

MATTER OF FACT

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Providing information for
Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower
and Walkerville district

VENUS BAY
COMMUNITY CENTRE

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM @VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM – FEATURING SUSTAINABLE AND CREATIVE WASTE PROJECTS

This Winter school holidays, we will once again be hosting a series of fun, engaging and creative HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES.

Our fabulous coordinator Jorja Dinsmore will be curating a series of activities that aim to make waste into art. Inspired by the [Junk Fest](#) in Katherine (see photos) – where community members came together to create a festival that turns trash into treasure as they do not have any recycling facilities in the township.

Some of the items from our Recycling Enterprise will be used to create novel decorations and garden features.

Come along and join in the fun:



SATURDAY 25 JUNE – 10am to 12 noon

MONDAY 27 JUNE - 10am to 12 noon

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE - 10am to 12 noon

THURSDAY 30 JUNE - 10am to 12 noon

SATURDAY 2 JULY - 10am to 12 noon

Cost for program - \$8 per child per session.

VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Over the next month, we are reviewing and updating our Strategic Plan for the Venus Bay Community Centre. This document helps to identify local needs and aspirations, determine opportunities and challenges and guides the day-to-day work of our community centre. We work in partnership with other agencies and stakeholders and in

collaboration with our broad range of community members to address known and emerging issues facing our community.

We know certain things – we know most people here value our local environment, we know we are experiencing unprecedented growth in not only housing but in new people joining our community. We know some of our folk face significant social and financial challenges, we know we have a strong and caring community at heart – that looks out for each other and has a very high rate of volunteerism across a range of community and emergency organisations.

We are the only generalist organisation in the district and are often the first port of call for new community members and visitors. It's important to us to have mutually beneficial relationship with our other community organisations and to share information and resources as best we can.

We have an existing strategic plan that has served us well, and that many community members have contributed ideas towards. While we might have lots of ideas, there are always challenges of implementing and resourcing these – so often we seek grant funding and/or partnerships with others to achieve desired outcomes. Sometimes these are small programs that aim to foster new skills and create connections (like our women's fishing classes in partnership with Venus Bay Angling Club); at other times these are larger projects such as our Community Energy Resilience project with Gippsland Community Power Hub and the even larger Energy Resilience Feasibility Study project with Federal government. In between sits our day-to-day operations and interactions with our community members through a range of regular programs and events like community lunches, holiday programs, community recycling enterprise and more.

Our current strategic plan has the following strategic aims:

VISION – our goal

Venus Bay and district - a strong, healthy, sustainable and connected community.

This is the dynamic reason for our existence. This is the 'why' that drives our work.

MISSION – how we will reach our goal

In our rules we have committed to 9 purposes or goals. We believe they will help our community to be stronger, healthier, sustainable and more connected

PURPOSE

1. Publish reliable and useful information for the community
2. Generate and support programs and activities for all age groups that connect people and expand their knowledge, imagination, curiosity, skills and experience.
3. Offer services that meet expressed community needs.
4. Strive towards a sustainable community through energy saving, recycling and local food production.
5. Arrange, promote and engage in community discussions about matters that affect the future well-being of the district.
6. Maintain and improve the building and grounds as a safe place for the community.
7. Partner with other organisations and agencies on initiatives designed to strengthen the community.
8. Review and refine our internal processes and policies.
9. Support and value our volunteers and staff.

We'd love to hear your feedback – can you take a moment to fill out this quick survey to help us?

Or you are welcome to respond by email or in person: alyson@vbcc.org.au

[SURVEY LINK HERE](#) or by using the QR code by opening the camera on your phone

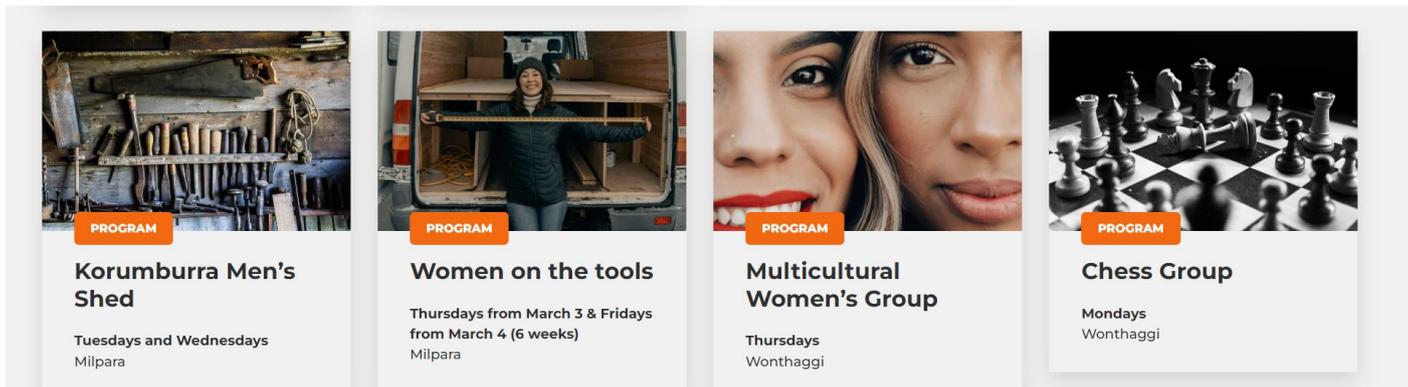
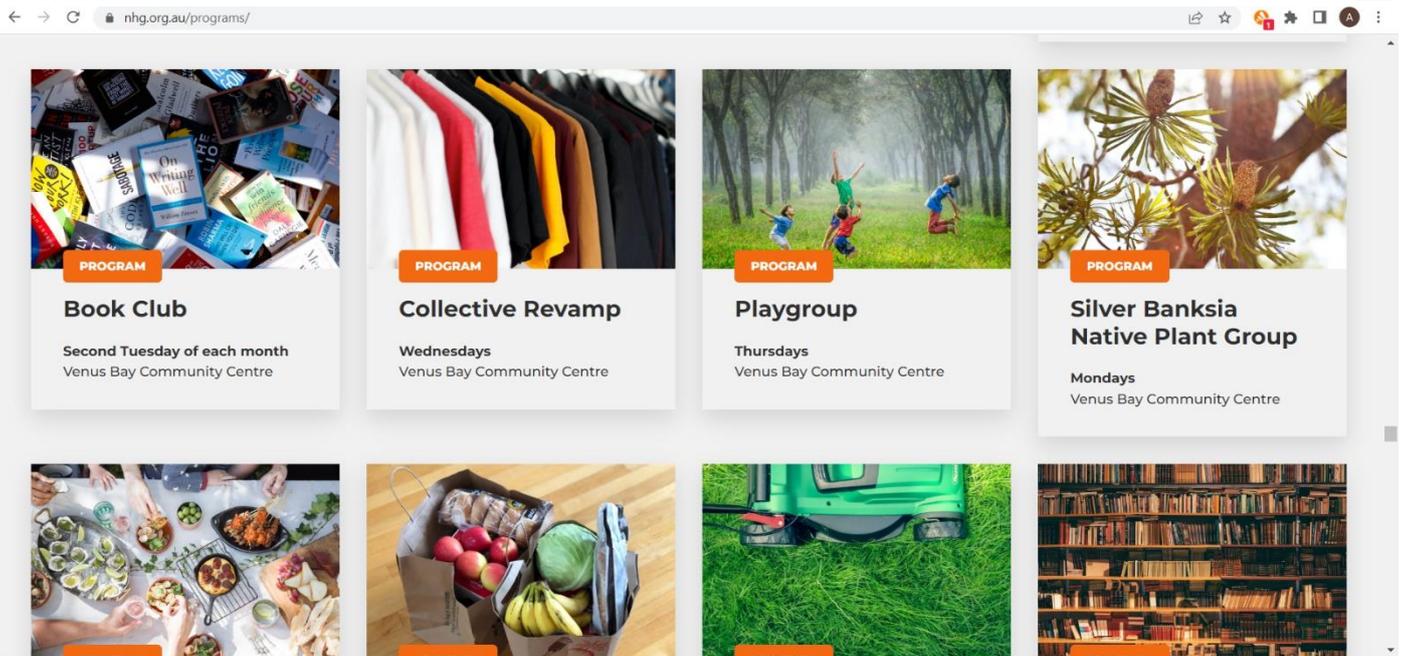
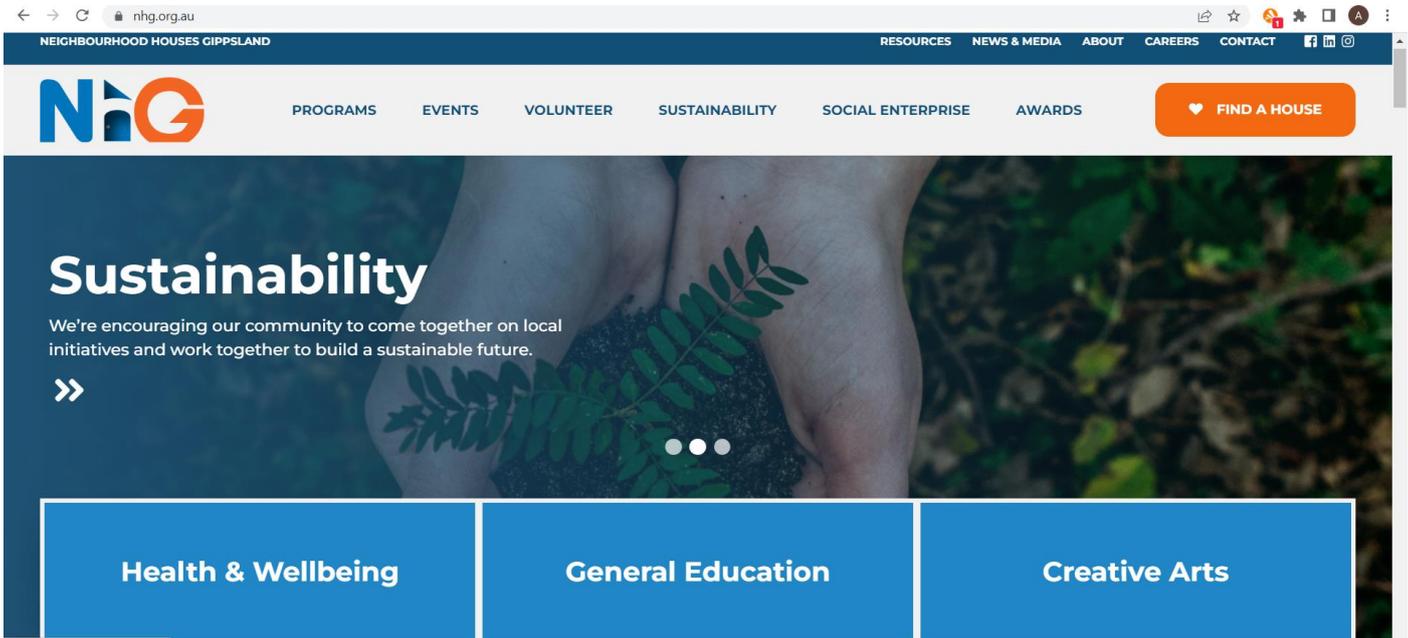


Apart from the work we do in our local community, we are also connected to broader networks across Gippsland and Victoria.

We are part of a network with other Neighbourhood Houses across Gippsland – we all share similar aims along with a small amount of recurrent funding from the Victorian State Government to undertake our work.

Neighbourhood Houses Gippsland provides support and shared resources for the sector; together we have a stronger voice to advocate for issues we see our community members facing – like affordable housing, or access to employment, appropriate services or even basic commodities like food.

We've just launched a new website for Neighbourhood Houses Gippsland. Take a moment to have a look and see what an amazing range of programs, services we collectively offer across Gippsland. There may be programs or events nearby that you'd like to participate in: <https://nhg.org.au/>



Plenty more offerings and opportunities on the website – jump on to have a look!

GIPPSLAND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE COLLECTIVE

The Venus Bay Community Centre is also part of the Gippsland Social Enterprise Collective – and network of social enterprises across Gippsland – formed 2 years ago with support from Victorian State Government to connect, influence and develop social enterprises across Regional Victoria in partnership with peak organisation SENVIC – Social Enterprise Network Victoria.

With the introduction of the new Victorian Social Enterprise Strategy, and additional funding for the work of SENVIC from DJPR – Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions – the strategy in a nutshell is:

Social Enterprise Strategy

Victorian social enterprise sector is recognised as the largest and most dynamic in Australia. There are currently more than 3,500 social enterprises trading across metropolitan and regional Victoria employing an estimated 60,000 people and contributing \$5.2 billion to the Victorian economy each year.

What is a social enterprise?

Social enterprises are businesses that:

- are led by an economic, social, cultural, or environmental mission consistent with a public or community benefit
- derive a substantial portion of their income from trade
- reinvest the majority of their profit/surplus in the fulfilment of their mission.

Victorian Social Enterprise Strategy 2021-2025

The Victorian Government launched Australia's first Social Enterprise Strategy in 2017. Building on the strong foundation of the first strategy, the Social Enterprise Strategy 2021-2025 aims to grow the social enterprise sector, strengthen its connectivity, and unlock the potential to create more jobs and deliver enhanced economic and social value to the Victorian community.

Social enterprises make a valuable impact on the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of all Victorians, and the Strategy will enable them to continue supporting Victorian communities, especially focusing on people with barriers to inclusion, such as young people, women, Aboriginal Victorians, and people with disabilities.

A range of actions in the Strategy will be delivered across four key thematic areas:

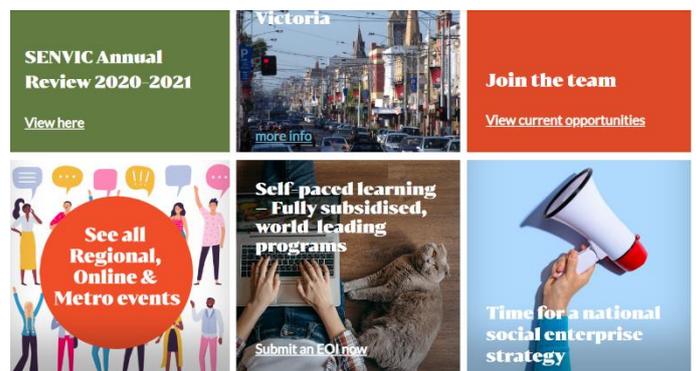
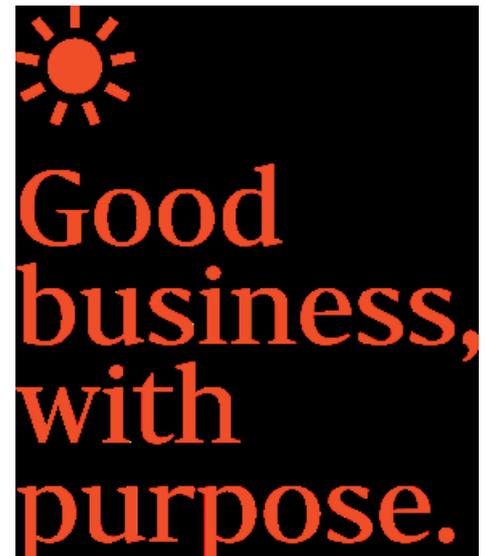
1. Building business skills and capability and capturing impact
2. Enhancing recognition and access to innovative financing to scale impact
3. Fostering a connected and innovative social enterprise ecosystem across Victoria
4. Opening doors for social enterprises across government.

Implementing these themes and supporting actions will enhance the capability of social enterprises and provide greater opportunities for them to contribute to a more socially and economically inclusive Victoria.

We are pleased to be part of this network and encourage you to have a look at the SENVIC website for more information

<https://senvic.org.au/>

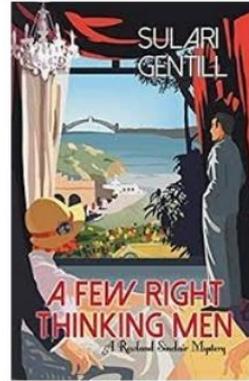
SENVIC





**Silver Banksia
Plant group
Mondays
10.00 - 12.00**

**Book Club
2nd Tuesday
of the Month
5.00 - 6.30**



**Current
book**

**FREE
Community
Lunch
Wednesdays
12.00**



**A stitchin time
social sewing
group
3rd Wednesday
of the month
5.30 - 7.00
Nibbles and chat
BYO project**



**Sewing
Wednesday
mornings
BYO Project or help with
upcycling projects**

**Play group
Thursdays
10.30 - 12.00**



Councillor Corner
From Councillor Sarah.

Hello everyone, this month included a dose of Covid, its certainly doing the rounds and no fun so look after each other.

We've been gathering feedback on a stack of important planning documents due to be approved at the June Council Meeting. Many of you used your voice in development or feedback and it's been fantastic to hear from you. Some common areas of interest/concern addressed below:



What is the link between the 2040 community vision and the 4 year council plan? The community vision was facilitated by a consultancy with a number of in person and online public engagement opportunities and a community advisory panel of 29 people randomly selected and geographically spread across the region. The panel are currently finalising the wording of the vision after taking in wider community feedback. This has been an arms-length process for councillors, the vision comes from the community and we haven't interfered with it.

The vision asked us to think far into the future, to assume the roads are fixed, to think big. The resulting vision was for a well-cared for environment, thriving agriculture, regenerative farming and sustainable growth. This was the aspirational bit.

How did we go from the priority of Climate Change in the vision to Roads in the plan. We then did a survey asking about your 'here and now' priorities. Improving the condition and safety of our roads was without question the number one shared priority across the whole of South Gippsland by a landslide (no pun intended). It went – roads, roads, environment, roads, sustainable growth, roads.

The reality is we maintain over 1300km of gravel roads that started as horse and cart tracks, they were never built for the sort of vehicles and volume of traffic they are carrying and the increasingly dramatic weather events we are experiencing. Roads and digital connectivity are essential for industry, emergency services, tourism and connectivity to health and essential services for our vulnerable communities. We hear you and are improving our own maintenance processes as well as advocating for state and federal funding as regional use increases.

But it's not just about more graders and a water truck. We are advocating for better digital connectivity and public/community transport options, reducing traffic is good for the roads and the environment. This is the wholistic approach we are taking across the plan; storm and flood resilience, planning for local and global supply chain issues and adapting to climate change are all part of the equation.

You don't talk about Climate Change enough. We take our responsibilities towards climate change very seriously, if anyone is interested in what our legislated responsibilities are please have a look at this document, it's a good read! Our approach has been to weave the protection and enhancement of our environment across the whole council plan. [Local-Government-Roles-and-Responsibilities-for-Adaptation-under-Victorian-Legislation_Guidance-Brief.pdf](https://climatechange.vic.gov.au/Local-Government-Roles-and-Responsibilities-for-Adaptation-under-Victorian-Legislation_Guidance-Brief.pdf) (climatechange.vic.gov.au)

But what is council actually doing? We are adapting to climate change in this plan via overdue planning reviews, a coastal strategy, emergency planning and management, plant acquisition, asset management, drainage and road design, changes in operating processes, improved waste water management checks and balances for the health of our waterways, improving our working relationships with state govt agencies such as Parks and DWELP, partnerships with other councils looking at circular economies and sharing resources, working with land managers,

volunteer groups and organisations, changes in how we deal with waste and a focus on innovation and future proofing our agricultural sector as well as a big push for shire wide weed and feral pest control just to name a few..

We are supporting community lead planning and solutions such as the Venus Bay Community Centres Power Resilience Project and keeping across South Gippsland's role in a number of major renewable energy projects in the region. So exciting 😊

If we are in good shape financially why are council planning to take on debt? Regional Australia is going through unprecedented growth. South Gippsland has more people, we've all seen the increase in population and its impacts are obvious; There are more cars on the roads, more prams, more kids, more houses, more pets, more building, more people, more need.

Nyora is in the process of a new 700 lot housing development, if you consider the rule that it takes around 10 years to get a return on new rate payers? well it makes sense to invest now in our growth and spread the cost of new infrastructure across 10 years so the people using the services are paying for it.

We have an excellent credit rating but not loads of cash reserves to splash around, so how to pay for the future now, I'm sure we'd all agree our rates are high enough! We are eligible for solid loans at low interest rates guaranteed by the State Government, it would be irresponsible not to invest in our growth and safeguard against the spiralling costs of much of our core work. It's a global thing.

What do you mean supporting community lead solutions? How does our community get involved? Whilst there have been community plans made in the past across Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay its time to revisit them. Council is keen to help facilitate these plans, we understand our 28 communities have different priorities and that Covid has changed the landscape.

Our permanent population has grown and demographic changed. There's a trend of more air bnbs in the part time community (house prices drive this) and we are experiencing a rental stock crisis across regional Victoria. Businesses are struggling to get staff and there's a lot going on that needs proper social and affordable housing strategies moving forward if we are to support increased tourism and activity.

Here we've got underutilised facilities and over utilised volunteers and I believe its time for a plan that takes a look at how we as a farming and tourism community tackle the future together. Watch this space and get in touch if you are keen to contribute.

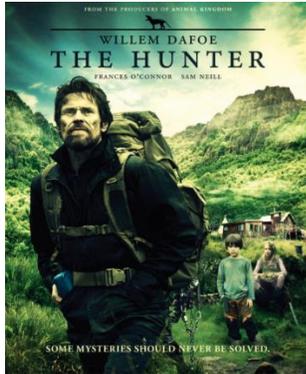
Emergency Planning Session

We recently had a fantastic multi agency emergency scenario planning session at the VBSLC organised by VicPol based on a fire in VB. This work is ongoing and the very real vulnerabilities of our region and dependence on volunteers are getting attention. We will be developing ways for our part time and visiting populations to be better informed and prepared for emergencies so watch this space and get your fire and flood plans ready. Make sure your guests know they are staying in an area with one road in and out, a dangerous ocean and limited services, we are no Mornington Peninsula!!

Happy May everyone, my favourite time of year in Venus Bay, the saltmarsh is spectacular 😊
Oh and PUT YOUR STREET NUMBER ON YOUR PROPERTY, it can be a life and death decision.

Councillor Sarah.

Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Memorial Hall – *What's the buzz?*



The **Tarwin Lower Film Society** has their next screening “The Hunter” starring Willem Dafoe, Frances O'Connor and Sam Neill on **Friday the 17 June**. Set in the wilds of Tasmania this thriller is sure to get the blood pumping.

Doors 7pm; Film 7:30pm. BYO drinks and food.

Click [here](#) for more info on membership for 2022/23 and upcoming movies. [website](#) and [FB page](#).

Our next Market Day is the Queen's Birthday long weekend **Monday 13 June, 8am – 2pm**. Come along and sample some of our regions best produce, hats, clothing, toys, second hand bargains, plants and clever handicrafts.

The Hall Committee will be once again operating the Sausage Sizzle and the Tea Room. All proceeds go towards the operating costs of the Hall and our major fundraising focus - to replace the rotten weatherboards this year.

A huge thank you to our many faithful volunteer bakers and BBQ helpers who give their time, ingredients and skills so we can raise funds for to hold more great events for our community.

The South Gippsland Shire Council will be hosting a **Drop-In Information Session for Community Grants** at the Hall between 9.30am and 3.30pm on Wednesday 15 June. Check here for more information and other locations:

<https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/news/article/246/drop-in-sessions-for-community-grants>

Finally, next month I hope to bring news of some exciting events to keep you warm in the coming months and an update on the Weatherboard Replacement Project.

Cheers

Marg de Wolff

Secretary, Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Memorial Hall

Committee of Management Inc



C.E.R.T NEEDS YOU

The local Community Emergency Response Team are looking for new recruits.

All you need is a willingness to be part of a great team and help your community. No previous experience or skills required, as all training is provided. Initial and ongoing training is provided by Ambulance Victoria on a regular basis.

If you are interested, have any questions, want to know more, we would like to chat to you.

There is an information night on **Wednesday June 15** at the Venus Bay Community Centre at 7pm.

They will be happy to explain what C.E.R.T is all about and answer any questions you might have. If you can't make it, the team would still like to talk to you, so feel free to send a message, and arrange a chat at a time that suits

If your looking at a way to be a part of a great team, obtain new skills, become an integral part of this wonderful community and help people, then this is something you should come along and find out more.

Contact Michelle Ford 0487 120 041

IF YOU NEED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, YOU MUST CALL 000 (you cannot call CERT directly)

Tarwin Lower Union Church

News



Regular services:

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Catholic

and Mass 6.30 p.m. (on the Saturday before 2nd

Sunday of the month)

Sunday 10.30 a.m. Anglican/Uniting

Our mission is to be a welcoming, sharing Christian community

Coming up:

* Service at Fish Creek Union Church, Sunday 19th June at 2 p.m.

to recognise the anniversary of the Uniting Church

* Women's discussion group (commencing late June/early July):

focussing on the book by Micah Salaberrios "The art of non-violent communication: turning conflict into connection". Further details from Marlene: 0419 345 128

Volunteering roles available

Volunteering can help you make new friends, learn new skills, advance your career, and even feel happier and healthier.

VBCC Volunteers help in a variety of areas including:

Community Recycling Enterprise

Plants & Garden

Administration

Sustainability

Seasonal activities

Community Activities and Events

Buildings and grounds

If you would like to join our team of volunteers please contact the Centre on 5663 7499 or register your interest here.

We can help you fulfill your mutual obligation hours.

Anonymous Thank You – received recently by the Community Centre from a grateful husband.

My wife has Younger Onset Dementia and is non-verbal but is otherwise fit and energetic. Recently I was helping a friend in Tarwin Lower and was distracted for long enough for her to disappear on one of her walks. In desperation, we drove home and were getting ready to retrace our steps, only to find her sitting on the deck enjoying the sun. I suspect that she must have been picked up by a Good Samaritan and she gave them directions home. So, to whoever you are, thank you for being alert and taking time out of your day to help. We found her happy and well and most of all, safe. **Thanks. Noel May.**



Grant Opportunities

New Volunteer Grants: Emerging Stronger – Register your interest now

The Victorian Government is supporting more people to help others and volunteer for the causes they care about most. Volunteering is a rewarding experience for many

Victorians. Volunteers build stronger, more resilient and inclusive communities and are vital to the delivery of everything from essential services to grassroots sport.

Applications for grants of up to \$80,000 will open in June to support local partnerships to re-engage volunteers, broaden the volunteer base and strengthen volunteering in local communities.

For more details and to apply, visit [Emerging stronger grants – expressions of interest | Volunteer.vic](#)

Koala Critical Habitat Protection Community Grants - Round 1

The intended outcomes of the program are to:

- improve the extent, quality and connectivity of the nationally listed koala's habitat and reduce local threats
- increase understanding and management of disease and injury affecting koala health and lift capability in on-ground care, treatment and triage of koalas
- improve data and knowledge of koala populations and health across their range, to support effective decision making and conservation action.

Funding from \$50,000 to \$200,000 is available

Applications close **5pm on Friday, 15 July**. Visit the [website](#) for more details.

Tarwin Lower Primary School Visit.

On Monday we were visited by children from the Tarwin Lower Primary School. The children have been learning about Sustainability - what goes in which bin. They had a relatively good understanding of which bin to put different items in and we learnt about their project team that are creating posters so the younger students can learn which bin to use as well.

We had an hour and a half together looking at different projects of the Venus Bay Community Centre does to address sustainability issues. It was pleasing to see that almost all the year 4,5 & 6 students knew that the Op Shop was for recycling of goods no longer needed.



We started with a sorting activity of items that had been left at the Centre over the weekend. Children picked up an item and decided whether it could be recycled through the centre or if it was an unsaleable item. Lucky it was a day that most donations were in good condition. Then we looked at a few toys and discussed what they were made of and how that might effect whether they were a good sustainable item or not.

We also had a visit from Tess Rooker of Prom Coast Mums who told us how they share baby items with parents who might need assistance. The Centre receives a lot of baby clothes, blankets and furniture that does not always turn over quickly.

We discussed the R words associated with sustainability - reduce, reuse, recycle, rethink, recover and repair. Then we split into 3 groups and explored the grounds of the centre visiting different areas and deciding what 'R' they might come under.



The children all demonstrated strengths of knowledge in at least one area. Some knew about the benefits of solar energy, the value of composting, repairing items and hopefully they all left the Centre with one small idea that they might be able to use in their own life at home or at school. When asked for responses these were mostly 'rethink' what they might do with their rubbish and what they might do with things they no longer need.

To finish off each group wrote a list of things that could be done with all the spare bike components. The biggest discovery was that together they could come up with a vast array of ideas.



Quotes from the children after our activities.



Today I learnt:

- 1) what you can do at the community centre to be sustainable.
- 2) you can't put broken glass into recycling.
- 3) there are 6 or 8 R's
- 4) I asked can I put orange peels into the compost and I was told no.
- 5) you can reuse all sorts of metals.
- 6) you can make a lot of things out of one thing and recycling and reusing helps the Earth alot.
- 7) plant more native plants because some are dying out
- 8) there are a lot more ways of being sustainable than I realised.

Get Techy. Get Ready.

Last Wednesday the South Gippsland Shire did a presentation to assist people with a range of Apps that can help keep you informed in times of emergency. If you would like help to understand how to load and use any of these apps you can come into the Centre or we can arrange for a Shire person to run another session for a group of people.

The Get Techy, Get Ready program was developed by the Community Based Bushfire Management Project (Safer Together) with Briagolong Community House, with ongoing support from the VICSES. The presentation covered use of the following apps. The Red Cross app is to assist with making your emergency plan. Red Cross can assist people with this process – contact the Community Centre if you would like help with this.

Vic Emergency – the official Victorian Government app for emergency warnings and information. The



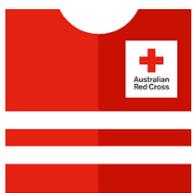
VicEmergency app provides access to information and warnings about incidents including fires, storms, floods, earthquakes and more. It also has preparedness information including four day Fire warning forecasts and weather events. Many people removed this particular app due to the constant notifications of a pandemic and other things they felt were irrelevant. The workshop teaches people how to set the notifications so that you only receive notifications relevant to you and your area.

BOM – BOM Weather us used to access localised hourly and 7 day forecasts, radar and warnings – wherever you are – from Australia’s official weather source the Bureau of Meteorology.



ABC listen – ABC listen allsow you to tune into the ABC radio channels from your device. You can search fro ABC Gippsland.

Emergency Plus – this is a national app developed by Australia’s emergency services and their government industry partners, helping people to call the right number at the right time, anywhere in Australia. Emergency plus also includes SES and Police Assistance Line numbers as options, so non-emergency calls are made to the most appropriate number. The app uses a mobile phone GPS functionality and what4words to, so callers can provide emergency call takers with their location information as determined by their smart phone.



Get prepared – an app by the Red Cross that helps you to make an emergency plan using simple checklists that help you complete the important actions that make you prepared for emergencies. This app also helps you to connect with your key support people, accomplish simple tasks to make you and your loved ones safer, and protect the things that matter most to you. The app also sends you yearly reminders to check the validity of things like your contacts, your documents and your agreed meeting places.



Multispecies pastures Farm Walk

Come and visit David Hall's Fish Creek property with multispecies specialist, Jade Killoran

David Hall has trialled a range of regenerative approaches on his farm.

Join us for a walk across some multispecies pastures he sowed in December 2021, and hear how he established them.

Jade Killoran will teach us how to identify the species present, and discuss their benefits.

We'll also look at how to monitor multispecies pastures.

This session is a follow up to two online sessions about multispecies pastures that Jade delivered for SGLN in early 2022. We recommend you watch the videos of the sessions prior to attending. They can be found here:

<https://www.sgln.net.au/2020/12/16/enhancing-soil-biology/>



When
Thursday, 2 June 2022
10am-12noon

Where
Fish Creek (address supplied on registration)

Register
Places are limited, and registrations essential. Please register via this link:
<https://multispeciesfarmwalk.eventbrite.com.au>

More information
cassie@sgln.net.au or 0448 739 559



Soil Biology project - Meeniyan Farm Walk

Come and visit Phil Poulton's beef farm, and hear about what he's doing on farm to improve the soil biology.

South Gippsland Landcare Network has been running the Enhancing Soil Biology project for the last 3 years.

Phil Poulton is a local large animal veterinarian and was a participant in the project.

Come and hear Phil share what he learnt and what he's doing on farm now.

See how he's managing his paddocks to improve soil health including treatments to feed the soil biology, aeration, and using a mulcher.

Visit his multispecies crops and learn how he grazes and monitors them.

When
Thursday, 9 June 2022
10am - 12 noon

Where
Meeniyan
(address supplied upon registration).

Registrations essential
Please register via this link

<https://soilbiologymeeniyan.eventbrite.com.au>

The event will be held outside. Please wear waterproof clothing and footwear, and BYO drink bottle.

More information
cassie@sgln.net.au or 0448 739 559



This project is supported by Melbourne Water through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program in partnership with South Gippsland Landcare Network.



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Dairy Farm Walk, Waratah Bay

Come and visit the Tracy's dairy farm, and hear about what they're doing on farm to improve the soil biology.

South Gippsland Landcare Network has been running the Enhancing Soil Biology project for the last 3 years.

Stuart, Jacqui and Angus Tracy run a 700 head dairy farm at Waratah Bay, and participated in the project.

Come and hear what they learnt, and what they're doing on farm now.

See how they're managing the paddocks to improve soil health including treatments to feed the soil biology, and aeration with a yeomans's plow.

Visit the multispecies crops, hear how they were established and how they're being grazed and monitored.

When
Monday, 20 June 2022
10am - 12 noon

Where
Waratah Bay
(address supplied upon registration).

Registrations essential
Please register via this link

<https://dairyfarmwalk.eventbrite.com.au>

The event will be held outside. Please wear waterproof clothing and footwear, and BYO drink bottle.

More information
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Go Girls Work Ready Program



Are you looking for Work?

Become Work Ready, Find Focus and Direction

A Fully Funded Bass Coast/ South Gippsland Based Program

The Sequential Program runs for the months of July, August, September, October, and November 2022.

Eight One Day Workshops held in Wonthaggi and a Two Night Retreat.

No one workshop can be done in isolation. Commitment to all aspects of the five-month program is essential.

Spaces are Limited

Two-night Retreat in November

Accommodation, All meals and Transport provided.
In a safe environment explore your future and plan ahead.
No childcare facilities available.

More than 50% of the women who complete the program find work

Find out more

Come to a one-hour Information Session
On Friday 17th June at 11.00AM.

Location: The Wonthaggi Workman's Club, 75 Graham St, Wonthaggi
It is essential to register your attendance by calling
Rita from Go Girls on 0413 810 700



Do you have a few hours to spare?

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the community centre...do you have any particular skills you can contribute? Or perhaps you have a bit of time to spend helping with filing in the office or sorting donations for the Recycling enterprise?

Every bit counts and every bit is appreciated. We could not function without our fabulous team of volunteers.

So why not come and join in!

Situated at 27 Canterbury Road, Venus Bay.

Phone: 5663 7499, Send mail to Post Office Box 786, Venus Bay 3956

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