ANZAC day at Bass..

The Bass Valley Friends of the RSL Dawn Service saw over 300 people gather to commemorate and remember the sacrifice and service of Anzac veterans past and present on the 25th April. Commencing at 5:45am at the Cenotaph in Hade Avenue, the service directly addressed the reality of war with tales from returned veterans and their families. The Requiem was read by Daniel Marshall, who has served for 5 years as an engineer. Colin ‘Tex’ McKenzie, who served in the Navy during the Vietnam War, was the bugler on the day.

President of the BVF’s of the RSL, Terry Salmon, introduced guest speaker, Kevin Wilson, who spoke about the true nature of war and conflict. Rev. Ilse McDonald brought the crowd together to lead them in prayer, before Tex McKenzie played the Last Post and Reveille. Poppies knitted by a local group, Corinella Crafties, were used as an honour guard up the path towards the Cenotaph.

A gunfire breakfast was then held at the George Bass Hotel, where volunteers has set up a presentation telling the stories of local veterans.
Bass Valley News goes abroad..

At Doha Airport...

In Florence (Italy)... posing with David

In Paris, hanging with Mona...

.. And at the Notre Dame

Museum Highlights

Our Museum Talks To You-audio/visual hand held device... Fascinating holographic ‘Light & Sound Show’.
Over 20,000 exhibits including 4 helicopters, 1 tank and 2 planes (1 undergoing major restoration).
Experience the era through the eyes of Veterans & read their stories.

open day at the Museum

Sunday 29 May  FREE entry

... our way of thanking you all for your support

Children's activities
Wooden Model Making with Wonthaggi Woodcrafters.
Face painting & mini golf.
Become a NVVM Investigator and follow the clues to find the secrets of the museum (suitable for children 7 yrs and older). Successful Investigators will be issued with a Certificate.

Special Tour
Guided tour of the Museum’s Restoration Workshop. This area is usually restricted, therefore our Restoration Manager, Colin Grey and some of his team will be conducting tours and answering questions about this massive project.

The Nui Dat Cafe will be open for scrumptious snacks and great tea/coffee.

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What’s On at the Bass Valley Community Centre

MONDAYS

BASS VALLEY FRIENDSHIP GROUP (Home & Community Care) 10am - 2pm. Door-to-door pick up and drop off service provided as well as morning tea, lunch, refreshments and a range of fun activities. Wheelchair access available. Cost $15.

GENEALOGY CLUB every Monday evening 7pm to 9pm. Cost $8 per session or $3 for members. Enquiries 5678 2277.

TUESDAYS

BASS VALLEY CHILD CARE (Occasional Care Program) Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 9:30am - 2:30pm. Active Early Childhood Development Program. Qualified Staff. Bookings essential. Cost $30.

SHOPPING BUS TO WONTHAGGI. A door-to-door pick up and drop off service for community members needing transport to the supermarket, to go grocery shopping or to attend a medical appointment in Wonthaggi. The bus will pick you up from your home and you’ll arrive in Wonthaggi at 10:30am and leave at 1:30pm. Available mainly for Cornella, Coronet Bay, Granville, Pioneer Bay, The Gurdies, Tenby Point and Bass residents, and some other nearby towns. All enquiries welcome. Bookings essential. Cost $15.

WEDNESDAYS

BASS VALLEY FRIENDSHIP GROUP (Home & Community Care) 10am - 2pm. Door-to-door pick up and drop off transport service provided as well as morning tea, lunch, refreshments and a range of fun activities. Wheelchair access available. Cost $15.

THURSDAYS

BASS VALLEY CHILD CARE (Occasional Care Program) Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 9:30am - 2:30pm. Active Early Childhood Development Program. Qualified Staff. Bookings essential. Cost $30.

FRIDAYS

BASS VALLEY CHILD CARE (Occasional Care Program) Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 9:30am - 2:30pm. Active Early Childhood Development Program. Qualified Staff. Bookings essential. Cost $30.

SHOPPING BUS TO WONTHAGGI as per Tuesdays. Cost $15 return trip.

COMPUTER CLUB

10.00 - 12.00 (No age restrictions) Informal computer learning and problem solving. Laptops, notebooks and internet access provided, or bring your own. Free tea and coffee. $8.00 per week, (BVCG Members $5.00). Bookings essential.

FRIDAY ART AT BASS

Every Friday morning, 10am – 12pm. Paint or draw in any medium, with a relaxed and happy group. The group is supported by the group leader, Nicolas, who is an accomplished artist with his work in many collections as well as having illustrated wildlife books.

BASS VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP - CENTRE MANAGER’S UPDATE

Apart from our ongoing programs at the Bass Valley Community Centre, our next event will be setting up a market for the upcoming Election Day at the Bass Hall. So even if you have already voted when the day comes round or vote elsewhere, come along and see what we have on offer. We are expecting to have a range of products, home-made and otherwise, available for purchase on the day. We had a market on the day of the State Government Election in November 2014 and that went well. Although an Election Day market at a polling booth would seem to have a built-in audience, it is becoming less-and-less the case. Increasingly people are choosing to vote before the date of the election, apparently for the convenience.

We are also kicking off our strategic planning processes which I mentioned in a previous column. We are hoping to have a background paper prepared by our next Annual General Meeting. This year we look forward to having our Annual General Meeting earlier in the new financial year than last year. Last year it was in October, and this year we are looking towards early August. We are hopeful that what we will have is a statement that defines what we do now, how much it costs to do it, where the money comes from to do it and how we can keep on doing it. It will then be up to a forum (or two if necessary) of people interested in what we do to make suggestions on how we might do what we do better. The main thing that will come out of our strategic planning process will be that we have a direction for where Bass Valley Community Group Inc is going over the next five–to-ten years and a set of proposed achievements to get there. And as a final word this month, I’d like to remind people about our Community Bus. We pick people living in the Waterline area up from their home in the morning, take them into Wonthaggi and bring them back in the afternoon. They can shop or attend appointments (even take their pets to see the vet!). All this for $15. Give us a call on 5678 2277.

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Pupils at BVPS have been working hard to welcome new residents..

The school has been involved with a big project with a group from Bass Coast Shire recently which has transformed a very dilapidated old shelter shed into a very usable and flashy chook shed. BVN got a sneak preview..

But... All will be revealed shortly as to the new look 'shed', but here are a few photos of the children working alongside the shire staff. The children applied for jobs such as foreman, builders, painters, caterers, communication and public relations. This is what we started with..

.. And this is what we finished with! The students are 'egg'remely excited about welcoming the new residents in the next few weeks.

Lang Lang Scout Hall to be renovated..

Fantastic news! Lang Lang Scouts have recently been advised that their application to the Federal Government's "Stronger Communities" grants has been successful. The Scout's group would like to acknowledge and thank their Group President Travis Davidge for his leadership and organisation of the grant application process.

So what does this mean? It means they are going to be able to bring their grand old lady of a Scout Hall back to her former glory. Some of these works have already commenced and thanks to Matt and Brett for their awesome efforts.

They are now at the start. It's time for them to work with their local Lang Lang Community to bring the project to fruition and give them all a great Scout Hall to serve their town for the next 50 years!

The Scouts group would like to say that a special thank you should also be extended to the staff of our Federal Member Greg Hunt's office for their assistance and guidance in the application process. It’s been a great day for 1st Lang Lang.

1st Lang Lang Scout Group - Prepare for Adventure - Prepare for Life

Fundraising drives at Maru and Grantville Market

The Bass Valley Children's Centre board would like to thank the Grantville Community Committee and Maru for allowing them to run raffles at the very popular Grantville market and the Pirate Festival recently. The 2 raffles at Grantville Market, along with the one at Maru, raised a total of $731 which goes direct to the Children's Centre - so THANK YOU for these wonderful opportunities!

Nyora look to establish a Youth Group..

The Nyora Public Hall Committee are seeking interest from the community in relation to starting a youth group, which would be run from the hall. They would be looking at a weekday 6.30 to 9.30 once a fortnight. Cost of $5 per child and families with more than 1 child attending would get discounted for each additional child. Plenty of activities to do and special nights planned throughout the year. The hall committee members are all local volunteers as would be the youth group. We have a local police officer, school teacher, councillor as part of the intended youth group staff. Not being run or controlled by Victoria Police. Just local community members.

Please contact mick.felton@yahoo.com.au (or through FB) if you are interested in more information.
Choose Tap to win $1000 for your club..

Local sports clubs have the chance to win $1000 sponsorship through Westernport Water’s ‘Choose Tap’ Sports Club competition, simply by promoting the benefits of tap water. Westernport Water’s Managing Director, Peter Quigley, said the aim of the campaign is to encourage local clubs and players to drink tap water instead of buying expensive bottled water or sports/soft drinks.

“We are proud of our water and are pleased to partner with GippSport and provide reusable drink bottles to our local clubs to encourage people to Choose Tap,” said Peter. The bottles are available to clubs in two varieties: sets of ‘sports bottles’ in a caddy for team sports like football or basketball; or individual reusable bottles for sports such as lawn bowls or croquet.

GippSport Program Coordinator, Gene Parini, is urging local clubs to be leaders of change, “Our sporting clubs are places we spend a lot of time at. For some they can be like second homes, so promoting water consumption and having access to water is really important.”

“We see our partnership with Westernport Water as a really positive one. It promotes healthy choices and is giving clubs a chance to win much needed cash that can go back into grassroots sport,” said Gene.

For a chance to win, simply take a photo or create a meme, promote your image gaining media/online exposure, prove to Westernport Water what you have done to promote the ‘Choose Tap’ campaign and remember to enter online. Don’t forget to use WPWsportsclubcomp when promoting online.

If your club hasn’t received any bottles yet and you would like some, please contact: communications@westernportwater.com.au.

Enter online now at www.westernportwater.com.au and follow the links to the Sports Club Comp page for details. Competition closes 31st of May.

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Corinella Disco Night a huge success..

The Bass Valley Children’s Centre Board would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the amazing local communities who came out on the 22nd April to their 2nd kids disco. With your help they raised $1500 which goes directly into making the Bass Valley Children’s Centre even better for local kids.

They also wish to say ‘Thank you’ to:
- Connells Bakery Bass - for donating all the bread.
- Coronet bay general store for donating the 1kg of smarties and other items.
- Corinella and District community centre for the use of their bbq.
- Wayne and Vera Maschette for donating all the sausages and sauce.
- Lions dairy products, Morwell for donating the 300 sippy yoghuts
- All the girls on the stations who donated their time including Joy from Happening Hair Grantville.
- Corinella Hall Committee for the use of the hall.
- All our wonderful volunteers - legends all of you.
- Owen from AABCO corporate events for the lighting and speakers.

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Volunteer with the Bass Valley Children’s Centre Inc.

Can you spare a couple of hours for a really great cause?

The Bass Valley Children’s Centre needs you!

Email fundraising@bvcc.org.au to pledge your help or call 0431 937 514 (Tanya) or send us a message via the Bass Valley Children’s Centre Facebook page: bassvalleychildcare

The Bass Valley Children’s Centre is coming!!!

...so they need to raise lots of $$$$$$$...

Contact us if you can help pledge some time to a great cause.

‘Like’ us on Facebook/bassvalleychildcare

Bass Valley Children’s Centre
Coming to 60 Corinella Road, Corinella
Australian Red Cross, Woodleigh Vale Branch. Members meet in each others homes on the 2nd Thursday of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug and Oct. If you would like to join us, contact Marion Walker 5678 8320.

BASS COAST STROLLERS
Catering for middle-aged and retired persons interested in participating in diverse walks around the beautiful Bass Coast. Held on a Monday, generally within 30 minutes travelling from Anderson, there are usually two walks offered including a shorter, less demanding option. For further details contact David on 5678 0033 or email dhapl@bigpond.com.”

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Available for hire at reasonable rates
Phone Peter on 5678 1071 or 0429 851 004

CORONET BAY ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
Tuesday nights, Coronet Bay Hall, 7.00pm to 10.00pm.
We are a small happy group, play cards, have a laugh and supper.
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CORINELLA Function Room for Hire
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Corinella & District Community Centre
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COUNTRY WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION
CWA Bass Coast Branch
meet at the Bass Coast Community Centre on the 3rd Monday of the month. Enquiries Faye 5678 8366

COUNTRY WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION
CWA Grantville Branch
meet at the Grantville Community Hall at 12:30pm on the 2nd Monday of the month. Enquiries Judi 5678 8553 or Gwenda 5997 6372.

The Corinella & District Probus Club Inc.
meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.00am. (except January) at the Coronet Bay Hall. Hear interesting speakers, enjoy outings, share meals and activities together. Visitors Welcome. Enquiries to Faye Smith 5678 3387.

The Probus Club of San Remo meet at 10am, the second Monday of each month (except January) at the Newhaven Public Hall. Members meet for fellowship, to hear interesting speakers, enjoy outings and to share meals and activities together. Visitors welcome. Enquiries T: 5656 6581

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The Bass Valley News
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You will have access to limited professional driving lessons and be supervised by a VicRoads trained volunteer/mentor to help you obtain your 120 hours driving experience.

This initiative is funded by the TAC and managed by the Wonthaggi Neighborhood House. For further information contact:

**L2P Coordinator:** Veronica Dowman

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Monday Session - FREE PLAY
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NB: $5 Annual Membership Fee per Family

For more information contact: Franciska - 0400 465 377 or Ann - 5678 0341
Mother's Day Poem...
By Bruce Cameron

Mothers Day
Throughout our lives we have lots of things
Some many, some big, some small
But today we remember the special one
The most precious of them all

Our Mum was there right from the start
To nurture us with care
No matter the situation,
she cared for us everywhere

Mums knew the rules of footy
Basketball and cricket too
Spar six solid rounds of Boxing
There was nothing she couldn't do

When we hurt and ached and pained
The cure was always the same
A great big hug and a little kiss
Then we were ready to do it again

Mum could read and write and sing and play
Our homework was just a breeze
Whatever the situation
she handled it with ease

When a note came home from the school
about a reprimand
We knew the strength and accuracy
of her strong right hand

Mums are Doctors and Dentists,
complete confidents
On call 24 seven
for anything that we want

She guided us from Babes to teens
Then watched as we left home
Now deep in our hearts she will always stay
She is never ever alone

Mums could do these special tasks
without being taught how to
Whatever the situation they know just what to do

So always care for your Mum
and on this special day
Give her lots of hugs and kisses and hope
she never goes away

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8th Waterline Writing Competition 2016
CORNELIA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE
Spread your wings and fly with us

Entry Conditions – in signing your entry form you acknowledge you have read the entry conditions
1. All short stories and Poems in each section must not exceed the stated word limit.
2. Poetry entries are restricted to 1 poem per entry this year.
3. CDCC reserve the right to reject work exceeding these limits.
4. Entry Fees per entry: Glen Miles Short Story $10, Bass Coast Resident, Senior, and Poetry Sections $10.
   Junior Section $5. Entry fees must be submitted with entries by Cheque or Postal Order made payable to Cornella and District Community Centre. Alternatively, please phone for EFI details.
5. Closing Date for all entries 5pm September 30, 2016 (or post marked prior to).
6. Each entry must be accompanied by a separate entry form. Please print/copy form for each entry.
7. Each entry must NOT have any Name or contact details on the manuscript itself, for judging purposes.
8. Authors acknowledge that CDCC will make an electronic copy of each manuscript for processing.
9. Winners will be announced at the award presentation held in November 2016.
10. All entries must be fictional, original and previously unpublished works (including online).
11. All works must not have won prizes, contracts or cash in any other competition.
12. All entries must be typed and double spaced on A4 paper. An electronic copy, processed in Microsoft Word must accompany the entry on a storage device (CD, USB, ect.)
13. The judges decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into.
14. Copyright remains with the author however the Waterline Writing Competition reserves the right to reproduce the awarded entries at any point in the future, in hard copy, performance readings and electronic media.

PRIZES: Glen Miles Open Short Story – 2500 words - $1,000
Bass Coast Resident’s Short Story - $750 All other sections - $250

Waterline Writing Competition 2016 Entry Form
Please circle the Section you are entering:

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Draft Budget Q&A

Council’s draft 2016-17 Budget is now on public exhibition after being adopted at the March Ordinary Meeting. Question and answer sessions will be held for interested community members to come and learn more about the draft Budget, as well as help them prepare their submissions to Council.

Sessions will be held on:
- Thursday, 5 May from 6.30pm to 7.30pm online on Council’s Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/BassCoastShire.
- Monday, 9 May from 3.00pm to 4.00pm and 6.00pm to 7.00pm at the Cowes Heritage Centre, 89 Thompson Avenue, Cowes
- Tuesday, 10 May from 3.00pm to 4.00pm and 6.00pm to 7.00pm at the Old Post Office, Watt Street, Wonthaggi

Community members can view the Budget material both online and in hardcopy, and are encouraged to let Council know their thoughts. Copies of the draft 2016-17 Budget are available from www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/budget and at:
- Bass Coast Civic Centre, 76 McBride Ave, Wonthaggi
- Cowes Customer Service Centre, 91-97 Thompson Ave
- Inverloch Community Hub, 16 A Beckett St
- Grantville Transaction Centre, 1504-1510 Bass Hwy
- Libraries across the Shire, including the mobile library

Under the provisions of Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, any person may make a written submission on any proposal contained in the Budget. Any person lodging a submission may request to be heard in person in support of their submission. Submissions may be made available to the public.

Submissions must be received by 5.00pm on Wednesday, 25th May and be addressed to The Chief Executive Officer, Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995.

Submissions will be considered by a committee of Council on Wednesday, 8 June. This Meeting will be open to the public. The Budget will be formally presented to the Wednesday, 22 June Ordinary Meeting for adoption, along with the outcome of any submissions. For further information about the proposed Budget, contact Council on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211.

Come and Play - All of May 2016

In its seventh year, the May arts celebration has been designed with the audience in mind. It features a series of special events to get you visiting, learning, participating, making and perhaps taking the arts home with you!

Throughout the month there will be demonstrations, workshops, master classes, artist talks, residencies and more. Visual, performing arts and the written word will feature, in your own backyard and a little further afield, with something for everyone.

Explore what is on offer. Embrace your creative side. Come and play with us in May.

For more information and to book a workshop or event: Come and Play - All of May (PDF 2.5MB) or pick up a brochure from Customer Service Centres, Visitor Information Centres and participating venues.
Self Drive Tour - Anderson to Inverloch (PDF 550kb)
Self Drive Tour - Phillip Island and Surrounds (PDF 550kb)

Find out what is on at www.creativegippsland.com.au or follow them via facebook.com/CreativeGippsland or Instagram creative_gippsland

For more information please contact Arts and Culture Officer Josephine Kent or phone 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or 5671 2211.
Corinella & District Community Centre

*Spread your wings and fly with us*

**NOTICE OF 23rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Corinella and District Community Centre Inc. AGM will be held on the

**Thursday 19 May 2016 at 7.00 PM**

**at**

**CDCC, 48 Smythe Street, Corinella**

All community members and CDCC members are invited to attend. Only fully paid up CDCC members will be allowed to vote at any election (if required) at the AGM.

Light supper will follow.

RSVP by 16/5/16 on 5678 0777 or email i.ritchie@cdcc.asn.au

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**Coronet Bay**

**Wine & Cheese Tasting Event**

**Friday, 17th June 2016**

**6pm - 10pm**

**Coronet Bay Hall**

**39A Geilbrand St Coronet Bay**

A fundraiser for the Bass Valley Children’s Centre

**Raffles! Games! Wine Sales!**

Presentation by a local winery!

Tea, Coffee, Light snacks provided

**RSVP**

Trish Thilec

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**LANG LANG COMMUNITY CENTRE**

We are offering a Food Handler’s Accredited course on

**Saturday May 21st**

from 12 - 4pm

Cost $120.00 pp

Volunteers Subsidy available for eligible Cardinia Shire residents.

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**Car Boot Sale**

**Kernot Uniting Church**

**Saturday, 21 May 2016**

from 9.00am

Kernot Hall,

Loch - Kernot Road, Kernot

Cake stall, Devonshire teas and sausage sizzle

**Stalls: $15**

**Trestle Table extra $2 to hire**

**Bookings:** Diane 5678 8226
Barbara 5678 8317
MARU KOALA & ANIMAL PARK, GRANTVILLE

More family fun than you could poke a stick at..

It was another successful Pirate Festival on the 23rd of April at Maru with over 600 people attending on the day. This year's event presented Adventure Time characters Finn and Jake live on stage for two full shows. Other activities included face painting, a giant slide and jumping castle as well as our always popular animal park and Pirate Pete's mini-golf. The Martial Arts group Fudoshin was also back this year to display some real swordsmanship and teach our younger pirates how to defend and fight like a pirate!

Other old time pirate games that were a hit included Bobbin' for Squid, Tug of War and Fishin' for Gold. This year we introduced the ‘walk the plank’ which saw some very brave pirates get dunked into the water tank. Some were even recognizable, with special thanks to Rob Horsburgh, a teacher at the local Bass Valley primary school and Senior Animal Keeper Mel.

Congratulations to our colouring competition winners with thanks to our judge Clare Le Serve as well as the following best dressed winners.

Best dressed under 6yrs: 1st: Kirayah Adams (Tyabb) 2nd: Hundson Driscoll (Pascoe Vale) 3rd: Harry Ledlin (Mornington)
Best dressed 6-9yrs: 1st: Analiese Keppel (Balwyn) 2nd: Sean Dole (Hampton Park) 3rd: Ryder Driscoll (Pascoe Vale)
Best dressed 10yrs and over: 1st Abby VandenBroeke (Inverloch) 2nd: Kaila Keppel (Balwyn) 3rd: Sara Keppel (Balwyn)

Maru would like to thank the Bass Coast Shire Council for their support and all of the ‘Maru Crew’ and family members for their work and enthusiasm on the day which made for a great festival.

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Family Court in recent case allows a mother to relocate with child away from the father.

In the recent family law appeal case of Timms & Payton [2015] FCCA 3324 (18 December 2015) Judge Altobelli heard the applicant mother’s request to relocate with the parties’ 11 year old daughter (“X”) from one location in New South Wales to another location in New South Wales “in excess of two hours drive south of where the family presently lives”. The mother also had a 17 year old child from another relationship.

The parents previously entered into parenting “consent orders” which provided for: joint parental responsibility; the child to live with the mother; and for the father to spend alternate weekends and some school holiday time, subject to his roster. The father and the ICL opposed the proposed relocation, while the mother contended that she would relocate with or without the child. According to the Court, the child X did not want to move, and was sad that her mother had purchased a property away from the area in which she has always lived. X wanted to complete her primary education at the primary school where she was currently attending.

“The father was committed to spending time with X if the relocation was permitted, but preferred that the mother not move. If the mother was to move, the father’s preference was for the child to live with him and continue attending her school as normal. This is a difficult decision to make. X clearly doesn’t want to go. Her mother is committed to moving, in any event. The father is committed to spending time with X, should relocation be permitted. However, his preference is that the mother not move with X, but that if she does, X should live with him and spend time with her mother.”

In citing the importance parenting cases of Goode [2008] FamCA 1346 and MRR v GR [2010] HCA 4, the Court found that: “… The father’s candidature to become the primary carer for X was not a strong one.

In reality, this is not a case where the meaningful relationship that X has with either of her parents would be affected by any order that the Court makes. Whether X lives with her mother or (omitted), or with her father in (omitted), she will always enjoy a meaningful relationship with both of her parents, both of whom, it would seem, are ready, willing and able to continue to facilitate that relationship. X appears to have a good relationship with both of her parents, but the evidence leaves the Court in no doubt that the mother has historically been X’s primary carer. …. hitherto the father’s time with X has been very much dependent on a coincidence of X’s availability and his being rostered off. … The father’s own evidence is that, if X came into his care, he would be dependent on the assistance of others to get her up each morning and off to school and care for her after school. …

While the Court was concerned about the mother’s statement that should she relocate regardless of whether or not the Court ordered that X go with her, and found that the father to be committed to X, it ultimately found that the mother remain the primary carer.

The Court made interim orders facilitating the relocation, with the father to spend time with the child each alternate weekend with changeovers to occur at a nominated McDonald’s Restaurant.

James McConvill is the Principal of James McConvill & Associates Lawyers. James McConvill & Associates services the entire South Gippsland and Phillip Island area.

Damaged Signage..

Recently posted on Phillip Islands Conservation Society’s facebook page…

Here’s some important information from a member of the Hooded Plover Watch team: “Now that the Hooded Plover breeding/nesting/fledging season is over (with 17 chicks fledged) it is a good time to begin an assessment of the measures taken to ensure the continued survival of this threatened species.

One aspect of efforts to help the species is signage. While the majority of people respond favourably to in-beach signage it only takes a few to ruin it for everyone! Some people go as far as pulling signs out of the beach; others deface signs, and others snap signs off at the base - as the photographs taken on the northern shore of Phillip Island show.

17 Hooded Plovers fledged from Phillip Island is a good number, but the losses on the northern beaches at Bella Vista Avenue, Red Rocks and Elizabeth Cove are completely unacceptable given the status of the bird.”

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As different strains of influenza virus emerge each year it’s up to immunologists to make sure the vaccination is updated to combat the virus. They do this by including three strains of the virus in the vaccine to protect against strains they think are most likely to be around during winter. The best time to be vaccinated is in autumn each year to allow the vaccine to work before the flu season starts. It is recommended that everyone over the age of six months should be vaccinated against the flu and vaccination is free under the National Immunisation Program for those at high risk of complications.

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Creamy Chicken & Leek pie..

Ingredients
1 tablespoon olive oil, 20g butter, 750g chick thigh fillets (trimmed, chopped), 2 slices prosciutto (chopped), 2 medium leeks (trimmed, halved, washed, sliced), 2 tablespoons marsala (optional), 2 tablespoons plain flour, 1/2 cup Campbell’s Real Stock Chicken, 1/2 cup pure cream, 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh chives, 2 sheets frozen ready-rolled shortcrust pastry (partially thawed, halved diagonally), 1 egg (lightly beaten), 1 sheet frozen ready-rolled puff pastry (partially thawed, quartered).

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan forced. Heat oil and butter in a deep frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the chicken. Cook, stirring, for 5-7 minutes or until browned. Add prosciutto and leek. Cook, stirring for 5 minutes or until the leek has softened. Add marsala (if using). Bring to the boil. Add flour. Stir for 1 minute.

GENERAL QUIZ

1. What is the name of the national German airline?
2. In which European city can you find the home of Anne Frank?
3. How many stars has the American flag got?
4. How long is the Great Wall of China?
5. Who invented Ferrari?
6. According to the Bible, who was the first murderer?
7. In what year did Princess Diana die?
8. Which famous British murderer of women (19th century) was never arrested?
9. On which mountain did Jesur take his last supper?
10. What is the largest number of 5 digits?
11. What is the most fractured human bone?
12. What is the most famous university of Paris?
13. What animal is on the golden Flemish flag?
14. What is the name of the Indian holy river?
15. Which South American country is named after Venice?
16. How many stars feature on the flag of New Zealand?
17. What colour would you get if you mixed red and white?
18. What is both a French wine region and a luxury American automobile?
19. In what year did Princess Diana die?
20. What is the name of the national German airline?

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3. FIFA
4. 4,000 miles
5. Ganges
6. 12 stars
7. Pink
8. Jack the Ripper
9. Calvary
10. Catherine
11. Vladimir
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15. Hellespont
16. Enzo Ferrari
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19. Jack the Ripper
20. Catherine
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