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MATTER OF FACT

Providing information for Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower
and Walkerville district



A free community newsletter published by

**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.



SUNNY has a new look webpage! With many thanks to a small grant from South Gippsland Shire Council community grants, we have been able to update our webpage to make using SUNNY our community e-bus easier to use and to book.

Now that the service has been running for 10 months, we are refining our booking systems and providing clear information about what the community transport project aims to achieve – what it is and how you can support it.

We offer 4 main things:

- **Scheduled services** – regular shopping and appointment trips to Inverloch, Wonthaggi, Koonwarra and Leongatha. (FREE)
- **Social outings** – organised by us to nearby attractions or events (Fees apply)
- **Plan your own trip** – make your own adventure with friends, colleagues or family. (Fees apply)
- **Summer Beach Shuttle** service (FREE) (more info below)

We are always happy to hear feedback and suggestions from our community.

We have new magnets to promote the service available – please take one from local outlets – phone number, email and QR code provided so you can easily jump onto the webpage and book or find out more



Providing local community transport options.



Venus Bay

Bookings essential:

vbcc.org.au/e-bus
0403 108 199



Thank you for helping us make a difference!

We are launching our **FRIENDS OF SUNNY** campaign – to help us with costs in the future as there is NO funding provided for this service. Yes – La Trobe University and iMove are supporting the pilot phase of the project for the next year – and we are so lucky they are employing a local engagement officer *the wonderful Bill Karambatsos * and then it remains to be seen if we can make it financially viable.

We know the project has attracted lots of positive attention and many people in the community want to see this work – but they may not use the service. We also know that providing transport options for our community is a critical project that addresses real community need. We've had a lot of people volunteering their time already – we know the service would not work without this contribution. We know the fares alone will not support ongoing costs in the future.

Anecdotally, we've heard that whilst some people are unlikely to use the service regularly, or ever, they are keen to see it continue and want it to work. Hence the FRIENDS of SUNNY idea. We'd love your support – jump onto the webpage to find out how www.vbcc.org.au/e-bus – or you can come into the Venus Bay Community Centre any time.



I'd like to become a friend of Sunny...

Leave a donation via bank transfer using the account details below, or pop into the Venus Bay Community Centre to donate in person or talk to us about volunteering your time.

ACC Name: Venus Bay Community Centre
BANK: Bendigo Bank
ACC No: 146 143 573
BSB: 633 000

Sunny the E-Bus is powered by community, for community.

With no funding provided for this project, your donation of time or funds would greatly help us with the ongoing requirements of running and maintaining this community service for those that need it.





VENUS BAY SUMMER BEACH SHUTTLE

1 VENUS BAY FIRST ESTATE

Regular shuttle around Venus Bay First Estate - from Venus Bay Community Centre, to Venus Bay Shopping precinct, along Jupiter Blv and to Beach One.



2 VENUS BAY SECOND ESTATE

New this year! Pick up from Lees Road, Post Office Boxes, 11am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 5pm (drop-off only)

3 NEW DATES

From Friday 27 December to Sunday 5 January



4 NEW TIMES

11am to 1.30pm
2.30 to 5pm

5 FREE SERVICE

But we'd love a donation to help us keep the service going

Join us
in making
a difference



Summer Beach Bus 2024-2025

With the introduction of SUNNY – our community electric mini-bus – it's a great time to make some changes to the Summer Beach Shuttle service after 10 years!

We will be offering the shuttle service to Beach One, Venus Bay over the peak summer period – that's where the patrolled beach is! We will incorporate a couple of runs to Venus Bay Second Estate – based on community requests – and amend the times for the service.

THIS SUMMER from Friday 27th December to Sunday 5th January.

Regular Venus Bay First Estate Shuttle – just hail the driver along the route.

NEW Second Estate shuttle – pick up point Post Boxes, Lees Road – 4 times per day at:

11am, 1.30 pm, 2.30pm and 5pm (drop off only)

All our drivers are volunteers – so please be patient as we trial this new shuttle service. If you'd like to help as a volunteer, we'd love to hear from you!

This is a FREE service provided by the Venus Bay Community Centre – however if you'd like to make a donation or become a FRIEND OF SUNNY – we would welcome your support.

Based on local feedback and volunteer resources, we may continue this shuttle over weekends until the end of January

CALL OUT FOR SUMMER BEACH BUS DRIVERS – WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE THIS BELOVED VENUS BAY SUMMER TRADITION.

COME INTO THE CENTRE TO FIND OUT HOW!!



VENUS BAY ANGLING CLUB will hold the December Fishing Competition starting 12 noon Friday 6th and finishing at 3.00pm Sunday 8th December. There will be a weigh in each day at the club between 4-6pm Friday, 4-5p.m. Saturday and final weigh in on Sunday 2.30 - 3.00 p.m. when the winner will be announced.

Please note the change of weigh in time on Saturday due to the Christmas dinner being held Saturday night and there will be no club bbq. 1st Prize is a \$50.00 voucher from a local business. 1st prize for juniors is a trophy. The weather is improving and so is the fishing!!

VBAC now have access to a tide monitor at the Venus Bay jetty. Designed and installed by Phil Lavery, our local genius, it's very handy for checking water depth when launching. If you scan the QR code you can then put the App on your phone. Please keep in mind we have a 2 hour time frame either side of high tide for launch & retrieval. But this handy app has allowed us to hit the water earlier. A big thankyou to Phil!! *Scan the QR code to access the Tide monitor.*



Save the date: Kids fishing January 10th



CAN YOU HELP?



WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO BUILD THINGS FOR US

We are looking for people who may be able to assist us by building some wooden items which will be used onsite for the duration of the ArtCubes project. These include photo boards with supports, a small booth and some other basic items. Our preference would be that they include recycled materials.

Naturally we are on a shoestring budget and we may be able to handle the painting part of it ourselves but offers to build boards and support frames is what we really need.

carol@vbcc.org.au

5663 7499

All images from pinterest as concept ideas only

Call for Performers, Entertainers, Poets and Buskers: Join our Carnival of Creativity



Are you interested in sharing your talents with an audience? Would you like to run some workshops or enjoy entertaining people in a public space. We are looking for a variety of people to activate the site and make it interesting to the passing traffic.

We are aiming to combine artistic expression within a carnival environment with artists showcasing their work. We welcome discussions from any groups or individuals that might be interested in being part of this amazing opportunity for the town.

This could be small plays, spoken word, singing or jam sessions. We are open to suggestions. We are aiming for a variety of activities over the life of the Venus Bay Artcube activation. We have a couple of major event weekends that we wish to fill.

Dates: Between January 21st and April 28th

Location: Cnr Jupiter Boulevard and Centre Road.

What we are offering in return:

A supportive environment to develop your artistic practice.

- Opportunity to engage with the local community, seasonal visitors and other artists through workshops, performances and exhibitions.
- Artist networking.
- Publicity including artist/group profiling.
- An activated and interesting site to draw people in.

Application requirements:

Register your interest by emailing: carol@vbcc.org.au

Phone for a chat 0404773044

Or drop in to the Community Centre to talk over your ideas.



In addition to buskers, individuals and groups who might want to share their talents over the weekends we are still taking expressions of interest for Artcube residencies. This residency will offer blocks of dedicated time to explore innovative ideas and create impactful artworks. We anticipate that you will engage with the community, spark conversations around your art, and celebrate creativity in a joyful, festive atmosphere.

We are excited to see how you can contribute to this vibrant carnival of creativity while making a meaningful impact on sustainability for our small community.

Join us in transforming the conversation around waste into a celebration of art and community. Let's create a carnival of creativity together.

Are you big on Christmas Decorations in your household?

Are you needing some Christmas decorations to get you in the festive spirit? The Venus Bay Recycle Opshop collects an abundance of lovely bits and pieces every year. When did it become normal to change them each year? The shop has wrapping paper, baubles, Christmas cards and much more. We also have a range of gift options for those who are budget conscious this year.

December first is the traditional date for putting up Christmas decorations. It could be as simple as Christmas Lilies in a large vase and filling a glass punch bowl with Christmas baubles. For others decorating might include covering a real tree with flashing lights and popping a star or an Angel on top. Then there are those who like to design and create a huge front yard extravaganza - bursting with fairy lights and blow up Santas – for everyone to share. For others it might involve the ritual of an advent calendar filled with chocolates and going through the torturous journey of rationing out only one a day! Eating our way to Christmas day.

We are all different and bringing Christmas into our homes is part of an old age tradition which involves celebrating good will and in turn reflecting on the positive parts of humanity - including hope, peace, love and joy.



A great reminder of this last week was watching and listening to the Op Shop volunteers make street decorations for our community. This started as an initiative from local legend, Jean Jones, in collaboration with the Venus Bay Men's Shed and the Community Centre.

Volunteers turned swimming noodles into large striped candy canes using coloured masking tape and ribbons. The Venus Bay Men's shed team hand-made

wooden baubles and as this is being written, the Volunteers are decorating them. They are gathered around a table covered in all things red, gold, green, silver and everything that sparkles and glitters. There is music playing in the background and the 'job' has involved lots of laughter and hilarity! They share stories and ideas with enthusiasm often talking over the top of each other with excitement. Their energy and sense of fun have made the Centre buoyant and it ripples out to all of us.



What does Christmas mean to the Candy Cane maker? The very first response was 'Sharing with Others'. That all of them were looking forward to getting together with family, sharing meals, making time to catch up, giving children presents, and having fun with family and friends. One volunteer shared a quirky Christmas story. Each family member at Christmas visits an Opshop and chooses an outfit to wear on Christmas day. Over the years as the family numbers have grown so too have the creative invention of the outfits worn. Would love to see photos of them!



There can be lots of excitement in the air during Christmas time (especially for the kids!) But for some Christmas is a shorthand for chaos. It has the potential to evoke many mixed feelings and, in some, a sense of isolation.

Feel like some company you are welcome to come and visit us here at the Community Centre for a cuppa. A chat is always on offer.

We are always looking for volunteers to be part of the Venus Bay Community Centre and Op Shop. Curious what it might involve? Why not drop by or give us a call. We would love to hear from you."

Tarwin Lower Union Church



Regular services:

Sunday 10.30 a.m. Anglican/Uniting

Saturday 5.30 p.m. Catholic

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

Saturday 4 p.m.

Mass before the 3rd Sunday

Our mission is to be a welcoming, sharing Christian community

Coming up:

- * Women's discussion group: Thursday 12th December at 10.30 a.m.

Join us as for a cuppa and chat

- * KYB (Bible study): Friday 13th December at 1.30 p.m.

Join us as we read and study 1st and 2nd Thessalonians

- * Café Church: Sunday 29th December at 10.30 a.m.

(see below for more details)

Calling all singers - are you interested in being part of the choir at the carols? Contact Marlene (0419 345 128) for further details

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES:

****Christmas carols and sausage sizzle: Sunday 22nd December***
(see separate poster for more details)

****Christmas Eve: Catholic Mass: 5 p.m.***

****Christmas Day: service at 10.30 a.m.***



Sunday 29th December

10.30 a.m.

@

Tarwin Lower Church

Join us for a morning of gospel singing



MONDAY 23RD December
FROM 4pm
JUPITER PARK, VENUS BAY

SANTA ON THE FIRE TRUCK IN THE PARK

BYO PICNIC & DRINKS
EVERYONE WELCOME

Christmas Carols

and
Sausage sizzle



When: Sunday 22nd December
from 6.30 p.m.

Where: Tarwin Lower Church lawn

What to bring: Rug/chair, Insect repellent,
Something to drink, Cheerful voices



VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

December at the Centre

2	10.00 - 12.00	Plant group Men's Cook cancelled
4	12.00 - 1.00 5.00 - 6.30	Free Community Lunch Board games & cards
5	12.00 - 1.00 7.00 - 8.30	Bunting workshops Ukulele group
9	10.00 - 12.00	Plant group
11	12.00 - 1.00 3.30 - 5.00	Free Community Lunch Writing group
12	12.00 - 1.00 7.00 - 8.30	Bunting workshops Ukulele group
16	10.00 - 12.00	Plant group
18	12.00 - 1.00 5.00 - 6.30	Free community lunch - last for the year Knitting, crochet & stitch group
19	7.00 - 8.30	Ukulele group
23	10.00 - 12.00 4.00 start	Plant group Santa Party in the Park
24,25,26		CLOSED
27	10.00-2.00	Shop reopens Beach Shuttle starts
28	7.00 - 8.30	Ukulele group
	Coming in January	Beach Bus ArtCubes

ARE YOU CREATIVE AND LOVE WORKING WITH KIDS? ?

We are making a call out for holiday program coordination– would you be interested in running a class or two with kids as part of our holiday program this year? We are looking for a fun person/s to help us with our beloved holiday program – must have a WWC.

Please pop into the Centre and talk with Alyson or Carol or send an email to info@vbcc.org.au



www.vbcc.org.au



The Community Centre and Recycling Op Shop will be closed from the 23rd - 27th of December

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We are getting ready for the arrival of the Artcubes.
We need bunting!
Come along and help cut, sew or pick up supplies to take home and make.

Bunting Workshops

Thursdays in December
5, 12 & 19
12.00 - 1.00
everything supplied.



Matter of Fact deadline for January articles will be December 23rd, sooner if possible please.

UKULELE GROUP

\$5 PER WEEK

EVERY THURSDAY
7.00 - 8.30

If your Community Group would like an article in the Matter of Fact Newsletter our deadline is usually the 28th of the month

TIP

Submit & January issue on a stick!

Please submit in word format to alysong@vbcc.org.au or carol@vbcc.org.au

Freeform writing group

Dedicated writing time & random writing exercises to inspire

New Day
2nd Wednesday of the Month
3.30 - 5.00

Gold coin appreciated

Knitting, Crochet or Stitch BYO PROJECT

18TH OF DECEMBER
5.00 - 6.30ISH
VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE
27 CANTERBURY ROAD

Spend time with like minded people

Monthly activity - 3rd Wednesday of the month

GAME NIGHT

GOLD COIN APPRECIATED

04.12.2024 7.00 - 8.30

BOOK CLUB

- Meet ups monthly
- Discover New books
- Gold coin donation

Second Tuesday of the Month

5.00 - 6.30

Volunteer drivers wanted

VENUS BAY SUMMER BEACH BUS

We are now taking registrations of interest for Summer Beach Bus drivers. Speak to Alyson or Carol if you think you might be interested.

5663 7499 www.vbcc.org.au info@vbcc.org.au

Tarwin Lower Hall - What's On



Tarwin Lower Film Society

Keeping Mum rated M (2005 UK) Duration 109 mins
Directed by Niall Johnson Starring Rowan Atkinson,
Kristin Scott-Thomas Maggie Smith

Walter Goodfellow (Rowan Atkinson), the vicar for the small English country parish of Little Wallop, has let his marriage to Gloria (Kristin Scott Thomas) go stale, and he is so detached from his family that he has not taken notice that his seventeen-year-old daughter Holly (Tamsin Egerton) is going through a succession of relationships with unsuitable boyfriends, and his son Petey (Toby Parkes) fears going to school, owing to being bullied. Out of desperation for affection, Gloria begins to fall for the advances of Lance (Patrick Swayze), an American golf pro who is giving her "private" lessons. The problems upsetting the family start to fade away after Grace Hawkins (Dame Maggie Smith), the new housekeeper, arrives and starts tending to matters as an older, and rather darkly mysterious version of Mary Poppins.

Friday 17 January, 2025 7:00pm BYO

For membership and movie
information scan this QR Code



Triennial General Meeting Notice

Sunday 19 January, 2025 3pm

Have you attended an event at the Hall or a Market Day recently? Do you love our community and sometimes wonder how you could support it members? We are seeking expressions of interest for general committee members and more specifically office bearer roles of Secretary and Treasurer. Please call or email Marg de Wolff for more information: 0438 200 550 tarwinlowerhall@gmail.com



SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER

Summer Market Day - 8am - 1pm

Many and varied Market Stalls, Food Vans, Sausage Sizzle Live music and Tea Room. All proceeds to the Hall. www.tarwinlowerhall.com

Coastal Promontory Ward



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Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund Invites Applications for its 2025 District and Small Grants



The Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund (BHWFCF) is inviting organisations with community projects benefiting the Tarwin Lower, Venus Bay and Walkerville districts to submit applications for its 2025 District and Small Grants.

The District grant, is a single grant valued at up to **\$15,000**, provides an exciting opportunity for a local organisation to develop a significant project to benefit the district community.

The Small Grants, which will be awarded up to the amount of **\$2,000 or \$5,000 per project**, are designed to enable organisations to provide a benefit or service to the local community.

Previous grants have funded such project as:

- Infrastructure upgrades at The Tarwin Recreational Reserve, Mechanics Hall, Men's Shed, and Venus Bay Community Centre;
- Mobility equipment for the Tarwin Lower and District Community Health Centre;
- Medical equipment for the Venus Bay & District Community Emergency Centre and Tarwin Lower Mechanical Institute;
- IT resources and infrastructure improvements for the Tarwin Lower Primary School;
- Arts projects such as the Venus Bay Water Tank Mural project and the Thirsty Works Gallery; and assistance to the Tarwin Wildlife Shelter, Watch for Wildlife and Community Bee Keeping.

Grant applications will be available from 18/21 November 2023 until the closing date of 5pm 02 April 2024.

Information on Grant criteria and Application forms are available at <http://baldhillswindfarm.com.au/community-fund/>.



Neighbourhood Houses Gippsland – Climate Action Award 2024.

We are part of over 20 Neighbourhood Houses in Gippsland (often called community houses or community centres in regional areas) and over 400 neighbourhood Houses in Victoria.

We are thrilled that the Venus Bay Community Centre won this award, sponsored by Gippsland Climate Change Network – for Sunny – our electric mini bus community transport project.

(you'll see from the photo, this is the third year in a row we have won this award – for work we have undertaken on community energy initiatives) WOO HOO!

COME AND MAKE A PLAN WITH US – EVERY WEDNESDAY IN DECEMBER AT COMMUNITY LUNCH!!



Help our Emergency Services to **KEEP US SAFE** by making or updating your **FIRE PLAN**.

Our wonderful CFA Volunteers will be on hand at the free Community Lunch at the Venus Bay Community Centre every

Wednesday in December – so you can talk to them, make or update your plan and be prepared. Captain Mick Moore will be here with plenty of information including all the CAN I, OR CAN'T I? information we wonder about. **EVERYONE NEEDS A PLAN**

Tarwin Lower Community Health Centre

Monday to Friday 10am-2pm. 19 Walkerville Rd Tarwin Lower.

Phone 03 5667 5680.

Nurse Practitioner Deb Garvey

Every Wednesday from 8am. Please book at the Health Centre or call and leave a message on 03 5667 5680.

Pilates on Tuesday mornings. Want to improve your strength, flexibility and balance before Christmas? There is still time! Jeanette's classes are friendly and welcoming. No experience needed. Classes (\$15).

For class times and to book, please call Jeanette on 0409 252 863.

Health Centre Gardening Bee

Saturday 7th of December. 10-12pm (including brunch)

We could really use many hands at our December Gardening Bee please! We have had a few trees come down and need to take loads of green waste to the tip. If you have a chainsaw or a trailer, that would be extremely helpful but all help is appreciated. Still strictly 1 hour followed by brunch (please bring something to share if you can).

Red Cross Meets once a month. Contact Margaret Fisher (Secretary) on 03 5663 5256.

Friday Friendship group

Are you registered with My Aged Care and looking for social activities? Friday Friendship group gets together for picnics, music, entertainment, games and more! Please contact Michelle at Gippsland Southern Health on 03 5654 2791.

Got an idea for a new club or group?

The Health Centre has wonderful indoor and outdoor spaces, kitchen and bathroom facilities. Please get in contact if you have an idea for a social or health related new club, group or activity that you want to run. Email: tarwinlowerchc@gmail.com

Community Food Cupboard

Thanks to the many generous individuals, families and local businesses, the Community Food Cupboard is well stocked. If you are going through tough times or know someone who is, please come in to the Health Centre 10am-2pm Monday to Friday, to arrange a great food hamper.

*Tarwin Lower Community Health Centre
Gippsland Southern Health Centre
19 Walkerville Rd
Tarwin Lower Vic 3956*

<https://www.tarwinhealth.com.au/>

Ph - 0356675680

Fx - 0356675679





Gypsyland Dreams presents

SPANISH FIESTA

A night of live Flamenco, Latin & Gypsy music, Paella & dancing

TARWIN LOWER HALL

Roving mariachis

KARAVANA FLAMENCA

with **A LAS RAICES** *direct from Spain*

GRINGOS LOCALES LOCOS!

Doors open 7:30 Mon. 30th Dec.

BYO drinks & nibbles

Table seating, Paella Valenciana available

Bookings essential: trybooking.com/CXAFP

Enquiries: karavanaflamenca@gmail.com





Assisting the patient off the beach. Ns23_4824

Ready to save lives this summer

IT WAS all hands on deck as first responders gathered at Venus Bay to perfect their response to drowning emergencies.

Staff and volunteers from Ambulance Victoria (AV), Life Saving Victoria and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) gathered on Sunday, November 24 at the Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club for a critical training exercise where they would rescue two drowning patients from the water.

And to make the response even more realistic, CERT members were unaware of what they would be responding to, explained Rebecca Quarrier AV team manager (acting), Mirboo North and Venus Bay CERT.

She highlighted the joint training session was a chance for members to refresh and fine-tune their skills before the busy summer period.

And given the tragic drownings that occurred earlier this year across Bass Coast, the

importance of the exercise can't be understated.

Responders practised rescuing patient one (an adult man) who was 'near drowning' and patient two (manikin), which was a young child who was 'drowning'.

With careful guidance from instructors, responders went through all the motions involved in extricating and resuscitating patients.

Ultimately, the exercise proved to be a success, but it is hoped they won't have to put the training into practice this summer.

The Bass Coast and South Gippsland coastline host some of the most dangerous beaches with a 2017 report highlighting Bass Coast as a beach drowning blackspot.

Bass Coast Shire had also ranked the second highest Local Government Area in Victoria for fatal drowning events.

Earlier this year, there had been strong calls for better signage across dangerous beaches in Bass Coast.



Responders practised working together on a patient. Ns24_4824

You may have noticed emergency vehicles around last week – a training exercise was underway by our amazing VOLUNTEER first responders – who help to keep us safe.

HELP THEM TO HELP US – swim between the flags and HAVE A FIRE PLAN.

Credit to South Gippsland Shire Council who have won the 'Leadership in climate adaptation and resilience' award at the Victorian Marine and Coastal Awards 2024.

The award was presented to Council for the *South Gippsland Coastal Strategy* which aims to respond to climate change and work to secure the protection of coastal communities through the completion of 22 actions. The Strategy proposes bold actions such as the removal of coastal township greenfield areas from the planning scheme and restricting development to one dwelling per lot in sensitive coastal areas.

award success follows previous recognition for the Coastal Strategy at Planning Institute of Australia's Planning Excellence Awards where the Strategy won the Climate Change and Resilience Award.

The award was presented to South Gippsland Shire Council's Director Future Communities, Lucas Gardiner in Melbourne.

Quote attributable to Kerryn Ells, CEO South Gippsland Shire Council

South Gippsland Shire Council is thrilled to receive this award which is testament to the sector-leading work we are doing in this space. The Strategy gives our planning team strong direction, and we are committed to ensuring we can progressively complete each of the included actions. We would like to thank the South Gippsland community who partnered with us in this project by providing valuable feedback and ideas. This award recognises that partnership and our collective desire to protect our coastal communities from future coastal hazards."

VICTORIAN MARINE & COASTAL AWARDS 2024



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THE TREEHOUSE STUDIO VENUS BAY

TWIRLING SHEILA - PRODUCTIONS
YOGA
with Tracey B Mitchell
MOVE - BREATHE - CALM - SPACE

DECEMBER OFFERINGS

HOLIDAYS ARE OUR TIME TO PRACTICE RESTING.
HOW TO DO THAT WHEN THE YEAR HAS BEEN
SO FRANTIC? SOME OFFERINGS FROM THE
TREEHOUSE STUDIO ...

STOP. LET GO. RESET

27th, 28th, 29th DECEMBER

A PIECE OF PEACE

This mini retreat over 3 mornings is designed to get you mellow for the holiday season. Incorporating breath, yoga asanas and creating a deep relaxation. This retreat is a bridge if you like - to transport you from crazy busy to super chilled. Bookings a must for these popular sessions.

INVESTMENT 3 MORNINGS \$95 SINGLE MORNINGS \$35

8:30-10:00am Friday 27th, Saturday 28th, Sunday 29th

TUESDAY
31ST DECEMBER

DEAR SELF

Start this last day of 2024 with an Early Morning Yoga practice which flows into a reflective writing letter to self .

Letter to Self in two parts.

1. Farewell to the year - your achievements and lessons learnt.
2. A chance to day dream a new year . What things you would like to achieve and imagine happening.

Fast becoming an end of year ritual of self care.

8:30 -10:15AM INVESTMENT \$35

BOOK EARLY - TEXT 0421300407 TO SECURE

STAY UP TO DATE TWIRLSHEILA PRODUCTIONS AND FOLLOW ON -



VENUS BAY SURF LIVE SAVING CLUB

MARKETTA Festival



THUR JAN 2 **GIN BAR** **FOOD TRUCKS** **LIVE MUSIC** **5 PM 'TIL LATE** **MARKET STALLS**

PEDESTRIAN ONLY ACCESS/SHUTTLE BUS RUNNING



VBSLSC.ORG.AU ENQUIRIES SIM 0408 332 126



New programme starting January 2025

Protect your children and community through the government funded (Free) National Immunisation Program Schedule.

Our trained, specialist immunisation nurses provide a range of vaccinations for infants, adolescents and adults.

We offer:



Familiar and friendly faces



Comfortable and accessible locations



More options, longer sessions, and less stress



Professional, personalised support and advice



Continuity of care



Family focused service

For more information and to book, either scan the QR code, visit our website or give us a call.

Please bring your Child Health Record (green book) and Medicare card. We look forward to seeing you.





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

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

Venus Bay Community Centre is supported by:

Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, the Commonwealth Government, & South Gippsland Shire Council.

Our website is www.vbcc.org.au

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