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MATTER OF FACT

Providing information for Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower and Walkerville district



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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.

TARWIN LOWER Festival

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Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve

10AM - 4PM

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Venus Bay Beaches – Infrastructure and Beach Safety working group update



After a very busy last summer, a group of community members met at the Mens Shed who initiated a conversation about pipi harvesting and beach safety during the summer months.

The Venus Bay Angling Club joined the discussion, and a meeting was held to explore the concerns and possible solutions.

Following this, 2 community meetings were held at the Venus Bay Community Centre, resulting in the formation of two groups. One group focussed on organising a petition calling for a short seasonal closure of pipi harvesting, while the other group focussed on beach infrastructure, rubbish, parking and ways to better manage beach access and safety. The second group evolved inti a working group of 4 including representatives from VBAC and other community members and was coordinated by VBCC board member.

After months of meetings, discussions and collaboration with local emergency services, community groups and clubs, it was great to recently meet with representatives from Parks Victoria, Victoria Police and South Gippsland Shire Municipal Emergency Management team. Members from CERT, VB Angling Club, Men's Shed, CFA and VBCC attended the meeting which was very positive.

The outcomes of the meeting were positive and made all the behind-the-scenes meetings worthwhile and demonstrated community advocacy in action.

So, here's what's been promised:

Increased Parking Enforcement – Victoria Police will be conduction parking blitzes across all our beaches over the Christmas/New Year period and the Australia Day weekend. This will help improve access for emergency services and make our beaches safer for everyone.

Illegal parking across driveways: if a vehicle is illegally parked across your driveway, preventing access/egress, you can report it directly to local police. Vehicles may be towed when necessary – a cost to the owner of the vehicle.

Improved Parking Signage: Parks Victoria and South Gippsland Shire Council will review parking signage at each beach and arrange for additional signs where needed.

Toilet direction signs: New signage will also be installed at Beaches 2 – 4 to indicate the location of the nearest toilet facilities.

This has been a great effort of working together to address community concerns and advocating for practical steps to be taken to improve beach safety, access and facilities for community members and visitors alike.

The Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund is inviting community organisations in the Tarwin Lower, Walkerville and Venus Bay district to submit applications for its 2026 Community Grants program.

Applications are will be open on 2 November 2026,k and will **CLOSE on FRIDAY, 5 February 2027.**

Application forms and information can be found on the BHWF website – Community Fund, and submitted to info@baldhillswindfarm.com.au but here it is in a nutshell:

2076 Grant

The Community Fund has $25,000.00 available for grants to community organisations. The Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund Committee has decided that for the 2027 financial year it will provide two categories of grants:

1. DISTRICT PROJECT GRANT: One grant of up to $15,000 will be awarded to an organisation undertaking a District Project. District Projects must demonstrate community partnerships/collaboration and overall benefit to the district/wider community.

2. SMALL PROJECT GRANTS: One Small Project will be awarded up to the amount of $5,000. The remainder of the funds will be allocated to small grants of up to $2,000. Small Project grants are for the organisation to enable it to provide a benefit or service to the local community.

The applications for the projects should:

- Provide a community benefit or service to the local community
- demonstrate collaboration and increased community participation;
- show that the project is achievable within local mandates;
- demonstrate the need for the project and include supporting research; and
- take into consideration the approval necessary and the ownership/maintenance of any new asset.

Community Fund

The Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund was established in 2015 to provide ongoing financial support to local community clubs and organisations. The Community Fund is overseen by the Community Fund Committee, membership is made up of volunteers from the local community, and Bald Hills Wind Farm providing administrative support.



The Community Fund provides financial grants for projects of social, economic or environmental benefit to the Tarwin Lower, Venus Bay, Walkerville districts. This may include funding for local sporting groups, charities, community groups, education, culture, arts and other not-for-profit organisations or other community needs.

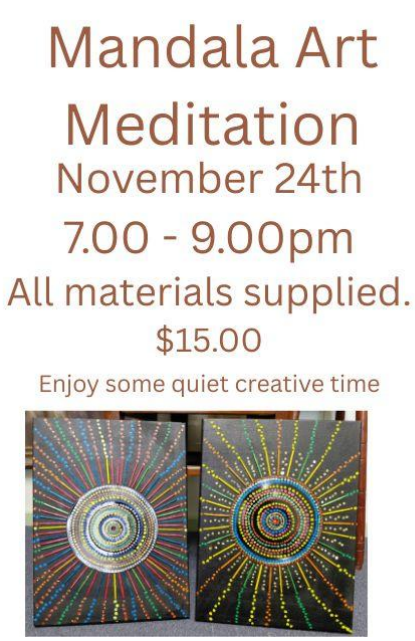
Art as Meditation – Slow Down, Create and Unwind

Give yourself permission to slow down, switch off and enjoy some quiet time through art. Facilitated by Wally, who will share skills and inspiration gathered while working in Central Australia, this relaxed, freeform workshop explores **mandala-style circular art**, using patterns, colour and shapes to create a calming, meditative experience.

You'll experiment with paint, colour and texture as you create your own artwork on recycled records or CDs, using recycled materials wherever possible. No experience or artistic skills are needed – just come along, explore and enjoy a little time for yourself.

All materials are supplied, so simply wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on. Gloves are recommended if you'd prefer to keep your hands clean!

Come along, take a breath and discover the calming pleasure of creating something just for you.
Bookings preferred contact the Community Centre





Barefoot Bowls is back

Competition begins Tuesday, 17th November, 2026



Games commence at 6pm

BBQ from 5pm

Single players or three person teams

10 ends per game

Bring your own bowls or bowls supplies

BBQ & Raffle each night

Footwear – flat smooth soled shoes, barefoot or thongs. (no work boots)

Contact Carol 0408 562 488 to enter

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Eat Grow Share: Growing Food, Friendships and Community

The Eat Grow Share project is continuing to flourish at Venus Bay, bringing people together through good food, home-grown produce and the simple pleasure of sharing a meal.

Community meals have grown in popularity, with lunch served every Wednesday and a yummy community dinner held every second Wednesday. These regular gatherings have become a wonderful way for people to connect, catch up with familiar faces and meet new friends in a relaxed and welcoming environment.



A special ingredient in the success of the project is the fresh produce grown in the garden beds at both the Venus Bay Community Centre and Tarwin Health Centre. The meals have been bursting with colour, flavour and a forest of leafy greens, with home-grown vegetables finding their way from garden to plate.



Our gardens have also benefited from a wonderful group of volunteers who have helped prepare the garden beds, get them ready for planting and harvest the compost produced through our hot composting workshop. Their hard work helps keep the gardens thriving and supports a more sustainable approach to growing fresh food for our community.

Behind every meal is another fantastic team of willing cooks and helpers who generously share their time, skills and enthusiasm. Together, they create more than delicious food; they help build a sense of belonging and make everyone feel welcome at the table.



Eat Grow Share is also about making sure support is available when it is needed. Our free food pantry, located out the front of the Venus Bay Community Centre, is stocked with generous donations from community members and is well used and greatly appreciated. The meals program also allows us to set aside some meals as frozen servings, providing an extra helping hand for people who might need a little additional support.



The project is about much more than growing vegetables. It is about nurturing connections, encouraging participation, reducing food waste and supporting community wellbeing. Sharing food creates

opportunities for conversation, friendship and a sense of belonging, helping to make our community a stronger and more connected place to live.

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a meal with us. Whether you would like to share lunch, join us for dinner, get involved in the gardens or lend a hand with meal preparation, we would love to welcome you. There are plenty of ways to get involved, and every helping hand makes a difference.

With the gardens growing, the meals thriving and more people coming together, Eat Grow Share is a wonderful example of what can happen when a community works together. From garden bed to dinner plate, and from a shared meal to a helping hand, the project continues to grow something truly valuable: a healthier, happier and more connected community.









Christmas Pudding in a Fowler's Jar!

Ever wanted to make your own Christmas pudding? Now's your chance!

Our wonderfully inventive Jo Miller is offering to show us how to make a Christmas pudding in a Fowler's preserving jar – a lovely homemade treat to have ready for Christmas.

We'll provide the jars and all the ingredients, so you can come along, learn something new and make your very own pudding to take home.



There will be a small cost to cover the ingredients (we're just working out the details), but if you're interested, we'd love to hear from you!

Keen to join us?

Email Alyson at
alyson@vbcc.org.au
to register your interest.

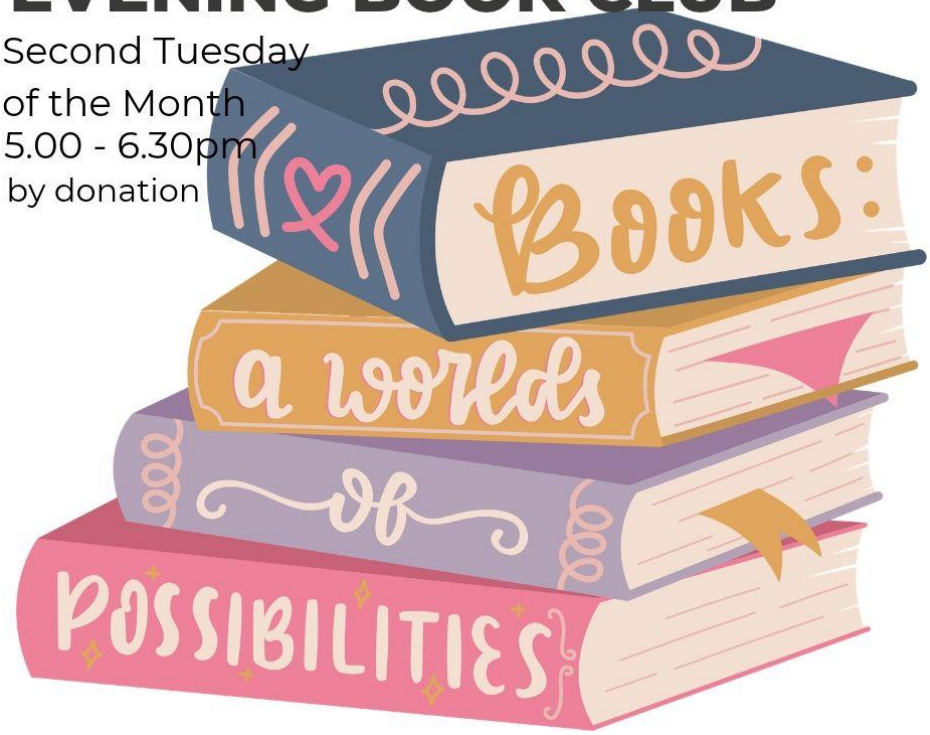
When:
Thursday, 26 November
at 12 noon

Where:
Venus Bay Community Centre

Get into the Christmas spirit, learn a new skill and create something delicious with Jo!

EVENING BOOK CLUB

Second Tuesday
of the Month
5.00 - 6.30pm
by donation



If you have been involved with one our book clubs in the past you are welcome to join us for a Christmas celebration at the Jupiter Inn.

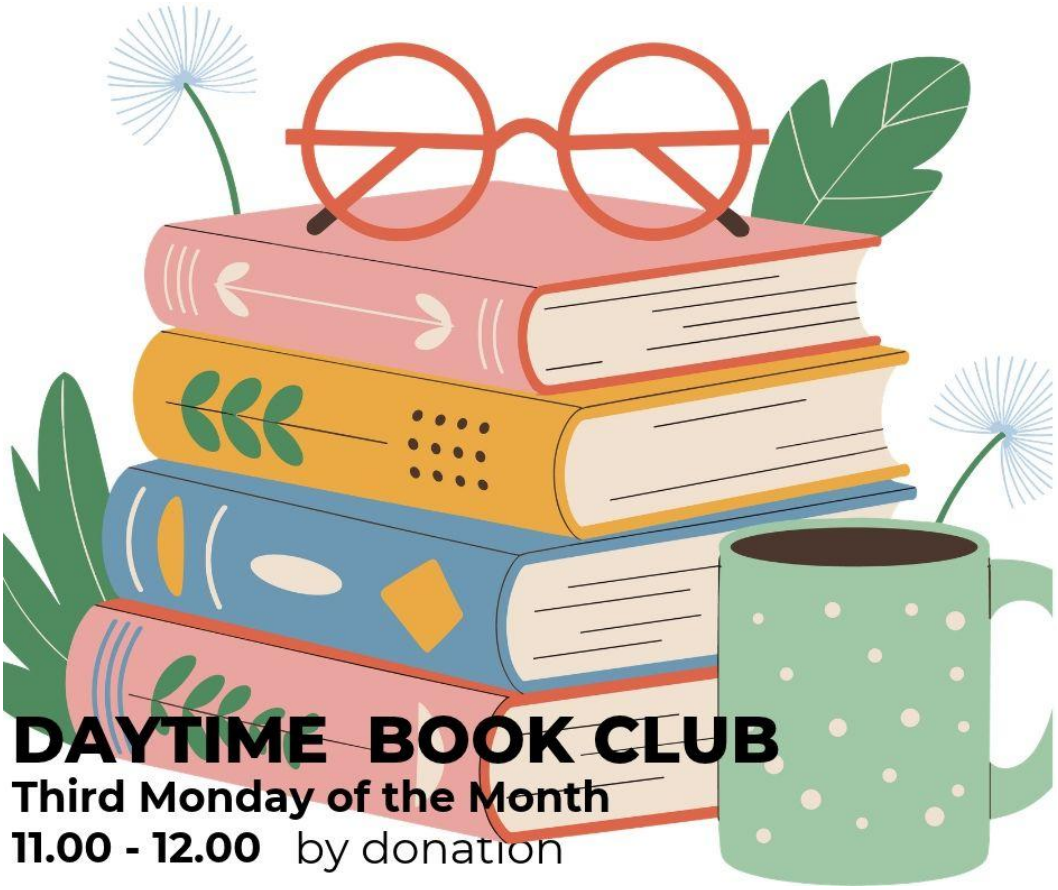
November 27th

Lunchtime

RSVP to the office by Nov 20th if you would like to attend.

Both our book clubs have space for more people at the moment.

Book sets are borrowed from the local library and the only fee is the donation you make when you attend. They often include robust discussion.



DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

Third Monday of the Month
11.00 - 12.00 by donation

The VBAC will hold the Cup weekend fishing competition from Friday 30th October starting at 6.00am through to Monday 2nd November at 3.00pm. You can weigh in your catch from 4.00 - 6.00pm on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday with final weigh in on the Monday between 2.30-3.00 pm when the winners will be announced. 1st Prize is a **$100** voucher from **Inverloch Fishing and Outdoors** and 2nd prize is a **$50** voucher from **The Riverview Hotel**.

The BBQ will be held at Gerald's Shed from 6.00pm on the Saturday with lots of raffle prizes. Non-members can join in for $5 for entry to the competition and $5.00 for the BBQ. If you would like to join in the competition you need to register by contacting one of our members on the VBAC Website. We ask that you bring along a salad or dessert to share at the BBQ. If you're interested at all in joining the Angling Club, come along and meet some members at the BBQ Saturday night or just call by during the weigh in for a chat. Membership is $50.00 for a family and $40.00 for a single.



We would like to thank our wonderful Sponsors from Tarwin Lower, Inverloch and Venus Bay - please support these businesses as they give so much back to our Community.

Inverloch Fishing and Outdoors
The Riverview Hotel
4 Shore Pizza
Venus Bay Community Centre
The Bird and the Wolf Café

Our Trivia night is Saturday 7th November at the Tarwin Lower Hall. This was a sell-out last year and had great reviews by our wonderful community. There are a few seats left which you can book by going to zeffy.com or Google VBAC Trivia Night 2026. (see poster)

South Gippsland Hospital
Adaptability. Trust. Excellence. Accountability. Mutual respect.

Have Your Say: Share Your Cancer Care Experience

Explore how cancer screening and support services can be improved across the South Gippsland local government area.

We are inviting people with a lived experience of cancer to help us better understand what is working well, where there are gaps, and how local services can better meet the needs of our community.

Fill out a survey via the QR code and/or join us:

1-3pm Friday 13 November

South Gippsland Hospital
Community Health Centre
87 Station Road, Foster
Light lunch provided

For more information, to register your interest, or for a survey please contact Tanya Cook Email: tanya.cook@sghs.com.au
Mob: 0437 859 944 or Ph: 5683 9780

VICS VICTORIAN INTEGRATED CANCER SERVICES

Sunny Is Ready for a Busy Summer!

Our community eBus, Sunny, will be working hard over the coming summer months, helping locals and visitors get out and about, connect with friends and family, and make the most of everything our region has to offer.

Regular trips and new adventures

Our regular Monday trips to Wonthaggi will continue, and we're adding a spring/summer offering of fortnightly trips to Leongatha. These will coincide with local food markets, giving passengers the chance to enjoy the markets, do a bit of shopping and have a wander.

Sunny can also help with V/Line connections by arrangement, making it easier for friends and family to visit. Connections can be arranged via Inverloch or Wonthaggi, or through Koonwarra and Leongatha.

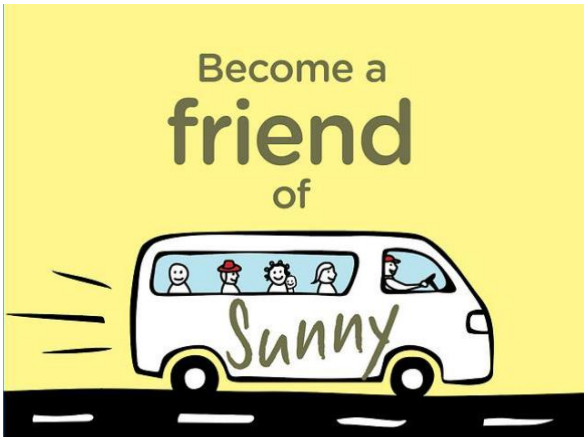
Summer is also the season for Plan Your Own Adventure trips. Perhaps you'd like to organise a group lunch, visit a local winery or head out for a special day with friends. Get a group together and let us know what you have in mind. We'll do our best to help make it happen. Private group bookings are subject to availability and a contribution towards costs.

The free Beach Shuttle returns!

We're also planning to run our free beach shuttle service again this summer, using Sunny to provide transport to Beach One. It's a great way to leave the car at home, help reduce parking congestion and enjoy a swim between the flags! The service is weather-dependent and relies entirely on volunteer drivers and coordinators. There's a lot of work involved in making it happen, but we know how much our community values this service.

Keeping Sunny on the road

Sunny plays an important role in addressing some of the transport gaps in our community. It helps people access shopping, appointments, social outings and family connections, providing opportunities that might otherwise be difficult to manage. But keeping Sunny on the road comes at a cost. The bus costs around $8,000 a year to operate, including fixed costs, while we raise approximately $4,000 through service income and occasional small grants. That leaves us with a funding gap of around $4,000 each year, and we currently have no sustainable funding source to cover it.



We want to keep Sunny available for our community, not just for those who use the service regularly, but also for those who may need it in the future.

How to book Sunny

Bookings are essential for scheduled trips and private outings, as our service relies on volunteer drivers. Please book at least 24 hours ahead where possible. For assistance with bookings, leave a message on the bus phone and a volunteer will get back to you.

Regular Wonthaggi and Leongatha trips: Book online through the Sunny eBus website.

Plan Your Own Adventure: Call 0403 108 199 or email venusbaycommunityebus@gmail.com to discuss your plans and obtain a quote.

Beach Shuttle: No booking is required for the free shuttle to Beach One.

Help keep Sunny shining!

We have a Friends of Sunny fundraising initiative for anyone who would like to support the service. Even if you don't currently use Sunny, you might want to help ensure it's available when you or someone you know needs it.

You can support Sunny in two ways:

Donate online: Visit Friends of Sunny on Humanitix.

Donate by bank transfer: Venus Bay Community Centre, Bendigo Bank. BSB: 633 000, Account number: 146 143 573.

You can also donate in person at the Venus Bay Community Centre.

And, of course, we always welcome volunteers! Our amazing volunteer drivers and coordinators are the people who make Sunny's services possible. If you would like to lend a hand, contact the Centre on 03 5663 7499 or email info@vbcc.org.au.

Sunny is more than a bus. It's a way to stay connected, maintain independence and enjoy our community. With your support, we can help keep Sunny travelling and make the most of another busy summer season.

Thank you to everyone who books, volunteers, donates and helps spread the word. Every contribution makes a difference!

VENUS BAY ANGLING CLUB

VBAC TRIVIA NIGHT 2026

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7 NOVEMBER, 2026
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NOVEMBER



A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

November 1st - December 6th

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS
Every Sunday Morning Yoga is a chance to check in with self. To regroup and set the tone for your week.
9AM - 10:15AM at the Treehouse.
$30 single class $125 for 5.
text 0421300407 to book

TUESDAYS 9AM-10:15AM

November 4th - November 23rd

MOTION IS LOTION.
Informed by traditional Hatha yoga practice TUESDAY PRACTICE is for investing in MOBILE AND ARTICULATE BODIES and MINDS.
Suitable for beginners through to more experienced
$30 single class $100 for 4.
text 0421300407 to book

CUP WEEKEND

SUNDAY & MONDAY
9AM-10:15AM

PAUSE , RESET, REALIGN
General Level Class - suitable for beginners through to more experienced
INVESTMENT $30 PER CLASS

A LITTLE BIT OF LENGTHENING THE BODY, A LOT OF DEEP BREATHING AND QUIETENING OUT THAT BUSY MIND.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL TEXT 0421300407 TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

*****Coming Up Piece of Peace 28,29 & 30th December**

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Voting in the State Election options



Vote by post

Anyone can apply to vote by post in the 2026 state election

Postal vote applications:

- open Wednesday 4 November
- close 6 pm Wednesday 25 November.

We'll start posting ballot packs after nominations have closed and we've confirmed all the candidates.

Braille ballot papers

We can post you a braille ballot paper if you're blind or vision impaired.

To register, you can:

- call 131 832 from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday
- email braille@vec.vic.gov.au.

Registrations for the 2026 state election close at **5 pm on Monday 2 November**. You only need to register once. You don't need to do anything if you've already registered.

We'll post ballot packs after nominations have closed and we've confirmed all the candidates.

Vote early



You can vote early between Wednesday 18 and Friday 27 November. Early voting is open 9am to 6pm every day except Sunday 22 November.

You don't need a reason to vote early.

All early voting centres will have:

- an assistive hearing device
- at least one wheelchair height voting screen or a table-top voting screen
- magnifying sheets
- maxi pencils
- information about how to vote in other languages.

We'll share the early voting locations closer to the voting period.

Vote on election day

You can vote at any voting centre in Victoria on Saturday 28 November.

We'll share these locations closer to the voting period.

All election day voting centres will have:

- at least one wheelchair height voting screen or a table-top voting screen
- magnifying sheets
- maxi pencils
- information about how to vote in other languages.

Find out what happens at a voting centre



Vote by phone

You can register to vote by phone if you:

- are blind
- have low vision
- have a motor impairment and need help to cast your vote.

Registration and voting opens on Wednesday 18 November. Telephone voting will be open:

- 9 am to 6 pm every day of early voting
- 8 am to 6 pm on election day.

Low-sensory voting

We'll hold a dedicated time and space for a quieter voting experience in each district at 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday 17 November.

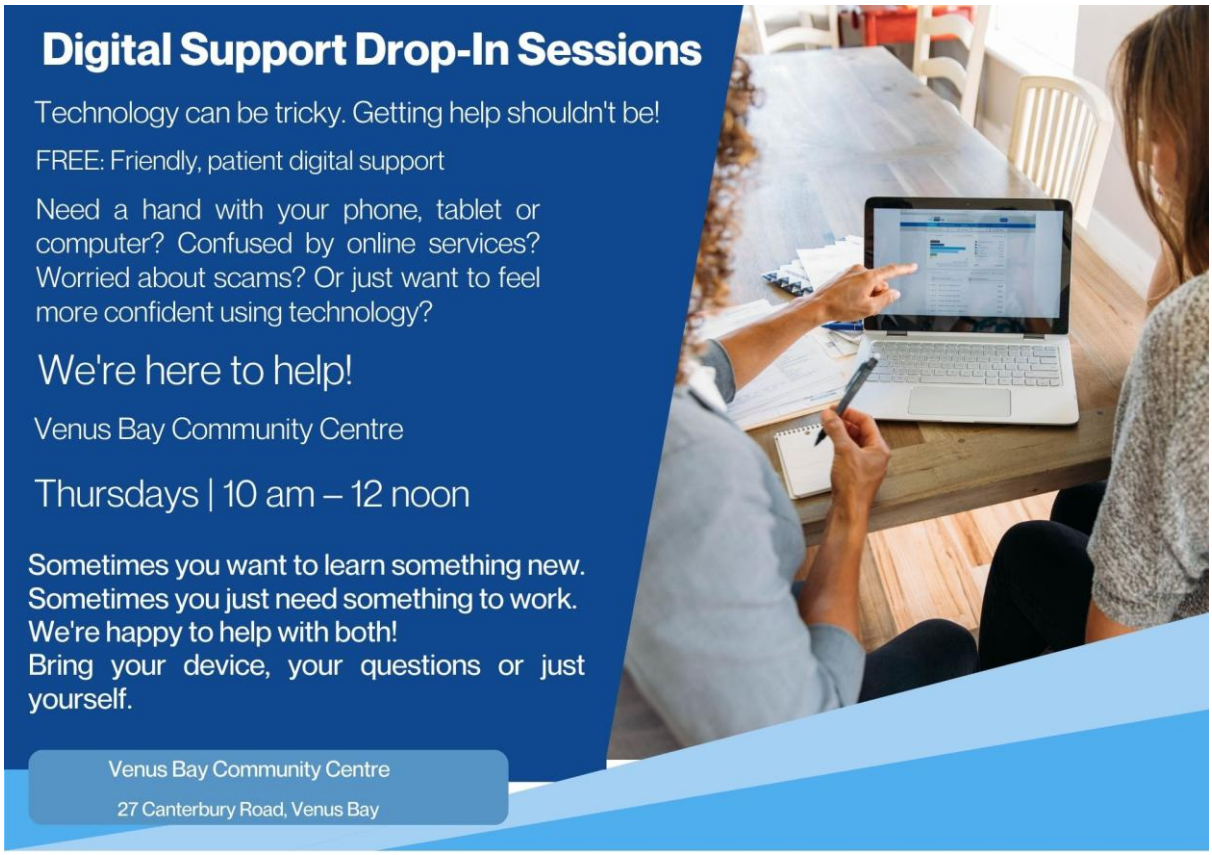
Low-sensory voting is for neurodivergent voters and voters with sensory needs.

While voting you will notice:

- extra space around voting booths
- a quieter venue
- lower or natural lighting where possible
- staff who can support voters with non-visible disabilities.

We'll share more information about low-sensory voting closer to the voting period.

For further information: https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/voting/2026-state-election/voting-options



Practical Support When You Need It

Our tech support and aged care assistance services have been very well attended, with wonderful feedback from people who have received help. Whether you need a hand with a simple problem on your phone, help navigating government websites, or guidance on understanding aged care options and the support available to help you stay living at home for longer, friendly assistance is here when you need it. Sometimes, a little help can make a big difference!

Living at Home for Longer – Free One-on-One Information Sessions

Take the next step toward staying confident and living independently—book your session today.



Appointments are between 10am and 2pm, bookings are essential.

November 18th 10.00 - 2.00

Presented by Laura Corbett from
Latrobe Community Health Service

How Long Is a Piece of Rope?

Sometimes the most unexpected things wash up on our beaches. In September, Col Mulligan of Cruza South Gippsland turned one such discovery into an online competition, challenging people to guess the length of an extraordinary piece of blue rope found on the Venus Bay coastline.

Col and a friend had dug the rope out of the sand on their way to Barrier Rock several months earlier, setting it aside for later collection. The Bass Coast Landcare Network retrieved it during their final winter collection trip.

But this was no ordinary piece of rope. It appears to have travelled along the coast through *longshore drift*, collecting more rope and marine debris along the way before reaching our shores. Discarded ropes and other rubbish are common finds on our beaches and can pose a serious threat to marine life through entanglement.

The discovery highlights the work of Col's initiative the 'Coastal Rubbish Retrieval Bike Project,' which combines coastal exploration with practical action to remove marine debris. It also reminds us that rubbish washing up on our beaches may have travelled a long way before arriving here.



Figure 1: Image from cruzasouthgippsland instagram page

Col's blue rope provided a fun guessing challenge, but it also tells a bigger story about marine pollution and the importance of community efforts to protect our coastline. Next time you're walking or riding along the beach, keep an eye out. You never know what you might find — or how you could help keep our beautiful Venus Bay coastline clean.



Tarwin Lower Film Society

Based on the childhood of Australian author Sumner Locke Elliot, **Careful He Might Hear You** is a 1983 Australian Classic. Young PS is brought up by his working class aunt and uncle after his mother dies in childbirth. His life is thrown into turmoil after his rich aunt arrives from England and seeks custody of him. Stars Robyn Nevin, the late Wendy Hughes and Nicholas Gledhill. Tarwin Lower Hall, Friday, November 20th, 6.45 pm

TARWIN LOWER & DISTRICT

Community Health Centre

PH. 5667 5680 www.tarwinhealth.com.au

November 2026

19 Walkerville Rd Tarwin Lower

10am-2pm (Subject to volunteer availability)



Pilates on Tuesday mornings.
Improve your strength, balance and flexibility in a non-judgemental and friendly group.
For class times and to book, text or call Jeanette on 0409 252 863.

DG Nurse Practitioner

Nurse Practitioner Deb Garvey is available at the Health Centre on Wednesdays from 8am.

For TeleHealth or to book an appointment, please call Deb on

0467 841 782.

Tidy Toes
Nail Care Service
Phone: 0417 549 231
Next appointments at the Health Centre: Tuesday 10th November



Hearing Australia



Red Cross meets once a month.

For details, please call Margaret Fisher (Secretary)
03 5663 5256.

Health Centre Garden Bee
Saturday 7th Nov 10-11am followed by yummy brunch.
Please bring gardening gloves and a small plate of something to share if you can.
Everyone is welcome to join in.

Art Connections
No experienced needed, just a willingness to explore and enjoy the process. For details, please call Robyn on 0488 990 598



Annual General Meeting

Monday 16th November, 11am-12pm (followed by light lunch). All Health Centre Volunteers and interested community members are welcome to attend.
Agenda:

- President's and Treasurer's report.
- Election of committee members, including President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Exciting update on the next 12 months.
- Life Members presentation.



Thankyou to everyone who donates to the community cupboard. The support is very much appreciated by people in our community who need a little help at the moment.

We are running low on flour, sugar, spreads for toast, tinned soup, corn and vegies, beans and anything you can turn into a meal. Please take donations to the Health Centre or in the IGA donations bin.

November at the Community Centre

Mon 2	10.00 - 12.00	Silver Banksia plant propagation group
	2.00 - 4.00	Social Art group
	5.00 - 6.30	Mens Social cooking
Tues 3	5.00 - 6.30	Games night
Wed 4	12.00 start	Community lunch
Thurs 5	11.00 - 12.00	Garden working bee
	10.00 - 12.00	Bec - Digital Support
	4.00 - 6.00	Ukulele
Mon 9	10.00 - 12.00	Silver Banksia plant propagation group
	2.00 - 4.00	Social Art group
Tues 10	5.00 - 6.30	Book Club
Wed 11	12.00 start	Community lunch
	3.30 - 5.00	Freeform writing
	6.00 start	Dinner @ Community Centre
Thurs 12	10.00 - 12.00	Bec - Digital Support
	11.00 - 12.00	Garden working bee
	1.00 - 2.30	Stirring the Pot
	4.00 - 6.00	Ukulele
Mon 16	10.00 - 12.00	Silver Banksia plant propagation group
	11.00 -12.00	Book Club
	2.00 - 4.00	Social Art group
Tues 17	5.00 - 6.30	Knitting
Wed 18	10.00 - 2.00	Living at Home longer - one on one bookings
	12.00 start	Community lunch
Thurs 19	10.00 - 12.00	Bec - Digital Support
	4.00 - 6.00	Ukulele
Mon 23	10.00 - 12.00	Silver Banksia plant propagation group
	2.00 - 4.00	Social Art group
Tues 24	7.00 - 9.00	Mandala Art Meditation
Wed 25	12.00 start	Community lunch
	6.00 start	Dinner @ Community Centre
Thur 26	10.00 - 11.00	Bec - Digital Support
	4.00 - 6.00	Ukulele

Recycling Op Shop Hours

Sat	10.00 - 2.00
Mon	10.00 - 2.00
Wed	10.00 - 2.00
Thurs	10.00 - 2.00

Our Trailers – Available for Community Use!

Helping our community, one trailer load at a time!

For around 12 years, the Venus Bay Community Centre has been pleased to make trailers available for community members to borrow when they need a helping hand. Whether it's a trip to the tip, a garden clean-up or tackling a big project at home, our trailers have been there to make life a little easier.

We've always operated on a simple principle: **trust and community spirit.** People collect a trailer when they need one, return it when they're finished, and leave it ready for the next person to use. It's a system that has worked well for many years, thanks to the generosity and consideration of our community.

Last year, we purchased a brand-new cage trailer and were also very generously donated another cage trailer. That means we now have **four trailers available for community use!** A big thank you to everyone who has helped make this possible.



Green Waste Amnesty – Our Trailers Are in High Demand!

With the green waste amnesty running from November through to the end of December, we know our trailers are especially popular at this time of year. It's a great opportunity to get stuck into the garden and tidy up around the home.

Unfortunately, we've recently experienced a situation where one trailer was kept for 10 weeks and was only returned after police became involved. While this was an isolated incident, it has meant we need to make a small change to how some of our trailers are managed.

What Does This Mean for Borrowers?

To help ensure the trailers remain available for everyone, **our two cage trailers will now be locked and available to borrow only during the Venus Bay Community Centre's opening hours.** We ask for a small donation when borrowing these trailers to help cover maintenance and keep them in good condition for the community.

The good news is that our other two trailers will continue to be available at any time, just as they have been in the past.

Keeping It Community-Minded

We know that 99% of people do the right thing, and we don't want the actions of one person to change the way we support our community. We're committed to continuing to operate on trust wherever possible, because that's what makes our community such a great place to live.

So, if you're planning a garden tidy-up or making the most of the green waste amnesty, remember that our trailers are here to help!

Please borrow responsibly, return your trailer promptly, and leave it ready for the next person. By looking after these shared resources, we can keep them available and useful for everyone in Venus Bay.

Thank you for helping us keep this wonderful community service rolling!



Tarwin Lower Union Church



Regular services:

Sunday 10.30 a.m.	**Anglican/Uniting**
Saturday 4 p.m.	**Catholic**

Our mission is to be a welcoming, sharing Christian community

"Wise women" personal development discussion group will meet on

Thursday 5th November and Thursday 19th November

at 10.30 a.m.

for a cuppa and chat

KYB (Know your bible) will meet on

Friday 13th November and Friday 27th November

at 1.30 p.m.

Join us for the last Café Church of the year

Sunday 29th November

with the theme:



Cold Wax Art Class



Thursday 10th December

1-4 pm

Teacher Roz Crawford

All materials provided

$25 per person

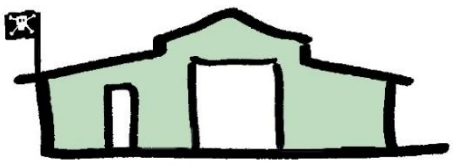
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To be held at the Tarwin Health Centre







Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower & District Men's Shed

The Men's Shed has opened its workshop doors to women but of course they still welcome Men!

If you are new to the area it is a great place to meet other blokes. Epecially if you've ever wanted to learn how to use workshop tools or simply try something new.

Interested? Contact **Garry Dobbs** at dobbsy54@gmail.com.au and let him know.



Volunteer with us - it's fun!

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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