



THE CROAKER

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“FROM THE GROUND UP AND BACK AGAIN”

Those who know us, or about Gentle Annie’s, would know we have had a hiatus, but now we are re-launching fresh ideas with our new award winning chef Sion Harwood.



We have always strived to be an ethically sustainable food destination, with a ‘Paddock to Plate and back to Paddock’ concept. With Sion’s passion and extensive knowledge after travelling the globe, with over 30 years experience as chef, we look forward to working with him to bring the best produce we can grow. We will also be working with local producers to bring you the best selection from The Otways and surrounding areas.



Gentle Annie’s is now open all year round, providing a place to come in all seasons. We are open from 11am - 3pm, Thursday through to Sunday. On Friday nights we have a special theme night, with cuisine from around the world. It is here that we hope the community, families and visitors can catch up. On Saturday nights we have an à la carte menu, and a kids menu is always available.

We also use our production kitchen for catering: In house or off site - for luncheons, dinner parties, birthday parties, large celebrations, weddings and corporate functions.

Our produce store will soon be revamped and reopen; offering fresh fruit and vegetables, house made preserves, chutneys, pickles, relishes, cold pressed juices, berry smoothies, ice creams, sweet and savoury pies, ready to go meals and other local produce. Local wines, beers and ciders are also available to purchase and to take away.

And as always, during the summer season you will be able to come and pick your own berries, fruit and vegetables. Sit and have a glass of wine or beer, and enjoy a picnic in the Garden.



Keep a look out for our future projects like cooking classes, wine and beer tasting and school holiday programs.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Gentle-Annie-Berry-Gardens-614176645296679/>

Website: <http://www.gentleannie.net.au/>

We look forward to seeing you.

Leanne, Doug and Sion

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DEANS MARSH CELEBRATING A PERSONAL BEST

Twice a year the Surf Coast Shire Small Grants program offers matched funding to a dozen or more community generated projects from across the Shire. Most years Deans Marsh applies for one or two grants and is often successful. In the recent round, we asked for support for three projects and succeeded in all three. A PB for DM!

Veronica Phillips' **Great Otway Trail Ride** is a 3-day ride on horse back for young people. Day 1 begins near Aireys Inlet, along bush tracks to Boonah and down into Deans Marsh. Day 2 treks through Pennyroyal, up to Benwerrin, then down beautiful bush tracks with spectacular Western District views, and into Barwon Downs. On Day 3 the Ride again heads up into the Otway Ranges along bush tracks into the town of Forrest where our journey finishes. The Trail Ride aims to encourage young people to discover the beautiful Otway Ranges on horseback in a fun, social and safe environment. It will link communities and people and showcase the fabulous trails that connect our neighbouring towns. For more information call Veronica 0432 011 923

DM Cricket Club, together with the Community Cottage and the Hall & Reserve Committee are co-funding with the Shire a **Town Stories** project. This one focussing on how, for over more than a century, our DM community has funded, built and lobbied for all the facilities we presently have at the Reserve and Community Hall. Deb Campbell will do the historical research and record interviews with long-time DM residents, collecting memories of all our sports activities, including our Baseball team (yes!) and the legendary DM *Blood and Bandages* Footy Club. We'll record memories of the weekly dances in the Hall, the wonderful response of the town during and after the Ash Wednesday Bushfire, the town meetings and campaigns, the Gymkhana which became the Pioneer Festival, which became our annual community Celebration of all things Deans Marsh. The project will build on, and bring up to date the stories told by Ron Millard in his histories of the town.

The third project, **Picturing History**, will scan the several thousand photographs of life in Deans Marsh from the beginning of photography to the end of the era of paper photographs (remember them?!). These photographs are held in personal collections around the town and the project will make them available to all through the wonders of digital communication.

For the Festival next year, we are looking to mount a major words and pictures celebration of our Deans Marsh Story in and around the Community Hall. If we better understand how we got here, we'll better understand what we are now, and where we might be heading in the future!

Veronica and Tony



Cr Brian McKiterick celebrating a PB for DM



RUN THE MARSH 2019

Great news! Winter doesn't have to mean hibernation to avoid cold, damp days and long, lonely, dark nights. It can be a time to get outside and embrace the fresh air, keep the body moving to get warm and connect with friends and family for fun and frivolity.

Yes, Run The Marsh is back again in 2019. This is the 4th year for this great community event and it has become a firm favourite on our community calendar. This not for profit event is about improving our mental and physical health and well being, through keeping those bodies moving and connecting with the environment and with each other. It is an event for all ages and abilities where the focus is more about participation and fun than breaking records!

On **Sunday 25th August from 9am**, Frogwood Arboretum will once again swing open its gates to welcome community members young and old to run and walk their way around the beautiful property. Catch up with friends, stretch those limbs, try to outrun the kids, grab a hot drink, claim fabulous prizes and best of all have FUN.

Register Now at Deans Marsh Cottage website: <https://deansmarsh.org.au/>
 Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/runforthemarsh/>
 Register early to ensure your FREE event day gift.

Huge thanks again to our major sponsors: Bendigo Bank, Surf Coast Shire and Colac Area Health.

Special mention also to The Store and Arpastart who are donating great prizes. Stay tuned for further updates and event day details.

If you feel you need to prepare for the big day, why not come along to the Deans Marsh playground on Monday and Friday mornings at 9am to join the regular Marsh Fit crew for free exercise. Everyone welcome.



DEANS MARSH PRIMARY SCHOOL - RESPECT, RESILIENCE & RESPONSIBILITY

Deans Marsh Primary School students love their hometown and the surrounding nature and wildlife, and they thrive in the outdoors where they can make the most of the wonderful opportunities that they have.

We are busy around our school grounds making the most of recent rain. Work has continued in our wetlands extension at the back of the school, with students and volunteers preparing a brand new riverbed, which looks amazing and is already teeming with frogs.

Our unique school wetlands now contains: A natural dam with a floating pontoon | A river bed and frog habitat surrounded by native plants | A selection of nesting boxes in and around our trees | A rustic fire pit created by students | Separate fenced in pony paddock.

We have no plans to stop there, with plans to add some rocks (donated to the school), fish in the dam (supported by Land Care) all connected by a school nature trail (a parent project). Exciting times.

We recently celebrated National Tree Day by planting **100 new native shrubs and grasses** along the front fence and path of the school. The school is looking greener and healthier than ever. Thanks to all involved: Andy, Veronica, Andrew, Jason and Travis to name a few.

August Coming Events

13th August: All our students are performing at the *Geelong Music & Movement Festival*. We are busy rehearsing. Our Year 5/6 students are also rehearsing for the Birregurra Festival, where they will be performing on stage. Thank you to Louise for your support.

23rd August: We eagerly anticipate the end of book week where students participate in our *Book Week Parade* and share their published writing with their families and the community.

26th August: Students will begin preparing for the *Annual Lions Public Speaking Competition* (held on the 12th September). In the lead up, we host our own school competition to select our team, who will compete against Forrest and Birregurra. Last year we won overall and this year we are hosting the event in the Deans Marsh Hall. All are very welcome!

Russell Taylor-Shaw
Principal

Deans Marsh is a wonderful place with unique nature and wild life. Our school wishes to acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Gadubanud people. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and future.



Pictured: Andy busy explaining some Indigenous plants to the Year 3/4 students.



Pictured: The Year 5/6 students busy preparing the area around the natural riverbed for planting.

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST 2019

Deans Marsh Playground - Marsh Fit
Deans Marsh Hall - Pop-up Cafe
Deans Marsh Hall - Table Tennis 'The Ping Pong Club'
Deans Marsh Hall - Tai Chi
Surf Coast Shire - Surf Coast Arts Trail
Frogwood Arboretum - RUN THE MARSH

Mondays and Fridays, 9am
Every Friday night, from 6pm
Tuesday nights, from 7.30pm
Saturday mornings, 9.15am
Sat. 10th - Sun. 11th August
Sunday 25th August, from 9am