Corinella’s 2014 Youth Program  Facilitated by Bon Quinn, CDCC’s Youth Program includes Friday afternoon ‘Drop-In’ activities and monthly social nights for local youth aged 12-25 years old. Bass Coast Shire Council has generously funded the 2014 program, with additional support from local Residents & Ratepayers Associations. On Fridays from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, youth aged 12 to 17 years old can ‘drop-in’ at CDCC, Coronet Bay or Grantville to enjoy free activities hosted by CDCC’s Youth Drop-In Facilitator Bon. Bon prepares activities from art, craft, music and games indoors, to basketball, skateboarding and ball games outdoors. Once monthly the Youth Drop-In Centre runs from either Coronet Bay or Grantville, providing easy access to youth from the Waterline area. Social Nights for 18-25 year olds are being organised once monthly at any of the three locations. Some Social Nights have special themes, for example the ‘Warm Night In’ held early in September, with warm food, cafe style hot drinks and board games planned. Watch for announcements on noticeboards and on Facebook/CorinellaandDistrictCommunityCentre for Youth events coming up in the Waterline area.
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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 transport service provided as well as morning tea, lunch, refreshments and a range of fun activities. Wheelchair access available. Cost $15.

**TUESDAYS**

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Pre-sale book orders for Bass Memories Book

Books $35 each. For printing payments and orders see the following venues:

- Bass Valley Community Centre, Bass School Rd. Bass Vic 3991
- Corinella General Store, 56 Smythe St. Corinella Vic 3984

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About the book: The book is about Bass the town, people’s memories and collections.

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Following the 2011 Bass History Story Telling Evening a great amount of local history material was gathered. This book is now available to order.
Have your say on the draft Arts and Culture Plan
Council is seeking community feedback on the draft Arts and Culture Plan 2014-18. The plan has been developed throughout 2013/14 and this is your chance to make any final comments on its content. Council recognises the value and importance of arts and culture in our community. The plan sets out objectives and actions that aim to support diverse arts and culture organisations, practices, places and access. It encourages greater vibrancy in the community space and promotes opportunities for creative celebration, participation and thought across Bass Coast. Written submissions must be received by Wednesday, 22 October 2014 and should be sent to arts@basscoast.vic.gov.au or addressed to Josephine Kent, Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995. A copy of the plan can be obtained from www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/arts or by contacting Josephine Kent on the above email address or by calling the Shire on 1300 226 278.

Victorian Seniors Festival 2014
This year’s Victorian Seniors Festival is being held right across October. There are many activities being held in the Shire, along with 100s of events and activities being held throughout Victoria. For a list of events please see Council’s website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/vsf or pick up a local program or a state-wide program from one of our Customer Service Centres, Visitor Information Centres or the local library.

Shop Locally
Bass Coast residents are once again encouraged to shop locally and celebrate Support Small Business Day on Saturday, 4 October. Support Small Business Day is a State Government initiative that celebrates the big difference that small businesses make to local communities. Bass Coast Shire Council has been working with business operators to promote the event and is encouraging the community to be part of the day that shows what big differences small businesses make to local communities. “It’s a day dedicated to encouraging Victorians to explore their local community and spend in-store at local small businesses with a shop front, rather than online or at large shopping centres outside of Bass Coast,” Mayor, Cr Neil Rankine said. “By buying local from small business operators, consumers strengthen the local economy and increase local competition”.

For more information contact the Bass Coast Shire Council or visit the website www.basscoast.vic.gov.au

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Kernot-Grantville Fire Brigade’s 2nd Annual Ute, Van and 4x4 Show ‘N’ Shine Event
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Adult and Community Education Neighbourhood House
About Preserve Western Port Action Group (PWP) and the fight to Save Westernport

It was formed in response to the Victorian State Government’s proposal to build a massive international container port at the Port of Hastings. The Mission Statement of the PWP is to save Western Port today. For tomorrow. By providing information, communication and support to Phillip Island and other Western Port communities on the threat posed by the proposed expansion of the Port of Hastings.

The Port of Hastings is in Westernport, a special region of Victoria, less than two hours from Melbourne. It is a popular destination for local & international tourists alike because it offers an environmental sanctuary with abundant bird and marine life, and a range of activities including nature hikes, whale viewing, fishing and recreational boating. The daily penguin parade on Phillip Island has iconic status. Despite this, the government wants to build a container terminal that, each year, will service more than 3,000 international container ships with a draft of up to 16 metres. This number of ships entering the bay around the clock would have serious adverse consequences for the everyday life of the region, its economy, its social fabric and its biodiversity. The government has made much of the potential for the Port of Hastings to be the biggest container terminal in the country, but their proposal, while big on claims, is short on detail. There are many issues that need to be openly and transparently discussed before a final decision is made.

The construction will involve substantial dredging in Westernport, which in turn will speed up the tides. The dredging combined with the increased tidal flows is expected to redefine the coastline around the bay, with the potential erosion of mud banks, compounding the effects of climate change. Dumping an estimated 24 million plus cubic metres of dredge spoil, potentially acid sulphate contaminated, may significantly impact seagrass and marine animals living on the sea floor and endanger the biodiversity and food chains of the region. The proposed port is expected to operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. With a target of over eight ships a day carrying over 24,000 containers. Westernport, including Phillip Island, has a thriving tourist economy. Tourists spend $619 million annually and the industry accounts for 5,000 full time equivalent jobs with a huge potential for growth. Visitors are drawn by the experience of wilderness; recreational water activities including swimming, boating and fishing; and the biodiversity of the region.

The Victorian government’s desire to build Australia’s biggest container terminal in Westernport will have profound economic, environmental and social effects. Significant factors about the construction, viability and likely outcomes need to be properly assessed before a decision is made. Are projections of a 330% growth in container trade by 2046 realistic? Should the largest container port be in Victoria? Should it be at Hastings? The PWP and community opposing the Port are asking.

The Port of Hastings is located within Westernport, which is part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. The whole of Westernport is protected under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, called the Ramsar Convention (1971). Westernport contains three Marine National Parks supporting the maintenance of its biodiversity. Further detail about the unique environment and ecology of Westernport is provided later in this document. Here we’ll simply note that Westernport provides a rare opportunity to experience a sense of wilderness less than two hours from Melbourne. The area is also recognised as Victoria’s water sports playground— for swimming, boating, education, tourism and fishing for locals and the broader public. It is Victoria’s premier tourism facility. Plausible alternatives and futures to develop and enjoy Westernport without losing its character were explored in recent scenario planning (Smythe 2014).

For more information go to www.preservewesternport.org.au or Facebook/Preserve Western Port Action Group or Twitter @PWPBay.

COMMUNITY FORUM
7.30pm Saturday, 25 October
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**When?** - Saturday, 22 November 8am - 2pm  
**Why?** - Fundraising for your Community Centre  
Support our fundraiser & enjoy a cuppa and scone at the Patio Cafe (Open 9am-12pm)

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**Junior Try Fishing Day & Competition**

Sunday, 23 November 2014. Registration at 10am. Fish until 2pm  
Come along and throw a line in at the Corinella Jetty and maybe catch the biggest fish for the day!  
All families welcome to join members of the Corinella Boating and Angling Club and staff from CDCC for a BBQ lunch & fishing competition. Everything you need supplied (or BYO your favourite rod/reel). All children under 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.  
Ask us at CDCC for a Colouring Comp Entry Form now! Fishing Competition enquiries to Kevin Ryan 0425 720 236.  

*FREE SHOWBAGS*

Prizes for categories:  
5-8 y.o.  9-12 y.o.  &  13-17 y.o.

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**Ping-Pong-a-Thon at the Westernport Hotel, San Remo**

**WHEN:** Fri, 24 October 6pm - Sat 25 October 6pm.  
**WHERE:** The Westernport Hotel, San Remo  
**HOW:** Create a team and then collect sponsorship for your team to play ping pong  
**WHO:** Individuals, Clubs, Community Groups and Businesses, Create a team here: www.goo.gl/NtoSrJ  
Donate without joining a team: www.goo.gl/OyABBn  
We also have sponsorship advertising available.  
For a donation of $500 you can display your company with posters, banners or whatever takes your fancy at the Westernport Hotel. We have a major sponsors mention for any companies donating more than $1000.  
All proceeds go directly to the cause to help stop human trafficking in SE Asia.  
Email enquiries: basscoast@pingpongathon.com or visit the website www.pingpongathon.com
Get Dressed For MotoGP
17 to 19 October

Whether you live and breathe motorbike racing or simply love a good excuse to decorate, Bass Coast Shire Council wants you to ‘Get Dressed’ to celebrate the 2014 Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix at Phillip Island from 17 to 19 October. For the third year running, residents and businesses are encouraged to get into the spirit of the event and ‘Get Dressed’ – that is decorate your home, businesses or school in your GP best. Why not get in the spirit of the 2014 MotoGP at Phillip Island next month by decorating your home, business or school, like Kayleen Berry of Ventnor did last year. For more information go to www.news.basscoast.vic.gov.au/get-dressed-f/
In September, Bass Valley Primary School held their Passport to Careers Expo for Grades 3 to 6. Students were treated to an exhibition from industry, business, the community and training bodies. Students were able to ask questions and take part in demonstrations. The Local Learning and Employment Network and Bass Coast Shire Council helped make the event possible. The Students enjoyed the day immensely.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. In which town was Sir Donald Bradman born?
2. What is the chemical symbol for iron?
3. Who is the eldest, Paris or Nicky Hilton?
4. How old was Marilyn Monroe when she died?
5. Who was the last man to be hanged in Australia?
6. Who or what is Matilda in the song 'Waltzing Matilda'?
7. In which Australian state is the Franklin River?
8. Who wrote Advance Australia Fair?
9. Which Australian suburb is Dame Edna Everage from?
10. What is the chemical symbol for lead?
11. Which river flows through Taree in NSW?
12. Who wrote the Harry Potter books?
13. What is the surname of Kath from the TV show Kath & Kim?
14. Who was the host of Countdown?
15. What does Phar Lap mean?
16. What is the most widely spoken language in the world?
17. Which car manufacturer made the FJ Holden?
18. On November 5th 1999 Australians said no to what?
19. Who was the winning jockey in the 2002 Tooheys New Melbourne Cup?
20. Which Victorian (Australia) town was originally called Sandhurst?

ANSWERS

1. Cootamundra.
2. Fe.
4. 36.
5. Ronald Ryan.
6. A swag.
7. Tasmania.
8. Peter Dodds McCormick.
11. Manning.
13. Day-Knight.
15. Lightning.
17. Holden.
18. Becoming a republic.
19. Damien Oliver.
20. Bendigo.

For a bit of a Chuckle

Thanks Tony & Liz Hughes for sending these in...

ADULT - A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOUR - A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS - The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE - A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST - Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST - Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANKERCHIEF - Cold Storage.

INFLATION - Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO - An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN - A grape with a sunburn.

SECRET - Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON - A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE - The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW - One of the greatest Labor saving devices of today.

YAWN - An honest opinion openly expressed.
A touch of Local History from the
Powlett Express & Victorian Goldfields Advertiser
22 December 1916

WHY NOT A BUTTER FACTORY FOR BASS?

One of the oldest and prettiest townships in Victoria is Bass, but, like the modest violet, its charms have been hidden from view. But greater than its charms are its possibilities, which have been equally hidden and ignored.

Let anyone stand on Anderson's Hill and look to the north, he will see mapped out at his feet as fair a prospect as is to be found in the whole of Victoria. He will see partly encircled by the Bass range, with the Bass River meandering through the middle, a level area of about 60,000 acres of the finest grazing land in the State, which is intersected by well made, level roads, all leading to its natural centre; nestling at his feet like a gem in a verdant ocean is the ancient and historic township of Bass.

Having appreciated the beauties of Nature, and being of a practical turn of mind, the productive possibilities of the flourishing fields are closely studied. Along the foot of the hill runs the iron road and the railway station of Woolamai is close by.

"What an ideal situation for a butter factory?" is the conclusion he comes to. Perfectly level roads and not a cream producer need be more than five miles from the factory. I make bold to say that there can not be found "in Victoria an equal area of equally fertile country so easy of access to its natural centre.

But what do we find? The cream producers of Bass send their produce to Lang Lang, Bena, and Korumburra, distances of 20 and 30 miles. The most comical of all is sending it up-hill to Archie's Creek. I always thought it was easier to send things down hill.

Now, it is evident the freight for the long distances has to be defrayed out of the cream. What a saving there would be if it travelled at most only five miles along level roads. I will leave it to those with a wider experience to say how many cows could be milked in this area of country, or whether there would be sufficient to justify and maintain a butter factory in the place where one would naturally look for it.

I fancy if the factory people above mentioned thought the Bass people contemplated erecting one of their own, you would see their representatives marking out sites at the Bass within a week.

By Advance Bass, 1916.

Article provided by Libby Skidmore, Bass Valley Historical Society.
Hope in a Boat for Diabetes Research

A small group travelled hundreds of miles for a great cause; to raise funds for Diabetes Research WA. They travelled around Australia on motorcycles towing a boat and it was also a possible world record attempt. With the support of the Lions they visited more than 240 Lions Clubs and collected donations from the public along the way. More than 800 Lions Clubs raised funds for this project. The purpose of the ride was fundraising and to raise public awareness about Diabetes.

The journey covered more than 21,400 km’s over 80 days, with the goal of raising $1,000,000. Diabetes Researchers have found the trigger for Diabetes and are now on the way to stopping it by getting the body to make its own insulin.

The money this group raised will help that research continue. They departed on Sunday 6th July from the Albany Entertainment Center with an official send off from their Mayor and the Executive Director of Diabetes Research WA. The ride is over now and the group safely back in Albany. However, donations can still be made at any NAB bank or by direct deposit to BSB: 086 518 ACC: 84 383 1400. Donations over $2 are tax deductible.

For more information you can visit hope-in-a-boat.doomby.com or visit the facebook page facebook.com/hope-in-a-boat.

Pictured below: Councillor and Independent Candidate for the Bass Electorate, Clare Le Serve making a donation as the group travelled through Grantville in September.

Dreamnight at the Zoo November 2014

Dreamnight at the Zoo is an annual night of FREE fun and entertainment hosted by Maru Koala and Animal Park for special needs and chronically ill children and their families from our local region. If you have or know of a special needs child that would like to be invited, their parents or carer should contact their local Shire access representative or support group for an invitation.

Attendance is strictly by invitation and acceptance prior to the event and participants cannot just show up on the night.

Entertainment and activities provided all for free include admission to the animal park and Pirate Pete’s Mini-golf, children’s rides and roving entertainers and a BBQ dinner.

For more information about this event which occurs worldwide visit www.dreamnightatthezoo.nl
Wildlife Crossing

Every year thousands of animals are killed on our roads throughout Australia, 96% of those are wild animals and at least one animal is hit and killed by a motor vehicle every second. That is over 86,000 animals every day. Australia’s native animals use both the roads and surrounding environment as transport corridors or an easy area to find resources. Unfortunately this increases their risk of being hit by road vehicles. Being aware and taking care of our native animals on roads can save an animal’s life and avoid damage to your car and the occupants.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?
The most important time to be aware and alert for animals on the road is at dusk and dawn when light is low and many species are active but this is also the time when our visibility as drivers is low. Slowing your speed from 100 km/h to 80 km/h in a known wildlife area can reduce your chances of hitting an animal by up to 50%. Don’t throw any rubbish including fruit and vegetable scraps from your car as this attracts animals to the road. If you do happen to hit or see an injured animal, you can stop to see if it is still alive, move it to the side of the road and if it is a marsupial (pouched mammal such as a kangaroo) check to see if there is a joey. Often when marsupials are hit and killed by a car the young joey in the pouch is left alive and orphaned. You can call the help line Wildlife Victoria on 1300 094 535 who can offer advice and put you in touch with the nearest appropriately experienced and authorized Wildlife Carer, who are all volunteers and dedicated to the rehabilitation of our native animals back into the wild.

Senior Park Keeper – Rachel Cheesman

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