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Providing information for Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower and Walkerville district



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



The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Venus Bay
Community Centre will be held in November on Saturday 25th

This is a chance to report on the work of the Centre over the last year, to present our Annual Report and audited finance statements and to formally elect the board who will govern the Centre for the next 12 months.

The role of the Board is to oversee and guide the operation of the Venus Bay Community Centre – by developing and reporting against a strategic plan, and to ensure we meet our regulatory guidelines of the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (yes – we are a Neighbourhood House!) as well as ensuring the finances are managed in a sustainable way while meeting all our fiduciary duties. We are a registered not-forprofit incorporated organization with charity status from ACNC.

Do you have what it takes to join our Board?

We are seeking active members who can contribute their skills, expertise and interest to the work we undertake to serve and represent our district - we have achieved some great projects and initiatives over many years, with ongoing and new initiatives.

Why should I put my hand up to join the Board?

- Actively participate in decision making and planning
- Share your ideas and expertise.
- Make a positive impact on our community.
- Collaborate with like-minded individuals.
- Develop new skills and gain valuable experience.

We are actively seeking new Board members with either financial/ business skills or legal expertise to complement the skills we currently have on our Board. We hold 8 board meetings a year, each for 2 hours. Beyond that there are opportunities to contribute to sub-groups or steering committees relating to specific projects.

Are you interested? For more information or to chat about what's involved: chairperson@vbcc.org.au

OUR ORGANISATION – VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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:

Check our website for more information about the range of activities, programs and initiatives: www.vbcc.org.au

A Community Plan for Community Energy – an update

Hey All,

Just an update on the Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower Community Energy Resilience project. Following the endorsement of the community action plan by interested community members, the work has continued with the establishment of the Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower Community Energy Coordinating Group. Meetings have started, and Terms of Reference are being finalised.

Shortly the Coordinating Group will be contacting those of you who expressed interest in being involved in and contributing to the implementation of the action plan through establishing working groups. https://www.vbcc.org.au/ files/ugd/46db57 dda0087bd82e4c60869c05ebc7adf116.pdf

The Coordinating Group recognises that the plan cannot be actioned all at once and will work with the subgroups and community volunteers to prioritise and facilitate actions, with the focus kept squarely on collaborating with all community members.

One action that clearly came out of the community energy workshops was a desire to have direct access to useful information so households can make good decisions during this energy transition. In the last newsletter you would have seen information about how to ensure your house is sealed and energy efficient using Home Energy and Water Efficiency Kits (available to borrow from local libraries) and information on energy bill relief available.

Here we provide a few links to key information for reducing energy consumption, finding the best deal for your energy generation / usage and new, innovative options that you may not have heard of. We will endeavour to continue providing this type of useful information and continue to share further actions and outcomes with you. We also hope to have some exciting news to share in the coming months and years as we progress this community energy resilience plan.

Want to know and save more?

A huge range of practical tips on energy, waste, water and travel efficiency as well as information on government assistance is available here on

https://www.energy.gov.au/

https://www.yourhome.gov.au/

As energy prices skyrocket, if you want to find a better deal than with your current energy company, you can go here https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/

Or if you would like to explore options to the big energy companies – there are alternatives such as a cooperative model with Co-Power.

https://www.cooperativepower.org.au/

If you have more queries, would like more information about the Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower Energy Resilience Project or would like to get involved, contact us via info@vbcc.org.au



From your local councillor.

November already!!! I'm sure many like me are wondering where the heck that year went. So that's full steam ahead for the "boom" in our "boom and bust" way of being.



I'd like to draw your attention to this beautiful new addition to the Van Cleef Reserve in the second estate, if you haven't visited yet GO! The community lead collaborative project is just getting better and better and every time I visit there's something new or something I'd missed last time. A great place for the kids to explore and learn about the local environment.

Van Cleef Reserve - South Gippsland

(visitsouthgippsland.com.au)

I'd like to acknowledge the disruption the Venus Bay streetscape has caused but we are nearly through! I'm sure we'll all appreciate a safer, more pedestrian friendly place for people to gather and spend spend on local business but I do know it is hard in the messy bit in between. The footpath that starts at the General Store will be 1.5m wide and connect up with the community centre btw.

Next is a big shout out to the residents with watery road issues in Tarwin Lower, thank you for your patience while we get expert options for now and well into the future so we can all get going with a plan that involves less ducks in the driveway.

At council we are planning for old and new hazards and risks in low lying coastal areas, last week we proposed at MAV State Council stating, "That MAV call on the Victorian Government to fund and implement a state-led process to modify the Victorian Planning Scheme to amend, strengthen, and protect the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay to manage risks areas that are vulnerable to climate change inclusive of all affected coastal and riverine areas." It was unanimously supported across all Victorian Councils which is a fantastic result.

For more information on the overall plan for our beautiful coastline please take a look at the Coastal Strategy adopted earlier this year, it had record community engagement! Council Strategies & Plans | Council Strategies | South Gippsland Shire Council Make sure you keep up with council/ community engagement opportunities, currently out for public review are our local bylaws, get involved! General Local Law Review Round 2 | Your Say South Gippsland

In the run up to summer I ask everyone to support our emergency management volunteers, without our local CFA, SES, CERT and Surf Life Saving Club we really couldn't function. How do you support them? By getting organised now and doing the right thing in fire prep, personal, visitor and family emergency plans. Respect the dangers and you respect the emergency volunteers.

On another note I've recently been elected onto the Municipal Association of Victoria's Emergency Management Committee and look forward to bringing back sector knowledge as well as taking the needs of vulnerable high tourism communities to the table #risknerd

Take care 😊 Cr. Sarah Gilligan

Use it for what?

Whilst cleaning out the cupboards the other day, I noticed I ended up with a pile of things that had seen better days, but were too good to throw away, or simply had nowhere to live. What can you do with an outdated piece of art, some used toilet rolls and a single brandy balloon? So I put my thinking cap on, what if I could repurpose them instead or house these odd items in a more useful way?



A Work of Art – Turn old, broken or outdated jewellery into a fabulous work of art. Make use of an old framed work of picture or pick up one at the Op Shop. You can also use the same idea with old kids toys, broken Christmas Decorations.

Kaz - Enterprise Recycling
Coordinator

COMMUNITY RECYCLING ENTERPRISE



Toilet Roll Lead Organisers - Let's face it today most things are rechargeable and come with a charging lead, which can get a little confusing at times. This can make your life easier not having to figure out what lead goes with what device. Plugging the wrong charger or lead into a device can have a catastrophic affect. A quick and easy way to keep leads in order.

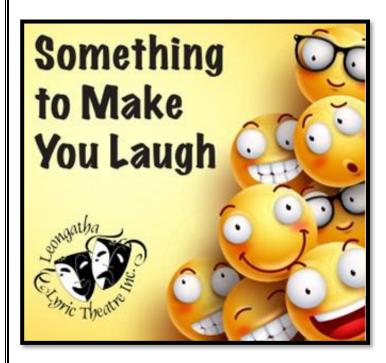
Beach Themed Mini Garden – Great idea for a brandy balloon, or large wine glass. Get creative and see how beachy you can make your scene. You can use the same idea to make a mini scene of any kind. Fairy Garden, Christmas Scene, Under the Sea Garden, Action Sports theme, Snow Scene, get the kids involved, see how creative you can get.



Hello all.

Thankfully Film Society members will be able to catchup on their screening of the film "Misbehaviour' on Friday 1 December. Early Christmas drink anyone?





A big reminder that we are hosting "Something To Make You Laugh" is a fresh comical travelling show bound to hit you on the funny bone!

Friday 24 November 2023

Doors: 7:30pm

Show: 8:00 – 10:30pm with interval BYO drinks and nibbles – tables of 8. Cost: Full \$30 Concession \$20 Tickets available via the link below or

scan the QR Code.

https://www.trybooking.com/CMCDE

EFTPOS Door sales available on the night.



Saturday 4th November at 7:00pm

A super important night on the calendar this weekend! There has been a lot of anticipation for this gig coming up. Great night out guaranteed with music from Issi Dye and Glenn Rodgers to get you up on the dance floor, **Massive** raffle prizes and auction items. NO DOOR SALES. \$30 each (U/16 free entry) Only a handful left!! Tickets from Mitre 10 or call Michelle on 0487 120 041 QUICK!

<u>Please note all tickets must be pre-purchased</u> **before 4 November.**

Finally, Monday 5 November is our first Market Day for the summer season! All the usual stalls and entertainment – support local we can't wait to see your smiling faces.

All the best

Marg de Wolff Secretary, Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Committee of Management tarwinlowerhall@gmail.com



VENUS BAY SLSC News

From the President

It's been an exciting couple of months stepping into the role of President after 15 years in the role of Education and Training. I am so fortunate to have had many wonderful Presidents before me who have set solid foundations on which the club currently resides. Their support and encouragement has been wonderful, and I am grateful we are a club that prides itself on working collaboratively, sharing knowledge and mentoring members.

I have been a member of Venus Bay SLSC for 23 years and during this time I have been involved in many different facets of lifesaving. I first became involved in Education and Training back in 2006 when I stepped into the role of Chief Instructor. As the committee evolved into a board of directors I continued on in the role of Director of Education and Training. Other roles I have held are: Patrol Captain, Member Welfare Officer, Club Historian, Paid Lifeguard, Lifeguard mentor, Board Coach and I have been a Victoria State Representative on both the Pool Lifesaving and IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) teams.

When I am not lifesaving you will find me in the classroom teaching my beautiful grade 5/6 class. I have taught both primary and secondary but love the creativity teaching primary students offers. You will also find me spending time with my two children and my amazing husband (who I met through the surf club).

As President I hope to bring innovation and energy into the club whilst creating a supportive environment for all members. We have fabulous youth moving up through the club and I aspire to steer the club in a direction that inspires this youth to step up and take on leadership roles whilst ensuring we provide the highest quality lifesaving services on our beach.

One of my goals is to foster a strong connection between our lifesaving club and the local community. I am currently working with the board on our strategic goals and planning to ensure the club is set up not just for this season but for future lifesavers and future generations.

On behalf of the entire Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing board of directors for their commitment and leadership during their tenure. We bid farewell to President Mark Lloyd, Secretary Robyn Kaye, Director of Surf Sports Marty McCorriston and Director of Social and Fundraising Julian Seri. Your dedication to the club's mission and countless hours of work have helped shape the club in so many ways.

Kimberley Gee

Did you know that VBSLSC generates approximately \$200,000 per year, and uses 75% of this to run the club over the active season which runs for 6 months? Funds are raised from membership

(25%), Grants (25%), sponsorship (10%) and the remaining 40% comes from fundraising activities over the main summer period. The majority of these funds are spent on maintenance of the club's rescue equipment, our facilities, and training.

We are an emergency service and our active members are volunteer first responders. So, when you see a call out to volunteer, or to put your hands in your pocket, please be generous and get involved.

Club News

• **VBSLSC Board Planning:** A board planning day filled with vision, collaboration and strategic thinking was recently held at the club. Board members came together to chart an exciting course for the future, setting clear objectives and



priorities that will guide our club's growth and impact. Local Councillor Sarah Gilligan was present for the afternoon session which explored ideas for fostering a connection to the local community. Her passion for making our locality a better place to live and building community relationships, along with her creative energy. We thank Sarah for donating her time on this day.

- **Facility Upgrades:** are underway and the club will have some energy injected back into it with fresh paint, rejuvenated floors, upgraded amenities upstairs, a new security system, and increased storage. The cost of these works is around \$50K and the club relies on funds from grants, sponsorship, and fundraising to help alleviate the costs.
- GAP Program and Youth Mentoring Program: The club is excited to be launching two brand new programs targeting our members aged between 13-15. Both these programs aim to build leadership and teamwork skills while creating a strong connection to the club. Statistics show that this age range is when members often to drop out due to a lack of connection and sense of belonging. More information can be found in our newsletter which will be available soon on our website.
- New website: Our new website will be launching soon so keep an eye out for it at <u>www.vbslsc.org.au</u>
- **Working Bee:** The club will be holding a working bee on November 4th. We would love to see some new faces!
- **Membership renewals** are now open including **nipper registrations**. Please visit our website our newsletter for information on how to renew or enrol.
- **IRB Australian Championships:** The club recently returned from the IRB Aussies in Kingscliff, NSW where we had a number of top 10 finishes! The highlight of the weekend was the female team finish 4th place in the final of the Female Teams Rescue.

Positions Vacant

Grants Officer: Are you passionate about making a positive impact in the community? Venus Bay Surf Lifesaving Club is in search of a dedicated Grants Volunteer to join our team. If you have a knack for seeking out funding opportunities and a desire to support our vital mission, we'd love to have you on board. Contact Kristian secretary@vbslsc.org.au for further information.

Sponsorship Officer: Do you have a passion for building meaningful partnerships and connections in the community? We are actively seeking a Sponsorship Officer to play a pivotal role in our organisation. If you have an interest in forging relationships with local businesses and sponsors, and you're excited about supporting our lifesaving initiatives, we want to hear from you. Your ability to secure sponsorships will directly impact on our ability to provide essential services to the community. Contact Danielle fundraising@vbslsc.org.au for further information.

Team Venus at the recent Australian Championships





Our female team achieved 4th place in the final for the Female Teams Rescue. What an exceptional result!

Eating the problem: pest to plate

Thirty people, ranging from complete novices to experienced hunters, came away with new skills and full bellies at Tarwin Landcare Group's (TLG) Pest to Plate workshop last week.

The group, guided by the Game Management Authority's (GMA) Dr Jason Flesch, skinned, gutted and butchered four fallow deer caught at Cape Liptrap and thoroughly enjoyed the venison sausages they ate afterwards!

The workshop is just one of the many activities run by TLG over the past 18 months in its efforts to reduce the impacts of deer in and around the Cape Liptrap Coastal Park. As well as damaging native vegetation and waterways, deer eat valuable pasture, spread disease and are involved in an increasing number of motor vehicle accidents each year.

An important part of TLG's work has involved collaborating with individuals and agencies with skills and knowledge to help landholders control local deer populations. This has included partnering with recreational hunters and commercial harvesters and hearing from experts like GMA on safe and responsible hunting.

TLG President, Jillian Staton, said the program has built community confidence in recreational shooters who are now regarded as a valuable and trusted resource. "Our landholders have built strong relationships with the hunters who come out regularly to help manage deer, and foxes and rabbits as well. We're definitely seeing less deer at the moment and several farmers have reported increased lambing percentages which is a bonus."

Three of those recreational shooters - Rory Bluett, Blake Barfoot and Darren Burns - provided deer for the workshop and local landholder, James Gemmell, shot the fourth.

Jason, who completed his PhD in deer biology, showed participants how to assess the animals for signs of disease or ill health and to field dress the carcasses quickly and hygienically. He then demonstrated safe and efficient butchering techniques on the first carcass, describing each cut, its eating qualities and the variety of ways it can be used.

It was then over to the participants to skin and butcher the remaining three deer which they did with

increasing confidence and - to everyone's relief - no injuries!

The next part of the workshop was dedicated to making the perfect venison sausage. The overwhelming favourite was a bratwurst containing grated cheese and bacon but there were a number of contenders for second place. A gluten-free sausage was also produced. TLG is enormously grateful to the GMA for their support and to Jason and his assistant, Chris Davies, who were extremely generous with their time and knowledge, and to Amber Creek Farm for supplying several kilograms of pork fat. All participants thoroughly enjoyed the experience with Jillian saying: "As far as win-wins go, gathering the community together to turn a pest into sausages is up there with the best!"



For more information about TLG's community controlled deer management program, contact Jenny O'Sullivan on 0419 153

377 or leapios@gmail.com. TLG runs a variety of environmentallyfocussed activities and welcomes new members: email tarwin@group.sgln.net.au for details.



COMMUNITY CENTRE

Join us for a special Family Story Time in the morning when we will share fun and fabulous picture books, songs, movement and craft activities. Ideal for youngsters at kinder and about to start school (ages 3 - 6)

Wednesday

10.30 30 AM

Join us on November 8th & 15th

More info: myli - Wonthaggi Library 03 5672 1875



Planning

What would you like to see at the Centre in 2024?

We would love to hear your ideas.

Upcycling workshops

Social cooking for men

Art group weekly or monthly

Card / game nights

Guest speakers

Activities for teenagers

Family history chats

Exercise

Something else?

Send us an email with your suggestions. carol@vbcc.org.au

MENS SOCIAL COOKING GROUP

WE ARE THINKING OF STARTING A MENS SOCIAL GROUP. IMPROVE YOUR COOKING SKILLS AND ENJOY A MEAL TOGETHER MEET OTHER MEN. FOUR WEEK TRIAL.

> REGISTER NOW

CAROL@VBCC.ORG.AU

Seeking expressions of interest





VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY

10.00 - 12.00

SILVER BANKSIA PLANT GROUP



TUESDAY

MONTH

5.00 - 6.30 BOOK CLUB 2ND TUESDAY OF THE



WEDNESDAY

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH WEDNESDAYS 12.00



Regular Activities

phone 5663 7499 info@vbcc.org.au

THURSDAY

UKULELE 7.00 - 8.30 \$5.00





NOVEMBER SESSIONS

Monday November 13- Monday December 11

Join in for the final 4-week block of morning yoga for the 2023. Take some time for relaxation and self-care during the mad Christmas Rush.

TARWIN LOWER MECHANICS HALL

Mondays 10:00 am- 11:00am

VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Fridays 9:30am - 10:30am Sundays 9:30am - 10:30am

Investment
4 Classes \$90 (in advance)
10 class card \$220
(in advance and valid for the 4 weeks)
Casual drop in \$25

To secure a place or any questions text me Tracie B Mitchell on 0421300407

COMING UP

CHRISTMAS MORNING PRACTICE 8:30-9:30AM

Because we're all different Now in its fourth year - Bookings essential



There are now more ways to contact Victoria Police.

You can report some non-urgent crime and events anytime, anywhere by calling the

Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or

submitting an online report.

The Police Assistance Line and online reporting service provides you with the ability to call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to report lost property or property related crime such as a theft or property damage, or to make general police enquiries.

These new contact options have been added to help improve the response, management and delivery of police services to the community.

- Theft
- Lost Property
- Property Damage

- Party Safe—register party
- · Absence from residence
- General Enquiries



Gingerbread House Workshop

Freshly home baked gingerbread Learn to assemble and decorate! Venus Bay Community Centre November 25th 1.00 – 4.00 \$35 per house.

RSVP: 15th November

Limited spots, register now: carol@vbcc.org.au



FREE ONLINE SESSION

Preparing your property for the fire season

CFA is running a free online session for South Gippsland Shire residents and non-resident property owners, providing vital knowledge and advice on ways to prepare their property for fire season. Each session will run for one hour and cover;

- Is my property at risk?
- How fires destroy buildings
- Landscaping and garden design
- What can I do?
- Australian Fire Danger Ratings

South Gippsland Council officers will be online to provide advice on emergency preparedness and what apps to use to help you be prepared.

For more information please contact our team

T: 0419 874 484 or E:firesafetyoutreach@cfa.vic.gov.au

REGISTER FOR OUR FREE SESSIONS TODAY

Session

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Tuesday 14 November 2023

Register: click the link or scan QR code.

https://forms.office.com/r/cwkGj1HpX1



Victorian Container Deposit Scheme



How it works

- You purchase a drink.
- You return your empty drink container to a refund point. With 600 refund points planned across Victoria, you can choose a location that is convenient for you.
- You receive a 10-cent refund for every eligible container you return. You can choose to keep the funds or donate to a participating charity, community group, environmental group, educational organisation or sports group.
- Your returned container is given a new lease on life. The material is recycled and remanufactured into a new product, saving it from landfill or littering the environment.



Eligible containers include:

- Non-concentrated fruit or vegetable juice
- Flavoured milk
- Beer
- Soft drink
- Mixed spirits



Exempt containers include:

- Glass wine bottles
- Glass spirit bottles
- Juice bottles 1 litre and over
- Cordial bottles
- Milk (other than flavoured milk)
- Concentrated fruit or vegetable juice

Health tonics

Local collection places & types:



Venus Bay Transfer Station, 3 Beach Road, Venus Bay (over the counter)

Walkerville Transfer Station, 873 Fish Creek-Walkerville Rd, Walkerville (over the counter)

Koonwarra Transfer Station, 275 Koonwarra-Inverloch Rd, Koonwarra (over the counter)

Home Timber & Hardware Leongatha 7/13 Roughead St, Leongatha (Reverse Vending Machine)

For more information you can go to https://www.vic.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme

Or for other locations visit here: https://cdsvic.org.au/locations

Green Waste Amnesty Period

Council's annual Green Waste Amnesty period is starting soon. The amnesty will run from 4 November until 31 December 2023. Residents can dispose of their green waste for free at any of Council's transfer stations until the end of the amnesty period.

The amnesty aims to encourage residents to prepare their properties for the fire season by removing potential fire hazards.



For transfer station operating hours and locations, please go to www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tips

Tarwin Lower Union Church



Regular services:

Saturday 5.30 p.m.

Catholic

Liturgy/Communion on the Saturday before the 1^{st} , 2^{nd} , 4^{th} and 5^{th} Sunday of the month

Saturday 4 p.m.

Mass before the 3rd Sunday

Sunday 10.30 a.m. Anglican/Uniting

Our mission is to be a welcoming, sharing Christian community Coming up:

*Women's discussion group: 9th, 23rd November at 10.30 a.m.

*KYB (Bible study): contact Marlene for details (0419 345 128)

Keep the date free:

Christmas carols and sausage sizzle: Friday 22nd December from 6.30 p.m.

MIGLING CUS

The **Venus Bay Angling Club** November competition starts on Friday 3rd November at 6.00 a.m. There will be a weigh in Friday 4-6pm, Saturday 4-7pm, Sunday 4-6.00p.m.

and the final weigh in will be on Monday between 2.30 - 3.00 p.m. 1st prize is a voucher for a local business for financial members.

For non-members \$5 covers the cost of entry to the comp and the Saturday night BBQ. Everyone is welcome and we ask you to bring along a salad/hot dish or dessert to share, the club provides the meat.

The Venus Bay club is a very social group and if you are not into fishing you are most welcome to come along and join the social side of the club. Kids are free entry to the competition and could win a trophy.





On Saturday the 28th of October the club held a Get Hooked on Fishing afternoon.

Those who attended were given an introduction to the club, instruction on

tying knots and some lessons on casting. Jessica was the 1st to get the sinker through the fish's mouth, she bought along her 4 kids and a support person. They all joined in and had fun.



Calling all singers



Would you like to be part of the choir that is singing at the Christmas Carols on Friday 22 December?



If interested: please contact Marlene (0419 345 128)

TARWIN LOWER & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB INC.

AFILLIATED WITH BOWLS AUSTRALIA

Tarwin Lower & District Bowls Club invites you to
Our Annual Melbourne Cup Day Event
to be held from 12 noon on Tuesday, 7th November, 2023.



Come along and join in the sweeps and our "Fashion on the Field" parade with prizes for best dressed lady and couple.



Cost \$30.00 per person

Champagne on arrival, Chicken & Salads lunch
All welcome.

For individual or group bookings phone

Pat: 0408 581 573 or Helen: 0412 868 023 by 30th October.



The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open!

Get in quick as applications for a voucher will close when the allocation has been exhausted.

If your family or child has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities.



Important Dates:

Round 7 open to apply for a voucher or reimbursement: 10:00 am Tuesday, 10

October 2023 until allocation exhausted

Reimbursement dates: from 8 May 2023 until allocation is exhausted

Vouchers expiry date: Tuesday, 30 April 2024.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services, as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants, or international students.

To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, what costs are covered and more, visit www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers



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NOVEMBER 2025

SATURDAY: WORKSHOPS | PLAY ALONG SESSIONS | OPEN MIC NIGHT SUNDAY: PLAY ALONG PICNIC IN THE PARK AT EREWHON POINT

Bring along a waste free picnic or enjoy a devonshire tea from the CWA and a Rotary sausage sizzle at Erewhon Point.

TICKETS ARE FREE!

Some sessions have limited places, to avoid disappointment, please book a free ticket. Scan the QR code to see the full list of activities available, to book and also to register to receive your free copy of the Sunday Picnic Song Book.

There will also be fundraising activities (and donations welcome) for the introduction of Bass Coast Health's **Music Therapy Program** in aged care and the hospital.

Scan me!



With thanks to our major sponsors















Piggery Road Permaculture and Produce presents:

INTRODUCTION TO PERMACULTURE

® Spring G

Fish Creek

18th and 25th November 2023

What is Permaculture? A gardening technique? A blueprint for a saner world? A revolution disguised as gardening? Learn about the history, ethics and principles of Permaculture. Whether you are a complete beginner, wish to refresh your knowledge or just work out if Permaculture is for you, this weekend course will send you home with a head full of new ideas for your own plot.

Course fee includes hands-on workshops on hot composting techniques, no-dig gardening, seed saving and a garden design

About the teachers:

Penelope Swales trained with Permaculture stalwarts John Champagne and Rosemary Morrow. She is the founder of Piggery Road Permaculture.

Carolyn Rowson is a graduate of Southern Cross Permaculture and founder of the Kongwak Nursery and Community Garden. She is a composting queen!

PLEASE NOTE: Above dates subject to change depending on what date the Voice Referendum is held. If it falls on one of these dates, the first day will be on the 11th November instead.

Course fee; \$225 full price/200 conc. Pair/couple; \$420 full price/385 conc.

Work for learning 10 hours labour at Piggery Road (requires physical

fitness. For more info email infopigrp@gmail.com)

To book email jischulz2@bigpond.com

Ph: 0427 809 509





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

Email: info@vbcc.org.au Website: www.vbcc.org.au

Opening hours reflect the season - please check our website or Facebook for details

or call Alyson 0416 242 331

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Government, & South Gippsland Shire Council.

Our website is www.vbcc.org.au

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