



The Croaker

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Deans Marsh Community Cottage: Festival, Hub and Survey

The Cottage reports that close to **3000** people attended this year, and that all our community groups performed brilliantly and were pleased with their takings. The Telstra **Community Hub** is coming and the **Cottage Community Survey** will seek your views on what hours it could be open; then the call for volunteers to help operate it will go out. The **Cottage Community Survey** will also seek your views about what you and your family need from the Cottage and how you all want to hear about it. The Survey will be emailed in the next couple of weeks, and will also be available at The Store. Please do respond and let us know what you think: **the Cottage really really wants your feedback!**



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CORRECTION AND APOLOGY: MUCH GROVELLING FROM THOSE OF US WHO MISTOOK BRETT SMITH FOR THE REAL HERO OF THE MEGAPHONE AT THE FESTIVAL. IT WAS OF COURSE BRETT SMARTT.

Deans Marsh Arts Report: Artist Profile – Andrew Allen

Local ceramic artist Andrew Allen was introduced to clay in High School and quickly discovered he had a knack on the pottery wheel. “I had a really wicked teacher who took me to an exhibition of pots that were fired in a container of seaweed and stuff, which left beautiful flame and smoke patterns on the surface. The effect of flame on clay is still my main inspiration.”

Andrew studied ceramics at TAFE in Box Hill before moving to Bendigo in the mid 90s. He attended LaTrobe University for six years, completing Honours and teaching degrees, followed by a short stint at the famous Bendigo Pottery, making pots on the wheel for tourists. Andrew’s main area of study during this time was traditional wood fired stoneware ceramics. <http://www.bendigopottery.com.au/>

In the early 2000s Andrew relocated to the Otway coast, continuing his craft through workshops and participation in the annual firing at Qdos, in Graeme Wilkie’s large wood fired kiln. <http://www.qdosarts.com/>

Andrew’s latest project involves developing a series of workshops ranging from 1 day to 2 weeks in length. These workshops will take place locally and across the country.

The first workshop is in Whyalla, South Australia at the end of May. Andrew is fired up about them: “I will be working with between 30 and 50 indigenous kids and adults for a week. I will be making the pots and they will be decorating and glazing them. Some of the work produced will be selected to be part of a regional indigenous art exhibition. I’m really excited about this, it’s something I’ve always wanted to do.”

<http://www.whyalla.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=182>

The main workshop involves Raku firing, an ancient Japanese technique where glazed pots are taken from the kiln at high temperature and crash cooled in a bin full of sawdust. The intense smoke changes the colour of the glazes: “It’s a really interactive and exciting way of firing.”

For information about local workshops and pottery commissions please contact Andrew 0418 393 184. For images of Andrew’s work, please visit (and like !!) <https://www.facebook.com/thecroaker>

Renee Wigley, Deans Marsh Art Studio

A MESSAGE FROM TELSTRA: POSSIBLE MOBILE DISRUPTIONS

Bill Mundy has emailed to let us know ‘Telstra will be carrying out work on the Base Station as a part of the upgrading of it to carry the new 700 Mhz spectrum. You might remember I talked about this at the community meetings. This is important work that will help improve coverage and capacity from the Base Station.

The details are:

- Work will commence from May 8th and be completed by May 19th.

- During that period **mobile internet and voice services** will be interrupted intermittently for **as long as 4 hours** at a time, as the work is carried out. This is due to the need for riggers to scale the Base Station to carry out the necessary improvements

Naturally we apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused during the time, but in the end the improvements will benefit the community overall. Kindest regards, Bill Mundy.’



Deans Marsh Primary School Kids Shave Snapshot

As reported last month, the school community worked hard to fundraise for the 'World's Greatest Shave' to support the Leukaemia Foundation. On Friday March 13 nine of our senior students bravely decided to shave their hair as did a very courageous teacher (Ms Steven). Over \$2000 was raised!

(L-R Back) Lochlan Hart, Xavier Marotta, Will Riordan, Zach Johnson, Dylan Brown, Jenny Steven. (L-R Front) Kurt Armistead, Justin Peillon, Angus Riordan, Lachlan Hope

Well done all of you

Murmurings in the Marsh

The Marsh made it on to Australia's front pages this week with **Richard being elected as the national leader of The Greens**. Congratulations to the whole di Natale family: Richard, Lucy, Luca and Ben.

Barwon Health Dental Van will be here between **August 24 and September 4**. **Adults as well as school kids are welcome to make appointments**. Children at the primary school will receive consent forms and further information prior to their appointments, therefore no contact is necessary. Children attending high schools [and adults] can schedule appointments during school hours when the van is here. As well, the service is trying to ascertain the need for the dental van's services in our community for private patients and high school children, so please contact the dental administration department on 4215 7625 to register your interest. **ALSO Physiotherapy appointments at the Cottage** on four Tuesdays in May and June: ring Lorne Hospital for details **5289 4300**.

Great news that **The Store** got two rave reviews in **The Age** last month but despite Dale's efforts with the reporter, there was no mention of the lovely **Pip Graham**: cook

extraordinare, award-winning florist, and all round star. Ah journalists...what can I say? **No worries: We all appreciate you Pip - and your delicious creations.** Meanwhile **Martians is shut for renos until Saturday May 16.** Text your footy tips to Janet on 0418 315 903

A great afternoon and evening was had by all at the fundraiser for **Camel at the Cuda Bar** in Lorne. More than **\$25,000** was raised and Camel was there, looking great. Well done to the organisers. **Henry Love's Lions dinner** will also contribute - see **What's On**

Thank goodness the road closure in the Marsh on April 18 did not affect the wedding of Lauren [daughter of Annette Tebbutt] and Matt - although it came close, as the road was not open until after 2pm. The whole event including the reception in the Hall was a great success and the bride and groom have sent **a lovely thank you letter** to the community to say they were blown away by all those offering help and the overwhelming warm wishes. See Lauren's letter in full on our facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/thecroaker>

The Big Otway Tree Plant (and Guard!) 2015: CEC are re-greening Cape Otway for the local wildlife on **23-24 May.** **Free camping at Bimbi (www.bimbipark.com.au) and Frank's world famous wood fired pizzas on the Saturday evening** (our way of saying thank you for all your help). Please RSVP to Jack jack@conservationecologycentre.org

Nellie's Column Autumn Update

I know it's nearly winter already but that woman in charge of Croaker space says there's been too much happening in the Marsh to fit me in - as it were.

*As it happens, things **were** going very well...there were two **Field Trials** in April: at Ballarat I was one of only ten dogs to **even find** the sheep, and then I made the **finals** at Cressy in the Captain Payne Trial with the fourth highest score out of 50 dogs. Then **Fages scratched me**, as he said he had to go to Lorne to organise **a piss up** for a **Camel**...honestly what's a girl to do? Yes I'm a **Couldabeen Champion**. That man is a trial indeed... **Cheers Nellie***

SPORTS REPORT: The SAINTS Birregurra Under12's NAB Aus Kick.

What a match to start the season! A see-sawing, arm-wrestle with a fierce and physical Hawks, but the Birregurra Saints Under 12s with new coach Jack Melican at the helm, found a way & kicked straight to win 10.1 to 6.7. Patrick Wheadon lead the way putting his body on the line for the team. Liam Cunningham showed excellent form, and Zach Johnston in his first game had a busy night, but it was a team performance that got the win with everyone making a contribution.

Credit goes to the coach for having the boys ready to go for rd1 and Happy 21st to Jack also. Encouragement: Archie Hanlon, Lachlan Hope, Tom Nelson. Goals: 2: Zach 1: Austin, Hugh, Liam C, Lochlan, Gabe, Arch, Pat **Round 2 – Fri. 8th May** (South Colac) 5pm Saints v Lions. [thanks to the **BIRREGURRA MAIL**]

What's on

**Martians Closed for Renos
Physiotherapy at the Cottage**

Film Night 7pm @ Blakes The Buena Vista Social Club

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Barwon Health Dental Van **Aug 24- Sept 4**

**Monday May 4 to Friday May 15
May 12 May 26 June 9 June 23**

Friday May 29