research. It will involve walking a set course in Queenscliff with the young people and looking for answers to question along the way. It will be like the old time car trials that were once popular. More information in future editions of the Queenscliffe Herald.

Interested in becoming a volunteer through Lions?

Our local Lions Club is a vibrant enthusiastic group of volunteers who give 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 put something back into the community - we would like to hear from you.

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Speed demons of the past

By John O'Keefe

The year is 1932 and the Geelong Motorcycle Club (GMC) was very active in organising events including Reliability Trials covering a 74 mile course in and around the You Yangs, Anakie, Darriwarah, Meridith, Streglitz, Maude and back to Geelong. Onlookers lined local streets as the daredevil riders worked their bikes to perform their best.

Club members were keen to find a practice track for racing. By chance, an eagle-eyed member spied a possible track near Point Lonsdale. The land had been used for training horses and the Geelong Motorcycle Club had aspirations to use the track for

horse power of a different nature - motor cycling.

A rental agreement was struck for use of the oval shaped shell grit surface. Then along came the start of the war and club members dwindled.

Fast forward to 1950 and the land was sold to Lakers for shell grit mining and GMC members were anxious to still use the track. Some riders recorded speeds of up to 70mph and the popularity of motor cycling boomed.

The track even had a name, the Bonnievale Racing Circuit. To pinpoint the location the race track was situated on the right hand side of Queenscliff Road, at the bottom of

Members of the Geelong Norton Motorcycle Club outside Tom Moloney's bike shop on the east side of Moorabool Street in 1930.



the hill from Suma Park. Land and track was prone to flooding in winter.

An interesting aside was motorcycle drivers of the era used their race vehicles for daily work as well. This meant drivers had to dismantle headlights, add racing numbers, and vice-versa for the return trip home. As the speed of machines increased over the years the track was modified by putting dog legs in the straights to slow down the motorised dare devils.

Any readers with additional information about the Bonnievale Racing Club are invited to contact me on okc@okc.com.au

Flashback to the 1950s

By John O'Keefe

They're off and racing

It was Labour Day holiday, 1950 and a long weekend. There was an unusual buzz early morning in Hesse Street with people scurrying here and there at twice their usual pace. Everyone had a smile on their face, including the merchants who were doing brisk business. Then it all came clear, today was the annual Picnic Race Meeting with a six race card at the Queenscliff Race Club located on the corner of Fellows Road and the road to Ocean Grove.

As the morning drew closer to the first race, The Handicap Maiden Plate at 1.50pm, a steady stream of automobiles made their way to the racetrack. It was a family day and most patrons had gone to considerable trouble to look fashionable and prosperous. Locals connected with their chums, and visitors from around the Bellarine had their bets planned long before they arrived at the track.

The track looked immaculate as the grass had been cut especially for the meeting at a cost of two guineas. Patrons set up their picnic tables festooned with the obligatory check gingham table cloth and the Publicans Booth got off to a roaring start with tips traded and frothies consumed. The local law enforcers patrolled the event and all was

without drama except for a bit of harmless push and show amongst the overly refreshed. Jockeys, trainers, owners chatted between races and much back slapping was the unofficial way to say 'G'day, mate.'

The meeting was run under the rules of the Victoria Racing Committee, patrons paid one guinea for a family of four to attend. The race book cost an extra shilling, parking was free. Bookmakers paid two guineas to conduct business trackside.

The prize pool was one hundred pounds. There were few expenses spared with a Radio Unit and Broadcaster being imported for the

day. The Broadcaster received a tidy three guineas. Local businessman Alex Laker was official Timekeeper and he kindly supplied water for use on the day.

Following the last race the Club President Mr F.J. Buckley had the distinction of presenting a riding whip to the winning rider, Miss Hatfield.

By 5.45pm the Picnic Meet was done and dusted until 1952, the Publicans Booth got a stay of execution for a little longer. The bean counters tallied up Receipts versus Expenditure and a very commendable profit of sixty seven pounds was divvied up amongst local charities.

If readers have any further info about the Queenscliff Racing Club we would love to hear about it, with a view to publishing further episodes. Send brief details to okc@okc.com.au

At the Queenscliff Races.
Courtesy of:
Queenscliffe Historical
Museum.



Queenscliffe Museum relocated

The contents of the Queenscliffe Historical Museum have been moved further down Hesse Street to its temporary home at the Tavern for approximately two years while the HUB is being built.

Both floors had been packed up, labelled and recorded in computer files and relocated to three sites including the Tavern, they could be identified and unloaded where they could best serve the interests of the community and visitors.

The now derelict building evoked many glorious memories of fine, informative displays the Museum had created making use of the valuable and precious artifacts it had protected for over five decades.

The last act in this episode relates to the contents being unloaded into the Tavern where IT contractors were dropping cables through holes in the ceiling to install the security system. The next step involves volunteers unpacking the contents delivered to the Tavern and best utilising the space available. But that is another story.

Eddie Loughnan, Volunteer QHM

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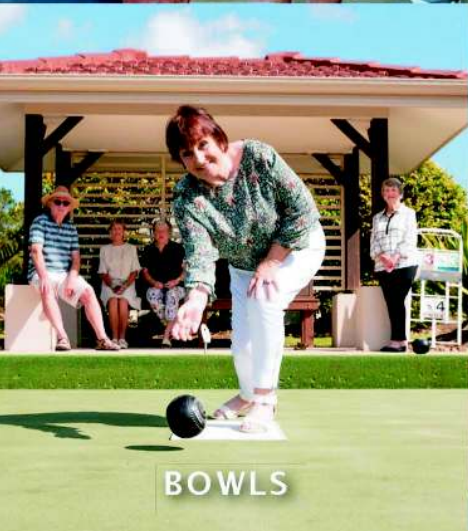
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Flight of Fujita

For residents of the Borough of Queenscliffe, WWII never felt all that far away given the amount of defence personnel that were stationed in the region's various army camps. Rumours swirled that there were as many 4-5,000 military men and women that resided in Point Lonsdale and Queenscliffe during the second great conflict of the 20th century. While the fear of invasion was widespread in the Borough and indeed the country, a direct attack on Victorian land thankfully never came. There was one day in 1942, however, that threatened to contradict this fact. A day in which Australian military intelligence realised that the southern reaches of the continent were not immune from enemy infiltration.

In the early hours of February 26 the I-25 submarine belonging to the Japanese Imperial Navy surfaced off King Island. Undetected by Australian Navy patrols, the I-25 launched a tiny Yokosuka float plane which was commandeered by experienced pilot Nobuo Fujita as well as his trusty observer Shoji Okuda. The reconnaissance plane flew to Cape Otway and followed the Surf Coast till it hooked inland over Point Lonsdale toward Melbourne. The daring Japanese duo were spotted over Queenscliff by soldiers at the Fort. Bombardier Stan Evans recalled this historic, yet little known, day in Australia's wartime history and remembered the event occurring whilst he casually conversed with a comrade as they watched other soldiers disassemble the anti-Aircraft guns for their morning maintenance. The conversation between the pair was suddenly interrupted by an aircraft engine and gazing skyward they spotted a "dark coloured seaplane approaching" at a height of "only a few hundred feet". The plane generated a great deal of panicked excitement after it was realised that it sported the "red filled identifying circles of Japan on its wings". Evans recalled clearly seeing the pilot (Fujita) and the observer (Okuda) as the aircraft soared over the Fort. The observer sat in the rear seat and, according



to Evans, had his machine gun pointed directly at the stunned bombardier. The audacious pair continued and followed the Port Phillip Bay coastline observing Melbourne, St. Kilda, Brighton, Sandringham and Frankston in the process. On an intelligence gathering mission, they observed 6 warships, a light cruiser and 5 destroyers in the Bay. Fortunately for Victoria, this was considered a comparatively small amount of shipping which was lucky as the US Navy were known to dock far larger amounts of their fleet in the Bay at certain times. Had there been more Navy ships docked in Melbourne then it is highly likely there would have been a follow up Japanese attack like the ones that devastated Darwin. Their mission, however, was a success for the Japanese as the seaplane returned safely to its mothership off King Island with ample information on the layout of Victoria's defences. Fujita and Okuda, however, had no idea how lucky they were to return unscathed as during their flight over an AA battery at Williamstown they were noticed by the gunners on the ground. An argument played out amongst the soldiers as to whether it truly was a Japanese plane and by the time they all agreed that it was - the plane had sailed safely out of range.

Interestingly, these same two Japanese airmen in the same diminutive plane were the only enemy servicemen to successfully attack mainland America. In an effort to lure the US Navy out of the Pacific and back to protect the



Undetected by Australian navy patrols the I-25 Japanese submarine launched a tiny Yokosuka float plane commandeered by experienced pilot Nobuo Fujita and his trusty observer Shoji Okuda.

mainland, the I-25 surfaced off the coast of Oregon where the two practised airmen took flight but this time, they planned on making their mark on America. Carrying incendiary bombs, they released their load over the damp forests of Oregon on September 9 1942 a mere 7 months after their bold flight over Victoria. While the ensuing wildfires didn't achieve a whole lot militarily it was still a psychological boost for the Japanese and transformed the pair into heroes back home. In the years after the War, Fujita came to regret aspects of his war-time service and he was invited back to Brookings, Oregon where he was greeted warmly and presented an honorary citizenship of the town by the local mayor. An interesting end to a little known chapter of Australian and American war time history.

**Charlie Wilson, QHM Research Student
Queenscliffe History Museum**

Cottage by The Sea

After so many months of uncertainty, of planning and pivoting and planning again, we were happy to welcome children back to the Cottage mid November.

Primary school children from a small rural community are staying at the Riptide while builders put the finishing touches on our Main Cottage. They are participating in our Take a Break program that focuses on children being healthy, active, happy and secure.

With so many camps postponed this year, alongside an increased need for our services, it is no surprise that we have children's camps booked back-to-back well into 2021. We are also continuing to offer Respite Holidays for families who need a chance to get away from their every day, to regroup and relax.

Capital Works

This project has transformed the Cottage in to a world class facility at a time when there has never been a greater need for what we do. The Mitchell Institute (of Victoria Uni) in June indicated that the number of Australian children are considered at risk of poorer health, education and life outcomes, due to employment stress in the family, likely doubled in the June quarter alone.

Donations

We know many of you have been patiently storing your donations for us. We will be accepting in kind donations from 23 November 2020. The way we will accept donations has changed.

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Luke's success spreads like wildfire!

Luke Whatman worked as a youth social worker, then with Bush and Beach Outreach for twelve years. There was minimal progress and Luke's strong feelings told him to let it go. He knew he had much more to give in the area of disadvantaged people who were suffering little self-worth. People keep coming and Luke helps them.

In his early days, Luke lived in the Corio and Norlane area, with life experience on the not so good side. This prompted him to study practical youth work and he continued on to achieve a Diploma with Praxis. This involved overnight respite for families with disability and depression. Luke lived amongst the community on the fringe. During this time he built a strong relationship with people who respected him and that relationship still remains. He also worked in Foster Care with McKillop Family Services.

At the start of 2020 Luke decided to go it alone, a major life changing decision. The family house went into renovation mode and they moved to another location to live in Ocean Grove. The comfortable updated house now provides overnight respite accommodation for people who need a break and think time.

Facebook was his only form of announcing his business venture, but this is not required now. Luke's life is full to the brim and he loves every minute of it. Gretah is his ardent business administration assistant and she certainly keeps everything connected as it should be.

Luke offers people a range of out and about activities. He gives guidance and instruction for safety on the chosen new challenge. This could be an opportunity to discover a new spark in life, know they are not worthless, connect and share with people and hopefully find something new

they would really like to do. That is so important. Luke has a warm and sincere personality and people can feel comfortable with him and trust what he has to offer.

There are times when people feel the world is against them, they seem to fall into a hole and the struggle gets harder to get back on top. We have all been there sometimes. Trying something new, gaining confidence can be the key to getting you back into the real living world.

Luke has activities to offer such as bush walking, surfing, stand up paddling, kayaking, electric bikes, mountain bikes, skateboard parks, rock pooling and his latest addition for the unemployed is mowing and gardening. This comes under the heading of Eco Greens. He can help with resume writing and giving suggestions for seeking work. Encouragement is always given in the chosen area.

To assist with all this Luke has selected other people to work for him. They must have experience, be understanding, caring and able to think outside the box. He will never take anyone to work just for their qualification alone.

During this time of coronavirus some people have really been able to get themselves going. Funding is provided by NDIS, DHS and McKillop Family Services. "There are kids out there who won't have a home for Christmas. If any families would consider Foster Care, please get in touch with McKillop Family Services."

What an impressive reputation and experience, just by being who he is. Congratulations Luke.

For assistance email Luke bush andbeachoutreach@outlook.com

Story and photos: Elaine Janes, Humans in Geelong.



Luke with his wife Sammy, Toby a sparky four year old boy, Lulu the cutest ever one year old, and Sharna their adopted daughter completes the family.



From the Edge

The global nature of this means you have to be concerned for people that you don't see.
Phil Glendenning (Refugee Council of Australia)

Last time, I discussed QRARs invitation to fellow citizens on the Bellarine Peninsula to get involved with efforts to give support to the 30,000 people living in our midst who are seeking asylum.

How are we to do this? Our byline from Phil Glendenning reminds us that to be a citizen with integrity means to be 'concerned' for people we do not see. There are many invisible, needy people. QRAR focuses its concern for people seeking asylum, for refugees. We would encourage you to join us. But if you are not a joiner, you can still stay in touch by getting on our mailing list, or by donating to various projects listed on QRARs web-page.

Make a mental note now to purchase some Azaadi chutneys from the QRAR stall when Sunday Markets start up again.

We expect the regular Tamil Welcome Feast to start up again in the new year. Of course you can write to your local MPs, letting them know your views.

Did you notice that the Budget seems to have missed making provision for many in dire need? That concerns QRAR because with COVID-19 life has become even more difficult for the 30,000 in limbo.

So, how have I experienced QRAR? I joined up earlier this year when I first 'met' these QRARians in a Zoom session. I was impressed by their ethic of 'ordinary seriousness'.

QRARs concern is focused: how do we keep on caring and advocating for justice for people seeking asylum?

Over the years I have met various people who have fled their homelands who have come here as asylum seekers. They have made valuable contributions, and they tell their stories as 'ordinary' Australians.

I don't want to romanticise 'ordinariness'. After all, 20th century political history is full of examples of ordinary people, just like you and me, allowing and keeping quiet about "ordinary" injustice. So, following Phil Glendenning's wise line, QRARs 'ordinary', involves a serious and ongoing attempt to stand up for people who are just like us and who deserve our ordinary and ongoing respect so they can live out their lives here, now and in the days ahead. Those waiting 'in limbo' until their status has been determined, depend very much on groups like QRAR.

To close, it is worth noting that the Borough of Queenscliff Council has designated this local government area as a Refugee Welcome Zone. Good things are going on in advocacy work and there is rich and amazing support being offered around the country. Keep yourself informed. The challenge is before us. Search our website for further information to focus your concern. Once more we invite you to join and do your bit.

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Do you remember this graphic? Crosslight magazine, published by the Uniting Church in September 2013, to remind readers about those who, in their efforts to find asylum, were seeking to come by boat to these shores.

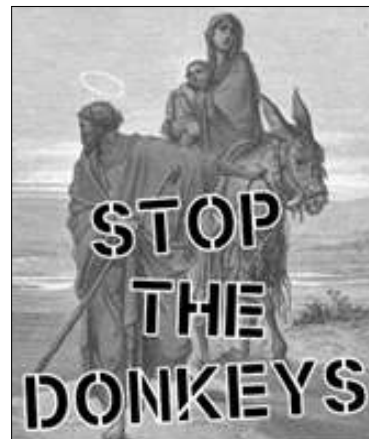
It's a succinct riff that recalls the Gospel account of the flight into Egypt by Mary and Joseph and their newborn son. There's a subtle message here: to celebrate Christmas is to face the challenging reality of people seeking a place of asylum, a place of safety.

According to the 'church calendar' the 28th of December

commemorates this event recalling the slaughter of Bethlehem's baby boys.

In retelling the biblical story, the visit of the wise men with their gold, frankincense and myrrh is known well enough. Documented in the Gospel of Matthew, their visit is recounted to tell readers that "gentle Jesus meek and mild" was born into a family seeking asylum.

Do we think of Christmas as a season to remember asylum seekers? Asylum seeking would seem to be an unavoidable part of the Christmas story.



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Bugger all wind Smitty

This is a true story. Well almost. Some of the names have been changed to protect the innocent and perhaps a smidgin of poetic licence has been incorporated.

'Bugger all wind Smitty,' I said. It was Tuesday and we'd planned to go sailing the next day. I hope there's some breeze tomorrow.' Smitty didn't reply.

We made the necessary plans and decided on an afternoon sail. I quite like sailing but it's not a great passion. I crewed for Smitty sometimes on race days.

We arrived at his boats' berth in Queenscliff the next day and there wasn't a breath of air. 'Bugger all wind Smitty,' I said.

I hoped he might take the hint and abort the idea. Thoughts of all the chores I could be doing were jostling with visions of being becalmed on the bay. At the very least, I hoped we might head out under motor and after a few cobwebs had been blown away we would soon be heading back in the creek. Trouble was, there wasn't even enough wind to blow away a cobweb.

Any self-respecting spider, who couldn't spin a web to withstand the breeze, or lack of it that day, should give the spinning game away.

'Bugger all wind Smitty.' I think he was beginning to get my drift, still he wasn't about to give up.

He began preparing to raise the mainsail and was happy to carry out the task while I manned the tiller. The mainsail and then the jib were raised and as expected, we went nowhere. Three low flying pelicans, off the portside, headed lazily towards Melbourne. Smitty began inspecting the sails.

'At least it's an opportunity to check the sails are in good order,' said Smitty in his English accent. 'I might as well lower the jib though. The conditions will allow us a chance to check out the depth around the Annulus, it's something I've wanted to do for some time.'

The Annulus just off Queenscliff, is a man made structure usually inhabited by gannets, large white, orange necked birds. It is one of the few man made structures they are known to nest on. Today there were none. Not one.

You could see where they'd been. It looked as though a graffiti artist had flown over and dropped balloons of white paint onto the rocks. There were cormorants, gulls and terns but no gannets.

But there was something of interest. We noticed three small masts just showing above the rocks. As we got closer we discovered they were attached to a small tin boat and a man was rowing the vessel clear of the rocks. Attached to the back of the tinny was an outboard motor and I suggested to Smitty that he may have run out of petrol and in need of assistance.

We motored around within shouting distance. By that time, he had two tiny sails, raised and was in the process of erecting his marginally larger than tiny, mainsail.

As we approached I saw what I initially thought was an ample application of zinc cream applied to the man's nose, but as we drew closer it was revealed to be a white, home made nose guard beneath his broad brimmed hat.

We knew our assistance wouldn't be required. Here was an adventurer. We'd come across our very own 'Jack de Crow'.

'Are you doing your own version of Jack de

Crow?' I called out. The adventurer treated us with indifference.

'Don't be silly,' chided Smitty, 'He's probably never even heard of Jack de Crow.'

More than likely he was right of course, the chances of this adventurer having read the book, were fairly remote. The book is about an Australian, A.J. 'Sandy' McKinnon, teaching in England, who confided to a friend that some day he would like to have a pet crow. In due course, the friend despatched a crow to the school and it was promptly named Jack. The crow tended to be a bit mischievous and had many adventures around the school until one day he disappeared.

McKinnon, having had limited sailing experience in the past, decided that he would like to sail some of England's waterways on the completion of his teaching commitments. He borrowed a small yacht, a mirror, from the school, and in honour of his feathered mate, named it 'Jack de Crow' then set off on a journey that consisted of precarious adventure upon adventure.

After navigating the waterways, he decided to sail the channel and pursue further adventures in other European waters. Later he wrote an account of his travels titled 'The unlikely voyage of Jack de Crow.' Smitty and I had both read it and we often referred to it. We had both attended a presentation Sandy had held at the Vue Grand in Queenscliff.

As our adventurer drifted off on the tide, I thought that his tiny boat was one craft I would not like to be in if there was even the slightest breeze. I'm not that much of an adventurer. Still, seeing him out there had made my day.

We motored on inside the Annulus as a large jellyfish, the size of a dinner plate, languidly drifted by, heading for less protected waters. I stood near the bow to ensure there was enough draft. Once inside, for only the second time in the four years, Smitty had owned the boat, her anchor was despatched into the water.

There still wasn't any breeze but the lack of wind was becoming an ally, allowing us to explore possibilities unavailable on windy days. Under motor we headed for a wooden structure called the Chinaman's Hat, a couple of kilometres away.

There was still no wind. None. The bay was as calm as I have ever seen it.

The Chinaman's hat is a playground for Australian fur seals and I hoped that there would be more seals there, than there had been Gannets on The Annulus. Even from a kilometre away I could see seals. As we approached there were seals everywhere, about fifty of them. Some were playing or lolling on the wooden platform, while a couple of groups frolicked in the water.

A unique smell drifted out to greet us. It wasn't the seals. Their constant dips in the sea ensured they were almost squeaky clean. It was a pungent composite, compiled during their many years of habitation on the structure. I think the seals enjoyed our company as much as we enjoyed theirs. They played games around the yacht, diving deep beneath us then surfacing in our wake.

Underwater, a multitude of bubbles could be seen adorning the seals' fur glistening like silver sequins.

We circumnavigated 'the hat' three times. I could have watched the seals antics for hours.

We set course for a return to Queenscliff. Despite my misgivings about the lack of wind it had proven to be a truly memorable day.

Smitty then announced that while we were still far enough out to sea, he would answer the call of nature. As he stood in the stern my thoughts drifted back over the events of a magical afternoon. It was at that exact moment that I was reminded how fickle nature could be. There was a sudden, freakish gust of wind and I was doused in a warm spray - I knew in an instant it wasn't salt water.

by Denis Walters



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- 1 award of \$5,000 per annum, tenable for 3 years
- 44 awards of \$5,000 for 1 year

Secondary Awards

- Applications close 8 February 2021.
- Open to students studying Year 7 to Year 12 in 2021 at a Victorian secondary school.
- You must be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia domiciled in Victoria.

Awards available

- Year 7 to 10 awards valued at \$600 each (50 available)
- Year 11 to 12 awards valued between \$1,200 - \$1,500 (28 available)

When reviewing applications, the following criteria is taken into consideration:

- school results/academic progress;
- demonstrated financial need or difficulties;
- school and community activities;

Applicants will be notified of the outcome before the end of March 2021 and if you are successful the payment will be made in May 2021. Family association with Freemasonry is not a criterion for a Scholarship or Award.

Education awards are awarded at the discretion of Freemasons Foundation Victoria and the value and number of awards may vary at its discretion.

Education Bursaries

Those students requiring financial support to complete their studies should apply for a Freemasons Benevolent Fund Education Bursary. There are currently 2 rounds available each year closing in March and August each year.

The purpose of an Education Bursary is to provide support to Post-Secondary students undertaking their first Tertiary Course who require financial assistance with their studies.

General guidelines of eligibility for a bursary are as follows:

- An Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia domiciled in Victoria;
- Low socio-economic status background; or
- Demonstrated financial need. Student must be able to demonstrate financial need and be able to provide supporting documentation and evidence at the time of application. For example, Commonwealth income support payments such as Youth Allowance, Austudy or the necessity to relocate to undertake their chosen course of study.

Satisfactory academic merit.
A post-secondary school student will be not entitled to a bursary if:

- they are in receipt of other scholarships or bursaries with a combined value greater than \$3,000;
- the request is not for essential academic pursuits associated with their course. Eg as overseas studies;
- the request is not to assist a student undertaking their first Post-Secondary course; or they have already received a scholarship or bursary from Freemasons Foundation Victoria during the calendar year

The number of bursaries are limited and by applying for a bursary does not guarantee that a bursary will be granted.

For further information contact Jacintha on (03) 8535 4780 or email: jacintha@freemasonsfoundation.org

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This 10 litre bag includes a simple fold and click system to keep your gear dry, safe and easy to access. There's plenty of room to hold flares, torch, a basic first aid kit as well as personal items.

Bags come complete with a laminated Safety Equipment check list and Basic Life Support chart as well as a handy magnetised 'I've gone Boating Log' to put on the fridge. Once sealed, this bright yellow bag will float and make you more visible in the water.

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Wife gets call to advise Coast Guard in person!

Coast Guard members were approached at the Queenscliff boat ramp by a woman whose husband phoned her asking her to find us and request assistance for him. As per protocol we

took details and requested she call 000 immediately. When water police were unable to contact him directly we were tasked to locate and assist his stricken vessel. This convoluted call out method increased response time and could have made his situation more precarious. Skippers please, if you require assistance YOUR FIRST CALL SHOULD BE TRIPLE ZERO (000). Water Police will despatch the nearest available Rescue craft to your aid. In this instance we quickly found the broken down craft with two persons on board and towed it back to the Queenscliff Ramp.

Occasional Questions

Recently one of our crew was asked, Can you fine people? and How much for a rescue? The answers are easy, NO and Nothing. We have NO policing responsibilities and therefore no authority to fine persons. Regarding cost, the last thing we want is to place any impediment to people calling for help. We do not charge for service. As an all Volunteer Organisation we may ask you to consider making a donation but there is NO requirement for you to do so. A third question of, what are our crews armed with? The answer is easy, A SMILE!

Thunderstorm Asthma, be prepared.

On the evening of 21 November 2016 an almost unknown type of meteorological/medical hazard struck Victoria, Thunderstorm Asthma. Eight thousand five hundred persons were treated in hospitals and medical centres, nine died. Our Ambulance and Medical services were overrun. We now know the months of October, November and December are when the population is at greatest risk and in particular, but not exclusively, those who suffer Asthma, Hay fever or other breathing difficulties.

If you suffer from any of these conditions please ensure you have an asthma plan, you have your medication with you and consider

weather and health warnings before you set off on a boat. Remember in any medical event on a vessel, getting to help or help to you will most likely take longer than on land.

Operations Summary:

1 July to 11 November 2020

Requests for assistance: 14.

Vessel Hours on operations: 26.3

Persons assisted to safe harbour: 24.

Value of vessels assisted: \$420,000.

Recreational Boating Operators Licence

Course (Needed to get a boat licence)

Due to Covid 19 RBOL courses continue to be suspended.

Covid 19 Update

At this time some Covid health requirements remain to ensure the health of members of the public, our volunteers and their families. We have, as now permitted, introduced limited in-person and on water training to refresh the skills of our coxswains, general hands and trainees. Other training will continue online. Our monthly business meeting is still 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 ALL Marine Emergencies call: 000

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

Safe Boating, Ric Lasslett



Crewman Jason Broadhurst is all smiles with the new Safety Equipment Dry Bag - an ideal Christmas gift for the boatie in your life.

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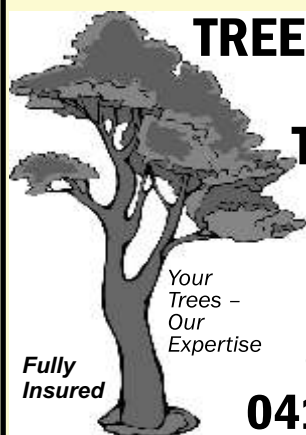
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