

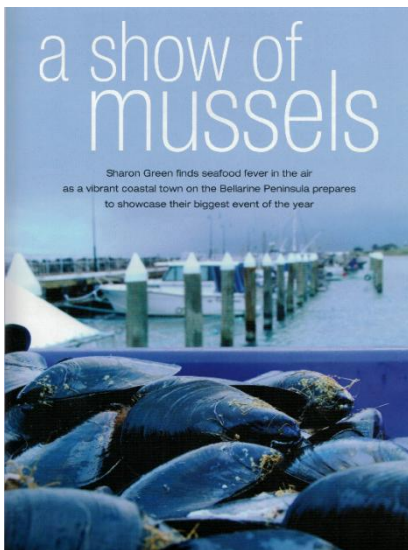
Please pass this email on to family, friends, colleagues and members of your community group or organisation.

The next tree will be Wednesday 17 January 2018. **Please have your contributions in by Tuesday 16 January 2018.**

Your fortnightly email tree is provided by the Portarlington Community Association

It's our Mussel Festival !!!!

Saturday 13 January from Parks Hall to the pier



Entertainment – just think *Hotel California* The Eagles Story will be on the main stage!

Food galore AND mussels cooked in so many ways

Fun for kids

Art, photography, buskers,

Mussel cooking classes

Step back in time and sail on the Enterprize

Watch the Mussel Festival Cup

Local wines and boutique beers

Catch the free bus

Catch the ferry from Melbourne or Geelong

Volunteer and make our festival the best

Take some mussels home

Travel

Catch the ferry from Docklands or Geelong



Depart Docklands at 9am or 11am with returns from Portarlington at 4.15pm and 6pm

Depart Geelong Waterfront @ 12 noon with a return of 3.45 pm from Portarlington

Port Phillip Ferries

a sell out. [Book here](#)

You MUST pre book on line for this day as it will be

Or find out more at www.portphillipferries.com.au/event/portarlington-mussel-festival/



Want to be picked up?

9.00am – 5.30pm, Saturday 13 January to and from an address in Portarlington or Indented Head.



A free bus can pick you up so you can enjoy our Mussel Festival without the hassle of driving and parking.

Sample our local wines and boutique beers.

Phone 0411 036 939 and a bus will pick you up.

Be at the front of Parks Hall before 5.30pm for a ride home again.

Please note, this service cannot transport children aged 7 years or younger.

Free bus to and from the Recreation Reserve

9.00am – 5.30pm, Saturday 13 January between the designated car park at the Portarlington Recreation Reserve, Sproat Street and Parks Hall, Newcombe Street.

There will be six buses running and please note, the two 22-seater buses will give priority to families with children aged 7 years or younger. Flyer attached.

What to look for

The Eagles Story is on the main stage/Bendigo Bank Stage at 1.45pm

<https://theeaglesstory.com.au/about/>

The Portarlington Mussel Festival Mussel Cup sailing race starts at 2.30pm, watch from the pier or foreshore. Race info attached or go to

<http://portarlingtonsc.wixsite.com/portsailingclub>

All day: Rie's Kitchen in the cooking tent. Gosh, food, fun and frivolity everywhere! Check out <https://www.facebook.com/port.musselfest/?fref=mentions>

How to help

Make our Mussel Festival the BEST!! It needs you

Our Mussel Festival needs volunteers to make it happen. The festival is solely run by volunteers.

The committee only keeps what it needs to run the next festival and gives everything else back to our community via donations.

To volunteer, please go to www.portmusselfestival.com/volunteer/

Save your \$2.00 entry fee, receive a free T-shirt, and simply have fun with so many others who volunteers.

Just In

TODAY Our miniature railway is operating each Wednesday during the school holidays

17 January Get involved – protect your local beach-nesting birds

Last Chance

6 and 17 January Op Shed sales

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Keep in touch with local groups, how to catch the ferry and free Wi-Fi sites. This is a work-in-progress with sites being added.

PortShare is [here](#)

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Just In

TODAY our miniature railway is running every Wednesday during the school holidays

11.00am – 4.00pm, today at Point Richards.



Trains will run today plus Wednesday 10th, 17th and 24th January

Trains also run every Sunday, same time, same place.

Great fun for big and small kids!

You're at the beach so have a swim and build a sandcastle as well!

For more information go to

<https://m.facebook.com/miniaturerailway/>

Get involved – protect your local beach-nesting birds

11.00am, Wednesday 17 January at the corner of Coach Road and The Esplanade, Indented Head.



Bellarine Bayside and Birdlife Australia invite you to a beach walk to learn more about the local Rec-capped Plovers.

Please read the attached for more information.

Please be prepared for any weather: bring along wet weather gear or sun protection and binoculars if you have them.

Last Chance

Op Shed sale

9.00am – 2.00pm, at the Lions storage shed, corner of Hood Road and Gellibrand Street.



Saturday 6 January and Wednesday 17 January.

Our Lions Club raises funds that benefit our community, community groups, school, you name it.

Find just what you've been looking for at fantastic prices, so much so you will come back again! Please read further below about how you can donate pre-loved items to Lions.

Bingo!

Hall opens 7.00pm, eyes down at 7.30pm, at the Senior Citizen's Hall, Newcombe Street.
Wednesday 10 January and Wednesday 17 January.



Portarlington Seniors are running special Bingo nights on a Wednesday during the holiday season.
All welcome hope to see you there.

And Don't Forget

Op Shed sales

9.00am – 2.00pm, at the Lions storage shed, corner of Hood Road and Gellibrand Street.
Saturday 20 January, Wednesday 24 January and Saturday 27 January.

Our Lions Club raises funds that benefit our community, community groups, school, you name it.

Find just what you've been looking for at fantastic prices, so much so you will come back again!

Please read further below about how you can donate pre-loved items to Lions.

Bellarine Comedy Festival is back

Doors open at 6.00pm, show starts at 7.30pm, Saturday 20 January at Parks Hall, Newcombe Street.

Our Portarlington Demons Football and Netball Club is hosting a comedy marathon again! Be prepared to laugh and roll in the aisles. This is an over 18's night with raffles and door prizes.

Tickets are \$45.00 per person. BYO food. Drinks at bar prices.

Please purchase tickets at www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=332079

For more information, please phone Linda on 0412 221 957 or email linda.shaw@me.com
Flyer attached.

Comedians include

Des Dowling - one of Australia's most versatile stand up comedy performers.

Anne Edmonds – an exciting stand-up, character and banjo-playing comedian

Rob Brown – with a diverse background to draw on, his comedy has been described as edgy and direct or conventionally unconstrained

Hey Marylou, Runaround Sue, The Wanderer or Travelin' Man – this is for you!

7.00 – 9.00pm, Saturday 20 January at the Music Café, St John's Anglican Church Hall, cnr Brown and Fenwick Streets.

Ricky and Dion are here! So are Abraham, Martin and John.

If you're a poor little fool or a lonely teenager, or just a tad older of course ...

Come along and enjoy a great night's entertainment and singing.

Cost is \$5.00 and includes coffee and light supper. Alcohol free evening. Flyer attached.

Bingo!

Hall opens 7.00pm, eyes down at 7.30pm, at the Senior Citizen's Hall, Newcombe Street. Wednesday 24 January, Wednesday 31 January and Wednesday 7 February.

Portarlington Seniors are running special Bingo nights on a Wednesday during the holiday season. All welcome hope to see you there.

Melinda does Doris

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7.30pm, Saturday 17 February at Parks Hall, Newcombe Street.

A magical tribute to Doris Day by Melinda Schneider.

Melinda is the winner of six golden guitars and will pay homage to one of her musical heroes.

Melinda will perform such songs as *Sentimental Journey* and *Que Sera, Sera* and *Black Hills of Dakota*.

Don't know Doris Day? Your parents and certainly your grandparents will remember the time when Doris Day's singing captured everybody's hearts because her songs were enchanting and feisty. Come along and you will be singing the chorus for every song – it's impossible not to!

Tickets are \$50.00 and available from Stockdale & Leggo, Portarlington Neighbourhood House and Geelong Performing Arts Centre.

Enquiries, please phone 5259 1593. Flier attached.

News

A HUGE thankyou from the Portarlington Food Assistance Program



To all those generous businesses, organisations and individuals who donated money or Christmas goodies to the Christmas appeal - thank you so much!

We were able to supply 42 of our clients with a Christmas hamper with all the necessities for a great Christmas dinner, plus treats.

We would not be able to do this without your assistance, so on behalf of our clients and committee, thank you, and we wish you a very Happy New Year!

Margaret Manning, Program Administrator

VicRoads Country Roads report

In 2017, the VicRoads senior leadership visited every part of Victoria having frank conversations about the state of the roads and what can be done to better support regions to grow and thrive.



We've heard consistently the need to better explain our work and involve communities in operational decisions that affect you.

This is the start of many constructive conversations to come and we'll be announcing details of our 2018 program of regional conversations early this year.

To view the Country Roads report, visit the [VicRoads website](#) or [engageVicRoads](#)

Nominations for the Monica Hayes Award for Women 2018 now open - update



Monica Hayes, who died from Motor Neurone Disease, in 2016

The second Monica Hayes Award, a cash prize and a unique glass art piece, will be presented at the Northern Bellarine International Women's Day brunch hosted by Terindah Estate on March 6, 2018.

Application forms for the Award, which recognises the significant achievements and contributions of women to community life, will be available at the Bendigo Bank, Portarlington, in January.

The Award was established in honour of Portarlington resident and community activist,

Closing date for application is Tuesday February 20, 2018.

If you cannot collect an application form from the Portarlington Bendigo Bank, please contact Jenny Wills and she will arrange for you to receive a form.

Enquiries re the Award can be made to Jenny Wills 5259 2032 or email jeni.wills@bigpond.com

Image: Monica at the inaugural North Bellarine International Women's Day brunch.

Major travel disruptions from late December to late January - reminder



A massive "summer construction blitz" is set to cause significant disruption to how people travel to and from work, sales, sporting events and holidays.

It will affect road, train, bus and tram travel from late December until late January.

To help you work out what you need to know, check out the following summaries for

when you are travelling to and from particular regions of Melbourne and Victoria: https://www.racv.com.au/membership/member-benefits/royalauto/motoring/motoring-news/melbourne-summer-transport-delays.html?edm_id=edm:racv_enews&cmpid=edm:racv_enews

Above is my RACV member link so I hope you can open it as it covers regional and metropolitan disruptions.

Have a clean out and donate to Lions - reminder



During the first half of 2018, the Portarlington-Drysdale Lions Club will hold 9 Op-Shed sales at their storage shed located at the corner of Hood Rd and Gellibrand St, Portarlington.

The Club is seeking donations of the following types of goods for the sales:

Bric-a-Brac, china & cutlery, glassware, hand and garden tools, Books, CD's & DVD's, bikes in good condition.

Pick-up of goods can be arranged by contacting the following people.

For Drysdale, phone Geoff on 0400 912 346.

For Portarlington, Indented Head & St Leonards phone Paul on 0413 756616.

Stay up-to-date

This is a work-in-progress to give you direct access to web and Facebook pages.

There's lots more web links on the Portarlington Community Association's website
www.portarlington.asn.au/resources

Let me know if you want your group website or Facebook page added to the Email Tree [Return to top](#)

Bellarine Peninsula

Bellarine Belles	www.facebook.com/groups/bellarinebelles
Bellarine Community Health	www.bch.org.au www.facebook.com/bellarinecommunityhealthltd
Bellarine Police Community Support Register application	www.bellarineregister.org.au/join
Bellarine Times	http://bellarinetimes.surfcoasttimes.com.au/#folio=1
Festival of Glass	www.festivalofglass.net.au
Free Wi-Fi sites	Free WIFI Geelong website
Future Proofing Geelong	www.geelongaustralia.com.au/fpg/default.aspx
Portarlington Safe Harbour and Bellarine Ferry	www.bellarineferry.com
Port Phillip Ferries	www.portphillipferries.com.au
ReThink Your Rubbish	www.geelongaustralia.com.au/recycling/sign-up.aspx
UBER X Bellarine Peninsula	www.facebook.com/groups/UBERonthebellarine/

Portarlington

Bellarine Bayside e-news	subscribe via e-News here
Miniature Railway	www.facebook.com/miniaturerailway
Music Café@St Johns	www.facebook.com/Music-Cafe-at-St-Johns-Portarlington-1526910544275796
National Celtic Festival	www.nationalcelticfestival.com
Neighbourhood House	www.portnh.org.au/
Portarlington parkrun	www.parkrun.com.au/portarlington
Portarlington Community Association	www.portarlington.asn.au/
Portarlington Business Development Association	http://pbda.net.au/
Portarlington Mussel Festival	www.facebook.com/port.musselfest
PUK (Portarlington Ukulele Collective)	Robyn: 0402 319 124
Primary School	www.facebook.com/portarlingtonps/
The Port Report	www.portarlingtonoz.com/
Sunday Market	www.facebook.com/portarlingtonprimaryschoolmarket
Sunday Market stall enquiry	0408 108 869
When Bush Comes to Town	www.timsheedbushpoet.com.au/bush_festival.html

PortShare

Community groups - please offer your resources to others. Generosity starts at home. It's better to use what's here instead of the expense that comes with duplication.

Does your group need to borrow something? Ask through PortShare and you will have a positive response or suggestions. [Return to top](#)

Check the latest draft of the revised PortShare at www.portarlington.asn.au/resources/ It's not finished but it gives you a chance to see where it's at.

If your group hasn't been contacted, please email me at elizturner@bigpond.com

The spirit of sharing and generosity is valued by so many of our community groups and individuals.

Personal sharing is now added. **You may have items you are happy to lend to others. If so, please let me know and I shall add to PortShare.**

We are a small town and it makes sense to share what we have. We can support each other by sharing resources, whether it be borrowing a fee or donation.

Better to wear out than rust out

If you have guest speakers, call for volunteers, resources to share, activities your community group wants to promote or just want to tell others what you're doing – use the Email Tree to spread the word! The address for sending contributions is emailtree@portarlington.asn.au

Keep in touch with the Portarlington Community Association:

www.portarlington.asn.au

Kind regards

Elizabeth Turner

On behalf of the Portarlington Community Association

Tel: 5259 3057

Email: elizturner@bigpond.com

Thanks Jonathan Harris, JNH Software P/L www.jnhsoftware.com.au, for your wonderful community service by providing confidential back-up of recipient email addresses

This email is being sent to individuals, community groups and organisations that value volunteers plus businesses that want to stay in touch with Port:

Church by the Bay, Drysdale Community Church, St Andrew's Uniting Church, St John's Portarlington Auxiliary, St Patrick's Catholic Parish, Arlington Lodge, Bellarine Agricultural Show, Bellarine Aged Care Association, Bellarine Camera Club, Bellarine Ferry and Safe Harbour Group, Bellarine Police Community Support Register, Bellarine Quilters, Bellarine Women's Network, Committee for Bellarine, Country Fire Authority, Country Women's Association, Craft Unlimited, Festival of Light, Friends of the Bellarine Hills and Foreshore, Girl Guides, Indented Head Community Association, Lions Club, International Women's Club, Locomote, Mussel Festival Committee, National Celtic Festival, Port Arts Network, Port Bootscooters, Port Musos, Port Pedal Power, Port Snappers, Portarlington and District Garden Club, Portarlington Bellarine Miniature Railway, Portarlington Community Association, Portarlington Community Bank (Bendigo Bank), Portarlington Community Dance Group, Portarlington Friends Group, Portarlington Mill, Portarlington Mussel Festival, Portarlington Neighbourhood House, Portarlington Play Group, Portarlington Primary School, Portarlington Primary School Community Garden, Portarlington Primary School Community Market, Portarlington Probus Club, Portarlington Tourism Information Centre, Port Report, Probus Club of Portarlington Bayview, Rotary, RSL (Portarlington and St Leonards sub branch), St Leonards Community Space, St Leonards Progress Association, Salvation Army, Staying in Port (SIP), Toy Library, Walking Group, When Bush Comes to Town, Woofers and Walkers, Auskick, Bellarine Sharks, Bowls Club, Cricket Club, Football Club, Golf Club, Netball Club, Pony Club, Sailing Club, Tennis Club, Bellarine Bayside, Bellarine Community Health, Bendigo Bank, City of Greater Geelong Community Development Unit, Bellarine Times, Geelong Independent, Geelong Sustainability Group, McHarry's Buslines, Surf Coast Times, Volunteering Geelong, G21, Red Cross, Arcare Portarlington, Port Phillip Ferries.